



Inner City Pastoral Ministry

Annual Report Highlights 2008

Pastoral Team Highlights:

Our pastoral team consists of a full time pastor and two part-time pastoral associates. Together they have responsibilities for various pastoral and administrative tasks. Following are some highlights from each of them.

Pastor Rick

2008 marked the 30th anniversary of ICPM and it was commemorated with a series of events:

- The 2008 AGM meeting with guest speaker, Rev. Kathy Hogman, who spoke about Aboriginal peoples and residential schools.
- Continued support from churches and faith communities for the ICPM Worship and Sunday lunch ministry which provides food for the body and for the spirit.
- The move of the ICPM office from Alex Taylor School to the newly renovated Bissell East where we feel very welcome and share with Bissell staff and Aboriginal elders the work and ministry within the inner city.
- The 30th anniversary celebrations which included special prayers at the AGM, a special service in October, and a "30th anniversary "Come and Go Tea".
- Three special appeals yielded fruitful results:
 1. Churches and individuals donated the money needed to purchase 1500 crosses for distribution to community members
 2. Our Emmanuel Christmas Sack Campaign brought in over 1000 gift sacks which were given out over the Christmas season
 3. Requests for donations to support the ICPM throughout the year have been heartening.
- The ICPM continues into 2009 as "an interdenominational Christian ministry of presence. The Ministry Team build solid pastoral relations with the people of the inner city by visiting in agencies, drop ins, shelters, transition houses, the Remand Centre, Federal Prisons, the city's hospitals, on the streets and in the home. We thank you for your prayerful support for the Ministry Team and the ICPM Board.

Sister Marion



- In 2008, I completed twelve years with ICPM
- Continued supporting communal ICPM commitments
- Participated in neighborhood & community initiatives
- Collaborated in memorials, prayer events, visiting the sick, meeting People where they are
- Supported initiatives for Women of Inner City & beyond including varied commitments at the Women's Federal Prison (EIFW)

Linda Winski

- Provided office and administrative support to ICPM Board and team
- Collaborated in planning, implementing and maintaining various committee initiatives
- Provided a regular pastoral presence at WEAC (Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre)
- Assisted with tasks related to Sunday morning worship and lunch
- Participated in memorials, prayer events and community initiatives for the People
- Enjoyed a 4 month unpaid leave of absence

Board Highlights:

This past year ICPM celebrated 30 years of ministry among those who live in and visit the inner city. It is unusual for a "street" ministry to have such a lifespan. We thank the dedicated ministry staff, board members and volunteers who have served ICPM during the past 30 years. The following are highlights of our work in 2008:

Planned 30th anniversary celebrations

- Welcomed new board members: Sharon Webb, coordinator of church volunteers that brought Sunday lunches and Sue Pasker, organizer of the Christmas gift-sack campaign.
- Considered means to enlarge the circle of ICPM friends and supporters; discussed rebranding.
- Worked on a 3-year plan for future directions
- Continued to work on Administrative Standards & Best Practices document for United Church Accreditation.

Nancy Kerr, Board Chair



ICPM Statistics 2008:

No. of Sunday Services	52
Service of the Word.	23
Holy Communion Service.	29
Av. Attendance @ service	110
Av. Attendance @ Sunday Lunch .	270
Memorials.	5
Special Services	5
No. of churches/faith communities that provided lunch in 2008.	91
Volunteer hours contributed by volunteers on site on Sunday	approx 5000
Volunteer hours contributed by Board members	approx. 500

Committee Highlights:

Education/Communications

In 2008, the E & C committee focused on maintaining some earlier initiatives rather than launching new ones. The work centered around getting the newsletter out 3 times, supporting the annual workshop "After the Lunch is Over" for partners in our Sunday lunch ministry and working to develop the website and electronic mailing lists. We now have over 500 people who have subscribed to the on line mailing list to receive the newsletter. We continue to invite people to make the choice to be removed from the 'paper copy' mailing list and use the electronic media. Some discussions were held about improving the website and this is one of the goals being pursued into 2009.

