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**Deaths** 4  
**Baptisms** 8  
**Marriages** 0  
**Confirmations** 0

### **PAROCHIAL STATISTICS**

Baptized persons 16 years of age and over on Parish Roll	282
Households on Parish Roll	147
Total Members on Parish Roll	284
Average Attendance at Weekday Services	9
Average Attendance at Sunday Services:	
08:00 a.m.	9
10:00 a.m.	69
Number of Sunday School Teachers & Children's Program Leaders	3
Number of Children in Church/Sunday School and Children's Program	8

### **LAY ADMINISTRATORS OF THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

See list in minutes of 2017 Annual Vestry Meeting.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL – 2017/18**

See list in minutes of 2017 Annual Vestry Meeting.

**HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
ANNUAL VESTRY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2017**

The 2017 Vestry Meeting was called to order at 11:45 A.M. by the Reverend Dale Yardy. He welcomed the Fifty-two members present and said the opening prayer.

**Motion:** A motion to accept the Agenda was made by Marney Godkin and seconded by Brian Dobbin. Carried

**Motion:** A motion to accept the Minutes of the 2016 Vestry Meeting was moved by Dr. Dr. Robert Rothwell and seconded by Bob Merrison. Carried

**Motion:** Approval of the receipt of the 2016 Annual Reports was moved by Doug Parker and seconded by Marney Godkin. Carried

**Report of the Nominating Committee: for the 2017/18 Church Council:**

Birgit Petersen presented the names for Church Council. It was moved by Brian Dobbin and seconded by Starr Switzer that the nominees be approved. Carried

**Church Council:**

Rector's Warden	Carla Jones (Appointed)
People's Warden	Sybil Collett
Assistant Wardens	Birgit Petersen
	Mikhael Magaril
Synod Delegates	Joyce Harwood
	Greg Kennelly
Alternate Synod Delegates	Lawrence Eta
	Carla Jones
Youth Delegate	<i>currently vacant</i>
Alternate Youth Delegate	<i>currently vacant</i>
Treasurer	Betty Macdonald
Recording Secretary	The Reverend Carole Neilson
Envelope Secretary	Susan Stensgaard
Members at Large	Morgan Montgomery
	Don Neilson
	Kate Abel
	Starr Allaby

**Lay Administrators for 2017/18**

Peter Dyson	Carla Jones	Mikhael Magaril
Birgit Petersen	Vi Calhoun	Marney Godkin
Jackie Lewis	Rob Sider	Sybil Collett
Terry Godkin	Joyce Harwood	Morgan Montgomery
Gordon Cool	Brian Dobbin	Carol Murdoch

Susan Stensgaard  
Meghan Hafting

Robert Rothwell  
Greg Kennelly

Dinali de Fonseka  
Alysia MacGrotty

**Motion:** It was moved by Birgit Petersen and seconded by Bruce Macdonald that the Lay Administrators for 2017/18 be approved. Carried.

### **Report of the Treasurer:**

Betty Macdonald presented the Annual Treasurer's Report.

**Motion:** to receive the Financial Reports. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Karen Crew. Carried

**Motion:** to accept Operating Budget 2017/18. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Rob Sider. Carried

**Motion:** to accept signing authority and deposit box signatories for 2017/18. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Starr Switzer. Carried

**Motion:** to waive the appointment of a review auditor. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Marney Godkin. Carried

**Motion:** to waive an audit for the year 2017. Moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Brian Dobbin. Carried

**Motion:** to accept the Capital Budget for 2017/18 and to have Memorial donations redirected to the Memorial and Capital Fund. It was moved by Betty Macdonald and seconded by Birgit Petersen. Carried

### **Other Business**

The Reverend Dale Yardy was asked about the Building Project and reported that plans are progressing. A meeting with the New Westminster Public Land Use Planning Committee is scheduled for March 6, 2017. Dale encouraged members to follow developments on the parish website and the monthly Church Council Minutes.

### **Moment of Remembrance:**

The Reverend Carole Neilson read the names of those who died in 2016 and in January 2017. A moment of silence followed.

