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Easter 2016 Parish Newsletter



Pastor's Letter

"On the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb..." Luke 24:1

This year, the bishop of Rome, Francis I, and orthodox patriarchs of the Eastern Church are in dialogue see if they can come to an agreement about a common calendar. Difficult for us to believe, but people have fought and died about the date of Easter. Couldn't we just count from the original event? Apparently not, because different empires and peoples had different calendars to mark time. Arguments about it caused the split between Western and Eastern branches of the church. This is why our Orthodox and Coptic brothers and sisters have a later date than Protestants and Catholics. And at the Synod of Whitby in 663, the Roman emissaries won out over Celtic Christians to determine when to hold the festival in British churches. From that time forward, the festival was to be observed on the Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox. (Check your calendar to see).

After two thousand years, you might wonder how Christians can keep track of when Jesus rose from the dead. The day – yes. Jesus died just before the beginning of the Jewish Sabbath,

which was Friday evening. The Jews measured days from nightfall to nightfall, rather than the 24-hour clock from midnight to midnight. "Good" Friday marked the crucifixion. He was taken down from the cross and laid in the tomb before it got dark. Then came the Saturday, when no work was to be done according to the holiness code of Torah. This was the last day of the Jewish week, the day after Jesus' death. The women couldn't go in the dark after the Sabbath ended on Saturday evening, so they waited until the dawn of the next morning. Hence, the third day. This first day of the week, our Sunday, is the day of resurrection. And so ever afterward the followers of Jesus Christ have gathered on this day to celebrate the Eucharist together.

Will we ever agree on the date of Easter? It would be wonderful to share this most holy day with Christians of every race and nation and denomination across the world. You do not, however, have to wait until some Church officials sign an agreement. You don't even have to show up at St. Timothy's once a year on Easter Day to experience the resurrection (although I hope you make every effort). Each Sunday is a fresh embrace of the message of good news: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. We proclaim our message of hope and faith each week, as we are re-made by the cross and the empty tomb into an Easter people.

The time of year isn't so important, or even the date observed. But is Easter important? Absolutely! Come any Sunday and you will find God's love for you made new.

Yours in Christ,

Stephanie+



In Memoriam

This month we laid two of our own to rest in the peace of Christ:

Helen Emma Hemphill

February 19, 1922-March 5, 2016

Helen brought dedication, determination, and commitment in her faith life at Christ the King and, later, St. Timothy's. Her service to the Church ranged far beyond the parish to include the Sorrento Centre, where she lived for a time as secretary, and the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. A life-long Anglican, Helen raised her sons to active service in God's world and inspired those around her to love and care. She will be missed especially by her friends in the Tuesday Trekkers, which she began years ago for women's fellowship.

Georgina Lillian Jane Kent

May 22, 1924-March 4, 2016

Long-time parishioner at St. Nicolas on the Heights, Georgina was also a dedicated employee for 30 years of what is now the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. Her service in the church included financial assistance and the Altar Guild. In her last years, Georgina found a loving and safe home at The Cedars assisted living facility, where she was visited by members of St. Timothy's pastoral care team. She is remembered for her faithfulness, unexpected dry humour, and love of Maribeth's muffins.

Stephanie Shepard+



Kitchen Renovation

We are blessed to have the same out-of-school operator as went through the renovation of our former Triumph Street site. We met with Agnes Fejer (Treasure Island II) and Matthew Senf (Sasen Construction) to discuss how best to manage things if the kitchen renovation ran into September. We were relieved by her assertive response. Her licensing officer at our site is the same as she worked with at the Triumph site. She will take the relevant drawings to him. From her business perspective, she prefers that renovation start the first day Treasure Island II is off site (June 28). From Matt's perspective, any work still to be done in September would be inside the new kitchen and could be timed within the hours that the children are off site. At the time of our meeting, Matt was waiting to hear from the person who quoted on most of the kitchen appliances, so we have not yet ordered them. Our plan is to order them, contingent on warehouse storage at source until they are needed.

Special moment: When Matt arrived, he and Agnes pointed to each other and laughed. Our contractor and our anchor tenant live across the street from each other and know each other as neighbours.

