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of St Andrew  
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# Inside•Out

September/October/November 2015

## Looking Ahead Letter from our Interim Moderator

Dear Friends:

This letter is a brief update on our work toward seeking a new lead minister. We have been working on three goals, which we hope to complete by the end of September. The first goal is to find a suitable person to work as stated supply to work alongside The Rev. Diviney in meeting the many demands of ministry at St. Andrew and St. Paul. Several potential candidates have been approached and we are in conversation with them. A small transition team has been established to aid in the process. When a suitable candidate is agreed upon by Session it will then be forwarded to the Presbytery for approval. We will keep the congregation updated on our progress toward this goal.

A second task is the establishment of a search committee. This too is underway. A letter has been sent to all members of the congregation asking them to nominate up to eight people from the congregation (non-elders) to sit on the search committee. This will be matched by eight elders, making a total of sixteen on the search committee. We hope to establish a committee that will reflect the diversity of the congregation. The plan is to have the search committee established by the end of September so that it can begin its work in earnest in October.

The third goal is advertising the position. Ads will begin in the Presbyterian Record and in the Presbyterians Today (PCUSA) magazine in September. This will give us exposure to ministers within



Coffee and Conversation in the Quiet Garden, August 2015

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our own denomination and within the Presbyterian Church, USA.

Those are all the actions from a human point of view. But of course, the church is not only a human institution. It is also a holy institution, created by the Spirit of God. The understanding of call in the Scripture is not the same understanding as employment in our culture. In Scripture the sense of call is linked to the community praying to God, seeking God to come to their aid so that they might be faithful in completing the mission of God. The sense of 'call' is the 'calling out' of the people to ask God for help. In response to the people's prayers, God 'sends' one to minister among the people. This understanding of 'call' is founded in our faith that God cares for us, God knows our needs and God seeks to meet those needs thus enabling us to be faithful followers of Christ in the world. So once again, I encourage you to lift these matters to God in prayer, to 'call out' so that we will indeed have one 'sent' into our midst "to equip the saints for ministry."

If you have questions or concerns about the search process please feel free to contact me at 514-288-5256 ext 201. Matters relating to the congregation should be addressed to The Rev. Diviney.

Sincerely,  
D.Woods  
Interim Moderator

# Fall Fair 2015

Come one, come all

As the last weeks of summer vacation speed by and cool winds signal the start of autumn, thoughts of school, fall cleaning, harvest and fairs enter our minds. This year, The Guild of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul celebrates its 81st Annual Fall Fair on Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Admission is free, however, a donation of a non-perishable food item would be appreciated. Entrance is via 3419 Redpath Street.

Featured items for sale include Antiques and Treasures, Asian Delights, China, Glassware, Jewellery, Linens, Baked Goods/Preserves, Books, Childrens' Items, Christmas Surprises and much more! A luncheon (\$10 per person), will be served in three seatings: 11:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 13:00 p.m.; tickets for the luncheon may be purchased prior to dining.

The Fall Fair Wine and Cheese, to be held Thursday, November 5 from 5 until 7 p.m., is a fun social event, an important fundraiser and a preview of the Fall Fair. Please bring a friend and reserve a ticket (\$20 per person) by contacting Mrs. Susan Stevenson, at 514-933-2934. Entrance to the event is at 3415 Redpath Street.

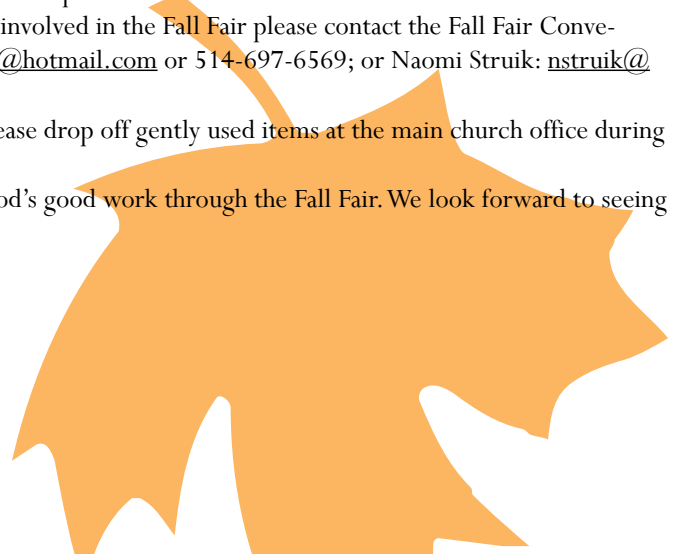
The Fall Fair is not only the church's largest yearly fundraiser, but also provides opportunities for community "inreach and outreach" with an extraordinary group of volunteers whose hard work is a blessing to all. Fall Fair proceeds are donated to local charities.

