



CCSAC NEWSLETTER

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Our Mission:

To unite Christians of all
denominations through joint
participation in social projects and
prayer.

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Open House for CCFC

The **Centretown Community Food Centre** hosted a successful Open House on June 15. Visitors enjoyed touring the centre and learning how the new system works.

The bright colours of the shelves and good lighting make the location a welcoming place for everyone, including workers and clients. Excellent signage provides useful information about hours and days of operation and the food most needed. One of the posters described the Food Centre's history and names of the member churches. There was also a display of the grocery bags that were provided by CCSAC. Refreshments were plentiful and delicious!



Community Service Hub Launch

On June 22 the City of Ottawa officially opened the Catherine Street Community Service Hub and the Centretown Community Food Centre at their 370 Catherine Street location. This special ceremony was opened by Councillor Ariel Troster. Kristine Burr, Chair of CCSAC, and some members of the Food Centre Management Committee were also in attendance.



Kristine spoke about CCSAC's history as an ecumenical group working to address poverty in the central part of the city and Allison Dingle, Chair of the Management Committee, elaborated on the new grocery model and noted the improved service and accessibility for staff, volunteers and clients. Congratulations were extended to the City of Ottawa on the launching of the community hub concept which allows clients to access several services in one location.

Everyone Is Welcome at “Trinity Connect”

Ottawa neighbourhood communities are changing. The residents are people of different ethnic origins, age, gender expression/identity or sexual orientation. Their needs may be different. Families with children involved in activities may find that the weekly morning service times don't fit with the family schedules. The need for church community is still there, but the services currently provided do not meet the needs of all people. Thus comes Trinity Connect. **Trinity Connect** is a new afternoon worshipping community of Trinity Anglican church at 1230 Bank Street. The need for Trinity Connect was identified by two clergy, Paul Mugarura and Mark Whittall and by Evelyn Mugarura. They wanted to make Sunday worship more accessible to people whose worshipping times and style may be different from the traditional structure.

The casual service begins at 4:00 pm with contemporary music, accompanied by piano, guitar and bass. Congregants attending this service feel free to sway and sing to the upbeat rhythm. Prayers, a lighter liturgy and sermon is interwoven with music.

Connect Band



Rev. Paul Mugarura

Doors open at 3:30. Greeters pass out the weekly bulletin and are always willing to answer any questions you may have. You might be early enough to listen to the music leaders practice before beginning the worship service. The music is chosen each week to compliment the theme of the sermon. Words for the music are written in the bulletin. After the sermon there is a time of reflection. A question is asked related to the sermon and you have the opportunity to discuss this question with those around you, or reflect silently in your pew.

You are encouraged to join us for coffee at the back of the church after service. It is a chance to get to know your neighbours.

Worship is led by Rev. Paul Mugarura, Evelyn Mugarura, Fabien Tougnat and Rev. Mark Whittall.

As followers of Jesus, we pray for the Spirit to guide us into new ways to do and be church in our wonderful multicultural city.