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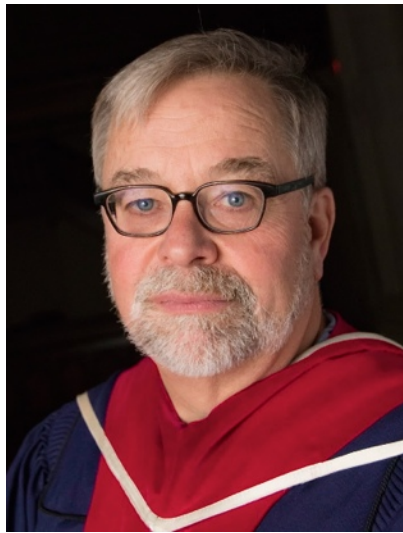
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**PETER'S PEN**

**New Faces in the Neighbourhood  
cnib**

Over the summer, the cnib as they like to be called, but perhaps better known to many as the Canadian National Institute of the Blind or the CNIB, set up an office two doors south of the church on the east side of Yonge. It is their goal to make Yonge and St. Clair the most assessable neighbourhood in Canada to the visually impaired. One of the first steps in doing so is the installation of tiny electronic beacons inside the entrances to buildings in the neighbourhood. When a smart phone app is engaged, the beacon will send a signal offering instructions for entering and navigating through the public spaces of our community. In time the beacons will hopefully provide much more information about the various spaces. The cnib will also plan and advertise programming in our neighbourhood of special interest or service to the visually impaired. As a result, it is anticipated that as many as 10,000 visually impaired people will visit our neighbourhood over the course of the next year and many of these will begin to frequent places that become familiar and helpful.

The visually impaired all have a story to tell and sometimes it may be painful to hear, but often it will be a story filled with courage and faith. I am so pleased two beacons have already been placed inside the church, but I believe you as the people of the church will be the true beacons, offering as you do, the warmth of your welcoming hospitality as together we look out for the best interests of our new neighbours whether we are in the church building or down the road in a coffee shop. Through these we will come to know more fully the Christ who welcomes us.

**The Indigenous Youth Suicide Crisis Vigil** was started by several indigenous women outside the local office of the Government of Canada's Indigenous and Northern Affairs at 22 St. Clair Ave. East. They set up a permanent encampment on the sidewalk and posted numerous notices to the walls of the building offering information

The Cover - a portion of the tree of life window, Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, NB. Stained glass windows at the Cathedral were manufactured in England and are circa 1850. To guard against breakage and other damage during transport the windows were encased in molasses.

Photos of Peter and Dale, Pages 2 and 4, and the photo montage at the bottom of Page 7, were provided by Henry Regehr; Thanks Henry.

Comments and suggestions for future editions are welcome. Please send to: [pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca](mailto:pilgrim.h@sympatico.ca)

The next newsletter will be published in December. The deadline for submissions will be announced in the Church Calendar.

*Paul R Hill*



about the suicide epidemic plaguing first nations people. These women are expressing their deep concern for the well being of their youth and particularly the youth in the Nishnawbe Aski Nation, (NAN) of Northern Ontario.

This concern is shared deeply by the Rev. Walter McIntyre of CBOQ and all in our denomination who work with him. It has been voiced at conferences and meetings he has organized in and for our denomination. This concern is shared by all in our congregation who have been involved with our Oneida ministries and by those who have offered hospitality to Chief Marcia Martel during the recent Sixties Scoop Trial. The concern has been growing stronger in our congregation, but now it has moved into our neighbourhood.

Both Dale and I as well as others from the church have visited the women at the vigil site on several occasions to encourage them. I am inspired by their perseverance. Around them the sidewalks and streets have been torn apart by city crews working from 7 a.m. till 1 a.m. creating a noisy and dusty atmosphere and yet they stay. Cars and streetcars make more noise and yet nothing deters them. They are here in our midst with a deep burden on their hearts for indigenous youth. I thank God for their presence and for their desire for young people to be well. The problem is real and it must be addressed.

During their days on the sidewalk the crisis has grown. When they set up on July 20th their notice referred to 22 NAN youth who had taken their lives this year. The number has since climbed to 32.