If you would like to become involved in the Fall Fair please contact the Fall Fair Convenors: Heather Luckow: [e56hnw@hotmail.com](mailto:e56hnw@hotmail.com) or 514-697-6569; or Naomi Struik: [nstruik@hotmail.com](mailto:nstruik@hotmail.com) or 514-223-1632.

To donate to the Fall Fair, please drop off gently used items at the main church office during operating hours.

Thank you for supporting God's good work through the Fall Fair. We look forward to seeing you on November 5 and 7!

Sincerely,  
Naomi Struik and Heather Luckow  
Fall Fair Convenors



October 4 is the first  
Communion Service of  
the new season, World  
Communion Sunday.



Business is brisk at the Trifles and Treasures. PHOTO: MARTIN OLDENGARM

## 2015 FALL FAIR TABLE CONVENORS AND SUPPORTERS

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# Music at A&P

Looking forward with new members!



**W**e are delighted to welcome two new members to the music staff this fall. Our new Conductor, Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée

(replacing Jordan de Souza), joined us as of August 1, and our newly-appointed Organ Scholar Nicholas Walters (replacing Duncan McDonald) joined us September 1.

A native of Quebec City, Dr. Vallée holds degrees from l'Université Laval, l'Université de Sherbrooke, the University of California, Santa Cruz, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and has studied under Chester Alwes, Eduardo Diazmunoz, Iwan Edwards, Agnes Grossman, Chantal Masson-Bourque, Nicole Paiement, Raphael Ponté, Miroslav Papsavov, Donald Schleicher, Fred Stoltzfus, and Jon Washburn. In addition to

his duties at St. Andrew and St. Paul, he is also the newly-appointed Director of Choral Studies at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University in Montreal, and comes from academic positions at California State University, Los Angeles and the University of Redlands. For more information, visit [www.jsvallee.com](http://www.jsvallee.com).

Incoming Organ Scholar and Music Librarian **Nicholas Walters** comes to us with a varied background in music and the sciences. He holds a BA with a music major (voice) from Queen's University, as well as a science degree. He has most recently worked as a chemist at AECL Canada, and is now pursuing graduate studies in organ at McGill University's Schulich School of Music.

This past summer's *Organ Intermezzi* series was another great success. Artists from Canada, Belgium and the Netherlands filled our sanctuary with beautiful music, and average attendance was circa 80 visitors

per concert. We were especially honoured by the presence of New York-based composer **Derek Healey**, who attended the Canadian premiere performance of his chorale fantasia on "*Salvation, O the Joyful Sound*" at the series' final concert, on August 28. Many of next year's artists are already booked (from Canada, Germany, France, the Netherlands and the USA), and we've had requests to play on the 2017 and 2018 series as well.

This coming season's **major choral services and concerts** include the following: Choral Celebration Sunday, featuring William Walton's *The Twelve* - Sun., Oct. 25 at 11:00 a.m.; the annual Benefit Concert for La Maison du Parc, with musicians of the OSM Players' Association - Sun., Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.; the CBC Christmas Sing-In - Sun., Dec. 13 at 3:00 p.m.; Carols by Candlelight - Sun., Dec. 20 at 7:00 p.m.; another Choral Celebration on Sun., Feb. 21, 2016 and the Good Friday Choral Service, featuring Bach's *St. John Passion*, together with l'Ensemble Caprice - Fri., Mar. 25, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Soli Deo gloria!

*Jonathan Oldengarm,  
Director of Music*



Jean-Sebastien in action! Welcome Dr. Vallee!

