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Many thanks and keep those contributions coming!!

We are always looking for new ideas, volunteers and submissions. We reserve the right to edit, condense or reject submissions, but will try to find space for all.

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FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK

Asian Heritage Month

I dedicate this post to some of the voices of Asian members of our United Church in Canada, whom I met a few years ago at an Intercultural Consultation. While we were together, they inquired about the kinds of events and initiatives I and my Ottawa community colleagues undertake for Black History Month. Correspondingly, we spoke about what they felt the wider Canadian society ought to know about the experiences and faith of various persons from the diverse Asian community in Canada. I am reminded of our Pentecost story in Acts 2 regarding the miracle of speaking and hearing different languages.

What would you like non-Asians to know about your culture, faith and experience?

(a person of mixed Chinese, Nigerian and Caribbean heritage)

"Asians are like dandelions, you can find us everywhere. We have a strong survival mentality. In remote areas of this country and this world, you will witness Asian resourcefulness. There is also in many Chinese – and other Asians for that matter – a real "we-ness" in the midst of such vast dispersion. I think we have something to teach other communities..."

(a person of Japanese heritage)

"Something that is very important for non-Asians to know, especially the majority White population, is that in mixed groups, the silence and reticence to speak that we Japanese exhibit comes from our culture. We hold back from speaking until we are asked. This is a form of humility and respect for the coherence of the conversation, and for the importance of listening with respect to one another. I often observe that many conversations and discussions here in Canada are characterized by people cutting each other off mid-sentence, speaking without pausing to reflect, and spending a lot of time formulating what one is going to say next and therefore not really listening deeply to what others are saying. I would also like non-Asian Canadians to know that in Japanese culture, there is much shame around terrible things that happen, even if someone else has done it to us. For instance the expropriation of property and the internment of Japanese people in Canadian history is a deeply shameful thing. We do great injustice to each other. This does not please God. As well, for many Japanese, our way of relating to God is very meditative and contemplative...not so loud and demonstrative."



(a person of Korean heritage)

“You know, there were many religions in Korea before Christianity came. There was some conflict among the people when Christianity came, although many people embraced it then and still today, and are happy for the story of God and Jesus presented in the faith. Koreans are very devoted believers, their worship style is very emotional...what I mean is that it is earnest and intense in their heart, not so much outwardly expressive. It is like communing heart to heart with God...intensely, that is how we do it. In fact, thinking about the relationship between Christianity and the other Korean religions, some of the role of the Shaman (you know the mediator and medicine/healer man of authority) came into Christianity. The minister became like a shaman.

We want majority Canadians to know that we Koreans value deeply our family life and traditions...especially extended family. There is a lot of respect for the elderly...for their wisdom and years and life. I notice that many here in Canada do not care for their elderly so well, it does not seem as if they are respected and valued so much. Parents sacrifice a lot for their children, and we are a people who do not want to disturb others...we put a high value on keeping the peaceful way...I guess like Jesus (person laughs). Although we are quiet and can be silent, do not mistake that for a lack of passion, intelligence or caring. We are very kind hearted in our culture...”

(a person of Cambodian heritage)

“I am very glad to be here in Canada. For me and my family, we would not have had the same opportunities back home. As long as you have a job and good health that is what matters. If I was still back home, I would be dead now. We lived through some very bad times...lots of hunger, war, suffering... People from Canada should be happy for what they have here. It is safe, no war and fighting. Back home my children would not have a chance for good education.”

(a person of Filipino heritage)

“We are very religious in the Philippines...but we also have a lot of violence and poverty. It seems to me that these things shouldn’t go together. If we have strong faith, we should trust God and work with God to solve these problems. We work hard but seem a little passive to Canadians. Don’t mistake that for being stupid or not having any passion. We are very lively and enjoy our festivals and family times of celebration. We are very family oriented and love to cook and share our food with others. In our faith we are very committed...well at least many of us. We work hard for our church and try to follow Jesus and his command to love and serve and help others, especially the sick and the poor. Canadians should realize how much we have to offer and not only as domestics and care-givers.”

(a person of Chinese heritage) “I feel very good about being in Canada. We have been treated very well. I don’t like to focus too much on just one culture; I think we should celebrate all cultures. I have been very blessed. At work I feel just like one of the other workers; I don’t feel any different than anyone else. I have been very blessed to be able to get along with people at work, in our neighbourhood and in our church. Our children have been fully integrated at school and haven’t had any problems. I think it is very important



to have a positive attitude and not to react to negative things people say. As a family we celebrate the Chinese New Year and the Moon festival.”

Love and Peace
Anthony

God’s Act in Acts

A blast of wind grates its weight
across our church’s slate roof, tugs
at the stained glass windows. And just at
this moment a wild sun blazes
through the nave like a signal, blessing
the altar, lighting the preacher’s face.

And I remember the sacred story-
about a sacred wind that carried Your
hot breath. A wildfire, it licked
the heads of the locals, formed words,
spread in a conflagration of gospel speech,
Grew until whole languages roared
beyond all borders.

Strike our dull matches. Light us today
even if our dark wicks only flicker in a corner.
Translate our lives into Your words.

Luci Shaw

Submitted by Elaine West

Peter Graham's award for volunteering

Parkdale's Peter Graham has received a prestigious award for his voluntary work at the Ottawa Civic Hospital.

The ***Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers***, awarded by the Governor General for "significant voluntary contribution," was presented to Peter in April during a ceremony at the hospital.

A certificate accompanying the medal states: "Peter has been volunteering twice a week with the Ottawa Hospital for 22 years as the United Church coordinator in the Spiritual Care Department. Known for his exceptional compassion and sense of humor, he also recruits and trains new volunteers, and liaises with pastoral care leaders in the wider community."

The medal incorporates and replaces the previous ***Caring Canadian Award***, which was presented to Parkdale's Norman Tape in 2014, and the late Charlie Hurst in 1996.

The medal recognizes commitments to volunteerism by Canadians in many walks of life. Anyone can nominate a volunteer by



submitting a name and appropriate background to the chancellery of honors - part of the Office of the Secretary to the Governor General - which is responsible for administration of the program.

Peter is a frequent member of the ushering team in Parkdale worship services, and was a teaching participant in the Bethel Bible Study program some years ago. He retired from the Canadian Ski Patrol last winter after 50 years of service.

