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Minister's Message

By Vicki Obedkoff

Author Malcolm Gladwell writes that when people are under stress, they respond in one of two ways, either narrowing or broadening their focus. It's often better to go broad, to expand the horizon of possibilities. In preparation for going broad and wide, Jesus encouraged his followers to go deep together. Grieve together, express your feelings together, pray together, dream together, do your "despair and empowerment" process together, as Christian-Buddhist mentor Joanna Macy would counsel: Do this until your very breathing is in sync and you feel united in Spirit. You will feel the presence of the same Spirit that was within Jesus empowering you to do the things he did. Then spread out, taking the light within you outward into the universe.

On June 4th, I experienced the light radiating outwards in the hallway of Central Tech, that other iconic institution in our neighborhood. I attended the annual open house celebration on behalf of TSP's Centre for Faith, Justice and the Arts. What a joyous atmosphere of creative collaboration I discovered! Who knew so many programs and so many generations nestled together in that building? Some of you may want to check out the 3-year art program, available for a nominal fee, and popular with folk transitioning in life and bringing forth creative expression.

I gravitated to a female torso sculpted from clay and iron oxide by Diane B. Leal. She titled her piece "Radiation, the act of spreading outward from a central source." There are tiny punctures in the sculpture letting a light inside shine through, especially noticeable in the dark when the shape of the form gives way to the luminous light and Presence within. Diane wrote and posted the following words, (which I hope I have mostly correctly reproduced):

"Within us, is there a canyon of existence that we keep hidden from the world? Is this most secret part of us also the most beautiful part of us? Where did the energy come from? Is it damaging to keep it contained inside us? Is releasing it necessary for transformation? Is this a shared human experience? Can acknowledging this shared human experience unite us? And can we in the releasing of that which is within us, break attachments to that which does not serve us? This work addresses the energy contained within a human being and the fragility and beauty of the moment when the opportunity arises that

Sunday Services In the Summer:

July - 10:30 a.m.
at Trinity-St. Paul's

August - 10:30 a.m.
at Bloor St United Church

Sept 4, 2010 - 10:30 a.m.
back at Trinity-St. Paul's

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allows it to radiate and interact with the universe. At that moment, seen most clearly in the darkness, the human self as a container is secondary to the energy and light contained within. This work is simultaneously both physical reality and metaphor.”

Diane's work beautifully evokes the transition from the season of Easter to Pentecost for the Christian church. The human self as container is secondary to the energy and light contained within. While we love our embodied selves, our lives are all about expressing the light within, borne of the One Light. The light within our human containers unfolds over time or in a shortened intense life that shines, as the Christ did in the human container of Jesus which ultimately dissolved to let the light within him spread into the universe.

We must turn toward each other, not away from each in the times when things seem to be falling apart and people we love are leaving. We turn towards each other as we create circles of practice, where we can share being human and be accountable for our best intentions. What is our mission as a Christian community in this time and place? One aspect is to be a container that points beyond itself, yet is a gathering point of organized small groups and circles where our lives find discernment and accountability, where we can practice expressing ourselves non-violently and fully, where we can accompany each other to flourish as God intends us to do. One reason we carry on being church, giving time in our busy lives to our community life together, is to form a container through which the light of Christ shines. And equally true is that other containers in our wider community, such as the art program of Central Tech, release and express light which inspires us. As we encounter each other and appreciate the work unique to us, we find a synergy of Spirit that witnesses to the Creative Transformation alive and amazing us in wonder.

Apparently, mention of the art program at Central Tech in my June 5th sermon got out fast through the community grapevine, and as a result I will be having lunch with the creator of “Radiation.” Diane Leal is delighted that her work has illuminated our work, and brings us into relationship. May we celebrate partnering in our community for the greater good!



Looking Forward to the Fall Season for Commitment!

We are preparing for our *Fall Season for Commitment* as we once again invite the generous people of our TSP community to consider hosting a community meal between October 14th and November 13th. You can choose any time that is suitable for you and host a brunch, lunch time get together, dinner, or a high noon tea in your home or at TSP.