Maribeth Mainer



Calendar of Events

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday, March 24, at 7 pm

Solemn Eucharist (with Cliff Avenue United Church)

Cat Group Movie: *Life of Brian*

Good Friday, March 25, at 11 am

Good Friday Service (with St. Stephen's)

Easter Sunday, March 27

8 am: Sunrise Baptism Service with Baptism

9 am: Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

10 am: Resurrection Eucharist Service

Saturday May 14

Diocesan Mission Conference

Sunday June 26, at 11:30 am

Deanery Picnic at Blue Mountain Park

Details on our website: www.sainttimothy.ca.



Financial Update

As of January 31, 2016

INCOME	Year to Date	Budget	Difference
Contributions	\$6,437.91	\$7,541.67	-\$1,103.76
Space Donations	\$1,577.00	\$1,750.00	-\$173.00
Other	\$135.00	\$333.33	-\$198.33
Total	\$8,149.91	\$9,625.00	-\$1,475.09
EXPENSES	Year to Date	Budget	Difference
Apportionment	\$2,600.52	\$1,966.67	\$633.85
Salaries/Contracts	\$8,911.28	\$8,983.32	-\$72.04
Building Operation & Maintenance *	\$4,615.06	\$2,041.67	\$2,573.39
Operating Expenses	\$870.16	\$1,108.33	-\$238.17
Total	\$16,997.02	14,099.99	\$2,897.03
Excess Income/Expenses	-\$8,847.11	-\$4,474.99	\$4,372.12

Note: * The building operation and maintenance is apparently significantly over budget because we have already paid an annual insurance premium. The budgeting spreads this cost evenly across the whole year.

These figures do not include the kitchen renovation project.

Demographics for Burnaby-Douglas Parliamentary Riding: 2011 Census and National Household Survey Data¹

Compiled by Gordon Arthur

Participants in the two-year Diocesan School for Parish Development do two projects after Year B as part of their coursework. Each individual or Church group selects relevant projects, reporting back to the school on completion. This is the report on my first project. I would like to thank Kate Turcotte for her helpful advice on the process of analysis and suggestions for sources of data.

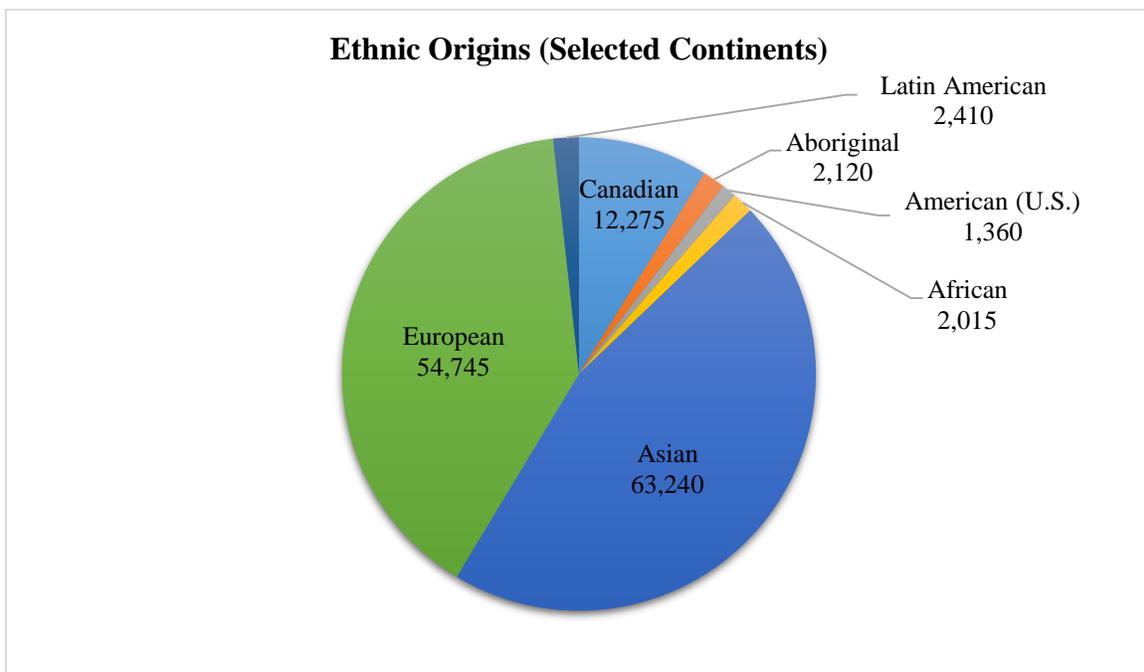
Project 1: Collect and Analyze Demographic Information About North Burnaby

From: limited knowledge of the neighbourhood.

