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BOTTOM LEFT Cathedral Choir on Zoom. (April 30, 2020). PHOTO Heather Pynn

BOTTOM RIGHT Volunteers fill lunch bags at the Maundy Café Re-Opening for Take-Out (April 29, 2020). PHOTO Marnie Peterson

MISSION & VISION

CATHEDRAL VISION

We envision a Cathedral which is radically inclusive, restlessly inquisitive, intentional, and inspired. This is a place that is called to lead and to serve, in communion and in community, with healing, reconciliation, and love, living out Christian mission. Together, we look to the power of Christ for the transformation of each person, this city, and the world.

We recognize our history and traditions, while seeking renewal and growth in spiritual depth and size. Curious and adaptable, this chorus has room for all voices. Whoever you are, wherever you come from, whomever you love, and regardless of what you may bring or are searching for, you are welcome here.

CATHEDRAL MISSION

The Cathedral's mission takes shape in ways as diverse and varied as the individuals who call this place their spiritual home. This is a community that extends its ministry of welcome and inclusion to all who know the brokenness of life, are drawn to Christ, and who seek God in this rapidly changing place and time. The Cathedral is dedicated to becoming a barrier-breaking community of reconciliation.

We consider the following to be core aspects of pursuing the Cathedral vision:

- Making our heritage building a place where beauty, reverence and creativity can flourish, in our worship and through music and the arts
- Committing faithfully to liturgy
- Developing lay and ordained leadership
- Growing through welcoming new people into the life of the Cathedral
- Answering spiritual and secular calls to reconciliation
- Providing a place of nurturing and sustenance, for body, mind and spirit
- Embracing LGBTQIA/2S people, their families, and their friends in a positive, safe environment
- Welcoming the uncomfortable and the unknown
- Accepting the duty and responsibility of being the "City's Church" and the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of New Westminster

VISION FOR COMING YEAR

REPORT FROM THE DEAN

THE VERY REVEREND CHRISTOPHER A. PAPPAS

Rector & Dean of the Diocese of New Westminster

I sometimes begin my reports with a joke and I think this should be no exception to that rule. On occasion my jokes can have a religious theme, or a political satire or even a social statement but this year it comes right out of Grade Two. What did the zero say to the eight? “Nice belt!” It’s a cute joke at the expense of no one but our number friends, but the joke suggests that it is our nature to see the world from a very personal perspective. We tend to make assumptions based on our own experience and sense of truth. The zero sees the eight and thinks, “Oh he must be just like me, with a body like mine. This is a shape I know and am comfortable with therefore that fellow must have done something to alter his natural state.” One wonders what the eight thinks. One wonders if we know that we are no different in our own thinking.

As I reflect upon the past seven months, I am amazed by what we have started to do together in spite of the restrictions of the pandemic. In a relatively short time we have begun to grow together, as we move together along the path that God has laid out before us. Looking back I can see how the Cathedral as a community and a presence has managed, not just to hold steady, but to transform, innovate and create during the pandemic. I think it is a testament to the hard work, adaptability and passion of the congregation, staff, clergy and lay leadership for the work of Christ in this place.

I am thrilled that so many of you have come forward and offered your gifts and talents to help further God’s work in this corner of the vineyard. I am especially pleased at some of the new ways of doing ministry and worship that have been generated, and continue to evolve even as we speak. Especially the increased focus on social media, monthly Zoom check-ins, and Morning Prayer, reaching out



The Very Reverend Christopher A. Pappas.
PHOTO Courtesy of Chris Pappas

digitally with worship and music offerings, Angel Programs and increased Pastoral Connections, our adaptation and expansion of the Maundy Café, a renewal of connection to our Seaforth and BC regiments and our offerings to the larger Diocese of Stewardship 365 and increased connections to Greater Vancouver communities, to name a few. These are exciting times and I am thrilled to be journeying through them with you.

The Church is unique in that it straddles two worlds: the temporal world and the spiritual world. Being the Church calls those of us who are part of it to live in a state of tension, existing on the edge... the

line between these two states of reality. As Paul says, living in but not being conformed by the world. In *1 Corinthians*, Paul also tells us that the church is the body of Christ using metaphors of the human body. In doing so, Paul helps us relate to the church and its unity as an entity, “Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.” We are individual members comprising a complete body. This describes how we come together and function for worship, education, fellowship and mission. In that we are poised again, trying to maintain a balance between a need for a connection as a community and for a clear sense of one as an individual. “How can the hand maintain its value and its unique ‘handness’ even as it participates in the functioning of the whole body?”

In this we must struggle, for the sake of the Gospel, to endure the tension that living into *Open Doors*, *Open Hearts*, *Open Minds* may lead us to. We must honour the diversity of creation and of ourselves as individuals while retaining the clear purpose of Jesus’ mission. We are the body of Christ, we are the Church; and as the inviting church, we are a tangible expression of the hospitality of God. We are a place where people come searching for meaning in their lives, for spiritual growth, to go deeper in relationship with the Christ, to find opportunities to be of service in the world. They also come in search of authentic community, a place where they are known and accepted and where they can experience a sense of belonging just as they are. Our challenge is to build a community where “there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another.” Our challenge is to allow people of all different backgrounds, social standing, education, cultures, race, ethnicity, gender, politics, and sexual orientation to come together for the common purpose of worshipping God and serving God through service to others, while respecting each other’s uniqueness. There will always be differences within a congregation: differing opinions,

experiences, priorities, and needs. This wonderful diversity of the individuals who make up the body should be celebrated as a reflection of the infinite capacity and mystery of God. “The diversity within a congregation needs to be honoured and encouraged while avoiding communicating subtle judgments that may lead the ear to think that it would really be better if it were an eye, or the foot to realise that the community values hands more highly.”

We as a community have accomplished much and are poised to move even farther and accomplish even more. Looking ahead to this year, I see a year that will contain both elements of our digital presence and the new opportunities that will unfold as the vaccine continues to roll out, and we move on to Phase 4 and beyond. I do not see us going back to the way it was, but see us continuing to adapt to the current context and incorporate what was important to us in the past into the present future. In all that we do, I feel we must ask ourselves three questions: Is it missional, is it sustainable and is it inclusive? I believe we need a yes to all three before we invest ourselves and our resources into something new. A missional and sustainable ministry requires the “flowing” of the following six essential currencies: Time and Place, Gracious Leadership, Relationship, Truth, Wellness and Money. An Inclusive ministry seeks to extend our boundary to take into consideration another’s needs, interests, experience and perspective.

We are a rich, blessed, and diverse community invited by Jesus into a journey of lived faith by welcoming all regardless of who they are or how different than us they may appear; and in furthering God’s Kingdom through our mission in the world of service of hope, mercy and love. “We are a blessed and a pilgrim people bound for the kingdom of God.” So, bring it on my friends, bring forth the Kingdom of God!

Many Blessings.

