
Spirit on the Move

Fall 2010

South Burnaby United Church – 7591 Gray Avenue, Burnaby, B.C.. V5J 3Z4

The Road Ahead - a Planning and Visioning process

A few years ago, our congregation held a planning workshop called “The Road Ahead”. We spent time together discussing the path that our church was following while looking forward to the future together.

In the intervening time, things have moved along: the time has come again to look and see what our needs and goals are for the next five years.

Over the summer a “core committee” appointed by the Official Board met to put together a tentative plan of action. The members of this committee are: Nancy Baird, Andrew Burge, Donna Dawson, Mark Kitching, Gwen Morse, Spencer Peters, Marlene Rogerson, and Ken Tunnicliffe.

We decided to re-use the title “The Road Ahead” as we feel that we are still on the journey and that we still have goals that need to be realized. We need to look at the next 5 years, which we feel is a crucial time in the life of our congregation. We have just celebrated 100 years together with a wonderful anniversary weekend of history, reunion, fellowship, talent and worship. Now is the time to keep that spirit of togetherness going and look forward to what we will be in the next 100 years. Looking back at our history we saw that the congregation of South Burnaby has adapted well to changing times and demographics over the past century. Perhaps the greatest challenges are being faced right now, as we see the older generation growing older and leaving our midst, even as we look for ways to welcome new members and younger families. We want to continue to be a strong part of the community for young and old alike..



The Official Board has set out a list of 4 areas for consideration:

1. Refreshing the sanctuary
2. The future of audio-visual technology
3. Spiritual renewal through Worship, Christian Education and Music
4. Financial health and sustainability

Over the summer, our discussion has focused on the first area, the sanctuary. By the time you read this, we hope to have the first small change made at the front of the church. The railing between the pulpit and centre steps will have been removed, the chancel area enlarged and a set of 3 steps will run across from the pulpit to the organ. This will open up the chancel to allow more space and flexibility. Your reactions are important and we hope that you will like what you see. Once we start the discussion on what can be done with the sanctuary space, we hope everyone will be excited and eager to continue with the process.

Your input is important.

On **Sunday October 3rd at 5:00 pm** we want as many as possible to come to the church for dinner (by donation). After Dinner,

there will be a chance to talk with one another about "The Road Ahead" and what to plan for the journey.

To participate in dinner and the Evening call **Marlene at the office - 604-434-8323**

If you have trouble driving at night, we have people willing to provide a ride. A children's program will be offered so that families can participate more fully.

The scope of our discussion, which will continue through the winter and into the spring, is wide-ranging and will, we hope, take into account all the needs and hopes of our church home.

Cuban Youth Visit

August 21 -28th we welcomed eight youth & two leaders from the Flora E Valentine Presbyterian Church in Varadero Cuba, where our youth had visited in 2006 & 2008.

Four United churches fundraised & hosted the group in Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary & here in South Burnaby - so they saw a good part of our country. We heard their stories & songs in Worship, created a joint Cuba/Canada CD & had a great week of touring, learning & celebrating together. The billets, hosts & drivers for the week included the Baird, Carlberg, Der, Fenton, Thacker, Tunnicliffe & Ward families. Several others contributed clothing, toiletries, school and medical supplies. Many thanks to all who gave of their time, money & homes to welcome these guests !!

We heard that although there is some real hope around the new US administration changing policies, everyday life in Cuba is harder than ever & there is much anxiety around what will be the next governing

system. Fewer supplies are available, jobs are scarce & the economy is fragile. Tourism is both a curse & a blessing as it seems to be widening the gap between rich & poor. We are looking for ways to help – by sending supplies down with folks who travel there, by promoting a travel program at their centre & by keeping them in our prayers. If you or anyone you know is thinking of a Cuban vacation, please check with us on how you can help.

As the group were waiting for their flight home from Toronto their hosts drove them to see Niagara Falls once there, Alberto and Lilliana (brother and sister) met their older sister. She has lived in the USA for some time and suffers from MS.

To make it short, Alberto & Lilliana defected; their families had wanted them to help their older sister with her young family and they wanted Alberto and Lilliana to have a better chance for schooling and careers.

It was a shock to the others in the group and a sad situation for their church. As we look at the lovely banner they made for us - we can remember that 2 of those hands are learning to live in a new country, deal with new issues and be separated from their friends, parents & younger siblings. Keep them all in your prayers. Barb

A Market With Heart

Friday Nov. 5th 4 - 8:00 pm Church Hall

Come see and shop for heartfelt gifts...Fill your stockings while supporting our global neighbours and respecting our fragile earth !!! Have a healthy snack and delicious treat !!!

