

# KNOX-MET NEWS

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We are a vibrant, caring and inclusive community of faith, rooted in the past, and responsive to the challenges for a changing church, society and community.

Seeking God's justice, peace, and sense of belonging, we:

Worship God, who calls us into relationship with all creation;

Proclaim Jesus Christ in word, in deed, and in our care for self and each other;

Create opportunities for each person, and for the community as a whole, to grow and live in the Spirit.



The United Voices of Edmonton will perform at Gloucester Cathedral, left, and Bath Abbey in the summer.

## ON WINGS OF SONG

A unique choir from Edmonton is taking a special musical journey this summer.

In August, the United Voices of Edmonton, comprised of three established local choirs, including Knox-Metropolitan United Church, will travel to the U.K. to present Canadian choral music while serving as the choir-in-residence at Gloucester Cathedral and the legendary Bath Abbey.

Highlights of the 19-day tour include a benefit concert at St. James Church, Alveston, Stratford-on-Avon to help raise money for repairs to the church roof.

The United Voices of Edmonton was formed in July 2010 under the musical direction of Warren Mack (Knox-Metropolitan and Wilan Chorale) and Tammy-Jo Mortensen (Robertson-Wesley). The group first performed at the 2010 Fringe Festival along with Ian Horobin in Robert Johansson's popular play Charles Wesley.  
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The three choirs have a long history in Edmonton. The amalgamation of the Knox and the Metropolitan United Churches in the 1970s led to the merging of two choral traditions. Currently, the Knox-Metropolitan Choir embraces a broad variety of styles that some refer to as the “Knox-Met Blend.” (No, this is not a new blend of coffee, but if we could raise funds that way we would certainly take a serious look at the possibilities! )

Robertson-Wesley United Church has a well-established choir; a number of pieces have been composed for them. The choir has produced several CDs and performs at many special events throughout the year — for example, with the CBC reading of Charles Dickens’ *A Christmas Carol* and St. Stephen’s College convocations.

The Willan Chorale was established in 1998 by Warren Mack and Henry Williams to provide the music for the Synod of the Anglican-Catholic Church of Canada which was held in Edmonton that year. The Chorale has also produced several CDs.

(The K-M Choir and the Choral are in the enviable position of being led by their own composer/arrange — Warren Mack is our “composer in residence”).

The Chorale was named for Healey Willan, a prolific Anglo-Canadian composer of orchestral, choral, organ and piano music. In 1913, Willan headed the Theory Department of the Toronto Conservatory of Music; in 1914 he was appointed Lecturer and Examiner for the U of T and served as professor of music from 1937 to 1950.

While the Robertson-Wesley choir has previously completed a successful international tour, this will be a first for members of the Knox-Metropolitan Choir and the Willan Chorale. Preparation began with a choir retreat in September with Jeremy Spurgeon, Music Director at All Saints Anglican Cathedral. Rehearsals are held twice a week. Members of the Knox-Met congregation will hear some of these pieces over the coming months as anthems and special music integrated into our regular services.

While being in good voice is one essential element there is another equally important feature — raising sufficient funds to get United Voices to the U.K. The aim is to sponsor the travel costs of four to six students and to assist other choir members for whom the full transportation and accommodation costs are prohibitive.

Watch for a variety of special fundraisers throughout the coming year. To help us get there, or to contribute to sponsoring a student, contact Colin Hatcher at 780 434-1534.



St. James Church,  
Alveston,  
Stratford-on-Avon

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING REPORT

On Sunday, Feb. 6, members and adherents attended our Annual General Meeting, held after worship in the gym.

We honoured those who had passed away during 2010: Catherine Sutherland Smith, George Brown Walker, Dr. Karel Puffer, Arthur (Duke) Stafford, Marion E. Meston, Gerald Arthur Coon, Barbara Ann Robinson, Margaret Thompson, Margaret Jeannette Turner, Ruth Gladys Clandinin, Jessie Margaret (Heather) Lloyd, Miriam Hutchinson, Beatrice Hoover McLay, Edmund Richards and Kenneth Turner.

