

CONSTITUTION OF THE PARISH VESTRY

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Choir Master:	Mrs. Inez Hopkins	
Youth Group Leader:	Mr. Jim Moran	

THE ALTAR GUILD

For many years the Altar Guild was completely run by Miss Lily and Miss Rubie Hampton. Upon their retirement, an active membership of six ladies was formed.

At the moment there are still six active members. They take on their duties for two-week periods, beginning from the 1st September until the 30th June. The summer months are looked after by whom ever is around, as the Church is closed for eight weeks.

The duties of the Altar Guild member are to prepare the altar vessels for the 8.00 a.m. and the 10.00 a.m. services, on Sundays. She then tidies up and puts them away after each service. It is also her duty to ensure that there are flowers on the altar each week.

During the year, members of the congregation are encouraged to place Memorial flowers on the altar. At Christmas and Easter, as well as Thanksgiving, it is the duty of each member to help with the decoration of the whole Church.

Perhaps the most rewarding feeling about being a member of the Altar Guild, is being able to participate in the most sacred and beautiful lay work in the Church.

Meetings are held once every two months, and new members are most welcome.

THE LADIES' GUILD

The Ladies' Guild was one of the first groups organised in the church and was primarily intended to look after the altar furnishings and to keep the kitchen equipment up to date; also to generally provide for the smaller needs in the day to day requirements of the church building.

The biggest project undertaken was that of having the kitchen re-modelled to provide for more efficient use, and included the purchase of two new stoves.

In the last decade our role has somewhat changed, and we have mainly contributed to the general fund of the church, and latterly have helped substantially to pay off the roof loan. We also provide for the weekly cleaning of the Church itself.

In order to provide funds, we have held various events during the year, such as the St. Patrick's Tea and Sale in the Spring, and the Harvest Home-Bake sale in the Fall, with our biggest event - the Christmas Tea and Sale in November.

In between we have our Spring and Fall Rummage sales, and if funds are low we might hold a Military Whist to help out. In this way we manage to help in the work of the Church, and these various events are a means of making contact with our many friends in the area, and in a social sense members themselves have developed close friendships over the years.

ST. SIMEON,S - WOMEN,S AUXILLIARY

The W.A. was organised by Mrs. Lang (the Minister,s wife) in the Fall of 1944. It consisted of eight members.

In 1949 we undertook our first fund raising event - a Valentine Tea. These continued until 1954 when we decided to have a Bean Supper instead. We reverted back to Valentine Teas in 1956 and between 1960-I we instituted Valentine Turkey suppers which we still hold today.

We are basically a group which aids missionary work, but also during the years we have supported such things as the placing of new kitchen cupboards in the Rectory, Sunday School suppers (now taken care of by the Women,s Fellowship in 1967), a church building fund to help the wardens with missionary deficits etc.

Our Dorcas work consists of sewing and knitting done by our more talented members - this work is sent to Montreal to be included in the sales there.

We have also got a Pledge Fund. This started at \$29 per year, but has increased annually to \$225 which goes to Montreal towards the General Fund.

Our meetings are now held once per month in the Church Hall, and annually one or two of our members are sent as delegates to the W.A. meetings held in Montreal.

In September 1968 our Group changed its name to the A.C.W. to fit in with other churches, whose ladies groups had all merged to form the A.C.W. We still retain our Ladies Guild.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

St. Simeon's Sunday School has approximately 37 students, and 7 very capable teachers.

We have a Nursery class for little ones up to 2 years of age, looked after by Lori Simpson and Audrey Lummis. The next class is Kindergarten for 3 and 4 year olds who are well taken care of by Edna Hall. Kay Ogilvie enjoys teaching her Primary class of 5 and 6 year olds, and Betty Simpson takes the Primary-Junior class of 7 - 9 year olds.

Our only male teacher - Jim Moram - teaches the Junior Class of 10 and 11 year olds, and we have our pre-confirmation class for 12 years and up, taught by Susan Sioui.

The curriculum we are using is the David C. Cook one, which all the children seem to enjoy.

Our Sunday School lessons take place during the regular church period, with the children entering the Church with their parents and remaining upstairs for approximately the first 10 minutes. At the singing of the second hymn they leave the church and take their places in their regular class in the Church Hall until the end of the 10.00 a.m. service.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

About fourteen years ago, a few young women of St. Simeon's felt the need for a women's group that would meet in the evenings. After a few phone calls, they gathered together enough women to form the Young Women's Fellowship.

'Today, we are known as the Women's Fellowship and we are still a growing group of women meeting one evening per month in a member's home.

Over the years, we have sponsored and/or organised such events as a concert of the St. Matthias Boys' Choir in Ste. Anastasie Church, a library for the Sunday School, re-decorating the kitchen and bathroom of the church, pie sales, art and needlecraft exhibitions, plus writing our own cookbook.

In the past few years, we have concentrated on sponsoring and organising the Parish Picnic held in June, and the Sunday School Christmas Party. Both events are very special as they bring together the people of the parish for an afternoon or evening of celebration and fellowship.

Most important though, is the fellowship we have with one another; the pleasure of discovering common interests; the fulfillment of working together as part of a team; and the specialness of being loved by God and being a supporting member of His Church and family.

THE YOUTH GROUP

St. Simeon's Youth Group is one of the last groups to be formed in the Church. This group has filled a very necessary gap in the lives of the youth of the parish.

It evolved from a Friday evening get-together to a more structured group, now involved with various activities. Last year, they sold chocolate bars to raise money, and this year plans have been made to have a Rock-a-Chair-a-thon and a Car Wash.

The Youth Group regularly visits sponsored coffee houses in Montreal, and we have one of our own planned for the near future.

This year we are very fortunate to have two young people from Montreal who add their own special talents to the group.

We are constantly looking for new members to make this group a success, and teenagers from other churches are most welcome to attend with their friends from St. Simeon's.

As some of the programs planned are designed for the more "mature" child, the preferred age group for new members should be 13 years and up.

AN AFTERTHOUGHT :

A member of our Church contributed the following:

A LESSON IN ANATOMY

Every organisation is made up of members involving *bones*.

First there are the *wish bones*, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.

Secondly, there are the *jaw bones*, who do all the talking and very little else.

Thirdly, there are the *knuckle bones*, who knock everything everyone else tries to do.

And, fourthly, there are the *backbones*, who get under the load and do the work.

Anonymous.