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Letter from the Dean

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.” -Matthew 5:13-16

In the early 1970's my mother worked at the Four Seasons Dinner Theatre in Higganum CT as the group reservations manager. I remember seeing many outstanding performances of musical theater that were preparing to go on a regional tour or readying their foray to the Big Apple. One show that left a mark upon me was Godspell. I enjoyed it so much I kept going back and saw it over two dozen times. I can still remember the actors, the songs and the choreography 50+ years later.

One of the songs from the production that I especially enjoyed was the tune sung just before intermission. It began with some strong guitar chords that led into the opening line, [“You are the Light of the World”](#). This piece based on Matthew 5:13-16 has a snappy beat and lyrics that, like the scripture it's based on, emphasizes the role of the gathered people of God in the world. The song and the scripture point out that we are the light of the world, we are the salt of the earth. All of us. We are called by Jesus to be the light and salt of the world.

*“You are the light of the world!
But if that light is under a bushel,
It's lost something kind of crucial
You've got to stay bright to be the light of the world.”*

We are the light of Christ that shines out into the world. It's not about bringing people into us. It's not about us being taken care of, or having a great worship experience. Not that those things aren't important, but they



are not the core message of the Gospel. “We are the Light of the World” means we must reflect the light of Christ in the world, the good news of the gospel, and bring light, hope, and love out into the world. We are to proclaim the joy that is the good news of Jesus Christ to the world, from within the midst of the world. That proclamation occurs through word and deed. We are the hands, feet, ears, voice and heart of Christ in this world and our actions bring His light to others.

If that light is hidden, whether it be under a bushel basket, in a building, or in patterns and customs that are exclusive or nor longer animated by the Spirit, then we have lost our purpose. If that happens, we not engaging in the building of the Peaceable Kingdom. If we fail to display through our actions the Peaceable Kingdom in all its diversity and inclusion, and its multicultural mosaic; and if our love, mercy and compassion are not directed to the least of us, those on the margins, then we have indeed lost something crucial.

*“You are the salt of the earth
But if that salt has lost its flavor
It ain't got much in its favor
You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth!”*

We are also called to be the salt of the earth. Both by preserving from death and decay and by adding seasoning, spice, new flavor, meaning, and new life into the world. We add new ideas, new opportunities and zest to a world through diversity of thought, creativity and people.

In the Middle East of the first century, salt had two purposes: to preserve food, and, as a flavor enhancer.

Believers in Christ are to the world as salt was to the people of the first century. First, we preserve life from the evil inherent in a society that doesn't embrace Gospel values. We preserve it by living out the good news in the midst of civil society and the structures of the world.

Secondly, just as salt has a positive influence on the flavor of the food it seasons, Christians living under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in



obedience to Christ, will inevitably influence the world for good. Where there is strife, we are to be peacemakers; where there is sorrow, we are to be the ministers of Christ, binding up wounds; and where there is hatred, we are to exemplify the love of God in Christ, returning good for evil out in the world.

To be the salt of the earth, we need to be constantly renewing ourselves and our faith. We need to express the richness of the diverse backgrounds and cultures that define the mosaic we live in. The precepts of our faith remain constant, but how they are to be lived out in the world, through our context in this time and place, will vary. To stay relevant and effective we need to constantly evolve, be creative, and embrace diversity.

To be the salt and light of the world we need to stay grounded in the mission of the Church. The Church's mission and authority are founded in, and emanate from, the resurrection of Jesus Christ by God, giving it a central spiritual core and a unique worldview. Its mission is grounded in scripture (Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 1:8), which calls it to encompass the world; to incorporate all people into its community; to teach a new way of being; and to connect to God's active presence in the world. As former Archbishop of Canterbury William Temple said, the Church is the only society on earth that exists for the benefit of non-members. Thus the Church is focused outwardly on the world, with authority given to it by the Holy Spirit, and guided by principles outside of the norms of society, while simultaneously being called to work within the world and its culture.

The Church is not a club, a group of friends, or simply a place of support for the faithful. Nor is it a social welfare organization. The Church is charged with a specific mission in the world that connects it with the mission of God through Jesus. The catechism of the Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church states, "the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ" and this mission is to be pursued by the Church "as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love."

The roots of this mission lie in the ethical justice of God's mission as expressed through Scripture (see Deuteronomy 10:17-19; Amos 5:21-24, Psalm 103:6); in the declaration of the kingdom of God through the demand for



justice (Luke 4:18-19); and “the central theme of the teaching of Jesus, the great reversal”, says John Hull.

Without question, God is a missionary God and “the mission of God is . . . to restore the brokenness of the body of humanity and to renew the face of the earth.” “In both Old and New Testaments we encounter a God who is on a redemptive mission in the world,” says Reggie McNeal. The Church is therefore a missionary Church that proclaims the good news of the resurrection of Jesus Christ by God. It proclaims the new world that resurrection signifies, in the midst of the world as it exists today. The Church witnesses to and proclaims a gospel that transforms and brings new life to the world. The Church is commissioned to engage the culture in which it is present, while embodying the new and renewed world created by God's resurrection of Jesus. The mission of the Church is part of the building up of God's Peaceable Kingdom, here and now. Central to what it means to be a Christian community is that community's proclamation that, for the most part, the world is not the way God would have the world be. God has a dream for a world that is more just, more peaceful and governed by love. Almost everyone knows that the world is far from perfect, and most can imagine a better world. God's actions in scripture speak to God's loving purposes for the world, and we, through our words and deeds, can be part of living into that future hope today. Thus central to the mission and the work of the Church is living today as if the new creation had already fully arrived.

Christian social justice activist and author Gregory F. Pierce argues that it is the Christian's duty to act in the world to bring about changes in the present in order to realize a foretaste of how things will be when God's kingdom is fully realized. Pierce makes it clear that this is not an option but a non-negotiable directive from God to God's people. In other words, a commandment. Thus we as individual Christians, and as a church, are challenged to live out the future promise of God today. It is the duty of Christians not only to feed the hungry, clothe the poor, house the homeless, and visit the sick, but also to work actively to challenge the assumptions and underlying systems that create and perpetuate those conditions. A Christian community needs to both offer a temporary relief to those that suffer from the systems of the world, and work to transform the unjust structures.



Dean Herbert O'Driscoll penned the words to this hymn that sum this up quite succinctly, " The love of Jesus calls us in swiftly changing days, to be God's co-creators in new and wondrous ways; that God with men and women may so transform the earth, that love and peace and justice may give God's kingdom birth."

To that end, during this year, I will personally focus on three areas that can help enhance how we are salt and light to the world. Ways that we can encourage the involvement of people from all backgrounds in relationships and works that help move the world closer to the Peaceable Kingdom. Through our actions we can celebrate our diversity and utilize its strengths.

First, I will create a Dean's Council on Diversity (or multiculturalism) & Inclusion. I will bring together a group to advise how we as a community of faith, can celebrate specific culturally important events within the seasonal rhythm of our Church, and better weave in the practices and traditions of other ethnic and cultural groups into the everyday life of the Cathedral. They will also help me work towards the inclusion of historically marginalized groups in the leadership and power structures of the Cathedral, while tackling the difficult questions and events that exist in our past surrounding colonialism, immigration, racism and exclusion.

