



# Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

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## TO THE COMMUNITY OF TRINITY CHURCH

Grace and peace to you.

Last evening, Council received word that Gywin Murray plans to retire at the end of August. The Mutual Ministry Team was notified last week and the Council executive brought up to steam shortly thereafter. Tonight, our beloved Trinity Choir will be informed in advance of tomorrow's day-late release of TRINITY DOVE. The DOVE contains a note from Gywin together with this pastoral letter.

Gywin has been at Trinity's organ console for half-a-century. That is a *remarkable* achievement.

On Mother's Day, a parishioner commented on how sensitively Gywin played under the Affirmation Singers allowing their voices to prevail. On Good Friday, similar expressions concerning her leadership of the Cantata Choir were offered after worship. At the May 1 joint Anglican-Lutheran celebration it was the same story. The truth is that it is hard to imagine anyone else at the helm.

Earlier this week, when the Council executive met, they began to frame a way forward for the Council and congregation. By the time Council met, the current issue of TRINITY DOVE had already gone to the printer. In a nutshell, this is how Council will proceed.

Council is pulling together a Minister of Music Task Group. The Task Group mandate is to assist Trinity's Congregational Council to secure a Minister of Music to support the worship of the congregation broadly and of Trinity's Anchor and Sanctuary Communities in particular. Initially, the Task Group has been assigned five tasks:

1. To recommend appropriate recognition for Gywin Murray's 50 years of ministry.
2. To arrange for interim music as required.
3. To create a Minister of Music *position description* for Council review.
4. To advertise and promote the position and encourage applications.
5. To consider applications with a view to making appropriate recommendations to Council.

Larry Gravill is approaching prospective Task Group members who will be broadly representative of the congregation (men & women, all ages...) and will have links to the Anchor & Sanctuary Communities, Affirmation Singers & Trinity Choir, Mutual Ministry Team & Council.

For now, we begin to recast our June 26, Church Music Sunday celebration to appropriately honour Gywin's astonishing 50 years of ministry. Watch for details.

All blessings.

André Lavergne & Anne Anderson,  
pastors in the Community of Trinity Church.