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Grimson was with Dunwoody & Co. in Trenton (now part of Wilkinson & Co.) for two years, and earned his CA designation in 1970. That was the same year he joined the former Hastings County Board of Education as manager of accounting.

He subsequently became the assistant superintendent of business and, in September of 1988, took over as superintendent of business. He served as the board's chief financial officer until his early retirement in December of 1995.

"I thoroughly enjoyed all the aspects of my career, especially the people I got to work with, particularly the trustees," Grimson said.

Grimson's retirement enabled him to devote more time to volunteering in the community.

He was only retired a few months when he worked with a group of people that brought

together 11 churches and the Salvation Army to form Living Hope Community Meals. The participating churches provide the finances and volunteers to operate a Monday, Wednesday and Friday free noon hour lunch program out of the Salvation Army building on Pinnacle Street and a co-operative Wednesday free noon lunch program at Eastminster United Church.

Grimson has been treasurer since its inception and looks after the budget of almost \$15,000.

"I find it's a rewarding program because it's hands-on. It's not remote. It is people in the community serving people in the community."

Grimson has been devoting between 10 to 15 hours a week in his role as St. Thomas treasurer and other church-related activities.

He administers the chalice during the Eucharist on a scheduled basis with others in

the parish. He sets the programmable thermostats in the church and halls each Monday morning to accommodate all the activities scheduled for the week. He also assists in the setting-up and taking-down prior to and after events and does the occasional bit of maintenance work.

Grimson also participates in programs within the Anglican Diocese of Ontario which stretches from Brockville to Trenton and north to Bancroft.

"I have recently completed 10 years as a member of a Diocesan spiritual renewal group, the last three as lay director," he said. "I also spent several years since my retirement on the Diocesan stewardship and financial development committee."

As a cancer survivor, Grimson is also trying to give some personal time to the Canadian Cancer Society. He was diagnosed and treated for Non-Hodgkins lymphoma in 1997.

"For all my neighbours who have not had my annual campaign visit yet this year for Cancer Month (April), I will be round," he chuckled.

Grimson also talks to cancer patients about his experience with chemotherapy.

"I try to provide some understanding of what others have gone through so they may know that what they feel is not unusual, that they are not alone and that there are survivors," he said.

Grimson and his wife, Linda, who is part-time church secretary at St. Thomas, are gearing up for a busy year.

Their daughter, Debora, is getting married in September and their son, Bob, is also tying the knot next February.

When Grimson is not fishing or restoring his 1961 Triumph sports car which he purchased before his retirement, he is busy playing "house husband" at home.

"Since my wife stayed home for 22 years while the children were at home and did all the volunteer things, it is now her time to be out of the house...Since I love to cook, I do most of the meals but I leave the baking to my wife."

Grimson is also a wine maker and has created a cold room in his basement for storing more than 300 bottles.

"I might even manage someday to fill all the bins," he said.