



St. Anselm's Anglican Church

*"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
Matthew 28:19*

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66th VESTRY MEETING
Financial Meeting AGENDA
February 17, 2019

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome and outline of the meeting
3. Remarks by the Treasurer
4. Budget for 2019
5. Question and Answers
6. Adjournment

66th VESTRY MEETING
Voting AGENDA
February 24, 2019

1. Opening Prayer
2. Welcome
3. Minutes of 2018 Annual Vestry Meeting
4. Reception of Reports
5. Remarks by Vicar
6. Appointment of Rector's Warden for 2019
7. Report of Nominating Committee
 - a. Further Nominations
 - b. Elections
 - c. Lay Administrants
8. Signing Officers
19. Budget for 2019
10. Thanks
11. Adjournment

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Vestry Meeting

Submitted by David Sims

65th Vestry Meeting

FEBRUARY 25, 2018

Minutes – By David Sims

(Alex, Hyok, Peg, Alex, David)

Attendance: David Sims, Timothy Cheek, Doug Chivers, G. Daniel Theophilus, Lynne Taylor, Dana Taylor, Jungeun Kim, Peg Gabor, Shirin Theophilus, Pat Cowen, Rosemarie Gentles, Eun Young Kang, Rosemarie Schipizky, Naman Paul, Mi Ho, Kim Ho, Jumy Ogunsola, Marian Slater, Sandy Lundy, Millie Dempster, Robert North, Heather Friesen. (See sign-in sheet for signatures. Original kept in Parish Council Binder.)

Alex - Call to order

Shirin - Opening prayer

Alex - Welcome

Shirin – Minutes: p2 Treasurer Report, greyed points are correct

Acceptance: Heather moved. Jumy seconded.

- Reports & Clarifications #34

Acceptance: Heather moved. Lynne seconded.

Any corrections?

ST. Wardens Report p. 18: “2017 began with...” replaced with 5th paragraph on p.20. “2017 began with...”

RS. p25 Submitted by Rosie (only)

Tim moved. Doug seconded

Comment – Sandy had a question about Mission Walk in Hyok’s report.

Alex: He and Hyok are going out to the Community.

Comment – Daniel re bulletin

Naman – Have got out of the habit of listing people involved in serving, etc.

Alex – Rector’s Warden

- Praised Peg and her dedication

- Appointed Lynne Taylor

Nominations for officers (Synod)

Rosie – question about youth delegate, if not selected at this meeting

Alex – Would have to hold a special vestry

- People’s Warden

- Asked three times

- No other nominations. Naman acclaimed

- Vice-Wardens appointed

- Associate wardens are described in canons. Require election.

- Asked three times
- No nominations
- Post(s) vacant
- Treasurer
 - Alex praised Heather (grateful and honoured)
 - Put in too much work
 - Asked three times
 - No nominations – Heather acclaimed
- Parish Council Secretary (PC and Vestry)
 - Asked three times
 - No nominations David acclaimed
- Members at large
 - Caroline Mervyn, Dana Taylor, Edwin Gershwin, Tim Cheek
 - No additional nominations - appointed
- Trustees
 - Mi Ho
 - Heather Friesen
 - Rosie Schipizky
 - 3 calls – no additional nominations - appointed
- Signing Officers
 - Lynne Taylor, Naman Paul
 - Heather Fraiser, David Sims
 - Nominations – Dana Taylor. Tim moved. Daniel seconded.
 - No other nominations. David & Dana elected.
- Synod Representative
 - Jummy Dapo-Ogunsola continues
 - Rosie Schipizky nominated
 - No other nominations appointed
- Synod Alternates
 - Thuy Dang nominated
 - Edwin Gershwin nominated
 - Tim Cheek nominated
 - No other nominations appointed
- Youth Member of the Synod & Alternate
 - Tim Cheek moved that we empower Parish Council to appoint (for 2018 only) Tim moved. Lynne seconded.
- Communion Administrants
 - See list

Heather on 2018 Budget Thanked David & Rosie

Met contributions target

Neighbourhood Ministries \$3,000/year

- Budget deficit

Is a deficit a bad thing? We are growing, but need contributions and CTF.

Debate as to whether Ministries drive monies or vice versa. Many peoples' efforts are donated. Do we need fundraisers? The community aspect is important. Should be fun.

Need:

1. Motion to approve Financial Report. Heather moved. Dana seconded. Passed.
2. Motion to approve \$20,892 transfer from Parish Fund to cover deficit. Passed.

-Bldg repair – water main \$930 short fall capital

Heather moved. Shirin seconded. Passed.

-Withdraw \$10,000 for building work from Capital Fund.

Heather moved. Caroline seconded. Passed.

-Transfer \$50,000 Rectory Inflation Fund

Heather moved. Tim seconded.

Tim “windfalls in a rainy-day fund”

Rosie ? Passed

-Transfer \$19,800 to Rectory Inflation Fund.

Heather moved. Pat seconded. Passed

Heather moved – accept budget Lynne seconded No discussion

Shirin – People’s Warden for 7 years

Highs and lows

PWRDF contributions

Thanked Alex and Hyok

New leadership praised

Thanks to all

Thanks to spouses

Thanks to Heather & Doug

Thanks to Daniel. God bless us all.

Alex – March Sunday 18.

-New leadership will be welcomed

-Celebrate outgoing leadership

Peg – Feeling a lot of thankfulness

-Leaving the church in a better position

-Trust in new leadership

-I feel really good about this

- Call to adjourn

P moved. Doug seconded.

Adjourned.

Report of the Vicar

Submitted by Rev. Alex Wilson

Friends,

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19)

The call to “go” that we hear in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28:19) to make disciples in baptism of all peoples, has been and remains a focal point of our ministry together. This missional statement, adopted in 2018, forms the purpose and direction of all our programs and life together. As your vicar, I have the privilege of helping to equip you, the saints of God, for the work of the kingdom in our midst; work which is both intense, real, and constant. 2018 was a year of growth, renewal, and community, something I continue to look back on in awe and wonder.

During our Good Friday Liturgy with Uhill United Church, I challenged our two parishes to see each other more often than once a year. To dream dreams about what it would look like if we shared programming and parties, host dinners for each other and the campus, and carve out more time together to pray and be together. The church was listening that day, as quickly plans sprung up between our two communities. Together we held a joint Bible study, and started our Christmas Eve together with a carol service at Purdy Pavilion. Rev. Miller and I share a close collegial relationship, meeting regularly to support each other in prayer and find ways for our community to be and support each other together. We both affirm that our communities will remain independent, but having shared the same context of ministry on campus we have many ties that bind us together. We remain committed to exploring those ties and developing ways to bring community, that enhances our parish and mission, to life within them.

Every Sunday, our Family Ministry Coordinator, Jummy, comes up to me and says “Vicar, we have a problem- we have too many kids!” And what a problem to have! Our Sunday school continues to grow as the community grows which brings all the joys and challenges of change with it. As a community we gathered in the fall to listen for the priorities of our Parish this year, and the answer was very clear. Community, Kids, Sacrament. This gave our Parish Council the mandate to tackle head on the challenge of community, kids and sacrament, in the way it operates at its meetings. Rather than just seeing the agenda as a list of tasks to accomplish, our council is intentionally asking how it is we are making disciples in the various areas of transformation in our parish. These areas are Study & Learning, Worship & Prayer, Action, and Life in Community, which incorporate every aspect of what we are as a community. Through prayer, reflection and consultation with the wider parish, we are actively seeking out the places

of transformation already present within our community to provide support and encouragement. The growth in our Sunday school is just one of the many examples.

