



Vestry Report

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Suggestions for Fruitful Vestry Discussion

- Begin by stating your name
- Address and speak to the Chair
- Speak in the first person
- Be respectful during discussions
- No applause
- Limit comments to three minutes
- Offer only new perspectives

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Church of the Holy Trinity, Guildwood Sunday, February 8, 2009

AGENDA

The order of business at the annual vestry meeting shall be as follows:

1. Incumbent takes the Chair (Canon 14, Sec. 12)
2. Opening prayers
3. Appointing Vestry Clerk (Canon 14, Sec. 12)
4. Reading, correcting, and confirming minutes of Vestry meeting of 2008
5. Rector's report upon condition, progress and needs of the parish
6. Presenting and adopting Churchwarden's financial report
7. Adopting budget for ensuing year – 2009 (Page 26)
8. Management Team report
9. Appointments and elections for 2009:
 - Churchwardens
 - Sidespersons
 - Lay Members of Synod
 - Envelope Committee and Secretary
 - Management Team
 - Auditors
 - Other Officers or Committees
10. Presenting reports of all parochial organizations
11. General Business
 - 11.1 Motion for government action on poverty (see Appendix 9.1, Page 23)
12. Adjournment

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, GUILDWOOD

Minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on Sunday, February 3, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The chairperson, Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard, called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. on Sunday, February 3, 2008. An attendance sheet was circulated for signatures, which indicated that there were fifty (50) voting members present.

2. OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Kirkegaard opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VESTRY CLERK

Rev. Kirkegaard appointed Isobel Wilton as Vestry Clerk.

4. MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING OF FEBRUARY 4, 2007

*Moved by Vivien Harris and seconded by Peggy Denman that the minutes of the Vestry Meeting of February 4, 2007 be accepted. **CARRIED***

5. INCUMBENT'S REPORT

A copy of Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard's message is attached.

6. REPORTS TO VESTRY FROM WARDENS AND AREA MANAGERS

WARDENS

Peter Price expressed his thanks for all the support of the church community during his term as Warden. Martin Laryea thanked Peter Price for his help during his term as Warden. Martin also said that it had been an extraordinary experience being a Church Warden.



PARISH NURSING

Luciene Bailey, one of the parish nurses, spoke on the practice of intinction, which is discouraged, and distributed pamphlets explaining the common cup and the act of intinction. This information will appear in the next issue of the Mustard Seed.

SPONSORSHIP

The special Vestry Meeting scheduled for March 30, 2008, has been postponed until May. Sharon Trivers read an email recently received from Moses' wife, Regina, (copy attached) telling of the very difficult situation in the camp. Stephen Kirkegaard will call John McKay, and Paul Wing has offered to speak to Michael Ignatieff to see if the process could be speeded up.

COMMUNICATIONS

Patricia Eastman reported that she had hoped to have a website up and running during 2007. Barrie Morgan has created a prototype of a website, which he demonstrated. Patricia suggested that a group be formed to review what Barrie has done, and to make further suggestions. Once the website is finalized, there will be a link on the Diocesan website.

7. APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS FOR 2008**APPOINTMENTS**

Rector's Warden	Peter Mathews
Envelope Secretary	David Calvin/Beverley Rhodes
Parish Treasurer	David Tangness/Janet Tangness – Bookkeeper

Moved by Peter Price and seconded by Peter Mathews that Peter Harris be appointed Church Auditor.

CARRIED**CONTINUING MANAGEMENT TEAM APPOINTMENTS FOR 2008**

Management Team Chair	Hank Rogers
Management Team Secretary	Isobel Wilton
Mustard Seed	Una Mawson/ Mary Beth Moffatt-Sinclair
Mustard Seed Distribution	Victor Gough
Communications	Patricia Eastman
Education and Nurture	Pat Murray
Outreach	Sharon Trivers/Millie Laking
Property	
Social	

ELECTIONS FOR 2008

Flo Schwerdtner was nominated for the position of Peoples' Warden.

Moved by Alf Parke that the nominations be closed.

CARRIED

As there were no further nominations, Flo Schwerdtner was deemed elected by acclamation.

LAY DELEGATES TO SYNOD

Ellen Anderson was nominated as Lay Delegate to Synod, and Robbie Rhodes was nominated as alternate.

Moved by Nancy Mills that the nominations be closed. **CARRIED**

As there were no further nominations, Ellen Anderson and Robbie Rhodes were deemed elected by acclamation.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT

Peter Harris was appointed Auditor last year, but could not carry on as the Diocese required Church Auditors to be licensed. This ruling has now been changed, and a Church Auditor can now be unlicensed and unpaid. Peter will present an audited report at the special Vestry in May.

Alf Parke suggested that the state of our finances should be communicated to the parishioners on a regular basis – perhaps in the Sunday bulletins. Alf and Barrie Morgan also suggested that a review of the rental contract for the church photostat machine be made, with a view to reducing the expense by making alternative arrangements.