A few weeks after the women set up their vigil a small group of indigenous men set up an

encampment in David Balfour Park where they tend a small sacred flame as part of the same vigil. While I was visiting them recently, a man from a neighbouring apartment arrived to say hello and express his support. I knew the man and greeted him by name. They asked me, "How do you know Bruno?" and I was pleased to say he is a member of our congregation. I was delighted, but not surprised to learn that Bruno is held in the highest esteem by these men thanks to his daily visits to encourage them. And so it is, they now refer to him as 'Elder Bruno.'

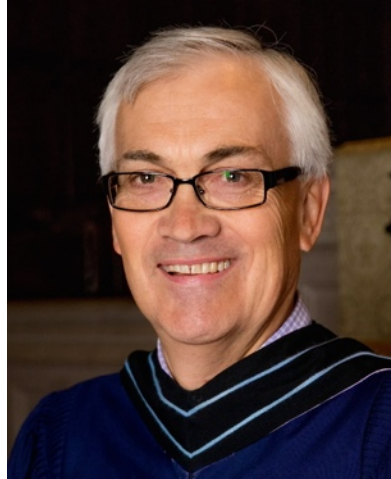
I thank God for Elder Bruno, whose life has not been easy and in whose Swiss accent offers no hint of indigenous blood, but whose heart is so full of love that it mirrors the sacred flame of Christ who is the world's true beacon.

I invite you to open the door and offer a warm welcome to the visually impaired and to drop in on the encampments to offer encouragement and support. And they invite us to write to our elected representatives and to the provincial and federal ministers to express our concern for indigenous youth.

### **Chautauqua**

Janet and I had a wonderful summer. One of our highlights was the week I served as the chaplain at Chautauqua Institution. Chautauqua is a summer community on Lake Chautauqua in western New York State located approximately fifteen miles south of Lake Erie. It is hard to describe Chautauqua. It is simply one of the most remarkable places I have ever been. I was told there can be up to 10,000 people in the town on any given summer day, but there are no traffic jams and it never feels crowded. In fact you will hardly see a car as most are parked outside the grounds and almost everyone walks or rides a bike. The town stretches along the twenty-seven mile lake for a mile or two and there are numerous recreational activities along the waterfront as well as a golf course, tennis courts, swimming pools, basketball courts and gymnasiums, but most people are there for the arts and culture. A typical day starts with chapel service in the 4,000 seat amphitheatre followed during our week by a daily presentation from National Geographic. In the afternoon the Department of Religion presents a guest lecture from

## MUSING FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE



*“Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God.” (3 John 5-6)*

*“I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a person to depend simply upon oneself.” (First Nations proverb)*

From the very beginning of creation – when God created people in his own image -- God has affirmed this truth about human nature: “It is not good for the man to be alone.” (Genesis 2:18) We were created for community, and to interact with others. This is why friendship is such an important part of our lives. We need one another. This truth has never been more evident than in a world where hatred, racism, fear and indifference seem so prevalent. Across North America and around the world we have witnessed this tendency to keep to ourselves; to fear those who are different from us; to reject diversity and to seek what is comfortable and familiar. But we must resist this temptation to give in to our less noble qualities. Instead the gospel message calls us to embrace the stranger, the refugee, the immigrant, and all those who may have a different world view. We are to be bridge builders, not wall builders. Recent events in the United States and our own country have seen deep-rooted prejudices and fears boil over into violent confrontations. There should be no room in our society for such hatred and bigotry. Such walls between people should be dismantled. As the poet Robert Frost put it: “Something there is that doesn’t love a wall.”

This past summer, for the third year in a row, Yorkminster Park has been building bridges. These

some of the great minds of our time on the burning issues of the day. All the while there will be masterclasses in one of the music halls, dress rehearsals in the theatre, concerts, educational walks, operas, book clubs and on and on and on. One can run from presentation to presentation and barely take in half of what is being offered, or you can sit on a porch and sip coffee or lemonade.

