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FROM THE STREET

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A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF INNER CITY PASTORAL MINISTRY

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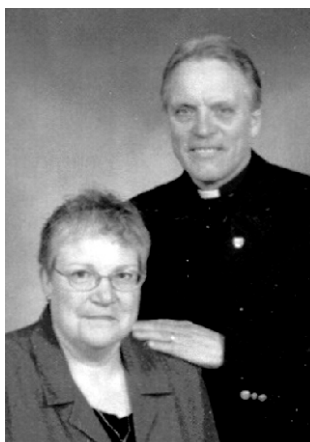
In our February newsletter, I wrote that searching for a new pastor for the Inner City Pastoral Ministry was like looking for an elusive piece of a puzzle. I believe we've found that hard-to-find piece in our new pastor, the Rev. Rick Chapman. If you read his story below, I think you'll agree that he is a perfect fit for ICPM. Rick was selected last November but wanted to delay his arrival until this past August because he had an unfinished project in his parish of St. John's Anglican Church in Weston-Toronto. That delay suited us very well. Our interim pastor, Jo-Anne Kobyłka, was finding the ICPM pastor's job very rewarding and wanted to stay until the end of July. She is now the minister of a rural United Church in Spring Bank just west of Calgary. She says that her ICPM experience will be valuable preparation for the outreach project her new congregation wants to develop for Calgary's inner city.

I attended Pastor Rick's first service was on August 6th and was amazed at how quickly he adapted to his new role as ICPM pastor. That first Sunday he had already learned the names of some worshippers. He continues to make many new friends in the inner city. He is a very effective preacher who finds a way to bring God's word to the worshippers in a meaningful way. Please come and experience worship with Pastor Rick and the Community of Emmanuel some Sunday. Services are held in Bissell East at 11am.

Let us all extend a sincere welcome to Rick Chapman and his wife Bernadene. Rick, you have made an excellent start in your new role as ICPM pastor. May God bless your ministry with the Community of Emmanuel and other people you meet in Edmonton.

*Nancy Kerr,
ICPM Board Chair*

"Coming Home"



As I write this article for the ICPM Fall Newsletter, and as the new Pastor of ICPM, I am delighted to have this opportunity to introduce myself to the ICPM community and the many churches and volunteers who support this ministry.

Where to begin? Having just left the mega metropolis of Toronto in the East, arriving to the bustling city of Edmonton in the West, I am filled with a sense of "coming home." I am a Westerner, born and raised through my teen and young adult years in Vancouver. Along with this sense of "coming home" has been the opportunity for my wife, Bernadene and I to reunite with our family. Christa and Matthew,

our adult children, live and work in Edmonton. Christa is a Junior High teacher, and Matthew is a youth / addictions counselor; both received their degrees from the University of Lethbridge. Fortunately, we were able to secure a home in the Delton area of Edmonton, having faced the "boom" in housing prices this last summer. What a great city Edmonton is!!

My credentials link me to the Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese of Edmonton, as an ordained minister of 12 years, having studied for my Master of Divinity through Wycliffe College, Toronto School of Theology, an affiliate of the University of Toronto. I also hold a Bachelor of Social Work degree having studied at the Maritime School of Social

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.

"Coming Home" continued...

Work, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Prior to being ordained I served for 15 years as a full time lay minister within the Anglican Church with a society called the Church Army in Canada.

My first seven years of ministry took me to the far reaches of the Canadian North, Fort Alexander, Shamattawa and Tadoule Lake, Manitoba and Aklavik, NWT where I ministered amongst the people of First Nations, Métis and Inuvialuit on Reserves and in Northern hamlets.

The second seven years of ministry took me into to the inner cities of Halifax and Toronto where I worked with youth and families of various cultural and religious backgrounds. The dynamics of immigration and inter racial tensions, youth and families having recently arrived, adjusting to the Canadian cultural environment and weather prompted me to studies of international migration and cross cultural social services which led to the social work degree.

