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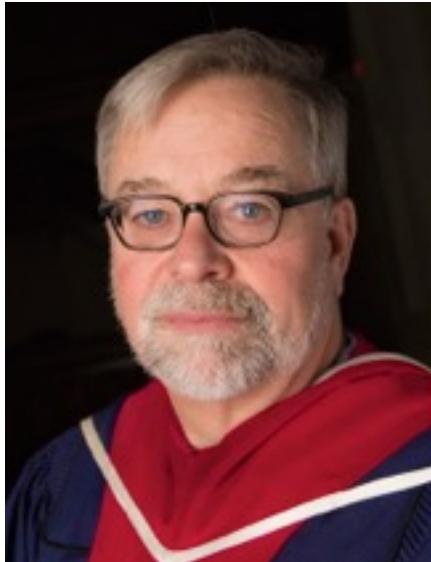
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PETER'S PEN

The Pilgrimage of Sacred Spaces 2018 opened with a visit to the Islamic Centre of America in Dearborn, Michigan, where we were welcomed warmly by the Director of Operations, Kassem Allie. The largest mosque in America, is located in the area with the highest concentration of Arabs in the U.S.A. The Islamic Centre which cost many millions of dollars to build, was primarily done so by Lebanese Muslims who had very little in terms of money. However, when thousands of people gave sacrificially setting aside a few hundred dollars here and a few more hundred there, they soon had an impressive mosque which not only serves as a spiritual home to the whole Shia community, but also as a centre for inter-faith conversation and service. It was an inspiring reminder of the true difference that can be made when many work and serve together in harmony and faith.

Sadly as the largest mosque in America it has also become the target of Islamaphobic attacks. Kassem told us of a high profile fanatical fundamentalist Christian pastor of a small church in Florida who gained notoriety when he announced he would burn a copy of the Koran, on the steps of the mosque. In the end he did come, but not before there was an enormous outpouring of support from thousands of Christians and others who surrounded them with love and protection.

The interior dome and the walls of the mosque are decorated with words and prayers from the Koran, painted beautifully throughout. The leaders of the mosque travelled to



Lebanon to search for an artist equal to the great task, but they hadn't counted on also finding a tireless servant with a generous heart who also happened to be a Christian of the Armenian tradition. The artist insisted on offering his service for free and along the way, he recruited skilled volunteers from many faiths and backgrounds and trained them for the task. The result is breathtaking!

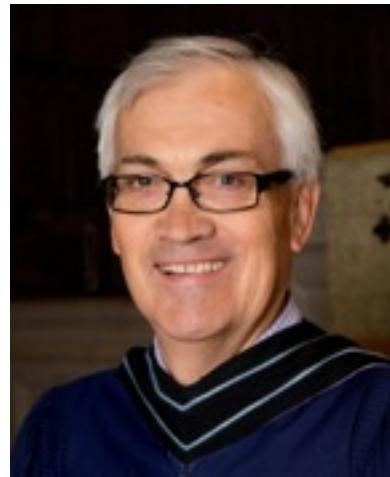
It brought to mind the privilege we have had in recent years to support and serve alongside the Baptist church in Lebanon, through the CBM Step Program. I told Kassem of LSESD and their leader, Nabil Costa, and the annual Christian/Muslim dialogue hosted and sponsored by the Baptist Seminary in Beirut. Upon hearing of this great work, he turned to me and said, "Why don't we do something similar together?" Many of us went away feeling encouraged in our spirit, and all of us sensed we had a new friend.

One of the other joys of our arrival in Detroit has been the reunion with an old friend, though not old in years, our dear friend, Milton Fletcher. Milton first came to us at

Yorkminster Park for the Watch Night service in 2002 after which a bond was formed with this true servant of Christ. Over the years there have been a few trips to Detroit to visit Milton and his former church and often Milton has arrived at Yorkminster Park and blessed us with his presence. Late into the evening I walked through the rejuvenated streets of downtown Detroit in his company. The city is looking good and the sacred spaces are breathtaking, but few things are as good as a shared adventure among dear friends. The pilgrimage of sacred spaces is also about the privilege of sacred friendships new and old. Thanks be to God!

