

# VESTRY REPORTS

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## A YEAR IN REVIEW



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
Vancouver, BC · *Open Doors, Open Hearts, Open Minds*





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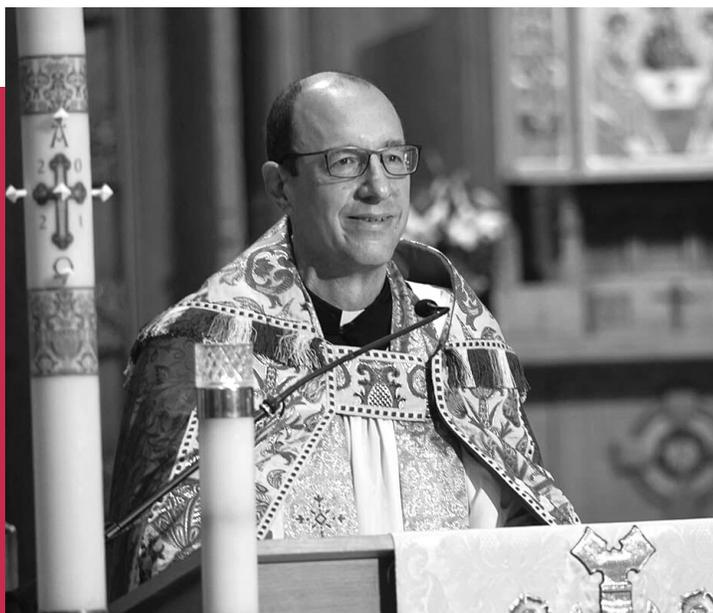


# Dean's Report

How have you experienced God in your life this week?

That might seem like an unusual question to begin with, but I believe it is an important and central question to our lives of faith both communally and individually. God is the relentless pursuer, always calling, always seeking to invite us into a deeper relationship. It is developing that relationship that both encourages us inwards towards God and pushes us outwards to engage the world. That is why this question has been intentionally placed at the heart of the decisions the Cathedral clergy and staff have had to make over the past year, and has shaped our actions.

Recognizing God's presence depends on us being prepared to engage in that relationship and to be present to the possibilities it offers. We do this by engaging in prayer, worship and reflection. Seeing that we are not alone, recognizing that we are loved and understanding that we are interconnected with others through Jesus.



Realizing that God was showing us the changing face of need in the city led to the expansion of The Maundy Ministry over the past year. Thanks to a generous grant, The Maundy is now engaged in outreach work, meeting people and offering support where it is needed most. Entering into relationships with other community groups has allowed us to offer a monthly Fresh Food Market to help more people access affordable food.



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Similarly, when it comes to providing spiritual food to the parish and the city, the Cathedral's pastoral team worked hard to stay attuned to all the places where God was present and where people were expressing a thirst for God.

With the support of new assistant priests, the Cathedral has been able to offer many opportunities for people to experience the peace of God's presence. Despite challenges posed by Covid, the Cathedral hosted a "Labyrinth Week" that drew several hundred people. Cathedral clergy found ways to journey with parishioners through Lent and be an Easter people at a time when we couldn't come together in person. After many months of presiding at live-streamed worship services without a congregation, it was a moment of joy to be able to offer communion outdoors on Easter Sunday.

Members of the wider community have turned to the Cathedral when they needed to refresh their souls. This has ranged from visitors coming in for a moment of prayer when we were able to be open, to more formal occasions like the British Columbia Regiment making this their place to take part in Remembrance Day services. For the first time, an Anglican worship service was celebrated in the city in French. We were able to re-activate our Children, Youth and Families ministry, attuned to the current needs of these cohorts. With some stops and starts Godly Play returned to the Cathedral and we could once again rejoice in the sound of children playing during the 10:30am service on Sundays. This too showed us where God is present and the Spirit is moving: in families who want to work together to help make the world as it should be.

As we find ourselves moving in the new directions God is calling us, we remember that all we do becomes part of God's new world. "Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation....all of this will find its way through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make," says NT Wright.



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So how do we transcend the divisions of the world and bring new life into the heart of the old? How will we contribute to that renewal of creation?

Some of the ways I see us already engaged in this as a Cathedral are when we mirror God's preference for the poor, the powerless, the homeless and the refugees. When we seek to promote reconciliation, to strive for justice and when we look to draw the circle wider and include more people not like us. When we affirm and act to change the world because we believe that everyone should have access to good, clean, safe housing. Everyone should have access to good, nutritious food including fruits and vegetables. People who flee from despots, dictators and oppression should be helped and welcomed into opportunities for a better life. Those struggling with addictions need a chance to break free of that which binds them. When we act because we as a Cathedral should reflect the diversity of the larger community around us, and should be actively seeking to include those who don't look like us, don't think like us, don't have the same level of affluence or education or social connections.

I am proud of this community because at a time when it would have been easy to close ourselves off, tighten the circle and hold fast to the comfortable, this community united and recommitted to following God's call to opening our doors to all.

Blessings,

Dean Christopher A. Pappas



# Trustees Report

2021 was another year of change and transition for the Cathedral. The pandemic brought obvious challenges, but also opportunities. The Trustees' efforts centred around building community in a time when it was difficult or impossible to meet in person, and ensuring the Cathedral can grow in a way that is consistent with the Values, Vision and Mission developed and adopted by the Cathedral community in 2019. To give one example, it seems certain that some online worship and ministry will be part of our community life even after the pandemic, so we have taken steps to upgrade and reinforce our online infrastructure.



Photo: Trustees 2020 Cohort at the installation of Dean Christopher A. Pappas / Randy Murray





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COVID restrictions changed regularly, impacting our in-person worship. Each time, the Cathedral staff responded quickly with new protocols to ensure our safety and allow us to worship in the sanctuary. The Cathedral, like other churches, has faced many challenges in the pandemic that brought frustration, sadness and loss. Amidst the challenges, there were also plenty of moments of joy. Whether online or in person, it was a pleasure to see people gathered in worship and to sing with our choir, who sounded better than ever. For those who join the livestream from Vancouver, Hawaii or the East Coast, the look and feel of the service has continued to improve thanks to the hard work of our staff.