In the evening there is always a program in the amphitheatre. One night the Chautauqua Symphony Orchestra, made up of musicians from many of America’s finest orchestras, offered up Beethoven’s Ninth along with a choir from Cincinnati. On the 4th of July they knocked themselves out with a grand celebration in the amphitheatre which included the 1812 Overture. On another night it was a internationally acclaimed pianist in concert and yet another it was a rock concert.

There are magnificent old hotels on the grounds and restaurants as well as a beautiful library and even a movie theatre along with wonderful gardens and green spaces. Many of the hundreds of grand 19th century homes have been divided into small apartments which can be rented out for the week enabling guests to prepare their own meals.

As the chaplain we stayed in the Hall of Missions along with the guest Rabbi for the week and all of the daily lecturers. We met so many wonderful people primarily from the USA. There is a beautiful spirit at Chautauqua with people freely and enthusiastically throwing themselves into a week of education, relaxation, celebration, inspiration and friendship. It was also a delight to meet a few Torontonians for the first time, each of whom I am convinced will be friends for life. There were a few we already knew and we were especially encouraged by the presence of Margaret and Ellen Branscombe through the week.

I think everyone in Toronto should try to get to Chautauqua at least once in their life and once you’ve been, you may well want to go back every year. It is barely a three hour drive, but once on the grounds some will think they’ve travelled back 50 or even 100 years to a simpler and kinder time, while others will be convinced they’ve fast forwarded to the day when heaven and earth will be one. As for me, I can’t wait to go again.

Sincerely, Peter Holmes



bridges differ from the grand engineering structures of steel beams and iron trusses. These are bridges of friendship and personal connection with our brothers and sisters of Oneida Nation of the Thames – a First Nations reserve near London, Ontario. This year we had a team of 24 adults (plus some children!) who put on a day camp for over 80 children at the Standing Stone School at Oneida. These volunteers worked hard, and in some cases gave up a week of their vacation time to be part of our team.



There was a wonderful spirit present, as we engaged the children in conversation, laughter, and many activities. Most of all, we had the opportunity to communicate the love of Jesus through Bible stories, songs and crafts. Nutritious lunches were offered to the children each day. And we had the opportunity to speak with parents and grandparents who were so grateful for the ministry of Yorkminster Park to their children in recent years. We received much from the people of Oneida, even as we offered our ministry gifts. But the greatest gift we received was the gift of friendship. Many of the children remembered us from previous summers. Our hope is that we can continue to maintain contact with these friends over the course of the year as well.

I believe an important step in healing and reconciliation with our indigenous peoples is the building of friendships. Our ministry in Oneida is but a small step in that direction, but I believe a significant one. The need is so great among our First Nations people. I was reminded of this just a few weeks ago as I walked in the neighbourhood of the church. For most of the summer, a group of native people set up a demonstration outside of the Arthur Meighen Building at 25 St. Clair Avenue East. This building houses the Ontario office for Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada. The group is trying to

raise awareness about the terrible crisis of suicide among indigenous youth, particularly in northern reserves. It is a story of hopelessness and despair, that has largely gone unnoticed until very recently.

As I walked by their display of signs and messages, I decided to speak with a few of the peaceful protestors. One of them was a local native woman, who came to stand in solidarity with the demonstrators. She said she came to light a candle and say a prayer for the crisis

happening among indigenous youth in Canada.

As I chatted with several more of the group, I told them about our church and our ministry on the Oneida reserve. They were very appreciative of the efforts our congregation is making in building bridges and making friendships among our First Nations people. It was a respectful and productive conversation. It caused me to think deeply about the divides in our own country that are based on ethnicity, culture, religion and politics. In the end, we are all Canadians. And I believe God calls us to reach out to all people, whatever their background or circumstances.

In short, we are called to make a difference – even if it is just one life, one person at a time. There is an old Native American proverb which says: “When you were born you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die, the world cries and you rejoice.” Many thanks to all of you who supported our Oneida mission through your prayers and generous gifts. We look forward to the continued partnership and developing friendships among the families of Oneida and the Yorkminster Park congregation.

Dale Rose  
Minister of Pastoral Care

## YPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

### *Wise Women Build*

#### OUR MISSION STATEMENT

As women with a passion for serving God, we are a caring community who strive to be faithful, creative and accepting.