Grace and Peace,
Peter Holmes

MUSINGS FROM THE MINISTER OF PASTORAL CARE



"Be still and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10)

A few weeks ago I had the privilege of attending the Festival of Homiletics in Washington, DC with my pastoral

colleague Peter Holmes and another clergy friend. We were treated to a veritable feast of sermons and seminars on the craft of preaching in the 21st century. It was a great opportunity to be exposed to some of the foremost preachers in North America.

One of the interesting ironies, however, was the juxtaposition of two different worlds. The theme for the week was "Preaching and Politics." More than 1600 clergy gathered in the world's most powerful city. It was a humble reminder to all of us that despite our belief in the separation of church and state, the two are often entwined for better or for worse. I find it interesting that both Canada and the United States have mottos that are derived from the Bible. The Coat of Arms of Canada has the motto: "From sea to sea." It is taken from Psalm 72:8: "May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth." The official motto of the United States is: "In God we trust." It can be found in Psalm 56:10-11: "In God, whose word I praise, in the Lord, whose word I praise, in God I trust."

Despite our mottos, our two countries are full of symbols that speak of empire and worldly power. In Canada, our British heritage carries with it a history of colonialism. Our tragic and painful treatment of our indigenous peoples still carries deep wounds and a culture of mistrust. While in Washington, we visited some of the great monuments in that city – symbols known across the nation and around the world. The White House; the Washington Monument; the Lincoln Memorial; the Pentagon; the U.S. Capitol



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Building. These monuments and buildings are huge – larger than life – and speak to the themes of empire and influence. It is a city full of monuments on a grand scale. Is it any wonder that Martin Luther King, Jr. chose this stage to challenge the nation and world in his call for justice, equality, civil rights and peace? It was at the base of the Lincoln Memorial where he held his famous March on Washington and delivered his “I Have a Dream” speech almost 55 years ago.

So it was here – in the heart of Washington, in the seat of power and empire, where clergy gathered from across our two countries to challenge each other to be prophetic preachers. For Jesus was always challenging the status quo and the way things were. He was always speaking truth to power, and challenging the ways of the Roman Empire of his day. Let me share a few vignettes of our time in Washington – some stories that highlight the contrast between these two worlds – the world of empire and the world of inequality. Each day as we traveled on the Washington Metro (subway) system, we encountered men with United Steelworkers logos on their shirts. I struck up a conversation with one of them, and discovered they were all gathering at the White House to lobby for their jobs and livelihoods which were threatened by tariffs and overseas competition. Another day we were walking on a downtown street and came upon a young man in full academic hood and regalia. He and his parents were just returning from his graduation at John Hopkins University. The parents lived in Turkey, and were here for the graduation. They looked so happy and proud. We spent a few moments talking with them and congratulating this young man. These moments stood in sharp contrast to the symbols of power on display in the American capitol. One day at our hotel we watched as an Asian politician got into a black limousine surrounded by secret service details and several police cars. I’m sure this is a scene played over many times in that city.

The monuments and memorials in Washington seem to reinforce the perception of power and authority. But memorials do have their place. They are often used in the Bible to commemorate significant events in the life of the Hebrew people. The Passover each

year became a time to remember God’s deliverance. When Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan into the Promised Land, he commanded them to set up a memorial of twelve stones to remember God’s leading of his people. When God delivered the Israelites during a battle with the enemy, the prophet Samuel set up a memorial and called it Ebenezer, meaning “Thus far the Lord has helped us.” The Lord’s Supper itself is a memorial instituted by Jesus.



Whenever I visit some memorial – whether it is a grand monument or just a small cemetery marker – I often reflect on this question: “What do I want to be remembered for? What will my legacy be?” When the Hebrews were standing on the threshold of the Promised Land, Moses gave them some advice in Deuteronomy 8: “Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God.... Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.’ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant.”