9. PRESENTATION OF THE 2007 BUDGET

Copies of the Operating Fund Statement of Revenue and Expenses and the 2007 Balance Sheet are found on pages 19 and 20 of the Vestry Report. There was a surplus of \$15,000.00 last year. Outstanding bonds amounted to \$13,000.00 and some of the surplus was used to pay down the debt. The debt was completely retired on January 31, 2008. It was noted that to honour Jim and Rachael Boles for their dedication to music over the past years, a fund called **The Jim and Rachael Boles Choir Fund** has been established.

Moved by Hank Rogers and seconded by Patricia Eastman that this report, pending audit by Peter Harris, be accepted.

CARRIED

10. PRESENTATION OF THE 2008 BUDGET

Figures for the 2008 budget are found on page 19 of the Vestry Report. Tim Wiebe expressed a concern that the budget for 2008 showed a deficit of over \$2000.00. He submitted that, while for 2008 that deficit will be covered by the surplus in operations, the real requirement for revenue should be \$2000.00 more than what is shown. He suggested adjusting the revenue to show this in order to discipline us for future budgets. Peter Mathews and Peter Price responded that the existing budget allowed for an adjustment period particularly for those on fixed incomes. All agreed to keep the budget as is.

Peter Price suggested that a Stewardship Campaign be held this year.

Moved by Alf Parke and seconded by Peter Mathews that the 2008 budget be accepted.

CARRIED

11. OTHER BUSINESS

- Stephen Kirkegaard said that he will be holding a “Town Hall” meeting mid year, and that he will also be holding a workshop on “Christian Meditation” in the late spring.
- David and Janet Tangness were thanked for their work as Church Treasurer and Bookkeeper.
- The unapproved minutes will be included in the *Mustard Seed*.
- Beverley MacPhee and all who contributed food and assistance in the kitchen for the lunch held before the meeting were thanked.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alf Parke and seconded by Patricia Eastman that the meeting be adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Isobel Wilton

My Sisters and Brothers in Christ, Grace to you and peace from our Lord Jesus Christ.



As you gather for your annual vestry meeting, I join with the College of Bishops of Toronto to thank you for your faithful worship, work and witness to the Christian faith as members of the Anglican Church.

We continue to face uncertainty as the recession deepens, and hardships amongst the poor and unemployed increase. As Anglicans, we need to respond to the recession first as an act of faith in the incarnate God who calls us to love our neighbour as a practical witness to the love of God.

Thanks to your efforts, we are already extensively involved in meeting immediate needs of the poor. I commend you for innovative local outreach ministries, often in cooperation with others and for your continued and generous support of FaithWorks. However, with more than 1 million people in Ontario living in poverty, food banks and emergency services are not enough. Only government has the capacity to launch the large-scale programmes and policies needed to lift such numbers of people out of poverty, meet long-overdue social needs, and provide the stimulus to create jobs. In a public letter to the Premier of Ontario and the opposition leaders, I strongly urged our government to create a budget that does this. Now is the time to invest in affordable housing, child care, income supports and decent jobs, both to help the poor and to sustain our slowing economy.

The government seems willing, but we need to show that there is a substantial constituency that supports these basic principles. That is why I urge you to discuss and pass at your vestry meeting today a motion that commends the provincial government's promised poverty reduction plan and calls for swift and effective anti-poverty action in the government's 2009 budget.

A diocesan outreach priority is HIV/AIDS, both internationally and at home. We have given financial support for this work. Now how do we minister to persons living with the illness, welcome them fully as parishioners, and support those who care for them, in the name of Jesus Christ who showed particular compassion for those on the edges of society?

Both poverty reduction and HIV/AIDS are part of the Millennium Development Goals that nations around the world promised to enact as priorities. At the Lambeth Conference last summer, we met over 650 bishops plus spouses, and heard searing accounts of how these MDGs impact on the practical mission of the Church across the globe, and how faith in Jesus Christ makes a real difference in peoples' lives. This conference, hosted every ten years by the Archbishop of Canterbury, did not resolve all the difficult questions facing our Communion – it could never hope to do so – but it did affirm, in the strongest terms, the commitment of the vast majority of bishops to work at building our

relationships so that we can work with each other to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a hurting world.

During Lambeth, I hosted an invitational event for a number of bishops and spouses from Africa and Canada to build the connections that will strengthen not only our formal companion link with the Diocese of Grahamstown in South Africa, but also foster informal relationships at parish and area levels with others in the Communion.

We have a wonderful faith to live by and to share. In light of the economic conditions, we have delayed the implementation of, but not cancelled, the financial campaign we had planned. The opportunities and the need are still as great. We are committed to grow. Look for ways to deepen and share your faith. Listen for information about the Back to Church Sunday we are planning across the diocese in September.

I encourage you, both clergy and laity, to attend the third conference on Church Planting and Fresh Expressions of Church being held at St. Paul's, Bloor Street, Toronto, Feb. 17-19, 2009. In May, our Synod will focus on enabling the Church to respond to its call to be an effective agent of God's mission to God's world. We need your wisdom, commitment and prayers.

The Area Bishops and I commend you for your faithful work, week by week and year by year, in your parishes. We do not take this for granted and value all that you do. Do not lose heart. The vibrancy in many of our parishes in this diocese is a result of your commitment and willingness to give so much of yourselves for the sake of the Kingdom. May others catch the spirit of your enthusiasm and dedication, and join with you in the wonderful work that is done in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I wish each of you every blessing for the year of our Lord that lies before us.