Those present approved the revised Board and committee structure recommended by the Board and the corresponding revisions to the associated bylaws (with amendments). This new structure addresses the challenges of finding leadership for our committees and filling Board positions—while continuing to meet the needs of our congregation. This is a consequence of declining church membership and the number of volunteers able to carry out the work of our congregation.

Peter Hooper was also appointed on the Board of Trustees, joining Steve Hoskin, Jack Longworth, Herb Schroder and Karl Wilberg.

Doug Kelker, outgoing Board Chair, acknowledged those volunteers who have served on the Board over the several past years: Bev Baptiste - Past Chair; Carol Loewen - Presbytery Representative; Cheryl Purdey - Chair, Communications Committee (moving to sub-committee of Committee on Community and World Outreach); Colin Hatcher, Secretary; Gail Feltham - Chair, Board Executive; Indra Perry - Member at Large; Marg McKenzie, Chair, Worship Committee; Marilyn Brodie - Co-coordinator, Congregational Life (Congregational Life activities to be shared

between Committee on Worship and Committee on Community and World Outreach) and members at large Marc Lebel, Neil Armstrong and Rob Shaigec.

Here are the members of our Board:

*Board Executive (five members at any one time)*

1. Board Chair: Dennis Filips (two-year position)
2. Past Chair: Doug Kelker (for 2011 only, as a Vice Chair will be elected for 2012 only, in preparation for Chair position).
3. Secretary: Victoria Wynn (two-year position)
4. Treasurer: Peter Hooper (to be appointed by the Committee on Property and Finance and approved by Board)
5. Designated Member at Large: Lucia Dhliwayo (two-year position)

*Chairs or designates from each of the five standing committees on:*

1. Worship: Lori Stewart (beginning in September 2011, with current members continuing the duties)
2. Christian Teaching and Learning: Bob Klakowich
3. Community and World Outreach: Susan Bramm
4. Property and Finance: Pat Buckie
5. Ministry and Personnel: Cathy Martin (representing Committee chair Jack Jervis)

*Presbytery representatives: Kathy Reith and Janice Higa*

Member at Large: Sandra Hawes (and Lucia Dhliwayo, as designated member of Executive)

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, Feb.23 in the Lounge, at 7:30 p.m.

*Submitted by Susan Bramm*

## Book Discussion

The Case for God, by Karen Armstrong

Facilitator: Dennis Filips  
780-634-9339

When: Sunday, March 6

Lunch: noon. Discussion:  
12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

## Faith Enrichment & Confirmation

Are you ready to look at some of the questions of faith?

Do you have a lot of questions about faith?

Do you wonder about the place and impact of faith on your life? On the world?

A course in Faith Enrichment is an opportunity to dig into those questions.

Sometimes people take this course in preparation for making a profession of faith, and making a commitment to the church.

Sometimes people take this course because of curiosity.

Sometimes people take this course to explore the connections between faith and life.

A course can be developed for youth, or adults. A course can be developed for one person, a small group, or a larger group.

If you are curious, or if you are interested, please contact Steven Johann at 780-439-1718 ext. 223 or johannst@telus.net

## SERVICE FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

... will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A service and a meal are provided for homebound seniors and those in local care centres.

This valued project is hosted by the Knox-Met Women's Group.

We need volunteers for shuttling, greeting, kitchen duties and entertaining.

For information, call Dorothy Beckwith 780-436-2172



## Lenten Pancake Brunch

Sunday, March 20, following worship.

Tickets will benefit the Inner City Pastoral Ministry

Contact: Nancy Kerr  
780-438-1814

## Lenten Film Series

When: Three Sundays, March 6, 13, 20 at 6:30 p.m.

This year's theme: A Question of Balance

Facilitators: Lori Stewart and Jack Jervis, 780-438-5904