To help foster and deepen this learning and growth in community, our Parish Council engaged in a yearly Mutual Ministry Review, which is facilitated by one of the congregational development specialists in the Diocese. This review, rather than being a performance review of any one aspect of the parish, is a deeper time of listening and planning to give and reinforce the sense of direction already present within the community. It also gives us the chance to build programs of wider consultation and look at the whole program year more holistically, rather than in seasonal isolation. This will be work that will continue into the future.

In the wider community I continue to offer leadership with our local ministerial team, as we seek to listen for the movement of the Spirit's will for our common life together. With transitions in leadership in the other parishes and one parish closed, there remains questions about what the ministerial team will be in the year ahead. I remain committed to supporting the work of the ministerial team in whatever life-giving ways to further our parishes' mission and work. I remain on the Archbishops advisory council for refugee assistance, as well as convenor of the local chapter of the Society of Catholic Priests. This year, I was elected membership coordinator of the North American chapter of the Society, which is a national level position to help guide and impact the growth of the Society in North America. The aims of the Society are the formation of priestly identity grounded in scripture and the sacraments of the church, to promote a catholic evangelism. This understanding of catholic evangelism is about spreading the faith and sharing our story with the world. I am honoured by the trust and confidence of my peers across North America to exercise this ministry.

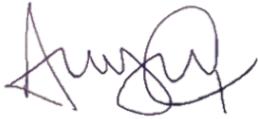
This year we began an intentional program of community building with St. Mary's Kerrisdale for joint Evensong. The program of Evensong is twofold, first to find an easy way to invite friends and loved ones to a church service and introduce them to community in a non threatening way, since Evensong requires almost no active participation outside prayer and contemplation. Second, to help us as a parish community to build capacity for offering Evensong on our own in the years to come as we welcome our new neighbours moving in all around us. We will continue with this program in 2019, and revisit for 2020, with an eye to housing them here at St. Anselm's within the next few years.

This parish continues to be one which is constantly on the GO. From our life groups, to our hospitality, to our guilds and Sunday school, this parish is on the move into new and interesting places- grounded deeply in our history- to look out into our neighbourhood and explore where Jesus is leading us. The year ahead will continue to see us building upon the good works already started among us, and I am thrilled to see where the Spirit will blow the community next.

It remains a deep privilege and honour to be your priest, teacher, and pastor. I pray God's abundance continues to shower this parish with the riches of his Grace.

In Christ, though Mary,

Alex+

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Alex', written in a cursive style.

Report of the Curate

Submitted by Rev. Hyok Kim

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore. (Psalm 133)

How good and pleasant it is when the people of St. Anselm's worship, sing, pray, play, eat, and share together God's love, loving and serving one another in unity in Christ! Yes, it is, and we all are witnesses of his blessing and participants in loving and serving one another. And it is his blessing for me to be part of it and work and walk together as an assistant curate

My second year of assistant curate at St. Anselm's was a transitional period from diaconate to priesthood. I never forget the moment when I was ordained to priesthood surrounded and witnessed by St. Anselm's people, and I am still thrilled with remembering my first Sunday mass as a priest, presiding Holy Eucharist before St. Anselm's families. I am so thankful to all who were there and pleased with and congratulated my ordination and had my first mass together. It was a great moment for me to step forward into a new journey as a priest. Frankly the love, prayers, experience and supports that I have received from my St. Anselm's will become great valuable resources and assets for my future ministry as a priest.

Especially I am so grateful to Rev. Alex who has supported and guided me to move at ease from diaconate to priesthood, willing to share his experience, knowledge, thoughts, and vision with me. As the people of St. Anselm's know, he has lots of passion, idea, vision, and plan for developing parish and helping spiritual life, and it is so joyful for me to work with him as his team.

As we know, our church has had lots of program concerning Life Group and Christian education programs. Working with Rev. Alex and taking part of the corporate ministry, for me those programs have been a great joy and challenge and opportunity to follow up and support him. A passion of mine in ministries is how we read and see and experience and share God's story of love working in our daily living and our stories. After receiving a good feedback, I continued movie night program, 'Big Screen, Big Window' movie night. I believe, movie is a great tool to share not only God's story but also our stories in God. Through the movie, a bigger screen, we read, saw, met, and experienced others' stories and came to recognize it was not just their

stories, but our stories, our human stories. And we could find out how God works in us, among us, through us. I hope it will begin soon.

It is big pleasure that I could work with amazing staff members in our offices. I supported our administrator and did my duties. And it always has been joyful and valuable for me. And I thankfully took part in children ministry, supporting our excellent family ministry leader, Jumy, in Sunday-schooling and playing with our kids from time to time and in participating summer bible camp.

With pastoral care and visiting, I regularly went outside the church and walked around our neighbor, the UEL and UBC area, to meet our neighbors and some UBC students and St. Anslem's brothers and sisters. Being present among them, being visible in their midst, having chit-chat, grabbing a cup of coffee, and sharing stories. To be a visible church, to be a visible Christian in their midst, I think, is a mission for the church and Christian today, not waiting for the people to come but come to them.

Again, I am so thankful and joyful that I could have been your assistant curate and worked with Rev. Alex and part of an amazing team. I am so blessed that I could be part of "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" and I am bowing to all walking together in unity in Christ. "For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore." May God's grace be with us all on the way of our journey of faith community.

The peace of Christ,

Rev. Hyok Kim
Assistant Curate

Report of the Deacon

Neighbourhood Ministries

Submitted by Rev. Pitman B. Potter

This past year I have had the continuing privilege and pleasure to serve as a Deacon to the Archdeaconry of Vancouver. I continue to be based at St. John's Shaughnessy, while also ministering to the parishes of St. Philip's Dunbar and St. Anselm's and continuing my work with the West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry. As I continue to grow in these roles, I appreciate deeply the support and encouragement I have received from clergy and parishioners in all three parishes. Over the past year I have been involved in the following ministry activities (additional activities are depicted at <https://pbpotterministries.wordpress.com>):

1. Parish Ministry: I serve as Deacon at Sunday mornings for 10:00am worship at St. John's Shaughnessy, except that on the first Sunday of each month I serve at 10:00am Sunday worship at St. Philip's, and on months that have five Sundays (January, April, July, October, December) I am available to serve at 10:00am Sunday worship at St. Anselm's. I meet formally each month with Father John Stephens, Rector of St. John's Shaughnessy, and also with the Rev. Stuart Hallem, Rector at St. Philip's, to provide updates on my diaconal ministry and to receive ongoing guidance and support. I meet informally on a regular basis with the Rev. Alex Wilson, Vicar at St. Anselm's for the same purpose.

My liturgical service includes proclaiming the Gospel, setting the table for Eucharist, assisting at the table during the Eucharist, assisting with administration of communion, and dismissing the congregation. I preach regularly at the three parishes. As I was subject to the Diocese's mandatory retirement upon turning 65 in June 2018, I was granted a one-year extension of my ministry for 2018-2019 by Archbishop Melissa at the request of St. John's Shaughnessy. I hope to receive a second and final extension for 2019-2020.

