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Pastor's Final Farewell

I am sure you all remember 9/11. Most people remember that day back in 2001. Where they were, when they saw the news and realized what was going on. It was moments of fear, it was unbelievable and then, followed by months of uncertainty and years of change.

But that story has become different for me here in Canada! Here, we got new hope for the future! What I have learned here, is that simple acts of kindness always overcome evil. I learned about Gander, Newfoundland. And I am sure as local Canadian/Danes you all know the story about the 'come from aways' that had to spend days in Gander because their planes were not allowed to fly after tragedy struck. The people of Gander welcomed all the strangers with open arms; the local hockey rink was turned into a big fridge, beds were made, internet was provided and there was no end to the Canadian hospitality! The Mayor of Gander said: the first day we had 7000 strangers coming, the second day we had 7000 new friends and after a week 7000 family members left Gander.

Lots of these 'come from aways' didn't speak a word of English because they literally came from far away! But then the local church reached out with the bible. They started comparing English passages from the bible with bible passages in whatever language the strangers' bible was written in. And they started with these words to comfort the newbies: Do not be anxious,

but in everything by prayer and with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Now it's all history. But what is not history is Canadian hospitality and friendliness!

When we first got to Canada, we were strangers from Denmark, but already on the first day we made new friends. Now after five years we leave an extended family behind in BC. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms, thanks for your kindness, prayers and support!

I hope you will extend to the new pastor and family the same old Canadian hospitality and Danish gæstfrihed that we have enjoyed! Because a simple act of kindness brings hope into this world and overcomes any challenges. På gensyn!

Pastor Susanne



From the Board

Here we are in the middle of June and the furnace still comes on every morning, it is not the spring we are used to. The only thing that has not changed is how busy we are at the church. It is nice to see that everything is up and running again. We had a nice Spring Dinner on May 14th with entertainment from The Big Band. They use the church hall on Tuesday nights for rehearsals, and part of the rent is a concert occasionally.

We have now completed the draining of the parking lot, that should keep most of the water coming down from the top bank onto the parking lot, so it won't get slippery in the wintertime.

Thank you to all for supporting our Parking Lot Sale.

On Monday, May 30th we had a small one-day conference at the church. In connection with Granly's closing celebration. They had invited the pastors and board presidents from the other Danish churches across Canada and the USA to come and join in for the celebration on the May 28th, it was a good opportunity for us to get together and compare notes. It was great to meet members of the other churches and talk about how they keep the church alive and going.

We are now in the process of reading applications and interviewing candidates for the pastor's job. It is a time-consuming process, but we will get through it. It is too early to tell when we will have a new pastor, but we are talking with DSUK about



sending an interim pastor over to take care of the church in the meantime.

We invited Pastor Clifford Reinhardt to take the service on June 12th with the intent of making arrangements with him to be a regular stand-in for our own pastor when he/she has a Sunday off, or is on vacation. We will not have the back up from the pastor in Granly anymore.

We are happy to report that the board has met on zoom with Danish Ministers who want to work in Vancouver. We have invited an applicant to conduct the service on Sunday, August 14th.

The goodbye celebrations for Pastor Susanne and Søren are starting to shape up.
On July 10th we will have regular service at 11am with lunch and a concert at 2pm.
July 17th will be Susanne's last service, and we will gather after the service out under the beech trees (weather permitting) with a glass of sparkling wine, and a chance to say our goodbyes to one of the best pastor families any church could wish for.
We will miss them but understand their need

We will miss them but understand their need to go back to Denmark to be closer to family and friends. We wish them all the best in their new church.

> Knud Nielsen, President

Baptisms



Annika and Laila Axelsen Baptised April 17th, Easter



Jax Kristian and his dad, Dominic Kristoffer Gallello Both Baptised May 14th



Ivy Frances Chaffe Blessing, May 22nd



Henry Chen Abildgaard Roberts Baptised June 19th (photo credit: Jett Black)

Wedding



Samantha and Trevor Hamaguchi Wedding June 18th (Jens and Aase Brøndum-family) (photo credit: Emily Serrel)





Danish Constitution Day – June 5th

The Church service was held at the Scandinavian Centre. Pastor Susanne had made a beautiful little altar with candles and Jesus figure in front of the fireplace.

Erik Hougaard and family played the music on this special Sunday. Pastor Susanne gave us some Danish history in honour of the day from 1849 when King Frederik VII declared that Denmark would be ruled under a constitution.

The usual outside picnic was not held as the rain was coming down in buckets so we had our lunch inside this year.

A Gift for Pastor Susanne

We have been so blessed having Pastor Susanne and her husband, Søren, here for five years! It's not easy to say goodbye. But they would love to come back for a visit. As a farewell present, we would like to take up a collection toward return tickets. If you would like to make a contribution, please send a cheque, payable to the Danish Church, and mark "Pastor's Gift" in the memo line. Unfortunately, tax receipts cannot be issued as the money is not going to the church, per se.



