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The Gift of Music

This is part of a series of articles focusing on community members' contribution to ICPM and the Community of Emmanuel.

Music is an important part of the Sunday service at the Community of Emmanuel and the music ministry team is essential. In addition to the veteran songstress Sister Marion and the relative newcomer Julie, Farley Magee brings the Good News to life through voice and guitar. Each week Farley chooses a piece of music that complements the theme of the week, including a range of songs as diverse as the ICPM favorite "Amazing Grace" to "All the Diamonds in the World" by Bruce Cockburn.

Farley comes by music and his faith naturally. There was always a piano in his house that his mother played and on which his father 'plunked' chords. His love of guitar began with his discovery of an old Hawaiian guitar in the attic. His father was a United Church minister in a number of small



churches in Ontario where Farley developed skill as a singer by being a member of the church choir. Although his parents hoped he would be the next preacher in the family, God had others plans for Farley including studying political science at university, working as a journeyman carpenter, and family life.

In addition to the music, Farley learned about vulnerability from his family. Despite early onset of Parkinson's disease, Farley's father, with diminishing physical and speaking abilities, led the congregation and helped others embrace their own weaknesses and find strength in their faith.

Vulnerability is something easily seen among those in the Emmanuel Community and Farley is thankful for the early lessons he experienced. A close neighbour of the Bissell Centre for six years, he says, "it feels like home." He describes it as a real community where you meet your

neighbour day in and day out, in good and bad times. Farley shares his gift of music as part of the musical team at the Hope Mission Community Church and he also participates in many community events including memorials, The Way of the Cross, and Blue Christmas.

Talking about his music, Farley explained, "Music calls me to call others" a calling which is a gift to the Community of Emmanuel. He describes the importance of prayerfully preparing "my soul to be in the right place. Then God does whatever he wants with the music and I am OK." Farley is also a songwriter. He says that,

ICPM: Time of Thanksgiving, Change and Hope for the Future

This is a busy time for the Board and Ministry Team at ICPM. We are looking forward to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 pm at St. Faith's Anglican Church. We are pleased that Mark Holmgren, the Executive Director at Bissell Centre, has agreed to be our speaker.

The AGM this year will mark the announcement of some important generational board and ministry team transitions at ICPM. Fred Drummond is retiring from his position as Board Treasurer. Fred has held this position for over a decade, and has done an extraordinary job overseeing the finances of ICPM, and helping

ICPM put in place excellent financial management systems. Sr. Marion Garneau SCIC and Linda Winski, our two pastoral associates, have both announced that they will be leaving ICPM some time later this spring. Sr. Marion joined Pastor Faith Brace on the ministry team back in 1996. Linda became a member of the ministry team in 2005. Both Sr. Marion and Linda in their many years of faithful service with ICPM have made major contributions to the lives of the members of the Community of Emmanuel and to the wider inner city community. Sr. Marion will be leaving Edmonton and returning to the Mother House of her religious

community in New Brunswick. Linda is looking forward to what she describes as a "life of semi-retirement with some much needed time for family and self care." As ICPM Board Chair, I want to give thanks for all the ways God has graced us through the generous, caring and Spirit-filled years of ministry of Linda and Sr. Marion.

This is also a time for ICPM to look forward with hope to the future. The ICPM Board and Ministry team has reviewed the staffing arrangements and job descriptions at ICPM. We will be introducing a new administrative position (4 hours/week) to assist the Treasurer and do basic administrative support tasks for ICPM. We are also seeking to fill the position of "Food and Church Volunteer Coordinator," (6 hours/week) to help lead all the happens around the Sunday brunch at Bissell Centre. It may be best to have two persons share this position on alternating Sundays. Job notices for these two positions appear elsewhere in this newsletter.

We are presently drafting the job notice for the part-time Pastoral Associate position that Linda has held. It will be circulated shortly. We are also in the process of seeking funding to support a ministry position that will be able to continue the important work of Sr. Marion. The Board has stated that a priority concern in these new

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"sometimes songs just arrive", but he also develops songs on specific themes such as the Remembrance Day hymn Soldier No More. Music is a vital part of Farley's relationship with God and is reflected in the following song he recently penned:

*You are life, living light, living water, living bread
First born of the resurrection, first word that the Father said
Alpha, Omega, now I am reborn and free
I am your child, You are Father to me.
We're to be salt, we're to be light, we're to be comfort and joy.
We're to live our lives for Mary's baby boy
Growing in stature, wisdom and grace
In favour with God and Man as we seek your face.*

*Father you are Holy, Spirit you are strong
Jesus how you suffered to undo our wrong
And rose up on the third day and broke the gates of Hell
Brothers, sisters, we can say, "He does all things well".*

Pastor Rick's Reflections

Another year has come and gone and a new year begins! The incredible activity of ministry within the inner city of Edmonton and a wide involvement of ICPM within city wide agencies and committees to end homelessness keeps the Pastor, Pastoral Associates and Pastoral Ministry Volunteers very busy!

