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THE VIEW FROM ABOVE

IN THE PARISH OF RICHMOND, prayer is taken seriously — so much so that a generous parishioner hired a drone to capture their efforts during the annual Thy Kingdom Come Global Wave of Prayer initiative held between Ascension and Pentecost. Members of the parish gathered at Holy Trinity in Hartland to surround their church with prayer on June 3. See the story of the rural Parish of Richmond, part II of the Rural Parishes series, on page 16.

Bishop's Court as a shelter 'a minor miracle'

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

For five months last winter, Bishop's Court, the former residence of the Bishop of Fredericton, was used for a very different purpose — an emergency Out of the Cold shelter.

It came about when Bishop David Edwards offered the house, since it was empty.

Joan Kingston was thrilled. She is the nurse co-manager at the Fredericton Downtown Community Health Centre, represents the University of New Brunswick Faculty of Nurs-

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General Synod in Vancouver: highlights and decisions

The following are excerpts taken from coverage of General Synod by the Anglican Journal.

More than 350 Anglicans from across Canada — delegates, partners, invited guests, displayers, volunteers and observers — gathered July 10-16 in Vancouver for the 42nd General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Delegates considered resolutions affecting the whole church.

Delegates from the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton were our youth delegate Eric Beek, Peter Irish, Gil Carter, Richard Walsh, the Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall, the Rev. Gerry Laskey, the Rev. Bob LeBlanc, and Bishop David Edwards.

This all-male roster came about because there were no women in the running as potential delegates at the 2017 Diocesan Synod.

General Synod is the highest governing body in the church. Although the Anglican Church of Canada is a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion, it has final authority over its own affairs. It can pass, alter and strike down its own laws — or, in church parlance, canons.

The General Synod meets every three years, unless otherwise determined by Council of General Synod (CoGS), provided such meetings are not more than five years apart.

General Synod is composed of clergy and lay delegates — who are elected at the diocesan synods of every diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada — and the church's bishops.

These delegates are divided into three orders: the Order of Laity, the Order of Clergy and the Order of Bishops. The Order of Bishops includes the primate; provincial metropolitans; diocesan bishops; coadjutor and suffragan bishops; assistant bishops who have been designated by the synod/executive of their dioceses and who exercise episcopal duties within those dioceses; the

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON GENERAL SYNOD DELEGATES, from left: Gil Carter, Gerry Laskey, Bob LeBlanc, Peter Irish, Eric Beek, Geoffrey Hall, David Edwards and Richard Walsh.

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS

Temporary shelter deemed a success

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ing, and is involved with the Community Action Group on Homelessness.

After a few last minute hurdles, it opened as a 20-bed shelter in early December, and closed at the end of April. It opened each evening at 8 p.m., closing each morning at 7:30 a.m. We asked Joan for her take on the role of the house and how it affected homelessness in Fredericton.

"I think a lot of the success — and I think it was a success — had to do with the house itself," she said. "It was warm and inviting, such a good vibe. People felt safe here. It was a complete success."

If not Bishop's Court, what would people have done?

"If you remember, November was very harsh, and people started to get worried," she said. "This place came together, as a shelter with funding, in five days. It was a minor miracle!"

One of the factors that contributed dramatically was the willingness of over 300 volunteers to support the staff in running the house — helping with intake, kitchen, bed assignments and cleaning, not to mention the overnight shifts.

"Many people volunteered many times," she said, adding that when the call went out for both volunteers and supplies, needs were quickly met.

Joan believes another reason for the shelter's success was a shift in attitude.

"I think people felt like we can't allow people to freeze to death outside. It's not acceptable — morally or socially," she said. "And they were willing to do something about it."

The house was full to capacity nearly every night of the winter. Pets were allowed in the basement, and several cats and one dog were given shelter with their owners.

The guests' gender breakdown was 70 per cent male and 30 per cent female. The house provided shelter to 90 different individuals over the five months.

One of the highlights of the winter was celebrating the birthdays of guests.

"Some of them haven't had a celebration in who knows how long," she said, adding they would have a cake or a card and sing Happy Birthday, something that added significantly to the ambiance and warmth.

A poignant memory for Joan was several times seeing someone give up their space for



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

JOAN KINGSTON, SEEN HERE AT BISHOP'S COURT, is thankful for the hundreds of volunteers, many of whom were Anglicans, who helped Bishop's Court operate as an emergency shelter last winter.