Submitted by Peter Meerburg

Visioning Workshop and Potluck Lunch

Saturday, May 5
9am to 1pm



Do you ever wonder what the Parkdale church property will look like in 10 years? Will our current challenges in terms of accessibility and parking be addressed? What is your vision for the future?

To mark Parkdale United's 87th anniversary, come and let your imagination loose!

- Barry Hobin, architect and Parkdale member, will lead us in analysing our property's challenges and opportunities and exploring future possibilities.
- Small group discussions, facilitated by the Property Development Group, will allow you to share your hopes and concerns about Parkdale's future.
- A potluck lunch and fellowship follow, ending at 1:00 pm.

We are looking forward to an exciting morning, guided by the Holy Spirit, and holding fast to our belief that "all things are possible with God". (Mk.10:27)

Come and join us on this continuing journey, **grow** as we open our minds to possibilities, and **serve** in the shaping of Parkdale's future!

*Please contact Helen Hayes at hayeshelen8@gmail.com concerning your **need for childcare** or desire to assist with it, or if you have any questions.*

Inter-Faith Food Drive Sunday May 13



Again this year, Parkdale is joining the Good Samaritans Inter-Faith Food Drive to feed the poor in our community and show solidarity within our interfaith community.

Please bring some non-perishable food to church this Mother's Day, Sunday May 13th, and leave it in Memorial Hallway. After the service, Parkdale volunteers will deliver the food donations to the Ottawa Mosque parking lot, where other volunteers will load it onto a truck and deliver it to the Ottawa Food Bank.

Religious leaders from Ottawa's First Nations, Muslim, Jewish and Christian communities are working together for the public good. They encourage religious believers to engage as citizens committed to what Rev. Martin Luther King called the "Beloved

Community", social justice and caring for the most vulnerable among us.

Tell your family, friends and neighbours, whether or not they are religious, they are welcome to participate!

Food donations can be brought to the central drop-off point at the Ottawa Mosque, 251 Northwestern Avenue, at Scott Street

**-Friday May 11, from 3 to 7 pm
-Saturday May 12, noon to 7 pm
-Sunday May 13, 10 am to 7 pm.**

The Good Samaritans Leadership Mosaic includes: Elder Albert Dumont, Iman Zijad Delic, Rabbi Reuven Bulka, Mrs. Behnaz Bahrami, Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey, Fr. Jacques Kabangu, Ms. Maureen Stark, Sr. Nazira Tareen, Rev. John Wilker-Blakley, Rev. JoAnne Lam.

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In partnership with the Capital Region Interfaith Council, the Ottawa Muslim Association and the Women's Federation for World Peace - Ottawa



LECTIONARY FOR MAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 6, 2018

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- 1 John 5:1-6
- John 15:9-17

Ascension of the Lord - May 10, 2018

- Acts 1:1-11
- Psalm 47 or Psalm 93
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Luke 24:44-53

Seventh Sunday of Easter - May 13, 2018

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- 1 John 5:9-13
- John 17:6-19


Day of Pentecost - May 20, 2018

- Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21
- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Trinity Sunday - May 27, 2018

- Isaiah 6:1-8 and Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17

Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth - May 31, 2018

- 1 Samuel 2:1-10 and Psalm 113
 - Romans 12:9-16b
 - Luke 1:39-57
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Birthdays in May

Our warmest greetings to:

1st	Sarah Ursacki	22nd	Zoe Lo Botten
2nd	Dian Morris	23rd	Katrina Grozinger
2nd	Emmanuel Okumu	23rd	Johanna Lace
4th	Kendra Huggins	24th	Deborah McGregor
5th	Annecy Adams	24th	Mercy Lamunu
6th	Angela Christopher	25th	Graydon Emberg
6th	Evie Bosch	29th	Helen Hayes
6th	Beth Hamley	29th	Adam Hinds
7th	Curtis Cunliffe	31st	Stanley Baird
7th	Benjamin McInnis	31st	Judy Hamley
8th	Ruth Foster		
8th	Isaac Barbour		
11th	Alexander Fitzgerald		
16th	Helen Fortune		
16th	Mylcha Kerr-Faucher		
18th	Udobong Akpan		
20th	David Odumodu		
20th	Anael Chimu		
21st	Kerry Lynn Grozinger		
21st	Marley Payne-Odumodu		



If you would like your birthday to be a secret and your name taken off the list, or if your name was not included and you would like it to be added, please let the office know.

Yoga at Parkdale

Feeling like your body and mind could use a little spring cleaning? Yoga classes are returning to Parkdale United Church (PUC). Please come wearing loose-fitting pants and t-shirts.

Classes

A beginner's foundational series will be offered over five sessions, to be held on Sundays from 2:00 to 3:30 pm in Tape Hall, starting April 22nd. These classes may be best suited to those needing more one-on-one attention. A suggested donation to Parkdale United Church for the five sessions is \$60, as appropriate, paid directly to PUC. Please register for Sundays at juleepauling@yahoo.com.

Open classes, appropriate for both beginner and intermediate students, will be available on Mondays at 7:00 pm and Saturdays from 9:00 - 10:15 am. The suggested donation is \$10 per class, to be paid directly to PUC.

Note: There will be no classes from April 26 to 29, inclusive, or on May 5th. Future class cancellations will be announced by email or via the church bulletin. Advanced classes may be offered in the future based on student interest.

The Teacher

Julee Pauling has completed successfully 3 different certified yoga teacher training programs, as well as workshops in yoga for anxiety and depression. For more information or to discuss any concerns, please feel welcome to contact Julee at 613-406-4691 or juleepauling@yahoo.com

Special Communion Service



Shown admiring handmade Easter cards made by Vita Savelieva are Marguerite Brown (left), Lillian Smith and Mary Smellie (right).

A Special Communion Easter Service for our senior saints was held on April 8, 2018 at Parkdale United Church in the Chapel. The Junior Choir with Carol Diamond sang for us before the Service, and Rev. Dr. Anthony Bailey and Rev. Alcris Limongi led us in the Communion Service.

The Pastoral Care Team coordinated the transportation and the hospitality, where delicious sandwiches, tea and pastries were served.

Special thanks to Vita Savelieva for the small handmade Easter cards for all the guests. Everyone celebrated with Barbara Lawton and sang her Happy Birthday.



*Submitted by
Hepsy Griffith*

Barbara Lawton



Jeanetta McGarry



Muriel Bellman serving sandwiches to Stan King (foreground), Judy Hamley (centre) and her Dad, Ray Watson (right).