2012 included my Sabbatical Tour of New Zealand in which I was able to visit the cities of Christchurch, Auckland, Rotorua, and Wellington. Many instructive conversations with community and church leaders, educators, social justice activists and the Maori filled the first seven weeks. My wife, Bernadene then joined with me in the "Land of the Great White

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hirings will be to continue Sr. Marion's and Linda's successful ministry initiative of outreach to women in the inner city.

In the midst of these significant changes, we are most fortunate that Rev. Rick Chapman is continuing as ICPM Pastor. We ask all our supporters to keep ICPM in your prayers at this time of change and transition. Please help pass the word to anyone who might be interested in joining the ICPM ministry team. Also, make plans to attend the March 21 ICPM AGM.

– Bob McKeon
ICPM Chairperson

Cloud" and we were able to tour parts of New Zealand and Australia. A wonderful once in a life time opportunity!

As 2012 progressed into the Advent Christmas Season, I was struck once again by the incredible generosity and outpouring of good will of the many churches and individuals who support the impoverished and homeless of the inner city. The month of December saw gifts of financial support for ICPM, the 600+ Emmanuel Christmas Sacks and gifts of clothing, transit tickets and food vouchers.

Thanks to Bissell Centre, our partners in community care, for offering us space to store, sort and distribute these Christmas offerings.

Many of the stories of special donations are recorded in this issue of "Straight from the Street." The "Stitchery," a local embossing and embroidery shop offered jackets, sweat pants, shirts and hoodies. A special gift of toques embroidered with the ICPM logo were given by the "Stitchery" many given out to visiting groups of young people and volunteer supporters!

A young woman, sister of one of the inner city community members, terribly disabled by an unfortunate car accident, knitted slippers for the Community of Emmanuel as a thank offering for the support and care offered to her sister while on the streets.

A recent widow offered the \$1000 employee memorial in

memory of her husband to support the ministry of ICPM. One of the young technicians from the company delivered the gift with an accompanying plaque and spoke to me of the great love the employees had for their deceased supervisor. "While the economy was "bust," he said, "Earl kept us working. He would say, "I think this wall needs painting... or ... build a shed in the back for storage." "Earl kept many of us working until the economy improved." With special thanks the employees agree to offer a Memorial gift in memory of Earl. ICPM received the first of these Memorial blessings.

Many, many people support ICPM including the continuing support of the United, Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran and Roman Catholic communities. Let us not forget the many churches and individuals who offer lunches and hours of volunteer support that maintains the weekly Sunday Worship and Sunday Lunch Program!

ICPM is blessed and the community is blessed in receiving and giving to those in need. May God encourage us in our faith, hope and love as God's Spirit moves within the lives of the many who make up the inner city community!

– Rich Chapman
Pastor ICPM

A Life That Just Keeps On Giving

Earl Mitty left an amazing legacy, not just for his family and co-workers, but also the community that is served by Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM). What inspired the staff Association of Advance Engineered Products to pledge a donation of \$1000 a year for 25 years to honour their manager Earl? And why was ICPM honored to be the first to receive this memorial award? To find out, I met with Earl's wife Darlene, daughter Erin, grandson Josh, and friend and colleague Terry and in that interview, I learned a lot about this amazing man.

He was an unusual employer, who, when business was very slow, would 'generate' work at the shop rather than lay a person off. "He fought head office tooth and nail" to protect his workers' rights. He initiated several motivational strategies that were unique to the Edmonton office and made it the top branch of the company. One of these was healthy bonuses and recognition for attendance and diligence. He was also a man who lived out his commitment to family, not only his own, but of all of his employees, regardless of their positions. If there was a family emergency, workers were told to "go now, talk to me about it later". On several occasions when the unexpected happened, workers brought their young children or grandchildren into the office and they were welcomed for as long as necessary. What kind of a man does that?