"If you remember, November was very harsh, and people started to get worried. This place came together, as a shelter with funding, in five days. It was a minor miracle!"

another who had greater needs. "It's pretty awesome, really," she said. "That's a person who's given everything they can to someone else."

Despite some fears in the neighbourhood, there was very little in the way of trouble at the house. An ambulance was called twice — for a seizure and gall bladder attack. Police were called a few times when someone was at risk of harming themselves or others, but it was done in a low-key manner.

"They came to be with us as a presence. No one was ever barred. It was just someone having a bad night," she said.

Joan is grateful for the willingness of the Diocese and parishioners to share the building — and more — with those in great need.

"My observation over the winter is the congregations want to do good work. They want to help in the community. They provided this house and a lot of volunteers. Talk about your

brother's keeper!"

This coming winter, Bishop's Court will not be used as a shelter, as the Brunswick Street neighbourhood is not zoned for such use.

"I'm not sure what will happen," said Joan. "It's more important that we house people in their actual own homes. That's what we want to emphasize."

That is difficult because Fredericton has a notoriously low apartment vacancy rate and notoriously high rental rates.

Bishop David is also concerned with the housing situation in the city.

"We still face the problem of what will happen next winter, because it's clear that Bishop's Court will not be able to be used due to zoning limitations," he said.

"As followers of Jesus, it's important that we take his concerns seriously. He privileged the least and the lost. Part of the role of the Diocese of Fredericton is to provide the ministry of Jesus to people in need."

NOTE REGARDING DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

November 2 in Fredericton

All non-procedural motions that are to go before the Synod are required to be vetted for clarity, cogency, lawfulness and so on by the Resolutions Committee.

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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

God's gift of community

This article further draws upon the final idea I have been reflecting upon from Brian Zahnd's book, *Water to Wine*, "community."

There is a sense in which this is the most important matter addressed by Zahnd.

As I write, I am on vacation in the UK. During this period I will bury Janet's ashes in the graveyard of her home village, Little Waldingfield in Suffolk.

As the days have gone by, I have been caused to think again about the events of last fall.

During my stay, I have visited Janet's younger brother, Paul, and his family. They were able to be in Saint John during Janet's final days. Paul would say that on a good day he is an agnostic, unsure about the existence of God.

During his time in New Brunswick, one thing made an impact upon him more than anything else — the community which gathered around Janet and me.

In fact, a few days ago, he said to me that were he 20 years younger, he would consider moving to our province.

It was not solely the people



who came to the hospital who impressed him, though it was they who at times had chances to speak about Jesus to him.

It was also the food that arrived at the house and a visit a couple of days after Janet died, to Charlotte County.

Everywhere we stopped, people who knew Janet and me came up to us to express care and concern. I am not sure that we always appreciate the riches that we have and their potential for the Kingdom of God.

Paul was impressed by the community of the Church and others gathering around and

their care. It is inevitable that such a thing would be impressive.

As I have said many times we are made in the image of community, God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is not just a random collection of beings drawn together. It is one being in three persons held together in love, through love and by love.

The result is that when we see, initiate or participate in acts of love in our lives, we are drawn towards God and we see God.

During the past months, particularly during my pilgrimage, I have been drawn towards Colossians 1: 15, which says Jesus is the image of the invisible God.

This links in my mind to the Church being the body of Christ. Christ reflects God into the world; that image should be picked up by the Church and reflected there too.

In general the Church has become lost when it has been trying to be community in our society. One way is that we tend to see church as a place where we go to say our prayers and then leave again.

Another is if we do begin to

understand the community elements of our faith, we often turn them inwards for the benefit of ourselves.

Thirdly, we can be so outward-focused that we forget why we are present to those who need our love. We are not merely a social work agency; we are to be agents of the Kingdom of God.

As we move into a new Church year, let's consider the importance of communities of the Kingdom in our civil communities. The love of God — Father, Son and Holy Spirit — draws people like my brother-in-law, Paul, not necessarily as church attenders, but towards an appreciation of the fullness there is in God.