A bittersweet aspect of the Cathedral's role as a centre of clergy formation is having to say goodbye to members of our clergy team when they "graduate" to become leaders in parishes elsewhere. Helen, Marnie, Monte, and Jonathan all moved on to new ministries, and while we were sad to see them go, we will look forward to keeping in touch and seeing them around the Diocese. We are grateful for the work of Jenn, Monte and Justin who each moved on from our staff team for new adventures in the past year. We celebrated Dixie and Vincent as they transitioned to new post-retirement roles. We are pleased that they have not gone far!



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Change has brought exciting new energy as well. We welcomed new parishioners - in person and online. Clare, Armand, and Melanie joined our clergy team, bringing new ideas and new ways to worship. We welcomed Lauren as the Children, Youth and Families ministry was able to restart, and Carlos to the office. Online, in person, and hybrid formation offerings reflected our “new normal” of multiple ways to learn and journey together. In these pages, you can read about how our ministries adapted and flourished this year as they continued to serve both the Cathedral and the wider community.

We look forward to what 2022 will bring, especially to the arrival of our new Vicar, Areeta. We are grateful for the leadership of Dean Chris as we navigate our way forward, and are encouraged by the faithful contributions of all clergy, staff, ministry groups and volunteers. We are confident that as we journey on the way, we will find new challenges and new opportunities for growth and change. We invite you to greet 2022 in true Christ Church Cathedral spirit, with Open Doors, Open Hearts, and Open Minds.

Together in Christ,  
Emily Pritchard, Rector's Warden  
Elizabeth McCausland, People's Warden  
Jane Hope, Associate Warden  
Michael Law, Associate Warden  
Kevin Smith, Trustee



# Clergy Reports



## The Rev. Melanie Calabrigo

I am the Abbess for Spiritual Care. This includes participation in pastoral team and chaplaincy support to Healing Prayer ministry, Healing Touch ministry, and TRCircle.

I began as Abbess for Spiritual Care in September 2021. In these four months, highlights have included getting to know the fine folks associated with the Healing Prayer ministry, Healing Touch ministry, and TRCircle, as well as the broader Cathedral community.

Two formation studies were offered and well-received, one to start off the fall season and another for the season of Advent:

"Weaving Life Together" contemplative group using Melaney Gleeson-Lyall's Diversity Journal; and "Light of the World" Advent book study group using a book by Amy-Jill Levine. Another highlight was the Advent retreat for the Healing Prayer and Healing Touch ministries, which offered an opportunity to connect with folks in-person in a time of shared contemplation. I was also graced to preach and preside within the Cathedral community, and to get to know and work with the wonderful Cathedral team.

The spirit surprised me with a warm and genuine welcome to the Cathedral, affirming and empowering leadership, and heartening opportunities to collaborate in ministry.

I see the year ahead bringing continued creative collaboration in ministry, further formation offerings (including retreat and contemplative practice opportunities), continued support to Healing Prayer ministry, Healing Touch ministry, and TRCircle, continued community spiritual care, and preaching and presiding as determined.



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## The Rev. Clare Morgan

I am the interim pastor to the St. Brigid's congregation

A highlight this year was the baptism of Florian Scheepens-Burfeind at St. Brigid's on Reign of Christ Sunday.

The spirit surprised me with the warm welcome of the St. Brigid's community and the Cathedral staff team when I came on board in October.

I am looking forward to collaborating with other clergy and communities on different offerings of worship and study.



## The Rev. Armand Mercier

I provide pastoral and liturgical assistance at the Cathedral.

A highlight of the past year has been integrating into the pastoral and spiritual life of the Cathedral by presiding at Compline, preaching at various services, and offering opportunities for formation.

The spirit surprised me this year with opportunities to connect with people on the margins.

I look forward to the spirit continuing to teach patience, discernment, and wellness in the year ahead.



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## The Rev. Jonathan Pinkney

I am the Cathedral's Curate. For the past 18 months I have been the Clergy chaplain to the morning prayer group, Bible, Tea & Toast bible study group, and the Wednesday 12:15 Eucharist. I have been responsible for baptism and confirmation preparation, and I have been in the regular rotation for preaching and presiding across all Cathedral services. This year I also organized two funerals and two weddings.

A highlight for me has been interacting with new members of our community.

From taking families through baptism preparation, the confirmation candidates, to new members at our services, my delight has been to see people who have either watched from afar, moved to the area, or found a new home here experience the presence of Christ in their lives and ask the big questions of faith that inspire me in my ministry.

It has been so wonderful at a time of uncertainty and difficulty around the place of the Church in our everyday lives - and at a time when we've been unable to worship in person - to see people seek us out -and not just in person. Whilst many of us who have been in the Church for many years may at times worry about the future of participation in the Church in the wider sense, I am constantly surprised and inspired by the number of inquiries I get from people who we do not know, who participate in our worship and want to ask questions to deepen their faith and find meaning in their lives through the witness of the Church.

As my curacy comes to an end at Christ Church Cathedral, I see the Spirit moving in my own life and vocation to my next appointment in the Church; but also through the



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legacy that I got to experience whilst being here, and in the ministry that Lauren will continue to do with the children youth and families at the Cathedral. This Cathedral Curacy is, from my perspective, unquestionably the most diverse and comprehensive of curacies in the Anglican Church in Western Canada and I feel fortunate to have been granted the opportunity to learn, grow and share my gifts in ministry with you all.