# Organ & Choral Music Fall 2015



## September 13

Hymns: 83 (LOBE DEN HERRN); METRICAL PSALM 55 (ST. PAUL); 429 (HIGHWOOD); 104 (MICHAEL)  
Prelude: Sonata V, BWV 529 (Bach)

Introit: Jubilate Deo in C (Britten)

Anthem: Psalm 148 (Holst)

Postlude: Finale, from Symphonie I (Vierne)

## September 20

Hymns: 90 (ABBOT'S LEIGH); METRICAL PSALM 8 (ST. ANDREW); 474 (LÜBECK); 362 (SLANE)

Prelude: Canzona in G flat, op. 46 II B (Karg-Elert)

Introit: Os Justi (Bruckner)

Anthem: Jauchzet dem Herrn (Schütz)

Postlude: Toccata in F, BuxWV 156 (Buxtehude)

## September 27

Hymns: 92 (SOLMENIS HAEC FESTIVITAS); METRICAL PSALM 31 (EVAN); 101 (DUNFERMLINE); 304 (WESTMINSTER ABBEY)

Prelude: Prélude, Fugue et Variation, op. 18 (Franck)

Introit: Justorum animae (Stanford)

Anthem: From the ends of the earth (Hovhaness)

Postlude: Fanfare (Cook)

## October 4

Hymns: 382 (MOSCOW); 374 (ST. OSWALD); COMMUNION HYMN 178 (ROCKINGHAM); 306 (THORNBURY)

Prelude: Preludes on Latino Hymns (Healey)

Setting: Missa à la samba (Peloquin)

Anthem: Salmo 150 (Aguilar)

Motets: Ubi Caritas (Mealor) & Pilgrims' Hymn (Paulus)

Postlude: Te Deum, from Trois Paraphrases Grégoriennes (Langlais)

## October 11

*Church School Children sing in service*

Hymns: 98 (DIX); METRICAL PSALM 5 (ALCESTER); 570 (ALL THROUGH THE NIGHT); 103 (NUN DANKET)

Prelude: Kaleidoscope (Fox)

Introit: All Things Bright and Beautiful (Rutter)

Anthem: I looked, and behold a white cloud (Willan)

Postlude: Cortège Académique (MacMillan)

## October 18

Hymns: 234 (KING'S WESTON); 322 (REVERENCE); INSERT: (SERVANT SONG); 236 (ENGELBERG)

Prelude: Meditation (MacMillan)

Introit: Ubi Caritas (Gjeilo)

Anthem: Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz (Brahms)

Postlude: Toccata (Mathias)

## October 25

Hymns: 233 (LOVE DIVINE); METRICAL PSALM 68 (LLANFAIR); INSERT (ENGELBERG); 103 (NUN DANKET)

Prelude: Prélude & Sicilienne, from Suite, op. 5 (Durufié)

Introit: Valiant-For-Truth (Vaughan Williams)

Anthem: The Twelve (Walton)

Postlude: Toccata, from Suite, op. 5 (Durufié)

## November 1

Hymns: 277 (NICAEA); METRICAL PSALM 51 (LASST UNS ERFREUEN); 315 (MONKLAND); 310, vv. 1, 2, 4, 7 & 8 (SINE NOMINE)

Prelude: Prière (Franck)

Introit: Beati quorum via (Stanford)

Anthem: My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord (arr. Hogan)

Postlude: Allegro deciso, from Evocation, op. 37 (Dupré)

## November 8

Hymns: 76 (HANOVER); METRICAL PSALM 9 (CRIMOND); 600 (BOW BRICKHILL); 87 (ST. ANNE)

Prelude: Lamento, from Pièces de Fantaisie (Vierne)

Introit: In Flanders' Fields (Healey)

Anthem: Introit & Kyrie, from Requiem (Durufié)

Postlude: Ceremonial Music (MacLennan)

## November 15

Hymns: 250 (PRAISE, MY SOUL); METRICAL PSALM (RICKINGHAM); INSERT (BLAENWERN); 307 (AURELIA)

Prelude: Sonata Giojoso, op. 84 (Cabena)

Introit: Psaume 98 (Sweelinck)

Anthem: Blessed are the men who fear Him (Mendelssohn)

Postlude: Fantasie over Gelukkig is het land (Bijster)

## November 22

Hymns: 216 (DARWALL'S 148TH); INSERT: (ST. COLUMBA); COMMUNION HYMN: 215 (LITTLE CORNARD); 489 (BETHANY)

Prelude: Apparition de l'église éternelle (Messiaen)

Setting: Communion Service Collegium regale (Howells)

Anthem: Jubilate Deo Collegium regale (Howells)

Motets: The best of rooms (Thompson); Sing ye praises (Copland)

Postlude: Toccata, from Suite no. 1 (Hampton)

## The Plum Pudding Elves are hard at work!

Preparations are already underway for the 300 pound production of our famous Plum Puddings!