David

David Edwards is
Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

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JACKSON FALLS,
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GATHERING

SEPTEMBER 8
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NEW MINISTRY -
THE REV. DR. SEAN
DAVIDSON,
WATERFORD & ST.
MARK

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CENTRAL SAINT
JOHN COMMUNITY
MINISTRY;
PARISH OF
PENNFIELD

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CONFERENCE

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KING'S COLLEGE
CHAPEL

SEPTEMBER 29
PARISH OF SAINT
STEPHEN

OCTOBER 6
PARISH OF
MADAWASKA

OCTOBER 12-20
COMPLETION OF
PILGRIMAGE -
KINGSTON AND THE
KENNEBECASIS



Mike Briggs

Yes, I know this is a Stewardship column, but for this month I will focus on a specific aspect of talent and time, not so much on treasure.

At this time last year I wrote an appreciation for all the work the Rev. Chris Hayes and his family had contributed to Diocesan Choir School when he announced he was stepping down.

He obviously had big shoes to fill, because by the time Choir School rolled around again this year, he was still in charge.

At the Saturday evening dinner, after all the medallions had been given out, Chris had one final announcement to make.

His successor is the Rev. Paul

Rideout, who is the rector of St. Paul's, Rothesay.

Chris gave us a last hurrah, playing tenor sax on Sunday at our evensong service. He will be very much missed.

Paul came to Rothesay in September 2017 to take up his appointment as rector. He has a great musical background, first becoming a church organist at 13 years old.

He spent several years as a choral scholar and organ student at the Anglican Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in St. John's, NL, under the direction of David Drinkell, who is now the organist at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton.

He brings a great love of music, as well as his choral skills, and I am sure that Choir School will benefit from his talents and time.

All this demonstrates that Paul is using his talents and time



MCKNIGHT FILE PHOTO

THE REV. PAUL RIDEOUT is the new administrator of Diocesan Choir School.

in service of God — not just by being an ordained minister, but also by leading the very talented team of volunteers who make

Choir School happen each year.

This was year 62, and we should have many more to come as we see the counsellors in training move forward to becoming counsellors, and counsellors move forward to becoming head counsellors.

We have new volunteers who have taken up positions in the running of Choir School. We have a new treasurer, registrar, fundraiser and adult liaison.

All of this is an illustration of people using their talents and time for furthering the work of the Church. Every service is a celebration of God's generosity to us, and by singing his praises, we are reinforcing this.

Thank you Chris. We will miss you — but not your puns!

Michael Briggs is the diocesan stewardship officer. He lives and worships in Moncton.

Diocesan Choir School update



GENERAL SYNOD

Highlights from General Synod

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Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Forces; and the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop.

INDIGENOUS SELF-DETERMINATION

In an historic vote July 12, General Synod decided almost unanimously to approve changes to Canon XXII that enable a self-determining Indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada, and to bestow the title of Archbishop upon National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald, a position which now ranks among the metropolitans.

The vote was the culmination of a morning of presentations by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) and the Vision Keepers, the council of Indigenous elders and youth established at General Synod in 2016 to monitor how the church would honour its commitment to adopt the framework of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The resolution passed by General Synod will allow the National Indigenous Ministry to make changes to matters specified in Canon XXII without requiring General Synod to amend the canon, putting matters such as the composition of ACIP, the composition of Sacred Circle and the ability of ACIP to create and change a constitution in the hands of Indigenous ministries.

The resolution specifies that the primate would always be an invited guest at Sacred Circle, with voice but no vote.

Because the resolution will change the church canon, it required a vote in the orders of the bishops, clergy and laity, requiring a two-thirds majority in each to pass. But because it does not constitute an issue of doctrine, it does not require a second reading.

The vote passed nearly unanimously, with 98.2% of laity (108 votes), 98.8% of clergy (82 votes) and 100% of bishops (39 votes) voting “yes” to amending the canon.

Immediately after the results of the votes were announced — and a standing

ovation from members of General Synod had subsided — primate of the Anglican Church of Canada Archbishop Fred Hiltz called all Indigenous members and partners of General Synod to the stage to witness MacDonald being installed as an Archbishop.

“There is a custom... that those who are called to the office of an archbishop bear what is known as a metropolitical cross,” said Hiltz. “So Mark, I now call you ‘Your Grace.’”

Hiltz, who was overcome with emotion, paused in his speech to embrace MacDonald before presenting him with the metropolitical cross, which was decorated by Saskia Rowley, graphic designer at the national office of the General Synod, with input from Indigenous Ministries Coordinator Canon Ginny Doctor.

“So you see on the cross there the four colours for the four peoples of the world. You’ll see she’s drawn the colour blue in the middle, blue of course being the colour of hope for the Indigenous peoples,” explained Hiltz.