GOGOS – Grandmothers to Grandmothers
Steven Lewis Foundation

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Fair Trade & Eco friendly products

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I SEE GOD... Photo & Art Contest

Everyone has a different image of God & sees God at different times & places in their lives working through a person, a group, a place, or in a situation , a moment, a scene in nature.....

We want to collect images of where & how you have experienced God & create a display to share **November 21st** – 3rd Sunday.

We are asking all members of our church family to take photos, look for old photo-ops, or create original art that shows your experience of God – a moment when you have seen God in

Sunday school children will have time in classes to discuss & create. Adults can hunt out pictures or go on a hunt for photos. The important idea is to share the many ways we have all “seen God ” with each other.

You may submit your photos or art to Barb (She will be very careful with them) Prints, cd's, memory sticks are all welcome as we will have a power point as well as print display.

To help you with this project, Richard Betts (of Common Cup fame) will be here to present **2 workshops** on Sun. Sept 26th.

1 – 4:30 pm - **Getting Started**....an introduction to using your camera & taking clear pictures Open to all ages – children to seniors

2 – 7:00 pm – **Getting Results** position, lighting, equipment & processing

A workshop to help you get the most out of your camera & the results you can enjoy.

Friends & family are welcome to enter so spread the word & see what an amazing display we can produce !!

Shutterbugs . . . If you have a simple camera and you willing to lend it out – the Sunday school classes will be taking photos Sept 26 & Oct 03 in class. We also invite you to bring your cameras & join us! See Barb for further information

WINDOWS TO GOD.sbuc

Coming September 19th – a new program at South Burnaby - Sunday school children will receive an “ IGod “ to help learn about the relationship between “I” and “God”. New aps” will be available each month on 3rd Sundays. Watch for messages on the Facescreen !!!!!

4F Club will start up soon !

This is an after school program of fun & music open to all children. As well as our Godworks choir, we hope to start a band & drama group this year. Watch for start up date & details soon. Tell your friends & neighbours.

Welcome / Bienvenue - Marc D'Anjou

You can be forgiven if you think you've noticed a difference on the faces of the Ministry and Personnel Committee. Their smiles are for real! They are walking a foot or two off the ground! You can be forgiven walking past the church if you think you are hearing Canada's other official language wafting out to the waiting world. You can be forgiven if you imagine all the musicians who have played and sung in our 100 year history applauding with gusto the M&P's decision to extend an invitation to Marc D'Anjou. It's all true!

Marc hails from Quebec and grew up and studied in Rimouski. He has served Parishes in Quebec City and in Montreal. He has accompanied Choirs of all ages and sizes, including one that toured Europe last Summer. He not only plays the organ; he builds them – and wait for it – he is a Chef!

So have we lucked out or what?

Look forward to more opportunities to reach out to the community. Marc is looking forward to a concert he will give to introduce himself and as a means of getting to know the wider community. Who knows? By Christmas we might be singing in a Musical Evening that would bring all the choirs of our neighbouring churches together.....

Welcome Marc and set aside the time to support the work he wants to initiate with us.



A Gift from Gordon

Many of us will remember being greeted every Sunday morning by Gordon Malcolm, sitting in his favourite place beside the rear door of the Sanctuary, always with a smile and a handshake. Gordon and his wife Jean were long-time avid supporters of life at SBUC.

Before he died in 2009, Gordon advised that he had named SBUC as the beneficiary in a couple of small life insurance policies. Nothing much more than that, just that they existed. After all the estate details had been sorted out, we recently found out that there were three policies that actually amounted to almost \$28,000.00!

We want to celebrate the receipt of this gift and Gordon's thoughtfulness at considering the church in his estate plans. Through this generosity, Gordon and Jean will help support the work of SBUC in this community for years to come.

Introducing the SBUC Legacy Fund

Upon receipt of the gift from Gordon Malcolm, the Stewards felt that there should be a separate fund created to receive this and other special donations. Unlike the Memorial fund, which typically receives donations in memory of an individual, this fund would be created for those making direct donations to the church from a variety of sources, and which may designate a specific purpose for the funds.

At its recent meeting on August 25th, the Official Board approved a motion to create the Legacy Fund and the Stewards have been tasked with developing some policy around the receipt and use of the donation. This will be brought back for discussion at a future Board meeting.

There are many different ways to consider leaving a legacy gift to the church, life insurance being only one. Bequests through wills, gift annuities, publicly traded securities, proceeds from RRSP's or RRIF's, to name a few, are other means. In many cases, charitable receipts can be issued to offset some of the cost of the gift. For further information, please contact the office.