Loyal customers and congregation members will have the advance opportunity to order the plum puddings (size and quantity) to meet their holiday needs. Two hundred pounds of the total production will be available by using the pre-order/payment system which was introduced last year. The balance of 100 pounds will be for sale to the public on the day of the Fall Fair.

To ensure that we meet your requirements, the pre-orders/payments must be received by latest October 16th.

Details to follow in the Sunday weekly bulletins...

# The Youth Group

So much to report!

The Youth Group continues to grow and contribute to our Church life as well as in serving the community. They once again participated in the Easter morning Sunrise Service which has become a particularly beloved service for our young people, as Jeff was the first to initiate the service and see it through. Their prayer is that the Sunrise Service will continue to grow in future years.

We had a large number of the group participate in the Canadian Cancer Relay for Life held June 19-20. They raised over \$2,000 this year! It was a sad Relay this year as they honoured and remembered the late Shuling Chen and our dear Jeff. We were joined by the mother of young George who had passed away over three years ago and she expressed tremendous gratitude and admiration at the dedication of our young people. It was a very touching time for us all. These terrific young people walked on a very chilly evening for 12 hours, in the hopes that this deadly disease that devastates so many, will one day be eradicated.

After a short break, the Youth Group met on a number of occasions to prepare for Vacation Bible School which took place from August 3-7. All of our counsellors other than Margarita and myself, were members of our Youth Group and they did a tremendous job!! They worked every day the week before VBS setting up, preparing their classes, decorating and finalizing scheduling details. The children that came were welcomed with enthusiasm, kindness and energy by this very special group of teens. Our Church is truly blessed to have these wonderful Christian role models for our younger children.

The counsellors, children and parents would like us to offer 2 weeks of VBS next year, so I have a year to rest up!!!

A huge thank you to Peter Sabourin for his patience, encouragement and tremendous help over the VBS week. His support was invaluable!!

And now on to 2015-2016!!! The Group will once again be involved with community service as well as helping wherever needed in and around the Church. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September and brainstorming together on plans for the coming year. A date already set is the Youth Retreat being held once again at Villa St-Martin, from January 8-10, so mark this important event in your calendars if you know of any young people who would like to attend.

We welcome all young people in Grades 6 through 11, who might like to join this energetic, friendly and fun group - please contact us at 450-689-4379 or email [grammy.shani@sympatico.ca](mailto:grammy.shani@sympatico.ca).

*Art and Sharon Dworzak  
Youth Group Leaders*

# Church School Activities

There is great joy!

The Church School once again welcomed the Congregation to join them in a number of our events and we were delighted to have such a great turnout for our Annual Cabane a Sucre, held once again at Sucrerie de la Montagne. We were blessed with a beautiful day so we were able to enjoy not only the food and entertainment, but young and old also enjoyed exploring the grounds and shops after lunch.

Our Church School children participated in both the Mothers Day Service as well as Honoring Fathers Sunday. Some read the scriptures and others ushered with their parents. Young Rowan Luckow did double-duty this year, ushering with his Grandmother on Mothers Day and then again with his dad on Honoring Fathers Sunday. Our young people feel very comfortable and welcome in the Sanctuary and enjoy participating in Sunday worship. We look forward to having them participate more often in the coming year.

Jonathan Oldengarm treated the children one Sunday to an informative and fun presentation of the organ. They were mesmerized as he talked about the workings of the organ and the various sounds he could create!! Thank you Jonathan!!

Our Church School Celebration and Luncheon was well attended as we welcomed the Congregation to join us in the Quiet Garden. It was a beautiful, sunny day and a great time of fellowship as our Church School and Congregation spent time together. Our Senior Class/Youth Group were a great help in setting up, serving and cleaning up after the Luncheon. We can always count on them!!!

Our Vacation Bible School was a resounding success again this year as we welcomed 27 children to join us in a week of learning, fun and fellowship. New friendships were formed, wonderful stories were told, exciting games and science experiments as well as terrific crafts were enjoyed by all. Once again Trafalgar School invited us to use their gym one afternoon and on another afternoon they a "Mini Water Park" on the lawn! Our enthusiastic and energetic counsellors made it a very special week for all our children and we look forward to VBS 2016!!!