Farewell to Granly

Granly came into being for two main reasons: A great influx of immigrants from Denmark and many of them taking up residence in Surrey. In the 1960s, Vancouver Danish Church was at least an hour's drive from Surrey - more from White Rock or Langley – so Pastor Arnold Vang's invitation to congregate closer to home was very welcome. Working on a project promotes togetherness, and the Granly people had plenty of work projects. Thus it was that the Granly congregants began to consider each other as substitutes for the relatives they had left behind in Denmark.



Sixty years later, the picture is different. Our congregation is ageing and growing smaller, and we must close our church. We decided that a closing would not be so sad if we finished off with a party. So at the end of May, we held a three-day event. We invited, as special guests, our most recent pastors (from Denmark), plus pastors from

the other Danish churches in Canada. A "Meet and Greet" was held on Friday, followed by an 'invite only' banquet on Saturday – for members and special guests. On Sunday, a special church service was held, followed by a dinner



for anyone who wished to come. All was very festive, with good food, speeches and songs. The entertainment at the Saturday dinner was provided by Else Johansen, a guest from Denmark, when she stopped in the middle of her speech, removed her gown – revealing tights and a tank top underneath – and led us in an exercise session, something she wouldn't do when she lived among us.

"All good things must come to an end." So we say goodbye to our current beloved pastor, Ruth Wegeberg, the last Sunday service in August and to the Granly property at the end of October. Luckily, "the other church" is now much closer to Surrey, so Burnaby, here we come!

Ann Larsen, Treasurer, Granly Church

Danish Pastors in Canada

On Monday, May 30th all the Danish pastors in Canada, and their presidents met in Burnaby. When Pastor Susanne heard that all Danish pastors including Toronto, Edmonton and Calgary were invited to the closing ceremonies of Granly, she suggested that it was a great time to get together with them to discuss mutual concerns.

As well, Pastor Anne Grethe Kragh Nielsen from Yorba Linda, California was invited to share what the Danish church there had to contribute. It was an all-day meeting held in the church hall from 10am – 4pm with a break for lunch.

Pastor Simon led the meeting and said: "We can work together and strengthen each other. We, as pastors, have met online and also Anne Grethe and

New York have met on Zoom. The idea came up to ask Anne Grethe to chair the meeting because she has handled a lot of the problems that we will be discussing this morning.

We will break off and meet in small groups – then stop for lunch. The idea of inviting Anne Grethe is to get a story together that we can share – what would work – what would not work."

From my perspective, as note taker, it was wonderful to actually meet the pastors from Calgary (Pastor Charlotte), Edmonton (Pastor Lasse), Toronto (Pastor Simon) and of course, Granly (Pastor Ruth) and the Church presidents, to share ideas and talk about the future.

Next joint meeting will be a convention in Calgary in March.

Ebba Grey, Church Secretary



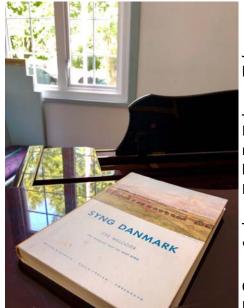
A New Face at The Danish Church!

Since Granly church is closing we desperately need a substitute to fill in and Pastor Cliff has offered to help us out.

Rev. Clifford Reinhardt is a semi-retired Pastor on the roster of the BC Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Born in Chilliwack and raised mostly in the Vernon area, he graduated from the University



of Saskatchewan in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science degree (Mathematics). He then enrolled in the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon and graduated in 1983 with the degree of Master of Divinity. In 1984 he accepted the call to serve Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Coquitlam as its Assistant Pastor, and since then has served as Pastor at Grace Lutheran in Burnaby and the former Augustana Lutheran in Vancouver, and as the Founding Pastor of Spirit of Life Lutheran in Vancouver. He retired from full-time ministry on June 30, 2019. Pastor Cliff is married to Lorraine, who is a professional singer and teacher of singing. They enjoy their two adult children and their spouses, as well as four grandchildren. His interests include choral music, reading, home maintenance and improvement, and recreation.



Farewell Summer Concert For Pastor Susanne

Join us for a wonderful afternoon in good company and listening to a variety of great classics!

Janet Mowatt, Jeon Mok, Linda Szentes, Lily Yen Hansen and Östen Doyle are all skilled and well-known musicians in Burnaby and they are going to sprinkle a little magic by singing and playing us summer-songs, Beethoven, Chopin and much more!

This concert is the Burnaby Board's treat, a special 'Farewell present' to Pastor Susanne.