His door was always open to his staff and their opinions and feelings were heard and respected. Earl had a soft spot for those with difficulties including those with disabilities and people new to Canada. His final gift to the staff was that he postponed his retirement for a couple of years because the company, as a whole, was



undergoing difficult challenges. He knew that the Edmonton staff might be vulnerable and needed his leadership and protection. Earl passed away just a few days after his retirement. In order to show their appreciation, and honor Earl's memory and commitment to them, the Association at Advance Edmonton decided to donate \$1000 per year for 25 years to a charity of his family's choice. This truly is a

special gift that illustrates the wonderful people who continue to surround and support Earl and his memory.

Earl had a heart for the inner city folks. He respected honesty and hard work, but he also realized that many people, through circumstance and sometimes, just plain bad luck, needed a little extra help. He was a man who would burn a U-turn on Jasper Avenue in order to help a homeless person, often buying them dinner at the bus depot. In addition to being part of the St. Margaret's Anglican Sunday lunch team at ICPM, he and Darlene helped serve breakfast at St. Faith's Church each month. Earl always chose jobs that enabled him to chat with community members. Washing the coffee cups was his favorite at ICPM. In serving, his manner made it clear that being there for the more vulnerable was his deep desire, not just his duty and that is really what "walking the Jesus talk" meant to Earl.

In Earl Mitty, ICPM gained a valuable friend and as one of his staff said at his memorial service, "God just got himself one heck of a manager up there."

– by *Laura Krefting*

Opportunities to Join the ICPM Ministry Team

Administrator/ Office Support

The Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM) is a ministry of presence amongst Edmonton's inner city community. The ministry office is located in the Bissell Centre East. The ICPM seeks to fill a 4-hour/week part-time permanent position to assist with administrative tasks for the Pastoral team and ICPM Board.

Responsibilities:

Working off-site, the person will assist the treasurer, manage the mailing list (hard copy and E file listings), and manage the website.



Requirements: ability to work independently and accurately, computer literacy, experience with web management; security clearance required if hired.

Start date: April 1, 2013.

The hourly rate is commensurate with qualifications and experience. Review of applications begins on February 28, 2013, and continues until the position is filled. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a letter describing background and experience, and arrange for three letters of reference to be forwarded to:

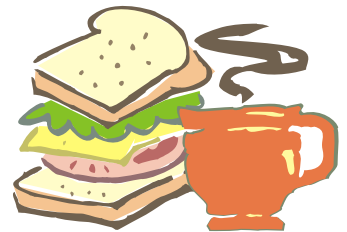
Dr. Nancy Kerr,
302 Human Ecology Building,
University of Alberta,
Edmonton, AB T6G 2N1 or send to
nancy.kerr@ulaberta.ca

Food & Church Volunteer Coordinator

The Inner City Pastoral Ministry is a ministry of presence amongst Edmonton's inner city community. The ICPM seeks to fill a 6-hour/week part-time permanent position. The person will work at Bissell West on Sundays coordinating the tasks associated with set up and preparation for Sunday morning worship and the community luncheon which follows. The person will organize church volunteers who assemble food for the lunch for 300 that follows worship with Pastor R. Chapman and ICPM's Community of Emmanuel at Bissell West. This position, beginning on April 1, 2013, could be shared between two people, in alternate weeks. The hourly rate is commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Roles and responsibilities:

attend each Sunday, 0730-1330 hr, prepare worship and meal space for volunteers, coordinate volunteers who prepare for worship and the meal that follows, assist persons who are having difficulty during the service, supervise clean-up.



Requirements:

demonstrated leadership ability, strong organizational skills, ability to supervise 25 volunteers in a multi-tasking environment, excellent communication skills, interest in and compassion for people of the inner city, ability to work in church-related context; events planning experience and critical incident training are an asset; security clearance required if hired. Review of applications begins on February 28, 2013, and continues until position is filled. Applicants should submit a curriculum vitae, a letter describing background and experience, and arrange for three letters of reference to be forwarded to: Dr. Nancy Kerr, 302 Human Ecology Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB T6G 2N1 or send to nancy.kerr@ulaberta.ca.

Combining Business and Giving



Even on a good day, toques have a life of their own. They fall out of overstuffed pockets or backpacks usually on one of the colder days. They take up residence in the library or hide under the seat of the bus.

At Christmas, ICPM receives toques from generous supporters that, at first glance, seem like enough to keep the heads of half Edmonton warm! But after a few weeks, people begin asking for toques again, especially when a cold snap hits in February or March, and Pastor Rick is scrambling to meet the need.