### **Motion of Thanks:**

Carole Neilson gave the motion of Thanks to the members of the many groups, and everyone in the congregation for their dedicated service in the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, to the life and vitality of Holy Trinity Cathedral. The motion was seconded by Don Neilson. Carried

A standing round of applause followed

**Motion to Adjourn:** Marney Godkin /Brian Dobbin

**Closing Prayer:** The Reverend Dale Yardy closed the meeting with Prayer.

## RECTOR'S REPORT

*Submitted by: The Reverend Dale Yardy*

*“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another” – Romans 12:4-5*

*“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men. At once they left their nets and followed Him.” – Mark 1:17*

Dear Friends,

It has been both an exciting and challenging year! We have seen huge strides forward in our Building Project. I am so very pleased with the progress we have made on the Steering Committee as we have worked alongside ConWest and their partners to revise and raise the profile of the Project with the City. I have continued to meet with City officials and Councillors to advance the cause of our Building Project and I've really been honoured to build new connections and partner with individuals and services that also seek to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable in our society, in particular the Homelessness Coalition who once again chose to hold their Connect Day in our Parish Hall, offering much needed resources and services to those in need.

We've also continued to feed the hungry through our hot breakfast program each week. Our weekly healing service enters its second year and shows signs of growth and vibrancy. The service has a special focus around Ignatian spirituality, which invites us to put ourselves in the Gospel and be transformed through an encounter with the living God. We held special training events for various ministry positions, we ran a group study on the process of spiritual discernment and the many ways God speaks to us today. Our Women's Prayer Group has continued to offer a sacred place for all to gather and know God more, nurturing one another in the faith.

I was also incredibly excited to work with The Venerable Barbara Clay this year in developing a Parish Life Conference weekend in June, which was designed to discern our passion as a parish and as individuals, to develop our gifts, as well as to develop ways to grow our church and connect with the local neighbourhood. Unfortunately, we only received six people registering for the event so we had to cancel it. Hopefully it will be something the parish will choose to revisit in the not too distant future.

Our Ministry Plan has been widely distributed, both physical copies as well as an online version, which is featured on our website. It contains all kinds of helpful facts and figures about the budget trends we have seen in recent years, as well as simple, concrete ways each of us can take steps to strengthen and grow HTC. I would continue to encourage you to refer to it as an excellent resource for how you can help impact change here at HTC by sharing your gifts and passion as disciples of Christ in this place.

In Romans 12, Paul states, *“For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”* We are indeed “one body in Christ” – it is also good to be reminded that, “individually we are members one of another”. We cannot “do” church alone. It requires the whole body to engage with the mission of God and be actively discerning and using their gifts to build up the whole. Whilst we have many dedicated volunteers here, we do need more disciples to step forward to help the body function as it is designed to. *“Come follow me”*, Jesus says in this Sunday’s Gospel. We’re told that immediately the disciples put down their nets and followed him. What metaphorical nets are we holding onto that may hinder us from responding wholeheartedly to Christ’s call today? It’s a sobering question to ponder, not in a spirit of shame, but in a spirit of true wonder and curiosity.

Over 2017, we have continued to faithfully offer pastoral care to both parishioners and those on the fringes of the Cathedral who have come seeking a listening ear and pastoral support during the many twists and turns of our human experience. It has been my delight and joy to journey with all who would come seeking new hope, new joys, and new possibilities in this place! I am so grateful for our Deacon Carole, who continues to assist me in this ministry also.

Over the past year we’ve also celebrated Eucharist each week together as the family of God. I have been honoured to conduct worship and deliver sermons throughout the year as well as offer the sacraments of the church to all those who would come. We have observed the High Feast Days and the changing liturgical seasons and offered preparation programs to help us enter more deeply into the spirit of the ever-changing church year. We’ve taken Communion and offered Last Rites to the sick and dying. We prepared families for baptisms, weddings, and funerals, offering pastoral support and preparation along the way. I’ve been honoured to Chair Parish Council who have continued to meet throughout the year faithfully, as well

as the Leadership Team, offering hundreds of hours of behind the scenes direction, planning, trouble-shooting and decision making, which rarely receive the accolades they deserve. Thank you to all of you for sharing in this important work alongside me. I have been so grateful to have Marcia on staff to assist myself and the Wardens in the administration of the parish – we couldn't do it without her!

