

Seven Items to Celebrate 125th Anniversary & Mark Seven Years of Rebuilding

THE ST. MICHAEL'S LEADERSHIP TEAM



Members, friends and guests of St. Michael's Parish on the happy occasion of the wedding of the Church's organist, June 21st, 2014. St. Michael's celebrates the community's diversity. PHOTO Courtesy of Hiroki Uchino

The faith community that is St. Michael's Multicultural Anglican Church in Mount Pleasant has been celebrating their 125th Anniversary in 2014. They will be culminating their year of celebration when Bishop Melissa arrives to join them on St. Michael's Day on September 28th, 2014.

The visit by the Bishop was one aspect of planning to celebrate this auspicious, resurrection year, and with the theme of her episcopacy being Congregational Development, in the context of the resurrection of St Michael's over the last seven years, it seemed a providential way to cap it all off.

The Church planned seven activities to mark this year, all of which in future years it is hoped can be looked back upon with pride and a sense of achievement:

1. **Bishop Melissa's Visit** • to celebrate resurrection and congregational development with us, and unveil a 125th Anniversary plaque.
2. **A Sister Church** • establishing a 'Sister Church' relationship with a congregation in the Philippines, as the first of three such 'international' relationships.

3. **Sanctuary Restoration** • concluding the major 2012 sanctuary restoration.

4. **ODNW** • being very 'intentional' in incorporating the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster process, thereby focusing one aspect of the celebrations on the lay leadership role in the resurrection of St. Michael's.

5. **2018 Strategic Plan** • concluding the intensive three-year 2018 Strategic Planning initiative.

6. **BIBAK** • renewing a seven-year strategic relationship with BIBAK, an international Filipino organization.

7. **The Cadman Gallery** • bringing the Narthex Gallery (established by Fred Cadman) up to date, including the current Bishop and ODNW members.

Last June, St. Michael's hosted the 3rd annual communal picnic at the Church. It was planned to be held in a city park but due to inclement weather the picnic was relocated to St. Michael's. This year, all Churches in the Burrard Deanery were invited, and the turnout approached 100. The picnic was planned and organized by the women and men's groups of St. Michael's. The Anglican Church Women (ACW)

chapter at St. Michael's was resurrected in 2011. The men's group Multicultural Brothers of St. Michael's (MBSM) was organized in 2014. These women and men's groups boast strong leadership and are broadly based—two unmistakable signs of the resurrection that has taken place over the last seven years at St. Michael's.

The primary outreach program at St. Michael's continues to be Meal Ministry. There are 70 events each year, feeding 5,000 people, including 35+ hot meal events, and 35+ food banks. St. Philip's and Holy Cross Anglican Churches participate in this Ministry, as well as the Light-house Church, who provide the 'heavy lifting' expertise for the hot meals.

A bronze plaque commemorating our 125th Anniversary achievements and the Bishop's celebration with us will be unveiled and blessed by the Bishop during her September 28th visit, along with the newly restored Baptistry, and a set of 125th Anniversary Commemorative 'Gangsa' (Filipino ceremonial gongs) from the Philippines. ✦

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the Redeemer, Cloverdale, effective June 30th. The Rev. Roberta Fraser provided six weeks of clergy support. A process of Intentional Interim Ministry began on September 1st and the Bishop will appoint a priest following consultation with the Wardens.

It was announced on July 27th that the Rev. Robin Ruder Celiz has been appointed priest-in-charge and styled "Vicar" of St. Martin's, North Vancouver. He is married to the Rev. Elizabeth Ruder (daughter of the Rev. John Ruder of the Diocese of Kootenay) and he is the son of the current priest-in-charge at Church of the Holy Spirit, Whonnock, the Rev. Dr. Ted Celiz. Father Ruder Celiz will be ¾ time for the time being with the intent of progressing to fulltime. He is currently parish priest at Creston with Boswell, Crawford Bay and Riondel in the Diocese of Kootenay. He begins his new ministry in North Vancouver, October 1st, 2014.

The new composition of Diocesan Council includes two representatives from the group of nine containing the eight Archdeacons and the Dean of the diocese. At an election held in June, the Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton, Archdeacon of Capilano and the Ven. Stephen Rowe, Archdeacon of Fraser were selected to serve on Diocesan Council.

The new streamlined Diocesan Council's next meeting date is September 9th, 2014. ✦



The Ven. Dr. Lynne McNaughton. PHOTO Sandra Vanderschaaf



The Ven. Stephen Rowe. PHOTO Wayne Chose