GRACEFIELD CAMPING WEEKEND

JUNE 22-24, 2018

Everyone is invited! Children, adults, families and friends...
Come and join us in enjoying the beautiful Gracefield
Christian Camp and Retreat Centre.

Location: Gracefield Christian Camp

Located only 90 minutes from Ottawa, Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Centre is nestled within 280 acres of pristine wilderness, featuring two kilometres of Lac Castor Blanc shoreline.

Meals & Accommodations

All meals are provided from Saturday breakfast to Sunday lunch. Various kinds of accommodation are available: Lodge rooms, cabins, tenting, trailer sites. All have access to indoor plumbing and hot showers.

****Registration Deadline****

Sunday, June 3

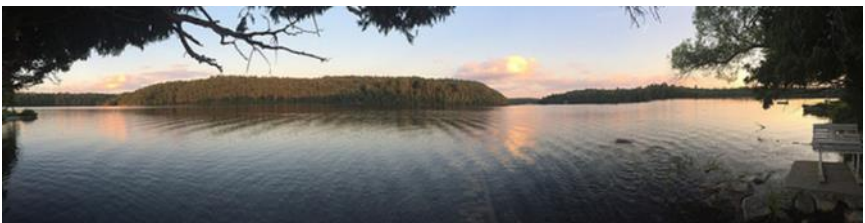
A table will be set up near the coffee shop on Sundays after service, starting Sunday, April 29.

Forms will also be available in each Sunday school room, from Melodee, and the office.

No Barriers Policy: If the cost of registration is a barrier to you or your family, simply contact Melodee Lovering (through the church office, 613-728-8656 or mmlovering@gmail.com) in order to arrange registrations.

Completed forms? Payments with slips should be placed in the collection plate on Sunday.

For more information, please contact Camille Beaufort, CYBLUSKVILLE@yahoo.ca (819-455-9281)



Weekend Schedule

Friday, June 22

5:00-9:30pm	Arrival and Check-in (Please note that supper is <u>NOT</u> included on Friday evening)
7:30pm	Snacks provided. Campfire at the Fire Pit

Saturday, June 23

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast in Main Hall
9:00-6:00pm	Guided activities and free time. Rest and relaxation. Lunch at noon. All activities are optional.
6:00-7:00pm	Supper in Main Hall
7:30pm	Marshmallow roasting and shar- ing music together

Sunday, June 25

8:00-9:00am	Breakfast in Main Hall
9:30am	Worship Service
10:30- 1:30pm	Free Time, Site Clean-up, Lunch
1:00pm	Check out and Travel home



Note to the Congregation:

Please consider making a dona-
tion in support of
our camp, so that
everyone who
wishes to attend
will have the op-
portunity. Please
put your offering
in a collection
envelope, clearly
marked
"Gracefield
camp". Many
blessings for your
assistance.

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Activities for Grades 7-12

Hang out time
(with food, of course!)

Archery, Ropes course, Canoeing,
Campfire, Movies

Worship & fellowship





Re-establishing Caring Kitchens



The Pastoral Care Committee and the Minister of Pastoral Care, Rev. Alcris, wish to restart the Caring Kitchens ministry of frozen food items. This food is used to support those coming out of hospital, experiencing illness, grieving the death of a loved one, or who just need a little help. We are looking to take what is needed when visiting a single person, 2 people, or a family.

You are invited to provide home-made or purchased frozen nutritious meals, soups, casseroles, baked goods, cookies, desserts, etc. Gluten-free or nut-free are appreciated too. Next time you prepare your favourite recipe, why not cook and freeze an extra batch to bring to the church?

Please label, or securely attach a note to the item(s) with the following information:

- Caring Kitchens
- item name
- size (number of portions)
- list of all ingredients (for allergy purposes)
- date prepared (month, day, year)
- reheating or cooking instructions (for example: remove plastic wrap, how long to microwave or reheat, etc.)

Bring the food to the church and place it in the Caring Kitchens freez-

er, located in the basement (Tape Hall) kitchen, by the door leading towards the restrooms. (You can ask for help from our custodian, Norman, on a Sunday and/or Don in the office on a weekday.) An inventory sheet is posted on the freezer door: please fill in your item(s) on the sheet. As Pastoral Care members remove the food items, they will cross them off the inventory list.

As well as asking for help in keeping the frozen foods replenished, we would also appreciate some assistance in providing fresh food on rare occasions. Please consider giving your name for an “as required” list of people who would be contacted occasionally and asked if they might provide fresh or freshly prepared food. The sign-up sheet is on the Pastoral Care table in Memorial Hallway after worship.

If you have any questions, please contact: Diana Mason at dsmason@rogers.com
We welcome your caring and generous response. Thanks in advance.

Submitted by Marilyn Follett



RECIPE

Best poached Eggs



After seeing this trick on a TV show titled "The Food Doctor", I thought it was worth sharing. Getting poached eggs to turn out round and smooth without the whites spreading into wispy strands is the result of the ten second rule.

Poached eggs work best if the eggs are fresh. Test an egg for freshness by dropping it into a bowl of water. Fresh eggs sink. Not so un-fresh eggs, which will float to the surface.

Heat some water in a pan and turn it to simmer after boiling. Add a tablespoon of white vinegar.

The ten second rule is this: using a spoon, lower the egg into the water while still in its shell. Stir the water for 10 seconds, remove the egg from the pan, crack the egg and break it into the simmering water. The egg white will stay nicely together in a compact circle. This 10 second precooking is just enough to slightly set the egg white so it does not spread into unruly strands.

Continue simmering the egg until done to the hardness preferred. Looks gorgeous served on toast, an English muffin or on a bed of rice or noodles as the Asians sometimes do.

Submitted by Val Hum

International Women's Day—March 8th



Rev. Alcris Limongi and the Parkdale Church Team hosted International Women's Day on March 8th. Some men asked if they could be present and they were. A presentation focused on the women of the Bible, celebrated women of Canada such as Viola Desmond, the women of Parkdale United Church past and present, and Indigenous Women. We all participated in prayers, shared a bit about ourselves, and enjoyed a potluck meal. A Prayer calendar for each day of March was shared, offering prayers to make violence against women history. Vita generously provided carnations for all of us, and gave us beautiful handmade cards.

Submitted by Hepsy Griffith.