Yours faithfully,

The Rt. Rev'd Colin R. Johnson
Bishop of Toronto

A Vestry 2009 Message from Bishop Patrick Yu Area Bishop of York-Scarborough



My dear colleagues,

Greetings for the New Year, may the God of all graces grant you and those you love a most blessed 2009.

As you know, my office is now at the Synod office. The commute is about 45 minutes which is more than what I was used to, but no more than the time most people take to go to work. My new phone number is 416-363-6021, extension 253, my e-mail is now patyu@toronto.anglican.ca. Even though my office is smaller, there are the familiar pictures and furnishings, including the table all of you have met me across, and there are actually many more meetings rooms available. Please do come in to see me, and I am also very willing to come to you.

We are still keeping our Area website from which you can download things like grant applications, and keep tabs on my comings and goings. However, instead of posting reflections on the web, I am writing you directly, maybe regularly. I look forward to visit your parish, and our annual visits when we can review our ministry together. In addition to those, I would like to offer your people two things in 2009.

When I was in retreat at the Convent before Christmas, I worked on an invitation from St. John's Norway and its neighbouring churches. They wanted me to give a Lenten workshop on prayer. I do not consider myself a man of deep prayer but then I thought, maybe I have a perspective as someone who is not very good at it but keeps trying. So I cook up this title:

Winter Spirit – A taste of prayer.

Novice chef Patrick Yu will present a taster's menu of ways to pray, with sampling, commentary and response. Bring a friend.

It would be from 9-1, I would stay to talk with those who would like to pursue the matter further.

It was meant to take part of a Saturday. Now I do not want to be doing this every Saturday, but I am open to invitations from other clusters of churches. The ideal event would be 30-50 people. It does not have to be in Lent, we just need to change the title to Spring spirit, Summer spirit etc. We can work on the publicity and the day together.

The other event is Back to Church Sunday. The Rev. Michael Harvey pioneered this in Manchester, England. He ignited our imagination with his presentation to Diocesan Council. Back to Church Sunday, now scheduled to be September 27, is a practical response to Bishop Johnson's challenge to grow by 2% each year in numbers. If you have read my article in the Anglican, you know that my heart is very much in this as

well. Michael's presentation can be seen on webcast <http://events.onlinebroadcasting.com/anglican/102308/index.php> you can also go to his own website www.backtochurch.co.uk.

There will be some publicity events from the Diocese, but local publicity, generating stories for local papers, for example, is also important. Creative minds are needed. My goal is that one third of the churches in this Area would participate in mobilizing our people to invite a friend to church. We will need to know before June to order material.

For those wanting to immerse in new ideas and proven practices of revitalizing church growth, do come to the third vital church planning conference in February 17-19. Check out the site at: <http://www.vitalchurchplanting.com>

You are in my prayers as you prepare for vestry, and I ask for your prayers for the coming year.

Epiphany blessings,

Your friend and bishop

+Patrick Yu
Suffragan Bishop, Diocese of Toronto
York-Scarborough Area

Wardens' Report

Two thousand and eight marked the beginning of a transition for Holy Trinity Guildwood.

We began the year as a very comfortable and somewhat prosperous parish. A new Incumbent had just been appointed to our parish and the previous year had ended with a surplus in our operating statement; however, it was nonetheless clear that continuing to operate status quo would not be sufficient for our parish to survive.

We recognized that our numbers were down both through attrition and a lack of new families joining the parish. Despite our best efforts over the last several years to raise our parish profile within the immediate community to attract new families, it was readily apparent that we had skipped an entire generation of newcomers to the parish and that we had a limited amount of time to rectify the shortfall.

Throughout 2008, our parish strengthened and solidified itself as if to be ready to take the next step:

- The generosity of our parish family resulted in a record level of givings, exceeding budget by almost \$10,000
- Holy Trinity received recognition in both *The Anglican* and the community newspaper for our support of the "Bridge" ministry through the donation of fully equipped kit bags
- Christian Meditation drew over 50 people from the community, other churches as well as Holy Trinity and our waiting list for the next session continues to grow
- We embarked on a further fundraising campaign to support the "Bridge" with the sale of wind chimes and bird houses
- Cutting edge Christian Education programs, such as "Saving Jesus", have steadily increased in popularity and now draw on members of other parishes
- Parish nursing initiatives continue to raise Holy Trinity's profile within the community and across the diocese
- Attendance and support of our social events grew from approximately 60 people in April to over 80 in December
- We invested in an advertising program highlighting our Christmas services with a postcard delivered to over 3,000 households within Guildwood
- Our numbers over the Christmas period had a slight up turn versus previous years despite less than favourable weather

We will continue the transition with even greater intensity in 2009.

- In 2009, we will begin a process of Natural Church Development or "NCD". Briefly, NCD is designed to indicate opportunities where our parish needs to focus its attention in order to achieve organic growth. This program will be introduced to the

parish in March with the intent to planning our next steps by the end of June for launch in September.