2. Neighbourhood Ministry: I continue serving as Clergy Leader for the West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry, whose Vestry report is attached for reference. This past year I have focused on providing pastoral support and advice on the congregational and relational aspects of the program, focusing on the human dimensions and transformation goals of the ministry. Aside from general oversight, I am limiting my participation in particular operational matters. This is part of my planning for an orderly leadership transition as I prepare for retirement in 2020.

3. **Workplace Ministry:** As Professor of Law at UBC's Allard School of Law (<http://www.allard.ubc.ca/faculty-staff/pitman-potter>), I continue with teaching, research, and policy advising on China trade and human rights matters. I also serve as a resource for colleagues at UBC on issues of integrating spiritual priorities into academic life.

4. **General:** I serve as one of three Examining Chaplains the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted,



Clergy Leader

Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry 2019 Report to Vestry

Reflecting on the 2018 activities of the Neighbourhood Ministry is cause for celebration and thanks. *Celebration* for completing a decade of service to our homeless and vulnerable neighbours on Vancouver's Westside. *Thanks*, for the blessings of wonderful volunteers and community partners, as well as many opportunities to feel the power of the Holy Spirit working in us. A special thanks to the **four Parish Liaisons**, Shirin Theophilus, St. Anselm's; Bryan Henderson, St. Helen's; Lynwen Clarke/Joan Stewart, St. John's Shaughnessy; and Don Lamb/Rhona Thornton, St. Philip's, and to Vicki Potter, **Operations Lead** for the Neighbourhood Ministry. Here are some highlights from our year:

Our **Street Outreach program** saw volunteer teams canvass the Westside neighbourhoods to connect with our homeless and vulnerable neighbours, going out every Saturday of the year, making nearly 1,000 connections. The four Neighbourhood Ministry sponsor parishes of St. Anselm's, St. Helen's, St. John's Shaughnessy and St. Philip's, provided the Street Teams with robust care packets, fresh food, seasonal clothing and other items for distribution. Each connection was a chance to build trust and relationships, to let each individual know that someone cares. It was also an opportunity to connect people to other Neighbourhood Ministry programs, particularly the Mobile Care Unit. A special thanks to Mary Lymburner, **Outdoor Team Coordinator**, to our **Outdoor Team captains**, Vicki Potter/Peg Gabor (Team 1); Jane Davis, (Team 2); Dale O'Brien, (Team 3) and Mary Lymburner, (Team 4), and to **the Indoor Team Coordinators**, Shirin Theophilus, St. Anselm's; Irene James, St. Helen's; Ken Pepin, St. John's Shaughnessy, and Suzie Noetzel, St. Philips.

The **Mobile Care Unit**, which is blessed to be supported through the Diocesan care+share program (2018-2019), brought teams of UBC medical residents and supervising physicians, UBC social work students and professionals, and parish volunteers to four field sites and to street camps as well. In 2018, nearly 70 visits were made and well over 200 clients served. Service included medical assessments and basic treatment, flu shot clinics, and helping people with an array of social service needs, such as applying for housing, income assistance, old age benefits, and retrieving lost identification. Of particular significance were the 25 MCU clients who secured housing in the new Modular Housing units throughout the City. By all accounts, housing has made a huge and positive difference in their lives, and we continue to reach out and support these newly-housed individuals. We were blessed with wonderful partners at our MCU host field sites - St. Mary's Kerrisdale; St. Augustine's Marpole, the Showers program at Kitsilano Community Centre; and PHS, operator of the M. Mitchell Modular Homes building at 2nd and Ash, and with our strong collaboration with St. Faith's Community Pastoral Resource Centre. A special thanks to our **MCU Team Leads**, Karen Cooke, Joan Stewart, Susan Firus, Lynne Taylor and Vicki Potter, to Dr. Janet McKeown, UBC Family Practice, and Kathleen Potter, social work practicum supervisor.

Through our community-building program at the **Dunbar Supportive Housing building**, in collaboration with Coast Mental Health, our volunteers continued to bring cheer and companionship to tenants by hosting several seasonal celebrations. A highlight was the 7th annual Christmas carol event, where residents, families and volunteers sang and celebrated together. We are thankful for the community spirit that was so evident. Thanks to Joan Stewart for her joyful leadership of events at Dunbar.

A highlight of the year was our October benefit concert, held in commemoration of Homelessness Action Week, where guests were inspired by original folk, bluegrass and jazz tunes performed by local talent.

We give thanks to Beth Vondette, our **Administrative and Communications coordinator**, who keeps our records straight and parishes supplied with lots of information and pictures. The Neighbourhood Ministry operated this year on about \$30,000, half of which was provided equally by the four parishes, the other through the Diocesan care+share program and private donations. A similar budget is being put forward for 2019. Funds raised provide for our part-time staff and office expenses; incidental program costs to support clients (ID replacement, move-in welcome kits, bus tickets, sleeping bags, tarps and holiday gift cards); parish communications; and support to our host MCU sites. We also continue to contribute toward a breakfast program at the Dunbar apartments.

We were very sad to lose Don Lamb this year. Don was a founding volunteer and leader with the Neighbourhood Ministry, and his passing gave us resolve to carry on this Ministry with the selfless spirit that he showed us each day.

Serving our homeless and vulnerable neighbours directly provides an incredible opportunity for each of us to feel gratitude, not just for the blessings we have, but to each of those we serve for letting us into their lives. We feel energized for the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Pitman B. Potter

Report of the Wardens

Submitted by Naman Paul and Lynne Taylor

Our term of office officially began on March 18, 2018 when Rev. Alex inaugurated Parish Council members, and ends with Vestry on Sunday, February 24, 2019. We are grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of St. Anselm's in this capacity and want to acknowledge your support with sincere appreciation. In the Anglican Church of Canada it is unusual for wardens to serve one year only. We love St. Anselm's and it is our parish of choice however our personal lives are calling us to new adventures precipitating our stepping down. We pass the torch to the new incumbents with the knowledge St. Anselm's will continue to grow and flourish under your leadership.

Memories to treasure . . .

Food and community are the core of every activity at St. Anselm's.

- potluck following the Parish Council inauguration
- potluck before the Maundy Thursday evening service
- hot cross buns for Easter Sunday plus an Easter Egg Hunt
- reception following Spirit(us)
- high tea with Archbishop Melissa Skelton
- celebration for UBC graduates

These all happened during our first two months! Every month we served cake and delivered cards (signed by "all") to celebrate birthdays.

The Diocese and our vicar Alex offered us all sorts of training!

- Anti-Racism @ St. Mary's
- Being on the Front Lines facilitated by Christine Wilson—serving our homeless and vulnerable neighbours
- Stewardship Day @ the Synod Office
- Wardens' Training @ the Synod Office
- Sexual Misconduct Policy seminar @ St. Paul's on Jervis Street
- The Diocese of New Westminster School for Parish Development @ VST
- teaching sessions for sides-people, pastoral visitors and intercessors

We had an array of Christian education programs to access thanks to our vicar Alex and volunteers offering leadership. Most programs that began in the spring resumed in the fall winding up just before Christmas.