IN FROM THE COLD An Evening to Give Thanks—April 5th

It was truly “An Evening to Give Thanks.” Thanks for the opportunity to serve our grateful guests for the sixteenth year. Thanks for our generous donors. Thanks for our caring volunteers. Thanks for all those who support the Ministry through prayer and financial support.



Vanessa Swartz accepts a cheque for Habitat for Humanity in honour of our donors

Tape Hall was beautifully decorated with garlands and bouquets of spring flowers and butterflies. The food brought by the volunteers was delicious. To honour our generous donors, a cheque for five hundred dollars was presented to Habitat for Humanity and was accepted by Vanessa Schwartz, Director of Marketing. Each donor received a Certificate of Appreciation. After John Ferguson, owner of GTxpress re-



John Ferguson, Owner of GTxpress, presents Anthony with a surprise cheque for IFTC.

ceived his Certificate, he surprised all of us by presenting Anthony with a cheque for six hundred dollars that his staff and customers had collected for our In From The Cold Ministry. How thoughtful and generous! How appreciated!

We are so thankful for all our generous donors: The Central Ottawa Food Bank, GTxpress, Herb and Spice, Saslove's Meat Market, Ottawa Bagelshop and Deli, The Table Vegetarian Restaurant, Art-Is-In Bakery, Trillium Bakery, Morris Home Hardware, Loam Clay Studio, The Ottawa Citizen, The Ottawa Sun, Friends of the Ottawa Public Library.

The following groups have volunteered for serving and clean up:



CiCi Waugh thanks the volunteers

Carleton University Community Engagement and Criminology Students, Ottawa University Islamic Student Association, Andrew and Denese Love and Friends, Barrhaven United Church, 28th Field Ambu-

lance Medic Team, Garth Giddens and Friends, Habitat For Humanity, Hillary McVey and Friends, Kitchissippi United Church, Knox United Church, Murray Stevenson and Friends, Ottawa West Kiwanis Club, Parkdale United Youth Group, Temple Israel Youth Group, TIRS Volley Ball Team, Trinity United Kazabazua Youth Group, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Vernon United Church, Vicky Campbell and Friends, Woodroffe United Church.

Together we served an average of 114 guests each week. Our total for 18 weeks was 2,053 meals. Our highest number of guests was 137 and our lowest 64 on a very cold, snowy day.



Anne Millar and Alain McKinley-Tilger accept a Certificate of Appreciation for The Ottawa Food Bank.

We give God thanks for
the opportunity to serve
our
community
together



Jocelyn Le Roy, Trillium Bakery, accepts a Certificate of Appreciation.



Noah's Ark fashioned in clay by our guests

THANK YOU FROM THE LITERACY TABLE

Heartfelt thanks to the congregants of Parkdale for donating so generously to the Literacy Table at In From the Cold in 2017-18.

We are frequently asked what our guests enjoy reading, and our response is — everything! One afternoon I counted the different titles of the magazines on display, and to my surprise discovered that we had 95 different titles ranging from A (the Atlantic) to Z (Zoomer). Our guests have wide-ranging interests in books too, and among the favourites are best-sellers, biographies, history, coffee-table books and anything related to animals and the Royal Family. Large-print books, recipes, craft and knitting patterns and French books are also in demand.

Everyone expressed appreciation for the donations of calendars, greeting cards and cloth, nylon and reusable plasticized bags as well.

Please save your reading material throughout the summer and fall so that we may replenish our shelves in November. You may leave books and magazines in the labelled green bin outside the chapel any time. On behalf of the guests and volunteers at the Literacy Table, thank you again for your generosity and kindness. Have a lovely spring and summer.

If you have any questions, please contact Brenda at 613-729-0705.



Finance Committee News



1st Quarter Financial Update

Here is a brief update on our financial results to the end of March.

We are currently in a significant deficit position in our General Fund. Compared to last year at this time we are seeing:

- \$9,100 decrease in our donations to the General Fund. (total \$111,829)
- \$16,900 increase in General expenditures (total 181,320) (primarily in Salaries and Contract labour expenses)

The Capital Fund donations are also less than capital expenditures by about \$8,000 so far this year. This also contributes to our overall deficit.

This has resulted in an **overall net deficit of \$60,000 compared to \$21,000 at this time last year** (after taking into account all of our expenses, and our investment, rental and other income).

Our Mission, Outreach & Justice (MO&J) and Benevolent Fund donations are up about \$4,000 over last year which is good news. This money goes completely to charitable causes which we as a congregation have

agreed to support. It does not contribute to the support of our General expenses for the ongoing operation of our Church, nor is it a factor in our deficit calculations.

We would like to see donations to our General Fund increase at least to last year's levels. The budget approved at the Annual Meeting anticipated not just matching last year's record donation levels to the General Fund (Envelopes and PAR), but increasing them by 5%. This appears to be overly optimistic. We would be happy if you, through your generous donations, prove us to be wrong in this assumption!

Of course, we will not be broke. Any deficit at the end of the year can be covered by money in the Memorial Fund. However, the intent is not to use the principal in this fund to cover ongoing General operational expenses.

More information on how to support the work and ministries of Parkdale can be found on this page on the Parkdale website: <http://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/opportunities/donations.htm>

Submitted by Richard Hamley

Donate Via Smartphone App



Tithe.ly

Want to give to your church using the convenience of your smartphone? No problem! We have implemented an application for smartphones which can be used to donate directly to Parkdale UC from your phone via a dedicated app.

This method of donating does not replace PAR or weekly offering envelopes, but gives another option for those interested. The cost to the church is approximately 3% of the donation so it is more expensive than the other methods. However, it does give you the convenience of using your smartphone to donate directly to Parkdale via your credit or debit card. You have the option within the app of increasing your donation to cover the 3% admin fees.

Download the Tithe.ly App from the



App Store (iPhone)

<https://itunes.apple.com/ca/app/tithe-ly/id694740700?mt=8>



or **Google Play Store** (Android).

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=ly.tithe.tithely>

Once you've downloaded the app, create an account or log in, and tap "Give Now" to complete your gift!

