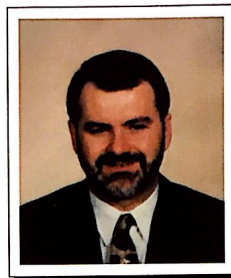
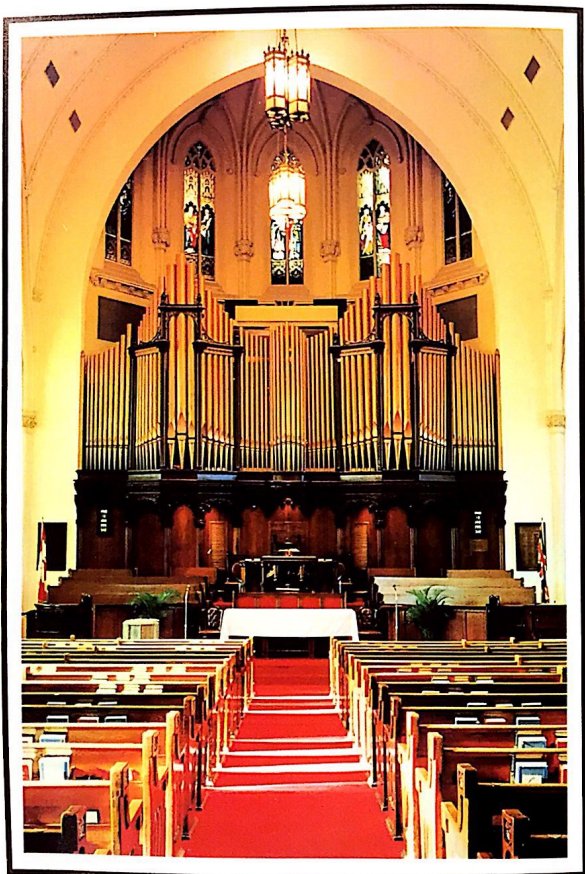


# Knox Presbyterian Church



1820-1995



## Minister's Message

In 1820 our congregation began in faith to worship and serve the Lord. As we think back to that time 175 years ago, we thank and praise God for the faith of those who went before us, faith borne out of the grace of almighty God.

In Deuteronomy 7:9 we read "Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; He is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love Him and keep his commands." That faithfulness is extended to us today and through that covenant we continue to worship and serve the Lord together in Knox Church as we approach the 21st century.

This directory will help you celebrate the faithfulness of God through the fellowship of faith which is Knox Church. By putting names to faces you will become acquainted with the people who have Knox Church as their spiritual home, and so enhance a sense of community in our church.

The church is Christ together with his people called both to worship and serve him in all of life. May the Lord use this pictorial directory published on the occasion of our 175th anniversary celebrations (1820-1995) to strengthen our fellowship in Christ and our witness to God's faithfulness.

Dr. John Vissers  
Senior Minister

# Knox in History

Knox is known far and wide as an evangelical Presbyterian congregation. In this brief description we shall concentrate on these two descriptive terms, and the first to which we shall address ourselves is Presbyterian.

One of the greatest facts of Christian history is that every so often God has renewed His church. The church for generations and even centuries may have been in a period of decline; and then God has poured out His Spirit and revived His church. These great movements of renewal, which are often called Awakenings, have in turn lasted for generations and have affected large sections of the church. Presbyterianism grew out of the great Awakening of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in western Europe known as Protestant Reformation.

Presbyterianism particularly emerged in Scotland and Ireland, although it was closely paralleled by the Reformed Churches of Holland, Switzerland, France and Hungary. Presbyterians were orthodox Christians who gladly professed the beliefs stated in the creeds of the Early Church, and with which we align ourselves when on Communion Sunday we repeat together the Apostles' Creed. We also share in the Protestant distinctives of the sole authority of the teaching of the Bible in all matters of Christian faith and life, justification by grace alone through faith alone, and the priesthood of all believers. The Presbyterians were also characterized by a deep awareness of the majesty and sovereignty of God, a relative simplicity of worship, an educated clergy, high moral standards, a strong concern for the shaping of public life and a form of church government by elders which sought to avoid tyranny on one hand and anarchy on the other. These basic elements of Reformation Presbyterianism are spelled out in the Westminster Confession of Faith and its attendant documents, the Larger and Shorter Catechism, the Form of Church Government and the Directory of Public Worship, and we are strongly influenced by them to this day.

Presbyterianism, along with virtually every other form of Protestantism, suffered a severe spiritual decline in the second half of the seventeenth century and the first part of the eighteenth, but this was to be followed by the Evangelical Awakening which brings us to the second of our descriptive terms for Knox, and which was to continue as a dominant movement in Protestantism until at least the beginning of this century. Evangelicalism did not give rise to so many new denominations as did the Reformation, which in its later phase also gave birth to the Baptists and the Congregationalists, with Methodism being the one new major offshoot. What Evangelicalism otherwise did was to penetrate the existing Protestant denominations, including much of



*Rendering of Knox Church Spadina,  
James Wilson Gray, Architect,  
1861-1922*

Presbyterianism. The Protestant denominations, by and large did not cease to be who they were, but the vitality and emphases of Evangelicalism made a distinct impression.

