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Dear Parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish,

Some time ago, I announced that Miriam Podmoroff would be concluding her years of service as Religious Education Coordinator in our Parish. Again, on behalf of our Parish, I offer Miriam our heartfelt thanks for her ministry. It is a tremendous responsibility to aid parents in handing on our Catholic faith. It is a ministry whose responsibilities are only matched by its joys and whose fruits will only be understood when we see the face of God.

Since I received her resignation, I have consulted with Miriam, parents, catechists, Parish Pastoral Council, the chair of our Finance Committee, and our hiring committee to best continue and develop the work already accomplished in our Parish. After the posting period it became increasingly clear that now is the time for the developments in this ministry to bear their fruit.

With that, I am happy to announce that we have hired *two* new Religious Education Coordinators for Sacred Heart Parish: Ruby Arkoh and Lidia Moodie.

Lidia has been a longtime member of our Parish and has been a catechist in our religious education and Sacramental preparation programs. Her hard work and dedication will be invaluable as we seek to aid our parents in their duties as Christian parents.

Ruby is a relatively new member of our Parish. She has recently arrived here after completing her Masters in Linguistics from UBC to complete a Ph.D. at UVic. Ruby has been involved in Parish ministry in Ghana and seeks to contribute to the life of our Parish here. The hiring committee was impressed with the clarity of her thinking combined with her cheerful character.

Since Miriam began her ministry at Sacred Heart, our religious education program developed well beyond the classroom. One of the many significant developments has been the inclusion of our children in the various 10am Mass ministries. Faith is not simply in the understanding, but in the service of our hands. Of the many reasons to hire two candidates rather than one is to allow these developments to grow. Bi-location is a special Grace and so it cannot be in a job description.

Over the summer, we will still be preparing for the program year and I would like to invite all parents of young children to not only register in our Sacramental preparation program, but our ongoing religious education programs as well.

A final two announcements: We will be fittingly celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at the 10am Mass on the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ (June 3rd) with the Korean community and our Bishop. Also, our annual Sacred Heart Parish festival will be held on June 8. Again, we will have a car blessing procession at 5:30, Mass at 6:00, and a BBQ to follow. We will also announce the newly elected members of the Parish Pastoral Council on that occasion.

In the meantime, please pray for our Parish. Pray for Ruby and Lidia. Pray a thanksgiving prayer for Miriam. And for one most in need, pray for me.

God bless

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fr David Hogman'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Fr David Hogman
Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish