

An Offering of Love

MCBC Women's Ministry Worship Team

Cheryl Heinrichs, Elly Federau, Carla Hordyk and Dorothy Friesen

Expressing our gratitude to a "Worship Team" that is willing, available and ready to serve our MCBC women and MCBC Women's Ministry is not an easy thing!

In the spring of 2011 as the Retreat Planning Committee was finishing up with all the little details for the fall retreat, one big piece was still missing.... who would lead the worship singing at the retreat?

After contacting a few congregations and having been declined we were still waiting for one more response from **Living Hope Christian Fellowship** in Surrey, BC and God be praised, they accepted our invitation. Four lovely women joined us for the retreat weekend. They came with joyful hearts, prepared to serve the Lord with their voices, instruments and inspired readings to go with their songs and our weekend theme.

On Sunday morning, as the retreat was coming to a close, having had many positive comments about the wonderful Worship Team during the weekend, I lightheartedly asked Cheryl if she and her team would consider becoming the 'official' Retreat Worship Team ---- to my surprise and without any hesitation she said **YES!**

Since then they led the Worship Time for the 60th Anniversary of Mennonite Women Canada in July of 2012 in Richmond, BC and have also taken on the annual Inspirational Day.

I think that we can now call them our '**official**' Women's Ministry Worship Team! Thank you, ladies!



In asking the team for an interview for our spring "Connections" issue, these are some of the comments from the group.....

Cheryl writes... *"We all deeply love the Lord and see our different roles in church ministry as physical acts of service to God as our response to His love for us. We desire to be a blessing to our church family and we believe that out of thanks to God we are to use our gifts to serve where we have been called to serve."*

Elly writes... *"As the Worship Team, our job is to create an environment for people, using the vehicle of music, to meet with God. Our job is to help people worship."*

Carla writes... *"I believe I can say with confidence that "less of me/us and more of you Lord" is the attitude of our team. We desire for Him to use us in a way so that others can worship Him in spirit and truth and be able to express their thankfulness and love for Him in an environment that is conducive to this...and it is a lot of fun to be together with a large group of women, singing praises to our amazing heavenly Father!!"*

The full interview with a few more pictures will be posted on our Mennonite Women Canada blog

<http://mennowomencanada.blogspot.ca>

Gratefully submitted by
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Photo taken at the Inspirational Day on May 4th, 2013 at Eben-Ezer Mennonite Church in Abbotsford, BC
From left to right: ***Carla Hordyk*** on the keyboard, ***Cheryl Heinrichs*** sitting on the Cajon & Team Leader
Dorothy Friesen – vocals and ***Elly Federau*** with her guitar.
Obviously they all sing!