WELCOME

Welcome to those who have been here since God invented Time and welcome to those of you who have just arrived.! No wonder the AOTS men refurnished the doors this summer! What a year we are going to have!

Tell your neighbours; tell your family; tell your friends – We are not getting over our 100th Anniversary, we are drawing strength from it. New energies are coming to bear on what we can do for God; and new dreams are waiting in the wings, holding their breath.

No wonder the M & P committee were so happy with their choice of Marc D'Anjou, Organist and Wonder worker! We will all enjoy the gifts he brings!

Hope your Summer held more joys than sorrows, and that all the ways in which you want to contribute to the amazing life of this place feel open to you. Speak to me if you see an opportunity we could pursue; something you've been thinking about for some time. Maybe this is the year to share those insights and possibilities.....

On a personal note, I can report there's less of me to carry around each day and that gives me more energy than I have had in a dozen years.. You are probably as surprised by that as my Doctor is! He sat down before me looked at the blood pressure readings and said "Ian, no Doctor really ever expects their patients to do what's good for them!"

My personal goal is to keep the weight off and learn how exercise can realistically happen while accomplishing the varied tasks of ministry in this place. What's yours?

Welcome back - Have a good year

Ian

**Wasn't That a Party
100th Anniversary Weekend,
April 23 – 25, 2010**

Photographs and memories are all that remain from our anniversary celebrations in April. Over 250 invitations were sent out to former SBUC families and many of them responded and came “home” for a wonderful time of reunion and reminiscence.

Our special guest speaker for the weekend was the Very Rev. Dr. Lois Wilson. She spoke twice, the first time on Friday evening, “An Evening with Lois Wilson”, and then on Sunday morning for our 100th anniversary church service, as our guest preacher. She is a wonderful storyteller and fearless preacher. She recalled our Methodist heritage and our strong United Church history. Her involvement with both church and political worlds, both in Canada and internationally, was evident in her anecdotes. She challenged us to look for the places where doors can open for us, while not going back to traditional places where we know that doors are closed. She encouraged the church to work for justice together with other groups doing the same thing, not to “re-invent the wheel”. To be involved with and to work together with ecumenical and multi-faith groups. We should be looking outside the church building, making worship accessible in today’s vastly different culture, making use of technology and considering environmental issues. Her words were ones that gave us lots to consider as we move forward into our next century!

On Friday evening, we were pleased that, in addition to our own congregation, many members of other churches in the Presbytery came to hear our special speaker.

Saturday afternoon was the time for reunion and remembering. There were photo displays in the Memorial Room and the upper hall. A video presentation of historic pictures was shown in the sanctuary. Greeters were

on hand as many former members arrived to renew old friendships. It was wonderful to see so many volunteers from our current congregation assisting with preparations for the afternoon, the dinner and the evening concert.

The buffet dinner was memorable in itself. Nancy and John Baird and family prepared all the food and brought it to the hall just in time for dinner at 5:15. We had sold 150 tickets, but didn’t have enough seating space for that many, so we staggered the eating time, to get everyone through the buffet in an hour and a half. Desserts were served in the lower hall to keep things moving. All reports say that the dinner was delicious!

Things moved to the sanctuary for the evening entertainment, our “Centennial Showcase”. The intention was to provide a snapshot of church music, personalities, and groups from the present and the past. The evening started with Christmas – the arrival of dancers from our Christmas Eve service, little angels twirling under the direction of Kathryn Carlberg. Margaret and Jim Stevens gave us their “tax collector” routine, also from Christmas Eve. Our junior 4F Godworks choir in their yellow shirts and hard hats were a delight. The puppet play, “Working Together”, featured 1990’s youth group members (now in their 30s) back for a repeat performance (with virtually no rehearsal!). Also back from the past were some of the members of the Coffee Club Singers from the 1970’s, singing “Step into the Sunshine”, with their leader, Marilyn Blain on the piano. Although this group managed only a 15 minute practice just before dinner, it sounded to us as if they had never stopped performing in the past 35 years. The Senior Choir performed a song written by long-time organist and choir director, Trevor Dawson, while the M&M’s sang a lyrical Jewish maxim. We had individual performances from Elfren and Christian Ordanza, Christina Burge, Geoff Waters with sons Ben and Reggie, and



Abraham Tahuil. The Rumlbers band became the Blues Brothers, and were joined by bewigged dancers Barb Tunncliffe, Janet Woron and Donna Dawson. The spirit of the evening was captured in the 100th anniversary song written by Donna Dawson, sung to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In". Everyone was on their feet, joining in.

