

# New minister at Trinity plans to stay 'long time'

By Frances Niblock

Acton's Trinity United Church is not just a short-term posting for its new minister, the Reverend Hyuk Cho who delivered his first sermon two weeks ago. Cho said he and his family – wife Junghee Park, who is also a minister, and their two children – plan to stay for “a long time.”

Trinity had been without a permanent minister for at least five years, and Cho said he came to Acton to make long-term meaningful relationships and help Trinity grow to its potential.

Cho's last posting was near Tillsonburg in southwestern Ontario where he served the Brownsville and Delmer United Churches for eight years. He is also in the midst of studying for his theology doctorate at the University of Toronto.

Cho said he saw the posting for the position in Acton in the United church magazine and determined it would be perfect for his family – close enough to



Rev. Hyuk Cho

Toronto so he and his wife could continue their studies, but still enjoy rural town life and ministry with good schools for his children.

Cho said his immediate goals are to meet all of the members of the congregation and determine their needs and learn “what is at stake” in the church.

“They are looking for someone who will stay for something like 10 years. The congregation needs pastoral care and I hope

that we can offer many programs for children,” Cho said on Friday, adding that the dedicated Sunday School teacher is “almost burned out.”

Cho said his priorities are to get to know each and every church member to learn what they and church needs, and he hopes to develop the Sunday School program and develop a collective vision for the church.

Cho's first sermon dealt with building a welcoming community and how to build a church that they all can call home. Reflecting on the gospel in Mark, Cho said that they deserve to build their faith community together regardless of who they are, because God is interested in who we are becoming.

“Thus I am here to build a welcoming community with you. We are here humbly to work to build a welcoming home for all people...I know we can build this welcoming community because you have already welcomed our family into your midst.” Cho said.

# New vice-principal, teachers at Acton's St. Joseph School

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As the first full week of school unfolds at Acton's St. Joseph Catholic School principal Colin Simpson continues his meetings with all of the classes to welcome them and let them know what is expected of them.

Simpson said he began the new school year with a clear set of goals.

“I always know where I want to go with regards to the school's expectations and the students' academic performance. We look at the EQAO (Education Quality Accountability Office) results and how to move them ahead. Each year there are strategies I share with the staff to improve performance and strategies that they can utilize in the class to ensure that we are moving forward,” Simpson said on Friday. He added the focus on literacy and numeracy includes trying to determine how they can get boys to read more often.

With enrolment steady at 507, Simpson welcomed a new vice-principal, Claire Lanois, last week. Lanois

was a special education resource teacher in Milton before being promoted to VP. Former V.P, Margaret Warmels has moved to Holy Cross in Georgetown as principal.

New staff at St. Joseph include:

- Grade 4 teacher Caitlin Dick who takes over from Peter

**Main**

- Grade 6 teacher Amy Power who is a new hire,

- Grade 8 teacher Tricia Jansen who takes over from Marie

Huarte who has moved to a new school

- JK/SK and primary arts teacher Francine Lia-Calderwood who takes over for Joan McKay

Several teachers are filling occasional positions including Grade 7 teacher Rueben Rivers who will at St. Joseph's until March and

- Ria Whatman who is filling in until the end of the month for a teacher on short-term leave.

## POLICE BEAT

**Cash Inn...Cash Out**

Over the Labour Day weekend, the Cash Inn on Mill Street was broken into when a window was forced open. An undisclosed amount of money and business documents were taken from a drawer.

**Estate Clearance**

Overnight on September 11, three houses on Gordon's Creek, Bridlewood and Forest Ridge, all “estate” homes were broken into via the garages. Taken were mountain bikes, golf clubs and other miscellaneous items in excess of \$3,000. Also the same evening, two cars were broken into on the 6th Line. Cash and a stereo face plate were taken, adding \$200 to total losses.



# Join Us for a Nature Walk & Open House

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), in partnership with the Towns of Halton Hills and Erin, and the Region of Halton, has initiated a study of Black Creek's natural green spaces and water resources. Halton Hills has also undertaken a Fairy Lake Water Quality Study to investigate ways to protect Fairy Lake.

Join us for a nature walk and open house to learn more about these studies and how you can help develop a vision for a healthy environment.

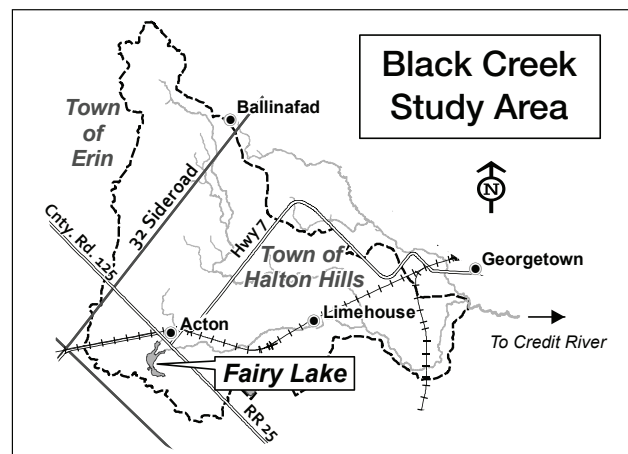
The nature walk will feature natural green spaces and the best ways you can help protect these areas.

**Tuesday, Sept. 29**  
The Royal Canadian Legion  
- Acton  
15 Wright Ave., Acton

**5:30-6:30 PM**  
Fairy Lake Nature Walk

**6:45-7:30 PM**  
Information Session

**7:30-8:30 PM**  
Drop in to see project displays and ask questions



Staff from Credit Valley Conservation, Town of Halton Hills and Halton Region will be present to answer questions on studies and initiatives in the Acton area.

Registration is required for the **nature walk**. Please contact: Wendy Edwards, CVC, 1-800-668-5557 ext. 310 [wedwards@creditvalleyca.ca](mailto:wedwards@creditvalleyca.ca) Please dress comfortably, wear running shoes and bring water. Register by Sept. 23rd, as space is limited.

For more info on the **Black Creek Subwatershed Study**: Julie Anne Lamberts, CVC, 1-800-668-5557 ext. 264 [www.creditvalleyca.ca/blackcreek](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/blackcreek)

For more info on the **Fairy Lake Water Quality Study**: Warren Harris, Town of Halton Hills, 905-873-2601 ext. 2274 [www.haltonhills.ca](http://www.haltonhills.ca)