To: detailed statistics on who our neighbours are.

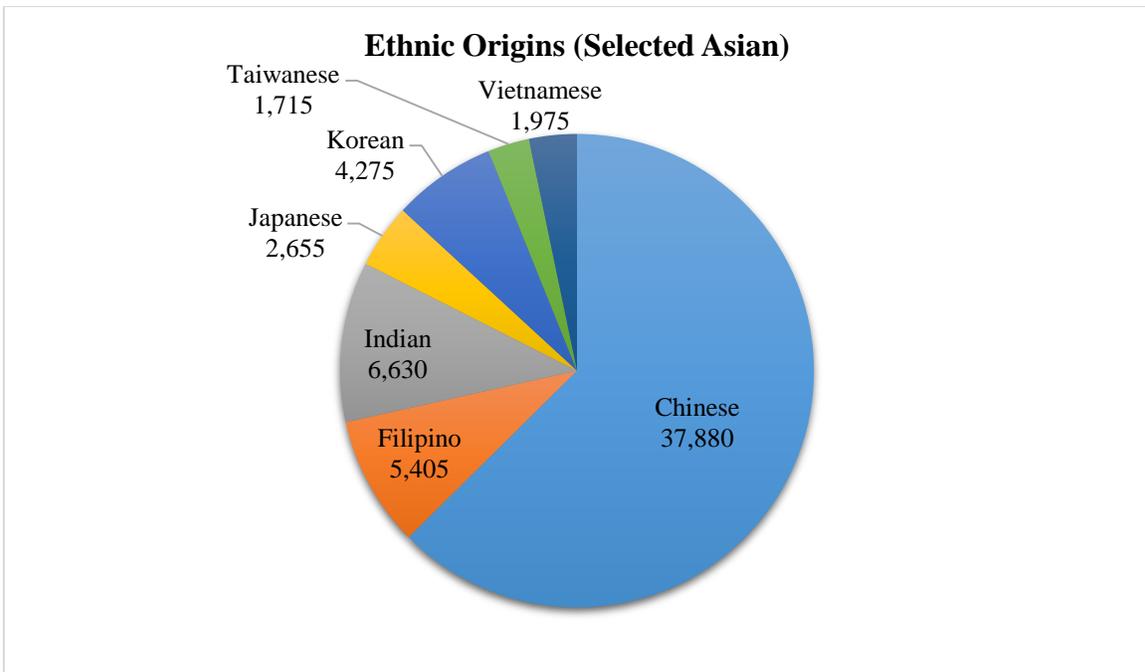
I have taken information from the 2011 Census and 2011 National Household Survey for the old Parliamentary riding of Burnaby Douglas, which is the closest entity to the parish for which data are available free from the Statistics Canada website. I have extracted data on ethnic origins, age, and religious affiliation, which are displayed below. This gives us an accurate snapshot of the make-up of our neighbourhood for the first time.

