



Session Chronicles

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Welcome to our April issue of the *Chronicles*. Session met in its regular sederunt on Tuesday, March 27th. The following items were addressed:

- Session was saddened to receive the resignations of longtime St. John's Elders Ken and Lydia Hollas. However, we know they will continue to be a vital part of the St. John's community.
- The St. John's three-year rental contract with the daycare upstairs (Liudmila Glambinskiene Daycare) has expired and is being renegotiated.
- The combined White Rock Lutheran and St. John's Good Friday service proved a particularly moving event, followed by our uplifting Easter Sunday St. John's service.
- March 11th saw a meeting of the Minister and some of the Elders to review the church rolls, and revise the Elder Congregant Lists. The new Elder Lists will be out shortly. Session is examining ways to better inform congregation members who their individual Elders. One method is to display Elder Lists on the church hall bulletin board.
- Proclamation takes place from April 10-13, 2018 at St. John's. The New Testament and Psalms will be read, and a Festival of Praise will wind up this event on Saturday, April 14th.
- The Outreach to Women group, which meets Thursdays in the North Hall and is led by Elder Jacquie Chartier, wound up their year on March 15th. This has been a successful outreach targeted to meet the needs of an important segment of our community. Jacqui has commented "It was such a privilege and honor to work with these amazing, courageous, beautiful women and to be a witness to God's great work".
- Friday Lunch Hut will have its 25th Anniversary Celebration on May 25, 2018. There are plans to invite Peace Arch News and members of White Rock City Council, as well as supporting businesses and volunteers to mark this milestone. Of note is a generous gift to Lunch Hut of \$200 from St. Mark's Ladies Guild.
- The Outreach Committee will be serving tea and coffee at the May 26th White Rock Orchestra Concert.
- You will have noted that much cleanup has been carried out in the church gardens in the past week or so, including the removal of the two dead cedars on the west side of the building. This initiative was spearheaded by Barb Petticrew and her gardener, and, it is hoped, will be funded from the Legacy Trust Fund.
- Session agreed to continue paying the premiums on a life insurance policy that was donated to St. John's a couple of years ago from a former parishioner, upon whose death St. John's will be the beneficiary. This is a novel way in which one can leave a legacy to St. John's.
- Session has agreed to hire Larry Eastwood as our church Treasurer for a one-year term. His goal will be to organize church finances so as to meet Presbytery requirements, and to

prepare for a permanent church Treasurer. **Take note that we will still be in need of a full-time Treasurer in a year's time. Are you interested, or do you know someone who might be interested? Please advise the Minister, the Clerk or your Elder.**

- A member of the congregation has made a generous donation of financial stocks to the church. Another unique way that one can contribute to the work of the church.
- Presbytery, following up on the work of the Vision Task Force and the Presbytery workshop on visioning that took place on February 17th (attended by the Minister and three others from St. John's), will now hand this initiative off to a Strategic Planning Committee.
- St. John's Elder Emily Wilson will be one of the Presbytery Ruling Elders who will attend the 144th General Assembly meeting at Wilfred Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario that will take place from June 3 to 6, 2018.
- If you as a member of St. John's have a matter that you think should receive the attention of Session please advise the Minister or me as Clerk of Session.

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