The preaching festival always reminds me of my task as a pastor. As preachers, we are called to interpret the symbols and signs of our times. This means being open to the old adage uttered by the prophets in the Old Testament: “Is there any word from the Lord?” I love how one of our festival speakers put it. He reminded us that preachers hear voices. (Psychologists would probably have a field day with this one!) But it is true to a certain extent. Preachers are called to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit; the voices of the prophets; the voice of God. As one preacher put it, “If you don’t hear voices, don’t stand behind the pulpit.”

All of us are called to be still before the Lord – to listen for his voice – to speak truth to power and empire. These are some of the lessons I gleaned from my time in Washington. May the words of the prophet keep us grounded today whenever we walk among the symbols of power, of privilege and of worldly status: “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” (Micah 6:8)

Dale Rose

ORDINATION CEREMONY - ROBYN ELLIOTT , 10 June 2018



YPBC WOMEN'S MINISTRIES....

OUR MISSION

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

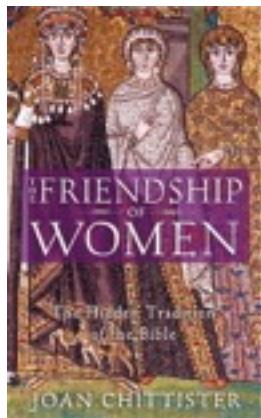
For such a time as this, we endeavor to:

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

A caring community...

A unique community, joyfully gathered around Jesus Christ and His transforming presence, seeking to be responsive to his purposes in the world and living creatively and redemptively in the power of God's Spirit. We have the opportunity to make decisions in a way that reflect the reality of being a community that exists to discern and do the will of God - to explore practices, experiences and questions that help us to get outside our established ways of doing things so we can see the past and future in new ways. We are a community brimming with God's possibilities, a magnificent mosaic that always has the potential to show God's face to our world. Where is God unfolding His work of love and redemption and what is our most authentic response?

We are given to each other in the body of Christ for mutual uplifting and to encourage and spur one another on to love and good works. Our gifts are not given for our own benefit but so we can be channels of grace for one another, building up the body of which we are only one part, each woman (and man), one shining stone within God's intricate mosaic. What a stark and welcome contrast to communities that are based more on the rights of each member than on commitment to the groups themselves, communities where individualism can make us cripplers of human community and leave us crippled ourselves. "Two are better than one, " the book of



Ecclesiastes teaches us, "for if we fall, the one will lift the other up; but woe to the one that is alone...". St. Ambrose, the C4 Bishop of Milan, saw friendship as a necessary part of the outpouring of God's friendship - because God offers friendship we can be each others friends. The Christian community is a crucible where friendships take root and grow and lend to the community its strength. And so, we warmly invite and welcome all women into God's community as we desire to discern God's leading and to serve creatively and redemptively under the influence and power of His Spirit. A caring community where friendships are forged, souls touched, minds stretched and where we have space to discover our truest identity and enjoy an increasing wholeness in Christ, God's alluring *Shalom*. "For such a time as this".

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submitted by Jonanne Fenton

TRANSITIONS

Births

Mackenzie and Cameron, s's of *Jessica Willingham and Steve Soutar*

Infant Dedication

Charles James Onorio Rocca, s of *Andrea and Adrian Rocca*

Baptisms

Melanie Sewlal	Liam Dilworth
Kevin Westbrook	Nina Spencer
Kenneth Moock	

New Members

Robert A. Balcom	Melanie Sewlal
Mary Edward	Nina Spencer
Lynn Mekinda	Kevin Westbrook
Robert Mee	

Deaths

Joan Clark	Jeanne Durant
Charles Radford	Ethelyn (Lynn) Harlow
Helen Charette	Elsbeth Johnson
Fraser Hambly	Jim Bilimoria
Carol Kerr	

WHO DO OTHERS SAY I AM ?