Stage 1: Initial Analysis

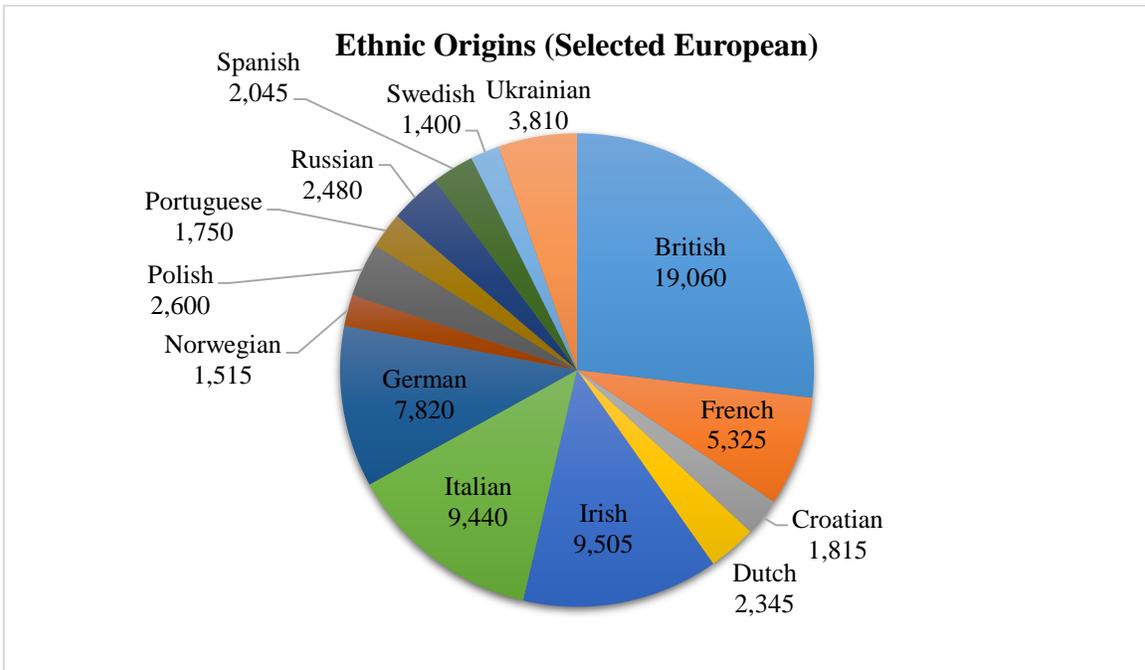


Non-Aboriginal Canadians make up 10% of the population of North Burnaby; Aboriginals make up 1.7%. Asians account for 52%; Europeans account for 45%. Some respondents reported multiple ethnic origins, so these figures add up to more than 100%. Data from the National Household Survey. The response rate was 76.9%.

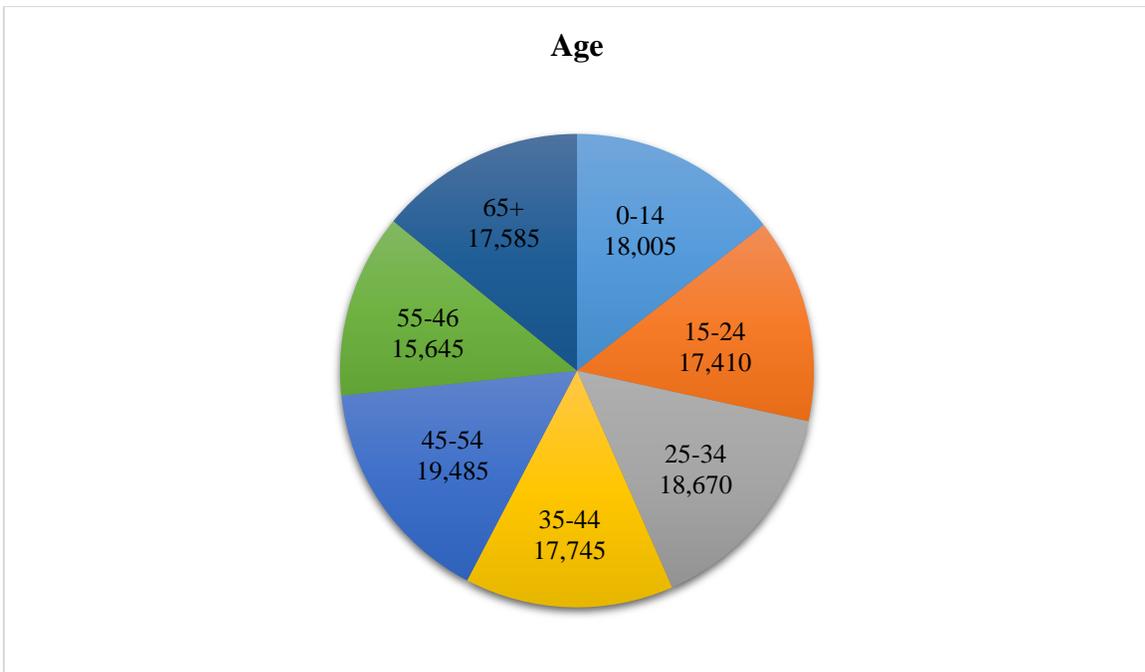
¹ Sources: Statistics Canada. 2013. National Household Survey Profile. 2011 National Household Survey. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 99-004-XWE. Ottawa. Released June 26 2013; Statistics Canada. 2012. Census Profile. 2011 Census. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 98-316-XWE. Ottawa. Released June 27 2012.



