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KINGCREST INTERNATIONAL NEIGHBOURS



Upcoming events

Graduation

Thursday, June 20, 2019
6:00 pm

You are invited to come to the community dinner hosted by Peace Church on 52nd and to celebrate with our students the completion of their Spring Term.

Location: 659 East 52nd. Avenue

Peace Church on 52nd will be hosting the dinner.

Spring Term 2019

Registration

September 10 & 12 / 6:00—8:00 pm

English Classes

September 17 to November 21
Tuesdays & Thursdays
7:00 – 9:00 pm

Registration Fee..... \$80

Text Book..... \$40

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Thursday,
July 18

 **Annual**
CarWash and BBQ
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Place: Education Building
660 East 51st Ave Vancouver, BC.

Volunteer day at Camp Squeah

Kingcrest International Neighbours organized a field trip on May 11th, in order to volunteer for one day in different areas at Camp Squeah's facility in Hope, BC. The group attending was formed by some students and one teacher. They volunteered their time doing landscaping, wood cutting and cleanin

The volunteers set out at 8:00 AM from the school for a journey of approximately 2 hours through the scenic valley of BC. They arrived at 10:00 AM and received a warm welcome by personnel from Camp Squeah. Then they received some instruc-



tions.

The seven volunteers were divided into two groups: some were cleaning the railings and balconies, and sweeping; the other group set upon the task of cleaning the camp surroundings of dead leaves and pine cones.

They also helped with some power washing and wood splitting. It was a relaxed atmosphere with time to chat, socialize with other volunteers, and go for an outdoor walk around the beautiful summer camp. All the attendees received

their "reward" for their job. At noon Camp Squeah organized an outdoor lunch, serving BBQ, hotdogs, burgers, mixed salads and chips. And later on they also enjoyed ice cream sticks. Before long it was 4:30 pm and time to go back to Vancouver after a long and satisfying day. Camp Squeah is located in Hope, BC. It is a summer camp, outdoor education and retreat center. This is a ministry of Mennonite Church in British Columbia.

Article written with information provided by Terry de Silva.

Kingcrest once again celebrates Graduation with Peace Church on 52nd

On March 21st Kingcrest students celebrated the completion of their Winter Term along with Peace Church on 52nd for the second consecutive time. The church once again hosted a special dinner and our students brought some des-

serts to share with everyone present; some of them even baked some treats to celebrate this special occasion.

Peace Church on 52nd had a full house. The students came to the graduation accompanied by friends or

family, and church members congratulated the graduates and were delighted to share their tables with people from different countries. Together, they also celebrated everyone whose birthday was in March and sang happy birthday in Eng-

lish and Spanish.

Everyone was welcome to attend this event and enjoy a splendid evening characterized by good food and excellent company. The next graduation will be on Thursday, June 20 at 6:00 pm, same location as always.



Meet Karla Garcia, one of Kingcrest Students



Karla Garcia along with Terry De Silva during her class in level 3, in the Winter Term, 2018.

I am Karla Garcia from Mexico. I started to study at Kingcrest in February 2018. At that time I had been living in Vancouver for five months, and someone told me about Kingcrest in a women's group I attend. Some of them studied at Kingcrest and have very good comments about this school.

Since I began studying here I started to get more efficient tools to interact with more confidence in the Canadian community, mainly because of the language barrier. Before, I was taking classes in a community center but Kingcrest has a more formal learning process and you can track all what you learn. I started in level two and during the next courses I had different teachers, but there are two that are more significant

and important to me for the great effort they put into the lessons in order for us to learn, in addition to the dedication and professionalism with which they develop their classes. They are teacher Terry and Ms. Maxine.

During all of my time here, I have taken five courses. I decided to repeat this term level five because there isn't any other higher and there is a lot to learn and I need to keep learning. On the other hand, I like to be part of Kingcrest because I always find warm and friendly people, starting with Soraya and Roberto who are always willing to support and make a great effort to make the school work, and we feel comfortable and part of the community. Regarding my level of English, I must say that it has improved a lot since I started, although I know that I still have a long way to go. Finally, I want to say that I am very grateful to be in this place and with its people. I have made good friendships and that is the most valuable, so I have definitely recommended and will continue to recommend Kingcrest to as many I meet that can use this as a resource to learn English.

Grateful forever.

Karla G.

