

Appendix



UCW Executive, 1962:

Front Row: Grace Third, Ivy Fraser, Lois Bardwell, Ruth Johnson

Middle row: Joan Stevenson, Betty Jamieson, Gladys Wray, Barbara Reid

Back Row: Pat Gilbert, Eila Ledingham, Margaret Lawson, Theo Warner, Gwen McCormick, Muriel Ireland



**Emmanuel Players: Kim Perkins, Heather Perkins, Rilla Montgomery, Ryan Smith
Laura Montgomery**



Executive of Council - 1995

First Row - Susan Hodges, John Wright, Shirley Black, Blake Lines, Bill Smith

Second Row - Evelyn Perkins, Katharine English, Margaret Armstrong, Eleanor Dyck, Heriberto Gonzales, Hugh Matheson

Third Row - Ron Squires, Jon Jones, Bob Armstrong, Ed Langner, Malcolm Collins, John Latter, Ted English

Message from the Minister

Dr. W.K. Howard

Very few churches plan to fail - but may fail to plan. Our anniversary should be a three-point check in the slipstream of our ongoing planing:

- ▶ We look back over our shoulder to see how past plans have worked out. We are humble about our achievements and grateful for what our mistakes have taught us.
- ▶ We check out where we are. We evaluate to see whether it's where we want to be.
- ▶ We stand on tiptoe to see where our plans for the future are taking us.

Then we set new goals - neither being overwhelmed by future shock or jaded by a surprise less future. This is an exciting time to be tangled up in the plans of the church as it jets into the Twenty-First Century. Many mean, crude, blunt, vituperative criticisms are being leveled at the church. Church attendance statistics say one thing and financial givings something else. There is a new interest abroad in the world concerning witchcraft, Satanism and things occult. Churches are trying out new organizational structures and unstructured sensitivity stuff. There are experiments with new modes of worship encompassing a spectrum from covenant and catacomb to folk music and rock. There are conversations about union and there are ecumenical encounters taking place. There is an upsurge in registration in courses in religion on the university campuses. There is an acceptance of a new yardstick of significance for a church - it's not the size of the church that counts but the size of its concern for mission. These and other things make it a mighty thrilling time to be involved in the plans of the church - "the extension of the incarnation", "the spearhead of God's presence and acting in the world". So, happy anniversary! - A fabulous Fifteen! Sorry we haven't got more time to stand around celebrating. But we must get on with our plans. We have a commitment to a search for meaning, purpose and value.

Foreword - from the 1973-4 edition of The History of Emmanuel United Church

Emmanuel is a church with a difference. Visitors notice it, members take it for granted. But any church which chooses not to build a sanctuary, substitutes stacking chairs for the comfortable pew, calls a minister by asking him to share our ministry, replaces the original structure in favour of active, working committees and introduces friendly conversation into the middle of a worship service - that church is not ready to die - or even to slumber while the world changes around it.

What makes the difference? Holding a mirror to the first fifteen years brings certain reflections.

Emmanuel certainly has no comfortable pews, literally or figuratively. Flexibility, openness to change, creative thinking are characteristics of a congregation which makes its own tradition. A church cannot rest on its performance in the past when it has such a brief history. With hundreds of versions of "That's not the way we used to do it!" there is a wonderful opportunity to discard them all and to try something new. With a congregation that changes one quarter of its membership every year, there is a chance to listen to new ideas. With a policy of involving the congregation in setting goals and making decisions the onus is on everyone to put those decisions into action.

This idea of the importance of everyone in the congregation is caught up in the theme for the 15th Anniversary - All of You - taken from Christ's admonition to his disciples at the Last Supper when he invited them to "Drink of it, all of you". (Matthew 26.27) Christ still speaks to the individual in the church encouraging each one to participate, to give "all of you", all of your self, all of your life to Christ. He speaks to the church and to the community of believers, to "all of you" joined together in love and service in the work of the kingdom. He speaks to the world reminding us that the message of the gospel is for "all of you", every member of the family of God everywhere in the world.

To all of you, Emmanuel's very name - "God with us" - delivers a promise and a responsibility. How Emmanuel has lived up to the promise and has accepted the responsibility is the theme of this history.