- In 2009, we will publicize and celebrate the arrival of the Duku family and launch a fundraising campaign in support of them, targeting the community and other parishes in addition to our own parishioners
- In 2009, we will continue to invest in cutting edge Christian Education programs
- In 2009, we will continue to raise our parish profile within the community with further advertising of our Easter week services
- In first quarter 2009, we will make a further donation to the “Bridge” from the sale of wind chimes and birdhouses in fall 2008
- In 2009, we will continue to invest in Parish Nursing initiatives and publicize their success with the local community
- In 2009, we will add emphasize to our Welcome Ministry as a key element of our retention strategy
- In 2009, we will continue with our social events as a means of introducing friends to the Parish

It goes without saying, that none of the above would be possible without the support and energy of our management team, our financial team of Janet and David Tangness, and our parishioners. We are grateful for all who have given their support throughout 2008 and we look to extending your ministries further in 2009.

Special notes of thanks to Don Sinclair who is stepping down as head of our sidespeople and to Colin MacPhee who in addition to contributing many hours of research and construction while leading the birdhouse initiative, is also a ready consultant on property issues – our heartfelt thanks to both of you.

Two thousand and nine will present us with both opportunities and challenges – it will be up to us how we receive them and respond. Let us pray that with God’s help and guidance, and the investment that we have made in our parish life in 2008, we will rise to these challenges and exploit these opportunities, extending each of our ministries in Christ’s name – Amen.

Peter Mathews

Flo Schwerdtner

Linda Epping

Reports to Vestry

Management Team

The Management Team meets monthly except during the summer. In addition to the Wardens and Incumbent, it is made up of several team leaders, i.e., those responsible for a variety of activities in the parish. The meetings provide an opportunity to discuss ideas, plans, and problems with a broad cross-section of the congregation. Meetings are open to all members of the parish; minutes are posted on the bulletin board after they have been approved; and important items are mentioned in the Sunday leaflet.

Hank Rogers
Management Team Chair

After Church Coffee Hour

The team continues to host the coffee hour after the 10:30 service. This informal time gives us the opportunity to mingle socially and adds to the cohesiveness of the parish. I have also noticed several impromptu meetings taking place.

We are committed to the support of the Fair Trade Movement in our coffee purchases as we feel the church should take a leadership role in the encouragement of fair compensation for the coffee workers of the world.

Two of our faithful team are stepping down this year. Thank you very much for your hard work, Una Mawson and Noreen McMillan.

At the time of writing I am actively attempting to recruit at least two new members. I would ask you to give prayerful consideration to taking part in this ministry.

Beverley Byrne MacPhee
Convenor

Altar Guild

The ladies of the altar Guild have worked diligently throughout the year, cleaning and decorating the sanctuary, in order to assist with services and add beauty to our place of worship.

For the past five years I have been honoured to serve as head of the Altar Guild. Daphne Hamill and Karen Price have graciously agreed to take on this ministry as I take on a new challenge.

Linda Epping

Altar Guild
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
for the Year Ended December 31, 2008

Receipts

Donations for Memorial, Christmas & Easter flowers	\$2,740.00
Donations for Memorial Items	500.00

Total Receipts **\$3,240.00**

Disbursements

Flowers	\$2,305.90
Supplies	94.83
Service Charges and Cheques	81.34

Total Disbursements **\$2,482.07**

Excess of Receipts over Disbursements **757.93**

Opening Cash Balance **678.08**

Closing Cash Balance **\$1,436.01**

Isobel Wilton
Treasurer

Church School and Youth Group

Church School

Given the lack of children in the parish, Church School is being conducted on an as needed basis. Every week there is also a package of colouring and other activities available for children attending services.

Youth

Due to the lack of a leader, the youth have not embarked on any coordinated activities other than their usual enthusiastic support of the Pancake Supper in 2008. Thanks to all of the Youth who volunteered for this annual event. Holy Trinity still has a good sized group of young people in the 13-21 age group. While increasingly, these young people are in university or college, some away from home, their connections to the parish are still there. Anyone interested in working with this group or pulling together one-time activities for the young people should speak to Patricia Eastman.

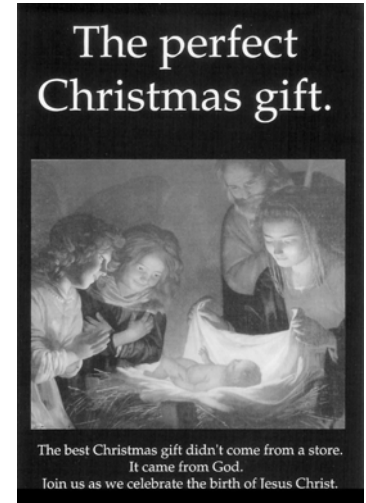
Patricia Eastman

Communications

External Communications

In 2008 the following events were published outside the parish:

- Parish Nurses' Seminar on Hearing Health
- Easter services – *Scarborough Mirror, Guildwood News & Views*
- Meditation workshop – *Scarborough Mirror, Guildwood News & Views, The Anglican, the Deanery*, other local Churches (half of attendees were non-parishioners)
- Parish Nursing Seminar on Addiction – *Scarborough Mirror*
- Parish Nurses' Lay Visitors Workshop – Diocesan website, *Scarborough Mirror*
- Bazaar – *Guildwood News & Views, Bluffs Monitor, Scarborough Mirror*, Diocesan website; signs at two stores and library in Guildwood Plaza
- Birdhouses Outreach Project – *Guildwood News & Views*
- Saving Jesus – *The Anglican*, poster at Guildwood Plaza
- Festival of Lessons and Carols and Christmas services – 3300 direct mail postcards delivered to homes in the Guildwood area; advertisement in *Bluffs Monitor*, listing in *Bluffs Monitor, Guildwood News & Views* (not using the ChurchAd)