Ministry and Personnel

The Ministry and Personnel Committee members for 2008 were Neil Querengesser (Chair), Nancy Kerr, and Rev. Stephen Hallford. In the first half of the year the Committee met with the ICPM ministry team to clarify roles and responsibilities, revising the official position descriptions. In May the Committee granted Ms. Linda Winski's request for a four-month unpaid leave of absence. In September the Committee conducted its second annual performance reviews of Rev. Richard Chapman and Ms. Linda Winski, both with favorable results and recognition of their many accomplishments throughout the year. The Committee also met informally with Sr. Marion Garneau in November to discuss her ministry over the last year, again with favourable results. The Committee commends all three members of the ministry team for their dedicated ministry to the people of Edmonton's inner city.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Querengesser, M & P Chair

Sunday Lunch Program Coordinator

2008 was a very interesting and challenging year as I assumed the role of coordinating the churches that participate in the ministry of ICPM by providing a nutritious lunch after the service. Overall it has been a great experience. Here are some statistics for 2008:

- Ninety one (91) different churches participated. Ninety three (93) are booked already for 2009.
- There are 20 Anglican, 18 Lutheran, 10 Roman Catholic and 25 United as well as 1 Mennonite, 1 Christian Reform, 2 Jewish /Arab Groups and 1 Baptist congregation that participate on a regular basis. Twelve (12) of the churches do the lunch by themselves and all the others share, with usually two churches showing up on most Sundays.

- "After the Lunch is Over" - our annual education event for church contacts and volunteers - was held on October 4, 2008 at the Bissell Centre. Sixty-two (62) people, representing congregations, core volunteers and community members attended. On October 5, 2008 we celebrated our 30th Anniversary with the usual service and a sit down lunch for the regular community members.

I look forward to working with a great, dedicated bunch of people in 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Sharon Webb

Christmas Sacks 2008 – a Blessing to Many!

It was wonderful to see the response to the request for the Christmas sacks again this year. When initial calls were made the first week in November, some had already seen the Fall Newsletter and were about to begin. Others were meeting over the following weeks and would bring the request to their meetings.



From many of our supporters, suggestions were shared from their past involvement, including where to purchase the large Ziploc bags and the best place to buy waterproof gloves. All in all 1049 sacks were delivered to ICPM and through the generosity of the Bissell Centre, we were able to store them for the week prior to sharing them with the Community of Emmanuel and other Inner City agencies. Sincere thanks goes to the Bissell Centre staff for sharing the space and helping with intake and to Glory Lutheran Church volunteers from Sherwood Park, who sorted and organized these gifts for distribution. Most of all, it is with our heartfelt thanks that Inner City Pastoral Ministry team acknowledges the work of the contacts and their respective groups to fill the sacks, as a group, as an individual or as a family. May they know the joy they have given to our brothers and sisters in the Inner City, who gratefully welcome these gifts.

Blessings to all,
Sue Pasker, ICPM Board member and Christmas Sack contact

Financial:

Fundraising

The board has accepted that from time to time we may need to implement limited fundraising activities to help keep up our profile with the various church and individual donors. This year we mailed out one letter in the fall which may have helped to keep ICPM from falling into a deficit for the year. I would also like to acknowledge the assistance of Rev. Rick Chapman and Rev. Lynn Elliott provided in approaching this sensitive topic with our various stakeholders.

Submitted by
Nick Ritson-Bennett

Financial Information 2008

As of the date of this printing, the financial audit had not yet been completed. Detailed financial statements will be available and may be obtained by calling the office. The audited statement will also be posted on our website once it has been passed at the annual meeting.

Donations to ICPM

- Donations to Inner City Pastoral Ministry may be by mailing your contribution to:

ICPM
c/o Bissell Centre
10527-96 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5H 2H6
- You can now donate to ICPM quickly and easily online! Go to CanadaHelps.org (search Inner City Pastoral Ministry).

All donations are much appreciated and donors receive a tax receipt.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Inner City Pastoral Ministry is an interdenominational Christian Ministry of presence. In partnership with community, and guided by the Spirit of God, we walk with the people of the Inner City of Edmonton.