If you haven't hosted before, give Allison a call and she can give you the dibs on just how easy and enjoyable it can be. Or, if you have hosted in past and would like to sign up again, please send Allison an email at Allison.savaria@sympatico.ca or to speak directly with her, call 416-534-3824.

TSP's Bicycle Blessing Service: Blessing Brings Riders 'Closer to God's Abundance'

By Reverend Ted Reeve and Alexandra Horsky

During the worship on May 29th, children and adults were invited to participate in a Bike Blessing and liturgy which unfolded at the beginning of the service. Ted and Alex explored the good (and the fun!) that can come from bike riding with the children, and invited the kids to join in blessing a bike and a scooter in front of the altar with boughs of cedar and spruce dipped in water.

After the service, a steady stream of riders wheeled their bikes down the centre aisle of the Sanctuary to the altar (beautifully and spontaneously decorated with greenery and flowers by Mary Lou Fallis) to receive a blessing for their bikes.

The crowd included veteran bike messengers, intrepid solo riders, tandem bikers, and families with bike trailers in tow. Bikes were equipped with baskets, bells, water bottles, and even an air horn! Outside, a few attendees requested blessings for their motorcycles and scooters as they were too heavy to make it up the ramp at the Eastern entrance. Riders of all stripes were glad to receive a protective blessing for their journeys in a city still working toward safe and shared roads for all.

The event was a wonderful celebration of the daily choices people make in support of sustainable living.

*By Madhavi Acharya Tom Yew,
Toronto Star Staff Reporter*

One by one, they wheeled their bicycles down the red-carpeted centre aisle to the front of Trinity St. Paul's United Church. One by one, Reverend Ted Reeve sprinkled holy water on their heads, handlebars, and baskets. "May the road rise to meet you; may the wind be ever at your back; may all your journeying be joyous; may you and your bicycle be held in God's hand," he said.

The second annual blessing of the bicycles drew about 50 riders to the church, located near Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue, on Sunday afternoon. Scooters and motorcycles were blessed outside. "It is an opportunity for us to celebrate the technology of a simple, efficient machine that also brings us closer to nature and God's abundance," Reeve said in an interview. "It's a way to slow down and appreciate life."

Reeve administered blessings along with Alexandra Horsky, a board member at Trinity St. Paul's and a chaplain at a Toronto hospital. The event transported riders of all stripes to the intersection of faith, green activism, and urban living.

Paulette Blais took a moment to wipe tears from her eyes after she and her 14-year-old daughter Simone had their bicycles blessed. "I find it touching when someone is blessing a bike for your child to be safe," she said. "As a parent you teach them how to ride a bike. Then they ride off without you, but it's also a step towards independence."

For Audrey O'Handley, who recently started riding a bicycle again after moving to Toronto's Annex neighborhood, the event was about faith; "I feel the Holy Spirit is protecting me. It's like, I recognize the divine and He has a special blessing for me. It makes me feel at peace".



Social Impact Investing

By Moira Hutchinson

For several years now, Trinity-St. Paul's has been engaged in "social finance" or "impact" investing - a form of socially responsible investment that is presently receiving wider public attention.

In November, the *Canadian Task Force on Social Finance* issued a report "Mobilizing Private Capital for Public Good." The Task Force membership included Paul Martin and other luminaries. Its goals were to ignite the development of an investment marketplace dedicated to addressing Canada's social and environmental challenges. The report is available at <http://socialfinance.ca/taskforce>.

The task force made recommendations about how governments, foundations, and investors could take actions to:

- Unleash new sources of capital;
- Develop needed support infrastructure and policy; and
- Build the pipeline of entrepreneurial ventures with social and/or environmental impact.

Meanwhile, for years, Trinity St. Paul's and the national United Church have had investments in two social finance vehicles, both of which provide a modest financial as well as social return.

