

## Mission and Outreach

Our Outreach is our Mission!

A tThe 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 multinational 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 <a href="https://outreach@standrewstpaul.com">outreach@standrewstpaul.com</a> 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

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