Three years of study and formation toward ordination followed. A highlight of my time at Wycliffe College was an opportunity with Volunteer's In Mission to intern for three months with the Cathedral of St John's in Belize City, Belize, Central America. The internship immersed me into a third world, multi cultural environment with an opportunity of seeing first hand the

Anglican Church's ministry in a post colonial country.

Now, after 12 years of ordination, I have ministered in a three point rural church setting, Shaunavon, Saskatchewan, a short stint with Correctional Services Canada as a Community Chaplain, assisting with the reintegration of ex offenders into the community, and with St. John's Anglican Church, a parish church, located in Weston – Toronto.

To become involved as Pastor with the Inner City Pastoral Ministry, for many reasons, was an opportunity I did not want to miss. With the number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit persons, as well as persons relocating to Edmonton from abroad and across Canada, and the disenfranchised, I feel, bring together and challenge all I have studied and experienced.

Already I have been introduced to churches and the many, many caring people who volunteer and minister with the care of the inner city upon their hearts. I trust the Lord will guide me, the pastoral team, the Board of the ICPM and this invaluable ministry forward in the years to come as we prayerfully discern God's will. I look forward to many fruitful relationships in this unique ministry context. May we be blessed in our service in God's name!

In Christ
Rick Chapman,
Pastor - ICPM

Christmas is Coming...

The past few months have been busy at ICPM. We said "Good-bye" to our interim pastor, Jo-Anne Kobylka who moved to a new ministry in Calgary; we welcomed Pastor Rick Chapman to full-time ministry with ICPM; the ICPM Board members and the pastoral team gathered for their annual Retreat; we moved our lunch program to a new site and Christmas is fast approaching!!

As we look forward to the Christmas season, we are challenged to stay focussed on the gathering of the worshipping community in celebration of Christ's birth and gift of Jesus' presence in our daily lives. We also hope to have a small gift to give to members of the Community of Emmanuel.

In the past, we have collected Christmas socks. This year, we are asking for donations of Christmas Sacs, or donations of items that will assist ICPM in responding to needs beyond Christmas day. (For more information on options for Christmas giving, please call 424-7652.). Working together, we can ensure that the true Spirit of Christmas and the celebration of the gift of "Christ among us" is experienced.

PRAYERS PLEASE...

Both in your individual prayer and your prayer as a faith community, please remember the following:

- All those living on the streets and seeking shelter from the cold
- All those seeking work
- All those who live their lives under the shadow of prostitution or addiction
- All women seeking to be reunited with their children
- All families seeking reconciliation and healing
- All victims of violence and abuse
- All who are alone, lonely or afraid
- All who are sick, suffering and dying



Thank You!

We are truly grateful...

The season of Thanksgiving reminds us of how grateful we are to all of you!

ICPM and the Community of Emmanuel wish to thank all of you for the incredible support that you provide throughout the year whether it be through serving Sunday lunches, sharing in worship, donating gifts in kind, or through prayer and financial donations. Without all of these, we would not be able to sustain this ministry. We are deeply grateful for the many blessings we have received. Thanks be to God.



ICPM Emmanuel Christmas Gift Sacs 2006

The ministry of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry is supported by the many churches and caring people who volunteer, worship with the ICPM Emmanuel Community and provide the weekly Sunday lunch for many, many people.

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord during the Christmas Season, we have a unique opportunity to offer a gift to the men, women and children who live with little in our Inner City Community. Last Christmas over 1000 Christmas Socks, filled with warm gloves, toques, socks, toiletries and treats were received and given out to individuals.

This Christmas, the ICPM once again is making an appeal for a similar Christmas gift package. Christmas 2006, however, includes a **CHANGE** --- not in the content, but in the packaging of these gifts.



