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PEOPLE WITH FRANCIS!

Who We Are!

A column for your membership updates, events and activities of interest.

New OEF Fellowship & Convenor

Congratulations to Patrick Lublink OEF on his appointment as Convenor of the new OEF Toronto Fellowship.

Welcome New OEF Postulant

Welcome to Jacques Gendron, a new postulant in the OEF and congratulations on Jacques' recent acceptance as a member of the Quaker Community, Yonge Street (Toronto) Meeting of The Religious Society Of Friends.

Death of an Associate of the Society of Saint Francis

Cameron Tinkess made a commitment to Fr. Joseph OSF and joined the "fraternity of St. Francis" in 1960. The "Associates of the SSF" came into being some time in the late 70's and Cameron became an Associate in the early 80's. In the past few years Cameron suffered from dementia and several strokes. He died in August of this year at the age of 88 and is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 61 years.

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PEOPLE WHO WORK!

ACHORED IN MISSION!

I frequently am asked, "Where are you from?" to such a question my normal answer is "I am not sure". I was born in Liverpool, England, brought up in Holyhead, North Wales until I was 10. In 1959 we moved to Nigeria, West Africa and stayed there until 1967 when the Biafran War started. I left there returning to the UK for a brief period and came to the Vancouver area where I have been since my arrival.

I got married to Jenny in 1972 (30th anniversary coming up!) and we have three daughters Christine (22) Patricia (19) and Mary (17). I have two male dogs but they don't help very much.

I am a vocational/permanent deacon, ordained in 1997. I attend St. Mark's Anglican Church in Ocean Park in south Surrey with my family, however I am not licenced to the parish as a deacon. I am the Mission Administrator, managing the two facilities for the Mission to Seafarers in Vancouver, a service club that ministers to the needs of Seafarers from all around the world. I also visit berthed ships, bringing magazines to the Seafarers and inviting them to visit the Mission. We hold a Eucharist service in our chapel weekly for the seafarers. Although the Mission is an Anglican mission it operates ecumenically with chaplains from the Anglican, Christian Reformed and Roman Catholics. (Visit our website at <http://www.flyingangel.ca>) Everyday has its new challenge; it is through the dedicated help of staff and volunteers from the three denominations that we are able to carry out our ministry. In 2001 the Mission to Seafarers visited 2880 ships and we had over 18,800 seafarers visit our two facilities in our port.

Other areas of my ministry include being the director of an ecumenical refugee sponsorship organization called the Inter-Church Refugee Project (ICRP). Started in 1995, ICRP is made up of a co-op of 11 churches from the Anglican, United, Roman Catholic, Evangelical Lutheran and Presbyterian churches. So far we have sponsored 11 families (44 people). It is great to see our congregations working together to help people start a new life in Canada.

In mid September I started my new appointment as chaplain to our Bishop accompanying him as he visits various parishes around the diocese to model diaconal ministry in the diocese.

I am currently a novice and I believe I am the only TSSF deacon in Canada.

The Rev. RICHARD ROBERTS (Deacon)



PEOPLE FOR JUSTICE!

FRANCISCAN CANADIANS MAKE PEACE

ISSUE: CLIMATE CHANGE

ACTION: LEARN MORE AND TELL YOUR ELECTED
OFFICIALS WHAT YOU THINK!

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PEOPLE OF THE SPIRIT!

THE LORD HAS NEED OF THEE!

(Luke 19:31)

Lord, I am the colt.
I am here, on duty today
Just like any other day.
May I carry you?
May I be your vehicle?
As you move towards your people
To show them that
 you are King of their life.
This short moment of glory
We share in time.
One moment in time---
Your glory,
Your triumph,
Your worthy of praise.
My availability,
My obedience,
My saying yes,
Fulfil history,
Fulfil prophecy,
Fulfil mystery.
Prelude to the Passion,
Prelude to death,
Prelude to eternal life.
The Lord has need of me.

Written by Miranda Lau
following her morning devotion.

I came to Canada from Hong Kong at age 15.
While in university, I came to faith in Christ through campus
ministry. Sensing the call of God to ministry, I attended
seminary (Master of Divinity, 1988) and completed clinical
training in Pastoral Care (Specialist, CAPPE, 1990). Since
1988, I have been employed by Etobicoke Hospital (in
Toronto) as chaplain. My growing interest is in the ministry
of spiritual direction. I became interested in Franciscan
Spirituality in 1999 through my contact with Mt Alverno
Retreat Centre in Caledon, ON. I am currently going through
the OEF formation process under the guidance of Patrick
Lublink. I am single. I live in the town of Bolton, ON. My
passion outside of work is outdoor walking/hiking/nature
gazing in the Caledon Hills.

Submitted by Miranda Lau n/OEF