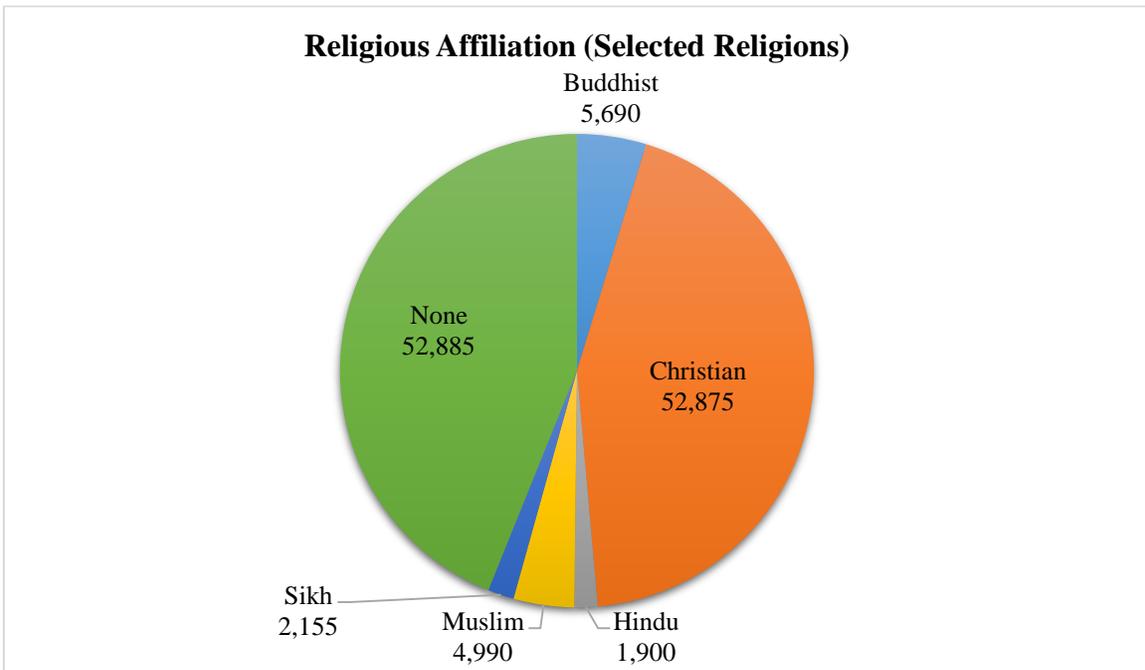
Chinese is by far the largest of these groups. Again, some respondents reported multiple ethnic origins.



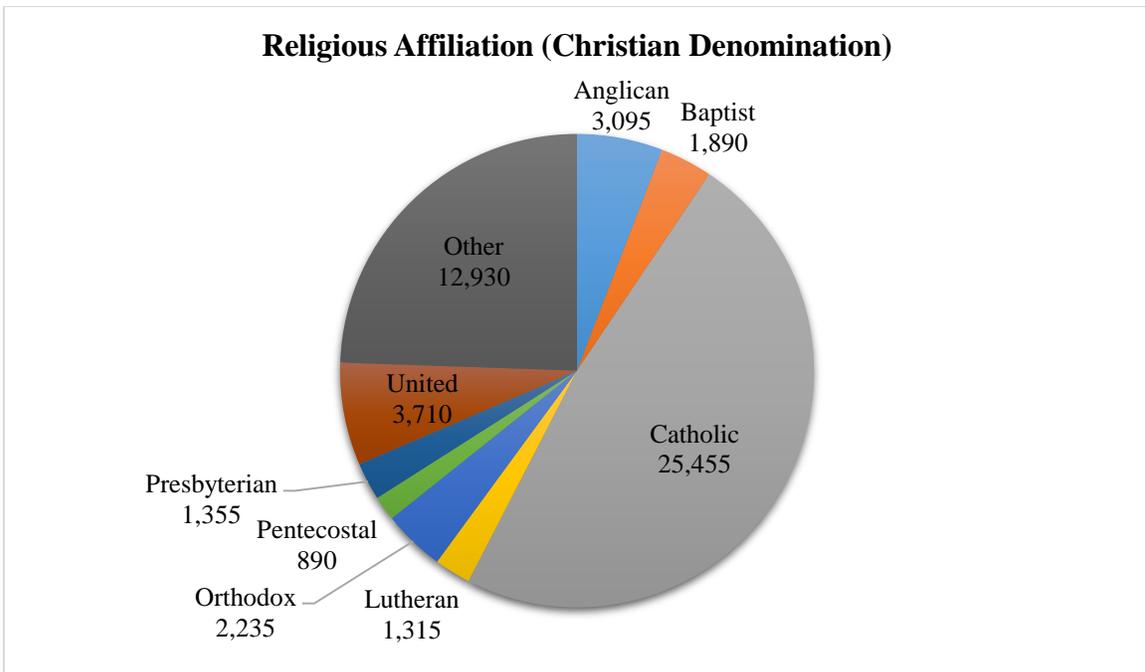
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The spread of ages is fairly even. This chart comes from 2011 census data, so the response rate was 100%.