There is also an eagle feather hung from the cross, “reminding us of the great text that is so dear to Indigenous peoples, the text from Isaiah: ‘Those who wait for the Lord renew their strength; they mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.’”

The process of becoming a self-determining Indigenous church has been a 25-year journey.

MARRIAGE CANON CHANGE FAILS TO PASS

The Anglican Church of Canada will maintain its traditional definition of marriage after a vote to amend the marriage canon failed to pass at General Synod 2019.

The 42nd General Synod voted against Resolution A052-R2, which would have amended the marriage canon to allow for same-sex marriage, after the resolution failed to pass by a two-thirds majority in all three orders.

While two-thirds of the Order of Laity (80.9%) and Order of Clergy (73.2%) voted in



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PRIMATE FRED HILTZ PRESENTS National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald, made an archbishop at General Synod, with a metropolitical cross.

favour, less than the required two-thirds (62.2%) voted in favour of the resolution in the Order of Bishops. Three bishops were ill and could not attend.

In the Order of Bishops, 23 members (62.2%) voted Yes and 14 members (37.8%) voted No, with two abstentions.

The vote, which came after a years-long divisive debate, left many members of synod in tears.

Resolution A052-R2 to amend the marriage canon, as put forward at General Synod 2019, served as the second reading for the amendment following a first reading at General Synod 2016. The resolution declared that Canon XXI, On Marriage in the Church, “applies to all persons who are duly qualified by civil law to enter into marriage.” It would have changed the wording of the canon to replace all references to “man and woman” and “husband and wife” with “the parties to the marriage.”

The amended marriage canon, based on the resolution, would also have stated that “a minister may only solemnize a marriage between persons of the same sex if authorized by the diocesan bishop.”

The House of Bishops met many times over the next few days to try to find a way forward. They released a statement later on during General Synod, which can be read on page 5.

NEW PRIMATE

Linda Nicholls, bishop of the

diocese of Huron, was elected 14th primate of the Anglican Church of Canada on July 13, becoming the first woman in the history of the church to hold the position.

“You have bestowed on me an honour that I can hardly imagine, and it is terrifying. But it is also a gift, to be able to walk with the whole of the Anglican Church of Canada from coast to coast to coast,” Nicholls said in a brief impromptu speech after the vote at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver.

Nicholls was installed on the final day of General Synod — Tuesday, July 16 — succeeding Archbishop Fred Hiltz, who has served the church as primate since 2007.

She was elected on the fourth ballot, with 64.2 per cent of lay votes and 71.1 per cent of votes among the clergy. Jane Alexander, bishop of the diocese of Edmonton, was the only nominee remaining on the fourth ballot. Alexander received 35.8 per cent of laity votes and 28.9 per cent of the votes of the clergy.

The election began with a slate of five nominees: Alexander; Archbishop Ron Cutler, metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Canada and bishop of the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson, metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Rupert’s Land and bishop of the diocese of Calgary; Nicholls; and Michael Oulton, bishop of the diocese of Ontario. After the second ballot,

Cutler and Oulton dropped from the list, because each had received less than 10 per cent of the votes of both houses.

In the third ballot, Kerr-Wilson received the fewest votes in both houses—15.5 per cent of lay and 22.6 per cent of clergy votes—and so, per rules governing the third ballot of primatial elections, was also removed from the list.

Once Nicholls had been declared elected, the bishops were notified, and walked the short distance to the cathedral. As they approached, the church’s bells pealed, and the assembled members of synod sang “Lift High the Cross.” The bishops entered the church, with Nicholls, accompanied by Hiltz, at their head—to claps and cheers.

Nicholls told the members of General Synod she believed the church was capable of the task that now faces it, of overcoming its divisions.

“We have reconciliation to do. And we have deep healing to work at. And I know that this church can do it,” she said.

“I have seen this church rise to the challenge of its diversity; I’ve seen this church act in remarkable ways that the rest of the world does watch. And even though we at times can cause each other deep hurt and pain, I’ve also seen us rise to the challenge of that healing work of coming together around God’s table where our first calling is in Christ.”

REVENUE

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GENERAL SYNOD

More from General Synod

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A fall in revenues, especially contributions from the dioceses, combined with increased expenses, put the Anglican Church of Canada in a deficit position in 2018, General Synod heard Monday, July 15.