Sunday morning's church service was the highlight of the weekend. Flower arrangements and potted plants adorned that sanctuary, the narthexes, and the hall. Junior greeters made sure that all who entered received a commemorative pen. Seating in the sanctuary was at a premium. The congregation of Myung Sung Methodist Church joined us for the service, as did All Saints Anglican Church. A combined choir of 60, with choirs from all 3 congregations, the M&M's choir, the junior 4F choir, plus some former SBUC members and guests provided the music. Special people from our congregation's past read scripture and lead in

prayers: Rev. George Morrison (1973-1982), Mrs. Rebecca Irwin (wife of Rev. Hugh Irwin, 1957-1966), Ray McGinnis (CE, 1981-82), Bruce Watson (former Chair of Official Board). Symbols were presented, representing all phases of church activity and community involvement. After the service, the scene moved to the hall. Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislature, and representatives from the City brought greetings. Anniversary cakes were cut by Mrs. Rhoda Darnbrough, our oldest member at age 101, and by Tammi Kitching, representing L'Arche. An abundant lunch was enjoyed by all.

The weekend gave us all something to celebrate and to consider as we move forward as a congregation. We rejoice in our strengths, past and present, and look to a future that will take up Rev. Lois Wilson's challenges.

BUDGET 2011

The Stewards are requesting that all Committees and Groups requiring funding from the 2011 budget have their budget requests in to the office by - **NO LATER THAN - October 31, 2010**. Sooner would be Better. Thank You.

We would also request that the UCW and AOTS advise us of their anticipated funding to the church which is much appreciated.

Thank You
The Stewards

Submitting Articles for future Newsletters

Articles may be submitted by dropping them off by hand at the SBUC office,
Or Send by email or Fax. **604-430-3697** (by the deadline date in church bulletin)
*****email to: **yoshyasy@gmail.com** (format: **Word or Text**)

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This summary is prepared to present the current financial position of our church to the congregation

****** Financial Update from Stewards ******
Income Statement to July 31, 2010

	Actual to July 31, 2010	Budget	Variance
Receipts			
General Givings	89,337	104,415	(15,078)
Towards Deficit	5,759	4,038	1,721
Seniors Ministry	2,276	2,041	236
Spec Donation	7,875	9,328	(1,453)
Other Receipts	773	729	44
Facility Rentals	41,401	41,422	(21)
Fac.fr.AOTS/UCW	6,125	6,705	(580)
Prog. Receipts	1,778	3,760	(1,982)
100 th Hymn Sing	764	-	764
100 th Ann. Dinner	1,524	-	1,524
Total	157,612	172,437	(14,825)
Expenses			
Administration	14,866	15,391	(525)
Facilities	29,438	27,051	2,387
Program Expense	6,244	7,818	(1,574)
Salaries & Benefits	125,944	126,841	(897)
Total	176,492	177,101	(609)
Profit (Loss)	(18,880)	(4,664)	(14,216)
Outreach:			
M&S	14,390	17,199	(2,809)
WDR	1,665	1,458	208
Ist United Mission	1,506	2,624	(1,118)
UCW Sandwich	940	993	7
Stephen Lewis L. L.	1,665	1,200	465
Benevolent Fund	402	1,049	(647)
Burnaby Homeless	197	292	(95)
Christmas Hampers	-	-	-
Burn Xmas Bureau	-	-	-
Refugee Fund	120	-	120
Total	20,885	24,753	(3,868)

Consider Planning Your Gift

South Burnaby United Church has been a reflection of God's presence in this community for 100 years. Now that is something to be thankful for. We have a proud history, and now we are investing our lives, time, gifts and strengths toward the future to which God invites us.

You can become a part of extending our vision by making a planned gift today. So what does this mean? A planned gift is simply a gift you plan to give to the church, either today or in the future. In the United Church the most common gifts are:

Bequests: Your will is an excellent opportunity to provide for a gift to the church. A charitable tax receipt will also be available to your estate.

Gift Annuities: Allows you to leave a gift at your death, but also provides you with an income for your lifetime.

Gift of Shares: When you make a gift of shares to the church your taxable capital gain is cut in half and you receive a taxable receipt for the full value of the shares when they are received by the church.

Life Insurance: You can donate an existing policy and receive a charitable receipt for its cash value.

You can decide where you want your gift to go. It could be used for our general funds to meet our current needs or our reserve fund for future projects, or you can designate your gift to support a ministry of your choice, such as Christian Education, Seniors Ministry, M & S Fund, or others.

There is more information available through the church office and, if you prefer, we can put you in touch with the United Church's Regional Gift Planner. Please consider a planned gift to SBUC as part of your financial plans.