REPORT FROM THE VICAR

THE REVEREND HELEN DUNN

Vicar

My role as Vicar is to oversee the pastoral life of our Cathedral and to share with the Dean in liturgy, management of staff, and governance. Here is a selection of ministry highlights from 2020:

In August, we held a special outdoor backpack blessing and gave thanks to God for Anne Kesler—Children, Youth and Families Ministry Coordinator—and for her four faithful years of service. We bid farewell to the Rev. André Stephany and in September welcomed a new curate, the Rev. Jonathan Pinkney. Jonathan continues to grow many of our small group ministries, including Morning Prayer and Bible, Tea, and Toast—two ministries planted by André during his time as curate.

This year we held our first ever family worship service during a pandemic. We capped the attendance so families had extra wiggle room—complete with hula hoop seating on the floor for the children. Families read the lessons and led the prayers and Christy den Haan-Veltman put together special family care packages (complete with books!), which each family took home at the end of the service.

In December, Christy and I assembled 30 Christmas care packages and delivered them to families across the lower mainland. Thanks to a generous donor and inspired by the “doorstep” conversations we had during the distribution, we were able to run a similar pilot for Epiphany.

The Rev. Marnie Peterson and I delivered approximately 50 Epiphany home chalk blessings to families and filmed a special Cathedral blessing video with households that wished to take part. The home



The Reverend Helen Dunn, Vicar.
PHOTO Jennifer Ewing

blessing kits included a piece of chalk that had been blessed by a priest at the Cathedral’s Feast of the Epiphany 10:30am service. Some families participated in the chalk blessing with Marnie or I present; others chose to say the liturgy as a family at a later time. The liturgy involved using the chalk to write an ancient Christian blessing on the outside of the doorway of each family’s home. Some children got

really creative and wrote the blessing on stairs and in hallways, some even on apartment walls! The blessing video is forthcoming.

Our healing ministries were a constant pulse throughout 2020. The Healing Touch team, ably coordinated by Kate Walker, transformed their ministry to be operated exclusively as distance healing touch. Distance healing touch involves members and those who are receiving the prayer finding a quiet space in their respective homes. The distance healing touch team works with the participant in energy healing, which includes focused, healing prayer intentions. We grieved the death of Ann Kowalchuk, a beloved member of the Cathedral's healing ministries, who was so grateful to receive distance healing touch in her final days.

The Healing Prayer team has grown in 2020! We welcomed four new members and have met weekly on Thursdays at 12 noon on Zoom. The team prays a simple liturgy for *Ministry to the Sick* and upholds the intercessions and thanksgivings that have been requested by the parish and beyond. Many thanks to Andrea Gailus who has so faithfully coordinated the ministry through a time of such tremendous change.

We concluded our interim ministry with Canon Richard LeSueur in April when Archbishop Melissa Skelton assumed the position of priest-in-charge for eight weeks until the arrival of our new rector. In June, we welcomed the Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas as rector (he was subsequently installed as Dean in September).

Early on, Chris invited me to facilitate the Cathedral's parish team for Stewardship 365. The focus of Stewardship 365 is on changing the stewardship

culture at the Cathedral. The Stewardship 365 team does *not* oversee fundraising, legacy, or pledge initiatives, which continue to be held by the Dean and Trustees. The goal of the Stewardship 365 team is to help us think beyond stewardship as money to include currencies of gracious leadership, time and place, relationship, truth, and wellness. The team's membership includes: the Rev. Jeffrey Preiss, the Rev. Alisdair Smith, the Rev. Jonathan Pinkney, and Frances Picherack.

I continued as chaplain to the Truth and Reconciliation Circle (TRCircle) and was also appointed chaplain to the Cathedral Choir. I participate monthly in the choir's social Zoom and make myself available for one-on-one pastoral visits to choir members, remembering that our music ministry has been one of the hardest hit aspects of our Cathedral life during the pandemic. TRC book circles continued on Zoom; monthly meetings were thoughtfully chaired by Sheila Wex and Michelle LeBaron; and an eNewsletter curated by Sue Wagner was passed over to its newest editor, Neale Adams. Hope Sealy reached out with handwritten letters to the Indigenous people with whom the Cathedral would like to strengthen relationships. The letters included a note from the new dean.

Finally, one of the highlights of 2020 was the Angel Project. 55 lay people volunteered to make a total of more than 600 calls each month to families, individuals, and isolated seniors in our community. The project ran as a pilot for October through December and will continue quarterly in 2021.

With gratitude for your ongoing partnership in Cathedral life.

REPORT FROM THE WARDENS & TRUSTEES

EMILY PRITCHARD *Rector's Warden*, **ELIZABETH MCCAUSLAND** *People's Warden*,
MIKE DEN HAAN *Associate Warden*, **JANE HOPE** *Associate Warden*,
KEVIN SMITH *Trustee*, **TEGAN SMITH** *Trustee*

Last year, when we wrote in our report to Vestry that the 2020 priority for Wardens and Trustees was “transition,” we certainly didn’t suspect what an avalanche of change was heading for us. The COVID-19 pandemic changed how the Christ Church Cathedral community worships, connects, and ministers. We hope that as you read in this Vestry report about the many ways our community has adapted to continue living out our mission in this time, you will join us in celebrating the Cathedral’s resilience and vision.

2020 began with our search for a new Rector. On March 15, the last Sunday before in-person worship was suspended, we announced the appointment of the Rev. Dr. Christopher A. Pappas, who would start June 1... by which time we optimistically hoped any inconvenience due to COVID-19 would be long-since resolved!

During the spring, as the pandemic picture changed regularly, Wardens and Trustees met at least weekly to discuss finances and priorities for maintaining worship and ministry online. The dedication of our clergy and staff team, led by our fabulous Vicar, Helen Dunn and our interim Priests-in-Charge, Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur and Archbishop Melissa Skelton, ensured that there was no interruption of Sunday worship and communication with the Parish. The leadership of Treasurer Cheryl Slusarchuk and the finance team, the strategizing and sacrifice of the Cathedral clergy and staff, and the generous giving of parishioners and friends of the Cathedral meant that we never had a cash flow crisis and end this year in a stable financial position. We are grateful for these many blessings.

On June 1, Chris arrived at a Cathedral and a job that looked just a little different from the one he had interviewed for. His continued enthusiasm and his belief that this time gives us an opportunity for creative reimagining of how we can work towards our community’s vision for the Cathedral have inspired us. Despite all the unexpected changes, we are still a church ready to give our new Rector a running start in the ministry we called him to.

We hope that this time next year we will be gathering in person in a new normal that looks and feels both familiar and changed. The Cathedral community will take with us into the future much that we have learned this year about how *Open Doors* can be virtual as well as physical, and about how to keep *Open Hearts* and *Open Minds* in difficult times. This year has seen the flourishing of new small group ministries and new connections with each other, initiatives that will continue and grow.

Most of all, we want to express our gratitude to you, our fellow parishioners. Your love of this community has allowed the Cathedral not just to survive but to thrive this year, as always. You have continued to give your time, talents, treasure, and wise advice to support Cathedral ministries. Despite the unexpected challenges of this year, your Wardens and Trustees are excited about the direction of the Cathedral and the opportunities to reimagine our future together. Truly we can say, “Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.”

Together in Christ.

REPORT FROM PARISH COUNCIL

PETER DEGROOT *Co-Chair*, **JENNIFER BARR** *Co-Chair*

2020 proved to be a productive, challenging and ultimately rewarding year for the Parish Council. We gathered together in person one time and virtually five times over the course of 11 months and engaged in many deep conversations about our beloved Cathedral community. Some of the highlights of our work and discussions included:

- Working with four different leaders at the Cathedral during this transition year — Interim Priest-in-Charge Richard LeSueur, Vicar Helen Dunn, Archbishop Melissa Skelton, and Dean Chris Pappas.
- Successfully moving from in-person meetings to virtual meetings on Zoom.
- Providing feedback on safety issues as the Cathedral moved through the various COVID-19 protocols and restrictions.
- Some members of Cathedral Parish Council were involved in the Synod meeting where John Stephens was named Co-Adjutor Bishop with Melissa Skelton's planned retirement.
- Having candid conversations and learnings about racism in the broader community.
- Re-affirming full support of the Maundy Café and were pleased to hear reports from this important ministry.
- Holding a virtual Parish Council Retreat to focus on our purpose and ways to be more accessible to and representative of the whole Parish.
- Developing a plan to increase the presence of Council members in virtual settings, and have plans for increasing presence when we meet again in person.
- Receiving regular updates on the TRCircle.

At every meeting we learned about the various ministries that occur at the Cathedral and look forward to learning more about them in the coming year.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY REPORTS

BREADMAKERS

Lorna Orr

We make bread for the 10:30am Sunday Eucharist service. Due to COVID-19 safety regulations our group has been on hold since lockdown. However, our members have been able to stay connected through virtual services.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Eleanor Rogers

On Thursday, March 12, we ended our rehearsal (led by Morna Edmondson that night) by circling round the piano to sing our last piece of the evening. We were encouraged to really take in the beauty of singing together, and cherish this moment because it might be a long time until we were able to gather like this again. I am so glad for the intentionality of that last rehearsal.

Since Sunday, March 15, members of the choir have been doing their best to maintain and nurture our sense of community while not able to sing as a large group. We have been meeting during regular rehearsal times via Zoom (thanks to Irene for use of her account!). It has given us the unexpected blessing of getting to know each other better and supporting each other throughout the year. A small group of us has continued with Compline from home, using another online platform that allows us to sing together remotely.

During the summer we gathered twice to have *Choir in the Park*. It felt so good to sing together (safely, following protocols), although the missing piece was singing for and with our larger Cathedral community. For many choir members, singing is an integral part of spirituality and worship, and navigating these months without being together in this way has been trying. In August, the Cathedral Vicar, the Rev. Helen Dunn, was appointed chaplain to the choir, and we are grateful for her support.

When restrictions were briefly eased, we were thrilled to try something new: recording our singing

on video. We filmed two videos called *How Can I Keep from Singing?* We sang our favourite hymns and favourite hymns submitted by the congregation. It was a new challenge as we could only have one take for each hymn. We hope that many in the Cathedral community were able to watch, listen, and sing along. Also in early fall there were new opportunities for quartets of singers to participate in live and/or livestreamed services.

With singing opportunities reduced, some choir members discovered they could contribute to the life of the Cathedral in other ways, including making parish phone calls and helping out with baking, crafts, orders and deliveries for the annual Christmas Fair.

CATHEDRAL PRIDE

Peter DeGroot

Cathedral Pride promotes LGBTQ2 within the Cathedral, and creates a Cathedral presence in the Vancouver Pride Parade.

As the in-person Pride Parade was cancelled, The Vancouver Pride Society held a virtual parade. The Cathedral submitted a short video which was shown on Sunday, August 2. That same short video, as well as one created by Dean Chris, was posted to the Cathedral website with positive feedback.

The highlight of this unusual year was creating a Pride video that shines a positive light on the LGBTQ2 work and inclusion done at the Cathedral.

COMPLINE GREETERS

Carol Mundt

We are the greeters for the Compline Service. We meet the attendees, answer questions, keep the count and deal with the offerings. Our duties were slightly altered to reflect the guidelines from the bishop and the province. We added monitoring for face masks, etc. One bright spot of this year was being able to have a Compline Service with some beautiful chanting.

COMPLINE SERVERS

Ron Bowles

We act as servers for the Compline service. In the first months of the pandemic Compline did not run. When restrictions eased, Compline was able to take place with physical distancing of participants and a limited congregation. Being able to return to the Cathedral, even if only for a few short months was a highlight of the year for our group.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRACTICE

Luke Primus

We offer a weekly meeting space for the discussion and pursuit of various contemplative practices from the Christian as well as Buddhist contemplative schools. Fortunately, we were able to continue our ministry during 2020. We have done well on Zoom! We are a small group, it has been easy to interact.

It seems that Contemplative Practice became increasingly important for people in 2020; although it was less intimate online the overall feeling is that we are still able to be present with one another in a way that is supportive and healing, and that is also helpful in terms of providing training in Contemplative Practice as a tool for daily living.

COOKIE MINISTRY

Rosalind Kellett

We took turns, working in pairs, to provide fresh cookies every Sunday after the 10:30am service in the Parish Hall. Attendees would have a cup of coffee, or tea or juice and stay and socialize with each other and with guests coming to the Cathedral. With the arrival of COVID-19 and the necessary health and safety precautions, our ministry went on a hiatus as parishioners were not permitted to gather together after the service. Some cookie bakers then baked for the Maundy Café until that had to close as well. However, we saw strong support from the Parish for this ministry. In December 2019, four folks had resigned from the ministry yet four more new people joined. It was fun having 10 pairs of bakers ready to serve on Sundays.

GUILD OF GREETERS

Jane Hope

Prior to the pandemic, we would hand out bulletins and provide a welcoming presence in the narthex of our Cathedral. During the pandemic, while in-person worship was possible, our job included handing out hand sanitizer and masks and providing a welcoming presence in the vestibule of our Cathedral. The greeters of the Cathedral pivoted from their usual duties to enforce mask wearing, collect contact tracing information, encourage hand hygiene and perform other tasks that provided the Cathedral the ability to reopen safely in the midst of the pandemic. For many it was anxious work, but many brought a positive and cheerful presence, welcoming congregations back into our church home. Every time we could welcome someone back to church for the first time since the initial pandemic shutdown was a bright spot.

HEALING PRAYER

Andrea Gailus

In regular time, we are on hand during the Sunday eucharist service and offer two pairs of people in the alcove of the Cathedral to hear the prayer requests and pray with and for the people who come forward after the Eucharist. We could no longer do that in-person, but under the direction of Vicar Helen Dunn our team members now meet weekly on Thursdays at noon to pray together with the list of prayer requests given to the church. We have about 8–12 people regularly attending this 45 minute session. We were pleased to be able to host a Zoom retreat and AGM on November 22 with the Rev. Sharon Salomons leading us in learning about *The Wounded Healer*.

HEALING TOUCH

Kate Walker

We offer in-person and distance Healing Touch to members of our Cathedral community. In addition we continue to update our knowledge of innovations in this practice. We switched our in-person offerings and regular sessions at the Cathedral to distance healing. Our “practice” and meeting sessions have been on Zoom.