Enter Colin and Allie Peters from Stitchery and More who have been generous donors of toques to ICPM for three years. Not only do they supply the sporty black toques with the specially designed ICPM logo stitched on them but they have also donated shirts, hoodies, sweat pants and jackets over the years.

Colin and Allie's involvement with ICPM began when they were part of the Lord of Life Lutheran Sunday lunch team. Through serving lunch, they learned about ICPM and the needs of the local community and wondered what more they could do. Their innovative donations began when they were working on an order of toques and about 20 of them "were messed up". As Colin explains, in the regular course of their business, items not quite up to specs start to accumulate. For example those with the wrong shade of thread... or stitching not precisely in the proper place... Into the back storeroom they went! Remembering ICPM, they decided to donate the twenty and then generously threw in another 100 (with the ICPM logo!) . And their generosity continues. One Sunday in January, Colin struggled in before the service bearing two big boxes of toques and other clothes.

Like the wise ones, Colin and Allie bring their gift to Emmanuel.

Inner City Pastoral Ministry

welcomes you to the

Annual General Meeting 2013



**Thursday, March 21
5:30 - 8:00 pm**

**St. Faith's Anglican
Church – Prayer Hall**

11725 - 93 Street

Light Supper provided

**Speaker: Mark Holmgren
CEO Bissell Centre**

RSVP March 18 – 780-424-7652

**ICPM Celebrates
35 Years of Ministry
in 2013!**





**Edmonton's 33rd Annual Good Friday
Outdoor Way of the Cross
*Who is my neighbour?***

**Good Friday, March 29, 2012, 10 AM
9908 - 106 Avenue (Hope Mission)**

The Outdoor Way of the Cross is an ecumenical prayer event commemorating the suffering and death of Jesus. It offers time to notice how the gospel values of Jesus are important to individual and social life today. People of all faith traditions are warmly welcome. The walk begins and ends at the same location. Participants should dress for weather conditions, but the 2 km. walk is reasonable for most ages and levels of fitness and ability. The full walk takes about two hours. Light refreshments are available after the final station. For more information please call 780.466.6327 (evenings) or 780.218.6989.

Comin' through the line

One of my mentors was an old Pentecostal woman in our neighbourhood named Mary Glover. She taught me more about the call than any seminary professor I ever had. Mary was like a self-appointed missionary in our poor community, and she was a regular volunteer in our weekly food line. So poor that she, too, needed the bag of groceries passed out each week, Mary often said the prayer before we opened each Saturday morning—simply because she was our best pray-er. Mary was one of those people who pray like they know to whom they're e sense that she'd been carrying on a running conversation with her Lord for a very long time. It was always worth getting up and heading down to our neighbourhood centre just to hear Mary Glover pray. The prayer was more or less the same each week, but it made a profound impression on me.—

She'd usually start by saying something like, 'Thank you, Lord, for us waking up this morning! Thank you, Lord, that our walls were not our grave and our bed was not our cooling board! Thank you, Lord!' Then she would always pray the same words, as a long line of people waited outside in the rain, cold and heat for a simple bag of groceries, a mere twenty blocks from the White House—by itself a striking metaphor in the capital city of most powerful nation on earth. Here's what Mary Glover always prayed, 'We know that you'll be comin' through this line today, so Lord help us to treat you well.'”

—Jim Wallis, from *God's Politics, A New Vision for Faith*

Much More than a Ledger Entry

Sometimes we view our financial support of Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM) as simply an entry line on our bank statements, but it much, much more. Gerry Tuohy, a musician, says it this way:

God called forth a people
and we responded to His call,
'Rebuild this ancient ruin,
restore My city walls.'
As we built, brick by brick
we discovered the cornerstone
and as we let Him mould
and fashion us,
He built us up in love.
Now we have seen,
and we have heard,
that the Lord our God is great
for a wilderness has been
transformed

into His holy place.

The last line made me reflect about ICPM and the Community of Emmanuel's weekly worship service. Sometimes, and certainly every week, the worship opens up into abundant holiness. It is at those times when we can be transformed from broken humans into beings who are more whole.

Last November, you responded to the call to support the work and ongoing ministry provided by ICPM. In fact, your support meant we went into the New Year with confidence and hope. **Thank you for your very generous gifts!**

—David Barnum
for Stewardship

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Sister Marion GarneauPastoral
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