With all of this going on we could be forgiven for thinking “everything is handled”, but the Body of Christ needs all hands on deck (pardon the pun!) to function at its most effective. If you have ever worked out just one part of your body you will know how tired and fatigued that part of the body can get. It is far less taxing and more beneficial to engage all the muscles of the body in order to achieve peak physical fitness. The same is true for the Body of Christ (the Church). We are not merely spectators, but we are called to be disciples. Jesus calls us to follow Him. The call of Christ is a call to engage. Being a disciple requires a solid commitment. It means like the disciples before us, a laying down of our priorities, our metaphorical nets, in order to follow Him more closely. In the context of Paul's metaphor, it requires stretching and using your particular muscle (or gift) in order to benefit the whole community or body.

Frederick Buechner once wrote, *“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”* Deep gladness in this context is not doing whatever makes you happy - it's much deeper than that. It has to do with discerning your gifts, your talents, your purpose and finding a place for them to be exercised within the context of community. As we move into this new year, Holy Trinity Cathedral really needs each member of the Body of Christ in this place to consider how their gifts of time, talent, and treasure could help our whole parish get a better all round workout as it seeks to continue to serve the wider community around us, especially as it moves closer to the next phase in the Building Project.

We're going to need new muscle groups to take up active roles in our workout routine. We need new disciples stepping forward offering to do their part to help the Body of Christ in this place remain fit. The reality is, we do need each parishioner to take a moment to consider - where is the place of your deep gladness? Where is your passion? Where is your joy? Where can you lend a hand to your community? And how might your gifts help support the core Leadership Team who really do need some extra support across the board to help HTC not only survive, but to thrive?

Where is the place of your deep gladness and how might you share that as part of the Body of Christ in this place? If you can raise your hand to vote in support of the Building Project, I am willing to bet those same hands are quite capable to help serve coffee on Sunday mornings ☺

I know we all have excellent reasons as to why we can't offer too much of ourselves to the call of Christ, especially in this day and age. But the reality is we can't just run away (ask Jonah), we can't just say we're too old (ask Moses), we can't just say we're too busy (ask Martha), and we can't just say we're too poor (ask the widow who gave those two coins). Discipleship is an invitation into a deeper life, into a spirit of generosity and collective purpose. Discipleship is more than attending a nice church service and enjoying a coffee afterwards. It requires us to feel the pinch and to take our fair share of the weight to help support the other muscle groups. We need everyone to be engaged in sharing the load and sharing in the mission we have been given.

So, please talk to the Clergy and Wardens about what muscle/gift you can flex to help keep the Body of HTC healthy, and may I encourage you to dream big and share those dreams with us! Knock our door down with excitement saying, "I have an idea and the passion to see it through!" or "I have a real gift for \_\_\_\_\_. Help me figure out where I can put this to good use." or, "The place of my deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger in the following way... Would you help me discern what God might be calling me to do and be?" We would dearly love for these kinds of conversations to abound in this place, because the reality is we need the whole Body of Christ engaged in building up the whole.

In other news, I'm pleased to report that the Building Project has continued to move forward and gain momentum this past year thanks in large part to the expertise and passion of ConWest, our Developer. We have most recently formed a relationship with B.C. Housing, who are very interested in partnering with us to create an affordable housing component to our proposed tower. We are going to The Land Use and Planning Committee once again on January 29 for further direction and input from the City, and we are getting very close to being ready to present the Project to City Council. ConWest and I have continued to meet one-on-one with City Councillors during this preparation process in order to help provide an overview to date of the Project and to answer any questions. In terms of the Seismic and Restoration Pricing Update, the design for pricing is complete. ConWest reports that Trades are taking a look at the design and sending

pricing to Ventana. A custom steelworker is on board and will tour the Cathedral later in January. This year will be the year that HTC will see a lot of movement forward. As a Steering Committee, we have witnessed huge progress throughout 2017 by virtue of our involvement with the project. In 2018, the parish itself will begin to see real movement, which has already started with the removal and restoration of some of our stained glass windows in preparation for this process to really start ramping up. It's an exciting time for HTC and for the Building Project!