More information can be found on the Parkdale website on the following pages:

<http://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/opportunities/donations.htm>

<http://parkdaleunitedchurch.ca/opportunities/Tithely.htm>

Congregational Annual General Meeting February 25, 2018

Parkdale United Church (PUC) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Sunday, February 25, 2018

Submitted by Julee Pauling, General Secretary

The following represents some highlights captured from the Annual General Meeting of Parkdale United Church (PUC) members. The meeting was held on Sunday, February 25, 2018 in Tape Hall from 12:00 to 2:00 pm. It was preceded by a lunch and a small group discussion to initiate thoughts about PUC's physical facilities. Fifty-seven people signed the attendance sheet, and a quorum of at least twenty members in good standing was deemed to have been present. The meeting was chaired by Susan Mailer.

Opening of Meeting:

1. Opening Remarks and Welcome by Interim Chair, Susan Mailer, with regrets from Chair Scott Andrews

2. Opening Prayer — Reverend Anthony Bailey

3. Remembrance of those members who had passed in 2017 and silent reflection — Reverend Alcris Limongi

4. The Minutes of the 2017 AGM were adopted unanimously.

5. There were no changes to the 2018 AGM Agenda.

Business:

1. **Update on Remits** presented by PUC Presbytery Representative, Beth Gutsell.

Susan Mailer thanked Beth on behalf of PUC for her hard work relating to the 2017-2018 General Council remits.

Beth reported that PUC has now completed its obligations with respect to the remit process. Beth presented a summary as follows:

- The final remit #6 regarding a new, single order of ministry is due the 28th of February. PUC completed the process before Christmas. There has not yet been a ruling from the Presbytery on what to do with the materials collected. This was a Category 3 remit. Notably, PUC voted for this particular remit; however, Presbytery has rejected it.

- Remit 1 was for the new Tri-Council model, which has passed. New boundaries will identify larger geographic areas.

- Remit 2 also passed without controversy. This one concerned a new process for Transfer and Remit.

- No outcome has been announced for the proposed Office of Vocation.

- The new funding model has passed.

- A large amount of information about the remits is available on the UCC website.

- A question was posed about how congregational financial assessments might be affected. Beth explained that the congregational amounts cannot go higher than 4.5%. The process will be more centralized in the future.

2. Financial Reports presented by Kathleen Stevenson, PUC Treasurer

- Kathleen began with a prayer.

- Kathleen introduced members of the Finance Committee, and the nominated new chair, David Mason. Potential new members are encouraged to join the committee at any time.

- Financial Statements Review, pages 54-61 of the 2017 Annual Report. (Note: The 2017 Annual Report is available on PUC's website.) Members were oriented to line items. Kathleen noted variances and gave context for the lines highlighted; for example, why was there an increase in capital spending between 2016 and 2017.

- Due to investment income from

the Memorial Fund, PUC closed 2017 with a net surplus of \$29,891. Kathleen noted the increase in envelopes and loose collection, resulting in an increased budget for 2018, which assumes a continued growth pattern, to \$428,000 in envelope givings. However, the hoped-for growth pattern has not continued into the first two months of 2018.

- Capital Fund - Capital fund receipts of \$60,000 come from a variety of places. The Security Improvement Program Grant, for example, is for the security improvements to be completed this year. Fifty percent of our proposed costs for certain improvements will be covered by a government grant. Reverend Bailey took this opportunity to point out that this week two new cameras were installed in Tape Hall and one in the Sanctuary.

- Questions were raised to clarify aspects of the financial reports. One question was whether PUC could consider switching its investments to sustainable funds, the member having noted that some of our largest amounts are invested with pipelines.

- At the end of the Treasurer's presentation, the congregation approved: acceptance of the annual financial report 2017; acceptance of the 2018 budget; and, acceptance of the year-end surplus be transferred from the General Fund to the Memorial Fund.

Congregational AGM - cont.

3. Special address and motion by Faye Beaufort on behalf of Mission, Outreach, and Justice Committee (MO&J).

- Faye expressed, on behalf of PUC's sponsored refugee family, their great gratitude to PUC. They are doing well, living in Orleans. Our church continues to support them in various ways.

- Faye thanked Ed Ellis for all he does to help the family learn English.

- Thanks were given also to Wally Prater and Danielle Gougeon and for Reverend Bailey for responding to emergencies.

- On behalf of MJ&O, Faye Beaufort presented information about Cornerstone Affordable Housing and then made the following motion: That Parkdale United Church fund two rooms at the proposed Cornerstone Affordable Housing at 373 Princeton Ave, in Westboro, at \$6,500 for each room for a total of \$13,000 with funds to come from the Memorial Fund. In addition, the committee would like to encourage members of the congregation to contribute additional funds. Much discussion concerned the criteria MJ&O used to bring motions to the congregation for further support, as well as drawing the proposed amount from the Memorial Fund.

Members also noted that the Memorial Fund is meant to be a living fund, constantly replenished. A recommendation was made that PUC focus on communicating the stories behind its good works. The vote proceeded with all in favour.

Other Business

4. The congregation approved the adoption of the corrected 2017 Annual Report.

5. The congregation approved the appointment of the Presbytery Representative, Beth Gutsell.

6. No further nominations were brought forward to the slate of officers for 2018. The congregation then approved the slate of officers unanimously.

7. The congregation voted to accept the resignation, with regret, of Janice Gray from the Board of Trustees.

8. The congregation also voted to accept the named Property Trustees and the Financial Trustees as printed on page 52 of the Annual Report.

9. Susan made a special thank you to all of the Council members, naming each person individually, and also thanked Deb Paterson for stepping in this past fall to fill the role of General Secretary to Council for three months.

10. Susan thanked PUC staff, ordained, designated and lay, our music leaders, office staff, caretakers and custodial staff, and our treasurer and donations coordinator, for all their hard work all through the year 2017. Our church could not operate without them.

11. Reverend Bailey thanked Susan for stepping in with such short notice for Scott Andrews.

12. Susan adjourned the meeting with a lovely prayer.

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Report of Council Meeting—April 3, 2018

Parkdale United Church Council Meeting - Highlights Summary

By Julee Pauling, General Secretary

The Parkdale United Church (PUC) Council met for a regular business meeting on the evening of April 3, 2018, in the Ladies Parlour.

Devotions

Rev. Limongi opened the meeting with expressions of thanks to Scott Andrews and Blaine Pauling, and also welcome to Garth McLeod and David Mason. She invited members to offer thanks and words of appreciation to Scott Andrews for his time as Chair. She then led in prayer for wisdom from God, and facilitated an exercise of personal reflection on what specific elements of each person's service could use God's wisdom and guidance. Rev. Limongi closed with prayer on the reflections.

