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2008

St. Luke's Chi Rho Fellowship

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2009 Executive

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| President: | Gwen MacLean |
| Vice President: | Russ Burns |
| Treasurer: | Vern MacLean |
| Secretary: | Toni Larsen |

Chi Rho represents two letters of the Greek alphabet ("x" and p") which are the first letters of Jesus Christ.

Chi Rho was founded in 1946

First President: Alton Hollingsworth

Rector: The Rev. Serson Clarke

Present Membership:

32 active members

5 honorary members

Chi Rho celebrated their



in 1996. The celebration dinner was held on December 29th at the Rose Bowl Restaurant, 1717 Carling Avenue, Ottawa.

There were 28 members present.

In 2006 we celebrated:

60 Years



1946 - 2006

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Work:

At the inaugural meeting on February 13, 1946, the rector stressed the necessity for young people rallying to "the support of the church and sharing the burden".

Over the years, Chi Rho has raised enormous sums of money from the refreshment booth at the Central Canada Exhibition and also from annual Spring and Fall rummage sales, bake sales and luncheons, etc.

Worship:

Chi Rho has assisted immeasurably in strengthening the corporate life of the parish and the Christian life of the Community. Communion is celebrated as a corporate body annually in addition to regular Sunday worship.

+ Chi Rho Prayer +

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the way, the truth and the life. We need Thy guidance in the Chi Rho Fellowship in all our activities. May Thy wisdom counsel us, Thy hand lead us and Thine arm support us. Breathe into us holy aspirations and heavenly desires, so that in some measure, we may live on earth, as Thou wouldst have us live. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fellowship:

St. Luke's would certainly not be what it is today had the fellowship not existed for so many years.

Chi Rho meets regularly on the third Wednesday of each month for a business meeting, worship, social activities and refreshments.

More than half of our parishioners live outside the parish boundaries but many of them have stayed with St. Luke's because of the love and loyalty experienced by the fellowship of Chi Rho.

Edification:

The meaning of the word "edification" in everyday language is:

"self-improvement"

If you are an Anglican in name only, you are not necessarily by the same token, an active, live Christian. If you are working and worshipping actively in the social life of the parish and are an ever-improving Anglican, then you are a Christian because that is what Christianity is all about.



History:

The first officers elected were:

President: Alton Hollingsworth

Vice President: Etta Neil

Treasurer: George Rickard

Secretary: Edyth Bryson

Honorary President: Rev. Serson Clarke

Honourary Vice President

Mrs. Serson Clarke

Chi Rho was the senior branch of the Anglican Young People's Association and the charter was issued on March 27, 1946. It was signed by Robert Jefferson, Bishop of Ottawa, the rector Reverend Serson Clarke and Dr. R.A. Holtz, General Secretary and Religious Education for the national church. The charter was numbered 4, which means that it was the fourth such Chi Rho Fellowship group in Canada. It may be the only surviving one at this time, or at least the only one in this Diocese. The membership fee at that time was \$1.00

The operation of the booth at the Central Canada Exhibition started up under the supervision of St. Luke's Chi Rho Fellowship in 1948. The aim was to raise money for the new parish hall. The booth was in operation for 42 Ottawa Exhibitions, the last twenty-five consecutive years by Chi Rho (1948 to 1972).

Chi Rho has been organizing rummage sales in the Spring and Fall of each year since 1967. Other fund raising events are annual luncheons and bake sales, the sale of frozen berries, Chinese auctions, etc. Most of the money raised through these events is turned over to the Rector and Wardens to be used at their discretion in the operation of St. Luke's Anglican Church. Funds are also donated to charitable organizations.

Chi Rho also convenes the coffee hour after church on Sundays, which is an excellent time for fellowship.

Socializing:

Our monthly meetings consist of a business meeting, followed by social activities such as card games, special music and sing songs, presentation of interesting topics with speakers, etc. In place of a monthly meeting, we sometimes go bowling, to a theatre, a baseball or hockey game, or some other outing. Our closing event in June usually consists of a barbecue at one of the member's homes or cottages and is always an enjoyable occasion.

Membership is open to all parishioners from late teens to later years. New members are always welcome.

For more information, please contact the church office at (613) 235-3416 or our president Gwen MacLean at (613) 225-0663.