Yorkminster Park Brand Refresh

Church branding is incredibly important, because it's about more than just a nice logo with pleasing colors. It's about our message, our testimony, our influence, and our role in reflecting God's character. There are some who think congregations shouldn't



have a brand because it makes the church too commercial or too business-like. But make no mistake, we have one. The community has branded Yorkminster Park based on what they've seen, personally experienced or have heard about from others. The brand refresh is an opportunity to be more deliberate and focussed in using our resources to present ourselves as we want to be perceived, directly influence what our community thinks about our ministry, take better advantage of contemporary technology and media and do it without compromising our message.

Yorkminster Park continues to nourish our spiritual growth by identifying and responding to the needs of our congregation. Children and youth are more fully integrated into worship. We've expanded our style of worship, incorporating interactive moments with increased congregational singing, recitations, poetry, a new hymnbook, the Iona Liturgy. The Webcast ministry allows us to worship with friends and family - near and far. Our mission and outreach has expanded to meet the needs an ever-changing society. We're increasingly connected with our community. We embrace the neighbourhood outside our doors in creative and life-changing ways. As a relevant and dynamic family of God's people, we cherish our diversity as an asset and a gift.

**We are vibrant, dynamic, diverse,
committed followers of Jesus, who
have established a place and a presence**

**to worship God, proclaim the Kingdom
of God and make the love of God in
Christ known.**

So, let's ask this question: "What message are we sending about our ministry to the people who visit our website every day? Do the printed materials we put out in the community communicate a clear message? Do our materials accurately reflect what we are truly all about?



Below are some of the ways Yorkminster Park interacts with our congregation, our neighbours, our community and beyond:

Sermons	Newspaper Ads
Lectures	Radio Ads
Conferences	Facebook
Posters	Twitter
Videos	Email Blasts
Internal/ Community Flyers	Exterior Digital Sign
Newsletters	

Effective branding is designed increase our exposure to people in need within our community, and to clearly communicate a message that will ultimately meet those needs. Before we can successfully communicate our message to our community, we must first be able to articulate what that message is – in essence, who we are. Our measure of success is not necessarily increasing numbers (though we do want to reach more people with the truth of the Gospel), but in seeing lives truly changed by the love of God in Christ.

submitted by Janice Ivory-Smith

Y(P)BC AT 90

On Sunday, 25 March, 2018 Peter announced that it was 90 years ago that day, 25 March 1928, the first service was held in the sanctuary of what is now Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

The property for the church was purchased on 31 December 1921. It was a residential property with a house on the northerly part of the lot; close to Alvin Avenue and approximately where the western edge of the parking lot is today. The agreement to purchase allowed the owner to live in the house as long as he lived.



The photo, c 1922, has a sign which reads “Yonge Street Baptist Church”; later changed to Yorkminster Baptist Church.



The site today looking north on Yonge Street on the left and Heath Street on the right.



The photos left and right were taken on 06 March 1928; some two and a half weeks before the first service (photos from the Globe and Mail fonds, provided by the City of Toronto Archives). Site construction activity is still underway.



The photo right, from Heath Street West, was taken on 23 March 1928 (photos from the the Globe and Mail fonds, provided by the City of Toronto Archives). From the previous photos it is seen the construction work is now complete, the large sign is gone and there is no snow remaining. Of note is the mature tree directly in front of the front door.



Today, the photo left, from Heath Street West.



The photo below was taken in the 1950's. Of note are the arrangements of walkways to/from Yonge Street.



YPBC | WORSHIP

JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

YPBC is pleased to announce our line-up of guest speakers for the 2018 season. Don't miss this exciting, thought-provoking, and inspirational summer ministry.

