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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Focus Groups Update

Our facilitators met with five different groups for discussions on three questions: what do you like about Holy Trinity? What are your concerns? And what are your wishes? So far about sixty parishioners have participated in robust conversations offering honest and open perspectives and in some cases tender and sensitive memories. Our thanks go to all who have participated to date. If you haven't attended yet, please consider doing so on one of the listed dates. Capturing your opinions is a vitally important phase of our interim ministry that will contribute to the content of our Parish Profile. And please mark Sunday, November 18th in your calendars. There will be a plenary session designed to pull together all the ideas from our small group discussions.

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HOMECOMING SUNDAY was made more special when the Rammo family came to visit.



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Meetings

Wardens: Thurs. Oct. 18th, 2pm

Parish Council: Thurs. Oct. 25, 3pm

Special Synod: will convene on Sat. Oct. 13th, 2018 with registration beginning at 9:00am in the Diocesan Centre in Vancouver. Synod will convene in St. John's Shaughnessy at 10am to consider changes to Canon 2, the set of rules that govern how a bishop is elected in the Diocese of New Westminster. Representing Holy Trinity: Simon Johnston, Sean Latimer & Nigel Cole.

Upcoming Parish Profile Focus Group discussions

Thursday October 11th, 10am for all including Coffee Teams, Caring Connections, Flower Deliverers, Refugee Committee

Saturday October 20th at 10am is open to all.

Saturday October 27th at 10am is open to all

Sunday, NOVEMBER 18th, 11am is the plenary session, open to all.

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Meet Francine deVelden

Francine is our new Office Administrator. Though she holds a degree in Elementary Education, she has been working in the administrative field for about five years. It is her hope that every one who comes in contact with her will feel joy, warmth, and safety, and will experience the loving heart of God.

Outside of work, Francine is passionate about experiencing God's stunning creation while hiking local mountains, running, and connecting with friends over a warm mug of tea. She is also a big dog lover, so feel free to drop by with your furry friend! **Her office hours are from Tuesday – Friday 9am – 2pm**

Special Vestry Update

Close to sixty registered parishioners attended Special Vestry held on September 23rd. A motion giving the Wardens permission to proceed with plans to replace the current rectory with a more affordable alternative was passed by an overwhelming majority vote. As noted during the discussion of the motion, this does not mean that a “for sale” sign will immediately appear on the front lawn of the Roper Avenue property. Diocesan approval must be given before such a change can proceed. The Wardens will be working on a proposal for submission to Diocesan Council. This next step – writing the proposal - will begin after the Focus Group discussions have been concluded in November.

Long Term Rental Update

One common theme that emerged from our focus group discussions thus far had to do with the potential for the long-term (over 12 months) rental of Griffith Hall to a day care operator as a way of providing additional revenue. Some parishioners were of the opinion that Diocesan Council has “shut-down” this initiative. This is not true. The Wardens are working with Diocesan staff to study the pros and cons of such an initiative. People's Warden Frances Fagan has kindly agreed to take a leadership role for this project. She is studying the short and long term impact on our parish including such considerations as Holy Trinity's access to the hall, the upgrading costs required, the need for security and licencing requirements, to name just a few items. The Wardens look forward to sharing these findings in November.