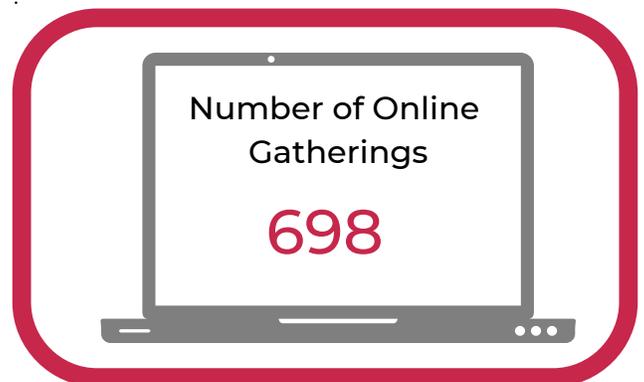
## The Rev. Jeffrey Preiss

I am a deacon in the church and serve at Christ Church Cathedral. I am Chaplain to the Altar Guild and support the liturgical ministries at Christ Church Cathedral.

I provide pastoral care to folks at the Cathedral and through my workplace ministry. I have been honored to serve as Chaplain to the Altar Guild and support liturgical ministries. I am proud to have worked alongside Dr. Megan Otton (Head of the Servers Guild) and Claude St. Denis in the development of a Cathedral Ceremonial which provides general guidance on serving and presiding at the 10:30 Sunday Eucharist.

As we have come back together in person over the past year as the Body of Christ, I have witnessed the Holy Spirit moving in ways that have brought new people into our midst. I am grateful for all the new members of the Body who discovered the Cathedral during the various ups and downs of the pandemic. Welcome!

I look forward to the Holy Spirit moving through various discernment committees that are calling people into ministries at the Cathedral. There is Good News in our future as we continue to grow in faith, community, and discipleship.





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## The Rev. Alisdair Smith

I am one of the Deacons and as such balance my time between work in the world and work in the cathedral. I hope that I am able to bring questions and wonderings related to the secular into church through my preaching, and through dialogue like in Wondering Wednesdays and The Mens' Breakfast. And at the same time I hope that I bring the Spirit into the secular environments in which I find myself, like coaching and teaching. In many ways I'm a translator between the language of church and the language of work.. here have been a number of highlights including the first 'in person' mens breakfasts this fall, and welcoming Melanie, Clare and Armand to the clergy team. The big one for me though was the series of

Salons from late 2020 and into 2021 on Science & Spirit. The one on 'how we know' when Dr. Kevin Bepflug and The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne explored knowledge gathering in education and through an indigenous lens was wonderful. Watch for more this year.

The Spirit surprised me as music. Two examples; first, we started to use clips from YouTube of our choir's "How Can I Keep from Singing" sessions at the end of the monthly Parish Check-ins. It was so powerful to listen and to look at the faces of those who had joined the call as the choir sang. Second example: when - in the summer- we were able to open the doors to more people and were finally able to sing together. The simple act of singing together seemed a balm to us all. Thank you to the choir for their presence and patience in this difficult time.

I see the spirit moving as I keep wondering about our theological and active response to global warming and income inequality. I also continue to be fascinated by the connections between the Wisdom traditions and neuroscience, and wonder about where and how the Spirit might be pushing there. I am also inviting Elizabeth Schrader, the expert on Mary Magdalene back. All of this to say, I think the Spirit is moving us towards deeper and richer learning about ourselves and our responses to the world.



# Staff Reports



**Alicia Ambrosio**  
*Director of  
Communications*

I oversee Communications strategy at the Cathedral.

One highlight this year was being part of the process of designing The Maundy logo. Another was welcoming Lauren to the team and dreaming about more ways to tell the story of this community. Being able to offer four live stream services on Christmas Eve - when it was most needed - was a moment of grace.

The year ahead promises many opportunities to be creative. I look forward to helping upgrade the livestream system, and to surfacing a Communications Specialist to round out the team. I also look forward to greeting and working with the new vicar.



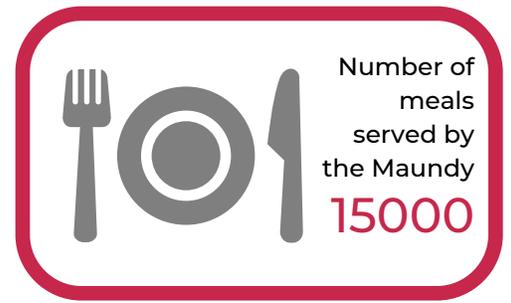
**Justin Bush**  
*Director of Operations*

I oversaw all matters relating to space usage, infrastructure, and building maintenance.

I was quite active in forging relationships with artists and presenters in the community who seek to use our space.

The highlight for me was being thrown into the hustle and bustle of the motion picture industry within my first few weeks at the Cathedral. I was here one week before Supergirl took over the building for three very long and exciting days of filming.

Other highlights were welcoming our long time musical partners Early Music Vancouver and Good Noise Vancouver Gospel Choir for some of



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their first live concerts in almost two years, and trying to make the space as accessible as possible for other artists seeking space. As a brass player, one of my favourite moments came on December 16th when I arranged for members of the UBC Women’s Brass Ensemble to perform some Christmas carols outside for the Maundy Cafe’s last meal of the year.

In collaboration with Rupert Lang, I’ve laid the groundwork for exciting new musical projects, including a few new ensembles-in-residence. 2022 will see the final touches on the Cathedral’s lighting system and a much needed overhaul of the sound system.

*Note: in early January Justin took a position with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra School of Music and has left the Cathedral.*



**Vienne Chan**  
*Director, The Maundy Ministries*

I run The Maundy Ministry and the projects and services attached to it: the cafe, the food market, and the outreach work.

I also dream about what else we can do to serve the downtown community and help folks get secure access to healthy food.

The highlight of the year was getting funding for an outreach worker. This allowed us to meet folks where they are and learn how we can support them.

In the year ahead I am excited to embark on a partnership to provide Newcomers Welcome Packages, working with the Diocese’s Missioner for Indigenous Justice to hold an Indigenous Celebration Week, and launch the Maundy Community Hub drop-in Wednesdays



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**Carlos Ferreira**  
*Director of Cathedral  
Administration*

I am responsible for the day to day running of the parish office. I also ensure everything is in place for any liturgical events taking place.

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My duties include the coordination of Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

I started my role at the cathedral in December, and everything about being here made me feel that I am home. The highlight of my year is the way the Cathedral community has welcomed me with open arms.