The national church's audited financial statements for the year show that overall revenue was \$11.1 million, down by \$800,000 — 7 per cent — from 2017, Fraser Lawton, bishop of the diocese of Athabasca and a member of the financial management committee, told General Synod. But expenses were \$11.8 million—\$400,000 more than the prior year, he said, citing rounded figures from the statements.

The deficiency of revenues over expenses for the year, Lawton said, was \$735,322 before transfers from internally designated funds.

The decline in revenue was due chiefly to a decrease in proportional gifts from the dioceses — the money they forward to the national church every year, which makes up 83 per cent of the church's revenue.

PRAYER FOR THE JEWS

An effort to remove a prayer for conversion of the Jews from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) and to replace it with one for reconciliation with the Jews has passed its first major hurdle at General Synod.

On July 15, a resolution to amend Canon XIV passed its first reading. The amendment would delete prayer number four in "Prayers and Thanksgivings upon Several Occasions" from use and future printings of the BCP, and replace it with a

prayer entitled "For Reconciliation with the Jews."

The resolution passed by nearly unanimous votes in all three orders. The amendment will require a second reading at the next General Synod in 2022 before the prayer for the reconciliation of the Jews can replace the current prayer in the BCP.

O GOD, who didst choose Israel to be thine inheritance: Have mercy upon us and forgive us for violence and wickedness against our brother Jacob; the arrogance of our hearts and minds hath deceived us, and shame hath covered our face. Take away all pride and prejudice in us, and grant that we, together with the people whom thou didst first make thine own, may attain to the fulness of redemption which thou hast promised; to the honour and glory of thy most holy Name.

—Proposed prayer "For Reconciliation with the Jews"

Bishop Bruce Myers brought forward the resolution.

CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE

General Synod voted July 15 to sign on to "A Common Word Between Us and You" and endorse it as a model for Christian-Muslim dialogue.

"A Common Word" is a letter written in 2007 at the initiative of 138 Muslim scholars, clerics and political figures, according to the Rev. Scott Sharman, animator for ecumenical and interfaith relations, who gave a presentation to General Synod before the motion.

More than 400 Muslim leaders from around the world have since signed on to the letter, which is addressed to Christian leaders and is "an invitation to Christians to dia-

logue." The title comes from a line from the Qur'an, Sharman said: "O People of the Book, come to a common word between us and you."

The letter extends "an invitation to look at two foundational principles present within both of our respective scriptures: the call to love God above all things, and the call that follows from that, to love our neighbours. Love of God and love of neighbour is the starting ground."

COMMUNICATIONS CHANGES

General Synod approved changes in the form of "Resolution A090 – Communications Coordinating Committee." Regarding the Anglican Journal, it will establish an editorial board for the publication; afford greater flexibility to the church in adjusting distribution methods for the Journal and other communications tools such as diocesan newspapers; and declare General Synod as the publisher of the Journal.

A redefined editorial policy has removed the words "editorial independence." The new mandate reads, "the General Synod shall produce and distribute journalistic content of interest to the members of the Anglican Church of Canada, whose purpose is to connect and reflect the Church to internal and external audiences, providing a forum for the full range of voices and views across the Church."

These excerpts represent the highlights of General Synod and do not give the complete picture of the entire event. For further stories and broader analysis, visit anglicanjournal.com.

Together, we affirm the inherent right of Indigenous peoples and communities to spiritual self-determination in their discernment and decisions in all matters.

Although we as bishops are not able to agree, in the name of Jesus Christ, we commit to conduct ourselves "with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:2-3).



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA PHOTOS



TOP: WORSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL in Vancouver, where the primatial election was held.

ABOVE: New Primate Linda Nicholls, formerly the Bishop of Huron, with a prayer shawl gifted to her from youth delegates to General Synod.

MESSAGE FROM BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS DURING GENERAL SYNOD

Dear brothers and sisters,
As you all know, we are coming to the end of General Synod 2019. We have elected a new Primate, the Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls, Bishop of Huron, and passed legislation concerning the autonomy of Indigenous Anglicans. In addition, we have established the national indigenous Anglican bishop as an archbishop.

Despite these joys, this synod has been a difficult one for all the members, primarily due to the proposed change to the Marriage Canon, Canon XXI.

As is often the case, the situation in General Synod remains fluid and will do so until the meeting is prorogued this afternoon. At present, the situation is that Canon XXI remains unchanged because it was unable to obtain a two-thirds majority in the order of bishops.