The *Canadian Alternative Investment Cooperative* www.caic.ca is an early and enduring example of social investment. It pools investment resources of its members to invest in social mortgages, e.g. for youth group homes; affordable housing; homeless shelters. Loans have been made to groups such as the Elizabeth Fry Society (Barrie), L'Arche (Hamilton and North Bay), Nishnawbe Homes (Toronto). Members also invest in a community venture fund, supporting projects for the economic development of disadvantaged people or communities. Often these investments are made through community loan funds providing micro-credit (very small loans) to individuals on social assistance or in economically depressed neighborhoods so that they can start small businesses.

Trinity-St. Paul's and the national church also invest in *Oikocredit* www.oikocredit.org, the church-related international banking cooperative which receives investments mostly from sources in the global north and who generally offer credit to "unbankable" people mostly in the global south. Financing is provided through micro-finance organizations and as well to trade cooperatives, fair trade organizations and small-to-medium enterprises (SMEs). *Oikocredit* invests in a wide variety of projects such as the rebuilding of rural businesses in Haiti; farm projects in Uganda in a region with many HIV positive people; a company in Guatemala improving markets for farmers by using solar energy to produce dried fruits.

In our midst, at TSP, we have two leaders in the social investment field, Hans Van Nie through *Oikocredit*, and Don Middleton through *CAIC*.

Hans is a past president of *Oikocredit Canada (Central)* and a continuing member of its board. Last June, on behalf of *Oikocredit Canada* and the *United Church*, Hans participated in the international *Oikocredit* AGM and associated meetings in Brazil. Following the meetings, he joined other delegates on visits to project partners in Paraguay and reported on these at a TSP after worship "global gossip". His report can be found on TSP website.

At the end of 2010, after six years of service (three years as Chair), Don retired from the board of *CAIC*. But, he has not left the work. This year he has been a key person in the establishment of a new foundation, the *Canadian Alternative Investment Foundation (CAIF)*. The foundation is a "sister" to *CAIC* and will provide an opportunity for permanent endowment by its members and other organizations and individuals. It will work alongside *CAIC* in providing loans and grants for building capacity in the sector.

Oikocredit, and now *CAIF*, provide opportunities for individuals, churches and other organizations to support social investment. The work of Hans and Don enables us all to become involved.

News from the Property Committee

By Tom Hutchinson

This winter, spring and summer have primarily been times of planning for the Property Committee. We have arranged for another section of the roof to be replaced with 50 year steel shingles; as a test, the cupola was done last year and it seems to have worked out well. Even though the steel shingles are more expensive, they last several times longer than the asphalt ones, thus minimizing ongoing labour costs.

At the same time as the roofing is being done, some of the tower's stones will be re-pointed since lift equipment will be on site. Tafelmusik's box office was re-carpeted; other small renovations are underway in the basement; and plans for repair of the narthex's ceiling are in the works.

We have collected a few pictures of signs, but have not reached a consensus about what new signage to install. The plan is to collect pictures and share them in order to get various opinions. We need to put a rush on this as some of our existing signs are falling apart. However, much of our time has been taken up with planning for the eventual sanctuary renovations - working with the architect, heating system engineer, Tafelmusik - along with working on the Board's questions about rental revenue potential (further to the questions asked at the annual meeting).

Each week, many hours go into these projects. Initial indications are that with 200 more members contributing at least \$3000 a year each would solve many of our problems and help alleviate our workload. Perhaps this can be our fall project!

Your Help in Finding Users for TSP

The Property Committee has been working away at upgrading our facilities over the past few years and the response from our building clients has been excellent. As we approach the challenges of making our place sustainable over the next few years, we are going to need even more groups using our facilities, particularly during daytime hours.

CFJA and the Property Committee have just prepared a leaflet that shows several of our available rooms under the motto -Sharing our Space with the Community. Our facility is in a great location, is quite affordable and accessible and already has over a thousand people using it during the week.

The full brochure (with specific descriptions of each room) is available on our TSP website.

<http://www.trinitystpauls.ca/content/sharing-our-space-community> The smaller leaflets are available from the TSP Office for wide distribution.

