

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY -ANNUAL REPORT 2016

All members of the four groups within our ministry continued to serve our Lord in a special way and I am most grateful for their service in 2016.

**Lay Assistants** - we continue to be faithfully served by Angie, Debra and Don. I am particularly grateful for the extra duty carried out by each during my 4 month absence. Stanley Brooks filled in from time to time by preparing the gifts for communion and the ablutions - all part of his ongoing training for his future role as priest. Roger continued as prayer leader in the ministry and we are thankful for his assistance.

**Servers** - In late 2016 Peter Kantel resigned after many years of loyal service at St. Mike's - Thank you, Peter. We are also thankful for members, Elijah, Grant, Keyana & Rudi. A very special Thank You to Kelly who can be called on at anytime to fill-in at the last minute. Kelly also assists by training new recruits. Thanks Kelly.

**Readers** - We are blessed to have 13 dedicated people who read our lessons at Sunday services. Welcome to Tim Branch who has joined us. Lay Assistants also read on a regular scheduled basis. Thanks to all of you.

**Chalice bearers** - This year Annette and Andy stepped down after many years in the ministry. Thanks to both for their dedicated service. Thanks also to Dominick, Esi and Horace for continued service. They will be joined in 2017 by Glenna Kantel.

My duty as head of ministry is now over. There are so many people to thank for the past 8 years - Ian Liversuch who encouraged me to be a Lay Assistant, Pat who prayerfully supported me, Marilyn who trusted me to replace her, and our office secretaries, especially Pat who drafted the schedules for me. Needless to say Reverend Michelle has been a wonderful "co-worker" in this ministry. It is thanks to her that what we do inside the chancel at St. Mike's always seems to flow so easily and glorifies the Lord each Sunday. Thank you so much Michelle.

I owe a large debt of gratitude to each member of the ministry, past and present, who went about their respective duties with respect and love for our church home and our Lord. A Liturgical Ministry is very important to any church and I am particularly grateful to our group who always put the Lord first when it comes to Sunday duties. I cannot say "thank you" enough to each of you for assisting me over the past 8 years. I am pleased that Debra Wolowicz has agreed to now head up the ministry. I'm sure that all of you will be of assistance to Debra as you were to me.

I would be most remiss in not thanking Lizanne. In my life for only a short five years and totally unprepared for my hours of work in the ministry, she backed every aspect of every duty that I took on. Thanks sweetie!

My final thanks can only be pointed in one direction - to our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank Him daily for blessings poured on all of us. I especially thank Him for guidance and grace in allowing me to serve Him in this ministry. It has been an honour to serve the Parish and our Lord. I finish this report with something I read recently and can be considered by all when reading His word.

For the Word of God in Scripture,  
For the Word of God among us,  
For the Word of God within us..... Thanks be to God!

Respectfully,

Brian K. Hammond

December, 2016