

Clergy Comment

by Art Tribe
 Christmas is over; a New Year is upon us and we will settle down to our own individual routines that we carve out of the stuff of life for ourselves.
 The Churches that were packed on Christmas Eve will once again indicate by empty pews that masses of people have made their annual symbolic pilgrimage to the Manger in Bethlehem, and these same people will now get back to what they feel is important in life. Many things cry out and demand our attention in life. Someone has called it "the tyranny of the urgent." But someone else warns, "Don't let the urgent take the place of the important in your life."

What is important to you? What do you consider the top priorities in your life? They are big questions and you may need time to really think them over.
 In his first letter to the Church at Thessalonica, Paul tells us to be Scriptural when he says: "We had the boldness in our God to speak to you the Gospel of God amid much opposition." When your spirit is flavored with the words of the Lord, your priorities will amazingly change. The Letter to the Hebrews says "The Word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and

attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of Him to whom we must give account". In other words, don't be phony—be honest. You can't "con" God! Why not learn of Him by reading His Word!
 The Church of Jesus Christ is challenged by the world to be relevant and honest and the Church is made up of individual Christians. George MacLeod preached that "The cross of Jesus Christ must be raised in the centre of the market place. Jesus was not crucified in a Cathedral on an altar between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves, on a town garbage heap, at a crossroad of politics so cosmopolitan that they had to write His title in Hebrew and Latin and Greek. And at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. "You see, God was in His world, involved with His people and He still is and always will be."

Christians are also challenged to be involved. Webster's dictionary states that being involved means: "to draw in as a participant, to relate closely, to connect, to include." The Greek word "Koinonia" gives us some insight into being involved. The root meaning of Koinonia is "common". In the early Church, they had "all

things in common"—they shared. Koinonia is expressions of authentic Christianity freely shared among members of God's Family. Someone has suggested that different Christian denominations are like a pack of porcupines on a frigid wintry night. The cold drives us closer together into a tight huddle to keep warm. As we begin to snuggle really close, our sharp quills cause us to jab and prick each other—a condition which forces us apart. We cannot deny it, we need each other, yet we need each other! How can we break ye olde Porcupine syndrome? By being authentic and showing true fellowship.

Many of us are saddened to hear that the Elders of one denominational Church in Acton have refused to participate in a pulpit exchange on January 23 which will begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The significance of the Biblical word "Koinonia" is that Koinonia is never something done alone. In other words, God's desire for His people is that we be personally and deeply involved in each other's lives.
 It is not His will that we start looking for touch-me-not automations covered over with a thin layer of shiny chrome. Our superficial "How ya doin?" and "Peace brother and sister" won't cut it. There was none of this lack of involvement in that group of first-century Christians. There wasn't a Porcupine among them. Paul says in his letter to the Church at Rome, "Let love be without hypocrisy... be devoted to one another in brotherly love".
 What is important to you in life? Where does the authentic, loving, sharing Christian faith fit into your life?



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Water...

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 has been held up pending solving the sewer and water problems in Acton.
 There are still some hurdles to be cleared before it will be smooth sailing for growth here. How to service the new development must still be settled, as well as storm drainage concerns. Pomeroy noted it will be a big project to remove storm drainage water from the lands east of Churchhill.
 Storm water shouldn't be diverted to Fairy Lake, Pomeroy said, but must instead go to the Black Creek. This will present flow and geographical problems which engineers must solve before development goes ahead. Also engineers must map out servicing of new residential areas, where sewer and water lines as well as roads will go. They don't want new development servicing to impact financially on existing taxpayers either.

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 The fourth week each month an evening drop-in will be held, probably at the Acton Library, from 7 to 9 p.m. Councillors hope to have special guests and staff members from the region and Town at the once a month evening drop-ins.
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