Hospitality: The Holy Practice of 'Stranger-Friending'

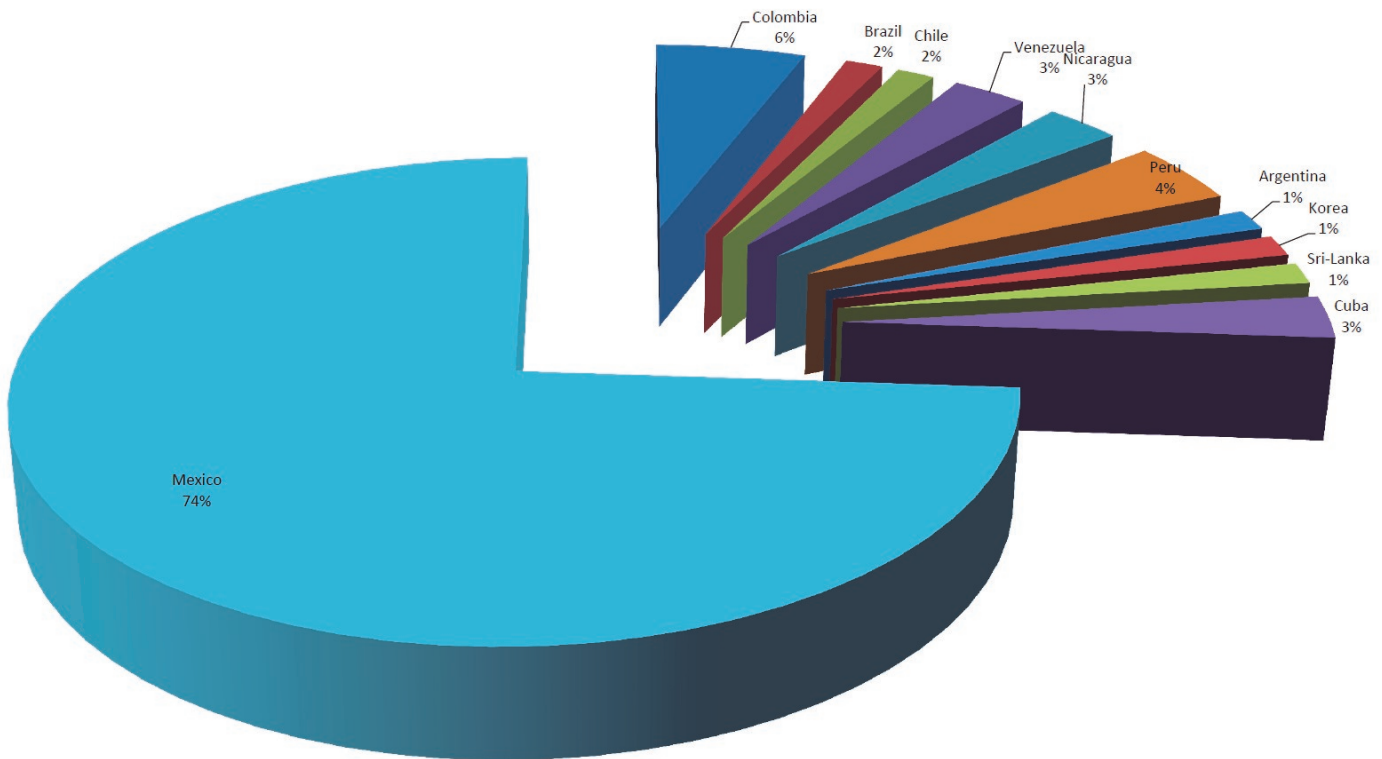
This year, Peace Church on 52nd is focusing on the theme of hospitality. While we often think of hospitality as a 'profession' – as in, working in restaurants and hotel management – this word actually has deep significance within Christianity. All through the Bible, we see stories of strangers being welcomed – Abraham and his three guests in Genesis 18, Ruth and Naomi being welcomed by Boaz, and Paul and other early Christian missionaries being welcomed into the homes of new believers. Jesus himself was dependant on the hospitality of others, and throughout his life he offered welcome to all who came to him. Furthermore, in his death, resurrection, and ascension, Jesus Christ has welcomed all of us into fellowship with the Triune God, inviting each of us to become part of the Lord's family.

In Greek (the language of the New Testament), the

word for hospitality is 'philoxenia', which means love of the stranger (philos = love, xenos = stranger or foreigner). In my sermons on hospitality, I encouraged our congregation to practice 'stranger-friending' – finding new opportunities to get to know the strangers all around us, and to welcome others as we ourselves have been welcomed by God. The work of Kingcrest involves the holy disciples of philoxenia – helping people go from strangers become neighbours, friends, and perhaps even brothers and sisters in the Lord. As we support the work of Kingcrest, may all of us continue to go deeper in our practices of hospitality, receiving and giving God's loving welcome to all those we meet.

Lydia Cruttwell, Co-Pastor of Peace Church on 52nd (formerly: First United Mennonite Church)

Immigration Categories, Spring 2019



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Kingcrest International Neighbours is a Christ-centered Organization that supports and empowers immigrants, refugees, temporary workers and visitors through English Language Learning (ELL) and community-building. All are welcome to come, learn and be loved.

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