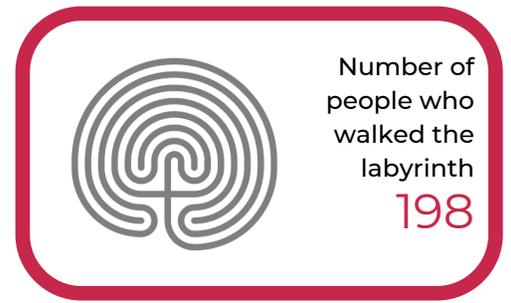
As I enter my new role I am excited to help the Cathedral community navigate reopening -again- after Covid-19. In 2022 I am also taking on administration duties related to the building.



**Vanessa Ho**  
*Finance Administrator*

My job entails day to day bookkeeping, donation data entries, payroll remittance semi-monthly, and financial statements preparation monthly for Trustees meetings.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for the support from the staff, the leaders and most of all the donors who continue to show us their generosity. This community has given me a sense of hope and trust during this difficult time. For that I am so grateful. I hope in 2022 we will see each other face to face maskless so we can exchange hugs again.



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## Rupert Lang *Director of Music*

2021 was a year of “Deja vu, all over again,” but also a year of exciting and hopeful changes. Musically speaking, from January to July 2021 - there was little change from 2020 restrictions regarding the location and number of singers allowed for our 10:30 worship. The 8:00pm Compline service was livestream, with a maximum of 4 singers, but later permitted in-person worship. The exciting and hopeful changes came mid-July when it was announced that all restrictions were lifted in terms of numbers of singers allowed. It is clear in my memory that on July 18th, I had 18 singers in the gallery for Helen’s last Sunday. I was so pleased, as it was perfect timing for such an important occasion.

On August 1st - for my 35th anniversary Sunday - we had almost 30 singers plus a guest violinist: starting in the gallery and ending in the chancel. It was a particularly moving experience for me, as it was 35 years to the exact day (Sunday August 1st, 1986) that I took on my new role as Organist & Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, with the man who hired me - Jim Cruickshank - as Dean. All repertoire was chosen by Jake Gramit, the Artistic Director of the Cathedral Summer Festival of Sacred Music. It was such an emotional experience for me hearing this amazing wall of sound coming from my singers, that I had not heard for well over a year. Overwhelming too was an amazing choir lunch at Joeys, following the 10:30 mass!!!

Throughout the fall, it felt like we were returning to some semblance of normalcy, especially seeing more and more of the congregation returning to in-person worship. We were able to return to the gallery from time to time, including Advent 3 and 4, plus the Nine Lessons & Carols service.



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Sadly, the new variant was clearly on the horizon, so even Christmas Eve felt like “Deja vu, all over again,” returning to 2020 and early 2021 restrictions. I cannot ask your permission here, but can at least beg forgiveness, in allowing me to add some personal highlights that occurred for me last year. This is a summary, where I still cannot believe all these took place in the same year!!!

1. Late December 2020, I received a phone call from Dr. Richard Topping, Dean of VST announcing that if I agreed to accept it, I would be the recipient of an Honorary Doctorate from V.S.T., with the commencement ceremony taking place in June of 2021. I later heard from Richard that Peter Elliott was instrumental in making this happen. Thank you Peter!

2. Early 2021, I received an email from Lambeth Palace that I was recommended to receive the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Thomas Cranmer Award for Worship.

I heard later that it was our Primate, Linda Nicholls who recommended my name. However, a great deal of work went into putting together

a not-so-simple application form, led by Peter. This involved a team of helpers, including Thomas, representative choir members, plus outside testimonies from Bishop Melissa, Bruce Pullan and Dr. Doreen Rao. Thank you TEAM!

3. In 2021 I was also approached by Christopher Dawes, numbered among Canada’s leading church musicians, concert organists and choral accompanists. Organist & Director of Music at Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto, he is also Director of the Summer Institute of Church Music. He contacted me, announcing that I was to be the recipient of a special award presented by SICM. I quote from their website: For more than 50 years - with founder, Dr. Stanley L. Osborne - SICM has offered a unique professional development, study, and retreat program for church musicians, worship leaders and choristers, held at the beautiful campus of Trafalgar Castle School in Whitby, Ontario. Every odd-numbered year SICM’s Board of Governors’ Nominating Committee undertakes to identify an individual conforming for recognition as a Fellow of the Summer Institute of Church Music (F.SICM). The honoree will be an individual who has pursued training, employment and ministry in church music in a deep and personally-transformative way.



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## **Lauren Odile Pinkney** *Children, Youth and Family Minister*

I oversee all aspects of the Children, Youth, and Families ministry at Christ Church Cathedral. That includes providing pastoral support, planning ministry offerings and curriculum for events, lessons, and more. I am a member of the pastoral team and help out

wherever I can at services based on the pastoral needs of the parish. I also assist in some aspects of communications, including social media. Having joined the Cathedral in June, but started in my role as CYF Minister in September, I have been learning how the Cathedral operates, and have been focused on getting to know the families and ministry leaders here at the Cathedral.

I have felt so welcomed here and it has been such a blessing to get to know the community and start dreaming of how we can expand the CYF program. Of course, starting a new position in a pandemic has had us all pivoting in order to continue our ministry in a way that feels normal while ensuring everyone's safety.




Number of  
Family Ministry  
Outreach  
Activity Packs

**147**

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In the fall we started Godly Play outdoors in our Godly Play Gazebo. It was well attended and provided a safe space for children to be themselves, whilst providing a worship and story space for Godly Play as well as a flexible space that could become a library, playroom or art studio just as easily. We moved inside in the colder months but - into the parish hall - and focused on maintaining physical distance and good air circulation. We held some special events for the children and youth: Messy Church in October, wreath making for Advent, and a couple of regional youth events. It has been a busy fall, even with a pandemic that just won't go away.

I think the highlight, and grand finale of the year, was seeing the children participate in the pageant on Christmas Eve, looking wonderful in their costumes and participating in the story. I am so excited for this group of families and look forward to watching as they grow and the program expands and grows with them!