July 8 and 15
Rev. Richard Root

July 22
Dr. Paul Scott Wilson

July 29
Dr. Stephen Farris

August 5
Dr. Marvin McMickle

August 12
Dr. Karoline Lewis

August 19
Rev. Paula Willis

2018

SUMMER PREACHING SERIES



We look forward to seeing you in person, or you can view our services live online at YorkminsterPark.com
For more information about the Summer Preaching Series,
visit YPBCSummerPreaching.com

FUTURE YOUNG ENTERPRISING WOMEN

Julia's Story

In January I received an email from my physics teacher about the conference "Young Enterprising Women for YOU in STEM" at the University of Toronto. Little did I know, this would be the beginning of my pursuit in STEM and a new adventure.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math; fields mainly dominated by men. As a young woman interested in math and science, especially physics, I decided to attend this conference to learn more about these fields. At the conference I met a woman named Nancy Watt. She gave me the agenda for the evening and after chatting for a

while, she handed me an application for a scholarship opportunity. After listening to women in STEM with amazing stories, I headed home with the scholarship application in hand.

The scholarship opportunity was offered by the Enterprising Women Foundation (EW). The EW Foundation recognizes women entrepreneurs with businesses achieving more than a million dollars in annual revenues. Every year, the EW Foundation hosts the Enterprising Women of the Year Awards Celebration and Conference and publishes an issue of Enterprising Magazine to recognize those women.

The EW Foundation, knowing the importance of mentorship and networking, invites high school female students to apply for a scholarship. The application I received reads: "one lucky recipient of the Young Enterprising Women Scholarship Award will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Four Seasons in Miami, March 4-5, to attend the Annual Enterprising Women Awards Gala. There, she will

meet other young students from across America and be mentored by a professional in her chosen field".

It sounded too good to be true. What are the odds of receiving such a distinction? I usually don't apply for such grand experiences – like winning the lottery. However, for some reason, I decided to apply.

Two weeks later, Nancy emailed me saying that although my application and credentials were strong, unfortunately I was second in line for the award.

Excitement and sadness filled my head as I knew I was very close.

However, the story did not end there. A week later, Nancy emailed me again that they were able to realize sufficient funds to send two winners from Canada, and I was the other winner! I was jumping with joy.... I'm going to Miami!

After several emails, bookings and conference calls with

the EW team in the US, I was finally at Pearson airport with my mother getting ready to board the plane. At the airport we met Nancy and the other winning candidate.

Leaving Toronto at minus 3 degrees we arrived in Miami at 26 degrees, sunny, warm, and gorgeous. The Conrad Miami hotel where we stayed was a dream. From our room on the 21st floor we could see the harbour, cruise liners, boats and an awesome view of the ocean. I pinched myself a few times, expecting to wake up, then realized this was all real! The agenda for the day was packed. At the Four Seasons Hotel my mom and I had lunch with the other scholarship winners and their parents. There was a total of 10 winners, 8 from the US and two representing Canada, including myself. I thought I was excited, until I met the other recipients and saw that we were all over the moon with excitement.

We then met Monica Smiley, the CEO and founder of the Enterprising Women Foundation. After lunch, we heard from Dr. Sharon Hadary on "How Women



Lead”, explaining the strategies that women can use to be successful.

Following that, there were multiple panel discussions, a time for one-on-one mentoring, and table discussions.

The one-on-one mentoring was my favourite part of the program. I had the opportunity to speak to three women – women who had ordinary lives with extraordinary success.

I was impressed with their accomplishments and their persistence through failures and hardship. My first mentor was Shari Verrone, president and founder of Stackable Solutions. She mentored me on how to broaden my network, to go with my gut, and to never regret a decision I make, but rather, to live with it and keep rolling.

Doris Bonnici started her own waste management company in Malta. She saw a need for proper waste disposal and pursued a solution. Her motto; “Do what you love and love what you do”.

Merrilee Kick, the founder of Buzz Ballz, spoke to me about how to think one step ahead of competitors when making a product, to always be prepared, and she taught me the importance of a firm handshake. Not only did they share their knowledge and success, these women shared the struggles they had in their lives and how they overcame them. Dealing with male domination in their fields was a problem they all faced – but they treated it as a challenge, not a discouragement or hindrance.