I would like to thank our Wardens: Carla Jones, Sybil Collett, Birgit Petersen, and Mikhael Magaril for your hard work and commitment to the ministry of God in this place over the past year. I truly appreciate all you have done! To our Parish Council, I thank you for your service in the decision making process of our Church life. To our Altar Guild, who have been, I know, a source of great strength to one another throughout the year and who continue to faithfully beautify and prepare the Cathedral for worship each week. Particularly to Geoff Clements, Nadine Wilkes-Smith, and Kate Abel who have led the Altar Guild through this past year with such commitment, devotion, and amazing grace! I thank you! To Betty & Bruce Macdonald for the amazing work you put into what is an incredibly demanding and at times overwhelming position, we are so very grateful to you! To our Choir, who are there every week leading us so beautifully in worship under the direction of George, we are so blessed to have you! To our Steering Committee members: Susan Stensgaard, Betty Macdonald, Don Neilson, Don Paul, Sheila McLaughlin, Stuart Thomas, and Carla Jones - thank you for your commitment to this project and for being so instrumental in helping HTC move this project forward!

To our Deacon, The Reverend Carole Neilson, who never stops serving God and this community so faithfully. Her gifts in ministry are so greatly appreciated by not only myself, but the whole Church - thank you, Carole! To our Adjunct Priest, The Reverend Neil Fernyhough, for your engaging preaching and teaching and priestly ministry among us, I sincerely thank you. To all who take up special ministries within the liturgy so faithfully, and for Joyce and Deacon Carole who help facilitate that process, I'm so very grateful to you. To our Thursday Breakfast volunteers who help provide a hot breakfast to those in need each week, I thank you! To our staff: Marcia our Parish Secretary, Morgan our Caretaker, and George our Music Director – your time, talents, and energy is deeply appreciated by the whole of this community, we are so very grateful to you all! We also wish Morgan

every blessing as he steps down this coming year from his position, and we are thrilled he will continue to remain part of our worshipping community!

Finally, thank you to each and every one of you who have chosen to call Holy Trinity Cathedral your spiritual home. Let us move forward into this new year with renewed vigour, to engage the call of Jesus as individuals and as the Body of Christ. May we do so in a spirit of joy and curiosity as we uncover that sacred place where our deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.

Blessings,  
The Reverend Dale Yardy  
*Rector*

### **DEACON'S REPORT**

*Submitted by: The Reverend Carole Neilson*

There is a special atmosphere amongst this faith community called Holy Trinity Cathedral. We are in the midst of continuing our plan of upgrading the cathedral and developing a tower for our use, and for housing available to the people of New Westminster. This is a project requiring vision, perseverance and courage. Our weekly worship services, parish events, and our outreach activities all attest to our commitment to serving our Lord, Jesus Christ.

My participation in weekly worship services, study and prayer groups, Fun Nights and the Breakfast Club helps me to become better acquainted with members of the congregation. The Wednesday Holy Communion Services followed by Coffee/Tea time is quite popular. Folks are invited to attend one or both of these activities.

Fun Nights and parish socials have been well-attended. The small home study group Don and I belong to has been a highlight – so much so that we have met every week when time has permitted.

Twice each month, worship services are held at Thornbridge Seniors Residence. Father Dale and I share this ministry along with several volunteers who lead the music. A similar ministry, led by Greg Kennelly and his musical assistants, is held at Queen's Park Care once each month.

Holy Trinity Cathedral is a member of the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society. We sponsor a Connect Day for homeless and at-risk persons in October, attend the Fund-raising Dinner, and help with other Connect Days during the year.

The Breakfast Club serves breakfast every Thursday all year. This ministry continues as a cornerstone of our outreach. A separate report is included. The work of our faith community is never finished. Being part of this faith community gives each of us opportunity to be the neighbour who welcomes others and the strangers who live and work in this historic city. Our belief in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord is the foundation of our faith journey – personally and as a community.

In His name, let us continue to walk together in harmony and peace.

### **WARDENS' REPORT**

*Submitted by: Carla Jones, Sybill Collett, Birgit Petersen, Mikhael Magaril*

As we look back on another busy year at Holy Trinity Cathedral, we are pleased to have this opportunity to report on the business of this parish. As your Wardens, we meet regularly in order to keep on top of the day-to-day activities as well as our finances so that we are prepared for the unexpected. We also continue to work to promote our regular activities and special occasions, both within our parish community as well as to the broader community of New Westminster through our web site and Facebook page.

