

Fr. Charles Summer travel blog 2010

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Hi Everyone,

As some of you know, but others not, I am in Comox, BC visiting our CLC group *Emmaus*. They have been a community for at least 25 years (some of couples go as far back as 35 years). And they want to celebrate this and see where they are being called further.

Had an uneventful flight to Vancouver from Winnipeg on a early flight. And had a good 2 hours in Vancouver Airport, working on email and preparing for this weekend's session. Sue and Ralph are kind hosts - they've been at this community building for a long time. Still lots of energy in them.... Had to take a good siesta this afternoon, with my early rise this morning.

We had supper with another of the "elders couples". And then we had a 2 1/2 hour session this evening with most of members - 8 here tonight After our usual Part I of meeting - hymn, prayer, Scripture (Philippians 3: 7 f) and faith sharing, we began part II of meeting with the question: 1) What image describes best for you your present 2010 relationship with Emmaus community? Then 2) What interior movement does this evoke in you? We had 2 rounds of sharing on this. Then 3) What difference has your faith made in all these experiences of community?

the sharing was very free and flowed well. And there was a depth of appreciation of how significant this community has been in the lives of both the first members and the members who have been integrated over the years.....

We finished with our evaluation and appropriation of the evening. It seemed to be a good beginning for the weekend. They have a beautiful icon of the *Emmaus* scene and we ended with the Our Father around this icon.....

The weather is cooler here than in Winnipeg! But the hospitality of the community is as warm. Good to be here with these faith-filled people.

Peace to you all.... If you don't want to receive these reports of my "summer scenes", don't hesitate to let me know. And feel free to share with other friends who might be interested in what I'm doing this summer....

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