Second, I will create a Dean's Council on Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationship to cultivate professional relationships with ecumenical partners, faith-based organizations, academic institutions, and NGOs. It will help to coordinate the ecumenical and interfaith dialogues of the Cathedral on a civic, provincial and national level.

Finally, I plan to assemble an ad hoc group to explore the common factors involved in Church Growth: Clear Mission & Purpose, Actively Engaging with Local Context, Willingness to Change & Adapt, A Welcoming Culture, Ongoing Relationships, Leadership Innovation, Envisioning & Motivating, Lay People Active in Leadership, Engaging Children & Young Adults, and Nurturing Disciples. This group will also help assess where the Cathedral has strengths that can be leveraged and where we have room for improvement. I see the benefits of this engagement as helping us to refine what we do and how we do it so that we can better be light and salt for the world.



*“...Let your light so shine
So that they might know some kindness again
We all need help to feel fine...”*

Being Salt & Light for the world is different in 2023 than it was in 1973. The scripture is still the same, as is the meaning behind it. Our goal is the same: building for the Peaceable Kingdom as co-creators with God. However the context has changed and the vehicle for enacting that mission looks and sounds different than it did in 1973. Just like the 1973 version linked at the beginning of this article was appropriate for the context in that time and place, in 2011 a new Broadway version of the Gospel songs was released using the same scripture and lyrics but with a new energy and sound that resonates to the current context. You can see the 2011 version here:

[▶ "Godspell" Assembles to "Light up the World"](#)

The same is true for us as a faithful community of God. What we do, and how we do it, needs to adapt to the time and place for the sake of the overall mission. Vital Faith communities are places with a learning strategy where leaders engage people to adjust values, change perspectives, develop new habits, and dream new dreams - all for the goal of the growth and development of the ultimate goal: God's Peaceable Kingdom.

Pax,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris' with a stylized flourish.

Dean Chris.



Trustee's Report

The Cathedral started looking and feeling a little bit more like itself in 2022. After two years of stringent restrictions, we started to return to familiar rhythms of ministry, both in our liturgical life and service to the greater community.

We celebrated a joyous Easter together, welcoming back the common cup, hosting the youth of the Diocese for an overnight Watch on Maundy Thursday, and guest preaching from Fr. Ron Culmer and the Rev. Ingrid Doerschel. As the Easter season moved on, we welcomed both the Rev. Areeta Bridgemohan as our vicar and not one, but two Adams, as both the Rev. Adam Dawkins arrived to undertake his curacy, and Adam Hartsock came to lead our development and hospitality work. Later in the Spring, we also welcomed Rikki Kooy, Spirit Elk Woman, elder/artist/designer from the Secwepemc and St'atl'imc Nations as our mentoring elder to challenge and guide our continued work on Truth and Reconciliation.

Even as we returned to something resembling our usual rhythms, we continued to grow in capacity to deliver ministry in digital ways, with an extensive formation program rolling out on Zoom, continuing work on the livestream experience, and an upgraded sound system to improve the quality and audibility of our services.

Certain “behind the scenes” projects undertaken by previous and current Trustees are beginning to pay dividends, including the decision to invest in energy-efficient lighting upstairs, which has reduced energy usage by 32% and our bills by more than \$20,000 in the process. Our work on ecological justice and learning continues, led by the Rev. Herold Munn and a new ministry, the Cathedral Climate Action Through Stewarding (CCATS) group.

In the Fall, we welcomed the city to grieve and commemorate the passing of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, and mourned the loss of many dear to us closer to home.



It seemed so quickly to turn to Advent and then to Christmas, where we opened our doors to the city as we celebrated God's Incarnation in the world. Wasn't it magical to see the Cathedral so beautifully adorned - and full again? Between the Good Noise Gospel Choir, the Salvation Army Band, and our traditional evening services featuring Rupert and our fabulous Cathedral Choir, the good news of the Christmas message truly rang out to our city.

As we proclaim the gospel from our corner of Burrard and West Georgia, we journey through every season together as a community. It has been another year of open doors, open hearts, open minds at the Cathedral - and as we welcome 2023 with excitement for the future, we are grateful to everyone who chooses to be a part of this faith community. It is always a joy to be together.

On behalf of the Trustees,
Jane Hope, People's Warden
Kevin Smith, Rector's Warden



Ministry Reports

St. Brigid's

By The Rev. Clare Morgan

We are the 5:30pm (now 1pm!) congregation at the Cathedral, offering a more informal and emerging-church alternative to the main service of the day.

We celebrated a baptism in November and hosted Bishop John in Advent, and made the choice to change our service time to see what would happen!

We are very much looking forward to seeing what the new time and worship format has to offer our congregation and the others we haven't yet met who are seeking community.

Servers' Guild

By Megan Otton

We provide servers for the 10:30am Eucharists, High Holy Days, funerals, weddings, and other services as required. A highlight of the year was finally being able to come together for a training workshop and a time of fellowship. We were honoured to be able to provide servers for the funerals of beloved parishioners. We look forward to continuing to work together in 2023 and bringing in some new members!

Healing Prayer Ministry

By Andrea Gailus

During Covid we had an online healing prayer liturgy at noon each Thursday. During those liturgies we prayed for the names submitted to the Prayer Link and all those who contacted members of our prayer team. Sondra Marshall, Anne Christian, Jenny Birtwell and Andrea Gailus prepared the liturgy each week and lead the prayers on Zoom. In the spring of 2022 our Healing Prayer ministry pivoted from an online presence back to in-person prayers in the



alcove on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Eucharist. In November we welcomed four new members to our team of 20 people. In December we added a second team to pray in the alcove for the times when there is a lineup for prayer during Communion. In 2023 we look forward to having a Spring retreat day. We very much appreciate the pastoral support by The Rev. Adam Dawkins. We welcome all who desire prayer to come to the alcove on Sunday mornings.

Sunday Morning Coffee Servers **By Diane Jeffries**

We serve coffee, tea, and juice after the 10.30 a.m. Sunday service along with cookies or any other special celebration cakes etc. A warm welcome and friendly smile are important components. The venue of coffee hour changes sometimes - such as outside on the patio when weather permits.

Over the past year some highlights have included being able to take the whole beverage service outside to the steps above Burrard St. It has also been a highlight to serve several important birthdays with cake, eg. Dean Chris, Ron Job's 80th & Adam Dawkins Ordination celebration. We continue to welcome more newcomers as well as young people. There are many opportunities for volunteers who enjoy serving people to get involved.

Lay Administrators **By Carol Cook**

This ministry shares the chalice with parishioners during the Eucharist. One huge highlight this past year was being able to return to our ministry as the Covid pandemic eased and health & safety practices were revised. We look forward to doing more of the same in the year ahead.