Coming up in September is Welcome Back Sunday and Apple Picking which is tentatively set for September 27 (to be confirmed), followed by the Pumpkin Ball on October 30th.

I would like to thank all of our wonderful teachers and volunteers who have dedicated so much time, energy and care into our Church School program each Sunday. Without their devotion, Church School could not function or grow. I look forward to all of you returning in September and we welcome a couple of new teachers to our staff – Karin-Ann Goral and Michael Lasalle. If anyone else would like to help out in teaching, special events or "shepherding" (supervision), you are most welcome to join our team. There is always room for more help!!

*Sharon Dworzak  
Church School Coordinator*



Easter Sunrise Service – A gift from our young people.



Cabane a Sucre!



Vacation Bible School: counselors and students in the Quiet Garden.



Relay for life: significant moments of remembrance.



Honouring Fathers on their special Sunday.



# Mission and Outreach

Our Outreach is our Mission!

**A**t The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul we strive to serve those in need in three communities

Locally, we actively support the St. James Drop-In Centre with volunteer work and financially, our food drive supports the Open Door, and we maintain an on-going relationship with Tyndale St. George.

Nationally, we are in a twinning covenant with The Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry.

Internationally, we partner with Presbyterian World Service and Development, and we will work with Action Réfugiés Montréal on our project to sponsor a Syrian Refugee family, which begins this fall.

Right here at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul there are ongoing activities that engage our congregation. The weekly Coffee and Fellowship following worship is a special time of togetherness and catch-up, Heritage Sunday in February celebrates the multi-national personality of our congregation with a special worship service, followed by A Taste of the Nations lunch.

The Mission and Outreach Teams always welcome your help, be it ongoing or for a single event. Please be in touch at [outreach@standrewstpaul.com](mailto:outreach@standrewstpaul.com) or contact our co-chairs at the church office by mail. They are Sheila Jacob and Brian Merrett, Church Office, 3415 Redpath Street, Montreal, QC H3G 2G2

# Women's Missionary Society

The end of an Era

**T**he Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul disbanded on June 3, 2015. As far back as 1864 women of both St. Andrew's and St. Paul's churches saw the need for mission work. The name changed a couple of times but not the work. By 1925, the Women's Missionary Society (Western) was at work from British Columbia to Quebec. No matter what official name they had, our church women worked diligently for missions.

This group's closing was a celebration. Thirty people came together for lunch and fellowship that day. Several members of Kensington Presbyterian Church, who often attended our WMS meetings, brought a beautiful cake to honour the occasion.

The Rev. Armour, our special guest, spoke of how times have changed but how effectively new groups in our church are taking up the challenges of today. His many recollections of outstanding women such as Mrs. John Redpath, first President of the French Evangelization Society back in the early days of mission work and more recently of women like Audrey Amsden, who keenly supported the Women's Missionary Society, illustrate the fine contribution women have made over the years to mission, local and abroad.

It was a memorable celebration and a fitting farewell to many afternoons of fellowship, prayer and mission work that was always enthusiastically supported by the congregation.

*Genevieve Holding*

## Knitters ask for little publicity

They just welcome friends, and knit!

Moira Fernie sent along this message from Tracy Yang who has now returned to Taiwan. Each year towards Christmas, great boxes filled with knitted items are sent to the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry for distribution by Stewart Folster.

*Hello Moira,*

*Thank you for letting me join knitter's meeting and welcoming me warmly!! I had such a great time here, and really wish I could continue..*

*The idea of knitter's meeting is very inspiring, I will share it with my Taiwanese friends!*

*If you need ANYTHING from Taiwan, now you have my email. Let me know! See you on Sunday!*

*Tracy*



# Reconciliation Reflections

*We have heard much this year about Truth and Reconciliation. One overarching theme of recommendations of the formal government-appointed commission is that understanding is a precondition of reconciliation with our indigenous neighbours. The Twinning sub-committee of Mission & Outreach and Rev. Stewart Folster of the Saskatoon Native Circle Ministry have offered opportunities to learn and to understand. This commentary, reprinted with permission of Saskatoon-based Eagle Feather News, offers another.*



## Reflections: Tonight I fear for my grandchildren; tomorrow I'll be strong

By Maria Campbell | April 20, 2015

The landscape is gentle. The tiny church nestled against the aspen trees reminds one of the old Christian folk song: "There's a church in the valley by the wildwood no lovelier place in the glen."