Christians make up 43.46% of the population. The largest group is those with no religious affiliation at 43.47%. Data from the 2011 National Household Survey. The response rate was 76.9%.

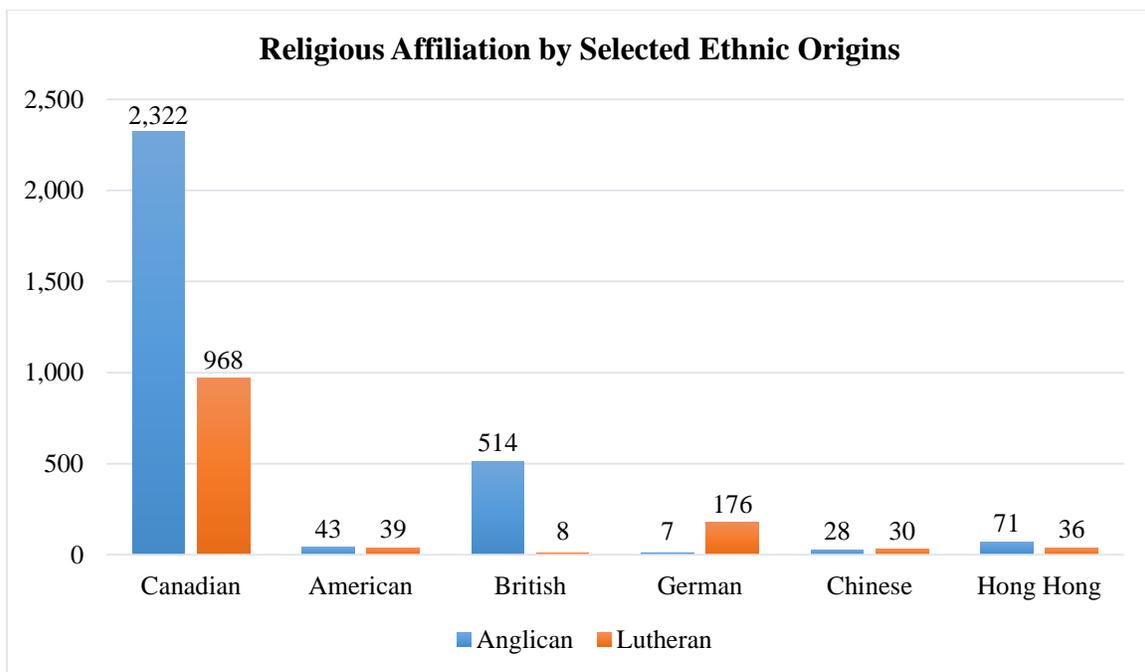


In 2011, there were 3,095 Anglicans and 1,315 Lutherans in North Burnaby, giving us a potential catchment of 4,410 without approaching Christians from other denominations or members of other faiths. As reported at Vestry 2016, our Parish Roll on December 31, 2015 contained 144 names (including children and those unable to attend regularly). This is 3.3% of the potential catchment.

This result (which was surprising to me) prompted a second stage of research, in which I attempted to break down these figures by age and ethnic origins.