Come and let us enjoy the day together. Everybody's welcome!
Sunday, July 10th, 2pm

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:30 AM Service at Dania Home	2
3 9:30 AM Service in Danish	4	5 1 PM Knit2gether	6	7 9Noon Ladies Auxiliary meeting 7 PM New Auxiliary Mtg	8	9
10 11:00 AM Service in English Lunch 2 PM Concert	11	12 7 PM Board Meeting	13	14	15	16
17 11 AM Service in Danish/ English Pastor Susanne's last service	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 1:00 PM Service in English Pastor Ruth	25	26	27	28	29	30
July 31 1:00 PM Service in English Pastor Ruth						

August 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 1:00 PM Knit2gether	3	4 Noon Ladies Auxiliary meeting 7 PM New Auxiliary Mtg	5	6
7 11:00 AM Service in Danish	8	9 7:00 PM Board Meeting	10	11	12	13
14 11:00 AM Service in English Try out Pastor	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 11:00 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Marianne Gyldenkaerne (Visiting Danish Pastor)	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Clifford Reinhardt	29	30	31			

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Celebrations of Life

John Mortimer Packer, May 11th

Margaret Chester, June 4th

Dorrit Larsen, June 22nd

Æret være deres minde



Against The Ice: March 2, 2022

Exploring Greenland's vast landscape for a lost map, two men must fight to survive.



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Trivia:

Ejnar Mikkelsen, Dec 23, 1880-May 3, 1971. His most notable exploit belongs to the expedition that he led to northeast Greenland in 1909-12 to look for the maps and diaries left there by the explorer Ludwig Mylius-Erichsen in 1907. Mikkelsen found these, but, when he and his only companion, I.P. Iversen, returned to their base on the coast, they found their ship crushed by ice and no sign of the remaining members of the expedition, who had in fact returned home on a sealing vessel. The two men survived a further two winters in Greenland, suffering great hardships, and were rescued by a Norwegian sealer after nearly all hope for them had been abandoned.

PROCLAMATION

Visiting Fort Langley!

In June the Kom-Sammen group had an outing to Fort Langley which was just such a lovely place to visit. We were 14 including Pastor Susanne and Søren. We met up at an Italian restaurant in Fort Langley and had coffee in the courtyard before we ventured over to the Fort.

The history of the Fort is BC's history with Hudson Bay Company's fur-trading giving us a good start in the 1840s when the aboriginal people brought furs and fish to the trade window in the HBC Storehouse to Chief Trader James Yale, who gave them good prices to keep them from trading with the Americans. The weather for the outing was perfect – sunny and mild. Then we were invited to have lunch at Knud/ Doris and they had three tables set up on their patio with a great view of the red geraniums and red/white Danish/ Canadian flags waving over the green lawn. We had potato salad and hot dogs – aeblekage for dessert. A very nice day.

Ebba Grey



Congratulations:

Rowan Suriya Shook Riley Victor Foreman Malina Bianca Cramer Haras Amalia Lydia Cramer Haras

These amazing young people got confirmed on May 29th
They have attended confirmation class only for a few month (Covid challenges...), but they were so clever and smart and managed to answer all Bible and Church questions at the test on their Confirmation Day.



Also, it has been an absolute pleasure having them around at the church volunteering at events and for services and studying in the library. We went on a hike on a lovely day in May and they all revealed how considerate and fun and smart they are!

There's truly hope for the future with young people so sweet and clever amongst us!



Since we don't know when the new pastor is coming from Denmark, please contact the office to sign up for next Confirmation Class and you'll get a heads up when the new pastor is settled and ready for a new group of confirmands!

Don't hesitate to drag your grandchild or niece/ nephew in; we have fun and welcome these young people with open arms!

Confirmation is such a beautiful, traditional family celebration and it's so wonderful to be able to pass on our Danish heritage and church traditions.

God bless, Pastor Susanne



Workshops on Grandparents' Day September 9th

We invite grandparents and grandchildren to the workshop on September 9th after the Sunday service. There will be various workstations where we will help make birdhouses, rolling pins/cake rolls and other woodwork. The children who want to can learn to knit, crochet or sew; we will help.

We look forward to welcoming as many children as possible here in the Church!

Unfortunately, it is rare for the family's young children to have the opportunity to learn different kinds of handcrafts But doing something with your hands is a great way to be together.

If you have any ideas for some craftwork you can do together, please get in touch with Steen or Ulla Larsen: 604-551-5063





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Sunday, July 10th	11:00 AM Pastor Susanne Lunch 2 PM Concert	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth Noon AGM
Sunday, July 17th	11:00 AM Service in Danish/English Pastor Susanne's Final Service	Granly is invited to join Burnaby for Pastor Susanne's farewell
Sunday, July 24th	1:00 PM (*Later start time) Service in English Pastor Ruth	10:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth
Sunday, July 31st	1:00 PM (*Later start time) Service in English Pastor Ruth	10:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth
Sunday, August 7th	11:00 AM To be announced	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Ruth
Sunday, August 14th	11:00 AM To be announced	10:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth
Sunday, August 21st	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Marianne Gyldenkaerne DSUK	10:30 AM Gudstjeneste på dansk Pastor Ruth Potluck
Sunday, August 28th	11:00 AM Service in English Pastor Clifford Reinhardt	10:30 AM Service in English Pastor Ruth's Final Service