Internal Communications

In 2008, communication about the following events was made with parishioners

- All of the items above were also part of weekly church bulletins and were publicized through the *Mustard Seed*
- Parish Nurses' Seminar on Hearing Health – email to parishioners
- Pancake Supper – email to parishioners
- Women's and Men's Breakfasts – email and phone calls to parishioners
- Meditation workshop – email to parishioners
- Spring clean up – email to parishioners
- Parish Nursing Seminar on Addiction – email to parishioners
- Holy Week services and Easter champagne breakfast – email and phone call to parishioners
- Don Downer and Adrienne Perry visit to Holy Trinity – email and phone call to parishioners
- Email regarding two funerals for parishioner/former parishioner
- Produce donations for Harvest Thanksgiving – email to parishioners
- Multicultural potluck lunch – email to parishioners
- Bazaar – email to parishioners
- Saving Jesus – email to parishioners
- Christmas lunch – email to parishioners
- Festival of Lessons and Carols – email to parishioners
- Christmas Services – email to parishioners

Mustard Seed

Editors, Mary Beth Moffatt-Sinclair and Una Mawson have pulled together another year of terrific *Mustard Seed* newsletters. The new format of the *Mustard Seed*, capably put together by Judy Baribeau, is very professional and those from a variety of churches who attended a welcoming ministry workshop were extremely impressed with our newsletter. The *Mustard Seed* is always full of interesting items, keeping us up to date with the people, past and upcoming events and spiritual food. Use of volunteer deliverers, picking up their neighbours' issues, with Victor Gough delivering many of the "leftovers" helped keep mailing costs down.

Website

Many thanks to Barrie Morgan for faithfully adding material to the Holy Trinity Guildwood website. The website serves members of the parish by providing us with a place to look for information when we have discarded bulletins and allows us to share photographs of our many events. However, the website is also a useful way for us to reach out to others who are looking for information about our parish or to those who are looking for a church. Former parishioners visit to see what we are up to. Increasingly people turn to the web for a preview of things they are interested in, whether it be a play at a theatre, retail purchase or even a church. It is crucial that we continue to support and develop our online presence. We are adding the website address to all publicity we submit to external communication vehicles so that interested individuals can find out more about us. As you talk to friends, acquaintances and newcomers, be sure to remember to tell them about the website.

Sign

Thanks to Flo Schwerdtner for adding Holy Trinity events to our lawn sign. This is another tool we have to get the word out to our local community about our services and other events.

New and Future Initiatives

This year we made use of some new communications tools. The following advertisements were purchased:

- Meditation workshop – text ad for *Bluffs Monitor* - \$39.04
- Saving Jesus workshops – ad for *Bluffs Monitor* - \$106.34
- Saving Jesus workshops – ad for *The Anglican* - \$279.80
- Christmas/Carol services – (ChurchAd picture and information) – *Bluffs Monitor* - \$273.16

The major communications effort this year took the form of a direct ad mailing of postcards to houses and apartments in the Guildwood neighbourhood. Costs for this initiative included

- Church Ad image – used in *Mustard Seed*, *Bluffs Monitor* and postcard - \$63.40
- Church Ad postcards and printing with Holy Trinity services – \$1066.93

- Canada Post – cost of direct ad mailing - \$307.92 (this does not include \$104.35 that was donated to extend delivery to some areas)

Additional costs reflected in the Communications area for 2008 include *Mustard Seed* paper expenses. The *Mustard Seed* is now being reproduced using the church's photocopier.

In 2009, in keeping with Holy Trinity's commitment to growth and to reaching out to the community to increase awareness of the activities and opportunities available through the parish, we expect to spend a comparable amount of money on communications. We will continue to seek out, and make use of, free and low cost means of alerting people to events but know that, to distinguish our parish from others, paid advertising is valuable outreach. Attendance at meditation and Saving Jesus workshops as well as comments made by visitors attending the Festival of Lessons and Carols, indicate that the advertising we purchased was successful at reaching some people.

Our parishioners are our best communication tools. When you talk about the parish to friends, neighbours and newcomers to our community, you are advertising. Your enthusiasm about what we are doing at Holy Trinity is key to the sustainability and growth of the parish.

Careful stewardship of the funds allocated to the Communications area will allow us to build on the work all of us are doing to share the good news of the work and community that make Holy Trinity great. We hope we have your support for our continued efforts in this area.

Respectfully submitted by
Patricia Eastman

Education and Nurture 2008

The church school was hit hard when one family moved away leaving an echoing void downstairs. Patricia Eastman arranged for an online curriculum called "Whole People of God" that can easily be sent to volunteers. With enough volunteers who have been through the mandatory police check, the church school could be resurrected in short order.

