

BAYSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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The year 1972 was most eventful in the life of Bayside Presbyterian Church School. This was a year of renewal of interest and a rededication by the staff.

For approximately three years the Church School had experienced a decline in attendance. It had become difficult to maintain a full staff. A general concern was felt by the Session in this important phase of our work for God.

In June the Session was fortunate in obtaining the services of Rev. Robert Park as Assistant Minister. As he took his place in the work of Bayside, the Session authorized him to direct his efforts toward a renewal of interest and a rededication of the congregation in the important work of the Church School.

Missions and goals were defined and established, a reorganization of the staff was undertaken, and efforts were made at all levels to establish an atmosphere of pleasant association while learning about the Good News of Jesus Christ. Each class period was started with singing. The position of Assistant Division Chairman for Music was established. Grades 7 through 12 met together for no more than 10 minutes while the Elementary Division formed two groups for this new activity.

The teaching staff was established on the basis of Lead Teacher, First Assistant and Second Assistant, with duties defined for each. In addition to the Division Chairman for each of the four divisions--Adult, Youth, Elementary and Pre-School--positions were established as Assistant Division Chairman for training. We were fortunate in securing personnel with special training skills to take these positions. Sufficient numbers

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of Assistants for Training were available so that each had the responsibility of guiding no more than two teachers. No Assistant for Training was used in the Adult Division. A schedule of regular meetings was set up at the Division level and Church School Council level to evaluate progress and make plans for further improvement. At year's end we were gratified that we were reaching more of our young people with the message of Jesus Christ.

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