Thursday 7:30 a.m. Eucharist **By Bill Orr**

The Thursday 7:30 a.m. Eucharistic Community has been meeting since the 1970's (more than 50 years!) We are an enthusiastic community (10-15 people) who come together each Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. to celebrate the



Eucharist and share breakfast afterwards. Lay members of the group take turns reading the Gospel, leading the intercessions, and serving at the altar. Following the service, we share a simple community breakfast in the Park Room. It is a long-standing tradition that the clergy prepare a festival breakfast on the Thursday prior to Christmas. We are a community of close friends and we are often blessed to have visitors from around the world.

One highlight of the past year was the pre-Christmas breakfast, prepared by the clergy. This year, as well as having tasty bacon and eggs with freshly-baked homemade bread, we were introduced to grits by the Cathedral's Curate, the Rev. Adam Dawkins. We are always blessed to have visitors from abroad and we would welcome new members from the congregation. We would be delighted to have you join us. Sleepers Awake!

Morning Prayer [Monday to Friday at 9:30 a.m.] **By Bill Orr**

Christ Church Cathedral's offering of the daily offices exist through the community of the Morning Prayer group who meet online using zoom, Monday to Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. The group came together as part of a lenten exercise at the beginning of the Pandemic in 2020 and has grown over the past two years, with around 10 daily regulars and people who like to occasionally drop in. This online format works well for the community who login from all over Metro Vancouver, to the Gulf Islands and even the United States.

The service liturgy is lovingly crafted each day 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. Reverend Clare Morgan is our Chaplain and new members are always welcome. For more information and how to join visit

<https://www.thecathedral.ca/worship/weekday-services>

One highlight has been seeing members participate even in morning prayer even as they travel abroad. We are always happy to have new members join this community and look forward to welcoming new faces.



Healing Touch Ministry

By Kate Walker

Our team of experienced practitioners offers healing touch to the Cathedral community. In offering, it is our intention not to cure, but to promote deep relaxation, supporting the body's natural ability to heal, restoring balance and wholeness to body, mind and spirit.

Our return to "something resembling precovid life" has been slow. Returning to a Cathedral in transition, retirement of some of our members, and safety concerns around in person Healing Touch sessions have kept us from a fulsome experience of offering. Rev. Matthew Senf volunteered to be our chaplain and we welcome his pastoral guidance.

Our ministry will be meeting soon to consider our path ahead. We agree that to continue our ministry, training for new and veteran members is essential. In April this year we will be hosting a Healing Pathway workshop. We hope to encourage other Anglican parishes in our diocese to have their own healing touch ministries, as we also hope to return to in-person offering to all in need. As John Philip Newell, acclaimed spiritual teacher at Iona and many other places has said, "The pursuit of holiness is the pursuit of healthiness in our lives and in the world. The time of salvation is here and now, for healing must be here and now. To be part of salvation is to be part of healing in the world, of bringing what is torn and infected among us back into health and relationship again." In spite of the challenges, our ministry remains committed to doing the work Christ asked us to do.

Climate Action Through Stewarding (CATS)

By Sondra Marshall

We seek to listen and heed God's call to protect this planet, our island home. By engaging individuals, ministries and the Cathedral organization we strive to be catalysts for change in reducing our carbon emissions.

In less than a year, we have successfully established a coherent ministry, secured funding, created a beautiful logo, made connections both inside and outside the Cathedral, and offered the first 40 Minute Forum in several years.



We look forward to developing strong relationships with other ministries and groups at the Cathedral with an eye to evaluating our carbon footprints so they can be reduced. Watch for ways to be involved in the future - eg a CATS website and blog; a special Earth Day service with follow up activities, more 40 Minute Forums, and other participatory events to come.

Altar Guild **By Sarah Nation**

The Altar Guild is responsible for the care, maintenance and set up of the Holy Hardware for services, mainly Sundays, and ordering of flowers for weekly arrangements, funerals, weddings and high feast days. We also collect funds and decorate for all high festivals, and change the tiles and hangings seasonally.

A highlight of the past year has been decorating the church for services that were once again beginning to be enjoyed and celebrated in person. We look forward to adding more volunteers to our roster and having our annual get together in person.

8am Service Coordination **By Peter DeGroot**

The 8am Service occurs every Sunday morning. The *Book of Common Prayer* is used at this gentle and reflective Eucharist service. As a means to further build community, the 8 a.m. Service moved to the Chancel in October 2022. The service is attended by both long term parishioners and visitors from around the world. Whenever a tourist is identified in the congregation, a brief tour of the building is offered. The 8 a.m. Service is looking forward to continuing to welcome friends new and familiar. Time will be spent reflecting on being in the Chancel.

The following reports were not able to be proofread, and are included here “as is”.



Cookie Ministry

By Rosalind Kellet

The serving of cookies continues to spread the spirit of goodwill and community to old and young alike at the Cathedral. Of the 52 Sundays in 2022, the Cookie Ministry provided cookies for 48 of them. We don't provide cookies for Easter Sunday, Lunar New year, Christmas or New Year's Day.

Our job has been made easier with the help of cathedral staff. We are especially grateful to Moss Whelan and Jacob Peterson McIntyre and the building services team for their help with setup.

Over the year we said goodbye and express our deep gratitude to these bakers: Judy Loken, Andrea Gailus and Liz Stockwell, the latter who provided cookies for several years. We welcomed new bakers: Eva Choy, Diane Jeffries, and Henry Seppala and for the Lunar New year celebration, Isabel Woo. And a big thank you to our core bakers and cookie providers this past year: Michelle Aslan, Mary Cottrell, Joanne Ingledew, Anne Kassis, Ros Kellett, Mary Lewis, Liz & Sophie McCausland, Dana Osborne, Adam Patterson & Nicole Babiuk, Sheila Pepper, Barbara Teasley, and Carleigh Whitman. Lastly, I want to thank my cheerful helper, Mary Cottrell, for sending out the email reminder each week and for always being there when needed.

New bakers are always welcome – contact the Volunteer Coordinator to get on the roster.

Justice, Education and Advocacy Ministry

By Rosalind Kellet

In 2022, JEAM focused on helping to sponsor and support refugees, in response to the call Dean Chris Pappas received from the Diocese of New Westminster. In February a group of us met online with Shannon Muir, chair of the Diocesan Refugee Unit, and chose to support an Afghan refugee family. This family – two parents and 7 youngsters – are Afghans who had recently fled to Pakistan and want to join their daughter Shiba in Vancouver. Shiba is already in Vancouver, married, a student in a psychiatric nursing



program, and was preparing the Application documents to bring her family here. She just needed the money to help settle them once they arrived.

The group met Shiba in person, and learned that she was going to give up going into Nursing so she could earn money to bring her family to Canada.

She also reported that on her latest phone call with the family, her 5 year-old brother told her that he wanted to know what a “playground” was like and he didn’t believe she would ever bring him to Canada. The group decided to act right away, create the group RESCUE SHIBA’S FAMILY (RSF), and work to bring the family to Canada.