JUSTICE, EDUCATION & ADVOCACY MINISTRY

Rosalind Kellett

We strive to learn, raise awareness and advocate on issues of social injustice, both locally, nationally and globally, amongst Christ Church Cathedral parishioners. We are thankful that we were able to co-sponsor one in-person event before COVID-19 safety precautions were brought in, and that we can continue our work online.

In early 2020, when we were still able to meet in person, the Justice Education and Advocacy Ministry (JEAM) met on Sundays at 12:15pm. Plans were made for a Food Security event in Lent, and a session on life in the Middle East during Holy Week. These got cancelled when a state of emergency was declared in BC to help stop the transmission of COVID-19 and the Diocese of New Westminster suspended all public worship and in-person gatherings. We then turned to Zoom for our meetings. We were delighted to have our new Rector, the Very Rev. Chris Pappas at two of these online meetings and hear more about his extensive education and background in justice issues, both in the USA and Canada.

There were some highlights in 2020:

- JEAM was able to co-sponsor one in-person event in 2020: the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) evening event on February 18 in the Parish Hall. Chris Ellison, the parish representative to the PWRDF, prepared a hot supper and held a

screening of *Bending the Ark*, a documentary about Partners In Health, Rwanda. The goal was to raise awareness and money to purchase a goat for a person in Rwanda. This campaign is still ongoing.

- We found ways to continue our ministry while physically distancing. In December, at the suggestion of parishioner Dorothy Watts, 10 JEAM members wrote individual letters of greetings and cheer to the two Michaels (Michael Kovrig and Michael Spavor), imprisoned in China. Some members have also re-connected with Amnesty International on this issue. Plans are underway to continue to write letters to these two, with some members doing so monthly and others are waiting to send Easter cards.
- Taking part in other justice ministries is important to our members. Over the past year members have participated in the White Fragility Book Club, the TRC (Truth and Reconciliation) book clubs and the Maundy Café.

JEAM will continue to meet on Zoom from time to time to share concerns and investigate current issues. We remain concerned about safe drinking water for Indigenous communities in Canada, the situation of the Uyghurs being held against their will in Eastern Turkestan, renamed Xinjiang province of China, and look forward to marking the fifth year that the Bozans—the Syrian family co-sponsored by JEAM and the Cathedral—have resided and thrived in Canada.

LAY ADMINISTRATORS

Carol Cook

We administer the wine chalice during Eucharist. This year was difficult for us. The provincial and diocesan safety guidelines meant our ministry had to be suspended until further notice. We join in the online services and pray for the day we can return to our ministry.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Bonny Amor

Our group supplies the clergy and lay people with prayer shawls. We weren't able to give out prayer shawls this year, but our knitters kept on knitting. We have a supply of shawls ready and waiting for the day they can be distributed. The bright spot of 2020 for our ministry was that knitters kept on knitting.

SERVER'S GUILD

Megan Otton

The guild provides servers for all church services, including diocesan ones. This year only a handful of people were able to serve. Instead of four servers (usually the minimum number of servers at a service) we had only one server per service. Some services in the early part of the year had no servers. While this was difficult, it helped us realize what a close knit group we are, even if we cannot physically be together.

ST. BRIGID'S DISCERNMENT GROUP

Douglas Webber

The discernment group provides support for clergy at St. Brigid's, in particular the Rev. Marnie Peterson. Ideas and plans for St. Brigid's are brought to the group and discussed with our members for input. We also try to keep a finger on the pulse of the community (eg: notice who might have dropped away, etc.). Some of our members also have a more formal role in the community, for example: acting as servers, greeters, or sitting on Cathedral-wide bodies. Throughout this year we have continued meeting online. It was a gift to realize that in-person worship was not working for St. Brigid's and we moved back to online worship before the November restrictions were announced. It showed us we were in tune with our community and the Holy Spirit. We also celebrated (online) Andrew Stephens-Rennie's ministry and blessed him on his way. Post evening prayer break-out small group connections and conversations have been a highlight of this time.

ST. BRIGID'S SACRISTANS

Paul Mabee

We are Servers at the evening Eucharist celebrated with the St. Brigid's community. With some minor modifications, we were able to continue serving while in-person services were happening. We were especially thrilled that there was an in-person service on the Feast of St. Francis, and we were able to serve at the liturgy that included the blessing of the animals.

THURSDAY 7:30AM EUCHARIST

Bill Orr

The Thursday 7:30am Eucharistic Community has not been able to meet since the coronavirus pandemic forced closure of the church buildings to public worship in spring of 2020. However, a highlight for the community was the celebration of our member Ben Gibbs' profession into the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis on December 12, 2020. This service was conducted by Zoom and included members of Ben's family, friends, and members of the Society from North America and the UK.

We are an enthusiastic community (15–20 people) who normally meet each Thursday morning at 7:30am to celebrate the Eucharist and share breakfast afterwards. Members take turns reading the Gospel, leading the intercessions, serving at the altar, cooking breakfast (and even washing dishes afterwards). We are a community of close friends and we are often blessed to have visitors from around the world. We would be delighted to have you join us as soon as this becomes possible again.

VOLUNTEER LAY MINISTRY

Nicky Seppala

I help recruit and place volunteers in the Cathedral's various lay ministries. This year much of that was put on pause. As well, the focus shifted to identifying volunteers who were able and felt comfortable coming into the Cathedral when it was possible to do so. All volunteers are vitally important to the health and well being of Christ Church Cathedral!

CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEERS

THE CATHEDRAL
CLERGY AND STAFF
EXTEND HEARTFELT
THANKS
TO ALL THE
VOLUNTEERS
WHO GIVE THEIR
TIME AND ENERGY
IN COUNTLESS WAYS,
IN ORDER TO ENSURE
THE CATHEDRAL
IS ABLE TO CONTINUE
ITS MISSION IN THE WORLD.

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EACH AND EVERY
VOLUNTEER
HELPS MAKE SURE
THAT THE CATHEDRAL
IS A PLACE OF
**OPEN DOORS,
OPEN HEARTS,
OPEN MINDS.**

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THANK YOU

CATHEDRAL SUPPORTED MINISTRIES

PRIMATE'S WORLD RELIEF & DEVELOPMENT FUND

In 2020, the Cathedral Parish Council, Trustees, and the Parish continued to support efforts towards helping make possible the work supported by Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) and, in particular, the work of Partners in Health, Rwanda (PIH) and the hugely successful All Mothers and Children Count program led by Dr. Christian Mazimpaka and Antoinette (Toni) Habinshuti. Toni and Christian had visited the Cathedral previously during the Women Deliver Conference held in Vancouver along with Will Postma, Director of PWRDF, and Mark Brender, National Director of PIH, Canada. A dinner and screening of the documentary *Bending the Arc* profiling the incredible work and success of Partners in Health, was held in conjunction with the Justice Education and Advocacy Ministry (JEAM) prior to Lent 2020, with access to the documentary made possible by PIH, Canada. Going forward, there is much opportunity to raise awareness and help finance projects supporting local, grassroots initiatives around the globe.