David Bebbington, in *Evangelicalism in Modern Britain*, has stated that Evangelicalism possessed a quadrilateral of priorities, which he enunciates as biblicism, crucicentrism, conversionism and activism. The first refers to the fact that Evangelicals were Bible people, this being as true of evangelical Presbyterians as of any others. Their theologians sought to mine the Bible, their preachers to exegete, expound and apply it, and the people to believe it and live by it. The second indicates that they were Christ-centred, with special emphasis on the atoning works of our Lord, and by implication His resurrection. The third reminds us that they believed in a personal and conscious relationship with God through Jesus Christ by the work of the Holy Spirit, while the fourth stresses dynamic involvement in evangelism, missions, and movements of compassion. Knox Church in its formative years was linked with the most evangelical forms of Presbyterianism, and it has continued that way until today.

In the early part of this century it became evident that new movements were emerging in the historic or mainstream Protestant denominations which were of a more liberal or social gospel persuasion. While many applauded these as making Protestantism relevant for coming generations, Knox Church took a particularly prominent part, along with many others, in insisting that these were not signs of hope but signs of decline which portended terrible disaster. So during this century Knox has sought to continue as an Evangelical Presbyterian congregation, perhaps because of its prominence receiving more than its share of criticism from some circles, but also gaining encouragement and support from others.

One of the questions now facing Knox, as it is other long-standing congregations, is whether there are signs abroad of a new Awakening, and if so, how we should be relating to this new outpouring of God's Spirit.

Ian S. Rennie



*(Far Left and Moving Clockwise) 1: Ministers Dr. Mariano DiGangi, Dr. Leighton Ford, Dr. John Vissers, Dr. Glyn Owen; 2: Knox Choir; 3: Worship Team; 4: Reception in Gordon Hall; 5: Cutting of the cake by Mary Tennant and Sarah Lampi; 6: Linda Larmour and Jesse Ketchum (Gerry deKoning); 7: Reception in the Winchester Room.*



## Our 175th Anniversary

# Our Church Family

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Roger Bergs



Warren Bethune



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Lisa Anderson



Pearl Anderson



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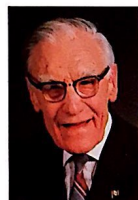
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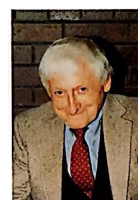
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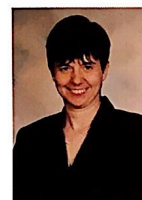
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Eleanor Boyes



Norma Brock



Dr. Martha Brown



Jose Barbosa



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Robert & Richard



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Jeremy & Tammy Bast



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\*Norma Bruce



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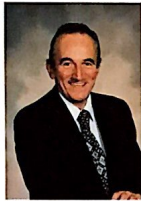
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June Donaldson



Donald Christie



Katherine Chu



Flora Chyla



Dorothy Coffey



Arthur & Virginia Downing



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Lou & Ruth D'Souza



Sheila Duffy



Jean M. Constable



Joyce Cunningham



Rev. Calvin & Diane Dadian



Mary Dadian



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Norma & Susan D'Cruz



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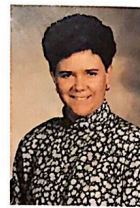
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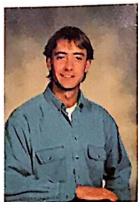
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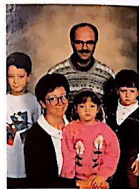
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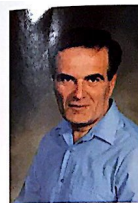
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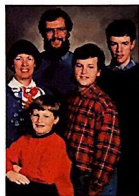
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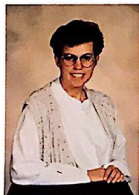
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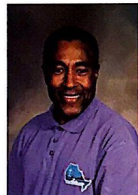
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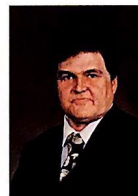
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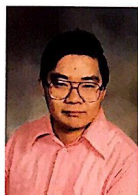
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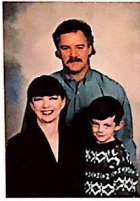
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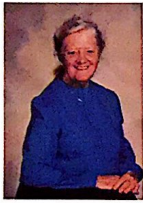
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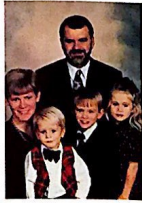
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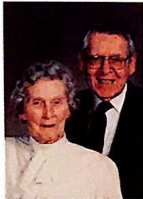
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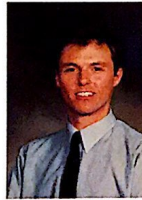
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