Under the auspices of JEAM, the group designed an appeal letter to give to parishioners and realized the support of the Cathedral trustees and clergy was needed to make this a parish-supported project. In August a memorandum of understanding was written between the Cathedral and the ecumenical refugee group, REST (Regional Ecumenical Sponsorship Team - the umbrella group that RSF works with) that gave details of how donations would be collected, receipted, and distributed once the Family arrived. We owe volunteer lawyer and trustee Kevin Smith much gratitude for the time and skill he took to write up this MOU, to Dean Chris for enabling it, and to the trustees, wardens and church officers for approving it.

In September an information pamphlet and request for support were prepared and given out during several Sunday coffee hours. A website [www.Rescueshibasfamily] was developed by technical expert and volunteer Xavier Barbot. It continues to provide useful updates. In October Shiba, her husband Aria and the RSF team presented a 40-minute Forum, accompanied by a power point, produced by Neale Adams. On Friday, November 4, the first fundraising event took place by selling tickets to an Afghan dinner with food prepared by a local Afghan Restaurant. The tickets were mostly sold online using Eventbrite, a technical asset that Alicia Ambrosio kindly set up for us. Fifty-percent of the revenue went to the charity Rescue Shiba’s Family and the other fifty percent covered the cost of the food and sundries. We netted \$1250.

The goal is to raise \$60,000 to settle the family once they are here. As of December 31, 2022, \$25,280 (just over 40%) of this goal has been raised. Timely



reports regarding the money raised are provided by Vanessa Ho and Adam Hartsock and we are most grateful for this support. Many parishioners have been most generous and your ongoing support is appreciated. More work and volunteers are needed to reach the financial goal and ensure a smooth settlement process once the Family are here.

THANKS to the core group on the RSF team: Alysha Creighton, the Rev. Margaret Marquardt, Chris Dorle, Neale Adams, Lorna and Bill Orr, the Rev. Ed Schmitt, the Rev. Kay Schmitt, Rosalind Kellett, Heather Davies, Marvin Westwood (PhD) and others who came when they could. Thank you for the leadership and support provided by the Very Rev. Chris Pappas and the office staff. THANK YOU for your service.

Parish Council **By Jennifer Barr**

The Cathedral's Parish Council (PC) is a consultative body which, working with the Rector, Wardens and Trustees, and aided by the other clergy and the Treasurer, acts for and with the congregation to help ensure that the Cathedral's ministry reflects its Vision, Values and Mission.

This past year thankfully brought a return to in-person meetings. Parish Council was able to focus on developing strategies for better engaging with parishioners, clergy and lay leadership. We also developed new Terms of Reference to clarify questions raised by PC members such as what is the purpose of PC? How can PC be truly representative of our diverse congregation and ministries? How can PC effectively assist the Dean, other clergy, Trustees and Wardens make great and well-informed decisions, with timely input from parishioners?

We aim to develop an orientation package for new PC members, to implement ways to raise the profile of PC, to be more accessible to the parish and to generally support a vibrant parish life.

Intercessors Ministry **By Carlos Ferreira**

This year we are delighted the Covid pandemic restrictions are lifted and we can worship and pray together.



One of the highlights of this year is that we have three new members: Hadani Ditmars, Ivy Clark, and Sarah Lehman. We welcome them and thank them for their willingness to serve in our ministry. We also would like to thank Bill Orr for helping with training the new members.

We also have a new Chaplain, the Rev. Margaret Marquardt. We are very excited and look forward to journeying with her in our ministry.

Staff & Clergy Reports

Vanessa Ho

Senior Finance Administrator

I oversee the day to day running of the finance team. My job also entails bookkeeping, semi – monthly payroll remittances and the preparation of monthly financial statements for Trustees meetings.

The highlight of my past year is working alongside the new Treasurer, Ian Birtwell. Ian has amazed me with his abundant knowledge of the Cathedral. His guidance and endless support are a boost to my self-confidence which also has helped me grow into my new position as a senior finance administrator and for that I am very grateful. I am so happy to welcome a new finance assistant, Marcelle Kors, who joined us in late 2022 to assist me in the donation data entries, accounts receivable and payable. Marcelle's background skillsets have given her an ability to fit in a new environment smoothly. I am very thankful for the arrival of a new Director of Stewardship, Adam Hartsock in June 2022, who has been working closely with the finance team. Adam has taken on donor relations tasks which were missing during the last 2 years. I find Adam's positive energy very inspiring!

This year, I am looking forward to having the opportunity to learn a new software called Blackbaud, a replacement for PowerChurch. Blackbaud, is a more powerful donation and fundraising cloud-based software, which will provide more streamlined tools and reports for donation and fundraising activities. Last but not least, thank you volunteers and donors whose time and monetary donations are so vital to the Cathedral. I am deeply moved by your generosity that has supported the Cathedral ministries during this difficult year. Thank you and thank you.



Francis Hart D'Emilio
Outreach Worker

I work on-site at the cathedral three days a week and connect Maundy Cafe guests and other marginalized and/or street-involved folks in the Downtown Peninsula with various types of support and services. I create content and manage the social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram) for Maundy Cafe. A highlight in my role at the Cathedral in 2022 is that I am able to be present with poor and otherwise marginalized people in our community. I am looking forward to making more connections between C.C.C./Maundy Cafe and other food justice/food security groups in town.

NOTE: The outreach worker position was made possible thanks to a generous grant from Union Gospel Mission. The funding period concluded on Dec 17, 2022 and the Outreach Worker project has ended. We are grateful for Francis' time with The Maundy.

Lauren Odile Pinkney
Children, Youth & Families (CYF) Minister

I work alongside incredible people of all ages, but focus my time facilitating ministry, outreach and support for Children Youth and Families.

My highlight for this year has to be the entire Summer of 2022! We ran a Summer Day Camp this summer, with help from incredible staff and volunteers (including the incredibly gifted Alysha Crighton). We planned and facilitated a fun, educational and creative week.. Between trips to the beach

and park, the art gallery, picnics outside, calm jars, cyanotypes, popsicles and daily Godly Play stories, together we laughed, sang, prayed, passed the penny and enjoyed the sunshine. This summer we also had our annual picnic for the families, with races, bubbles and good food. To finish off the summer we took some youth and young adults from the Cathedral on a weekend trip to Camp Artaban for some learning and fun by the ocean, under the stars. It was a wild and busy summer, and served as a great kicked off to the in-person CYF ministry.



I am so excited for another jam packed summer that will include another Summer Day Camp, as well as youth and young adults retreats at Camp Artaban, our annual picnic, and a new additon for this summer: Cathedral week at Sorrento Centre. I am hoping many of our families will come for some respite and fellowship time. I have lots planned that week for Cathedral families, and am so excited for the children of the Cathedral to go to Sorrento, experience the beauty there, and take part in the children's programing there as well. Another exciting thing in the year ahead is the launch of PlayRight Youth Drama program. This program will open the Cathedral doors to youth across the lower mainland. The Cathedral is a home for so many. I can't wait to bring more people into the fold and under the care of the Cathedral's CYF program and the wider congregation. Please get in touch if you want to know more about the prgrams here, and if you want to get involved.