IMPORTANT NOTE: Please package your Christmas 2006 gifts in a clear plastic bag making an *“Emmanuel Christmas Gift Sac!!”*

Instructions for assembling Christmas Sacs:

- ★ Please pack items in a clear plastic freezer bag (suggested size 38 cm x 46 cm)
- ★ Pack one of each item from next column. **DO NOT** include razors or money. **NEW** items only please.
- ★ Add a tag to indicate whether it is for a Man, Woman, Child (girl or boy) or Teen (girl or boy) with an age category in the case of children’s sacs
- ★ Christmas stickers and bows will give the Emmanuel Gift Sac a festive look.

Items for Christmas Sacs:

- ★ Hat or toque
- ★ Gloves (*preferably waterproof*)
- ★ Warm socks
- ★ Toiletry kit bag with small shampoo, small Kleenex, small toothpaste/ toothbrush, comb/brush, nail clipper, lip balm, deodorant/hand lotion
- ★ Christmas treats: chocolate bar/candy cane
- ★ Notepad and Pen
- ★ Small Stuffed Toy

Children’s Sacs should include age appropriate items from the list above as well as books/small games/a small toy.

Suggested age categories:

0-3, 4-7, 8-12, 13-16.

Your donation of Christmas Sacs must be delivered by December 9th, 2006

It is a must to call the ICPM office (424-7652) to discuss your donation and to arrange the time and place for delivery.

As we celebrate the coming of Emmanuel – Good with us –

May the Lord bless you with the peace of Christ during this Holy Season!

Thank you one and all! ICPM STAFF

Sunday Lunch Moves to Brighter Site.



Every Sunday of the year, ICPM provides a nutritious lunch for 200 – 400 people after the worship service. The food is provided through the generosity of over 80 congregations, parishes and faith related groups in Edmonton and area and has been served in the downstairs drop-in of the Bissell Centre.

Sunday, September 24 marked a change to the Sunday morning routine for ICPM, its church partners and members of the community of Emmanuel. The Lunch program moved to the drop in at Bissell West, 10530 – 96 Street, across the street from the previous ‘lunch space’. The new site is much brighter and easier to access because it is at street level. There is also room for more people to enjoy their lunch sitting down. While there are challenges to moving people from the church service at Bissell East to the lunch at Bissell West, our first experience on September 24 was very positive.

We thank all of our volunteers who helped move the contents of our supply cupboard, built extra shelves, helped with the set up of the new space and assisted in any way with the transition. We are also grateful to our church volunteers and to those who come for lunch for having adapted to the changes and we look forward to a continuing positive experience for all.

Take Note: If you are a volunteer church who is scheduled to provide lunch anytime in the future, please note that the new location is

**Bissell West building
(10530 – 96 Street)**

Park at the back (west side of the building) in the parking lot. Someone will be there to let you in.

Discerning our vision

"Where do we want ICPM to be in 5 years?"

Recently in the quiet surroundings of the SCIC Retreat House at Pigeon Lake, the Inner City Pastoral Ministry Board met to discuss and plan for a future vision of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry.

Marilyn, a member of the Board and our link to the Bissell Centre, facilitated a multi group discussion to assist the Board in establishing its primary goals for the next three to five years.

The day began with an introduction and review of our current mission, core values, goals and objectives. Taking into account the committee structure of the ICPM Board, the next step was for each of the Board members to offer three priorities they felt were important in the future direction of ICPM under the headings:

- ★ Ministry and Personnel
- ★ Finance
- ★ Education and Communication
- ★ Governance
- ★ Lunch Ministry
- ★ Long Term Vision
3-5 years



Having our three priorities written down, each Board member was invited to join a small group.

In the small group each member shared their priorities to determine together which three priorities would be shared with the larger group. Finally, as the Board met together as a large group, we shared and further prioritized our discoveries. Priorities and direction for the next 3 to 5 years began to emerge.

These discoveries gave the Board a sense of a renewed 5 year vision. This vision is to be "fleshed out" over the next year in further committee and the regular ICPM monthly Board meetings. A wonderful beginning to a worth while process! Thank you Marilyn for enabling the group in this discussion!

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