2022 will be an exciting year for the Children Youth and Families program. We already have lots planned including more Messy Church, some youth events, and Vacation Bible School in the summer to name but a few! I am going to be focusing on building up a strong cohort of staff and volunteers



**Jeremey Smith**  
*Events Coordinator*

I am responsible for finding space in the Cathedral and on the calendar for concerts, discussion or support groups, workshops, presentations, funerals/weddings, and other

gatherings that take place at the Cathedral. I also handle the booking, planning, and facilitating of these events. I work together with other departments and ministries on Cathedral-wide projects and enjoy helping with hands-on logistics if I have the time. You may have also seen me acting as a sound technician for the Sunday morning services or other events that have basic sound needs

It is hard to choose a highlight because there have been many wonderful events here at the Cathedral since I have joined. However, being on-site helping to



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coordinate and supervise our Christmas Eve services was definitely one highlight. It was a busy day, but at the end of my shift I felt tremendously satisfied and accomplished with how the day went (it was also my first time being present for Christmas Eve services at the Cathedral which were a

treat) and the air of excitement and festiveness was a joy to see. Another highlight (or group of highlights) which dovetails with the one above has been seeing the joy on people's faces attending a concert or service in person for the first time in a long time and knowing that I was part of making that a reality.



**Shawn Warmington**  
*Building Services  
Coordinator*

I am responsible for the safety, security, and maintenance of the Cathedral heritage building and its technical systems, and I help to ensure that the property follows applicable regulations to ensure a safe, functional, and appealing space. I work with all departments within the Cathedral to address concerns and generate improvements to the building. I collaborate with outside trades when any of the Cathedral's technical systems need attention, I assist the custodial team, and I keep I collaborate with outside trades when any of the Cathedral's technical systems need attention, I assist the custodial team, and I keep track of

what supplies the building has in inventory. You will most likely see me focused on a task, be it at my desk or with something in hand.

The highlight of 2021 was seeing people return to the Cathedral. There was some of this before, but I really started to notice when the concerts and events began to restart. This was always said to be a home for people, and so I am glad to see it begin to show that aspect of it's identity again.

It's been hard to plan for so many things during this pandemic, and there's been a lot of learning and support structures put in place by the Cathedral. I have looked at this as a pre-plan for 2022, and I so hope to see more of that this year and also more security around what we need to do as a community and as a workplace going forward. One project that I am looking forward to being completed early this year is the lighting upgrade in the upper level, and there are several maintenance projects that I hope to get underway as well.



# Ministry Reports

## Altar Guild

### Report by Sara Nation

2021 proved to be a strange year of highs and lows. Several members of the altar guild continued to take a hiatus due to Covid, thus reducing our active members for regular duties once the Cathedral re-opened. Anne Millar retired and, although she is sorely missed, Kathy Shier ably stepped in to take on scheduling. We welcomed Jennifer Halyk, Michelle LeBaron and Thomas Ellison to our ranks and are excited to have new faces to help us care for the Holy Hardware.

One of our challenges was decorating for High Holidays to make our space beautiful not only for those attending the service in person but also for those watching on-line. It has been an interesting creative process to go through. There was also the task of showing all the new building staff our routines, and working out plans of who did what and learning to work in a cohesive manner together. They made such an effort to assist us and we are grateful.

We were delighted to have Deacon Jeffrey Preiss become our Clergy liaison. His skills, enthusiasm, energy and willingness to learn and work with us has been tremendous. Deo Gratias



## Greeting

Report by Jane Hope

We welcome all to the cathedral for worship.

Greeters are absolutely essential to Christ Church Cathedral being able to fulfill its mission and witness to Vancouver. In the past year, the work that our community has needed us to do has been incredibly challenging; from reopening the church, navigating mask mandates, checking vaccine passports, comforting those who are grieving or forgotten, and of course, trying to get you your bulletin. I am extremely grateful to those who returned to this work; for me it has been hard but life-giving. We have been thrilled to see every single one of you who has returned to an in-person service, and we look forward to seeing those who haven't yet ventured back. We'll be by the door with the bulletin and a smile when you get there - even if it is behind a mask.

The same as always, we look forward to a 2022 of open doors, open hearts, and open minds.



## The Cookie Ministry

### Report by Rosalind Kellett

Of the 52 Sundays in 2020 the Cookie Ministry provided cookies for 22 of them. Starting July 25 tables were set up in the two vestibules after the 10:30 am service and parishioners could take cookies to-go. For those of us with children or grandchildren, it was welcome news and a special treat after the service. The cathedral staff set out the cookies with a pair of tongs so the cookies to keep things Covid-safe.

Over the year we have lost many bakers, but gained some as well. We say goodbye and express our deep gratitude for their years of service to bakers who have provided cookies for over 10 years: Diana Alley, Linda Blizzard, Ed Byrd, and Mary McCallum. We also say thanks to: Angelica Goode, Tomoko Ito, Jacquie Jessup & Jill March, Leslie Roach and Jill Toews. We are especially grateful to Tomoko Ito who always surprised us with the array of goodies; and to Linda Blizzard who home-baked cookies regularly every two months for 10+ years. We welcomed new bakers: Michelle Aslan, Judy Loken, Barbara Teasley (she's back!), Carleigh Whitman and Mary Lewis.

New bakers are always welcome – contact the Volunteer coordinator! A big THANK YOU to our 2021 cookie providers: Diana Alley, Michelle Aslan, Mary Cottrell, Andrea Gailus, Joanne Ingledew, Anne Kassis, Ros Kellett, Mary Lewis, Judy Loken, Liz & Sophie McCausland, Dana Osborne, Adam Patterson & Nicole Babiuk, Liz Stockwell, Barbara Teasley, and Carleigh Whitman. Lastly, Thank You to my cheerful helper, Mary Cottrell, for sending out the email reminder each week and always being there when needed.



