

## **Trinity United Church**

### **"KEEPING IN TOUCH" May 30, 2009**

These are exciting days at Trinity United Church. I know I probably say that a lot in these intermittent e-mails, but I think we can all agree it is something we never tire of saying.

With our e-mail newsletter "Keeping in Touch", we try to keep members of the congregation (at least the hundred plus who have provided us with their e-mail address) informed of all the activities in which the congregation is involved, and the events happening at Trinity.

This edition of "Keeping in Touch" is focussed on only one topic, but safe to say, it is as important a topic as Trinity has had to consider in several decades, and so it deserves the focussed consideration of every member of the Trinity family.

So, having said "these are exciting days at Trinity" once again, it is fair to say that these days are more exciting than most. As I hope all of you are aware by now, we as a congregation have undertaken an analysis of the physical needs of our church buildings, both in terms of what regular maintenance and capital expenditures will be required to simply properly maintain the buildings (our sanctuary and our Christian Education Centre) as they are *now*, and also in terms of what *could be* accomplished in terms of our programs and facilities if we embarked on changes and improvement to our facilities.

The congregation appointed a "Steering Committee" under the title of "United Future" to examine these options and make recommendations to us as a congregation as a whole. This Committee has done an incredible amount of work, and all of those who have served on this project deserve a tremendous "thank you" from all of us for their dedication of time and ideas.

The Steering Committee has now arrived at their final report to the congregation, and that final report is enclosed as an "attachment" to this e-mail report.

I hope that you will review the report of the Steering Committee thoroughly and give the options and choices that they put forward for your serious thought. As members of the congregation, we will be asked to give our feed back at a congregational meeting to follow the Sunday service on June 7. These three choices set out two options to make some significant changes to our Christian Education Centre (CEC) and more modest changes to our sanctuary, and the third choice is to essentially to make no significant changes to the layout of our buildings, but remaining aware of the signifcant steps that must be taken simply to properly maintain the buildings we have.

We hope as many of you as possible will attend this meeting on June 7. After considering the three options presented, we hope you will vote for the option that you believe will best ensure the dynamic future that we all know lies ahead for Trinity United Church in Cobourg.

By way of a separate e-mail, which I will also send out this evening, I will attach the drawings for the physical plans for the renovations contemplated in Option A ("Growth") and Option B ("Existing Footprint") which have been prepared for the Steering Committee by Mr. Ted Wilson, the archictect and consultant retained by the congregation to provide plans and drawings for those two options for future re-development of our facilities.

All the best to everyone.

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