- Anglican Rosary on Tuesday and Thursday evenings—individual, at-home prayer facilitated by our vicar, Alex
- "Dig In" Bible Study on Monday afternoons led by Shirin
- Bigger Screen Movies—monthly on a Wednesday evening led by our curate, Hyok
- Pilgrim—monthly on Sundays following the service in the spring and on Saturday afternoons in the fall led by our vicar, Alex
- Neighbourhood Knitters on Saturday mornings led by Andrew Wilson

- Speaking Spiritually—monthly on a Wednesday led by Tim Cheek
- Choir Practice every Wednesday afternoon led by Tian Ip

Congregational events included the Strawberry Tea on Saturday afternoon June 16th, the Salmon BBQ on Saturday evening August 18th and the Christmas Fair all day Saturday December 1st. We tackled challenges, forged friendships and raised funds to support our programs and ministries.

Jumy led a very successful Vacation Bible Camp July 3 to 6 with the assistance of many St. Anselm's volunteers and as many as 30 parish and neighbourhood children.

Early Music Vancouver returned to St. Anselm's! As a component of our Spirit(us) program—exploring pathways to art, earth, and us—parishioners hosted an evening with Charles Daniels and Alexander Weimann in April and Paul Luchkow and Michael Jarvis in November.

Two new initiatives during the year included the Garden Club and the Forest Walk group. The Garden Club met on the 2nd Saturday of the “summer” months to weed and maintain the flower beds and the memorial garden and the Forest Walk group led by Heather Friesen following Sunday morning services in the late summer and early fall ventured several times to explore the trails of Pacific Spirit Park.

Archbishop Melissa ordained Rev. Hyok Kim to the priesthood at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver on June 23rd. St. Anselm's celebrated Hyok, Eun Young, and Ian the following day at an informal “backyard” barbeque.

During October St. Anselm's honoured our Neighbourhood Ministry to the Homeless with a month-long celebration concluding with a celebration of Caroline Mervyn, one of our longest serving outdoor team members.

Archbishop Melissa invested Heather Friesen into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster, ODNW, in a ceremony at Massey Theatre, New Westminster on November 3rd. Congratulations Heather!

November 4th marked the first of three joint Evensong services with St. Mary's Kerrisdale. A group of approximately 30 people from St. Anselm's joined others at St. Mary's for a wonderful evening of music. In addition to joining forces with St. Mary's Kerrisdale for Evensong, we joined the University Hill Congregation in their chapel on UBC's campus for a liturgy on Good Friday and together we had a carol sing with residents of UBC's Purdy Pavilion on Christmas Eve. On October 14th we joined congregants from St. Helen's, St. Philip's and St. John's Shaughnessy for a concert to benefit the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry.

In closing we want to acknowledge our parish administrator, Fernando Esté and our director of communications, Peg Gabor. Fernando provided us exceptional support with the administrative aspects of our duties. Every week Peg creates the Weekly Message to keep you informed of parish and community happenings. We are grateful for Peg, her innovative ideas, her knowledge and guidance, and her dedication to the task ministry.

Report of the Coordinator for Family Ministry

Submitted by Jumy Ogunsola

It's that time of the year again when we take time to reflect on and recommit to our vision and mission of raising kingdom-ready families and kids at the Parish.

The family and children's ministry exist to make St. Anselm's and our immediate community look more like the kingdom of God. This we achieve by loving God in worship through Christ our savior, loving one another in relationship in Christ and loving the world in service with Christ. In other words, our beautiful Sunday school kids do not just exist for themselves but exist so that the world would see, know and experience Jesus through them.

That said, it's a joy to look back at this past ministry year and reflect on how God has moved, greatly, in our midst. It is also an exciting time to dream and pray for the plans we believe He has for us this coming year.

Weekly Sunday school programs, yearly Vacation Bible Camp, and the Christmas pageant are all under the children and family's ministry at this church.

We have approximately ten children in our Sunday school every week. This does not include occasional drop-ins on Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving. About 27 children attended the Vacation Bible Camp last year - from inside and outside the families of St. Anselm's. This could only happen with God's help.

In 2018, we took our vision of building kingdom-ready kids a notch further. We planned and spent time with each other, as a family of God, by organizing outings. We went to the movies, we visited the famous Vancouver Christmas market, we stopped at the festival of lights, and enjoyed the jolly Stanley Park train ride.

All of these couldn't have been possible without your prayers, time, and talents.

Many of you serve in various roles, and as the children and family ministry coordinator, I'd like to thank you for being part of our 2018. We are indeed grateful.

As we look ahead to 2019, we want to ask you: Would you please commit again to the ministry God has been doing through you at St. Anselm's?

May the peace and mercy of God always be evident among us.

Love and peace,

Jumy Ogunsola, Program Coordinator
Children and Family Ministry

Report of the Music Director

Submitted by Tian Ip

As the music director of St. Anselm's Anglican Church, I am responsible for hymn revision and suggestion for all worships, playing the organ and/or piano for worships and other Parish events, managing visiting sessional musicians, organizing and directing choir rehearsals, organizing concerts with visiting musicians or music groups, managing music related outreach programs, selecting and purchasing music, as well as maintenance of the instruments.

In 2018, there were exciting musical events and growth that took place at St. Anselm's. With our worship choir, there have been fluctuations in the number of attendees throughout the year, however, the numbers reflect a slight growth. We have offered numbers of anthems at different occasions throughout the year. I am proud to announce our choir has finally come to a balanced number in each harmony part.

Looking forward, I wish to continue to grow choirs in number, quality, as well as musical enjoyment for members and congregation by offering a diverse yet spiritual musical experience. I will do that via my own selection of prelude and postlude, quality of harmonized singing of hymns and anthems offered by the choir (with suggestions from choir members and congregation), as well as incorporation of outside musicians in special occasions such as Remembrance Day and Easter. As a parish, we will continue to work on being a welcoming venue for musicians anywhere by hosting concerts and providing rehearsal space. I will continue to seek out musicians to add to the musical presence of St. Anselm's.

Report of the Sanctuary Guild

Submitted by Rosie Schipizky

I wish to thank all of the members of the Sanctuary Guild who so tirelessly adorn our Sanctuary every Sunday and on the significant holy days during the liturgical calendar. Our Sanctuary is for all of us to enjoy and to provide a quiet and reflective place for worship. Our Sanctuary continues to evolve and this year we have seen many flower displays in front of the altar, along with rock displays, fabrics to mark the seasons and, on occasion, candles to light the way. For me, having the display in front of the altar helps ground me during worship. Alex is always an inspiration and driving force to make us look at things differently – thank you. Parishioners continue to light tea candles at the prayer station at the side of the Sanctuary, another reflective space for all of us.

The members of the Sanctuary Guild do quiet and reflective work. I would like to thank those members that prepare the linens and silver for worship: Eun Young Kang, Rosie Schipizky, Peg Gabor, Anne Mervyn, Lynne Taylor and Michael Mendenhall. Our newest members of the Guild, Naman Paul, Andrew Wilson and Elliot Spilsbury, have assisted in preparing the altar. Our wonderful flower displays are the fruit of Shirin Theophilus' creative skills and her prayers. Jill Hamm brings not only flowers from her garden for us all to enjoy but is a dedicated helper to Shirin in creating the flower displays. Heather Friesen looks after the parish's community garden plot and the flowers that she tends to are picked and displayed in the Sanctuary for several months during the year. Finally, I would like to thank Eun Young for washing and ironing our linens weekly and Michael for providing bread for worship for much of the year. Heather and Rosie have tried their hand at baking communion bread but the best results (other than Michael's) have been by the children in Sunday school who baked our bread for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. Each of them was able to bake their own individual bun hot out of the oven.

