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Sutherland's River

Thorburn

The Foundation of Ministry

In the September newsletter (Volume 6, Issue 4), I introduced a document, (Together in Ministry), the Church has used since the mid-1990s to study the theology of ministry. The first article addressed us – the People of God.

In this issue, we'll look at the structure of Christian ministry through a Presbyterian lens.

The Book of Forms sets out these principles very clearly:

• There is one minister, the Lord Jesus Christ, and one ministry, the ministry of Christ. All other ministries come from and are sustained by the ministry of Christ.

• Through the church, the Lord continues his ministry which begins with the worship of God, through which God sustains the life of the church. In union with Christ, the church prays for and works toward the healing and salvation of the world.

• The church is Christ together with his people called both to worship and to serve him in all of life. Since the church is Christ together with his people, there are no individual ministries.

• All ministries are Christ's ministry, given flesh among particular people in a particular place and at a particular time. All members of the church are called to participate in Christ's work in the world, and all have been given gifts by God to do so. Christians are initiated into this ministry through baptism, the sign and seal of their union with Christ and with his church.

• While Christ calls all Christians to share in his ministry, he also recognizes that there are specific and necessary forms of leadership and responsibilities within the ministry of the church. Such "offices of ministry" in The Presbyterian Church in Canada are ruling elder, congregational deacon, diaconal minister, and minister of Word and Sacraments.

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. (1 Cor 12:7)

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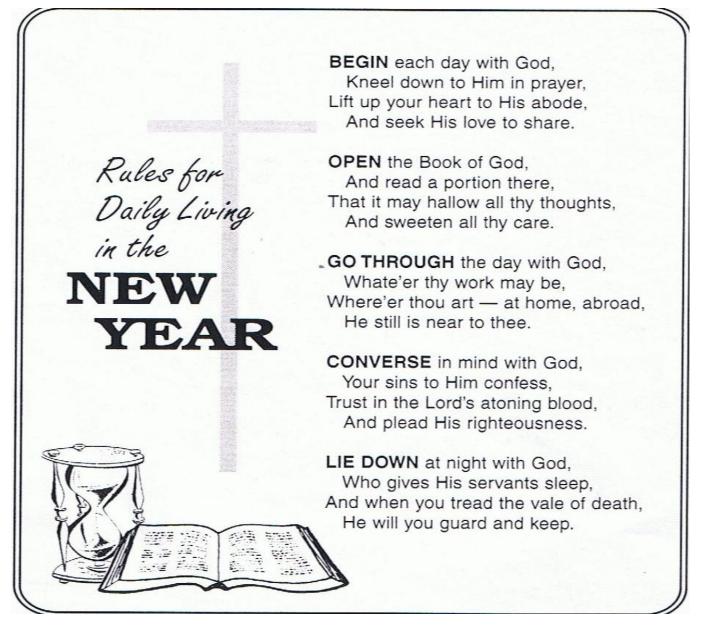
The Foundation of Ministry (cont'd)

With this beginning, we can see how the church is organized to do Christ's work in the world and begin to see our part in that work. In our next look at this subject, we'll focus on the work each of us is called to do - where our gifts for ministry fit in the big picture.

Meanwhile, Happy New Year to everyone as we enter 2023...!

Rev. Greg Dickson Interim Moderator

Rules for Daily Living



Contributed by: Alice MacDonald

I shall not pass through this world but once. Any good therefore that I can do, or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not defer nor neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Author unknown

JANUARY/FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

<u>Christmas Memories</u>



Katey and Pierre Aucoin along with the choir, the readers, and all the beautiful decorations brought a lot of joy and Christmas Spirit to Union Presbyterian Church!

One can see the beautiful decorations at the Sutherland's River Church as John prepares for the service. The lovely wall hangings were made by Faye Visser-Booth.





Many thanks to those who were readers, singers, took collection and were greeters at our Sunday School Christmas Service. The meal afterwards was delicious! The support from the congregation was most appreciated and is always an inspiration to us all! Also, an enormous thank you to the parents and volunteers. May God bless you all with a new year filled with good health and lots of happiness!

Sunday School restarts at 11:00am in the Church Hall on January 8th, 2023. New students always welcome. Contact <u>darlreeves@hotmail.com</u> or call/text 902-921-0639 for more info.

Caring and Sharing

One of our students at U. C. Friends working on a craft. We had an enjoyable evening at the church hall where the young people worked on cards and ornaments for shut-ins and others to give to them for Christmas. A special thank you to Gail and Chrissy and all the volunteers who helped with this evening. Helping the young people show kindness for each other and the community is an important part of our group mission. We look forward to the new year together!

Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth. John 3:17





Turkey Dinner, Fellowship and Hannah's Boys



A huge thank you to the Board of Managers for a delicious dinner, a good time of catching up after a long absence due to Covid, and a most enjoyable time of music with Hannah's Boys. Your incredible dedication and hard work are really appreciated, and a great time was had by all!

U. C. Friends End 2022 With An Exciting Evening



The U. C. Friends youth group had a great year together and ended the year with a fantastic evening of bowling, refreshments, and a fun time together. We also collected some food for the foodbank which we know will have lots of needs especially in the new year. Many, many thanks to our great volunteers who are generous with their valuable time for our young people. Also, a big thank you to the Municipality of Pictou County who helps with funding and to the congregation for their encouragement and support. All much appreciated! Our next meeting will be in January, and everyone is welcome. For further information or to sign up, email <u>darlreeves@hotmail.com</u> or call/text 902-921-0639.

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY IN 2023!

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! **2 Corinthians 5:17**