

NEWS

St. John's United welcomes new 'perfect fit' minister

St. John's United Church of Georgetown and Glen Williams has a new minister who brings a range of talents that include blogging, teaching, music and an interest in social justice, all a perfect fit for the congregation.

Norman Hennig-Pereira brings 25 years of ministry experience, plus a degree in education, voice music studies, and experience as a youth leader and food bank volunteer.

"He was the unanimous choice of our search committee" says Susan Tupling, who runs the church's Food for Life community food sharing program. "When we went to hear him preach in his previous church, we felt right at home with his interpretation of the Bible, his use of technology in worship, and his sense of humour."

The search committee was comprised of members of the congregation with a variety of interests, backgrounds and ages including a teenager, parents and grandparents.

A native of Calgary, Hennig-Pereira stud-

ied at University of Calgary, Berkeley, Waterloo University, and Emmanuel College at University of Toronto. Previous ministry charges include in Mildmay, Ont., a church in Montreal, and at St. James United Church in Etobicoke.



NORM HENNIG-PEREIRA

He is the founder of several blogs including Lenten Block Party. He lives with his spouse Cliff, two daughters, two dogs, a cat and "far too many fish."

"From the first day at St. John's I felt very much at home" said Hennig-Pereira. "The warmth and care I experienced here has been amazing. I'm impressed with the quality of the music program, a blend of traditional and contemporary styles."

Renowned for its hospitality, community outreach and music tradition, St. John's motto is "Welcoming all with open doors, open hearts, and open minds." The church recently celebrated 175 years of worship and community service in Georgetown and Glen Williams.

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