The cemetery, carefully cleaned several times over the summer is pretty and people driving by have often been heard to say, "What a beautiful, peaceful looking place."

For those who go back to place flowers on graves, to pull weeds, to say prayers or to put another family member to rest the memories are sometimes overwhelming, the pain un-bearable. There is nothing beautiful or peaceful here only a reminder of poverty, violence and senseless deaths. Perhaps the words spoken by an elder at a recent funeral in a nearby community expresses best the sad narrative of community life.

"We are sorry," the elder said, as he began his eulogy, "that we are not able to cry over the passing of our brother but we have no tears left. This is the twenty- fifth funeral in our community since January. Of the twenty-five deaths, twenty -one were young people under the age of twenty."

We were all silent, remembering and trying not too, all the new graves we had passed as we drove past the church to the community hall. Several days later as I sat with a woman by her son's hospital bed she talked about the number of violent deaths in our

communities. The numbers are staggering. "Fifty, in one community, thirty in another, the numbers go on and on, she said and I am afraid my son is going to be another one."

"It is not unusual to have three or four suicides in a matter of days." Women who have joined us tell me. "Not unusual for kids to OD or get killed over a small bag of crystal meth, or be beaten to death with a baseball bat."

Not all the deaths happen in the community the women say, but all the dead are brought home. "These are just our young people, then there is also all the missing and murdered women and we haven't talked much, at least not yet, about the missing and murdered men. There is so much death everywhere it's hard to know what to do when you are trying to deal with just keeping your family together and even harder to know where to begin."

How do we talk to a leader who believes the violence is of our own making? The women ask. How do we talk to Canadians about history, tell them that racism is not confined to Winnipeg that it is all around us and that it has to stop?" I don't know I tell them. I don't know how to do that without sounding negative, angry or crazy. "One of those people who is always dredging up sad stories."

It's really hard to lighten up. I have been trying for almost 70 years. I was about five when I first heard someone say, "what a pretty little blue eyed squaw, it's too bad she has to grow up."

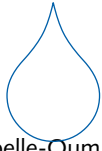
I never forgot that nor did I ever forget the woman who said it. She was considered a "nice lady" who taught bible class to native children every summer at a nearby camp. Today I realize she just didn't know any better but it was my first encounter with violence.

Why am I saying all of this anyway? You all know this stuff. Many of you have worked for years and continue to try to create a better life for us. Maybe it is because today I am feeling really vulnerable. I have beautiful great grandchildren and I fear for them and I wonder what I could I have done different to make a safer world for them and what else can I do?

I will be okay tomorrow, be back to my strong fierce self but tonight I am really afraid.

# From the Church Registrar

## Baptisms



**August 30**  
Samuel Alexandre Isabelle-Oum

## Marriages



**February 14**  
Peter Lekx and Rebecca Dowd

**May 2**  
Joseph Mastantuono & Melissa Van Dijk

**May 16**  
William Phillips & Sacha Chambers

**May 23**  
Ryan Bouma & Shinhae Lee

**June 20**  
Carol Ann Chisholm & Michel Samson

**August 1st**  
Kelvin Lee & Lily Teng

**August 15**  
Jordan De Souza and Jana Miller

**August 22**  
Ryan Favretto and Cynthia Pietrovito

**August 22**  
Nazrul Shikon and Violaine Pemberton-Renaud



In the Chancel of our church, Lily Teng and Kelvin Lee exchange their marriage vows. Principal Dale Woods officiated. Kelvin is the son of the late Dr. Shuling Chen.

## Memorials & Funerals



**November 15**  
Alastair Stewart Fernie

**February 13**  
Allison David Macdonald

**November 16**  
Dawne Hutchison

**April 1st**  
Saad Tohme

**May 9**  
The Reverend Jeffrey Veenstra

**May 25**  
Howard Colbeck

**July 7 (family), August 31 (friends & family)**  
H. James Godber



A tranquil summer day in the Quiet Garden.

# The 2015 General Assembly

Our delegates were Rhonda McClure and Donald Walcott

The General Assembly 2015 Of the Presbyterian Church in Canada opened with worship at Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. This was special and significant for us because this is the church where Steve Filyk is Minister, formerly an Assistant Minister at St. Andrew and St. Paul. The service had a large representation and participation from several different cultures, most notably Native American and Korean.

