The Northwood Story

January 1953 Fleetwood Memorial United Church opens its doors.

Christmas Eve 1960 North Surrey United Church opens its doors.

Food Bank 1982 North Surrey United Church starts up what has since evolved into the Surrey Food Bank.

May 1993 Fleetwood invites nearly all the United Churches in the Surrey/Delta area to a special meeting to discuss whether any of those churches might be interested in a joint venture.

September 1993 Both North Surrey and Fleetwood churches are struggling to maintain their aging buildings. Also, both churches have strong social consciences and have always made outreach to the wider community a major priority. The growth patterns in Surrey indicate that neither church will be able to meet the needs of the community effectively.

October 1993 Fleetwood and North Surrey United agree to enter into negotiations for

 the purpose of amalgamation.

February 6 1994 Fleetwood congregation, at a very well attended meeting, unanimously approve a motion to amalgamate with North Surrey United Church.

February 20 1994 North Surrey congregation, at a well-attended meeting, unanimously pass a motion to amalgamate with Fleetwood Memorial United Church.

March 1994 Presbytery approves the motion and timing for amalgamation.

June 26 1994 Fleetwood and North Surrey congregations become united under the new name Northwood United Church and hold their worship and meetings in the North Surrey building until property can be purchased and a new church facility built. The plan is to use the funds from the sale of the North Surrey and Fleetwood properties to facilitate the purchase of the new property and church building.

May 1996 Northwood purchases three (3) acres of property on the north-west corner of 156th Street and 88th Avenue. The property meets all of Presbytery’s criteria such as a highly visible and accessible location with plenty of room for expansion. The project receives whole hearted endorsement and financial support from B.C. Conference and the National Church.

January 1997 Northwood embraces the challenges of constructing a new church by raising new funds through a capital campaign.

June 1998 Northwood United Church building dedicated.

***The hard work, commitment and remarkable faith of both founding congregations have set us on the road to embracing our community with God’s love into the new century.***