



Summer is normally a time of rest and rejuvenation for your Session, with no regular meetings scheduled. Not so this summer. Session met once in July and three times in August in special meetings to address an employment-related complaint made to WorkSafe B.C. The church retained legal counsel and arranged for an independent investigator to look into this matter. The church also ensured that any persons who might have had personal involvement were not delegated to deal with the matter. The investigation is now concluded, and we are satisfied the church has met its obligations under the *Workers Compensation Act* and WorkSafe B.C. policies. We need to accept the fact that, given this involved church personalities, the need for confidentiality and privacy dictates that specific details of this inquiry cannot be released.

Session met in its first fall gathering on September 25th.

Some of the matters we addressed were as follows:

- White Rock Community Orchestra is relocating its December 1st concert from St. John's to another venue. Their May 25, 2019 concert will still be at St. John's
- Preparations are underway to have the church floors stripped, sealed and waxed.
- Session agreed that the monthly musical concerts that have been a feature of St. John's for the last few years are not now meeting attendance expectations. With input from the Minister & Choir Director, it was decided St. John's would, instead of the monthly concerts, host a monthly evening praise & worship service that would feature guest artists from the community. This will start in the new year. More details to come.
- Lunch Hut is as active as ever with Thanksgiving turkey dinner hosted on October 5th.

A group of 18 friends have donated \$525 to Lunch Hut.

- The English Language Learning program, under Gordon Wilson, is again very active this year with about 50 students attending.
- Mark **November 17th** on your calendar. Session Outreach & Stewardship are hosting a **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**. Check the bulletin for more info.
- It was noted by the Minister that an urgent review is needed of Session committee membership - **there is a need for members of the congregation to serve on these committees. Interested? See the Minister, Clerk of Session or an Elder.**
- **Ted McDowell**, of Praise & Worship Team fame, has been appointed as a Trustee to the Legacy Trust.
- **Special Congregational Meeting - after worship, Sunday, October 28th.** To vote on the release of funds from the Trust Fund to repay a loan that was advanced from the Manse Fund.
- **Property & Maintenance Issues** - 1. Elevator pit - the recent sealing of the pit failed

to stop the seepage of water. We need a sump pump. 2. Roof leaks and water ingress into sanctuary - advice from a roofing engineer is being sought.

- **Reports from General Assembly 2018** are still on the hall notice board for reading (not to be removed).
- **Synod of B.C. meets October 12-14, 2018 at Central Presbyterian, Vancouver.** The Minister and Elder Emily Wilson will attend from St. John's.
- The **Presbytery Commission** met with the Minister and Elders on October 2nd. More to come on this.
- Finally, as many of you are aware, our Administrative Assistant for the last six years, Kimberly Wulkan, left St. John's as of the end of August. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.
- Those wishing an electronic copy of the Session *Chronicles*, please contact the Clerk.

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