## Healing Prayer Ministry

### Report by Andrea Gailus

The Healing Prayer team members gather each Thursday at noon for a liturgy with prayers prepared by the core team of Andrea Gailus, Anne Christian and Sondra Marshall. The prayers are updated on a weekly basis with input from the Prayer Circle and notices from clergy, friends and Cathedral members, and from the notes left at the prayer desk in the alcove. On the third Sunday of each month starting in September Healing Prayer, Healing Touch team members, and the Rev. Melanie Calabrigo have gathered for an in person "Healing Circle" after the Sunday 10:30am service for people to share their prayer concerns. We enjoyed the benefits of a joint Healing Prayer and Healing Touch team retreat at the end of November. We came together for the first time in almost 2 years, to check in, pray together and deepen our own spiritual growth through the arts with help from the Rev. Melanie Calabrigo.

We look forward to being able to offer Healing Prayer during Eucharist at the 10:30 Sunday services as soon as Covid protocols allow and team members are confident of the safety in the close contact with those who come to pray.



## Healing Touch Ministry

### Report by Kate Walker

In a challenging time for our Cathedral community, our city and our world, our Healing Touch Ministry remains grateful that we have been able to offer our prayers and intentions through distance healing. Not unexpectedly, distance healing for stress and anxiety relief were frequently requested. Distance healing is used in situations where

we are not able to offer in person. It has truly been a godsend during the pandemic.

Throughout the year we met monthly on Zoom to share ideas and stay in touch. In the summer we had a picnic at the Synod office, sharing a potluck lunch in the sunshine.

At our April meeting we asked ourselves how our ministry could be helpful to the Cathedral community as we try to stay connected and heal the shared trauma of Covid-19. Along with the Healing Prayer Ministry, we offered healing prayer circles twice a month after the 10:30 service. We also shared a retreat day with Rev. Melanie Calabrigo in November.

We imagine in the future, participating in a healing service for the City. And we look forward to once again offering healing touch in person at the Cathedral.

After 21 years together, our team hopes to share our experience with other parishes and assist them in developing their own healing touch ministries. In April, we had a very encouraging response from Bishop John Stephens at a Zoom breakfast. Jenny Birtwell, ODNW, published an article in the autumn 2021 edition of TOPIC, which offers both history and intention for our ministry.

As gathering restrictions allow, we will continue to work toward this goal in 2022 and hold close to our hearts, the Cathedral's presence for open doors, open hearts, open minds.





## Intercessors

### Report by Jenny Birtwell

Flexibility has been the key for the intercessors this year because of changing restrictions due to Covid-19. At times we could only have one person to do both the reading and the prayers of the people. Donna Wong-Juliani, who schedules the readers, and I worked to schedule someone from either the readers or intercessors to both read the lessons and lead prayers. Some of the intercessors are happy to write the prayers, but not comfortable to be present in person during the pandemic. I know that I speak for all of us when I say that it is a privilege to take part in this ministry and that much time and thought goes into each Sunday's prayers, and I want to personally thank the Intercessors for their dedication.

It has been a privilege to work to schedule intercessors and I am grateful for having had the opportunity. I am, however, stepping down at this Vestry. I will continue to be available to write intercessions, but will no longer be responsible for scheduling of intercessors.



## Lay Administrators

### Report by Carol Cook

The Lay Administrators administer the chalice during Eucharist service. Because of the pandemic, only clergy can administer the Chalice at this time. We miss being able to do what we love and pray that Covid will soon be behind us so we can return to our ministry.

## Morning Prayer

### Report by Bill Orr

Christ Church Cathedral's offering of the daily offices exist through the community of the Morning Prayer group who meet online Monday to Friday at 9:30am. The group came together as an in-person lenten exercise at the beginning of the pandemic in 2020 and moved on-line along with everything else. This community has grown, with around 15 daily regulars and many more who like to occasionally drop in. This online format works well for the community that login from all over Metro Vancouver, the gulf Islands and even the United States.

The service liturgy is lovingly crafted by members of the community, with unique prayers, canticles and saints day celebrations that provide a depth of character to our familiar words of morning prayer. New members are always welcome. For more information and how to join email [clare@thecathedral.ca](mailto:clare@thecathedral.ca)



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Report by Bonny Amor

We lovingly and prayerfully knit Prayer Shawls for parishioners who are experiencing a challenge in their life whether it be emotional, spiritual or physical.

Our wonderful knitters have kept on knitting the prayer shawls even though the clergy could not visit and hand them out. We look forward to keeping the prayer shawl cupboards full. We also look forward to clergy being able to give out all the shawls that we have diligently prayed over while knitting.

## Servers Guild

### Report by Megan Otton

We provide servers, subdeacons, crucifers, candle bearers, and MCs for 10.30 Eucharists, Evensongs, Diocesan services, funerals, weddings, and any other services as called upon by the Dean or the Bishop.

For about the first part of the pandemic, we couldn't serve due to diocesan guidelines, but when we could provide a single server - a subdeacon - four people took turns serving: Vincent Carey, Dana Osborne, Kely Banadyga, and Megan Otton.



When the rules loosened up, we brought back about half the team to serve, so we could have a complete set of servers. However, the other half of the team cannot return for a variety of reasons, of which the most important is healthcare concerns. We have a number of people with serious pre-existing conditions, and at least three who work in health care, including one in extended health. On the other hand, we had two new volunteers, Andrea Gailus and Carol Cook, who stepped up to help out, and we are so grateful to them. The servers have been amazing throughout the pandemic, keeping services going, and I am so grateful to them all for their hard work, under difficult conditions.

At the beginning of January we had to reduce the team again, due to availability issues, so we have no candle bearers right now. All servers have to be fully vaccinated and have had their boosters, as of the end of 2021, so we can keep ourselves and others safe. We've been proud to serve throughout the pandemic, whenever it was safe to do so, but the stresses have been exhausting for everyone.

In 2022, We would love to be able to return in full force and to see our colleagues, some of whom we have not been able to meet in person for the last two years. We are a close knit group and look forward to working together whenever that is possible.