Garth called the meeting to order with opening remarks at 7:21 pm. Thanks to all for continuing in their existing capacities and for those who have completed prior service. Garth said a few words about his decision to accept the nomination to Chair and believes much good is being done presently through PUC. The Chair called for any additional items to the agenda; there were none.

Review of last meeting:

The Minutes of the last meeting, held January 30, 2018, were approved as corrected.

No business arose from the last meeting.

Correspondence

Garth called on Anthony to speak to the written request from Reverends Hilary and Robert Merritt, dated March 18, 2018, for listing as "Voluntary Associate Ministers" at PUC. There was some discussion clarifying the request and the choice of Parkdale specifically. Some information was provided about the personal projects and areas of ministry of both Rob and Hilary. Council moved to allow the Reverends Robert and Hilary Merritt to register with PUC as Voluntary Associate Ministers.

The Secretary read the letters received from: Rev. Hilary Merritt thanking Parkdale for its support for Worshiplode; the Ottawa Police Service for Anthony's presentation; from Cornerstone for PUC's annual donation; and from the Multifaith Housing Initiative, expressing gratitude for Parkdale's contribution to the Haven.

Continuing Business

1. Reflection on the AGM: Detailed notes on the AGM are available, in addition to the Minutes.

2. Property Development Working Group: Helen Hayes presented plans of the working group to host a facilitated discussion about the future of the physical facilities of the church on Anniversary Sunday weekend. Council members provided some feedback and suggestions.

3. Property Trustees—

Construction of soundproofing wall. *For decision.* Helen Hayes explained that two items were included in the 2018 budget: the renovation of the coffee shop washroom (\$2,500 budgeted), and the construction of a solid soundproof wall between the coffee shop and the day-care (\$10,000). The job was delayed since the main floor washroom renovation cost more than planned. At this point, the only purpose for proceeding with the soundproof wall would be to increase rental options or meeting space during weekdays. There was discussion, after which Council moved to support proceeding with the renovation of the Friendship Lounge washroom but to leave creation of a soundproof wall to some future date.

4. Spirit-Given Gifts Workshop - Sam Tim gave an update on the preparations for the Spirit-Given Gifts workshop planned for April 14th. A representative from each committee is requested to attend, and they are requested to bring a detailed list of specific needs or volunteer roles available through their committees. A Minute for Mission to encourage

participation will be given at Sunday service.

5. Refund Policy - Kathleen Stephenson reminded Council that the new Refund Policy is now in effect. It has been sent electronically and is available in the office. The purpose of the Refund Policy is not to make money but just to cover non-refundable deposits for events.

6. Parkdale United Volunteer & Event Coordination Spreadsheet (*for information*) - Judy Hamley referenced the spreadsheet maintained by Joanna Lace and updated every week as a detailed list of persons involved in worship and special events each week. Updated copies are available from the office. Judy recommends that it be sent to Council meetings in advance of every meeting.

7. David Odumodu presented a spontaneous idea, inspired by Dinner For Eight. He suggests reviving a **monthly evening worship and pot-luck meal**. People used to like the Sunday evening service.

8. Committee Reports

Barbara Faught added an item to the **Worship Committee** report, which needs a vote by Council. The Worship Committee recommends having pens made for the new visitor gift now that the anniversary mugs are all gone. Council moved to approve the expense of \$337.40 for 250 new

Council Meeting, April 3, 2018—cont.

pens for first-time visitors to Parkdale.

Carolyn Halkett highlighted the Report from the **Communication Committee**: the three-minute video by the Algonquin students is now on the home page. All are invited to view it.

Kathleen Stephenson highlighted some figures from the **Finance Committee** report showing differences in figures between this time in 2017 and 2018. At the time of the Council meeting, the March statements were not included in the summary; however, following the meeting, Kathleen provided the updated numbers including the March statements to give a snapshot of year-over-year comparison as follows: (a) there is a YTD decrease in Envelope givings to the General Fund of \$6,560; (b) There is a YTD increase in General expenditures in the General Fund of \$16,300; and (c) the amount committed/budgeted to this date time is \$14,575, contributed to the Cornerstone residence to furnish two rooms, plus the amount PUC has contributed to our sponsored Refugee family. Both these amounts are shown in the Memorial Fund statement.

Richard Hamley stated that PUC revenue is down 10.6% this year over this time last year. They had predicted being up by 5%, but we

are 15% lower. The net deficit figure to end of February 2018 was \$47,000. In 2017 it was \$21,000. Finance committee has developed a smartphone donation app — it's available on the website now and it works. Donors can choose to cover admin charges. The general suggestion is that an announcement be made to the congregation and a bulletin invitation be made to members to donate more to help cover the shortfall. Richard notes that the United Way payroll deduction takes 20% off the donation in administration fees.

Christian Education highlights were raised by Camille Beaufort. She noted that they are looking for help in different ways, not just by teaching Sunday school but also, for example, by providing snacks. A full list is prepared and will be shared during the Spirit-Given Gifts workshop.

9. Staff Reports: Rev. Bailey, Rev. Limongi, and Melodee gave highlights from their reports to council.

10. Dates for the next meetings: Subsequent meetings of Council were scheduled for May 1st, June 19th, and September 18th.

11. The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 11:00 pm.



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Prayer Shawls

Did you ever wonder where those beautiful shawls come from ? You know, the ones that are presented to baptisands? Or perhaps you have been visited in hospital by someone from Parkdale's pastoral care committee and received one as a gift to enjoy? Or attended a meeting up in the Ladies' parlour and noticed one on the sofa for your use while there? So nice and warm and cozy and filled with love.

A group of Parkdalers get together every 2nd Wednesday and crochet them. Some of the group are crocheting machines, whereas others take a whole season to do one. But each one is crocheted with love and prayer and we hope it will bring joy and comfort to the recipient.

Are you a Parkdale youth away at school? Chances are, you received a prayer shawl mini in your Christmas care package. For

your use while you are physically away, but always in our hearts.



Correction

In the April 2018 Messenger, the author of the poem “From Calvary with love” was actually Ruth Whitney, though the text only read “submitted by Ruth Whitney”. So we re-publish it again below.



Children's Procession on Palm Sunday, March 25, 2018

FROM CALVARY WITH LOVE

By Ruth Whitney

He walked alone to Calvary, that bitter April day.
His heavy heart was like a rock that on His soul did weigh.
The crowds that cheered a day ago, now turned their backs in shame:
They wanted to have none of Him; “oh fie unto his name.”