For such a time as this we endeavor to:

1. Invite and welcome all women into our community
2. Encourage women to discover their full potential in Christ
3. Motivate, minister, mentor and befriend
4. Live and serve under the influence and empowerment of God's Spirit

One of the highlights this fall in Baptist Women's ministries is the NABWU (North American Baptist Women's Union) Assembly: *New Dreams*, to be held in Toronto, October 19-22 at the Delta Toronto East Hotel. It is of significance for us at YPBC that Dorothy Neal who was a creative and faithful member of YPBC, was the President of NABWU from 1982-1987.

NABWU is part of a larger group, the BWA (Baptist World Alliance) which includes 7 continental Unions of Baptist women. Each year in the fall, on a designated prayer day, Baptist women throughout the world have the privilege of praying for women in all of these unions. The Baptist Women's Department of the BWA have written a beautiful proclamation of *Good News for Women* which is included here and taken from Esther Barnes' comprehensive book, *Our Heritage Becomes Our Challenge* (337) in which she tracks the Baptist Women's movement. Esther is also a member of YPBC and the former editor of the award winning *Link and Visitor* magazine. She served as the NABWU Vice-president of Communications, 2007-2012.

#### **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOOD NEWS FOR WOMEN**

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is good news to all the women of the world.

- To those who are weighed down with guilt, it is forgiveness.
- To those who sin, it is redemption and renewal.
- To those who are oppressed, it is freedom.
- To those who live with fear, it is peace.

- To those who are despised and rejected, it is kinship with the God who endured the shame of the cross.

- To those who are bound by culture and tradition, it is emancipation by One who treated women as equals.

- To those who cannot trust, it is dependence upon One who has proven himself trustworthy.

- To those who are lonely, it is friendship with the Best Friend women ever had.

- To those who are devalued, it is a new identity as joint-heirs of the grace of God.

As women who follow the Lord Jesus Christ, we are compelled by his love, commanded by his Word, and gifted by his Spirit to share the Gospel with those who have not seen or heard the salvation of our God.

#### **Therefore,**

- We will radiate his light into the dark corners of women's experience;

- We will bear his life to those who are dying;

- We will share our bread with those who are hungry; We will declare his promise of Resurrection to those who have no hope;

- We will proclaim his empowerment to those who are powerless;

- We will bring affirmation to those who do not know they are made in the image of God;

- We will see with the eyes of Jesus, weep with his tears, hear with his ears, speak with his words, touch with his hands, embrace with his arms, and feel with his heart

Until that great day comes when every woman, man, and child will know the glorious grace and goodness of our God. (*BWA Baptist Women's Department, 1992*)

(Ellen Branscombe, a Chair of the YPBC Women's Executive, inspired us with this proclamation at a recent Women's Executive meeting – GOOD NEWS indeed!)

#### **COMING SOON – DATES TO SAVE!**

**Sunday October 8** – YPBC Congregational Thanksgiving Dinner – 12:30 pm - Heritage Room - Everyone invited!

**October** – Poinsettia Sale – Watch for order forms in the bulletin

**Monday October 30** – *Women in Community* – Potluck Supper – 6:30 pm YPBC Friendship Room – All women warmly invited!

**Saturday January 27/18** – YPBC Women’s Retreat  
– Courtyard Marriott Hotel Toronto - Speaker, Dr. Janet Clark, Sr. Vice President Academic-Academic Dean, Tyndale University, Specialization Intercultural competence - Counseling - Theological education.

submitted by Jonanne Fenton on behalf of YPBC Women’s Ministries

## TRANSITIONS

Since the last newsletter there have been several milestones in the life of the church.

### Infant Dedications

Tessa Diane Barnett, *d of Laura and Jordan Barnett*  
John Denis Kempers, *s of Maeve O’Connell and Roger Kempers*

Alexander Evan Nguyen-Thompson, *s of Annie Nguyen and O’Neil Thompson*

### New Members

Casey Charette

Ethan Gallagher

Lindsey Gallagher

Alison Stephens

## CONGRATULATIONS

Ellen and Margaret



Ellen and Margaret Branscombe were recently recognized by the Renaissance Magazine of the Retired Ontario Teachers Federation for their part in the establishment of a chair in geriatric medicine.

