

Who is accountable to whom?

What are the key values on which accountability rests?

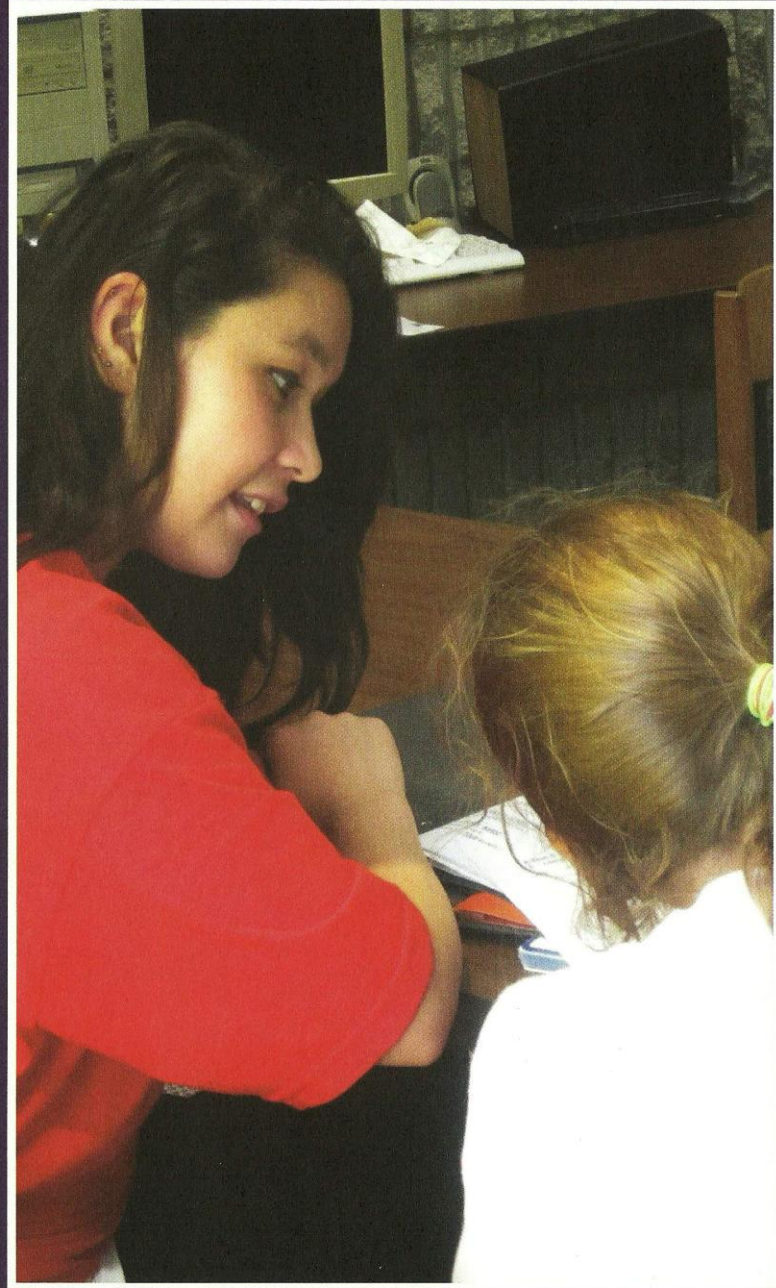
Ezekiel is clear that wrongdoers are accountable to God for their unjust practices against others. When it comes to sentinels, there is an additional demand. Sentinels cannot be "indifferent" or "silent" in the face of the evil done by those over whom they exercise leadership. At least not according to Ezekiel's understanding of God's expectations from sentinels.

As youth staff at the Flemingdon Gateway Mission get ready for a new year in the After School Program, high on the list of preparedness is the issue of accountability of leaders to the key values that drive the program. What does it mean to lead, knowing that this is much more than holding down a part-time job — that I am accountable to God for leading with a sense of accountability and justice, regardless of the different names by which I call God?

The beginning of the church school year provides us with opportunities to involve our youth in leadership development programs to equip them with skills for leading with justice and accountability! Who knows where God expects them to affect this leadership!

The Rev. Paulette Brown is Executive Director at Flemingdon Gateway Mission in Toronto, ON.

Photo: Flemingdon Gateway Mission



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 7, 2014 @ 11 am

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Please stand at items marked * if you are able.

