

# DAYSRING DAYBOOK

Monthly Newsletter of Dayspring Presbyterian Church, 11445-40 Ave, Edmonton, AB, CAN, T6J 0R4

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## All Are Welcome

This issue of *DDB* tells three important stories.

We celebrate a long history of volunteerism so far as reaching in and reaching out is concerned.

We celebrate those who have been visiting as newcomers and staying as friends and fellow members of this community of faith and care.

And we celebrate the contribution that folks from Central Africa (primarily Cameroon and Ghana) have been making to our life together during the last few years as they led worship and fed the whole congregation at a meal comprised of traditional Central African dishes.

This is the Dayspring experience. We are a welcoming congregation, an “including” congregation, a joyful congregation, and a congregation in which people experience care - ordinary daily care and care in times of pain and crisis.

Welcome!



## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

“One of the marvelous things about community is that it enables us to welcome and help people in a way we couldn't as individuals. When we pool our strength and share the work and responsibility, we can welcome many people, even those in deep distress, and perhaps help them find self-confidence and inner healing.”

— Jean Vanier, Community And Growth



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Mongeh & Blaise lead the Children's Time. We sing and dance in our Giving. Lucas at the pulpit.

## ... and After Worship

The service was followed by a meal prepared by the Afro-Canadian community, comprising mostly foods that are common in Central Africa.

The occasion for having this special service and meal was to raise consciousness about the need to repair the floor of the Dayspring Great Room (the floor has sunk in several locations, creating a significant safety hazard) and to replace the stained and other wise deteriorating 16-year-old carpet with new and more durable flooring material.

Approximately \$3,700 was raised for the flooring project on the 18th. Of equal importance, the social and spiritual result of the project was outstanding!!!

Many thanks to all who planned and "actioned" this event. It was a tremendous "team effort" led by Elder Walters.

## Be Courageous

That was the theme on which the Dayspring worship service on Sunday, June 18, 2017 was based. Several of Dayspring's Cameroonian members led in worship, Lucas preached the sermon, and other members of the Edmonton Cameroonian community led in prayer, music, and dance.

Among other things, Lucas reminded us that "courage" is about having a "heart" - having a perspective on life that is grounded in our way of being who we are. It is not something that we can add to our repertoire. Rather it is something that is formed in us by our faith - by our relationship with Jesus. You will find the message at <http://dayspringchurch.ca/be-courageous-an-afro-canadian->





## FROM OUR MINISTER

In a world of increasing pluralism ...

Just the other day a notion that my mind has been playing around with quite a while now, came back to me and there is a sense of gratitude that wells up in me.

But before I get to the gratitude...

With the rising globalisation of the world today, we know that an increasing number of people are moving and emigrating to various parts of the world. On the one hand it's not new at all and it has been happening since the beginning of time. On the other hand, I sense that more and more people are displaced, either out of their own free will or because that have no choice at all.

There are so many differing views that continue to clash and will keep on clashing. We are in the swirling current of a massive sea-change in the makeup of our societies. Just when we look at the demographics of Dayspring, we notice that in a mere ten years there are people from so many different parts of the world that have become part of who we are.

We can look at it as a huge problem, or we can see it as an opportunity. I choose the opportunity. I don't want to be fighting difference. Maybe it is due to the fact that I too have come from a different corner of the world.

The notion was reinforced as I was driving in the car and I had turned the radio to CBC 1. The Current was on and the discussion was about "learning how to collaborate with your enemies." What drew me deeper into listening to the discussion, was that they were talking about a certain Adam Kahane's book *Collaborating with the Enemy*.

If anything, the phenomenon of working along with "the other" is going to increase as pluralism is rising, even though it's becoming increasingly difficult.

There's little room to get into a longer discussion. What I saw just this past Sunday, and we're not even speaking of so-called enemies, was how grateful we can be that we as a community of faith are a shining example of getting along with one another

as a very diverse group of people. Let's continue practising at it in our very own space of worship and continue with more of it wherever we go.



Gary T & John R Complete Repairs on the 40th Ave Sign

Dayspring is blessed with the active participation of many volunteers who make certain that our building and our programs enable us to reach out to our local community and to the wider world with love and care.

With leadership from our Communications Team, and generous support from the congregation, the 40th Ave. sign was installed about 13 years ago. Initially, Lynn H looked after the sign maintenance and changed the message. (John C, with input from several other Dayspringers, looks after the wording.)

Latterly, Norma M has looked after the sign changes with an assist from John R - who does many of the maintenance chores around the church building.

This Spring, it was apparent that it was time for a major rehabilitation project so far as the sign's wood railings were concerned. Rot had set in.

So John R de-installed the two wooden components; took them home to his workshop; and reconstructed them — this time using cedar for the rails to increase their longevity. Have a look at the result!

The sign is an important way of communicating with the persons who pass by on 40th Ave what and who Dayspring is about.

We try to avoid "insider" churchy and "guilt-inducing" language - so that the sign messages speak about life as most of us live it.

People have become part of the Dayspring's community of faith and care for various reasons - some as a result of being invited by family and friends; some because they have attended a funeral or wedding at Dayspring; and some because of our sign.

And did you know? Usually the same wording that is on our 40th Ave sign is on the front page of Dayspring's website at [www.dayspringchurch.ca](http://www.dayspringchurch.ca).

## Newcomers Welcome Sunday: June 11



Periodically, the Pastoral Care Team organizes an opportunity for newcomers to Dayspring to learn about our congregation and our denomination. Some of our recent newcomers are pictured above.

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and June

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and May

## SESSION

**Moderator:** Heinrich Grosskopf

**Session Clerk:** Darlene Eerkes

**Deputy Clerk:** Iris Routledge

**Roll Clerk:** Jim Jeatt

### Other Elders

Bill Davis	Walters Munde
Jane de Caen	Nick Nation
John Carr	Stanley Ngwa
Ingrid Dukhedin-Lalla	Laura Patterson-
Peter Eerkes	Fortin
Carina Grosskopf	Todd Shipman
Sam Jaikaran	Darleen Springstein
Gina Kottke	Heather Tansem

## MINISTER

The Rev. Dr. Heinrich Grosskopf

## CHURCH STAFF

**Church School Coordinator:** Lynn  
Vaughan

**Youth Coordinator:** Shane Johnson

**Worship Arts Coordinator**  
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