THE 127 SOCIETY FOR HOUSING

The 127 Society for Housing (often referred to as 127) provides housing and food security for about 250 older, low-income people who might otherwise be homeless. This past year has been especially challenging as many of our residents have health conditions that make them especially vulnerable to COVID-19. Our staff has been working hard to keep our three apartment buildings sanitized, and our Community Workers have been watching out for mental health difficulties caused by social isolation.

127 was founded by Cathedral parishioners 40 years ago and the parish and its members continue to support this ministry with time and treasure. We look forward to continuing synergies with the Maundy Café.

This coming year our directors are:

David Van Blarcom
Joan Seidl
James Conklin
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ALICIA AMBROSIO

Communications Director

In a nutshell, my role is to plan how the Cathedral community tells the story of how it does God's work, and to do some very practical things to tell that story. Specifically, that can mean so many different things on different days! I have my hands in many things: the social media platforms, the website, newsletters, parish check-ins and even livestreaming. I also get to be a part of many important conversations about how the Cathedral can live out its mission at this unique time, and offer my knowledge on communication tools that will help with this.

COVID-19 brought some unexpected changes to my role. Due to my past experience in television, I quickly became the "producer" of the Cathedral's online worship, and the livestreamer-in-chief. I also found myself spearheading the quest to upgrade our equipment to ensure we can provide high quality livestreaming long term. When Andrew Stephens-Rennie left his position in September, I took on the responsibility of overseeing the Communications team and shaping the Cathedral's overall communications strategy. This included developing contingencies for all sorts of scenarios that we would never have previously imagined. In October I took a short study leave to do self-directed study on Crisis Management and Communication—all of which came in handy immediately upon my return!

Life post-COVID-19 will be interesting; we will emerge eager to hug each other again, but also carrying much caution. I am excited to see how this will shape the way the Cathedral carries out God's work in this world.

THE REV. DIXIE BLACK

Deacon

I'm often the Livestream Deacon on Sundays, I preach occasionally at the 5:30pm service of St. Brigid's, sometimes appear with the Rev. Alisdair Smith on Wondering Wednesdays to offer pastoral/spiritual care.

The pandemic has impacted my role at the Cathedral in very visible ways. Being in a high risk category for contracting the virus, I am unable to attend services in the deacon's role in person. My participation at Cathedral events has been reduced during the pandemic while my work in private practice has increased.

I've learned how to use technology in a way that can be almost as intimate and engaging as being together in person. It's not a substitute for being in the presence of another person, but it can be the next best thing. Still, I'm really looking forward to the time we can gather safely again and be with each other, see and touch each other.

VINCENT CAREY

Dean's Assistant for Administration

I ensure that both the Parish Office and the Building run effectively and efficiently. I provide administrative support to Clergy and staff as required, help to maintain the Parish database, tend to incoming and outgoing mail, prepare Certificates and Registers for Weddings, Blessings, Baptisms, Confirmations, Funerals, and ensure all services are recorded in our Vestry Book. Otherwise known as St. Vincent of Burrard, Patron Saint of Scheduling—in normal times preparing three rotas, and I am the link between the downstairs and the upstairs.

Changes? Nothing has remained the same! The greatest change was how I spent my Fridays. Many hours were spent organizing and setting up for our five in-person services from June until the Fall.

I have learned that you can teach an old dog new tricks, and that one person can carry the weight of the Altar and Servers Guilds during the Spring and Summer.

I am most looking forward to people being able to visit the office and Cathedral again. I have missed the connection with my Receptionists, Parishioners and Friends of the Cathedral. I especially miss seeing St. Margery (of Latte Day Saints), who faithfully

brought a tray of Lattes each Thursday for the office staff on her way to the 12:10pm Eucharist.

VIENNE CHAN

Food & Hospitality Coordinator

I run the Maundy Café. I'm new to the Cathedral, I started just a few months ago so I came into my role without much knowledge of what was happening "before COVID-19." The biggest change for Maundy Café is that we are serving lunches outside. Scheduling of volunteers is also more challenging than it might have been before, since we have a maximum number of people who can be on hand at one time. The volunteers are still just as eager to be here prepping and serving meals. I am especially grateful for Holly MacMillan and Ethyle Lamb for their work preparing the volunteer schedule.

In 2021 we will be launching a Bulk Buy program to help more people who are struggling with tight budgets get access to healthy, fresh produce. We are also working with other community groups to start a low-cost fresh food market.

LYNNE DUNLOP

Director of Finance

I'm responsible for managing the finances and reporting the Cathedral's financial information both internally and externally. The major change in the finance function over the past year is the lack of physical, personal contact. All staff interactions are via messaging and email and meetings are via Zoom. When you do get to see someone in person, you only see a portion of their face—I really miss seeing people's smiles.

As a result of this new way of doing things I have learned to be a bit more creative in my thinking and actions. So many things have changed as a result of COVID-19 and it forces you to look at situations differently and find new solutions or ways of doing things.

Since I am new, I am looking forward to learning how things are done here and contributing to the

success of the finance function. I am excited to get to know the staff better as well as meeting and getting to know the rest of the congregation.

JENNIFER EWING

Communications Designer

My role at the Cathedral is Communications Designer. I organize information visually—print and digital—to help showcase Christ Church Cathedral's mission and vision to the community, locally and around the world. I am honoured to work with a great Communications Team which includes Andrew Stephens-Rennie (unfortunately he left his position as Director of Ministry Innovation in September 2020) and Alicia Ambrosio (our Communications Specialist/Director). Together we develop initiatives to represent the Cathedral through print and digital platforms. Some of the items I worked on throughout the year are the Order of Service bulletins for Sundays and special services, wedding programmes, kiosk signs, posters, signage, brochures, funeral programmes, Contact Magazine, the Vestry Guide and Vestry Report, the Cathedral website (beautifully renewed by Andrew Stephens-Rennie), the Cathedral Archives, social media graphics, photography, and much more.

2020 changed the Communications Team quite a lot. During the pandemic Andrew and his family moved out of Vancouver to the interior of BC to be closer to family and decided to stay there, which led to him leaving his positions at the Cathedral. This reduced our Team to two, now we are a Communications Pair? Couple? Alicia's role, as you see, changed dramatically! For me, I stayed home and attempt to support Alicia and the rest of the Cathedral community as well as I can. As Alicia and I share an office, it was better for me to stay home so she could have access to the office for working on livestreaming Cathedral events. So, I have been working exclusively at home since March in my 315 square foot apartment, taking part in meetings by Zoom or Meet.

MAUNDY CAFÉ

75
VOLUNTEERS

8,594
MEALS

197
GROCERY HAMPERS

485
GIFT CARDS

I miss my Cathedral peoples!

As we have been navigating through the ever changing COVID-19 landscape we have gone backwards and forwards and back again with in-person and online livestreamed services. The Cathedral continues to be a welcoming place, it is just a little different right now.

VANESSA HO

Finance Administrator

My job entails day to day bookkeeping, weekly donation entries, payroll remit twice a month, and monthly financial statements preparation for Trustees meetings.

