

## July 9, 2017 Insert for Generic Bulletin



PRELUDE: *Prelude in C-sharp minor*

A. Scriabin

- \* OPENING HYMN – *When I Needed a Neighbour*

VU 600

OPENING PRAYER – (said by all)

**We go out into the world,  
into the new life we find all around us.**

**We hear your call to get involved, to open our hearts,  
to allow your love and your concern into places we may never have  
been before.**

**Dear Jesus, help us to welcome and to enjoy  
all the new opportunities, and the new people,  
that may be coming our way.**

**May we all treat each other with the love and concern  
that You would show to us, and to all others.**

- \* HYMN – Congregational Choice

READERS: Shari Saunders and Ted Lowrey

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 23 and 24: selected verses

One: Herein is the wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL Matthew 25: 35-40

One: Herein is the good news.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

- \* HYMN – Congregational choice

SERMON “When I Needed a Neighbour”

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: *Come Sunday*

D. Ellington

- \* CLOSING HYMN – *Let Us Build a House*

MV #1

POSTLUDE: *Do Lord, trad.*

arr. B. Edstrom



## ◆ Melrose Events ◆

### ◆ Rev. Philip's Vacation Schedule ◆

Rev. Gardner will be on holiday from July 3-30 inclusive. During his absence, the Rev. Jane Wyllie of First-Pilgrim United Church will be available for urgent pastoral care needs (janewyllie@gmail.com, 905-522-9900).

### ◆ Thank You... ◆

...to Ted Lowrey and Shari Saunders for so ably leading our worship service this morning.

### ◆ Lemonade ◆

Please join us for lemonade and fellowship on the patio outside the chapel following the service.

### ◆ Summer Office Hours ◆

Please note that during **July** and **August**, the Melrose office hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on MONDAY, TUESDAY and FRIDAY and until 11:30 a.m. on THURSDAY.

### ◆ Summer Custodial Hours ◆

For the custodians, hours for **July** and **August** will be Mondays to Thursdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### ◆ Observer Renewal Time Is Here Again ◆

For a subscription to this helpful, thought-provoking magazine, please enclose \$25 in the envelopes provided at the front of the sanctuary. Please fill in the envelope label and put it on the collection plate. **Subscriptions need to be collected by the end of August, 2017. This early notice is for those who will out of town for the summer.** Thank you.

### ◆ Locke Street Festival—September 9! ◆

Needed: strong (men or women) for putting up the booth and setting up jams and selling of jams. Also required are folk at the end of the day to tear down tables and bring everything back to the church. We need people for 2 hour shifts throughout the day. Please help! You get to choose your own time slot! Talk to Gwyneth or the Church office if you are willing to be a "face" on Locke Street for Melrose!

## ◆ **Voting Results for UCC Remits 1 to 4** ◆

As you all know, the Official Board held a congregational meeting on this topic in May, to receive your input into these remits. The congregation voted unanimously in support of Remits 1 to 3, and unanimously opposed to Remit 4. The Official Board reflected these wishes and submitted our votes accordingly. Unfortunately, the UCC has just communicated the final voting results, and Remit 4: Funding a New Model, has passed. As discussed at the congregational meeting, this has unfortunate financial implications for Melrose. As reviewed at the meeting, based on our current budget, under the new funding model Melrose will be required to pay a percentage of all income, including rental and investment income, which is approximately \$11 000 more annually, once the model is fully implemented in 3 years' time. Further information regarding the implementation of this change is not yet available, but will be monitored closely by the Board. We wanted to ensure that you had this information in as timely a manner as possible, and will provide any additional information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Evans

Chair, Official Board

### **Letter from the United Church of Canada:**

**July 5, 2017**

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the General Council Office.

I am writing to let you know of the voting results for Remits 1 to 4. All four remits were approved by a majority of the 84 voting presbyteries and 2136 voting pastoral charges of the United Church.

#### **Remit 1: Three Council Model**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1672 No: 222

#### **Remit 2: Elimination of Transfer and Settlement**

Presbyteries: Yes: 74 No: 7

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1792 No: 89

#### **Remit 3: Office of Vocation**

Presbyteries: Yes: 69 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1681 No: 190

**Remit 4: Funding a New Model**

Presbyteries: Yes: 70 No: 12

Pastoral Charges: Yes: 1472 No: 398

There is one final step in the remit process to be taken by the 43rd General Council when it meets in July, 2018. We will now be working to be ready for that prospect.

A Remit Scenario Planning group, co-chaired by Alan Hall (Executive Minister, Ministry and Personnel), and Peter Hartmans (Executive Secretary, Hamilton Conference), has been meeting over the past year to do preliminary thinking on the change process, depending on which of the remits received approval. This group will now be re-mandated as the Remit Implementation group, to have broad oversight over the plans for implementation of the changes that will follow if General Council gives its approval to the decisions that have been approved by remit. David Allen has agreed to step away from his position as Executive Secretary of Toronto Conference to accept the full time assignment as Project Leader for this work.

The 42nd General Council will reconvene for an electronic meeting on September 30, 2017 to put plans in motion for determining the boundaries of the regional councils, and a nominations process for the next General Council Executive, pending the final step in the remit process.

Thank you all for your participation in this important work of the church.

Sincerely,



Nora Sanders

General Secretary, General Council