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## RECEPTION, GWEN AND DOUG BROWN





## CBOQ ASSEMBLY 2017 - SUMMARY

### POURING IN – EQUIPPING EACH OTHER IN THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST

#### THURSDAY JUNE 7 – MORNING

Assembly was opened by CBOQ Executive Director, Tim McCoy, who encouraged us to recognize that as we celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup>, there is no better time to acknowledge our debt to those who were here before us. Steve Bell, our worship leader was welcomed back with his unique ability to integrate music and storytelling. Following our time in prayer and worship, reports followed:

**Murray Kohler**, outgoing CBOQ Board President

Murray reminded us that pastors need to be nurtured and congregations are responsible for caring for them. He also spoke about the Board's mandate to direct and protect CBOQ. Two new churches were welcomed into the Convention - Tapestry Church, Burlington and Chartwell Baptist, Oakville.

**Peris Kamotho**, Director of Administration and Finance

Peris gave the Treasurer's report and while income from churches has decreased, she focused on our current budget and expressed gratefulness for the ways in which God has provided through our investment portfolio.

#### THURSDAY JUNE 7 – AFTERNOON

In the afternoon, the long years of service of many in ministry was recognized and gratefulness was expressed to this year's retirees for their faithful service. Several new ordinands were welcomed. In his Executive report, McCoy interviewed several of our pastors about their ministries and how CBOQ has been able to equip them as they engage in mission. One of CBOQ's desires and roles is to walk alongside our churches as we live out our mandate and calling together.

The transition of Board Presidents was marked with Murray Kohler welcoming Heather Rumball into the presidency. We were encouraged to pray for Heather and the Board in the year ahead as they "direct and protect" CBOQ.



#### THURSDAY JUNE 7 – EVENING

We worshipped under Steve Bell and Cheryl Bear's leadership. Cheryl is an indigenous musician, activist and storyteller.

Following this, **Gordon MacDonald**, Assembly's plenary speaker, encouraged us in his talk, *Better Together* to develop deep friendships – to cultivate relationships with people who will pray with us - who will drive us to be honest with ourselves and others and who will believe in and encourage us. He shared from his personal friendships with people who are willing to challenge, defend, and forgive him when he fails.

#### FRIDAY JUNE 8 – MORNING

##### Reports

**Melody Currier**, Director of Operations and Membership

Following opening worship, Melody announced that over the year, CBOQ has been developing its "look" in consultation with our pastors and churches. Fonts, colours and the website have been reorganized with our churches in mind.

The logo is the final piece in a much bigger project to develop CBOQ identity.

**Matt Wilkinson**, Director of Next Generation Ministries

In collaboration with Canadian Baptists across the country, Next Generation has developed a new resource, *Imaginative Hope*. This is designed to help churches connect with young people. The report

can be downloaded at [imaginativehope.ca](http://imaginativehope.ca)

Also, starting in 2018, CBOQ Youth will be offering a new Youth Ministry Training Certification Programme that will be taught by CBOQ staff and invited by youth ministry professors from across

the country.

**Peris Kamotho**, Director of Finance and Administration

Peris explained how pastors and ministry leaders are cared for through CBOQ's benefits and pension. She also spoke about the pre-retirement workshop, a biennial opportunity designed to help those who are preparing for retirement and the next stage in life.



**Dallas Friesen**, Director of Congregational Development

Dallas highlighted a full slate of Board resources as well as *Transforming Churches*, a resource to help struggling churches and those seeking to grow. He introduced *Worship for the World Symposium* coming this fall and *Cafechurch*, an opportunity for churches that want to reach into the community to take church into coffee shops.

### **Canadian Baptist Ministries**

We had the opportunity to hear from CBM partners in mission called to serve in different areas in the world. Elie and Mireille Haddad (Lebanon) and Conrad and Fiona Kwok (East Asia) were able to join us this year.

**Stan Porter**, Principal, McMaster Divinity College  
Stan described how McMaster, CBOQ's partner seminary, continues to serve the Canadian Baptist community through significant educational opportunities.