We organized a number of special events this year, including the Second Time Around Sale in conjunction with the New Westminster Downtown Resident's Association flea-market, a Potluck Dinner in May, the Fall Fundraiser dinner, a luncheon after the Bishop's visit in December, as well as several sherry and cake receptions after services throughout the year.

Our on-going challenges still include safety and security on our premises and we are instituting a new procedure for those who need access to the church outside office hours. We are also working to keep up with necessary building maintenance, including repairs to the roof and attention to the foundation of the hall.

We continue to work with Marcia in the office to maintain good relationships with all the regular user groups and outside renters of our hall and church. This was a good year financially for rentals and these relationships with members of our wider community are important to maintain.

There are many opportunities for parishioners to volunteer their time and talents to help this parish thrive – from serving coffee after services, to being a greeter, administrator or server, and countless other ways – so please consider where you feel called to pitch in and help.

We look forward to the coming year and thank you for your support and continued fellowship for it is all of us who make Holy Trinity Cathedral a faith community.

### **ALTAR GUILD REPORT**

*Submitted by: Nadine Wilkes-Smith & Geoff Clements*

The membership of the Altar Guild has remained fairly stable this past year. Jackie Lewis and Dinali de Fonseka have continued in the weekly service preparation while Ian and Carol Murdoch completed their first-year initiation. Kate Abel lost her team partner, as Sue Heller resigned and is now attending St John's in Port Moody. Kate has soldiered on alone with undying dedication. We thank her profusely for the numerous times she has been called upon to take over or "run over" to see to needs in the Sacristy. Peter Dyson and Doug McCrae continue cleaning the brass and plaques throughout the church. Everyone has agreed to this year's schedule, so we are able to maintain a commitment of one month per quarter.

Birgit Petersen continues to diligently take care of flowers, decorating for High Festivals and special services for the Cathedral. Kate Abel has been assisting her in seasonal decorating.

All the low altar cloths have been purchased and are in use. The older High Altar frontals (some are over 100 years old) are showing a lot of wear. Also, the accompanying burse and veils are becoming very fragile. For that reason, we have taken to using the all-season frontal through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. We will use the purple and green when we can. Some of our fine linens used for the Eucharist are thinning and we will need to purchase purificators, lavabo towels and corporals this year.

As most of you know, personally, we have had some health challenges this year. We cannot express our gratitude enough for the support from our Altar Guild teams. They have all stepped up when asked and have filled in at every turn.

We are grateful for the patience, understanding and assistance of our clergy, servers and wardens. We truly appreciate the support of the congregation of HTC as we continue to serve in this most important sacred Ministry.

### **BREAKFAST PROGRAM REPORT**

*Submitted by: The Reverend Carole Neilson*

Holy Trinity Cathedral's Breakfast Club is approaching twenty-five years of ministry. Because of the dedication of members of our congregation and other volunteers, the Breakfast Club has a reputation for an excellent breakfast menu, friendly and efficient volunteers, and warm hospitality. Every Thursday from 8:00am – 9:00 am, breakfast is served to approximately 80 people. Most of the guests are men, but women and families attend as well. We are open year-round, regardless of holidays.

The breakfast menu consists of scrambled eggs and diced ham, toast, hash brown potatoes, orange juice, banana and orange sections, and baked goods donated by local supermarkets. Extra loaves of bread and baked goods are available for guests to take away.

The volunteers are superb. Besides parishioners, members of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church, students from St. Thomas More Collegiate, and people from the community volunteer weekly. We have two teams for the kitchen and clean-up crews. Other volunteers attend weekly, filling in wherever needed.

Telus sponsors two breakfast sessions each year – June and December. They purchase the food and provide toiletries and towels along with a cloth bag. Their generous donation helps us distribute toiletries for most of the year.

In December, the Junior Rotarians distributed blankets to the guests. This was well-received by everyone. There were enough blankets to continue distributing them in the following weeks.

As a member of the New Westminster Homelessness Coalition Society, the parish hosts a Connect Day during Action Week in October. This day is held on a Tuesday, so we host two breakfasts that week. Our volunteers are on hand to help with serving lunch, which came from Beans and Greens and Subway this year.

On behalf of the Co-coordinators, Bruce Macdonald and Jeff Yip and myself, I want to thank the volunteers, the donors, and the parish for their support of this ministry.

