

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

2016

### **The Rev. J. Wesley Denyer (B.A., M.Div.)**

The Rev. Wes Denyer grew up in Etobicoke and attended St. Andrew's Humber Heights Church. He received a B.A. in psychology from the University of Toronto and a Master of Divinity degree from Knox College.

After graduation from Knox College, Wes was appointed to St. Andrew's, Kirkland Lake, where he served for four years beginning in 1984. In 1988, he was called to Unionville Church, a church extension charge. During his time in Unionville, the congregation constructed their first church building and grew in size from 70 to 230 members.

In 2000, Wes was called to St. Andrew's Church – a 650 member congregation in Brampton's old historic downtown core. During his ministry, the congregation welcomed 350 new members of many different national and ethnic origins, developed the adult Christian Education program, accomplished almost one million dollars of restoration and renovation work to the church building and infrastructure, and the St. Andrew's Food Bank grew to become the congregation's central mission activity as it distributed 10,000 packages of food each year.

Wes has served at various levels of church government within The Presbyterian Church in Canada. At the presbytery level, he has served as clerk, moderator and convenor of the Ministry Committee. At the national level, he has served as convenor for the New Church Development Committee, the Stewards by Design National Organization Team and the Emmaus Project National Design Team. Wes has also served on the Stewardship Advisory Committee, the Knox College Board of Governors and its Development Committee, and the Assembly Council.

Wes has been the minister of Rosedale Church, Toronto, since 2011.

As a leadership style, Wes believes in the importance of a collaborative model of ministry, and congregational participation and transparency in decision making.

Wes enjoys scuba diving, long walks, weight training, reading and movies.

Wes is married to the Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois who serves as Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. Wes has two children. His daughter Laurie is married and completing her Ph.D. in Medical Anthropology at McGill University in Montreal. His son Paul is an apprentice plumber in Calgary. Wes has two grandchildren, Arden, who was born in October 2010 and Jude, who was born in January 2014.

### **The Rev. Douglas H. Rollwage (B.Th., M.T.S., M.Div.)**

Douglas Rollwage is in his 28th year of pastoral ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A graduate of Queen's Theological College and Knox College, Douglas has served congregations in Kingston (Strathcona Park), Toronto (Guildwood) and currently Charlottetown (Zion).

A deep love of and respect for scripture has made Bible study a cornerstone of Douglas' ministry; he regards in-depth (and entertaining!) Bible study as forum for congregational discipleship and leadership development, as well as a strong source of community outreach and church growth.

An abiding interest in Church History, particularly that of the Reformation and its theological roots in the Patristic age, has provided Douglas with a 'long view' of the Presbyterian Church's place in the story of the wider church, and the basis of our relationship with other denominations.

Douglas has had the privilege of leading many congregants, clergy and students on archaeological, historical and Biblical pilgrimages to Israel, as well as Greece and Turkey. Encountering the events of the New Testament and words of Jesus, Paul, and others 'on site' has proven inspirational and transformational. To see people coming alive to their faith through study, sermon or pilgrimage is the great motivating joy of Douglas' ministry.

Together with his congregation, Douglas is a passionate supporter of missions, particularly the work of the Canadian Food Grains Bank. Working together with local farmers, landowners and sponsors, Zion's work with CFGB has provided hundreds of thousands of meals for hungry families the world over.

Douglas has served the church locally, provincially and nationally, moderating presbyteries and serving as convener of many committees. He currently serves on the General Assembly's Ecumenical and Interfaith Committee. His long tenure as a resource person to the Assembly Office has meant attending over 15 consecutive General Assemblies, providing Douglas with a strong sense of both the dynamics as well as the mechanics of an Assembly.

Douglas is indebted to his wife of 33 years, Dana (public school teacher). They have two children, Hannah (23, a musician) and Jacob (20, a student).