Finally, I would like to thank those who contribute financially towards the flowers, in memory of their loved ones, past and present.

Rosie Schipizky

Report of the Servers Guild

This Guild is taking a break this year

Report of the Readers Guild

Submitted by Robert North

The Readers' Guild provides lesson readers for our Sunday services and for special services as required. We currently have 12 members, plus two spares who are ready to step in at short notice if necessary. Guild members this year have been Heather Friesen, Doug Chivers, Shelagh Smith, Michael Mendenhall, Edwin Gershom, Anne Mervyn, Temi Alao, Dirk Vandepol, Andrew Wilson, Elliot Spilsbury and Emiliano Vargas, plus Marian Slater and Peg Gabor as spares. My thanks to everyone for their conscientious efforts, which have made the organization of the Guild a relatively easy task. Special thanks also to Doug and Dirk, who took over the organization of the team from mid-October to mid-December, when I was away, and to Christopher Sims, a former reader, who filled in for absentees when home from university during the Christmas season.

If any other members of the congregation would like to join the team, you will be most welcome. Please see me or Alex.

Robert North, Coordinator

Report of the Hospitality Guild

Submitted by Jill Hamm

This past year has been very busy for the Hospitality Team. We catered for receptions held after two Spirit(us) concerts at St. Anselm's. Also for three different fund raisers, the Strawberry Tea, Salmon Bar B Q and the Christmas Fair lunch which consisted of mainly home-made food.

Our Sunday Coffee time has recently seen a change. It now has a rotation system. Two or three people together make the coffee and tea only once a month. People on duty also provide cookies/cake and bring the milk. We thank Nan Degan for providing the cream every Sunday. Also many thanks to Master Baker Kin Ho who brings his delicious home-made goodies for this popular Sunday Coffee time.

We are still enjoying our extra-large coffee maker, this makes up to 60 cups. The new grinder is also fast and efficient and a large amount of coffee is ground in a few minutes

The Hospitality Team looks after the recently introduced "Birthday Sunday" which are held on the second Sunday of every month. This is an enjoyable event for the whole congregation and the kids love to eat the special birthday cake and blow out the candles.

Jill Hamm, Coordinator

Report of the New Members Ministry

Submitted by Shirin Theophilus

“It was the visible display of Jesus' power that drew people to Him. Your life can become a channel of worship and service as you allow God's loving concern and practical helpfulness to flow through you to others” B.H. Wilkinson (editor)

A small team of dedicated greeters are at the door to welcome all who come in to worship each Sunday. We feel so blessed to be in this ministry because in the process of reaching out to those who enter our sanctuary, irrespective of what and 'where in their spiritual journey they are', we extend our thoughtfulness and help so that they may experience God's love amongst us.

Alex our vicar; Hyok our curate and the sides-people are outside the door to greet and help everyone. Greeters are there to give answers to the questions the new comers may have, offering to assist them in any way to make them feel at home.

We invite the newcomers to sign the guest book making sure that they are informed that we are seeking this information just to follow up with parish e- news from the parish.

Thanks to Marian Slater who then sends a card or email to the newcomers thanking them for worshipping with us and also inviting them back to the Parish. New member ministry team is also involved in many other ministries including the ministry of hospitality. It is so wonderful to see everyone having a great time during the coffee hour giving the new comers ample opportunities to meet and greet others.

We pray that God continue to bless Jill Hamm, Marian Slater, Kin & Mi Ho, Heather Friesen, Eun Young Kang & Pat Cowen who extend their gentleness, care and compassion to all who come to the church instilling a sense of freedom and comfort in them to join in the worship service.

I invite you to join the team that gives one an opportunity, boldness and courage to be the 'face of Jesus', as you greet the people at the door.

Shirin Theophilus, Coordinator

Reports of the Pastoral Visitation Ministry & Prayer Ministry Team

Submitted by Shirin Theophilus

Pastoral Visitation Ministry

Pastoral visitation team brings the 'church' to those who are home-bound and are unable to worship with the parish family each Sunday. A small group of compassionate and caring members who are trained by the rector, visit homes and nursing homes bringing cheer and information on our parish events and activities. The 'visitor' also gathers information on any requests for Eucharist or need for a visit by the rector and conveys this to the Rector. Visitors have easy access to the rector if they need to debrief after a visit.

We have added another segment to our pastoral care by Alex linking with the Purdy Pavilion, UBC Hospital, where we were able to bring joy, a sense of celebration and payers to those who are in this extended care facility. We started the on the 17th of January 2018. This hour long gathering was conducted by the Rector as well as the members of the team. Marian was on the piano and the song books were distributed to all who are brought to the prayer room by their caretakers. 15 to 25 individuals in wheel chairs were crowded in this small venue and they just enjoyed singing all the hymns. During the Christmas Eve, both St. Anselm's & the United Church joined to bring the message of peace to all at the Purdy Pavilion.

Thanks to Alex, Hyok, Heather, Marian, Shelagh, Jill & Shirin who are a part of this ministry. Please speak to Alex or Shirin if you want to join this ministry.

Prayer Ministry Team

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints". Ephesians 6:17-18

Prayer ministry team had been blessed to be a group of ordinary people who are called by the Holy Spirit to lift in prayer, individuals who are going through difficult situations in life, illnesses, disappointments and stresses of life. The prayer vigil requests are received in fearful and emergency situations as well as thanksgiving and special celebrations. Praying along with the individuals, we feel that they may find comfort, strength to face the challenges in life and 'the peace that passeth all understanding'. Prayer requests are sent to the coordinator, who then distributes the information to the team. We are blessed to have both the rector and the curate in the team if we need support. Over the past year we have received and prayed for 1650 prayer requests. May the Holy Spirit empower us to continue in this Ministry.

The members of the parish are encouraged to email the coordinator with your prayer requests which will be held in confidence and prayed for by the team members. Praise be to God for all the guidance, comfort and resolutions received. If you need immediate attention to your prayer request, please phone Shirin.

If you feel called to join this group in this confidential ministry please speak with Shirin or Rev. Alex.

Reports of the Life Groups

Submitted by Rev. Alex Wilson & Rev. Hyok Kim

The Church's Ancient Future: The Acts of the Apostles

Over the fall of 2018, a group gathered to listen again to the movement of the Spirit present within the words of the Acts of the Apostles. With questions not unlike those of the early church, we dug into the implications of community, the Spirit, and life together in a new and wondering context. This program, born out of a deep relationship with University Hill United Church, found our two congregations using the same resources and program to ask and lean into the questions in our parishes. The second half of Acts will be picked up in the New Year, with more programming opportunities between our parish and Uhill United on the horizon.

Anglican Rosary

Over 2018, a group used this powerful spiritual tool to deepen, enliven, and challenge their personal prayer practices. Meeting in their homes, and using a resources provided by the clergy, this group explores different facets of the nature, nurture, and presence of Christ in the form of Anglican Rosary. This ancient practice, more recognizable in the longer Roman Catholic form, is comprised of 4 “decades” or 7 “weeks” Each decade is divided by a cruciform bead, and each week is represented by a bead. The decades and weeks represent for us the journey within the totality of our lives, in all the seasons of our year, which is grounded in the cross of Christ. These prayers and the contemplative nature of what it does for our spirituality, helps bring prayer and presence into the midst of increasingly busy lives. This group continues to meet, with monthly emails to support the prayer life of this parish. Don't have a rosary but want to join? Don't fret; we can help you make one. All are welcome!

Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey

A group met to engage with the work of leading theologians, bishops and lay people from the Church of England's program Pilgrim. The purpose of this multi volume experience is to give individuals the ability to practice and engage with peers in the mutual gift of sharing our story of faith in Christ. This year we studied the Lord's Prayer, through a six week program of scripture, reflections, prayer, and conversation. Hearing the different and yet similar perspectives of those attending, in their questions and challenges, helped make this a wonderful course to refresh and sometimes reframe our faith. No theological experience is required, and more of this program will be explored in Easter 2019 as we turn to the Commandments. All are welcome.

Garden Club

Blessed with an abundance of God's creation right in our backyard, a number of parishioners gathered on the second Saturday of every month (April-October) to help beautify our grounds and connect more deeply to God's presence in our ecological world. From overhauling the garden beds at the front of the church, weeding the memorial garden, or pruning trees and relocating plants, this group helped people meet casually during the week and provided a chance to reconnect with the garden for those who don't have one at home. All are welcome to join starting in April, starting at 10am- 12pm on the second Saturday of the month.

Movie Night Big Screen Big Window

I believe, we Christians come from God's story of love, mercy, and grace, and we are the beings of story. Church is a story-sharing community, sharing not only God's story but also our daily living stories. We make, read, tell, hear, and watch stories. But, all the stories actually part of God's story, and we live in God's story. In story we see us, and see God working in us. The movie is an easy, useful, and giving-fun tool to share stories. Through bigger screen, once a month movie reflection group has met and shared the stories of our fellow pilgrims. We met some monks in agony of the absence of God (*Of Gods and Men*) and also some monks praying and living in great silence with God (*The Great Silence*), and met a vulnerable human pope like us (*I Have a Pope*). We read the letters of Mother Teresa wrestling with a silent God (*Letter from Mother Teresa*), and read some letters sent to an old priest who is the tool of forgiveness and reconciliation of God (*Letters to Father Jacob*). We met a couple who experience together the beauty of human life in love, death, and time (*Collateral Beauty*), and a man who walks through the road of forgiveness and reconciliation (*Tree of Life*). And we witnessed how God's people and church work and walk together in Christ (*All Saints*). Those are the people whom we met through bigger screen, and shared stories in Christ.

Movie nights will begin. All are welcome!

Rev. Hyok Kim

Speaking Spirituality

Report not available at time of printing.

Building & Grounds Committee Report

Submitted by Doug Chivers & David Sims

The Building Committee, Doug Chivers and David Sims, has worked over the last year to make repairs and improvements to the property and grounds.

The work done in 2018 included:

Building

East stone wall of church was cleaned and sealed on the outside. We found that the stone is cladding on both the inside and the outside of a structural wall.

Grounds

Emiliano & Doug dug up 20 feet of plugged (filled with long roots) sump drain pipe from the office basement into the woods, then installed and backfilled new pipe. The end is now covered with soil resistant cloth to keep roots from growing into it.

Heather & Doug replaced 8 yew shrubs in Memorial Garden hedge (they are thriving, but many of the other ones are now dying or dead).

Doug repaired a few Garden Boxes in the Community Garden.

Work Planned for 2019

Note that several of these items have been on the list in previous years.

- Add gravel to parking area in front of Office (\$500 Done early January/19)
- Replace a portion of the bottom of the North wall of Sanctuary (\$500)
- Upgrade the 3 opening windows in the North wall of Sanctuary (\$750)
- Clean, Repair and Paint "A" structure and "cross" frame of large window at end of church (\$100)
- Purchase a small Emergency Generator for sump pumps (\$800)
- Install LED valance lighting in Sanctuary (along edges of pews) (\$300)
- Install LED lighting in ceiling on North side of Sanctuary (\$50)
- Repair and paint drywall ceiling on North side of Sanctuary (\$100)
- Install LED rope lighting along west and north walls of church (pd for last year)
- Get BChydro to change the street light on the pole near the office door
- Replace the dying yew hedge around the Memorial Garden including further soil removal and replacement with better soil (\$1000).

- Add 3 or 4 more Garden Boxes (free used lumber from Ryerson United) to the Community Garden and purchase a truckload of soil (\$600)
- Major cleanup of Grounds (trailer rental and dumping fees - \$100) NOTE:
Organize to use trailer for several jobs on the one day!!!
- Make better tables for Narthex using donated pedestals (\$200)
- Organize one or more Work Parties for some of these items
- Install LED lighting on church signs on University Blvd. (Solar w. battery? (\$???)
- Investigate ways to add a layer of asphalt paving to the main parking lot (\$???)

Doug Chivers and David Sims

January, 2019

Report of St. Anselm's Community Gardens Team

Submitted by Heather Friesen

One of the many benefits of community gardens is that they add beauty to the community and heighten people's awareness and appreciation for living things. This is certainly true of the St. Anselm's Community Garden. Another important benefit is how the garden brings people, young and old and from various walks of life, together to share the joys that gardening together in God's creation brings.

Our community garden has been operating for 7 years now. We started with 12 plots in 2012 and increased to 18 plots a few years later, with help from a grant from VanCity. One of the garden plots is used to grow flowers to adorn the front of the church on Sundays in the summer. We can always find a spot to plant perennials from your garden if you have a surplus of a favourite flower. Two of the garden plots are rented to U Hill Preschool – the children love watering their plants and watching them grow and then eating them when they are ready. Four of the garden plots are rented by members of our parish - don't be shy to ask Heather for some kale or herbs from her garden. And the remaining eleven garden plots are rented by our neighbours in the community. The annual cost of a plot will be increased by \$5 in 2019 to \$45 which is still a small price to pay for the healthy enjoyment gardening at St. Anselm's brings.

There is currently a waiting list for a plot but plans are in the works to add a couple more plots. I would take this opportunity to thank my husband Doug for cutting the grass around the plots and doing needed repairs to the boxes. This summer, please do take a moment to walk through the garden and admire the beauty of God's creation.

Report of Congregational Events Team

Strawberry Tea

Report not available at time of printing.

Christmas Fair & Yuletide Cafe

Submitted by Shirin Theophilus

The Christmas Fair & 'Yuletide Cafe' that was held on December 1st was a wonderful success because there was a sense of commitment. The joy shared by the volunteers brings extra happiness to the St. Anselm's Parish family.

Thanks to the publicity, the preparation of sandwich boards, new advertising boards as well as beautiful flyers all produced and dispersed by Peg, Alex, Heather, Doug & Jill, we had a steady flow of people coming through the door.

Thanks to Heather, this year we again had beautiful Poinsettias and Holly for sale. She also coordinated the set up and takedown of the venues as well as the silent auction. Jill coordinated the abundantly laden bake table with the assistance of Mi and Lynne. We would like to thank Jill, Alex, Lynne, Anne, Caroline, Rosemarie G, Kin, Pat, Joan, Marian, Eric P. & Shirin for their delicious contributions to the Bake Table.