We are asking each of our members to think about musical groups, dance or drama groups, senior or youth groups that you may know and for you to either provide us with their names and addresses for follow-up or for you, with the leaflet to make contact yourself. We particularly hope to find more clients for the Sanctuary area, but all rooms still have open time.

Thanks for helping to make TSP Centre more available and sustainable.

Bob Fugere, Property Committee

One Heart for Healing, Peace and Justice

By Lois Kunkel

Late in the afternoon driving from Totota on our way to Zorzor, we are on our way to see the *Women in Peace Network (WIPNET)* and their cotton project. Trinity St. Paul's United Church provided a grant for this project. The road has been graded since I was here last year and while it is still tough, it isn't as rough. In every country, during election years, roads get repaired!

Our host, Mr. Howard, who lives and works in Zorzor and district, keeps receiving phone calls on his cell and responds in Loma, his language. We soon learn the reason why.

The Peace Hut is located at the outer edges of Zorzor. The sun is setting with the sky taking on the rainbow colours of orange, yellow, red, purple. As we draw near, we see many women - 30? - dressed in their peace outfits of white political t-shirts, orange lappas (skirts) with "peace" written into the design and white headscarves. They rush forward as the truck stops and receive us into their arms, hugging and greeting and singing. I remember most of these women from last year and we greet each other in delight. We process into town, surrounded by these women, singing and dancing.



They have arranged for us to stay in the guest-house of the Minister of Gender for the Government of Liberia, so this time, we are not on the mission station. We are in the heart of the town. Food arrives in baskets they have woven and the women sit, perched on the leather couches, watching us eat the rice and greens they have prepared.

Early the next morning, some of the women are back. Each day that we are in Zorzor, we are accompanied by 3 or more women. They may just come to sit in the house to be with us. Only a few of them speak English. We are very moved by their hospitality.

Edna Johnson, the American volunteer nurse that I worked with last year, arrives at 9 am. The women have organized a gathering of gratitude and thanks for us. We gather at the Peace Hut and it is so exciting to see how it is almost finished. During our four days in Zorzor, the doors arrived and only the fence windows remained to be installed. Outside the hut, a woman weaves the newly harvested cotton. Two young people are weaving rattan baskets. Inside the hut, the women are sitting on cloth laid on the newly cemented floor, cotton piled beside them. Some are taking the seeds out, some are spinning, some are playing the rattles and everyone is singing.

The ceremony begins. I am feeling embarrassed and I want to say that this is too much fuss. Yet as I sit there, on a chair of honour, I realize that I have to honour them back by receiving their thanks with grace. This is their way to let me know and through me, the congregation of Trinity St. Paul's, how grateful they are and how life-changing our financial help has been. The local radio station tapes the entire three-hour ceremony and replays it in its entirety on Sunday.

Lucy and Nancy, the two leaders of this WIPNET group, present Edna with a white

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chicken and some kola nuts. She then presents this squawking chicken to me. This is very Liberian and it acknowledges that Edna is the person who facilitated my meeting these women last year. Like an eagle feather, receiving a white chicken and white kola nuts are a very high honour.

The teenage girls put on two short dramas for us: one about resolving a conflict between Muslim and Christian market women and another about HIV/AIDs, sex and teenagers. One of the goals of this cotton project was to help work with the teens. Then a group of young ones, led by a girl of about 8 years old, sang us some songs in harmony, their bodies bouncing with the beat.

Mr. Howard translated for me. I presented the women with some cotton carders and within a heartbeat they are out of their boxes and in use, passed from woman to woman. I have pictures I've taken during church over the past year showing our TSP faces. I wanted them to see us - Ida and Marion who helped me figure out spinning and carding equipment, the Liberian cross on our altar, Vicki and Hans giving communion, the choir, and more, of us all. It is a people to people project.

Later, we went to the cotton field. The women show us the flowering blooms on the bushes. The second harvest is getting ready. A woman elder arrives with another chicken and honours us with it. We did have chicken with our greens and rice that night!