### **Canadian Baptist Women of Ontario and Quebec**

Through various justice campaigns, ongoing workshops, conferences and publications and a new prayer resource, CBWOQ continues to serve Baptist Women. (A significant outreach of YPBC's *Women's Ministries* is to receive a *Thankoffering* each year that is dedicated to the work of Baptist Women.)

### **FRIDAY JUNE 8 - AFTERNOON**

**Tim McCoy**, Executive Director

Tim led a session on *Nurturing Your Soul*. He walked us through a series of scripture verses that talk about the different ways our souls may be suffering and offered ways to help counteract some of these vulnerabilities. A copy of Tim's outline may be obtained by sending an email to [mys@baptist.ca](mailto:mys@baptist.ca).

Following Tim's talk, we split into separate groups for our learning sessions, *Approaches to Nourishing the Soul*.

### **FRIDAY JUNE 8 – EVENING**

Gordon MacDonald's second presentation was titled *Intentions: A Leader Knows How to Manage Him/Herself*. He pointed out that Jesus would withdraw early in the morning to spend time with God and encouraged us to develop similar patterns of discipline – of the mind, body, emotions, finances etc. He recommended developing a personal *Board*

*of Directors* – a team of people of wisdom who can advise us and give us guidance in our lives.

### **SATURDAY JUNE 9 – MORNING**

Saturday began with our small group learning sessions designed to help us heal and protect our souls – also offering practical ministry tools, topics ranging from benefits and pensions to reaching the next generation!

Following a time of worship, Gordon presented his last talk, *Intentions: A Leader Knows How to Manage Him/Herself* in which he offered practical guidance on how to improve leadership styles by ensuring our own spiritual well being. A book that he recommended was *The Cloister Walk* by Kathleen Norris. (This book is on CBWOQ's recommended reading list this year and is available in the Gladstone Library.)

Some books authored by Gordon MacDonald:

*Ordering Your Private World*

*A Resilient Life*

*Building Below the Water Line*

*Going Deep*

*The Life God Blesses*

*Renewing Your Spiritual Passion*

*Who Stole my Church*

*Mid-course Correction*

*The Effective Father*

*Be Scrooged – Imagining a Full Life of Generosity*

### **Next year's Assembly - June 7-9/18.**

Of Note:

CBOQ Assembly was held once again at the Hilton-Mississauga/Meadowvale. In keeping with Indigenous protocol, Tim McCoy, acknowledged that we were assembled on land situated on traditional Indigenous territories. This is the traditional homeland of the Wendat, the Anishinabek Nation, the Haudenosaunee Confederacy, the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, and the Metis Nation. The particular parcel of land on which the hotel is situated is referred to as *The New Survey* and it forms part of Treaty 19 which was made on October 28/1818 between the Mississauga First Nation and the British Crown.

Once again, it was a privilege to be a YPBC delegate to this Assembly. We were blessed.

submitted by Jonanne Fenton

## DALTON SCHOOL REDUX

### A THRIVING MULTILINGUAL SCHOOL

As the Dalton School enters its sixth year at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, it is a thriving multilingual school teaching in three languages, English, Mandarin and Spanish. Its success has created its biggest problem, the school needs more space than Yorkminster Park can provide resulting in a waiting list of prospective children. It seems to me the school's website tells us WHY:

**“Globalization and technology are creating a far more connected world. To flourish in an evolving international landscape, our children need to know multiple languages and learn the nuances of world cultures ... children benefit now by learning a second language, as well as in the future, when being multilingual will offer tremendous opportunities.”**

As the children return to another year of inspired learning let us give thanks for the opportunities before them in 2017/2018. It has been a joy to see the children over the summer months engaged in amazing activities at various camps both at the Church and other venues, demonstrating not just the fun of being together but their creative abilities in full display, as pictures will display. The children have been blessed with gifted teachers and councillors.

### DALTON SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP 2017

Cassidy Tsang, Program Manager

“This is really fun! Hey! Let's go play! A 4 year old camper shared her excitement with her friend as they participated in **S is For S'mores Camp** this summer.