## Thursday 7:30 AM Eucharist Report by Bill Orr

The Thursday 7:30 Eucharistic Community has been meeting since the 1970's (approximately 50 years!) but was stopped for a year and a half due to the coronavirus pandemic. We began again on Sept 30, 2021, when we gave recognition to the first Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

We are an enthusiastic community (10-15 people) who come together each Thursday morning at 7:30 AM to celebrate the Eucharist and share breakfast afterwards. Presiders have been Priests from the Cathedral and St. James Church, and Bishop John+. Lay members take turns reading the Gospel, leading the intercessions, and serving at the altar. Following the service, we normally serve muffins and coffee in the Parish Hall, though on the basis of current Diocesan protocols concerning Covid we now go for breakfast afterwards at a local restaurant. This year our community was saddened by the death of long-term member, Gary Campbell. 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. Sleepers Awake!



## St. Brigid's Discernment Group

### Report by Lorienne Jensen

We meet regularly with the St. Brigid's pastor and, as a group, we provide feedback to the pastor and clergy on behalf of the congregation. We oversee the goings-on of St Brigid's congregation. We try to discern God's will for our community through prayer and sharing sessions with the congregation.

We have been able to meet virtually every 1-2 months. We also held a virtual "signpost" session for the St Brigid's congregation where people had the opportunity to reflect on what's important to our community and where we want to head together, even during the uncertainty of the pandemic.

While it's hard to know what 2022 will look like, we are looking forward to planning our return to in-person services and re-building after the massive disruptions of the pandemic. We are also planning for the future, as the position of our interim pastor (Clare Morgan) ends in June 2022.



## The Truth & Reconciliation Circle Report by Sheila Wex

The TRCircle has been hampered by the restrictions of Covid-19 but has nonetheless managed to fulfill its mandate this past year, guided by #59 of the 94 Calls to Action listed by the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation:

1. To listen sensitively and respectfully to stories Indigenous people have to tell, by reading books, reports, and other materials and when possible hearing from Indigenous people directly.
2. To promote an understanding within our congregation of the truth of relationships between Indigenous people of Canada and settlers as they developed over time.
3. To help our community move towards reconciliation (right relationships) with Indigenous neighbours.

On November 13 this past year 23 participants took part in a workshop entitled Mapping the Ground We Stand On. In the nave of the cathedral, gathered around an 18' x 24' topographical map of Turtle Island/Canada, they began learning about First Nations presence and land stewardship over millennia. Participants plotted the arrival of their own forebears and together reflected on the impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery and Terra nullius. PWRDF-trained facilitators and Indigenous witnesses accompanied the afternoon journey.

On October 2, 2021 Christ Church Cathedral hosted a diocesan service in remembrance of Vivian Seegers, the first Aboriginal woman ordained priest in this Diocese. Covid restrictions prevented the TRCircle's plan for a post-service reception. Instead, the circle handed out 150 bagged lunches to all funeral attendees as they left. (A further 60 were later distributed to people in the DTES by Vivian's son.)

The feeling of friendship and Reconciliation in the service – a mix of traditional Anglican and Indigenous customs - continued in the Narthex.





The TRCircle thanks those Cathedral members who provided sandwiches and help: Jenny Birtwell, Wendy Roberts, Kate Walker, Brian Shieh, Carol Cook and Margaret Jonsson.

In 2020, the TRCircle began a twice annual mailing to every Indigenous person who has been of help and support to Christ Church Cathedral over many years. These letters are mailed in January and very close to National Aboriginal Peoples Day in June. Their purpose is to continue to keep the link between them and the Cathedral alive and to nurture that link into friendship.

The Book Circles have been a fertile ground for learning truths and unlearning assumptions and errors in history. Participants have been grateful for both the learning and their small group dialogue in the journey towards reconciliation. Many book circle members were among parishioners who wrote hundreds of letters to all levels of government to enact Jordan's Principle after consultation with Indigenous leadership about how to best respond to the revealing of unmarked graves of residential school children.

These unmarked graves were not "discovered", they have been known about for years. No actions, however well intentioned, can "turn around" or undo the multi-generational trauma of Residential Schools intentionally created by the Canadian government and implemented by the Churches.

In 2012 Wab Kinew wrote about the canonization of the first native American saint: Kateri Tekakwitha, by the Roman Catholic Church. His comments can assist us in this journey: "The truth about reconciliation is this: It is not a second chance at assimilation. It should not be a kinder, gentler evangelism, free from the horrors of the residential school era. Rather, true reconciliation is a second chance at building a mutually respectful relationship."



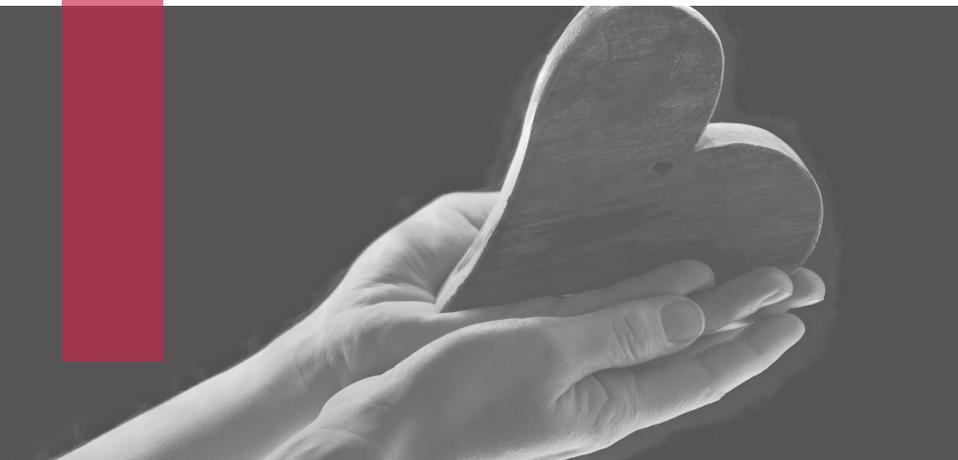


## Justice, Education and Advocacy Ministry

### Report by Rosalind Kellett

Over the year 2021 the JEAM ministry was not able to meet in person. The core working group did meet virtually from time to time and individually, members attended various justice events. On the afternoon of February 14, JEAM and cathedral members -and others - in the Vancouver Acts group that the Rev. Lois Boxill had founded –took part in a Virtual tribute to the Bozan family to celebrate the 5th anniversary of their arrival in Canada. The family remains strong despite the hardships of living in Vancouver; their father and eldest daughter have steady employment.