That evening some women came by and we learned how to tie the head scarves and carry baskets on our heads. As they showed each of us how to tie a scarf, there were peals of laughter. It felt like girls together and we all had a great time.

When we returned to Monrovia, the capital city, Nancy and Lucy had made arrangements for us to meet the national staff of the Women in Peace Network. Again in their office, we were greeted and thanked for our help and support. It is very humbling how widely this grant of money has impacted. Our connection with these women in Zorzor will continue and the community of TSP is richer for it. We are community together, reaching across this ocean of water, language and culture yet of one heart for healing, peace and justice.

(My psychotherapy colleagues, Janice Meilach and Agnes Struik and I were in Liberia in April, providing a four-day Counseling Training program for the staff of the Trauma Healing and Reconciliation Program of the Lutheran Church in Liberia, visiting some of the staff in their workplaces, as part of our Healing Exchange Project).



Poems for Japan: A Hope in the Destruction

Remembering the devastating earthquake and tsunami
that struck North East Japan on 11 March 2011

*Japan remembers
blossom falls silence broken
a vision of hope*

- Roger Cliffe-Thompson -

**“If we surrendered to earth’s intelligence
We could rise up rooted, like trees”.**

- Rainer Maria Rilke -

*Earth trembled.
Water raised.
Life must continue.*

- Marija Peterlik, Croatia -

**“The three disasters.
Storms turn into a soft wind.
A new, humane wind”.**

- Herman Van Rompuy, -
EU president



The Census

By: Shirley Farlinger

I am not going to respond to the census request from Statistics Canada. My reason is that the census, for the first time, has been contracted out to Lockheed Martin, one of the biggest military companies in the world. This means that our tax dollars will be going into military coffers. It is time to challenge Canada’s role in the militarization of world economies. Our military exports are about \$5billion per year to over 100 countries, 80% going to the United States. (New Internationalist June 2011).

The same process by Lockheed Martin is happening in the UK where protesters are active on this issue. There was no need to contract out the census, which our own civil servants have conducted properly for many years.

In Canada we seldom have the opportunity to engage in civil disobedience even as our country becomes more militarized. Non-violent civil disobedience involves a refusal to cooperate in a process where it is believed our government should be held to a higher form of accountability.

“The very process of demilitarizing - by well-designed economic conversion - institutionalizes democratic decision-making and decentralization, reinforces productive life-serving values, and frees up the resources needed for every sort of improvement in quality of life.” (Seymour Melman “The Demilitarized Society”)

The Stinson Family and Trinity-St. Paul's United Church

Welcome everyone to this service of celebration and thanks from the Stinson family. You may wonder why Phipps and Thomas families are involved in the service, announced as Stinson family. Bill's and my mother was the 3rd child of Elda and Fred Stinson, so here we are. I am going to give you a brief outline of our family and its commitment to this church.

When Elda and Fred Stinson moved to Toronto from Minden Ontario, in 1911, and settled on Huron Street, they found their church home in Trinity Methodist Church, then a thriving congregation in the northern end of the city. Both were strong churchgoers and became actively involved in the life of the church. Grandpa served on the Official Board, as it was called at the time, and Granny was president, at different times, of the Women's Auxiliary and the Women's Missionary Society, forerunners of the United Church Women. I recall many Sunday dinners at their home where the discussion at the table focused on the church service, especially the sermon.

In preparation for this service I have been reflecting on the many changes which have taken place in this building over the past hundred years. One major change was when Trinity Methodist Church became Trinity United Church, a transition which, according to the TSP Story written for the 75th anniversary of the church, "occurred without noticeable hitch."

Granny and Grandpa brought with them 4 children, Arnold, Lillian, Cora and Evelyn. They grew up in this church, which was the focus where stages in life were marked. Like his father, Uncle Arnold - Kathy's grandfather - was active in church affairs and in the 1987 book was remembered as a "great pillar and mainstay of the church." Many of you knew and remember his son Fred and his wife Anne. Both were very active in many committees and worked with dedication in many areas of the church's life. When Anne moved from her home to Belmont she donated her upright grand piano now situated in Brad's office where, I am told, it gets a regular work-out.