Rupert Organist & Director of Music

It seems more like a decade ago - but from my feeble memory, in early 2022 we were still with a restricted number of Cathedral Choir singers, and singing with masks. This of course always dictates my choices of choral repertoire. As we moved from Sundays after Epiphany to Ash Wednesday and Lent, here are the main things that stood out for me:

-Jake and Lucy announced their decision to retire from the Cathedral Choir. I totally appreciated their decision, with Musica Intima increasingly taking all their time and energy, there just wasn't enough left over for the Cathedral Choir. Their musical contribution to the Cathedral Choir and the Cathedral Community as a whole was irreplaceable. They are STILL sorely missed.

-The week before Holy Week I contracted COVID. Thanks to Ginger, who played organ for me on Palm Sunday, I was able to recover quickly. It was the first Palm Sunday I missed in all my time at the Cathedral. Thank God I was able to return to my duties for Holy Week and Easter.

-Pre Easter, I was commissioned by the Carroll family to compose a new congregational mass setting honouring Mary-Jane and Ed Byrd. We premiered it and sang it over 3 Sundays of Easter. Sadly and with heavy hearts, we lost both Ed and Mary-Jane months later.

Post Easter saw the gradual lifting of restrictions of number of singers, and the use of masks. I still remember the first Sunday when most of the choir



sang without masks It was a very emotional time for me to FINALLY hear their full rich voices again! Eventually we were also also comfortable enough to sing up in the more restricted smaller space of the gallery. At this time many of the congregation were singing without masks. Like the choir, it was wonderful for me to hear them singing so clearly again!

Later in 2022, it became very busy with many weddings and funerals that had been put on hold due to COVID. There were two weddings in particular that involved the Cathedral Choir. Traditionally I have called choir members weddings “Royal Weddings.” It’s mainly because they are really choral concerts with a wedding liturgy thrown in for fun! (just joking). The two Royal Weddings were both in August: one for Helen and Andi, and the other for Irene and Felix. Each wedding was totally unique, but musically, equally exciting!

The Cathedral Summer Festival of Sacred Music 2022 took place, as usual in July and August. I really missed Jake, because the long time tradition was that I would organize July, and he would take care of August so I could take a holiday. This time I had to organize August myself, but lost out on my usual holiday time.

Once the Cathedral Choir started up again (as usual on Holy Cross Sunday), it never seemed to stop being crazy busy - including an amazing Choral Evensong in Memory of Queen Elizabeth II, with a “killer” many-pipers-drummers-organ performance of Highland Cathedral. It seemed non-stop, event after event, right up to Christmas Day, post 10:30 Eucharist - when I went home and crashed!!!

I plan music for all liturgies requiring music; co-ordinate with bulletins; prepare music for the choir; research and prepare my scores for rehearsals with the choir; prepare and practice my organ accompaniments for hymns, carols, anthems etc.

I am very much looking forward this year to recording some of my compositions with the Cathedral Choir.

Carlos Ferreira
Director of Cathedral Administration



I coordinate weddings, funerals, and parish administrative tasks. I also oversee Building Operations.

A highlight of the past year was being a part of the organization of the Queen's Memorial service. Though it was a sad moment in global history, it was an example of how this Cathedral is a beacon for the whole city.

I look forward to helping the cathedral community navigate the challenges of the post pandemic reality. Also I am looking forward to taking part in some building-related upgrades in the next year.

Shawn Warmington
Building Manager

I am responsible for the care of the Cathedral as a building, and for the care of those who report to me. I monitor the systems of the building and arrange for contractors to provide service when needed. I also schedule and work with the building team and all staff members. This year I learned how to livestream and now help with setup and running the soundboard/livestream/lights as needed for services and events.

One highlight of the past year was being able to help in the restoration and update of the wooden outdoor benches, and doing it alongside staff who put in care and effort.

I am looking forward to the conclusion of the washroom restoration project as it will brighten one of the most used spaces in this building.

Ronald Tam
Assistant Building Manager

I am the Cathedral's general handyman, I find ways to reduce food waste, and generally enjoy the hard work that is part of maintaining this building.

This past year I enjoyed learning even more about the Cathedral building and it's facilities. I was honoured to be given the title of Assistant Building Manager and everything it entails.

In my new role I am looking forward to learning how to guide the custodians and share my knowledge of this building.

Jeremy Smith
Events Coordinator



I am responsible for fielding inquiries from the wide variety of clients, groups and organizations interested in holding events in Christ Church's space, and arranging the booking of those events. I work to ensure that the organizers' requests are met and the additional services they may require are organized. My duties also involve assisting the Building Staff as needed and operating the soundboard on Sunday mornings.

It has been exciting to welcome the Candlelight concert series to Christ Church this year. The sanctuary being lit with hundreds of (electronic) candles is quite the spectacle. Early Music Vancouver's Bach Festival at the end of July was also a real treat to hear and was a great success.

I look forward to this year's Bach Festival and continuing to welcome groups, old and new, at the Cathedral for memorable events.

Alicia Ambrosio
Director of Communications

I strategize and oversee how we tell the story of the Cathedral to the world, to the city, and to this community.

A highlight of this past year was seeing my small team come together, be strengthened by each other's strengths and support each other in areas that needed growth. Another highlight was handling the communication around

the memorial service for Queen Elizabeth. It was amazing to see how Vancouverites seemed to be instinctively drawn to the Cathedral as the most natural place to come to in order to grieve and give thanks for the Queen's life.

I'm most looking forward to being able to do strategic planning with the Communications Team and work on re-mapping our website to help us reach our diverse audiences even better.

Adam Hartsock
Director of Stewardship and Development



I oversee the implementation and management of donor development strategies and ongoing stewardship programs to support increased annual giving and encourage gift planning.

Since arriving at Christ Church Cathedral in June, I have been continuously blessed by the generosity of the parishioners and friends at the Cathedral. Whether you offered a warm welcome to our family as we transitioned to life in Vancouver, faithfully responded to the Cathedral's requests for funding specific ministries, or volunteered your time with a ministry group, you have shown God's love to this community and the world. For that, I am most grateful.

As we look toward this year, I am most excited to continue connecting with and building relationships with our parishioners, friends, and newcomers to the Cathedral. Additionally, we look forward to reviving and redefining the newcomer/welcome experience at Christ Church Cathedral so that those who visit may also feel the warmth you have shown my family and me.

Sara Ciantar
Communications Specialist

I am pleased to have have been working part time in this role since Feb 15, 2022. I report to the Director of Communications. I produce the weekly Electronic and Print Chronicle and write material or create graphics as needed for the social media platforms and the website. I have been a part of producing and editing Sunday bulletins.

A highlight this past year was assisting with strategic planning for the Communications team. It is exciting to see a return to pre-pandemic vibrancy. I also recorded and edited the audio for the Cathedral audio tour project that will be rolling out this next quarter. My current responsibilities see me taking a lead with website visioning and updates.



