

**Church of the Holy Trinity**  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**September 2021**

**Molly's Gift**

Mollie (Mary Aline) Hedley, who passed in January 2020, bequeathed to the Church of the Holy Trinity the proceeds from the sale of her house. Fr. Wes and Parish Council announced on August 18, 2021 that her extraordinary gift amounts to \$1,034,638. The full amount has been received. In considering how best to employ the funds, Parish Council is guided by three aims to insure that:

- Future generations benefit from the legacy
- Our Sacred Spaces are maintained
- The funds be used as a catalyst for stewardship

Towards these goals, Parish Council will host a **Town Hall gathering on Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup>** after the 10am service in Griffith's Hall to present a strategic direction for the Parish. All are welcome.

**Fr. Wes' Granddaughter**

Fr. Wes and Terri will be away from September 7<sup>th</sup> to September 14<sup>th</sup> to attend the baptism of their granddaughter Madalynn Bernbrock on September 9<sup>th</sup> at the Grace Episcopal Church in New Lenox, Illinois. Please remember Madalynn in your prayers. Deacon Paul Richards will preside on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup> at the 10am service.

**Accessibility Grant**

Warden Frances Fagan has made an application for a \$300,000+ project grant to improve the Church's accessibility. If successful, the funds will be used to build a new accessible washroom in the area now used as an ad hoc "flower" room. Results of this application will be announced in late November.

**Gratitude**

Huge thanks go to **John and Helen Davison** who opened their home to welcome Fr. Wes and Terri. Over 60 parishioners attended and shared their stories and ideas for the future. The "coffee hours" gave us much needed social time. John and Helen are known for their hospitality, and we are grateful for their ministry in keeping us connected with each other during the pandemic.

**Pathways to Reconciliation**

Listening, Learning, Exploring

Your invitation to the first (of four) gatherings co-hosted by the Church of the Holy Trinity and the Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park, will soon arrive via email or by regular mail in September.

Under the umbrella heading of "Pathways to Reconciliation", each of the four gatherings is designed to raise awareness about the history of First Nations and their relationship with Canada. It is also an opportunity to learn and participate in facilitated discussions about the many complex issues with the aim of exploring paths to reconciliation.

The gatherings will be:

1. **Saturday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:30-4:30pm at Church of the Holy Trinity** for a showing of the video documentary "The Doctrine of Discovery" followed by a facilitated discussion.
2. **Saturday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> 1:30-4:30pm at Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park**, author Lynda Gray will talk about her book "First Nations 101: tons of stuff you need to know about First Nations People".
3. **Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Church of the Holy Trinity**, an interactive discussion on "The Indian Act and Residential Schools" facilitated by Kerry Baisley, Diocesan Missioner for Indigenous Justice.
4. **Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-4:30pm at Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park**, an interactive discussion on "The 94 Calls to Action and Resiliency"

Please register for these free events by email: [holytrinitywhiterock@telus.net](mailto:holytrinitywhiterock@telus.net) or by calling 604-531-0884 Mon-Thurs, 9am-2pm

**New Office Administrator**

Please welcome **Bonnie Gosslin** who joined us on Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> on a part-time contract. Her hours are Mon-Thurs from 9am-2pm

**Our gratitude goes to Barb and Patrick** for stepping up and fulfilling all the responsibilities in the office over the last six months. Thank you, Patrick and Barb, for sharing your time and talents.

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**Parish Council**

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Copies of the Minutes and Financial Statements are available from the file holders in the library. Here is a summary of the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting:

- Discovery Day Care proposed to change their service from “Before and After School care for ages 5-11” to “Pre-School care for ages 2-5”. The change would have necessitated the erection of a fence surrounding the western lawn. Parish Council researched the impact of such a change and voted unanimously against Discovery Day Care’s proposal.
  - Molly (Mary Aline) Hedley’s extraordinary gift of “all the proceeds remaining from the sale of my real estate property” has been received and deposited in the Church’s account. Parish Council voted unanimously to invest \$1,000,000 into the Diocesan’s Consolidate Trust Fund’s Balance Fund for one year; and to deposit the remaining amount of approximately \$34,638 into the Special Gift Fund to support the Church’s needs.
  - Parish Council commended Sean Latimer for his expertise and devotion to ensuring the best outcomes of Molly’s bequest.
  - Fr. Wes will invite parishioners to a “Town Hall” meeting to discuss how best to use Molly’s extraordinary bequest. The Town Hall meeting is scheduled for Sunday September 5<sup>th</sup> after the 10am service.
  - Parish Council discussed the inconsistency of the parish name which has been variously referred to as “Church and Parish of...” “Parish and Church of...” etc. and voted unanimously to use, in the short term, “Church of the Holy Trinity” on all materials where a name is required. In the longer term, Parish Council discussed the need for a review of our Parish Profile with the intention of mapping a strategic direction for the church that will inform our “brand” and logo.
  - Parish Council identified website development as a priority and voted unanimously to engage a professional website designer. A budget of up to \$5,000 was also approved.
- Parish Council voted unanimously to proceed with co-hosting “Pathways to Reconciliation” with the Parish of St. Mark-Ocean Park as presented by Simon Johnston with a ceiling budget for equipment of \$160 and a Speaker’s fee of \$1,200 for Lynda Gray (The speaker’s fee is shared with St. Mark’s).
  - Parish Council voted unanimously that streaming of church services on YouTube is beneficial to our future and approved an expense of up to \$11,000 for a professional media consultant, recording and broadcasting equipment, and to set up, install, and train volunteers. Four volunteers will be required. Each one will operate the equipment once every four weeks. Those who are interested may call the Office Administrator for more information.
  - Parish Council urgently seeks volunteers to attend the **School for Parish Development Oct. 4 – 8 (Mon-Fri) at the Sorrento Centre in Shuswap.** Participation is a condition for the grant we received of \$15,000 that goes toward the salary of a full-time priest. Fr. Wes will be attending. We need three more parishioners to join him to learn about growing our community of faith and to bring that knowledge back to share with our parishioners. The school equips people to:
    - Look at our current reality
    - Discern the future
    - Work on plans to get to there.Church of the Holy Trinity will pay the fees.

For more information, please go to:  
<https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/programs/diocesan-school-for-parish-development>

**Griffith’s Hall Usage**

Mon: Prayer Shawl group; Alcoholics Anonymous  
Tues: Parish Council  
Wed: Al-Anon  
Thurs: ACW; Girl Guides  
Fri: AA ESH; Good Vibrations; Toby Sanft  
Sat: Open