

## Occupy Nanaimo & GUC – October 2011.

### *Seeing Hope*



*Photo by Albert Reed*

One of our church members who is involved in the Occupy Nanaimo Movement reported,

*"I cannot even begin to tell you how totally proud I felt of our church as we are the first 'institution' to step up to the plate and take a public stand in support of these amazing young people and this very hopeful movement toward a more just and caring society. When I presented the sign to them, they all looked so frozen and tired; but to see their faces light up with gratitude and hope and relief that there are people out there, a church out there (!), that wants to stand with them - it was one of the happiest moments of my life!!! I told them about the [Moderator's statement](#) regarding the hope in the occupy movement (much cheering!)...and I also told them that the World Council of Churches has also come out in support of the movement toward a more just society (more cheering!). To say they were incredulous with relief and joy that these major church bodies recognize their sacrifices, their courage and their vision would be an understatement.*

*I asked them where they wanted to put the sign, thinking they might like it back near the administration tent. But no! They wanted it right at the front of the Diana Krall Plaza near the big spotlights! So that's where it went!"*