Later, we heard from speakers on how to open a captivating presentation, how to own our voices, and how to effectively utilize the different ways people communicate.

Through multiple panel discussions and group conversations, I had many takeaways; how to be a servant leader, to have respect for everyone I am working with, to not be afraid to delegate and to pursue a career in an area that I am passionate about. There was so much knowledge and wisdom to absorb from these women, it was wonderfully overwhelming. But through the wealth of wisdom, two things stuck out to me: “A person cannot ride your back unless it’s bent” – women constantly lose their self-confidence, especially when they are in a field dominated by men. However, when women do that, they give other people the opportunity to negatively affect their self-image.

This leads into my second takeaway – acknowledging and accepting credit for ones’ own labour. When someone compliments another person on their work, the compliment is usually deferred to other people – “oh it wasn’t me, it was my team”. This tends to be the response predominant amongst females. During the mentoring sessions we were encouraged, as young women, to respond with a simple “thank you” and accept the credit.

On our final day, in a huge banquet hall at the Four Seasons Miami hotel, the EW Foundation had an award ceremony for the 10 students with a couple of hundred entrepreneur women from all over the world attending. At this ceremony we were presented with certificates and recognized as National Scholarship Recipients in the Young Enterprising Women Mentoring Forum Program.

This was an absolute honour and an absolute miracle. Looking back, it was not by chance that I ran into Nancy and got to know her, not realizing she was the one choosing the scholarship winners. It was not by chance that there were additional funds to allow two winners from Canada to receive the award. There was no way I would have travelled to Miami, all expenses paid, met and learned from many accomplished women and had the experience of a lifetime, without God’s handiwork. He opened this opportunity for me and I am thankful to Him.

As I start a new chapter in my life, first year university at Western in September 2018, I cannot wait to see what God has in store for me next!

submitted by Julia Yacoub

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There is no change in his phone number, mobile number or e-mail address.

PARISH NURSE

Lily Cugliari-Kobayashi was appointed Parish Nurse on 27 May 2018



Lily graduated from the Toronto Western Hospital School of Nursing Diploma Program in 1978. Her nursing internships covered units at The Toronto Western Hospital, The Hospital for Sick Children and CAMH (Centre for Addiction and Mental Health). After 2 years of Nursing she enrolled in the McMaster University School of Nursing's Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner Diploma program on a bursary. Nursing Internships were at the Mount Sinai Family Practice Unit and Clinics within the Hospital for Sick Children. Since then she has held RN positions within different areas of nursing practice, namely:

- South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- The Bishop Strachan School Private Girls School
- University of Toronto, Student Psychological and Counseling Unit

The majority of Lily's experience has been within the division of Adolescent Medicine and Psychiatry at Sickkids and more recently within Orthopaedic and Anaesthesia Clinics.

Throughout her life, Lily has held numerous volunteer positions, both in Nursing and in the Community. Currently she volunteers in the Out of the Cold and Saint Clare Circle Programs out of Holy Rosary Catholic Parish.

She is a member of the following organizations:

- Catholic Womens League
 - Women's Inter Church Council of Canada: Churches on the Hill Chapter; World Day Prayer Committee
 - Member of the Neighbourhood Interfaith Group

Lily is a strong believer in Life Long Learning and Continuing Education. Currently she is learning more about Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction and how it can impact our lives, by teaching us to appreciate living in the moment.

She feels blessed with her spouse and adult son and daughter, along with their Bulldog Oliver.

Lily is grateful to God for having been led to the opportunity to become a part of the ministerial team, Health and Wellness committee, and the congregation at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church.

She believes that by partnering collaboratively and with faith in God, we can all achieve wholistic health and well being; psychologically, physically, and spiritually.

Health is the greatest gift, contentment the greatest wealth, faithfulness the best relationship - Buddha

CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

There is an exciting new chapter in Children's and Youth Ministries at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church on the horizon.