The Rev. Alisdair Smith **Deacon and Business Chaplain**

My ministry has historically focused on the business communities across Canada supporting people in decision making and leadership development. I am an executive coach and facilitator, and work across North America teaching coaching and teamwork. As a deacon I work in both 'corporate land' and 'church land.' My presence at the altar on Sunday, like my fellow deacons Jeffrey and before she retired, Dixie, reminds us all that our faith is not simply about showing up on Sunday mornings but how our work lives inform and are informed by our relationship with each other and The Divine.

My experience is that my corporate land work changed dramatically in the Spring and Summer of 2020, and has not changed all that much since. The change was moving from in person to online -- and still most of my work is online, with some in person. And church land for me remains different than pre-covid -- it is now hybrid. The highlight for me was, and is, the hard work of trying to be hybrid in work places and church! We are not going back to some nostalgic past, we are moving into new ways of being together. As the New Zealand night prayer says, "The night heralds the dawn. Let us look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities." This journey is the highlight for me.

The business writer Meg Wheatley talks about how organizations are like organisms; they have a life cycle, including conception, birth, childhood all the way to palliative care and death. In these latter times, as the organism is dying, there are always new possibilities emerging. Sallie McFague used to speak of "nurse logs" in a forest. Dead and dying trees upon which new shoots appear. I am so looking forward to 2023 both in corporate land and

church land as a time of new shoots, some which will thrive and others, not so much, even as we continue to grieve the passing of the old ways. What are the new shoots in your life?



The Rev. Clare Morgan

I am the Pastor to St. Brigid's, and while the Vicar is on maternity leave I coordinate the Cathedral's pastoral care team.

While the pandemic still poses lots of complications, the ability to gather in-person AND arrange a hybrid option was such an incredible gift this past year. I was also so thrilled to marry, baptize, and prepare St. Brigid's parishioners for confirmation and discernment into holy orders. And finally, it has been wonderful to see new faces at church, curious about who we are.

As the result of a community conversation and discernment, the St. Brigid's Eucharist is moving to 1:30pm on Sundays. I am looking forward to seeing what changes come from our time change. My deepest hope is that it can allow us to be more open and welcoming than ever before.

The Rev. Matthew Senf Assistant to the Rector

At the Cathedral I am a pastor, chaplain, preacher, liturgist, Assistant to the Dean, sinner, repent, and sometimes even carpenter.

I see the Holy Spirit most in small exchanges at the cathedral, perhaps not so much see as feel, when I pray together with folk who are carrying heavy burdens, when I place a broken piece of bread in the hand of someone who isn't quite sure they deserve it, when I'm brought to tears after receiving a similar piece of bread, when I'm inspired by the proclamation of a colleague and when I see new faces. This year as folks struggled to make returning to worship make sense for them I saw the Holy Spirit, in growing and deepening relationships with fellow clergy and fellow pilgrims, in the tenacity of the Maundy project to survive in the face of change, in the budding infancy of my chaplaincy with the healing touch ministry, in the gratitude that envelops the place, in the genuine care that many have for one another here.

The cathedral has been a great gift to me for the past decade, I look forward



to the whole thing, the whole journey, whatever she has for me, for us...I'll drink deep and hope to give as much as I can in gratitude.

The Rev. Adam Dawkins
Curate & Director of The Maundy Ministries

There is such variety to what I do at the Cathedral, I like to say I do ..."and other duties as assigned."

Soon after arriving at the Cathedral as Curate on June 1st, the Dean asked me to serve as Director of Maundy Ministries in addition to my pastoral, teaching, and liturgical ministries. Assembling a Maundy Steering Committee composed of volunteer leaders and Maundy guests has proved to be a healthy, collaborative, and sustainable model of leadership. I am grateful to be a ministry partner with our volunteers and steering committee whose tireless work provides life-giving ministries for our neighbours. Indeed, the Maundy is a living embodiment of our commitment to open hearts, open minds, and open doors.

For me, serving as a priest at Christ Church Cathedral is like drinking grace from a firehose. I get to serve a wonderfully loving and faithful community of people and to walk with them in their service, and in their joys and sorrows. I am astounded by the richness of the sacramental ministries I am privileged to offer. My faith is deepened through ministries like the Upper Zoom where we break open the Gospel and encounter Jesus in new ways through ancient texts. As chaplain to the Narthex Greeters, I share in our commitment to receive every guest as though they are Christ. And as chaplain to our Healing Prayer ministers, I am privileged to support and pray with those who remind those who are broken of God's unmeasurable love and mercy. So, for all that has been in 2022, thanks. For all that will be in the year to come, yes!

In the year ahead I am looking forward to leading a strategic planning process for Maundy Ministries.



The Rev. Melanie Calabrigo
Assistant priest

Over the past year I have served in the areas of spiritual care and formation, which included spiritual support, faith formation series, TR Circle chaplaincy, and liturgical assistance. My focus is now primarily on Indigenous Relations with a focus on identifying and developing opportunities for learning and relationship building.

In May, we welcomed Indigenous elder and designer Rikki Kooy (Spirit Elk Woman) and introduced the Feather Dance Reconciliation project to the Cathedral community. Feather Dance is an Indigenous-led, Indigenous/settler/refugee collaboration in textile art and includes learning and relationship-building through storytelling, wisdom sharing, and community hand work. It is an embodied act of reconciliation in keeping with the call to build relationships of respect, authenticity, and transformation.

In September, the Cathedral hosted events to coincide with National Truth and Reconciliation Week, which included honouring Orange Shirt Day. A variety of events were planned throughout the week, in-person and online. It was a particularly special opportunity to learn from, support, and honour Indigenous elders, teachers, and artists.

In 2023, we look forward to commissioning and installing a Reconciliation Prayer Pole at the Cathedral, adorned with reconciliation prayer flags created by members of the community.



Agenda - Vestry 2023

1. Call to Order, Opening Prayer, Presentation & Adoption of 2023 Vestry Agenda, Appointment of Vestry Clerk, Resolution of Thanks
2. Approval of Minutes of 2022 Annual Vestry
3. 2022 In Review
 - a. Reception of the Annual Report
4. Report of the Nominating Committee
5. Financial Report
 - a. Adoption of 2022 Audited Financial Statements
 - b. Appointment of 2023 Auditor
 - c. Presentation and Adoption of Budget 2023
6. Any Other Business
7. Adjournment and Closing Prayer



Minutes of 2022 Vestry Meeting

THE PARISH OF CHRIST CHURCH, VANCOUVER, BC ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING

SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 10AM, BY ZOOM

There were 117 parishioners registered for attendance via Zoom with 100 people in attendance, the meeting was called to order by Dean Chris Pappas at 10am. The Rev. Melanie Calabrigo led us in prayer by Walter Bruggeman.

APPOINTMENT OF VESTRY CLERK:

Dean Pappas appointed Andrea Gailus as Vestry Clerk

HOW TO VESTRY:

Vice Chancellor Kevin Smith gave a primer on “How to Vestry.” We will vote by Zoom Poll with 4 options: “Yes”, “No”, “Abstain” or “Split” (if multiple attendees are attending from one Zoom account).

PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF THE 2022 VESTRY AGENDA

Moved by: Kevin Smith Seconded by: Jane Hope CARRIED

RESPECT:

Dean Chris walked the members attending thru the meaning of the RESPECT guidelines as a framework for participating in this Vestry meeting.

MOTION OF GRATITUDE: open throughout the meeting to type in chat what or who you are grateful for this past year.

MOVED by Liz McCausland, SECONDED by Jane Hope,

RECEPTION OF THE 2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING, FEBRUARY 24, 2021

Moved by: John Ross Seconded by: Michael Law CARRIED

SEE, I AM DOING A NEW THING Isa 43: 19

Dean Chris led us in a prayer with the response “and God says it is good”. God’s image calls Us to move and adapt to the world around us. With new ways to worship, relate to others, to love and show mercy. We are called by God to reimagine how we live our lives – how does our faith express itself in the current context? God invites us in this time and place to consider the possibilities in this place and in our culture to serve the



glory and vision of God. We are called to co-opt the structures of this world for the glory

of God. We are a work in progress, we aren't finished, this is not the first or last time the church will reimagine. Imagine all the possibilities!

THE MAUNDY MINISTRIES

Vienne Chan presented an in-depth report on the Maundy Ministries, past, present and future plans. The report is available by request from alicia@thecathedral.ca for those who want the full report.

Paula Pryce commented that she was incredibly grateful for Vienne and all who have done so much. She expressed a "transitional concern" about how to reshape the program, suggesting that an increased focus on efficiency risks rushing folks through with a decline in the focus on relationship. How to ensure dignity while promoting moving quickly, with a requirement that people bring their own dishes (to minimize environmental waste).

Vienne responded that the programme is trying to increase efficiency - we are giving out more items to choose from, to avoid conflict when people wait for long periods of time, and minimize waste to feed hungry people outside in the cold.

Jennifer Barr registered an interest in participating in strategic planning.
Dean Chris thanked Vienne for her presentation and vision, and to those who had asked Questions.

PRAYER FOR MINISTRY AND MISSION

Pastor Matthew Senf led us in prayer.

MOTION TO ACCEPT 2021 AUDITOR'S REPORT FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Adoption of the 2021 Audited Financial Statements

Treasurer Kevin de la Mare discussed the 2021 Audited Financial Statements, advising advised that questions would be answered by Lynne Dunlop and Ian Birtwell

Ted Chiasson commented that the financial statements are to be received, not adopted.

The motion was so adjusted.

MOVED by Kevin de la Mare and SECONDED by Jane Hope that the Audited Financial Statements for 2021 be received. CARRIED



b. Appointment of 2022 Auditor

MOVED by Kevin de la Mare and SECONDED by Ian Birtwell that Rolfe, Benson LLP be appointed auditor for 2022 fiscal year. CARRIED
PRESENTATION AND ADOPTION OF BUDGET 2022

Kevin de la Mare presented the proposed budget for 2022.

Ian Birtwell commented on the transfer of funds. Bottom line is shortfall in known income vs expenditures. We always have transfers from Park Place Fund and Endowment Funds for building, ministry and staff. All funds are from income and interest received.

MOTION TO APPROVE 2022 BUDGET

MOVED by Kevin de la Mare SECONDED by Ian Birtwell to adopt the 2022 Budget. CARRIED

Ros Kellett asked a question about having to pay \$5 for parking. Ian responded that we have no agreement from Park Place other than at a reduced rate. It will continue even after Covid restrictions are lifted unless Imperial Parking change their minds.

Martin [no surname announced] asked about whether there could be an increase in funding for improving equipment for live streaming and sound in the Cathedral. Ian responded that, yes, an upgrade is proposed for the Cathedral's sound system. Dean Chris commented that the Cathedral planned to upgrade hardware for live streaming as well as communications staffing Support.

The Rev. Stuart Mennigke asked about whether there were any benefits available through the National church for lay staff / employees of a parish. Dean Chris responded that there were. Dean Chris expressed gratitude to our financial team, our building staff and all who support our vision!

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This year the Nominating Committee consisted of Emily Pritchard, Peter DeGroot, Ron Bowles and Casper Zuzek.

Be it resolved that this Vestry accept the report of the Nominating Committee and record the election and appointment of the following members of this Cathedral Parish:

MOVED by Emily Pritchard , SECONDED by Ron Bowles that the Nominating Committee Report be approved. CARRIED



TRUSTEES 2022

Rector's Warden Kevin Smith

People's Warden Jane Hope

Assoc. Rector's Warden Michael Law

Assoc. People's Warden (Building Projects) John Ross

Elected Trustee – Jane Osler

Elected Trustee – Irene Pang

DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN SYNOD 2022

Jennifer Barr

Michael Law

John Ross

Irene Pang

Jane Osler

ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO DIOCESAN SYNOD 2022

Levi Saunders

Peter DeGroot

Richard Douglas Sulkers

OFFICERS

Secretary to the Corporation – Andrea Gailus

Treasurer – Ian Birtwell

Secretary to Cathedral Chapter – James Dunlap

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE

Richard Douglas Sulkers

Peter DeGroot

Casper Zuzek Friesen

Anne Fletcher

Florian Scheepens-Burfeind

Jennifer Barr

Susan Wade

Kate Walker

James Dunlap

ENDOWMENT FUND ADMINISTRATORS



Ted Chiasson
Karen Bowles

Hope Sealey

TRUSTEE ON ENDOWMENT FUND
Jane Hope

COORDINATOR OF LAY VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES
Nicky Axtell Seppala

PWRDF COORDINATOR
Mark Halyk

SCREENING IN FAITH COORDINATOR
Carlos Ferreira

(Information Note: Trustees Rector's Warden Kevin Smith, People's Warden Jane Hope, Associate Wardens Michael Law and John Ross, Treasurer Ian Birtwell and the Very Reverend Chris Pappas are the signing officers of the Corporation 2022-2023)

LAY ADMINISTRATORS: Carol Cook has prepared a new list of proposed lay administrators for presentation to the Bishop.

MOVED by Jenny Birtwell, SECONDED by the Rev. Jeffrey Preiss that this list be approved.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS: 2022 – 1
Mental Health

The Vestry considered the following Resolution:

MOVED by Irene Pang, SECONDED by Bill Orr:

The pandemic has highlighted and exacerbated a mental health crisis in our community; The church has a role to play in providing pastoral care for those experiencing mental health issues and destigmatizing mental health issues in society, while contributing to a larger societal infrastructure of mental health support; and Members of the Cathedral community whose roles put them in contact with individuals who may be experiencing mental health issues would benefit from and be supported by receiving training in this area,



It is hereby RESOLVED THAT this Vestry:

1. affirm the importance of destigmatizing mental health issues;
2. recognize the important role that Christ Church Cathedral and its clergy, staff, and lay members can play in ministering to those experiencing mental health difficulties; and
3. encourage Trustees and Staff to:
 - (a) collate and publicize available mental health resources, and
 - (b) provide training for clergy, staff and volunteers to support them and better allow them to minister to people experiencing mental health issues.