As some of you will know, the House of Bishops met several times over the weekend, amongst other things recognizing the pain being felt by members of the LGBTQ2+ community and many others. A statement from the House of Bishops was read to the Synod on Monday. The vast majority of us agreed to that statement, although some bishops were not able to do so.

The statement points to affirmations which were passed by the Synod prior to the debate on Canon XXI. Amongst other things, these recognized that dioceses and bishops have allowed same-gender marriage under the rites of the church and that others intend to do so. This represents a middle way in the life of our church.

I am very aware that the events of these last days have severely torn the fabric of the Anglican Church of Canada. It is our task to work for reconciliation which is an essential Christian virtue. I wish to place on record my thanks to our delegates who have treated each other and others with great respect. Each one has had to cope with the events which have happened and has done so with great dignity.

As your bishop, I would ask that each of us take time to digest the outcome of General Synod with regard to Canon XXI.

*Yours in Christ's service,
David*

HOUSE OF BISHOPS' STATEMENT

We, members of the House of Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada, see the pain and anguish inflicted on LGBTQ2S+ people, on members of the General Synod, across the Church, and in the world, as a result of the work and the vote on the matter of Canon 21, concerning marriage.

We see your tears, we hear your cries, and we weep with you. We have caused deep hurt. We are profoundly sorry.

Although the bishops are not of one mind, we look with hope to the "Word to the Church" and its affirmations which General Synod 2019 overwhelmingly approved on Friday, July 12.

We are walking together in a way which leaves room for individual dioceses and jurisdictions of our church to proceed with same-sex marriage according to their contexts and convictions, sometimes described as "local option."

ORDINATION

4 priests ordained in June service

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The ordination to the priesthood of Harold Boomer, Jonathan Hallewell, Cole Hartin and Rob Montgomery took place at Christ Church Cathedral June 23. The weather was sunny and the church was almost full with family, friends, supoorters and parishioners of the four men.

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko, rector of the Parish of Pennfield, was the preacher. Since the event was on the Eve of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, that biblical figure played a large role in Caleb's sermon.

But first, he thanked Bishop David Edwards for inviting him to speak at the event.

"I was tempted to decline the invitation," he said. "My worry was how to deliver a sermon in 15 minutes."

In Uganda, where he is from, sermons are upwards of an hour or more, he said.

"As we gather with our brothers, we celebrate the nativity of John, because of the place he has in the salvation plan for us as a forerunner of Jesus Christ," he said.

Caleb outlined a few points about the story of John's birth, and in particular, how Elizabeth and Zechariah responded to the challenges of the amazing news of his coming. First was their faithfulness and obedience at the news.

"When Zechariah was told they were going to have a baby, he was doubtful, skeptical, and because of that, he was made silent, but he remained obedient," he said.

That obedience continued when it came time to name the baby. "John" said Elizabeth, stating the baby's name, even when their relatives were shocked and questioned her.

"She maintained the name chosen for him by God, the name for which their son was destined," said Caleb, adding that when her husband was suddenly able to speak, he too obediently stated the baby's name was to be John.

That faithfulness continued through John's life of selflessness and humility. He shunned fame, even when it was thrust upon him.

"When Jesus appeared, John's witness was, 'Behold! There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!' (Jn 1:29) And if anyone pointed out to John's glory and gifts, he humbly pointed to Jesus and said, 'He must become greater; I must become less.' (Jn 3:30).

"He did not worry about what it would cost him, and of course we know later it cost him his life," he said.

"So Brethren, as the Bishop ordains and sends our brothers in the name of God on a similar mission like that of John the Baptist, we are all called to



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join them to promote God's message of salvation. This call doesn't only come now. It's what we accepted at Baptism — to be Jesus' witnesses."

These new priests are being sent in the world that has more criticisms than appreciation and some of it will come

from their own friends, relatives, neighbours — or even congregations.

"We need to support them in every way possible, most especially through prayer," he said.

Caleb told of a habit in Uganda of people moving from church to church

in search of miracles. To lure people in, some pastors have fallen to temptation and set up fake miracles to impress.

When such come things come your way, he said, "Remember, the Church belongs to Christ."

After the consecration of the priests, the bishop invited the large crowd of clergy present to lay hands on the men as he prayed for God to send down the Holy Spirit on each one, asking a blessing on their ministries.

As is customary, each of the four men received a bible, chalice and paten "as signs of the authority given you to preach the word of God and to administer his holy sacraments."