Passages in **Bold Print** are to be spoken in Unison

Organ Prelude – Hymn and Quiet Reflection

Welcome & Announcements

Will Newton

Organist - Carol Wehrstedt Music Director- Kendall House

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Introit

* Entry of the Bible

Call to Worship

* Hymn: "Seek ye first" #625

Opening Prayer:

Holy and loving God of infinite power: Your love is wider than all the universe, your mercy greater than the heights of heaven, and your wisdom deeper than the depths of the sea. Creator of all, you became one of us in Jesus. Your Spirit is always present with us. So we worship you as the Creator, Christ, and Spirit: one God, now and always. And because we worship you honestly we confess to you our sin and the sin of this world. We know that Christ is among us as our peace and yet we are a people divided within and against ourselves. We cling to the values and patterns of a broken world and harbour anger and jealousy. The profit and pleasures that we pursue harm creation. Our jealousies set neighbour against neighbour and nation against nation. Have mercy upon us. Heal us, forgive us and set us free to serve you as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Children's Time

Special Music: "Unfailing Love" by Ken House

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Preparation

Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth thou hast for me. Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free. Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God, thy will to see: open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Bible Readings:

Romans 13: 8-14

P. 162

N.T.

Psalms 149

P. 583

O.T.

Matthew 18: 15-20

P. 20

N.T.

Gloria Patri:

594

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Sermon: "Together we stand"

* Hymn: "I am the church! You are the church!" #475

WE RESPOND TO GOD

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response 484

The church is wherever God's people are helping, caring for neighbours in sickness and need. The church is wherever God's people are sharing the words of the Bible in gift and in deed.

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God, we are gathered together to listen to your Word and to witness to its truths. We give joyously today and dedicate this offering to your work. We are inspired to share your glorious love with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Increase our talents and offerings so that your name is exalted with unending praise. Blessed is your name! Amen

Pastoral Prayer & Lord's Prayer (debtsdebtors)

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #321

Blessing

Response:

Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.
He has washed and made me white as snow.
I'm redeemed from all my sin and shame.
Now and forever, praise his holy name.
Praise his holy name. Praise his holy name.
To God be the glory now and forever.
Praise his holy name!

Prayer Concerns:

Marie Huffman (Roseview)
and her granddaughter, Bronwyn



The Presbytery Camp Committee wishes to thank all those who provided support to the summer camp program. Whether it was a gift of your time or talents or a gift of money or supplies, it all help the kids to experience an amazing week. Thank you!

Once again someone has been into the church and left office lights on, office door wide open and most disturbingly tried to use the computer. In using the computer, some items were compromised and may have done damage to the system. The computer is for church use only by those only who have training & permission to use it. PLEASE LEAVE THE OFFICE EQUIPMENT ALONE AND PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL DOORS ARE CLOSED & LOCKED WHEN LEAVING.



Upcoming More than Muffin sale

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28th
after service.



NOTICE

TO: All committees and user groups

RE: Preparation of the Annual Operating Budget (Operations Policy Directive BM#2)

To ensure the development and approval of the annual operating budget in a timely and effective manner, all committees and user groups must submit their request for operating budget funding requirements for the year 2015 to the Board of Managers no later than September 30, 2014.

Come and celebrate with us and make a difference in Sierra Leone!

CanSerra Organization (former Friends of Mabureh), is hosting its 5th annual African Dinner at the First Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 26, 2013, at 5:30 pm.

Tickets are \$25. Thanks for your support!



Thank you this week to:

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Janet Racey

Fellowship Time: Margaret Stein and Maybelle Gair

Elevator Operator: Doug Brown

Offering Counting: Kathleen, Richard and Cameron Noy

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Phoning/Visiting:

Next week's volunteers: Sept. 14th

Greeters: Betty Irwin and Betty Irving

Lay Reader: Leslie Shaw

Fellowship Time: Muriel MacDonald and Leila Pettigrew

Elevator Operator: Laird Morrison

Offering Counting: Ruth George, Betty Ann Burn, Beth Workman

Offering Collection: Russ Brown, Don Munn, Joyce Nystrom, Janet Taylor

Phoning/Visiting:

Grass Cutting:

Aug. 25 to Sept. 7 - Laird Morrison

Sept. 8 to Sept. 30 - Terry Casella

Upcoming Events at First

Mon., Sept. 8th - Cards afternoon - 1 pm

Wed., Sept. 10th - Session Meeting - 7 pm

Thurs., Sept. 11th - Choir Practice - 7 pm

Fri., Sept. 12th - Crafts & Conversation - 1 pm

Sun., Sept. 14th Communion Service

Wed., Sept 17th - Board of Managers - 6:30 pm



The October Tea is fast approaching. Pending approval from Session I would like it to be on October 18th. It will be a dessert tea from 1:30 to 3:30. Deb Broll is in charge of the Silent Auction, bring your prize finds to her.

Please plan your nice desserts. A Sign-up sheet will be posted the 1st of October in the greeting hall of the church. Thanks again to everyone's help in this fund raiser.

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