

Worship (con't)

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH
Pentecost, 11:00 a.m.
The Reverend Jack Archibald

SUNDAY, MAY 22ND
Trinity Sunday, 11:00 a.m.
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SUNDAY, MAY 31ST
Second Sunday after Pentecost,
11:00 a.m.
Sacrament of Holy Communion
The Reverend Jack Archibald

Leading with Care

It is the policy of the Presbyterian church in Canada that all persons, in particular all children, youth and vulnerable adults, who participate in the denomination's programs and ministries and/or use the denomination's facilities will be cared for with Christian compassion and will be safe.

The Church of St Andrew and St Paul subscribes to this policy and maintains it throughout the various programs and ministries of the congregation. Leading with Care has been instituted and will continue to be monitored through a series of church committees and by the Leading with Care Committee which has duties of oversight.

Send Us Your Ideas for *InsideOut*

If you have ideas for future issues, please submit them for consideration. If you have a question about your Church and how it works, or if you have a question or comment about the Christian faith, we want to hear about it. Submit your ideas, articles, photos or comments to sue.m.stevenson@gmail.com. Submissions should be no more than 500 words. Digital and scanned photos should be about a 1MB jpg file and should be sent as a separate file.

Interim Moderator's Report



Dear Friends,

As we move toward Easter and celebrate the victory of Christ over death and the creation of one new humanity, we are reminded that everything we do in the context of faith and Christian community is founded on God's grace and God's love for this world. It is this grace alone that is our hope and it is this grace that gives us a vision for a new future created by the One who is making all things new.

As we consider our own future as a congregation we continue to work on the task of calling a new lead minister. This letter will update you on the work of the Search Committee. As of March 1, we have had 11 applications. The Search Committee decided not to pursue three of the applicants. We have met with seven candidates by video conference, with one more interview to be determined. The committee had decided to invite three candidates for a formal interview, however, one of the candidates has withdrawn his application due to personal reasons. The remaining two interviews will take place in March. More interviews may be necessary depending on the strength of the two candidates yet to be interviewed.

In moving forward it will be important to keep our own mission at the forefront of everything we do. That mission is stated in these words:

We, the congregation of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, representing Christ in the multicultural city of Montreal, celebrate the love of God through

Inspirational worship,

Growing in faith together as a church community,

Being a church home for all people,

Sharing God's love with each other and the world around us.

Like all mission statements, it assumes that we have not yet arrived and therefore, it requires an openness to seeking those ministries that will move the congregation to fuller expressions of these goals.

In the congregational profile we also stated a number of challenges and opportunities. These included:

- opportunities and challenges of communicating the good news of Jesus Christ to a generation of adults and youth who are not always accustomed to participating in church;
- the ongoing challenge of creating a common vision that keeps all of our ministries aligned to that vision;
- creating a culture of authentic Christian fellowship that crosses demographic boundaries, finding creative ways of integrating new members;
- using our resources to minister to both those within our community of faith and the larger community; and
- inviting new members while at the same time working with the core of mature committed individuals.

As the search committee moves forward, we will be looking for someone who can bring excellence to the leading of worship in various settings, who has experience in bringing people together to create a common vision, who has demonstrated courage in moving a congregation forward, who is a team player, who is committed to mission in its various forms, and who values community evidenced by mutual care, spiritual growth and a place of belonging. It is our belief that these are all values to which the congregation as whole is committed in its own witness and service.

I would also like to inform the congregation that Rev. Archibald will be completing his position as stated supply at the end of May. We are grateful that he has stepped in to assist the congregation during this time of transition as we have benefited from his many gifts for ministry. There will be ample opportunity to express our thanks as we get closer to the end of May.

Again, I encourage the congregation to continue to pray for the work of the Search Committee and for each of the candidates who have put their names forward. Not all of them may be suitable for the ministry at St. Andrew and St. Paul, but they are servants of God and we pray for God's blessing on the ministries to which they have been called. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Rev. Dr. Diviney or your elder. In the meantime, may the grace of God, the love of Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with each one.

Sincerely,

The Rev. Dr. Dale Woods