The members of the former Youth Group have mostly grown up and left the area to pursue post secondary education. A few were around for the annual pancake supper. It is always wonderful to see them and hear how they are progressing.

There was an excellent turnout for Stephen's first Lenten Bible Study at Holy Trinity in February. We studied an interesting book entitled *Leaving Church* by Barbara Brown

Taylor. She described finding God as a child, finding her way into ministry and ultimately finding her way out to another calling.

April 27 was a slow Sunday at Holy Trinity with several female parishioners attending the AWARE Conference in Orillia. Newly appointed Bishop Linda Nichols was the guest speaker. A favourite visitor to the Holy Trinity Hospitality room, Bishop Nichols amused us with her worries over the upcoming Lambeth Conference. What kind of hat should a female bishop wear? I'm sure Linda handled the event with ease.

A series on Christian Meditation led by Stephen in May attracted another large turnout of parishioners and local residents. The group continues to meet monthly.

Two thousand and eight ended in December with the beginning of a controversial series called "Saving Jesus". Hank Rogers was instrumental in organizing the study consisting of twelve sessions delving into the history of Jesus' lifetime. Barbara Walker, Stephen and myself assisted Hank with discussions groups. Again, this event was well attended by our own members, two clergy from neighbouring parishes and other denominations as well.

Blessings,
Patricia Murray

FaithWorks Committee Report to Vestry

The Bridge, a program funded by the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, Faith Works program, helps prisoners and former prisoners of all faiths in the Ontario corrections system. When Garry Glowacki came to Holy Trinity for FaithWorks Sunday in spring 2007 we undertook a project to fill duffle bags to help recently released prisoners as they reintegrate into society. All the bags were filled and picked up spring 2008 for distribution.

Our own Bob Harper made and donated 40 duffle bags to be given to the men as they leave prison, while his wife, Susan, and her coffee group donated hats, gloves and toothpaste.

We have been given a case of toothpaste by local dentists, Drs. Rick and David Walker (Barbara's sons).

Gently used work boots and steel toed running shoes, collected by Tera Kimberley of Ontario Power Generation in Pickering, and 60 pairs of brand new work boots and lots of new work socks were donated by Jeremy Brown of Marks Work Wearhouse. Wal-Mart donated \$50 towards the cost of alarm clock radios.



With monies from our Holy Trinity FaithWorks and Outreach budget, we purchased 40 sets of bath sheets, hand towels and face cloths from Doug Carroll of Ward's Draperies, Linens and Gifts in Oshawa at a considerable discount. Socks, combs, toiletries and laundry detergent were also purchased with donated funds.

Thank you for supporting this project so generously with donations of toothbrushes, shampoo, deodorant, razors and shaving cream.

A second successful fundraiser for The Bridge was the selling of homemade birdhouses and wind chimes which were available just in time for Christmas.

Respectfully submitted,
Peter Harris, Barbara Walker, Sharon Trivers, FaithWorks Committee

Music Ministry in 2008

I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead the music ministry in resourceful Holy Trinity. The choir has been extremely receptive, adjustable and responsive in facilitating our mission forward.

We are embarking some changes into new vision from our incumbent Stephen Kirkegaard, aiming to fulfill the church's mission of serving our contemporary community more effectively without losing our rich Anglican tradition. We may encounter some unfamiliarity during our transition period while your accommodation and cooperation are much appreciated.

We are grateful to have Jim and Rachael Boles helping to celebrate Stephen's induction service in January and Ashley Tidy filled in as the supply organist until May. Thank you for all the soloists who helped in singing the Psalms during the summer months of June, July and August. The Alto Trio and augmenters have certainly enriched our Christmas services while our traditional carol service was the apex of our choir's achievement and was very well received. A heartfelt thank you for all your dedication and excellent work. Your talents and gifts are well treasured.

I look forward to have another rewarding year with you all, especially during the coming Easter season.

We will have a blend of contemporary anthems with responsories from Healey Willan's *Tenebrae* during Holy Week. Your attendance and participation are most valued. Remember the door of the choir is always open – give your voice a chance to shine.

Peggy Wong
Organist and Choir Director

Outreach Report to Vestry

With your generous donations we were able to provide food for Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas to families living in our community.

Donations of furniture, clothes and household items have been provided to The Caring Alliance to help support families as they move out of the motels along Kingston Road and the shelter system including Family Residence on Kingston Road to improve their lives.

In October a food shelf was established to help people who drop in to the church in need of food. There are now 60 cans of food available for Stephen to hand out. Funds have been made available to replenish the shelf on an ongoing basis.

Thank you for your continued support of our local activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Laking, Sharon Trivers
Outreach Committee

Parish Nurse Ministry

The Parish Nurse Ministry has continued to be active as we try to achieve our mandate of continuing Christ's healing ministry and increasing our awareness of the links between physical, mental and spiritual health.

