

EMMANUEL BY THE NUMBERS

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Did you know that?????????

1. Congregational profile:

- At Emmanuel we have 350 families and 512 individual members of the congregation.
- On an average Sunday morning in 2008 about 225 people worshiped together, up to a maximum of 304 on Confirmation Sunday.
- Over the last 5 years (2004-2008) we have accepted into membership an average of 28 new members each year, including an average of 7 by confirmation annually.
- Our Sunday School has an enrolment of 54 from nursery to Grade 7.
- We have 30 high school age youth and 30 young adults studying in college and university, with whom Emmanuel keeps in contact.

2. Programs:

- Council of the congregation has 45 members including 18 who sit on the Executive.
- The many activities of Emmanuel are managed by 11 standing committees and several Ad Hoc Committees such as the Ad Hoc Committee on Revitalization, the Fundraising Planning Committee, the Revitalization Fundraising Committee and the Stewardship Research Committee .
- The total of all people who actively volunteer their time and talents on Council and committees is roughly 150.
- The number of paid staff at Emmanuel is 7.

- In addition to our standing and ad hoc committees, we have 15 other informal groups and activities such as:
 - Men's club
 - Book club
 - Quilting group
 - "Take time to be Wholely" exercise and fellowship group
 - Christian Meditation Group
 - Line dancing
 - Active artists
 - Triple F
 - Teleos
 - Emmanuel Refugee Support Group
 - Bible Study groups at the church and in homes.
 - Annual ski trip to Gray Rocks resort
 - Fall hikes and youth trip to the Adirondacks
 - Spanish classes
 - Floor hockey

- In the fall and spring we offer an evening meal and program called "Thank God it's Tuesday and I'm at church" usually with 50 participants each week over 4 weeks.
- Every fall 50-60 volunteers work at our annual bazaar.

3. Salvadoran Community:

- We have a longstanding relationship and Covenant Agreement with the United Church global partner Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel in El Salvador.
- Some members of Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel living in Ottawa have become members of Emmanuel United Church.
- We hold a number of fund-raising and awareness events to support our on-going mission in El Salvador.
- We also host a Christian Hispanic Community that meets at Emmanuel for worship, bible study and fellowship on Sunday afternoons. This Salvadoran community holds dinners, pupusa sales and other social and family events each year to support their charities.

- Special services are held each year to remember the Jesuit martyrs in El Salvador and to honour Monsignor Oscar Romero which can have from 20 to 100 persons in attendance.

4. Children's activities:

- Over the year a total of roughly 160 children, including children from Emmanuel, other churches and the community, participate in our children's activities such as two weeks of Camp Awesome Vacation Bible School, Advent Adventures, summer canoe trip and floor hockey.

5. Health and wellness activities:

- In 2008, 328 individuals were served by our Parish Nurse. 8 educational and wellness programs were held and 4 weekly programs were operated which attracted over 60 people.

6. Pastoral Care:

- In 2008 the Ministers and Pastoral Care team supported Emmanuel members with between 300-400 telephone calls and between 200-300 personal visits. As well 11 funeral/memorial services were supported and 4 funeral/memorial receptions were catered.

7. Outreach activities:

- At Emmanuel we carry on outreach activities in the community, such as:
 - *The Meeting Place* weekly after-school program which we have operated for 6 years, serving 30-40 children from Vincent Massey School each year.
 - Youth volunteers support to the Ottawa Mission
 - Support for the South East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community
 - Heron Road/Overbrook Food Bank
 - Ottawa Multifaith Housing Program

- Support of refugee housing with the Ottawa Mennonite Church, through the purchase of Loblaws gift cards.
 - Habitat for Humanity builds, National Capital Region, and other parts of Canada such as PEI.
- In addition, our building is used by 10 or more community groups on a regular basis, such as:
- The National Model Railway Association
 - Al-Anon
 - Girl Guides
 - Kiwanis Music Festival for three weeks each spring
 - Women's Connection
 - South East Ottawa Centre for a Healthy Community fundraising concerts and other functions
 - Habitat for Humanity meetings
 - Hillcrest High School co-op interviews
 - Ottawa Hospital volunteer breakfasts.
 - Ottawa Pastoral Care Team

8. Music at Emmanuel:

- 35 members of our senior choir sing at weekly services and on special occasions such as Christmas, Easter, memorial services and fun cabaret nights.
- In addition to the Senior Choir, we enjoy the music of Emmanubells Handbell choir, Jam Youth ensemble and Country Spirit.

9. Worship :

- Weekly services
- Monthly Sunday evening Emmanuel Cafe' coffee house and informal worship, attended by up to 30 people.

10. Emmanuel's Outreach to the larger world:

- Our Outreach Discretionary Program fund has sponsored mission trips to El Salvador, Louisiana, Zambia, and has assisted individuals from Emmanuel on mission and educational trips to El Salvador, Kenya, Zambia and Ecuador.

- For 30 years from 1979 to 2008, the Emmanuel Refugee Support Group has sponsored and assisted a total of 32 individuals in 9 family groups from 7 countries in Asia, Africa, Central America and Europe. 4 planned sponsorships did not proceed or were unsuccessful over this time.
- Each year our youth participate in the World Vision 30 hour famine and raise \$2000.
- At Advent the youth organize the *Just Gifts* sale and coffee house in partnership with fair trade organizations.
- Number of adults and youth from Emmanuel who have travelled to El Salvador, Nicaragua and Cuba to visit Global Partners: 100 (plus 40 individuals from other groups)
- Number of individuals from Emmanuel who have participated in Habitat for Humanity housing build trips to various parts of the United States: 120
- Number of people we have hosted on mission visits to Emmanuel from El Salvador: 7, including three visits from Pastor Miguel Tomas Castro.
- Number of persons we have hosted from Kenya (1) and Cuba(4): 5
- Number of Emmanuel young people who have travelled to Africa, Asia and Latin America to carry out youth volunteer, educational and mission work: 52
- Number of people travelling to El Salvador as international election observers in 2004 and 2009: 12