In March, 2021, Dean Pappas participated in a multifaith webinar regarding the rights of Uyghurs, sponsored by the Canadian Multifaith Initiative for Uyghur Rights (CMIFUR). The webinar can be seen on Youtube at <https://www.facebook.com/CMIFUR/videos/> It is about 90 minutes– be warned, it is disturbing in parts - and the Dean spoke at the 4 minute mark. On Thursday March 24, Dean Chris then held a virtual Reflections meeting for interested JEAM and parish members as a followup to the video and the plight of the Uyghurs in China. Neale Adams, Bill and Lorna Orr offered further reflections with Chris and a lively discussion ensued. Ros Kellett remained active in this CMIFUR group over the year as the group sent letters of awareness and requests to every Canadian M.P. and senator and even the Canadian Pension Plan Investment Board of directors, urging the later to stop investing in the People 's Republic of China's financial system tied to products made by forced Uyghur labour.



Online our group of over 30 regular participants took time to share news of upcoming webinars, and received invitations to sign petitions on various topics and/or join in letter-writing campaigns seeking justice from political leaders across the world.

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We want to thank former active members of JEAM. Alas, former chairperson of CCC Justice/JEAM group and longtime Coffee server and coordinator, Margaret Third, died in November, 2021; she will be missed. THANKS to contributions from our online supporters: Margaret Marquardt, Barbara Brown, Neale Adams, Dianne Des Rosiers, Rosalind Kellett, Mary Lewis, Sheila Pepper, and others who came when they could. Thank you for the leadership and support provided by the Very Rev. Chris Pappas and the Rev. Helen Dunn, the Rev. Clare Morgan and Alisdair Smith. THANK YOU for your service.

With new clergy leadership and, hopefully, a return to in-person meetings, JEAM is looking ahead and invites more parishioners to join and take on leadership for us in their area of concern and expertise.



## Choir Report 2021

*A note from Michael Law, Associate Warden and member of the Cathedral Choir: Last year's Cathedral Choir Vestry Report (the "Report") was edited and published without the knowledge of Rupert Lang or its author, Eleanor Rogers, a member of the choir. Among the various editorial changes made to Eleanor's report, the choir found one change to be particularly problematic. The text was changed from "with singing opportunities reduced, members of the choir contributed to the life of the Cathedral in other ways" to "[...] some choir members **discovered** they could contribute to the life of Cathedral [...]" (emphasis added). This change had the unintended effect of making it seem that choir members have not played a role in the life of the Cathedral beyond the ministry of music.*

*In a later dialogue regarding the report, the choir and the Dean agreed one way to move forward would be to enter an unedited version of this report into the minutes of this Vestry Meeting. Additionally, the choir submits an attached list highlighting the ways choir members have regularly contributed to the life of the Cathedral.*

*The choir and cathedral staff and leadership remain committed to working together towards improved communication, inclusiveness and openness.*



## Choir Report 2021

As submitted by Eleanor Rogers (choir member) at the request of Mr. Lang  
On Thursday, March 12th, we ended our rehearsal (led by Morna Edmonson 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'm so glad for the intentionality of that last rehearsal.

Since Sunday, March 15th, 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've been meeting during regular rehearsal times via Zoom (thanks to Irene for use of her account!). It's given us the unexpected blessing of getting to know each other better and support 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 myself, and I think many of my fellow 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.



## Choir Report 2021

When restrictions were eased in the fall, we were thrilled to be able to record the How Can I Keep from Singing videos under Mr. Lang's direction. We hope that many in the Cathedral community were able to watch, listen, and sing along. Also in early fall there were more opportunities for quartets of singers to participate in live and/or live-streamed services. These continue, though fewer just now with the tighter restrictions.

With singing opportunities reduced, members of the choir contributed to the life of the Cathedral in other ways during 2020 including making parish phone calls and helping out with baking, crafts, orders and deliveries for the annual Christmas Fair.

Two highlights of the year were hosting a remote Zoom stag party, and hearing of the upcoming honorary doctorate to be bestowed upon our fearless leader, Mr. Lang. (Soon to be Dr. Lang!)

To sum up this report, I am so looking forward to the day when we can all join together again in song and worship.



## Choir Report 2021

Non-exhaustive list of the various committees, ministries and volunteer activities in which members of the choir have participated over many years

- Parish Council
- Wardens
- Lay administrators
- Servers
- Readers
- Intercessors
- Proofreaders
- Photography
- IT assistance
- HR assistance
- Sound and video system assistance
- Common Threads Indigo Quilts project
- Prayers of the Church project
- Hand sewing contributions to the Altar Guild
- Regular and specific monetary gifts
- Capital campaign leader (as staff)
- 127 Society for Housing board member (a ministry strongly connected to the Cathedral)
- Sandwich Project volunteers (now Maundy Cafe)
- Coffee Hour participation/fellowship
- Lunar New Year celebration organizing group
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner
- Interfaith: Open Mosque event and Jesus in Islam display
- Retreat Facilitator
- Spiritual Directors Network
- Sacristan



# *In Memoriam +*

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*Dr. David Llewlyn Williams  
Terrelle Morigin Uchenna Daniels - Aneke  
The Rev. Siu Yung Lawrence Cheung  
Alan Bruce Cameron  
Trudy Ramsay  
Jason Villeneuve  
Ruth Reiko Suzuki  
Margaret Third  
Lynda Catchpole  
Janet Wheeler  
Gary Campbell*



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*May light perpetual shine upon them*



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