

**COVENANTING SERVICE WITH WENDY MacLEAN**  
**CHRIST U.C., LYN**  
**AND FOUR RIVERS PRESBYTERY**

Gathering Words

A large crowd including members of Christ U.C., Lyn, a contingent of Youth and Young Adults (YAYA) from Montreal Presbytery and members of Four Rivers Presbytery gathered on a blustery Sunday, January 19, 2014 to covenant with the Rev. Wendy MacLean. We were warmly welcomed to Christ United by Len Healy, Chair of Church Council. President, the Rev. Don Stiles, Chair of Four Rivers Presbytery brought greetings from Presbytery and proudly showed off the new Presbytery stole designed and made by Jeanette Crimes. Following the call to worship, we joined in reciting A New Creed, a statement of our communal faith, and the Prayer of Approach. The hymn was "Find a Place in My Soul".

We Listen for God's Word

Debbie Jozefowicz shared scriptures from Psalm 139:1-18 and Shelley Howe-Johnston read from Matthew 4:18-22.

Rev. Wendy introduced Lisa Byer DeWeaver as the guest preacher for the day. Lisa observed it is interesting to note that when Jesus called his disciples at the Sea of Galilee, they were middle class, ordinary men – not from the cities or the upper class. They were called with passion and extreme conviction – "Follow me!" It was the beginning of Jesus' "official" ministry. What was so exciting about Jesus that they would drop everything to follow him? Would we do it if this happened to us today? Jesus called them into community.

Lisa recalled that she and Wendy met and shared their passion for ministry. They built an amazing community of faith that grew and expanded all over Montreal. YAYA continues to grow and expand and the net casts wider and wider.

Christ and his disciples changed the world one person and one miracle at a time. Four years ago, Worshiplude met in Montreal with 8 - 10 people. This year there will be over 60. Lisa closed with prayer that both Wendy and Lyn be blessed by their relationship and the covenant they make this day.

The congregation joined in singing VU#563 "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore."

Act of Covenanting

Cynthia Sparring, Chair of the Joint Search Committee, presented the Rev. Wendy MacLean to the Chair of Four Rivers Presbytery. Promises were made by Wendy, the Pastoral Charge and by the members of Four Rivers Presbytery. Members of Presbytery in attendance included Amy Bracken, Dave Charles, Barb DeJeet, Alvin Dobbie, JoAnne Fletcher, Wayne Harris, Charlotte hoy, Sue Hutton, Gerry Kerr, Karen McLean, Bob McWilliams, Myra McWilliams, Shelley Roberts, Alfred Stakencivicius, Don Stiles and Kathi Zwicker.

Members of the Pastoral Charge presented Wendy with symbols of her ministry among them – a Children's Bible by Debbie Forrest; a Chalice by Liz Healy; a Picher, Basin & towel by Catherine Clow; a Drum by Satori Hiramatsu and Michael Gadoury; a Feather by Judy Pearson and a Rainbow by Fay Simpson and Heather Murdock.

The Chair acknowledged the covenant and affirmed the call of the Rev. Wendy MacLean to Christ U.C., Lyn in the Bay of Quinte Conference in the United Church of Canada. Everyone joined in a hearty round of applause to welcome Wendy. Don further acknowledged the work of the Joint Search Committee was now complete and recognized the members in attendance.

We celebrated the covenant by joining in a rousing rendition of MV#156 "Dance With the Spirit".

We Respond and Give Witness to God

The offering was collected and dedicated. Funds gathered today in the amount of \$706.00 will go to the Conference Student Bursary Fund. Following the closing hymn "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling", everyone was invited to adjourn to the hall for further fellowship and refreshments provided by the UCW.