Pauline Barrett noted that the Cathedral had a mental health ministry coordinator years ago, and was delighted to see we are exploring a new group. She recommended organizers check with Sondra Marshall and Pauline Barrett for history.

CARRIED with 2 abstentions and 1 vote against.

VICAR UPDATE

Dean Chris welcomed our new Vicar, the Rev. Areeta Bridgemohan to the Zoom call at 12 noon. Areeta commented, “My family and I are so looking forward to making the Cathedral our new home. May this time be a time where we trust deeply in God and God’s goodness.”

Vestry had the opportunity to ask Areeta some questions, including:

Jim Riva asked Areeta to describe a bit about her family. Areeta spoke about her dog Dodge, her son Kiran who is 19 months old and husband Chris from Michigan.

Dean Chris noted that Areeta is coming up in May for a visit and will preach on the 15th at the 8:00 and 10:30 services.

Areeta noted that she is a naturalized Canadian citizen and has lived in Montreal, Toronto, Shawinigan, and Yellowknife. The west coast will be new to her.

The Rev. Matthew Senf asked about Areeta’s Italian, to which she responded that she had lived in Italy for 18 years!

Ron Jobe asked what had made Areeta decide to come here. Areeta confirmed that it was lots of things, including a sense of call, meeting the search committee, the parish profile’s call to create space for questions and be together in the mystery, and seeing a picture of the nave.

MOTION OF GRATITUDE

As posted in chat CARRIED



MOMENT OF REMEMBRANCE

Dean Chris invited the meeting to please take a moment of quiet as we remember those who have died since last year's Vestry. May their memory be eternal and light perpetual shine upon Them.

Kevin Smith advised that meeting organizers were aware that some registered Vestry members were not able to attend because of technological issues. In summary, the Cathedral's Zoom account typically has a limit of 100 meeting attendees (which is typically more than adequate), and although Cathedral staff had requested, as we did last year, that this be increased for the

purposes of this Vestry meeting, this appeared not to have been processed by Zoom's customer support. To ensure that anyone who had intended to participate had an opportunity to do so, anyone who had registered but was not able to attend due to the issue above would be sent a link to the recording and asked to submit their votes on all motions to him by email, which would be included in the minutes of the meeting, along with any questions or comments, which would receive an individual response. Kevin expressed regret that the situation had occurred despite our best efforts.

MOTION TO ADJOURN at 12:10 pm

MOVED by Jane Hope SECONDED by Ren Amor CARRIED

CLOSING PRAYER

The Rev. Clare Morgan closed the meeting with prayer.

FOLLOW-UP:

Further to the item above regarding technological issues hindering participation in the meeting, all Vestry registrants were sent an email on March 15, 2022 with a link to the recording of the meeting and an invitation to submit votes and questions/comments as detailed above. No additional votes, questions or comments were received.

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023:

The Very Rev. Christopher A. Pappas
Dean & Rector

Ms. Andrea Gailus
Secretary to the Corporation



Report of the Nominating Committee

This year the Nominating Committee consisted of Richard Douglas Sulkers, Jane Hope and Mark Halyk

Be it resolved that this Vestry accept the report of the Nominating Committee and record the election and appointment of the following members of the Cathedral Parish.

Biographies of parish lay leadership are available in a separate file.

TRUSTEES 2022-24 (* appointed)

Rector's Warden Kevin Smith*

People's Warden Jane Hope

Assoc Rector's Warden Michael Law*

Assoc People's Warden (Building Projects) John Ross

Elected Trustee Jane Osler

Elected Trustee Irene Pang

Officers

Secretary to the Corporation- Mark Halyk*

Treasurer Ian Birtwell (2022-24)

Secretary to the Cathedral Chapter Jane Hope (2022-24)

Lay Delegates to 2023 Diocesan Synod

Jane Hope

Michael Law

Irene Pang

Richard Douglas Sulkers

John Ross

Lay Alternate Delegates to 2023 Synod

Jane Osler

Kevin Smith

Mark Halyk



Sara Lehman
Matthew Nichiporuk

Parish Council (1 year term) New):

Barbara Brown
Shehnaz Hozaima Cavey
Ivy Clark
Sara Lehman
Liam Maclure
Matthew Nichiporuk
Penny Zhou

Parish Council (1 year term) Returning:

Jane Dittrich (Sorrento Centre Representative)
Anne Fletcher
Mark Halyk (PWRDF Representative)
Nicky Seppala (Coordinator of Lay Volunteer Ministries)
Richard Sulkers

Endowment Fund Administrators (2 year terms)

Matthew George (2025)
Harry Kim (2025)
Douglas Yee (2024)
Hope Sealy (2024)

Rector's Designee- Ted Chiasson
Trustees Appointment
Parish Council Appointment

Parish Representatives to Cathedral Chapter (2 year terms)

Ron Jobe (2024)
Sondra Marshall (2024)



Lay Administrators of Communion

In compliance with a diocesan regulation that the Annual Vestry Meeting approve names of all who are licensed to administer Holy Communion, the following people have agreed to let their names go forward.

Be it resolved that this Annual Vestry meeting of Christ Church Cathedral receive the names below and affirm them in their role as administrators of Holy Communion.

Hugh Alley
Jenny Birtwell
Ian Birtwell
Carol Cook
Anne Christian
Marian Carson
James Conklin
Alysha Creighton
Heather Davies
Hadini Ditmars
Adele Finney
Adam Hartsock
Mavis Holm
Andrea Gailus
Jane Hope
Jobe Ron
Sarah Lehman
Sarah Nation
Sondra Marshall
Mc Alpine, Richard
Liz MacCausland
Donna Marlatte
Jean Mickelson
David McMillan
Holly McMillan
Nura Mohammed
Jim Nesbitt
Mathew Nlchiporuk
Lorna Orr
Kely Bandayga

Bill Orr
Dana Osborne Jim Riva
John Ross
Jacki Ross
Susan Wade
Kate Walker
Peter Roulston
Dorothy Watts
Helen Williams
Donna Wong Juliani
Rejoice Anthony
Peter DeGroot
Mary Hamilton
Carol Mundt
Jane Osler
Murray Reinhardt
Frank Uy
Susan Russell
Florian Scheepens-
Burfiend
Megan Otton
Dana Osbourne
Claude St Denis
Marilyn Anderson
Pam Botting
Pamela Dalziel
Terry Love
Vincent Carey



In Memoriam

Mary Jane Carroll
Oriender Mbundu
Marjorie Lilian Kevlahan
Thelma Pauline (Ash) Harris
Laura Birtwhistle
Donelda Parker
Edward George Byrd
Linda Byrd
Patrick Tay
Rev. Richard Johns
Arthur Forrester
Anne Christine Dryvynside
Karl Edward Speegle Schmitt
Doreen Lumb
Sheila Mackenzie
Janet Wheeler
Margaret Third

May light perpetual shine upon them