He hung upon the cross that day, in anguish and in pain.
The people spat and taunted Him; again, again, again.
Just like a common thief He hung, this wondrous Son of God:
Dark clouds gathered round about, as thunder boomed its laud.

He died on Calvary that day, this great forsaken one.
But still He loved each one of them, in spite of what they'd done.
For Jesus knew it had to be; the people had to learn
Not even torture unto death could His love overturn.

He rose that blessed April morn, that joyous day in spring.
The Angels sang in voices sweet “Hosanna to our King!”
By overcoming life's great trials and even death's dark pall:
He showed the people everywhere that love will conquer all.

Now Jesus lives forever in the hearts of those who care.
With loves so great that all the world would become lost in there.
His wish for each and every one, no matter who we be;
Is love each other without fail and then the Christ we'll see.

Images & Stories

A PARKDALE PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL AND JORDAN

It was Friday evening, March 23, 2018, and the last of the 2017-2018 series of Images and Stories, but judging from the presence of about 60 patrons in the Ladies' Parlour, it felt like a gala opening night. Exactly one year ago, 16 Parkdalers had returned from their trip to the Holy Land and they had assembled again to tell us how they fared.

Bob Harrison, the event's projectionist, explained his initial difficulty in working on the show due to an injury and credited Elaine West for organizing the final production.

After an opening prayer, Anthony introduced the Reverend Donald Gibson who had joined him as co-leader with a contingent from his Toronto congregation. They had a common interest in encouraging people to learn about the history. Anthony pointed out that the delay of the plane at the outset resulted in an 11 hour layover and when an arrangement was finally made with Turkish airlines, the group arrived in TelAviv at 4.a.m. in the morning. The trip lasted fifteen days, from March 9 to March 23, 2017.

The presentation was different from the usual *Images and Stories* format; it provided an opportunity for ten members—Anthony and Wendy Bai-

ley, Pierre Barbeau, Hazel Bowen, Elizabeth Cheesbrough, Mary Dawson, Barbara Faught, Ruth Foster, Arlene and Bob Harrison—to each present a specific site along the journey and comment, as to how they were touched personally by the experience.

There were several components to the trip. First, it was a spiritual journey. Starting on the **Mount of Olives**, where they were able to see in the distance the **Dome of the Rock**, that landmark sacred to Jews, Christians and Muslims alike (where Muhammad is believed to have ascended to Heaven), the Parkdale pilgrims could not have missed the profound religious and spiritual significance of that convergence.

Moving along and recognizing familiar names from the Bible, they lived the reality, as it were, when they entered the **Garden of Gethsemane**, visited **Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee, the pinnacle, Golgotha, the River Jordan** and **Mount Nebo**.

Their spiritual journey was also enhanced by a new awareness of sites related to the original Gospel story even if they weren't in the Gospels. They can now identify the **Church of All Nations** with the 8 olive trees on its grounds, its mosaic depicting scenes of Jesus praying, his betrayal, and a clump of daffodils signalling



his resurrection. They can recall, with Barbara, the **Church of the Holy Sepulchre** with its Garden Tomb of two chambers, one for the preparation of the body and the other for burial, and how our travellers joined in the communion service held nearby. Nor would they forget the solemn walk on the **Via Dolorosa** with its 14 Stations, nine on the road itself and five in the church precinct amidst its strict security. They would also remember, as Pierre described, the storied history of the church of the Holy Sepulchre: how it was built by Helena, the mother of the Emperor Constantine who made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire by the Edict of Milan in 313; that it was destroyed and rebuilt several times; and how it is now opened everyday by a Muslim family, following a tradition in which the Sultan originally entrusted the key to a Muslim family.

In **Nazareth**, they learned about the Basilica of the Annunciation built by

Franciscan Sisters in 1939. They saw the Beatitudes shown on the outside, as well as banners from different nations, Canada included.

As for the **City of David**, Anthony pointed out that the original site was discovered in 1867 containing Hezekiah's tunnel built to supply water to the city. The Pool of Siloam, believed in the New Testament to have medicinal value in the healing of the blind man, lies at the bottom of the hill.

Visiting **Hulda Gates** at the Wall of the Old City in Jerusalem had spiritual significance for Wendy, since Hulda is the name of her grandmother. Hazel likened the sight of the olive trees at the Church of All Nations to a dream fulfilled and, according to Elizabeth, her baptism in the Jordan River was a meaningful and moving experience in which she felt the support of her fellow travelers and the warmth of Parkdale people.

Images & Stories Cont.

Next, it was a journey of discovery. Whatever preconception they had about **Bethlehem** must have been quite different from what they actually saw when they entered the city by a fortified wall. There is now a Manger Square, the Catholics represented on one side and the Armenians on the other; and much opulence and decoration at the supposed site of Jesus's birth. But the manger scene itself is simple and they learned from their Palestinian guide that Jesus was actually born in a cave, the stable made of stone, and that Bethlehem shepherds raised lambs for sacrifice. Hence, shepherds were called to worship at the manger because Jesus was the sacrificial lamb.

Our travellers also came face to face with monuments which graphically record the history of the Jewish people's struggle in the distant and recent past, as well as stories of courage and determination.

The first was **Masada**, as described by Mary, a natural fortress overlooking the Dead Sea where Herod the Great (37-4 BC) had built a hanging palace and a giant water system. Its defenders, placed under siege by the Romans in the first century AD (70 - 73) opted to commit suicide rather than become slaves of the imperial power. Perhaps the Rabbi seen with the Bible at the top was a sign of continuing defiance.

Then there was the **Holocaust Memorial in Jerusalem** whose horrors Hazel depicted as overwhelming and indescribable. Especially sombre was the Children's Memorial, hollowed out of the rock of a cave, its entrance in a dank room covered by candlelight, pictures hanging from the ceiling and with a background of music while the name, age and country of origin of each child were announced.

In the midst of it all was a monument to Henryk Goldsmidt, doctor, author and former director of an orphanage in Poland, who refused to escape when the children under his care were sent from the ghetto for extermination.

And not far from Jerusalem, Arlene took us to the **Neot Kedumin Park**, a unique Biblical Landscape Reserve of 620 acres, constructed by Noga Hareuveni to honour his parents. They were Russian Jews who immigrated to Israel and wished to recreate the physical scenes in the Bible. The land was allocated for the project in 1964; the soil was trucked in, reservoirs built, wine-presses restored and signs in juniper made in English and Hebrew. In 1994, Noga was awarded the Israeli prize for contribution to the Israeli State.