In March a replacement committee was struck by the Deacons upon Kelly Dixon's resignation as Director of Children's Ministries. Over the last few months the Committee, comprised of parents of youth and children, Sunday school volunteers and representatives from the Deacons and Christian Education Board, prayerfully and diligently explored different models of youth, children and family ministries.

At the Deacons meeting on June 5, Trevor Sinker presented on behalf of the Committee a recommendation that the positions of Director of Children's Ministries and Director of Youth Ministries be merged into one full-time position of Director / Minister of Family Ministries. This new role will oversee the Ministry to children, youth and their parents, and will be supported by two assistants; one for youth and one for children.

The recommendation was accepted and passed by Deacons.

The role's core functions are leadership, programming and relationship-building. The new role will provide leadership, training, support and oversight to the Family Ministries Team that encompasses volunteer teachers and leaders, two-part time Ministry Assistant

staff and summer interns. The role will also cast the vision for the development of programming that nurtures the spiritual formation of children and youth and equips parents to fulfill their calling as the primary spiritual leaders of their children. In addition, the role will foster Christian community through building relationships with families, strengthening ties to the church, and creating an environment where children and youth are kept safe, taken seriously, and where diversity is respected.

The committee is excited about this new direction as an innovative opportunity to re-imagine our Ministry to the next generation, and the greater emphasis on ministry to parents to help equip them to raise their children.

Applications will begin to be accepted for the position this summer. Brennan Rabbets, the Director of Youth Ministries, was invited to apply to this new position, but he has declined to do so. His last Sunday at Yorkminster Park is June 24.

We would like to thank Brennan for his leadership, love and support he has given to the Youth at YPBC. He will be missed. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours! He leaves with our thanks and prayers.

submitted by Trevor Sinker

DALTON SCHOOL SAYS THANKS

The Dalton School began at Yorkminster Park in 2012 with three children. The school, now has 63 students, has outgrown Yorkminster Park's ability to provide adequate space. Later this year it will be moving to a new location on the west side of Yonge Street just north of Davenport Road. Dalton has demonstrated that it has a promising and bright future under the leadership of its founder Kim Abell.

From the Principal – Donna Booth

The Dalton School has made a name for itself in Toronto. It is known for its academic excellence on all fronts, with all subjects exceeding the Ontario curriculum in English. Our Mandarin, Spanish and French teachers are exceptional and all our programs are enriched so that they foster the ideal mix of academic achievement alongside a healthy dose of curiosity.

Dalton says thanks to Yorkminster Park for having us. We have enjoyed knowing Debbie and Ray and their teams. The park has served as a wonderful

playground and we have felt a big part of the Yonge and St. Clair community.

From the Founder – Kim Dalglish Abell

The Dalton School extends its gratitude to Yorkminster Park Baptist Church for providing us with a beautiful, loving environment for our students to grow. The Church took a chance on the Dalton School. The children who arrived in JK are now in grade four and will enter grade five at our new location. They have quite literally grown up here, and have loved scootering around the triangle to raise money for WWF and playing soccer in the park.

The Dalton School has set up a very special award to remember one of Yorkminster's exceptional members. This member supported and believed in the

school from the beginning and worked tirelessly to help see it come to fruition. **The John K. Fenton Citizen Award** will be presented yearly to the student or students who possess the qualities of dependability, service to others, leadership and kindness. It will be an honor to have

John present the first award himself on June 13, 2018. The winner will receive money from the school to give to a charity of their choice.

We wish Yorkminster Park all the best with the return of their Sunday school space and the green space where our playground once stood. Hopefully you will hear the patter of little feet once again as your own programs grow.

Best wishes and Good-Bye.

On a personal note I am humbled by this Award and Kim's generous comments. I will miss seeing these wonderful children energetically and happily playing in the attractive church park in good or bad weather in full view of people traveling on the busiest street in Toronto. Thanks Yorkminster Park and staff for making this possible.

submitted by John Fenton



NEW MEMORIAL WINDOW