1. Physical Health

Physical health needs have been addressed through:

- Educational events
 - Seminars on hearing health; core issues relating to addiction.
 - Discussion groups on Parkinson's disease, coping with bereavement, the use and misuse of vitamins, senior issues.
- Home, Hospital, Nursing Home visits and Coffee Hour contacts – to discuss personal health issues.
- Blood Pressure Clinics and CPR course.
- Community events – Guildwood Day involvement to increase our profile and to provide blood pressure screening.
- Exercise Challenge – “Walk to Bethlehem”. This project, suggested by Elaine Zdunich, combined increased physical activity and increased spiritual awareness in



preparation for Advent and Christmas. Forty-two (42) individuals participated, including young people and seniors like David Calvin. Individuals recorded distances walked, or allocated for other types of exercise. The numbers were recorded on a Master Sheet and totaled weekly. We finally covered the distance of 12,710.93 kilometres from Guildwood to Bethlehem and “arrived” to join the Wise Men as they presented their gifts to the infant Jesus. It was a great effort by everyone and we may repeat it again but travel by a different route. Let us know if you would be interested.

2. Mental Health Needs

Mental health need have also been addressed through:

- Social events – such as the weekly Coffee Drop-In, Pot Luck Lunches and Christmas delivery of plants or cookies to “shut-in” members of the congregation.

3. Spiritual Needs

Spiritual needs are addressed through:

- Home, Hospital and Nursing Home visits.
- Home Communions.
- Lay Anointing – Vivien and Barbara Walker attended a training weekend for this in September and subsequently were granted licenses by Bishop Yu to become Lay Anointers at Holy Trinity. They join Luciene Bailey and Pat Every, who were licensed a couple of years ago.
- Lay Pastoral Training Course – The Parish Nurse Ministry organized a six week course to train individuals to be pastoral visitors. The course was led by the Diocesan Trainer, Shelley Tidy. Nine members attended from Holy Trinity plus eight people from other churches. Individual Holy Trinity participants will link with one “shut in” member of our congregation and visit on a regular basis.
- Prayer Shawls – continue to be knitted by Sharon Trivers and assembled by Peggy Denman and Vivien. Completed shawls are blessed during a Healing Service and taken to ill parishioners and friends who are in need.

4. Activity Summary

As Registered Nurses, Vivien and Luciene have to keep records of our activities. So, for those of you who like numbers, here they are.

In the past year (2008), statistics are as follows:

- Number of home visits..... 41
- Hospital and Nursing Home visits36
- Individual contacts at coffee hour, etc.200
- Phone calls re health needs135
- Total attendance and seminars and discussion groups.....439
- Total attendance at Coffee Drop-In sessions440

5. Future Plans

- To continue this ministry at Holy Trinity.
- To develop our links with health care providers.
- To explore the possibility of purchasing a Defibrillator for Holy Trinity. The cost would be \$2,200 and we would have to fund raise specifically for this, possibly in the Fall. Let us know if you think we should have this equipment at Holy Trinity.

6. Conclusion

Please accept our thanks for your continued support and prayers. We look forward to developing new activities to promote holistic health for our congregation and to reach out to the wider Guildwood Community.

Yours in Christ,

Vivien Harris, Luciene Bailey

and Members of the Parish Nurse Support Group:

Pat Every, The Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard, Una Mawson, Flo Schwerdtner and
Barbara Walker

Sponsorship Committee Report to Vestry

The past year has seen continued efforts by the Sponsorship Committee to reunite Moses Duku's family meet with some success. During the year a number of significant events took place.

Thirty members of the congregation met on Sunday, September 14. The purpose of the meeting was twofold: first to give an update on the current status of the sponsorship application and second to address any concerns and queries.

Peter Harris and Beverley Rhodes presented a new one-year budget. Ian McBride from the Anglican United Refugee Alliance informed the meeting that once the family arrives they would have health and basic dental coverage. A question was raised as to how the finances would be distributed and who would handle the money. Peter responded by explaining the importance of the system that would be put in place which would involve the Wardens. In answer to a question about the financing of the second year of the budget which was requested by Nairobi a few years ago, Robbie Rhodes suggested a fund-raising event would be one way to help cover costs.

The High Commission in Nairobi requested six new medicals for the family and these were completed in October. On November 25, 2008, Emmanuel and Raphael had appointments at the International Organization for Migration to hand in their ration cards and be fingerprinted.

They left Kakuma Refugee Camp on December 2 and arrived in Nairobi on December 4. On December 8, Emmanuel and Raphael flew from Nairobi to Brussels and then on to Toronto.

They arrived at Pearson Airport on December 9 and were met with enthusiasm by Moses, Stephen, Barrie, Peggy, Paul, Joe, Emily and Sharon.



They have settled in well and are living with Moses for the time being. They have completed their school assessments. As of the middle of January, Emmanuel is attending Highbrook School in a full day adult English as a Second Language class. Raphael began in a Grade 9 program at West Hill Collegiate on January 13, 2009. A second apartment has been rented for February 2009 in anticipation of Regina, Roba, Joseph and Santino arriving very soon.

