

Inner City Youth Ministry

SPRING 2016 UPDATE

CONNECTION POINTS

CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP

There have been some changes at Inner City Youth Ministry this past spring. In February our board reluctantly accepted the resignation of our Director Bonnie Hunt, who has been called into a new role with Threshold Ministries as their Dean of Community. We are sad to see her go but know that she will be a blessing to Threshold's team. In light of this we are excited to introduce our new Director Erin Hodge.

A WORD FROM OUR NEW DIRECTOR

I'm thrilled to be stepping into the role of Director of ICYM! I've been working and volunteering with different nonprofits and ministries for many years. My last couple years I've been part of the team at The Pregnancy Resource Center of Saint John, supporting women, men and their families through unexpected pregnancies. I have had wonderful opportunities to get to know the people of Saint John, and what makes this city so unique! I have a passion for the people of Saint John, and the city as a whole. I'm delighted to be able to love my community and serve it's children, youth and families through ICYM.

I've learned a lot about working in ministry in my time at the PRC, but the thing that will always stand out clearest to me is the importance of relying on God in all things, and having a supportive community and team. I've met many new faces these last couple months at ICYM and have been in awe of the passion and dedication of all the volunteers that make this ministry possible! Thank you for your warm and kind welcomes, I am so encouraged by all of you and know that it will make all the difference in this new position!

- Erin Hodge, New Director of Inner City Youth Ministry.

"IT HAS BEEN SUCH A GIFT..."

The last 2 years working with ICYM has been full of joys & challenges. It has been such a gift to be able to work with children and youth in our priority neighbourhoods bringing a little light in the dark corners of our city.

-BONNIE HUNT,
OUTGOING DIRECTOR



Bonnie Hunt, ICYM Outgoing Director (2014-2016) and Erin Hodge, new ICYM Director.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHT

CHOP CHOP WEEK

We were overwhelmed by the amazing response of the Chop Chop event in Uptown Saint John again this year! 1\$ of every meal was generously donated to our Lunch Connection Program. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our programming!



CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT INNER CITY YOUTH MINISTRY IS DOING?

The following is an overview of some of the programs that ICYM has run this past year.

LUNCH CONNECTION

LC is a free lunch program serving students in priority neighborhood schools. Currently lunch connection is active in Saint John the Baptist/King Edward School, Hazen White, and Centennial in partnership with Portland United Church.

On Mondays we partner with Trinity Church for "Manwich Monday" a hot lunch program for students from St. Malachy's and Saint John High.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Youth Connection is a joint ministry of ICYM and Central Saint John Community Ministry. We meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30 on the second floor of trinity. Each week we have supper as a group as well as time for games and discussion.

ICYM CAMP

Each year Inner City Youth Ministry sends a group of kids to Camp Brookwood for ICYM camp week! This years kids will be from Centennial school. The Inner City Youth Director is the chaplain for the week.

SUMMER PRAYER REQUESTS

ICYM CAMP

Be praying for this year's camp week at Camp Brookwood. This year campers will come from centennial School.

FOOD INSECURITY

With the school year winding up, and lunch connection programs with it, be praying for families that struggle to afford food.

YOUTH CONNECTION

Pray for the Youth that have been attending our Youth Connection group on Wednesday evenings. Pray that they can have joyful summers and will return in September!

READING CLUBS

We have partnered with the Elizabeth Fry Society of Saint John to provide opportunities for children to discover the joy of reading.

We have had reading clubs at Hazen White, St John the Baptist, and The Boys and Girls Club (South End, and Early Learning Center). Each session the kids get to take home their own copy of the book featured in that weeks program!

TICKER

Ticker is a joint program of ICYM and Trinity's Parish Nurse. The goal of this group is to promote 3 key rules to having a healthy heart. Eat healthy foods, exercise and no smoking! We run this program out of the Early Learning Center in the South End. We work with a group of 4 & 5 year olds and have lots of fun!

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