

# New Members

Welcome to you all

One of the greatest joys in the church is to welcome new members to our midst. In late June the following people joined our fellowship. It is wonderful that they have taken this important step in their lives and the life of our congregation.

Welcome to Jacob Dufresne, Ian MacKenzie, Doreen Adair, Derek Chubry, Marguerite Chubry, Karla Veronica Urzua Toledo, Gabriel Isidro Valenzuelo Morales, Margaret Suttie, Elizabeth Durnford, and Chantal Boisclair.

We are also very happy to welcome young communicants from our congregation. There were eight of them this year and we had a special party to celebrate their membership in the church family. A wonderful group as you can see from the photo!



**Celebrating our young communicants!**



## The Reformation

500th Anniversary celebration in Montreal

There will be a Conference on this special anniversary – October 29 and 30 – at the McGill University School of Religious Studies and at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Speakers will include The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, Prof. Charles Taylor, Dr. Gerbern S. Oegema, and Dr. Jonathan Oldengarm.

The conference focuses on the 500th anniversary of the Reformation in light of the rich, many sided and often conflict laden relations between the Reformation and the world's religions. Papers will address a selection of topics involving central aspects of the relationship between the history of the Reformation with the Catholic Church, with Judaism, Islam, and the Asian religions, as well as with the Indigenous people and the inter-religious dialogue. A central question in all papers will be what we can learn from the past to make our present and future better, especially in the context of inter-religious contacts in Quebec and Canada and in light of the growing influence of religion and globalization. A panel discussion will close this colloquium, which will be open to the public.

The evening of the second day will be a Liturgy of Solemn Vespers for the Reformation. It will be held at The Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul. Clergy are The Rev. Dr. Glenn Chestnutt, and Pere Pierre Dufour. Music will be by J.S. Bach and Felix Mendelssohn, and performed by the church choir; organist J. Oldengarm and conductor J-S.Vallee.

Organized by the Council for Theological Education in Montreal (Cite-M), the Center for Research on Religion (CREOR) and the School of Religious Studies (SRS), McGill University.

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