The Financial statements and the Dry Sock Project reports follow below.

### **Outreach Breakfast Financial Statements:**

#### **Donations:**

General Donations	8,504.95
Elks Club	1,000.00
Hanson-Bergeron Foundation	500.00
Royal City Rotary Club	250.00
St. Vincent de Paul	1,320.00
St. Peter's Women's League	200.00
St. Philip's Anglican Church	250.00
St. Thomas More Collegiate	500.00
WJ Weaver Foundation	500.00
Sock donations	920.00
Fund raising Event	1,474.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,418.95</b>

#### **Expenses**

Food	9,218.06
Food Safe Course	70.00
Repairs (1/2 of new stove)	314.00
Supplies	111.23
Utilities	2,400.00
Socks	1,719.22
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,832.51</b>

Net (loss) for the year	1,586.44
Opening fund balance	4,345.83
Closing Fund Balance	<b>5,932.27</b>

The Dry Sock Project, which started in February 2015, continues to assist our guests in keeping their feet healthy.

Period covered: Feb. 2015 – Dec. 31, 2017.

Number of socks distributed: 4624 pairs; Two sizes: 7-11 shoe; 12-16 shoe

Socks on hand at year-end: 96 pairs

Cost from February 2015 – December 2017: \$3,331.79

Average price per pair: \$.71

Project to Date Average Distribution: 31 pairs per week (not a smooth curve – more distributed in the fall and winter, less in summer). Guests can request 2 pairs.

*Note: these statistics do not include socks donated annually by Telus and other donors. Only HTC-purchased socks are included in this report.*

## **ENVELOPE SECRETARY'S REPORT**

*Submitted by: Susan Stensgaard*

At the close of 2017, Holy Trinity Cathedral had 105 envelope subscribers, down 9 from 2016. As well as donations for general running of the parish, envelope givers also designate funds for P.W.R.D.F., flowers, the breakfast program, building improvements, the Rector's Discretionary Fund, Deacon education, Altar Guild, and a variety of other programs.

A growing number of people are choosing to donate via PAD (pre-authorized deposit). This program allows you to specify a monthly donation amount by direct debit or Mastercard/Visa.

If you have any questions regarding the envelope program, would like to become a program participant, or would like to go on PAD, please contact me at: [susans@holytrinitycathedral.ca](mailto:susans@holytrinitycathedral.ca). Thank you for your continued commitment to this program.

## **MUSIC REPORT**

*Submitted by: George Ryan*

Music continues to play an important part in the life of our church, and it has been my privilege to serve as your Director of Music for another year.

Our choir remains the centrepiece of HTC music. Their faithful service, week after week, continues to be an inspiration to me, and they demonstrate a wonderful example of using one's talents in the service of God. They have sung at every regular service throughout the year and provided vocal leadership for the congregation. I am delighted by their continued commitment to both service and musical excellence and thank them for their tremendous contribution.

During the year we have been delighted to add two new members to the choir, Karl Ireland and Anne Parker. They have already become valued members in the short time they have been with us. In addition, I must thank Renée Bucciarelli and Anne Norman, who have joined the choir for special services and events.

We were all saddened by the death during this year of our dear friend, Gordon Cool, who had often sung with us on special occasions over many years. We miss him very much.

Our choir Librarian, Karen Crew, has spent many hours dealing with the distribution and collection of the many pieces of music that we use, as well as carrying out a much-needed re-organisation of the music files. I would like to thank Karen for her dedicated service.

Our major community performance this year was, once again, the Christmas Concert in conjunction with the New Westminster Regimental Band. This year, weather did not intervene to affect the event, and we were able to use much of the material we had prepared for last year's cancelled performance. It is always a great delight to make music together with our musical neighbours.

In conclusion, I would like to thank the Wardens, the Congregation, our Priest, Fr. Dale Yardy, and Deacon Carole for tremendous support and encouragement throughout the year. Your support makes my task so much easier. I would also like to thank our Secretary, Marcia, for her willing help in printing music copies for us.

Finally, to all those who have made it possible for me to continue as your MD, despite my disability, by providing transport to and from the church throughout the year, many thanks for your kindness and help, without which I would not be able to continue to serve.