As requested at the 2007 Vestry meeting:

Disbursements from Special Outreach Fund:

2006	February	\$2,869	Moses' car insurance
	August	\$3,000	Gregory Lyndon legal fees
2007	January	\$1,895	Orchid Helix Laboratory, New Westminster, British Columbia DNA tests for Moses, Emmanuel, Joseph, Santino and Raphael to prove to Nairobi High Commission that they are biologically half brothers
	June	\$245	Orchid Helix Laboratory, New Westminster, British Columbia DNA tests for Roba and Moses to prove to Nairobi High Commission that they are biologically father and daughter
2008			No disbursements from the Special Outreach Fund

Respectfully submitted,
Glenis Emmett, Moses Duku, Sharon Trivers, Peter Harris, Robbie Rhodes,
Rev. Stephen Kirkegaard
Sponsorship Committee
February 2009

Welcome Ministry

First, thank you to Sharon Trivers who led the Welcome Ministry for several years. At a meeting in December I agreed to succeed Sharon as Co-ordinator.

My first project was creation of a "Welcome Brochure". This is given to identified newcomers when they arrive. It welcomes them to Holy Trinity and provides some basic information about the parish, contact names and numbers, etc. In addition, there is a tear-off Newcomer Information form which people can complete so that we have their contact information and it includes check-off boxes for an appointment with the priest, addition to the church mailing list, request for a visit from a lay person or the Parish Nurse or for more information about the parish. Several of these were handed to newcomers and visitors (except those who accompanied known parishioners) who attended Christmas services.

A schedule for Welcome Ministry member duty Sundays for January to March (10:30 a.m. service) has been posted. I have recruited a couple more people for the 10:30 a.m. service so that no one will have more than one duty Sunday each month. In addition, some people who usually attend the 8:00 a.m. service have agreed to form a team so that we now have coverage for that service as well.

New nametags have been made up for all current Welcome Ministry members, Sidespeople and the Parish Nurses since all of these people play an important part in the welcoming of newcomers. All of these nametags have either a gold or a blue cord which will identify them as people newcomers might speak to for information. With permission from the wardens to make a couple of holes in the wall, Mary Beth is working on providing hooks in the narthex so that there will be orderly storage of these nametags rather than the tangled mess that currently exists on the end of one of the coat rails. Thank you to Mary Beth for co-ordinating this and to Gerard Baribeau for his assistance with the project.

As a group, the Welcome Ministry members will need to decide on a communication/record-keeping method so that we keep in touch with people and help them to integrate into the parish. We shall also be looking at what other information brochures might be useful and other ways in which to make new people feel comfortable and welcome.

Thank you to all those who have been a part of the Welcome Ministry over the past year and to those who have agreed to join the group for the future. Of course, I hope it goes without saying that all of us need to watch for new people and try to make them feel comfortable when they come. Welcome Ministry people and sidespeople will be the first to greet newcomers in most cases, but they cannot succeed without the backing of others. A visiting priest once told us that our welcome and friendliness as a parish was "legendary". Let's try to maintain that image.

Una Mawson
Co-ordinator, Welcome Ministry

Appendix 12.1

Bishop asks vestries for support

Motion calls for government action on poverty

Bishop Colin Johnson is asking parishes to pass a motion at their 2009 vestry meetings that endorses the provincial government's promised Poverty Reduction Plan and calls for steps to fight poverty in the government's spring budget.

The motion says:

“The vestry of (name of parish) commends the Government of Ontario for its commitment to a Poverty Reduction Plan for Ontario, and urges that the government's 2009 budget contain specific anti-poverty measures so that substantial progress is made toward poverty reduction and in alleviating hardship among the poor during 2009.”

Gov't plan offers hope for poor

The Ontario government's new Poverty Reduction Strategy has won widespread praise for its ambitious pledge to lift 90,000 children out of poverty within the next five years. For the first time in the province's history, a specific antipoverty target has been set, along with definitions of poverty and methods of holding the government accountable.

By offering new hope to people whose life prospects may have seemed hopeless, the government won support from a range of antipoverty advocates, including Anglicans.

“This is an auspicious day,” Pat Capponi, who has lived in poverty, told a Queen's Park conference on Dec. 4, the day the plan was released. “Poor people don't want to stay poor. We're no longer seen as criminals, but people with strengths seeking a way out of poverty.”

The following specific measures reflect the government's commitment:

- An increase in the Ontario Child Benefit from \$1,100 to \$1,310 per child annually by 2012, benefiting 1.3 million children in low-income families.
- Provision of \$10-million to enforce employment standards, thus helping to ensure that workers are treated fairly by employers.
- Rule changes that help people move from social assistance to work, such as exempting the earnings of social assistance recipients in post-secondary education from benefit reductions.

Action against poverty is urgently needed as Ontario's economy weakens, say anti-poverty advocates. The number of people forced to rely on foodbanks is rising steadily and is forecast to hit 350,000 in 2009. Anglicans doing frontline work with the poor are keenly aware of deepening hardships.

Murray MacAdam, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant, says the government deserves praise for making a badly needed commitment to help "the least of these" amongst us. "Other countries and other provinces have taken steps to attack the root causes of poverty in a systemic way, and it's wonderful that Ontario has now joined them. The government has listened to Anglicans and others who've pushed for a stronger response to poverty. But we still need to keep up our voices to ensure that these lofty goals are achieved."

Anglicans at their 2009 vestry meetings are being asked to pass a motion commending the government for its poverty reduction plan and calling for anti-poverty measures in the 2009 budget.

"That's why we need to work together through such organizations as the 25 in 5 Network for Poverty Reduction," he said.

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