The beautiful Treasure table was managed under the efficient direction of Shannon. Joan, Kin and Caroline assisted Millie to manage the large tables in the church. Of many talents offered by many, there was the 'nail painting' with Christmas motifs by Thuy Dam with all the proceeds offered to the common pot. Thanks to Shannon, Jill & Heather for pricing the items on Friday, an arduous chore indeed.

A huge thanks to Shelagh, for doing the shopping for the items for the Cafe as well as being at my side every step of the way to organize, prepare and run the 'Yuletide Cafe'. We are still hoping that someone would come forward and take on the 'baton'. Marian took charge of the servers and the kitchen clean up with the assistance of Jennifer G., Rosie, Ruth and Andrew D. Thanks to Jennifer, Gail P., Ruth and Andrew D. who were welcome additions to our small team, Many thanks to all who baked and donated items for the Café and most of all to Jill & Heather who made 2 huge pots of delicious Chili.

Thanks to David, Dana, Kin and Edwin for helping with the ticket sales as well as will all the various chores. Thanks to all volunteers who helped with any aspect of the Fair, including set up and takedown.

We raised \$ _____ toward various ministries of our Parish.

Salmon BBQ and Beyond

Submitted by Lynne Taylor

On a warm, summer August evening we hosted our annual Salmon BBQ with fresh salmon from nearby Steveston, corn-on-the-cob from the Fraser Valley, and an array of salads and desserts provided by the people of our parish. Our master chef Kin prepared and cooked the salmon (and chicken and vegetable skewers, too!) and assistant chef, Dana, prepared and cooked his beef sliders. The event was a huge success financially with proceeds of \$1,775 representing the sale of 79 tickets. More importantly, the event offered space and opportunity for community building with families, neighbours and friends.

Event organizers received Parish Council approval to invite neighbours from our wider community that we serve through the Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood Ministry, offering them free tickets to the event. These tickets numbering 20 in total at a cost of \$25 each were purchased through donations from the people of our parish and their friends and neighbours. Unfortunately none of the people who received free tickets attended the event. Most cited transportation issues as the reason for their absence. I hope, in collaboration with the Neighbourhood Ministry leadership, St. Anselm's will be able to determine an appropriate way to include our homeless and vulnerable neighbours in a future event. Parish Council approved the transfer of \$500 from the "Salmon BBQ and Beyond" proceeds to the Neighbourhood Ministry to support St. Anselm's ministry to the homeless.

Community Yard Sale

There was no Yard Sale this year.

Report of the Praise & Prayer Bible Study Group

Submitted by Shirin Theophilus and Heather Friesen

On Jan 15th our Bible study resumed for the year 2018 with renewed vigour and enthusiasm at Mrs. Carolyn Lim's home with 9 people in attendance. On Monday afternoons, we gather to sing with Carolyn on the piano and thereafter, gather for prayer and Bible study following the Lectio Divina format, which allows the Word to sink into our beings before discussions. We continued to study the parables spoken by Jesus in the gospels. An email is sent earlier during the week for all who are a part of the Bible study to prepare themselves with two questions. This enables the free flow of thinking and encourages all to engage fully in the discussions. A condensed write up with Biblical references are also prepared and distributed during the study for all to follow the dialogue. The study ends with prayers and then a pot luck brunch. From January to May we held 19 Bible study sessions and completed the study of all 46 parables.

Over the Summer months, We met on the last Mondays of the months (June.25th ; July 30th & August 27th) at 7:00pm with singing and prayers and pot luck dinners. Many were invited by Carolyn to participate. 35 people attended those evening gatherings.

We resumed the study on the 17th of September and we studied one of the Apostle Paul's Epistle to the Philippians known as 'Prison Epistle". We held 12 sessions and completed the study. We ended the year on the 10th of December with a fantastic potluck dinner, carol singing, and a brief Christmas message & prayers. There was an impromptu children's' choir and wonderful singing with 24 people in attendance. Ugo was on the piano & his family and many other families from the neighbourhood were on hand to make the gathering a blessed and joyful event.

We invite all members who can make it to the study to come and just experience the joy and uplifting Christian connections that result from studying and living the WORD.

Shirin Theophilus & Heather Friesen, Coordinators

Report of Primate's World Relief & Development Fund

Submitted by Shirin Theophilus (Parish Representative for PWRDF)

“Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food, if one of you says to him, ‘go, I wish you well, keep warm and well fed’, but does nothing about his physical needs, what good it is?. In the same way faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:15-17

The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) is the Anglican Church of Canada's agency and this year we are celebrating 60 years of engagement with Canadians and with emergency response throughout the world followed with International development.

We at the Parish of St. Anselm's celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of PWRDF with joy & thanksgiving on the 18th of December. It was a grand affair and the diocesan representative, Peter Goodwin made it extra special. He brought the brand new banners with the new PWRDF logo and it was strategically displayed at the church and the narthex. During the sermon time, our Parish representative, gave an outline of the history of PWRDF from the inception in 1958 at the time of the mining disaster in a small town in Nova Scotia which necessitated the mobilization of all Anglicans to help build the community; to 1969 adding a major component of development to Primate's Fund; in 2000 separating and incorporating as an agency supported by the Anglican Church and Canadian Federal Government; in 2007 joining with Canadian Food grain Bank to fight world hunger; to becoming the Sponsorship grant holder of 50 refugee families on its 50th Anniversary.

The worship service was enhanced by the Intercessory prayers written by Shirin and translated and presented in six languages by Andrew & Ruth (Tamil); Igabo (Emilia Abuchi); German (Jill); Edwin (Marati); Tim Cheek (Mandarin) and Gail Pinto (French). A special skit was written by Shirin to bring awareness of the disasters that are happening at that moment and the urgency of our financial assistance to help those victims of the disasters as they attempt to rebuild their lives. The skit brought to life the disastrous fire in the Telegraph Creek, BC. (10 year boy enacted by Elliott); the plight of a mother carrying twins in Rwanda (by Heather) and the earthquake tragedy in Indonesia (20 year old sole survivor enacted by Peg) and at each situation how PWRDF was present to help (rep, acted by Naman). The choir sang a beautiful anthem.

After the service everyone sat down for an Indian lunch with a chocolate cake prepared and donated by Shirin, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of PWRDF. A free will offering of \$1,325 was collected toward the work of PWRDF.

I extend my grateful thanks to each and every person in the Parish who had supported in the past and to those who continue to support the work of PWRDF. We are called to do impossible things, yet we are assured that God has the power to do in and with us 'more than we can ask or imagine'. (Eph. 3:20).

Shirin Theophilus, Parish Representative for PWRDF

Report of the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry

Submitted by Shirin Theophilus, Parish Liaison, St. Anselm's Anglican Church and the Report from Vicki Potter, Operations Lead, WSNM

"In the Christian life the implicit is never conscious; if it is conscious it ceases to have this unaffected loveliness which is the characteristic of the touch of Jesus. We always know when Jesus is at work because He produces in the commonplace something that is inspiring!"