This year's Mandarin Immersion Camp at The Dalton School felt especially fun and memorable with a growing number of participants, age ranges from 4-11. We offered a Mandarin Immersion Camp in the summer to provide an educational platform for

our current and potential students to access a quality Mandarin program. Many of our potential families were new to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church and enjoyed the lovely park setting and gardens. The campers experienced a fun loving environment where friendships and new skills were built. Over the



summer, we offered a wide variety of camp themes including science, health and nutrition, Chinese history, Canadian culture and more. Some of our most memorable moments were building the Great Wall of China, cooking stone soup and purchasing flowers in the Yonge/St. Clair neighborhood. My favourite moment has to be “camping” and making S'mores in the ravine!

### WHAT MAKES THIS SCHOOL SO UNIQUE AND SPECIAL

I recently talked to the School Founder Kim Dalglish Abell and here is what I learned:

- There are three classes, one is a JK/SK, one is a grade 1,2,3 and one is a grade 4,5,6
- The children spend half the day in an English Immersion class and half the day in a Mandarin Immersion class
- The school offers a 1.8 ratio of teacher to student which allows children to receive a lot of help
- Student enrolment comes almost 100% by word of mouth
- After school programs offer:
  - Private piano lessons
  - Art with Avenue Road Art School (clay)
  - Introduction to writing code which is a “hot” item these days
  - Robotics
  - Mandarin Skipping Club
  - Mandarin Abacus math
  - Mad science



- Summer camps are led by Cassidy Tsang, a graduate of Ontario College of Art. Some examples (all in Mandarin Immersion).

**Cooking Camp:** Some clever travellers are coming to the Dalton Village, and they are carrying an empty cooking pot. Based on the 1720's Folktale, you are the villagers who watch as the travellers fill the pot with water and drop a stone in it. You become curious when the pot is put on the fire and you ask what they are doing.



The travellers answer they are making "stone soup", which tastes wonderful, although it still needs something to improve the taste. You donate a few potatoes to help them out. Another villager (your friend) gives them a few carrots. As the day goes on, each of your curious friends add an ingredient to the pot on the fire. Finally, you watch as the stone is removed from the pot and you are amazed that a delicious pot of soup has been created!

**The Red Balloon Camp:** Based on the famous French comedy/drama (silent movie) filmed in 1956 by Albert Lamorisse in which a young boy finds a red balloon with a mind of its own. The children in the Dalton Camp will each be given a red helium balloon at the beginning of the week. The balloon will be their special friend who they will look after and protect! Can your balloon last the week? We will watch the 35 minute movie "The Red Balloon" and or read the book. It's a wonderful story of the friendship and imagination and the film won numerous awards.

### **C a n o e T r i p i n T e m a g a m i O n t a r i o**

**Camp:** A S'more is a traditional nighttime campfire treat popular in Canada, consisting of a roasted marshmallow and chocolate sandwiched

between two graham crackers. This week we are going on an imaginary Camping Trip through Temagami Ontario. We will paddle our imaginary canoes down Lake Temagami. We will set up our imaginary tents in the old growth forests. What kind of trees do we discover there? Which animals are lurking in the woods? We will make fishing rods, go fishing and catch our imaginary dinner of pan fried trout. Can you discover other species of fish below the waves? In the evening we will sit around our imaginary camp fire and look at the moon and the stars. Can you find the North Star?

### **SPANISH PROGRAM**

This program is changing. It is moving to an extended day program and its popularity has grown because of it. The Spanish students had fun celebrating Cinco de mayo this year with food and piñatas and dancing. They introduced the Mandarin students to the lively Hispanic culture. "We are creating citizens of the world" says Kim.

### **GRADUATION**

The School goes from kindergarten to grade six, however, since the school is only five years old, no one has reached graduation. There is one exception, a grade six student who came as an older student was the first to graduate last year. He went on to The York School. This year there will be five grade six students who will graduate.

Dalton School is most grateful for the wonderful facilities at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, the gym, park and classrooms and especially the staff who look after us.