The General Assembly (GA) was well organized and run. The Moderator, the Reverend Karen Horst did a wonderful job, keeping everything in order and running smoothly. The 2015 GA was held at the campus of the University of British Columbia, a breathtaking location with good residence accommodation.

Overall the most positive experiences were the worship, singing, prayer and the table groups during the human sexuality discussion. Although the human sexuality “small group” discussions were handled sensitively, and seemed quite effective, it was the overall consensus that the Church may continue to sit on this issue without making any clear decision.

Our least favourite parts were the motions and counter motions made during most of the meeting. It was very confusing, most significantly during the human sexuality discussion - no one came out and said what was going on, and so one had to figure out the hidden agendas.

Several people were mentioned from our church which was very nice - Moira Barclay Fernie for all her ecumenical and interfaith work; David Christiani and his work on the Synod question; Keith Randall was described by the head of justice ministries as one of the best people he had trained and had done such good work during the Truth and Reconciliation study; and Dr. Armour was recognized and thanked by the Rev. Rick Fee. He was honoured for his mission work and his retirement was celebrated.

The overture on End-of-Life from the Rev. Roland de Vries and the Rev. Barry Mack (Presbytery of Montreal) was passed. Don Walcott had helped to draft the terms of reference on that committee. He was also appointed to the Pension Board.

I met the current minister of St. Andrew's Hespeler, the Rev. Scott McAndless. This was Jeff Veenstra's former congregation, and Jeff's parents still attend worship services there. Scott asked me to convey to the church family of St. Andrew and St. Paul how truly grateful Jeff's parents, and the entire Hespeler congregation, were for the support given to the Veenstra family during Jeff's illness, and for the support Diana and the family continue to receive. We should remember that the Hespeler church members are also in mourning, as Jeff was very dear to them.

*Rhonda McClure*

# Viewpoint

A thoughtful perspective

*David Seaman is an ordained Ruling Elder of our congregation, though because of his work he no longer lives here, and he is on the inactive list of Elders. His family still lives here, and at times such as Christmas and Easter David can be seen back in town and in the congregation. Here are some of his thoughts “from abroad”.*

How can someone who has lived in New York City and Los Angeles for close to 19 years still consider the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul their home? It isn't like I haven't tried to find a substitute... When I first moved to Los Angeles I tried on at least five different churches from three denominations: Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist and none of them really fit. I'll never forget going into Beverly Hills Presbyterian where a quartet was playing pre-service music and thinking that this might be a good fit. The minister came out and greeted the congregation, who answered in unison and, after the announcements he asked if we could all “hold hands” for the opening prayer. I glanced over my shoulder to see how far away I was from the door! In New York City, I was looking for some basics for my new place and found myself outside First Presbyterian Church, a fine edifice on 5th Avenue at 14th Street. I wandered into the offices where a receptionist was stationed like a sentry in the hallway. I enquired if I might visit the sanctuary and she sat up a little straighter and announced that “We don't do that”. I never gave that congregation a try!

I did ultimately find a church to attend in NY: Marble Collegiate, made famous by “The Power of Positive Thought” and Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Riverside Church was exciting to attend, but at 120th Street on the West Side, it was a little too far to travel from 32nd Street on the East Side. In Los Angeles, either First Congregational in Hancock Park or Hollywood United Methodist have been doing their best to fill the void.

Back the original question: Why is A&P still home? Someone once wrote an article bemoaning the invention of the shower. Before the advent of the shower, one had to stop a few times a week and soak in a tub. You cannot do too much in a tub – books get wet and dropping a telephone could be a problem - so you are pretty much forced to be alone with your thoughts, to think. Unless someone bangs on the bathroom door, that time is uninterrupted. The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul has this incredible power of letting us think about God, to focus on all His goodness and how we fit into His world without interruption. Thoughtful prayers that our Ministers craft each Sunday, a sermon that hopefully makes me think outside of myself and music, that beautiful music, that transports us from this world into another. No “holding hands” or “passing of the peace” to interrupt the contemplative nature of these services. That said, the dynamic activities that take place in the halls outside of the sanctuary before and after the Sunday service and during the week make it clear that this is a community and one that is open to all and wanting to make a difference in God's name. It is this special balance that I have had trouble finding in my adopted cities and that I miss. I am glad I still have many reasons to visit Montreal and one of them is the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul.

*David Seaman*

# Vacation Bible School was FUN!