Trinity flourished for many years but, like many inner city churches in the late 60s, suffered dwindling membership and serious reduction in finances. Clearly some hard decisions had to be made about its future. In 1969 George Stinson, Fred and Anne's son, was given the task of surveying a large area around Trinity to assess the make-up and needs of the residents. That report was thorough and informative. Later, Fred Stinson chaired a committee on the Long Term Use of the Church property, which concluded that the decision had to be made whether the church could continue and, if it was to continue, whether to follow tradition or take a bold step and try an innovative approach to its mission.

The church made the tough decision to continue, and to try innovation. To their surprise there were many applications for the precarious position of minister, which might not last very long. The congregation chose to call a relatively young minister who had studied inner city ministry at McCormack Theological Seminary in Chicago, which specialized in such a radical approach to ministry. That was Bill Phipps, who had a passion for that work, and who, by serendipity, was the youngest grandchild of Elda and Fred Stinson.

Unlike the transition to becoming a United

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Church, Bill's coming did not take place without a hitch. The 1987 report described his ministry here as a series of shock waves. During his ministry, after a long period of exploration and prayerful reflection, Trinity and St. Paul's Avenue Road United Church, who also suffered from dwindling congregation and reduced finances, decided to become one. That Bill had been a summer intern at St. Paul's for two summers and a student intern for a year was a happy coincidence in that he and St. Paul's congregation knew each other well.

St. Paul's brought with it the social action groups which had been housed in their building, requiring major changes to this building to accommodate them. The most dramatic was the reduction in size of the sanctuary, which extended to the outside walls of the church, to make room for the little kitchen, the memorial room and on the other side the CE rooms and Vicki's office. It was at this time also that Tafelmusik became a tenant and began the wonderful long term association with TSP. These changes were not accomplished without considerable pain, but they were accompanied by a new vision of ministry.

Bill's ministry was nothing if not energetic - as some of the members of the congregation who were there at the time have commented. One result of his time here was the revival of Sunday School, since he was the first minister in a long time to become a new father. Both Sarah and Jeremy were baptized by their father here.

Bill moved to Edmonton in 1983, but Sarah, age 7, said at the time that she planned to return to Toronto and live on Major Street. She accomplished that goal when she came to study at Vic and lived with me on Major Street. Her marriage to Don Chong was blessed in the sanctuary after being solemnized at Bloor Street United, Don's Church, with Bill and Sang Chul Lee officiating. Many of you were present when Bill baptized their children, first Kate and more recently Foster. They are now the 5th generation of the Stinson family to be active participants in the life of the church.

I was baptized here at Trinity, but I did not

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grow up in this church although I visited frequently when Bill was minister. However, when I returned to Toronto from Ottawa after my marriage ended, I was a basket case, depressed, anxious, and fearful. Mother had died two years before and Bill had moved to Alberta. BUT, TSP was here. Members of this church welcomed me, embraced me, and encouraged me. I can't overstate how grateful I am for the warmth I felt. The church building itself was a sanctuary. I could look at the plaque to Grandpa, and the lectern, this one, that the family gave in honour of their parents and draw comfort from the connection to family. I must mention in particular the Fallis family, who has been family friends for over 80 years. Reverend George Fallis married our parents and baptized me. The family made me feels welcome; giving me warmth and a feeling I was not alone. Over the years they have shared their many gifts with us, including providing music at family events both happy and sad. We are grateful for the participation of David and Alison in this service.

I am thankful that this church has supported my work with prisoners and ex-prisoners, first with The Bridge, by giving us space to meet weekly and giving us a yearly donation, and more recently by hosting the Restorative Justice Conference. Many of the ex-prisoners have expressed that they felt welcomed and accepted here.

