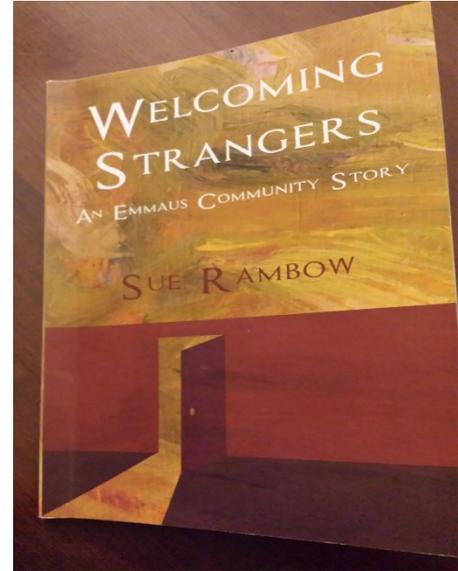


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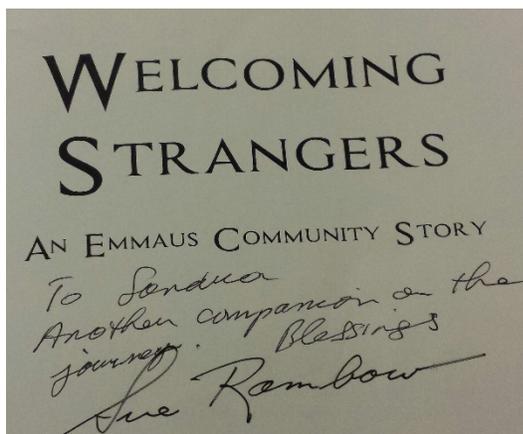
a book review

Welcoming Strangers: An Emmaus Community Story was written by Sue Rambow. The book is an inspiring, interesting, and easy read, comprised of a little under one hundred pages. Sue belongs to the first CLC established in the Rocky Region, and her book is a story of many dedicated, loving, personal and communal responses to more than a generation of mission in the area of social justice. Sue tracks this call through its many stages of development, from personal awareness through concrete actions carried out as a young woman and later as a married couple, wife, mother, and grandmother, who became increasingly aware of the many social and economic injustices within society and felt the deep call to act on behalf of the poor and oppressed.



In the earlier years, we travel with Sue and her husband on several adventures around the globe, as she shares the impact that these formative experiences had on their life-changing choices...guiding and sustaining them. Then, we are introduced to expanded ministry within the context of her British Columbian, Comox Valley CLC, to which she has belonged for over a generation: a community deeply involved with refugee sponsorship over the years, and well aware of the importance of collaboration and networking in mission matters.

In *Welcoming Strangers*, Sue describes the uniqueness of her Emmaus community, which not only gathers frequently, but actually lives together as a covenant community sharing the personal gift each member brings, economic property, struggles, hopes, dreams and joys that are all part of being on mission with Jesus in loving service. She also supports, through lived experience, the importance and absolute necessity of community when it comes to building God's kingdom of love.



This amazing story of mission puts real flesh on our National membership, which is spread from coast to coast, giving CLC readers a true sense of connectedness! As I savoured each page, I felt inspiration and nourishment flowing through the Rocky Mountains, across the Prairies and Central Canada, and deep into the heart of our Atlantic Region! Amazing and timely grace!

Some of my favourite quotes from Sue's book include the following:

- "Being politically aware is a necessary component of working to break unjust fetters." (p.57)
- "One of the most significant gifts we received from the spiritual exercises was the use of the Ignatian Discernment Process for making major community decisions." (p.49)
- "The wellspring of grace for our journey continues to be our commitment to regular shared prayer." (p.44)

Could ***Welcoming Strangers*** be one of the many **voices that challenge**. You decide...but first you have to read the book!

Note: For those interested in ordering a book it is \$10 and \$4 shipping . Contact email is Rambow.susan@gmail.com. Cheques can be made out to Sue Rambow and sent to: 1225 England Ave., Courtenay BC, V9N 2P1.

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