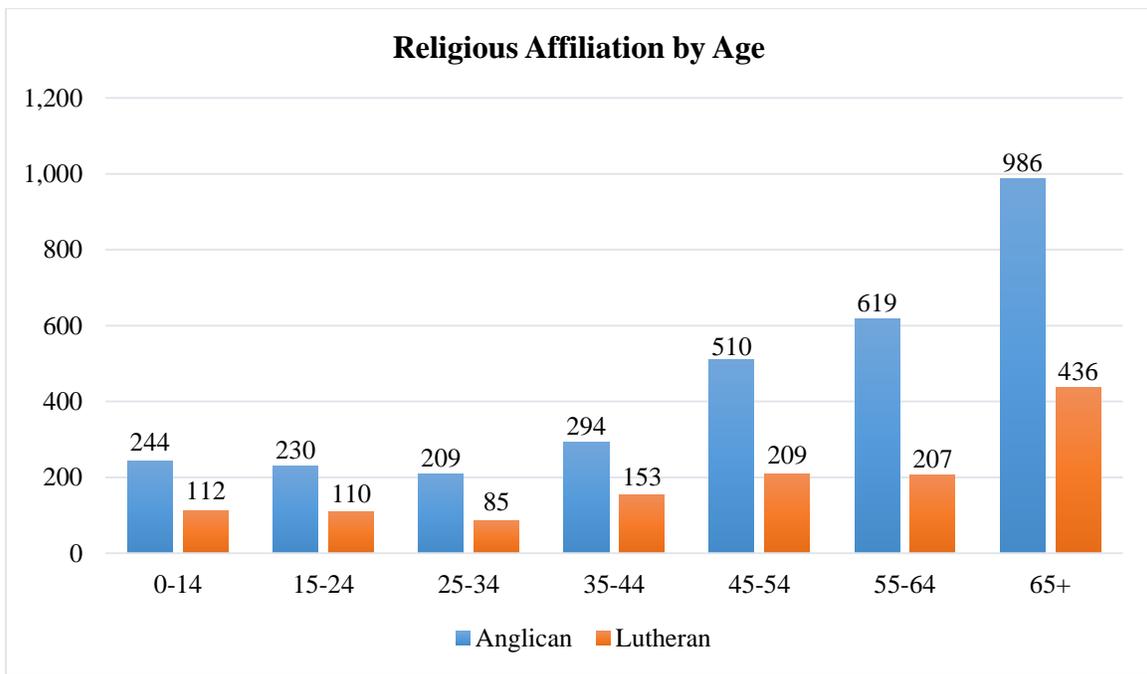
Stage 2: Further Analysis

The second stage of analysis proved to be more complex than the first, as it turned out that breakdowns of religious affiliation by age and ethnic origins for this area are only available in public tables covering the Metro Vancouver region. I am grateful to Vicky Wu of Statistics Canada for her help in finding these data.² Since a custom search, which would have been the easiest way to get precise data, would have cost around \$500, I had to try to find a way to reduce the Metro Vancouver data to fit into the Burnaby Douglas area. The easiest approach was to go back to the tables I used for Part 1 of this research, retrieve the equivalent data for Metro Vancouver, and calculate ratios for each category, which I could then use to reduce the data without assuming homogeneity of age distribution (which is fairly likely) or ethnic origins (which is highly unlikely) across the municipalities of Metro Vancouver. This procedure was successful up to a point: none of the figures matched exactly, but one was very close (Anglicans by ethnic origins), one was fairly close (Lutherans by age) and the other two were some way off. I reduced or increased the figures as necessary to arrive at the correct numbers, but as a consequence, these figures need to be treated as rough estimates rather than statistically accurate calculations. The results are as follows:



These results are not particularly surprising: the majority of Anglicans seem to be Canadian or British, and the majority of Lutherans seem to be Canadian or German. Again, some respondents reported multiple ethnicities. The response rate across the Metro Vancouver region was 75.6%. I also did a breakdown of Anglicans and Lutherans by age.

² Sources: Statistics Canada – 2011 National Household Survey. Catalogue Number 99-010-X2011036; Statistics Canada – 2011 National Household Survey. Catalogue Number 99-010-X2011037.



Again, this is not surprising, although it is heartening to see that Anglicans and Lutherans are still represented among the under-35 age group.

This concludes Project 1. After Easter, I will form a small group to consider how we might target some of the non-attending Anglicans and Lutherans in the parish, and to design one or more programmes to attract them.