~ O. Chambers

Reflecting on the 2018 activities of the Neighbourhood Ministry is cause for celebration and thanksgiving. Celebration for completing a decade of service to our homeless and vulnerable neighbours on Vancouver's West side. Thanks for the blessings of wonderful volunteers and community partners, as well as many opportunities to feel the power of the Holy Spirit working in us. A special thanks to the four Parish Liaisons, Shirin Theophilus, St. Anselm's; Bryan Henderson, St. Helen's; Lynwen Clarke/Joan Stewart, St. John's Shaughnessy; and Don Lamb/Rhona Thornton, St. Philip's, and to Vicki Potter, Operations Lead for the Neighbourhood Ministry. Here are some highlights from our year:

Our Street Outreach program saw volunteer teams canvass the West side neighbourhoods to connect with our homeless and vulnerable neighbours, going out every Saturday of the year, making nearly 1,000 connections. The four Neighbourhood Ministry sponsor parishes of St. Anselm's, St. Helen's, St. John's Shaughnessy and St. Philip's, provided the Street Teams with robust care packets, fresh food, seasonal clothing and other items for distribution. Each connection was a chance to build trust and relationships, to let each individual know that someone cares. It was also an opportunity to connect people to other Neighbourhood Ministry programs, particularly the Mobile Care Unit. A special thanks to Mary Lymburner, Outdoor Team Coordinator, to our Outdoor Team captains, Vicki Potter/Peg Gabor (Team 1); Jane Davis, (Team 2); Dale O'Brien, (Team 3) and Mary Lymburner, (Team 4), and to the Indoor Team Coordinators, Shirin Theophilus & Marian Slater, St. Anselm's; Irene James, St. Helen's; Ken Pepin, St. John's Shaughnessy, and Suzie Noetzel, St. Philips.

The Mobile Care Unit, which is blessed to be supported through the Diocesan care+share program (2018-2019), brought teams of UBC medical residents and supervising physicians, UBC social work students and professionals, and parish volunteers to four field sites and to street camps as well. In 2018, nearly 70 visits were made and well over 200 clients served. Service included medical assessments and basic treatment, flu shot clinics, and helping people with an array of social service needs, such as applying for housing, income assistance, old age benefits, and retrieving lost identification. Of particular significance were the 25 MCU clients who

secured housing in the new Modular Housing units throughout the City. By all accounts, housing has made a huge and positive difference in their lives, and we continue to reach out and support these newly-housed individuals. We were blessed with wonderful partners at our MCU host field sites - St. Mary's Kerrisdale; St. Augustine's Marpole, the Showers program at Kitsilano Community Centre; and PHS, operator of the M. Mitchell Modular Homes building at 2nd and Ash, and with our strong collaboration with St. Faith's Community Pastoral Resource Centre. A special thanks to our MCU Team Leads, Karen Cooke, Joan Stewart, Susan Firus, Lynne Taylor and Vicki Potter, to Dr. Janet McKeown, UBC Family Practice, and Kathleen Potter, social work practicum supervisor.

Through our community-building program at the Dunbar Supportive Housing building, in collaboration with Coast Mental Health, our volunteers continued to bring cheer and companionship to tenants by hosting several seasonal celebrations. A highlight was the 7th annual Christmas carol event, where residents, families and volunteers sang and celebrated together. We are thankful for the community spirit that was so evident. Thanks to Joan Stewart for her joyful leadership of events at Dunbar.

One of the highlights of the year was our October benefit concert, held in commemoration of Homelessness Action Week, where guests were inspired by original folk, bluegrass and jazz tunes performed by local talent.

We give thanks to Beth Vondette, our Administrative and Communications coordinator, who keeps our records straight and parishes supplied with lots of information and pictures. The Neighbourhood Ministry operated this year on about \$30,000, half of which was provided equally by the four parishes, the other through the Diocesan care+share program and private donations. A similar budget is being put forward for 2019. Funds raised provide for our part-time staff and office expenses; incidental program costs to support clients (ID replacement, move-in welcome kits, bus tickets, sleeping bags, tarps and holiday gift cards); parish communications; and support to our host MCU sites. We also continue to contribute toward a breakfast program at the Dunbar apartments.

We are so grateful to each one of you in our parish for the 10 years of your support to the ministry to the homeless people. In spite of not having a budget for the monthly package preparation and food, it is amazing how we with God's blessings are able to meet our quota. We continue to engage everyone in making up 15 packages in preparation to be distributed on the 4th Saturdays. In June, September & November, we had to have 2 packaging sessions -- gifts of packaged items during the Lent and the warm clothing, sleeping bags, blankets and tarps. Indeed a mountain of items were donated by you to 'warm the manger' during the Advent

weeks. We have provided more than 210 packages from our parish over the past year. We also have given out 215 pairs of socks 30 men's medium sized underwear both much appreciated by our homeless neighbours. The Outdoor Team carry along with the packets and clothing, soft fruits, boiled eggs & sandwiches all prepared and donated by the assigned Indoor Team member each time. We offer care, companionship, packets of nutritious food, and warm clothing as well as friendships. Each one of you who extend your time and compassion are the sole reason of the success of our ministry. Thank you!

We focused on our outreach work with the homeless people, extending the Homeless Action Week in October to an awareness and participatory month. Each Sunday a pamphlet focusing on one aspect of the ministry and celebrating the work done by the volunteers was prepared and inserted into the worship bulletin. This culminated in us honouring Caroline Mervyn for her selfless service to the homeless, from the inception of the ministry to the present, for the past 10 years as a member of the Outdoor Team. She spoke of her experiences and a special cake & a bouquet of flowers was presented.

Again this year, on the 22nd of December St. Anselm's hosted all four parishes to gather for Hot Chocolate/Coffee, muffins & fruits in the preparation of gift bags for the Christmas blitz. It was a joyous occasion to meet and renew friendships with all who are involved in this ministry. We were very sad to lose Don Lamb in 2018 . Don was a founding volunteer and leader with the Neighbourhood Ministry, and his passing gave us resolve to carry on this Ministry with the selfless spirit that he showed us each day.

As we look ahead to 2019, we feel very encouraged that so many of our homeless friends are housed, yet realize that many more are still on our streets. With God's help and your support we are assured that we shall continue this loving and caring ministry creating an inclusive and nonjudgmental community.

If you wish to make a monetary donation to this humanitarian work please do so by making the donation to St. Anselm's church with your intention stated in the memo section. Thank you. Serving our homeless and vulnerable neighbours directly provides an incredible opportunity for each of us to feel gratitude, not just for the blessings we have, but to each of those we serve for letting us into their lives. We shall continue to pray that many of you will be encouraged to join this ministry and keep the light of Christ alive and well among us.

NOMINATIONS

The names of parishioners nominated for the following positions will be provided at Vestry.

| Position | Nomination |
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| People's Warden | |
| Rector's Warden (appointed by the Vicar) | |
| Vice Warden (appointed) | |
| Treasurer | |
| Parish Council Secretary | |
| Members at Large (3 or more required) | |
| Trustees The Vicar (ex officio) People's Warden (ex officio) Rector's Warden (ex officio) Elected Member Elected Member Elected Member | |
| Signing Officers Treasurer People's Warden Rector's Warden Member of Council Member of Council | |

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| Members of Synod (1) | |
| Alternate Members of Synod (3) | |
| Youth Member of Synod (1) | |
| Alternate Youth Member of Synod (1) | |

Pray for these ministries and those offering themselves for them.

Lay Administrants to be proposed to Archbishop Skelton- 2019

The names of Lay Administrants will be provided at Vestry.
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