### **OBSERVATION**

I was again invited to the school before my walk in February 2017 in The Coldest Night of the Year endeavour. The children sat quietly and attentively as I shared the challenges I might experience. At 84 it is a special privilege to be with these bright young children, fond memories that I will cherish the rest of my days.



Thanks Dalton, your future is bright indeed.

submitted by John K. Fenton



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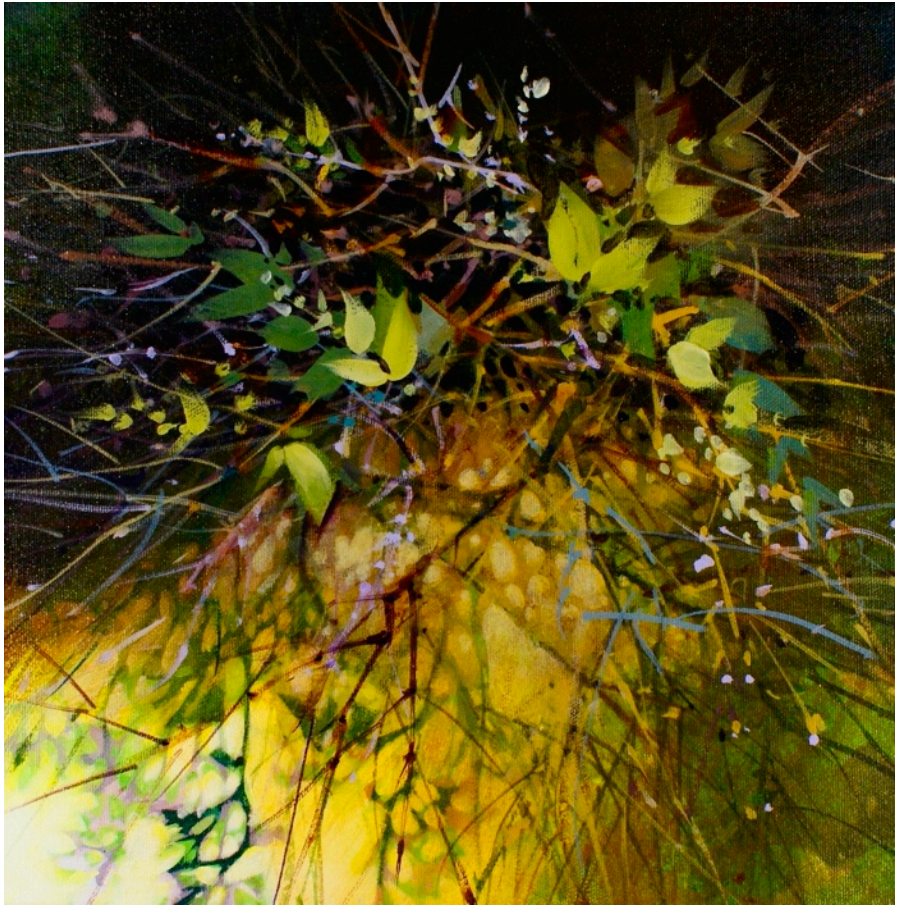
**LINDA KEMP: *Sightlines***  
*14 October to 16 November*  
*2017*

*Reception 22 October 2017,*  
*12:30-2pm*

New acrylics explore the Canadian countryside from close-up. Kemp can't resist sorting and arranging shapes and colours from the natural world --- in the interwoven patterns of woodlands, streams, fields.

Kemp authored *Watercolor Painting Outside the Lines - A Positive Approach to Negative Painting* and *Simplifying Design and Color for Artists - Positive Results Using Negative Painting Techniques*.

[www.lindakemp.com](http://www.lindakemp.com)



**WENDY BOYD: *Sparkles***  
*17 November to 18 December*  
*2017*

*Reception 19 November 2017,*  
*12:30-2pm*

*Sparkles* features 2-D and 3-D acrylic mosaics. The “tiles” are made of acrylic paint and mediums, spread into sheets, allowed to dry for three days, cut with scissors and attached to panels. Acrylic mosaic was invented by Boyd fifteen years ago while visiting family in Scotland.

Boyd sings in St. Anne's Anglican Church choir and its Gilbert and Sullivan productions.

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