

Ministers' Musings

Core Ministry Groups

You are needed in the Core Ministries of Jubilee United Church!

There is a place for you! Oh really? Yes, really!

We have stepped over a threshold into a new structure with the purpose of nurturing and growing the ministries of Jubilee United Church. The previous committee structure is gone and has been replaced by Core Ministry Groups plus the committees* mandated in our United Church of Canada Manual.

The new structure is:

- The Transitional Council, which is the Governing Body*, is responsible for the care of the congregation. The Transitional Council, including the Minister(s), carefully discerns the Spirit's leading and keeps the vision before the people holding all groups of the congregation accountable for staying true to the vision and values.
- The Ministry and Personnel Committee (M&P)* is responsible for personnel related matters including caring for the relationships between staff and the congregation.
- The Trustees* are responsible for the "temporal" matters of the congregation including finances and property.
- The Core Ministry Groups, Worship, Belonging, Learning and Service are the hands and heart of Jubilee's ministry. *Each and every one of you was and is invited to take your place in one or more of these groups! Each and every one of you is needed to share in this joyful work.*

The Core Ministry Groups will meet at least twice a year and include as many people as are interested in that Core Ministry. The Group gatherings will be about 2 ½ hours long and include biblical reflection and learning, discernment and planning. The Groups will choose a co-coordinator(s) who will be authorized to make decisions and take actions between meetings.

+ Are you curious about worship, want to sing in the choir, do you love music, want to read scripture on Sundays or greet people at the door? You are a member of the Worship Core Group.

+ Are you interested in Bible study, Sunday School, Lenten Lunches or topical study groups? You are a member of the Learning Core Group.

+ Are you making sandwiches for First United, serving in the Community Lunch, working in the Thrift Store or wanting to learn more about our neighbours? You are a member of the Service Core Group.

+ Are you in the UCW, Men's Group, Fun-raising, Family Matters or communications? You are a member of the Belonging Core Group.

We need everyone to participate. There is a place for you! Really there is! Pick that place or two and come to the Core Ministry Group Gatherings (see back page).



Rev. Jay is going on Sabbatical.

After 31 years in Ministry she welcomes this privilege. Thanks to the generosity of the former M&P Committee, she was able to add her unused study leave and vacation to the three months of sabbatical. This leave will rejuvenate her for many more years of Ministry. She is enormously grateful for this opportunity. She will be finished her work with the congregation at the end of February, and **her last Sunday** will be March 5, 2017.

The Expanded Transition Team

has two tasks left!

1. Evaluate the Interim Ministry and the Interim Minister
2. Celebrate all the good work that will serve the ministry of Jubilee United Church, Burnaby!

Rev. Graham is now the "Lead Minister." What does this mean?

On January 15, 2017 the congregation voted unanimously to continue the call of the Rev. Graham Brownmiller as the **Lead Minister**.

This means that Rev. Graham's priorities will be to:

1. Plan and lead worship including weddings and funerals.
2. Work with the Transitional Council for the vitality of the congregation.
3. Provide leadership and support for Core Ministry Groups particularly but not exclusively Worship and Belonging.
4. Supervise the staff and report to M&P.
5. Work with others to provide pastoral care particularly in urgent situations.

This also means that the Rev. Graham will not be expected to do the work outlined in the Team Minister Position either before or after a Team Minister is called unless there is something that Rev. Graham determines is necessary to do.



THANK YOU FROM REV. JAY & REV. GRAHAM

For the cards, gifts, treats, prayers and good thoughts that people offered us during the Christmas Season - we are grateful for each and every one of you!

Core Ministry Group Meetings

SERVICE

Saturday January 28

9:00 - 12:00

LEARNING

Saturday February 4

9:00 - 12:00

BELONGING

Saturday February 11

9:00 - 12:00

WORSHIP

Saturday February 18

9:00 - 12:00

M&P

Saturday January 21

1:00 - 3:00

TRUSTEES

TBD

TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL

TBD