

The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

Nomination Form

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Name: Terry Cutforth

Parish: St. Michael's Multicultural Anglican Church in Mount Pleasant



“See, everything has become new” (2 Cor 5):

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1. INTRODUCTION: Terry has served on Church Council over a 45-year period, since his marriage to Marguerite in St. Michael's on Sept. 23, 1961. He first served on Church Council under the priest who married them (and who baptized their three children), Rev. William Hillary (1960-1976). He also served on Church Council during Rev. Walter Bayley's tenure (1977-1998); it was Walter who gave confirmation classes to all three of their children. In the new millennium he has served for the last five years, with one of the best attendance records on council. Most recently, he has become one of the three Directors of the Day Care Board.

2. **FAMILY CONNECTIONS:** The family connection to St. Michael's is long and strong. Marguerite's Mother and Father celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in the Hall in 1981, as Terry and Marguerite will do 30 years later. Rev. Walter Bayley attended their parents 50th anniversary, officiated at their funerals (and for one of their daughters), and it is hoped will attend Terry and Marg's 50th as well.

3. **120th ANNIVERSARY:** In 2009, Terry and his wife Marg organized and hosted a highly successful 120th Anniversary celebration that was attended by not only the current congregation, but also 60 long-term parishioners who had moved away from the area. This Anniversary celebration was a highly visible manifestation of Terry's contributions to St. Michael's over 45 years. It all began, however, back in the '60's, around the time of the 75th Anniversary of St. Michael's.

4. **BUILDING THE DAY CARE:** One of Terry's earliest tangible contributions to St. Michael's was to co-ordinate construction of the Day Care facility in the 70's. Terry did for the church what he did in his professional life; he acted as General Contractor. Under the general direction of Rev. Hillary, Terry oversaw gutting of the old downstairs gymnasium and building of the Day Care facilities. They exist to this day, and continue to receive high praise from city authorities. Some of the church members that Terry coordinated amongst during that construction job can be found along with Terry and Marg on the 75th Anniversary Roll of Honor of 1964; the Boswell Brothers, Fred Cadman, Tom Taylor, and Mr. Turner.

5. **OTHER SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS:** In the late 80's, Terry coordinated roofing repairs, as he was to do again in the 90's. After the turn of the millennium, the Rectory was in a badly run-down condition and close to unrentable. Terry organized a large work party over a month, to the effect that the rent on the rectory has more than doubled in the last five years. He will be arranging to have it painted the same color as the church this summer.

6. **DIOCESAN AFFIRMATION:** Terry's greatest contribution to St. Michael's has likely been over the last four years, since the departure of the last rector. The best words to describe this contribution are provided by the Diocese of New Westminster in their March 5th, 2010 PMR report.

"The building is sound, and much work has gone into maintenance and restoration over the past few years. Terry Cutforth has given enormous amounts of time and talent to bringing the building up to current usability".¹

One highly visible aspect of the restoration is seen in the Aug. 2007 picture on the first page of this nomination. Terry can be seen in the center of the picture, and Marg to the left. Especially note the paint line at the top of the picture. It is clear

that a paint job was in progress at the time; the Diocese characterized the progress as *“The building looks ... infinitely better than it did,”*² and that it *“now appears loved and used!”*³

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, this is attributable to Terry’s leadership and hard work. He calls it doing God’s work, and when passers-by ask what is going on, he says that we are doing God’s work, and passes them a paintbrush!

7. IN 2010: Terry is not one to rest on his laurels. Beginning on March 8th, 2010, after coordinating contract proposals, he began supervision of a \$120,000 contract to replace the roof of the entire Church and Hall complex at 409 E. Broadway.

8. IN THE SANCTUARY: We would like to end with Terry’s presence in the Sanctuary. Terry and his wife Marg are regulars at the Sunday 8:00 am BCP service, where Marg is a lay administrator during communion. Terry begins his spiritual life as early in the morning as he begins his work life! His most recent contribution within the sanctuary was on March 2nd, when he installed the last 6 of the Stations of the Cross purchased and installed in St. Michael’s in preparation for the 121st Easter at St. Michael’s. Possibly his proudest contribution to the Sanctuary was a steel support frame to protect (without detracting from) the Baptismal font, imported from Caen, France.

Through all of this, his wife Marguerite says that *“he loves what he is doing.”*

9. COMMEMORATION(S): Bronze plaques will be installed for the 14 Stations of the Cross after Easter. The plaque that will be associated with Station #1 will read:

In commemoration of Terry & Marg Cutforth, their organization of the 120th Anniversary, and 50 years of service to the church they love.

If Terry is honored with the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster, a second bronze plaque will go below it which will read:

*On November 3, 2010, Terry Cutforth was awarded
The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster.*

St. Michael's Anglican Church
... in Mount Pleasant



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Is the Nominee aware of this Nomination: Yes

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Following consultation between the Wardens of this parish, we are pleased to approve and support this Nomination for consideration by the Selection Committee

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¹ Diocesan Parish Mission Review Report, March 5, 2010, p.7 (Rev. Paul Borthistle)

² *ibid*, p.3

³ *ibid*, p.7