Christians and Muslims sharing company was a special feature of the

visit to the **West Bank**. Bob spoke about needs and wants, the general imbalance in education and infrastructure between Israelis and Palestinians, pointing out that some Palestinians have never experienced their community without the wall. However, he saw hope for positive change in the gesture of Dahlia Landau, a Bulgarian who bought a house from a Palestinian and turned it into a Day Care Centre that welcomes Palestinians, Christians and Jews.

The final component of the trip offered the pilgrims a mixture of historical, theological, archeological and cultural experiences.

Anthony emphasized that the ruins at **Megiddo**, often identified as the site for the final battle between good and evil, were more symbolic than prophetic. Significant battles had actually occurred there during the First World War between the Allied troops and the Ottoman forces.

Mt. Nebo, cited in Deuteronomy 34:1 as the site where Moses had climbed, seen the land from Gilead to Dan and died thereafter, is now marked by a cross.

Then, on with Ruth through Al-Siq, the narrow gorge which leads to **Petra**, the UNESCO World Heritage site in southern Jordan. Once a trading place, a natural stop for caravans on the way to Egypt, Greece and Rome, it flourished until an

earthquake in 363 diminished its importance. Only Bedouins live there now. However, it is an archeological gem with a series of tombs on the streets, steps carved in the stone, a royal tomb, simple sepulchres, a descent into a treasury, a giant urn and a theatre which once seated 4,000. Parkdalers learned that, despite several years of excavations, only 15% of the site has been unearthed. Hiking to the top of the two peaks where Aaron's tomb appeared, Wendy met a fifteen-year-old Bedouin boy who runs the family store, lives in a hollowed-out cave and rides a donkey down to visit his parents. He served cardamom tea to visitors.

Petra also offered an opportunity to learn its cuisine, and Elizabeth took it, experimenting with lentil soup, cucumber and yogurt salad.

And, for a final adventure, there was a swim in the dying **Dead Sea** and a mudbath. The visit to Roman ruins and the Zaarlaw restaurant on the final day could hardly have rivalled the day before.

Next stops, Frankfurt and Ottawa!

by John Harewood

Living into Right Relations



Continuing Reconciliation

On March 29th, Maundy Thursday, Rev. Anthony Bailey and three Parkdale members attended a rally for reconciliation on Parliament Hill. Organised on the theme of Continuing Reconciliation, speakers included several Algonquin Elders as well as faith leaders from local synagogues, mosques and churches.

I was touched by the words of solidarity offered by Rev. Bailey, who agreed to share them in *The Messenger*. Here is what he said:

“Today in the Christian tradition is what is called Maundy Thursday. It commemorates the biblical account of Jesus’ last supper with his disciples before his crucifixion. At that last supper, he took the role of a servant and washed the dirty feet of his disciples. Then he said to them

that they should wash each other’s feet as well. And then he gave them a commandment: ‘Love one another as I have loved you.’

You may be asking: what do feet and love have to do with Continuing Reconciliation?

Well, this kind of love, this agape love, is not just a feeling. It is a fierce act of will...it chooses the good and the just and the honourable way. This kind of love is justice and respect in action. This kind of love influences our will and our resolve. And our feet are symbolic of how we put our love and our will and our commitments into action and get things done.

We can think about doing something. We can make pronouncements and promises, we can state our best intentions; but if our feet are not walking in the ways of partnership, justice, and concrete, respectful and restorative action with indigenous peoples, then all those promises, pronouncements and apologies just seem like lies and insults.

Love requires that we take more seriously the great emotional cost borne by residential school survivors as they shared their stories and pain with the TRC.

Today we are talking about continuing reconciliation, but love sum-

mons us to ask hard and uncomfortable questions about what this means.

True reconciliation takes place between equals. It implies restoring the relationship to a former state of mutual respect, trust and affection. But the truth is, in the vast majority of cases, the historical settler relationship with indigenous peoples had no such former relationship.

So love requires that we not fool ourselves by pretending the relationship was ever respectful and just. We need a fresh beginning...a do-over. We need deep humility and honesty and resolve to prevail. I am as guilty as the next person.

So solutions to move forward, I believe, will require a transformation of our 'feet'. So maybe, if as settlers, when we start washing the hypocrisy off our feet...

...when we start washing all the broken promises to indigenous peoples off our feet

...when we start washing our resistance to enacting the 94 Calls to Action of the TRC off our feet

...when we start washing the disregard for the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples off our feet

...when we start washing the shameful underfunding of indigenous




schools, social and health care services and water security off our feet


...when we start washing our less than supportive response to the cries of the murdered and missing indigenous women and girls off our feet

...when we start washing our disregard of sacred anishnaabeg sites off our feet


...then perhaps we can reset this relationship and learn how to walk gently on Mother Earth in the ways of respect, justice, love, honour and reconciliation.”

Submitted by Elise Mennie




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holy hands are holding me

[v. 1] into your hands there came beauty and life
you cut the darkness with light's knife
and formed a world of joy;
and if your plans fell through, all was not lost
redemption's heart embraced the cost
that threatened to destroy

[v. 2] what your good hands had made from empty voids
amid confusion, waste and noise
you plant a seed of hope
that's sealed with laughter's song, up-ending wrong
and when the right time came along
oppression's rod you broke

[cho.] *holy hands are holding me
salvation's arms are setting free
this rough and motley company
of mourners: hungry peacemakers
if you want to join the tour
better get a heart that's pure
how that's done, I'm not quite sure,
but where there's love, I see grace is*

[v. 3] into your hands you take trouble and grief
the pangs of those who cry for relief
from orphanage and strife
the Saviour stands close by the poor and meek
to strengthen hearts of those who seek
to be fully revived

repeat chorus

[v. 4] into your hands you took the miry clay
which made you, and which in six days
you hallowed, shaped and sang:
with it you healed and taught; the lost you sought
your days here on this earth were short...
from pierced hands we let you hang

[ch. 2] *these holy hands are holding me
salvation's arms are setting free
this rough and motley company
of mourners: hungry peacemakers
if you want to join the tour
better get a heart that's pure
how that's done, I'm not quite sure,
but where there's love, I see grace is
yeah, where there's love, your free grace is...*

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wisdom, and support.

