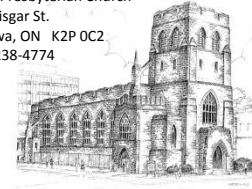




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So, what does one do AFTER an induction?

It's a question many people asked me on Sunday, a question I really didn't have an answer to! In many ways, it was business as usual. After all, you've been putting up with me for a few months already now. Yet, things did change. The relationship is different. As the Rev. Kelly Graham said from the pulpit, there is this unique bond, a covenant relationship, not unlike marriage. The induction service was both the end of one stage of our separate journeys and the beginning of a new stage, shared together.

For me, it marked the end of a process that started back in early 2010, when I realised God had new plans for me. For Knox, it was the end of twenty-six months of vacancy. The journey since then has seen a variety of obstacles and challenges, all of which were met and overcome, culminating in the hosting of Presbytery for the service on Sunday afternoon.

It has been a strange year (and two weeks) since I stepped off that plane at Ottawa Airport, back in October 2010, and first set foot on Canadian soil. I knew God was calling me to a new ministry, but in these matters, I've always chosen to look just at the step immediately ahead, not what lies beyond that. Indeed, I had no sooner flown back to the UK than I was off again on my travels, this time to the Falkland Islands, where I spent the weeks around and including Remembrance with the Scottish and Ulster Gunners, the 105th Regiment of Royal Artillery, and returned with some fairly impressive foot blisters from our weighted route march in ninety mile an hour winds.

New Year brought new challenges, it also brought the scary realisation that this "Ottawa Thing" might actually be happening! As spring approached the timetable of interviews and preaching became clearer, all that was left was to inform the children and the rest, as they say is history.

Here we are, then, at the start of this road ahead. We should be in no doubt, there are obstacles still to overcome, bumps in the road ahead, both unforeseen and those we are already anticipating, but as part of the vows we all took on Sunday afternoon, we reaffirmed our faith in our God, in whose footsteps we make all our journeying.

So, may God's every blessing be upon us all on the journey we make together.



One of the many still active minefields, Falkland Islands, 2010. This seems a fitting metaphor for the Call Process!

David

Ernie Cox and singers will hold a benefit for Out of the Cold called "Gospel Christmas".
December 11 at 3pm in the Sanctuary.
Tickets will cost \$10.
\$5 for children.

We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on Sunday the 27th of November at 1100.

As always, Knox Connections is about keeping you, the Knox Family, up to date with all that goes on in your church.

ORGAN MUSIC by REQUEST
Knox Church
Friday November 18, 2011 7:30 pm
Free Admission
<http://www.rcco-ottawa.ca/>

Centre 120 and the Centretown Foodbank.
The colder mornings remind us to keep these in our prayers.

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