

History of Legacy Discussion Group

Silver Spire United Church
366 St. Paul Street St. St Catharines

District 12 Niagara North

Group # 000115887

On October 12 1970 five members of AA got together in the home of Gerry M. and had their first closed Step discussion meeting. Shortly thereafter the unnamed infant group found a meeting location at St. Thomas Anglican Church and met there until October 1971 on Monday nights. The Group then approved the name "Legacy Discussion Group" on a suggestion by the daughter of a member of the Thorold Group.

Around this time the Legacy Group moved to Christ Anglican Church on Lisgar Street at St. Paul Crescent thus becoming the second Group in Western Hill together with St Anne's Group meeting on Friday nights.

Meetings were held at Christ Anglican Church on Thursday nights at 8.30 PM and membership grew existentially. The Legacy group was a Step and Tradition Discussion meeting then and has retained this format to this day, emphasising the Solution in a literature based meeting. If members wish to celebrate their AA anniversaries we have an Open Speaker Meeting on the last Thursday of the month.

As time progressed there were two "smoking tables" held in the auditorium and a "non-smoking table" was soon added at the entrance. Some members who frequented this table, formed the "Port Dalhousie Non-Smoking Group" .(Now called "Port Dalhousie Closed Discussion Group) at St John's Anglican Church in Port Dalhousie on Monday nights and still meets there to this day with the same format as the Legacy Group

In the beginning of 2005 the Anglican Church began amalgamating parishes and sadly Christ Anglican Church was sold in the June of that year. The new owners quadrupled the rent and left us with no choice but to search for an alternative location.

Two of our long-serving members, Jack D and Joe T made an agreement with St. Paul United Church on St Paul Street and we found our new home. Soon thereafter we changed to an 8PM meeting time. The Church was renamed the Silver Spire United Church some years ago and the Legacy Group has maintained a great relationship with the church community ever since we have been located there.

Come visit us any Thursday evening and if there are too many at the main table we break into two rooms where everyone gets a chance to share on the Step and Tradition of the week OR Step 1 or Step 2 or Step 3

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