2020 was a difficult and challenging year. I had to shift myself from an office-based role to working from home, in a limited space, set up on my dining table. As the pandemic started, Vincent had arranged all the incoming mail to be picked up at the post office. Thus, Vincent and I have been taking turns picking up the mail weekly to ensure that all the business accounts are taken care of. While inputting the data entries for the donations, which are sent in by mail and online, I was deeply moved and

touched by the generosity of our parishioners, and community as a whole, for their financial support to our COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund.

This year also brought a big change in staff at the Cathedral. Since the departure of Kathy Irwin, I have filled in some of the gaps. I've had the opportunities to speak with donors, some of whom shared amazing stories of how to cope with the pandemic. My takeaway of those stories is to believe in what you do to overcome those challenges, and tomorrow will be a better day.

This community has given me a sense of hope and trust, and for that I am so grateful. Thank you, thank you and thank you.

CHRISTIE MAXSON

Events Manager

I manage artistic events and work with external user groups to make sure they have everything they need when using our space.

When the Cathedral shut down in the spring, all our event bookings and user groups were forced to postpone or cancel their bookings with us. It was a tremendous and ongoing process to communicate with all affected groups and coordinate updated bookings for events while keeping up to date with the latest health orders and ensuring compliance with Provincial and Diocesan guidelines.

There were a number of new responsibilities that changed or were added this year, but the most significant was the addition of Zoom. I've been managing the Cathedral's two separate Zoom accounts since early in the pandemic, booking meetings, programs, webinars and offering training where possible. Having a virtual presence in the community has been an undertaking for all of us this year and I've tried my best to simplify that by keeping track of all the Zoom links and schedules.

I'm looking forward to easing restrictions so we can begin to welcome back some groups and artists that have been away for most of 2020. I'm also looking



Jennifer Ewing



Vanessa Ho



Christie Maxson



The Rev. Marnie Peterson

forward to gathering again as a staff team so that I can meet some of my new colleagues for the first time.

THE REV. MARNIE PETERSON

Missioner

At the start of 2020 I was the Pastor to St. Brigid's and the Maundy Café. Now I am called the Missioner—my responsibilities are mostly the same but I have a new title and oversight for the Maundy Café.

COVID-19 threw us for a loop. At St. Brigid, we went from our normal Eucharistic service to an online evening prayer format—there was less ability to check-in with people in person and no chance of doing this during coffee hour. Zoom has become our main format for most things including the Contemplative Prayer group. Our little group that was reading through the Gospels together, rotating through people's homes, moved online and I led an Old Testament Bible study on Zoom as well. Learning the technology so that I can lead liturgy and find new ways of checking in with people has been challenging. Similarly, so has been finding ways for the community to check-in with each other.

The Maundy Café started out the year with our usual five days a week, sit down meal and then, after closing completely at the beginning of the pandemic, we were able to come back and offer a take-away meal twice a week. We have now increased this to three times (Monday, Wednesday and Thursday) with a fourth on the first Friday of each month. So now, rather than sitting with people, I offer them masks and a way to sanitize their hands and am able to chat with them while they wait to get their food. We don't see some of the people who once regularly attended our meal anymore. Guests who used to be able to tell us about how others were doing haven't been able to see their friends because routines have changed. That has been challenging. Andrew Stephens-Rennie moved to the interior with his family and I shared much of my ministry with him, so taking it all on myself has been a challenge, but a good

one. And Alberto Jaramillo left his position as Food and Hospitality Coordinator in October, which was challenging but brought us Vienne Chan in November, who has been really great too.

Doing ministry in this time has forced me to be creative and to re-think how and why we do some of the things that we do. While challenging, that has been fun and life-giving.

I have learned that this ministry for me is all about relationships, and that I care about my relationship with people, their relationships with each other, and our relationship with Jesus. I care about creating communities of practice that take love seriously.

I am really excited about where the Maundy Café is going in terms of the new initiatives that Vienne is working on to provide more dignified access to food. And I am excited to see how else we might grow our communities of faith including St. Brigid's, the Cathedral's congregation that meets Sunday afternoons.

THE REV. JONATHAN PINKNEY

Cathedral Curate

I began my ministry as Curate at the Cathedral in September, as a new Priest, eager and curious to learn through the ministry work at the Cathedral. Although it was a difficult time to join the team—with restrictions and uncertainty—my aim was to share my gifts, learn, and grow in my areas of responsibility. My ministry at the Cathedral includes priestly ministry as preacher and presider, and pastoral ministry as Chaplain to the Morning Prayer group, and the Bible Tea and Toast small group, as well as being an "Archangel" providing pastoral support in our Angel Project. I am also involved in formational ministry through Baptism and Confirmation preparation; prophetic ministry through being with the Maundy Café one day a week; youth ministry at the Cathedral and with Diocesan youth organizations; and finally collaborative ministry through attendance and contribution to the wardens and trustees, parish council, and



The Rev. Jonathan Pinkney



The Rev. Jeffrey Preiss



The Rev. Alisdair Smith



Monte Tugwete

discernment groups like the “Open Doors” committee and Stewardship 365.

The obvious feature of my time at the Cathedral has been the reality of worshipping whilst being physically apart. Having to think about how to present sacramental worship in a way that encourages participation at a distance has been a challenge. It has been hard for me to think about technical aspects of my priestly ministry of preaching and presiding without the face to face interaction and feedback that I would have otherwise benefited from in a curacy at the Cathedral.

I have learned how valuable to the life of the Church, having a well-supported, passionate and flexible team of staff and clergy is, from an enthusiastic,

dedicated and curious lay community. Considering the great challenges that we have faced this year, I believe the quality of ministry and worship offered at the Cathedral to be incredibly high; and this is a testament to the people that we have here, their love, their support and their faith in what we do together. This has taught me that an indispensable skill for ministry is an ability to build and nurture community through supporting and empowering people to do so.

I have found unexpected life through the many stories of people who have themselves learned skills in finding new ways to connect. Technology, so often considered a separator of generations, has been something that we have all used to embrace a new reality in the way that ministry can function. These learnings have inspired me in my ministry, and given me great hope for the future of the Church as I look forward thinking about my next thirty or more years of ministry.

In 2021, as we hopefully transition back into partially in person and then regular worship, I am excited to see what community groups and ministries find new life, and which may in fact have found a permanent home in an online form. I have hope that in particular the Morning Prayer group that has established itself as an online community may in fact continue in this form, as members have spoken so highly of the presence of the daily office in their routine and the convenience of being able to participate from their own homes.

I am also curious to discover if and when a full congregation can meet, what the demand for online participation in the 10:30am Sunday service looks like. Without more than anecdotal evidence, it is hard to quantify the need for Cathedral worship with people who may be isolated, or uninterested in a permanent participation of presence. This question intersects with the discernment around the Cathedral’s identity having both a parish and a wider (Diocesan/National/International) footprint.

THE REV. JEFFREY PRIESS

Deacon

As a deacon, I am called to model Christ's servant ministry, especially to those who are the least of these. This is done through my workplace ministry at the Crisis Centre of BC, my pastoral relations outside the institutional church, and in difficult conversations within the Body of Christ.