TSP is a church which supports its people through all the transitions of life. In the past 7 years TSP has celebrated with our family 1 marriage, 2 baptisms, and 2 funerals, sharing our joys, comforting us in sorrow, just as it has for the past 100 years. Sarah and I try to carry on the Stinson tradition of serving this church through sitting on Circles, and participating in various aspects of worship. For our part we will continue to do what we can to participate in its evolution, as it renews its commitment to ministry in the city.

*Elda Thomas
Stinson Sunday service,
TSP
May 8, 2011*

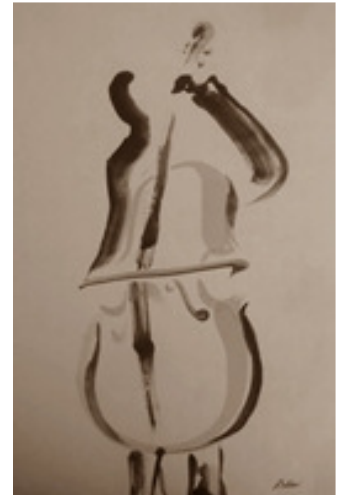
What's Happening Around TSP

Spirit and Music

Music and art lifts the spirit and inspires us in our lives; From June 2nd to 18th, the family-run art gallery *Latitude 44* (whose priority is building community) invites everyone to view ink paintings by Natalie Griller (B.F.A.), a member of our TSP choir. These paintings are on the theme of spirit and music.

When: June 2 to June 18
Where: Gallery *Latitude 44*
Address: 2900 Dundas Street - in the Junction

For more information you can call *Latitude 44* at 416 769-2900.



TSP Dancing With Parkinsons

Starting Wednesday, September 14th, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in the TSP gym, we will be welcoming a new weekly program at TSP: *Dancing With Parkinson's (DWP)*. No previous dance experience is necessary!

DWP is a charitable organization offering an opportunity for those living with Parkinson's to take part in a fun and artistic event. The program is led by dancer **Sarah Robichaud** and anyone wanting more information, or to register, can go to her website at www.dancingwithparkinsons.com.

WORKSHOP: Agents of Change: Community Work in Toronto

Interested in learning more about innovative models of community work in Toronto? What to explore on-the-ground campus community partnerships and the potentials of community-based learning? Then this field visit/workshop will be of interest to you. TSP members, Bill Fallis and Lynne Brennan are involved.

Who: George Brown College's *Community Worker Program* is offering
What: A workshop titled: **Agents of Change: Community Work in Toronto**
Where: As a pre-conference event at AERC & CASAE's 2011 Joint Meetings
Cost: \$30.00 per person (includes lunch and transportation to & from sites)
For More Info: Visit: <http://www.casae2011aerc.org/workshops/>

The Workshop, *Agents of Change: Community Work in Toronto* is a pre-conference field excursion being hosted by the Community Worker Program at George Brown College. This program helps build and strengthen communities in Toronto by developing adult learners' skills in community development, organizing and social analysis.

About the TSP Times

The TSP Times is a tri-monthly newsletter for members and friends of Trinity-St. Paul's United Church and CFJA. Submissions from all members of the congregation are welcome. Please send your items to BuyandSellwithSarah@yahoo.com. The deadline for the next issue is October 2011. Sarah Landry, Editor; Vivi Santosa, Publisher.

Are you on the List?

TSP has an on-line **list serve** that sends out information on activities, upcoming events, the weekly announcements, and other items of interest to people at TSP. You can get each email message or a daily digest. It is an easy way to keep track of what is going on. To join the list serve, log into the website. (You will need to register if you haven't already) On the right side of the page, there is a grey box with your name at the top of it. Click on the "My Account / Mailing Lists" link. Scroll down to TSP list on the left and click on the button for emails. Then you too can be up-to-date!

Alternatively, you can go to: <http://lists.trinitystpauls.ca/listinfo.cgi/tsplist-trinitystpauls.ca> and provide your name and e-mail.

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Teacher, Ages 6-8 Program	Christy Bray
Teacher, Ages 9-11 Program	Patty Zuver
Teacher, Ages 12+ (YouthonBloor)	Sheryl Johnson