### **QUEENS PARK CARE MINISTRY**

*Submitted by: Greg Kennelly*

At the request of the Spiritual Health Leader & Educator for Fraser Health Authority, the Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral began a lay-led ministry at Queen's Park Care Centre on January 8, 2017, following the Book of Alternative Services format for Evening Prayer. Since then, Kate Abel, Anne Haywood and myself have been meeting once a month with an average of about 10 residents, some of whom enthusiastically join in the singing of hymns. Many thanks to Vi Calhoun, who has provided musical accompaniment on the occasions that Anne was not available.

We meet in the Sun Room at Queen's Park Care Centre on the second Sunday of each month at 3 PM. If anyone would like to join us, please let me know.

I thank Reverend Dale and the Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral for providing me with the opportunity to put my Education for Ministry training to use in this manner.

### **SOCIAL CONVENOR AND FLOWER CO-ORDINATOR**

*Submitted by: Birgit Petersen*

2017 was, as always, a busy year with a lot of activities going on.

We did not have pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday. Instead we had pancakes the following Sunday - an always welcome treat.

Fun Nights has continued with Don and Carole Neilson in charge and it is highly recommend that you all try to come.

October was our biggest fundraiser with a wine and appetizer evening with entertainment by an Elton John impersonator. With the addition of a silent auction, \$3,000.00 was raised.

December began with a pancake breakfast and wreath-making plus, on the same day, a bake and jam sale - very popular day. A lot of people participated, either donating baked goods or purchasing same. We raised \$700.00.

For the Altar flowers, we are always looking for donations to this project. The flowers can be in celebration or in memory of people you loved and want to remember. I enjoy doing this work.

If anyone would like to help with serving in some capacity, please contact me.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

*Submitted by: Starr Switzer*

During 2017, Sunday School ran concurrently with the 10:00 am service. After the first hymn, the children joined their class teachers to proceed over to the hall for classes that lasted approximately 45 minutes. We were called back to church to join in the Eucharist.

Starr Switzer taught the three to six year olds and had up to five children attend. Seven to ten year olds were taught by Lynda Rivers, who had up to three attendees. Susan Stensgaard filled in as needed.

Susan Stensgaard organized the Christmas pageant, "New Star" that was presented by an intergenerational cast at the 5:30 service on Christmas Eve.

### **SYNOD DELEGATE'S REPORT**

*Submitted by: Greg Kennelly, Carla Jones & Joyce Harwood*

The 117th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster, held at the Italian Cultural Centre, May 26 & 27, 2017, was attended by the Rev'd Dale Yardy, the Rev'd Carole Neilson, Carla Jones, Joyce Harwood, and Greg Kennelly.

The theme of Synod 2017 was "Hold fast to what is Good" (1Thessalonians 5:21) which formed the basis for table discussion and presentations on a number of related matters.

Printed reports from various diocesan committees and related groups were received but not reviewed in any detail. Copies of these will be available on the diocesan website for anyone interested.

The first discussion period explored a First Peoples document titled “Principles of Learning” which listed nine such principles and each table was asked to discuss one of the nine. The discussion at our table centred on the first principle: “Learning ultimately supports the well-being of self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors”.

This same document provided inspiration for Saturday’s sermon by the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. Rather than discuss all nine of the principles, he grouped them together in three groups of three which he labelled “Theology of Creation”, “Theology of Reconciliation” and “Theology of Sacred Story”. Archbishop Hiltz’s conclusion was that we are all in different places on our journey of deeper understanding of, and practice of learning about, our First Peoples.

Another session on the “Hold fast to what is Good” theme explored the process of planning for the construction of a new building at the Church of the Epiphany in Surrey and the development of the current ministry plan at St. George’s, Maple Ridge.

The single item that will have the greatest impact on this parish, as well as other parishes in the diocese, was the approval of a new formula for determining parish assessments, which will come into effect in 2018. As approved, the major effect will be a reduction in the diocesan assessment for nearly all parishes, as the expectation is that the total of parish assessments in 2018 will be approximately \$200,000 less than in 2017. The assessment will be based on a revised definition of “Parish Operating Receipts” and will still employ a 3-year moving average.

Please speak to any of us who attended Synod 2017 if you wish further information.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**  
*Submitted separately*