Through this past year I continued to offer pastoral care and participate in the liturgies of the church. My pastoral relationships shifted, with increasing emphasis on my workplace ministry. This shift reminded me of the importance of the deacon to be in service to the world as well as to the church.

This past year I also learned that not every conversation needs to happen over video conferencing. I have been able to reclaim some in person meetings by walking around the block and conversing by using Bluetooth headphones.

In 2021 I am looking forward to deepening the new pastoral relationships that I have developed as a result of the pandemic.

THE REV. ALISDAIR SMITH

Deacon & Business Chaplain

At the start of 2020 I had a few ministries at the Cathedral, including the business chaplaincy, Men's Breakfast, liturgical and preaching responsibilities. Over the course of the year these remained my focus, with the addition of Wondering Wednesdays, and working with the clergy, staff and trustees on the monthly Parish Check-In.

The big shift in my ministry has obviously been moving to livestream and Zoom. It has been a challenge to be present for people pastorally when on the phone, or on a Zoom, or similar platform and we're learning how to do that, better.

There were unexpected gifts this year: the Men's Breakfast ministry has been amazing. Historically, we had met six or seven times a year for breakfast and a facilitated dialogue sparked by a speaker. We

now meet about every two weeks, and the depth of the dialogues, the connections we've been making have been wonderful. I have also loved a biweekly session we call *Wondering Wednesdays*. Our numbers fluctuate, and after meeting weekly for a time we've gone to first and third Wednesdays.

My very wise brother once said, when I told him I was going to a Men's Breakfast, "The only question for a men's breakfast really is, will there be bacon?" We've continued to connect in wonderful and engaging ways... without bacon. I so look forward to our return to the building, and as importantly, becoming a community that blends online and in person activities. Our online ministries are connecting with people across Canada and the US, and in the midst of these strange times, the message of Love for all of God's children is absolutely vital.

MONTE TUGWETE

Building Services Manager

I look after this "A" Heritage Building, maintaining all the infrastructure and keeping the building safe for users and up to City of Vancouver Code. Together with the custodians, Shawn, Ron and Anna we keep the oil in the metaphorical lamp of the Cathedral premises burning every day. Our work often happens discreetly, behind the scenes, so that the facilities will be in the best state possible when parishioners, staff, clergy, outside groups, and the general public can once again come into this magnificent building.

I joined the Cathedral staff in spring of 2020, just as COVID-19, the ultimate disrupter, struck. It was a unique challenge: I had to keep the lamps running solo. I was tasked with creating a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan in preparation for re-opening to the public. The building services team worked on the one-way traffic flow system in the building system, QR codes for COVID-19 Self Assessment, hand sanitizing stations (which were rare to find at the peak of COVID-19), mask stations, physical distancing protocols, office re-opening protocols, as well as protocols for

in-person services.

I found myself having to jump into other roles out of necessity since I was on the premises all the time. Things such as IT issues and helping onboard new staff ended up being normal things that I would help with.

I am looking forward to the intensity with which I expect people to come back into the facilities once COVID-19 is in our rear-view mirror. The pandemic gave me and my colleagues a chance to look at things in a new way and share new ways of looking at things. Post-COVID-19 times will be interesting as we will have to figure out how we want to do things moving forward. I am looking forward to that challenge as the Building Services Department practises *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds* in facilitating a safe and reliable use of Cathedral premises in 2021.

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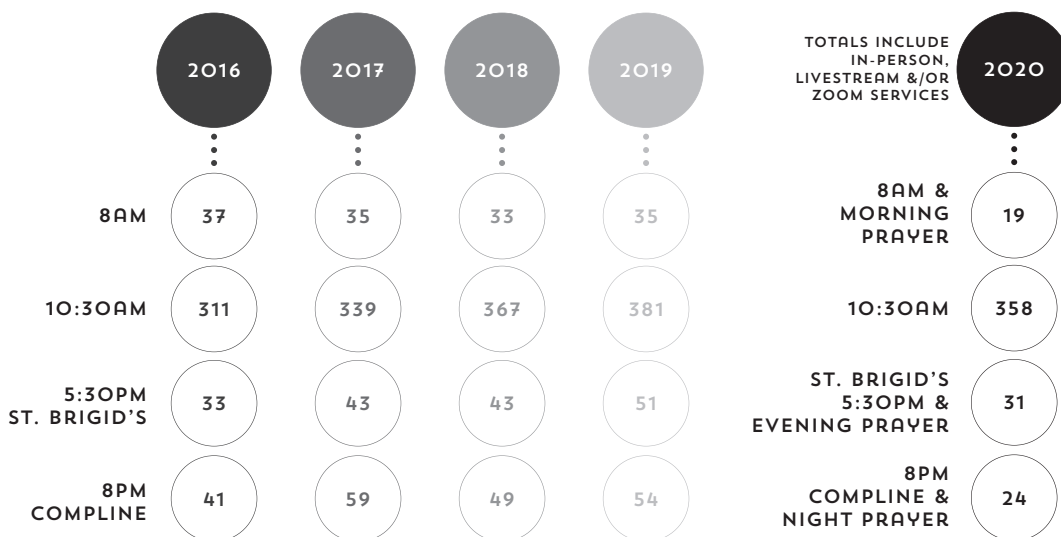
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AVERAGE PARISH ATTENDANCE



ODNW 2020 RECIPIENTS

Three members of Christ Church Cathedral's parish—The Honorable Edward (Ted) Charles Chiasson, Kevin William Smith and Kathryn (Kate) Walker—received the Diocesan honour given to lay people (non-clergy) for outstanding service: the *Order of the Diocese of New Westminster* (ODNW).

The following are the recipient's Citations as recorded in the Permanent Register of the Order.

THE HONORABLE EDWARD (TED) CHARLES CHIASOON BISHOP'S NOMINEE

Ted has been involved in numerous important initiatives at the Parish and Diocesan levels. As a former justice of the BC Court of Appeal, Ted lent his legal expertise and forensic ability to assess statutory provisions to the Diocese's Task Force on Constitution and Canons. That group undertook the substantial project of a thorough updating of the Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order, which ultimately were approved unanimously by Diocesan Synod in May 2019.

At the Parish level, Ted has served as a Trustee at the Cathedral, and in addition to that responsibility, has served as a procedural advisor to Cathedral priests-in-charge in the context of Vestry meetings. Ted previously chaired the Succession and Transition Committee tasked with establishing a process

to identify and hire a new Rector for the Cathedral. In that capacity he consulted and worked extensively with the Archbishop. Ted has served as a member of the Cathedral Search Committee, and recently acted as one of the Cathedral's representatives on the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments, narrowing down the pool of applicants for the position to a strong short list.

More broadly, the Cathedral's arts community (and Vancouver's in general) have benefitted from Ted's longstanding and extensive contributions in those areas. In addition to his generous financial support of the arts, Ted has been involved in the governance of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, Chor Leonis, and other non-profit organizations, assisting them with leadership transitions as well.

MR. KEVIN WILLIAM SMITH BISHOP'S NOMINEE

Kevin Smith was collated as Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese on September 14, 2019. In that capacity, he frequently advises the Archbishop, Diocesan Staff, Diocesan Council and Parishes on a range of legal matters. He is a member of the Constitution and Canons Committee, and helped lead the revisions to the Diocesan Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order which were passed at Diocesan Synod in May 2019. In addition to his Diocese-level responsibilities, Kevin is a Trustee of Christ Church Cathedral,

and a Member of the Board of Directors of the 127 Society for Housing. Outside of the church, Kevin is a lawyer with a wide-ranging civil litigation practice. He and his wife Camilla welcomed their first child, a daughter, in November 2019. When time permits, Kevin enjoys long-distance running, skiing, and exploring the outdoors. Kevin is deeply honoured to be nominated to the Order, and especially proud to be joining his grandmother, Shelagh Smith, ODNW of St. Anselm's, as a Member.

MS KATHRYN (KATE) WALKER

Kathryn (Kate) Walker is a transplant from the United States. Married to Tom, a Vietnam War resister, they travelled to Vancouver, landing in Canada on July 4, 1967—American Independence Day. Perhaps it was her Grade 5 project on Canada, embellished with National Geographic photos of igloos, Mounties and mountains, that provided a natural connection to Canada. Or was it her French-Canadian grandfather? Whatever the touchstone, Kate exemplifies the dedicated, proud immigrant become citizen.

In Kate's professional work, she was a marketing and sales rep for various book publishers. Her volunteer work included being a broadcaster and researcher in the early days of Vancouver Co-operative Radio. Creating opportunities for sharing knowledge and learning have been fundamental, both professionally and personally. Kate's love of her adopted country and her commitment to community stretches across three broad domains: civic engagement, social justice advocacy and environmental protection.

She is a woman who puts her foot on a bicycle pedal not a vehicle accelerator. In all weather—fair or foul—she rides around the city to her various meetings or action sites. Reducing her carbon footprint is a high priority for her as is supporting with time, effort and talent, those causes which bolster people who live on the margins. In this regard, every Wednesday she dons an apron and together

with a faithful group of volunteers, she chops veggies, washes dishes, serves food, welcomes guests to Christ Church Cathedral's Maundy Café. Similarly, as a pastoral visitor every Tuesday at Vancouver General Hospital, she brings comfort to those who find themselves ill or near death, and to their families. For over 21 years she has conveyed kindness to hundreds of people.

And there's more—since 2006, Kate has been an exemplary leader of Christ Church Cathedral's Healing Touch Ministry. Through her guidance, a team of 22 volunteers routinely offers Healing Touch to those in the parish needing support due to illness, emotional distress or other factors. Kate would say that these two areas—concern and action for environmental and social justice—motivate her to work toward systemic change, be it political, social or economic. Her desire to bring fair, just and equitable policies to our city, province and country guides her work for enhancing life therein.

Her generous love spreads wisely to her three adult children, two grandsons, many friends, and those whom she supports in varied ways. Personally, she derives much pleasure from growing vegetables in her home garden, yoga and discussing books at her book clubs. She is a woman whose Christian faith life underpins and enriches all that she does, as she continues to try to see the Divine in everyone.

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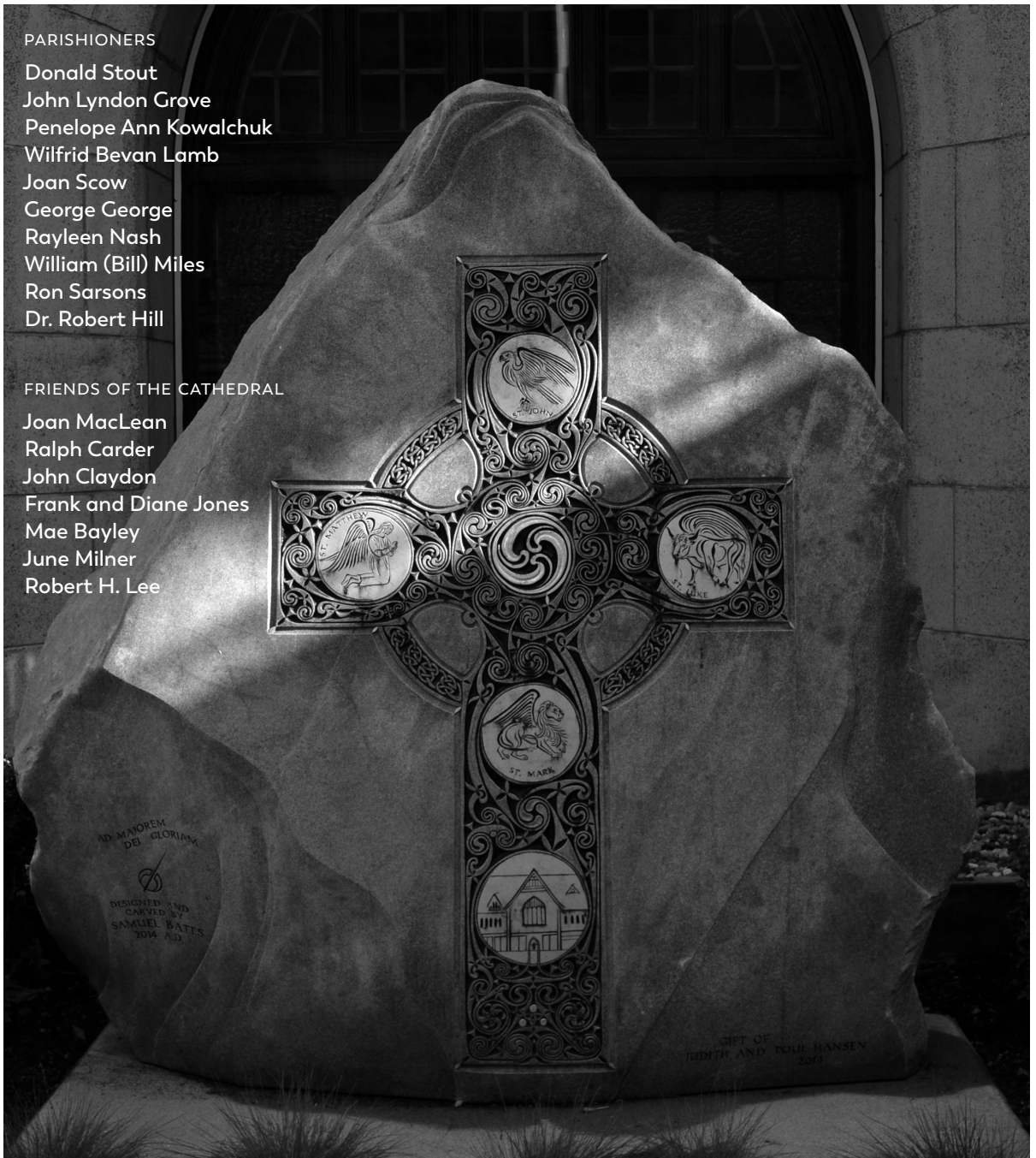
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