After the service, everyone was invited to Cathedral Memorial Hall for fellowship and refreshments. Bishop David used the opportunity to present each of the new priests with their licences.

The Rev. Harold Boomer serves in the Parish of Woodstock. The Rev. Jonathan Hallewell serves in the Parish of Renforth. The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin serves in the Parish of Portland. The Rev. Rob Montgomery is the chaplain at Rothesay Netherwood School, and as of Aug. 1 will move from the Parish of Rothesay to the Parish of Gondola Point.

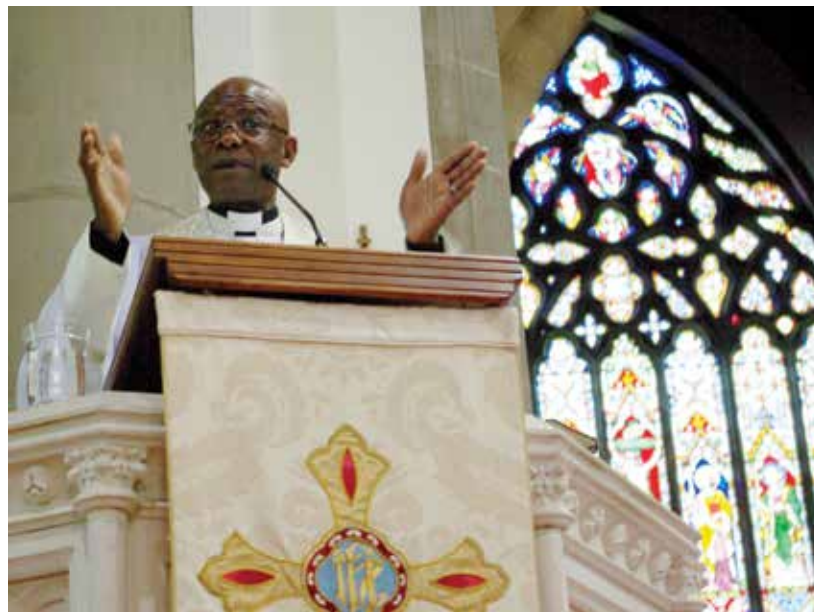


PHOTO CAPTIONS, FROM TOP: The Rev. Canon Leo Marin and Bishop David Edwards stand behind new priests Harold Boomer, Jonathan Hallewell, Rob Montgomery and Cole Hartin.

The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko, rector of the Parish of Pennfield, was the preacher.

The procession just outside Christ Church Cathedral before the service began.

"When Zechariah was told they were going to have a baby, he was doubtful, skeptical, and because of that, he was made silent, but he remained obedient," Caleb said.



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MISSION



SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT BONNIE ANDERSON, with Tenley vanDoren, 8; Jack Thurrott, 7; and Mylee vanDoren, 10.

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

A bowling tournament that raised over \$40,000 just wasn't enough for the Sunday school kids at St. Michael & All Angels in the Parish of Minto & Chipman. They wanted to do something for their own school, Minto Elementary Middle School.

Their priest, Kevin McAllister, is the principal organizer of the bowling tournament, so they'd heard plenty about it and had even bowled in it.

But the money they raised in Minto went to a high school backpack program, not their elementary school, so they brainstormed with the Sunday school superintendent, Bonnie Anderson.

They came up with a plan to bake treats — cake pops, cupcakes and cookies — and sell them to the congregation.

For six weeks they baked and sold their products.

"We went upstairs after church and we sold treat bags," said Jack Thurrott, 7, who just finished Grade 1 and is described as an excellent salesman.

"He didn't wait for people to come to him," said Bonnie. "He went into the aisles and said, 'are you going to buy some treats?'"

They raised about \$350 and used some of it to buy seven lunch cooler bags, for sale as part of the bowling tournament fundraiser. Then they used the rest of the money to buy snacks — juice boxes, puddings, fruit roll-ups, goldfish crackers and so on.

"We spent one morning putting it all together and then took them upstairs to show everyone," said Bonnie.

Seven lunch bags, for seven

kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 classes at their school, were filled with snacks, with plenty left over for teachers to replenish the bags.

Now the filled lunch bags are in each of the classrooms, available to any child who needs a snack or forgot their snack that day.

"The effect is less kids are hungry," said Jack, who obviously grasps the aim of the tournament and their spin-off good deed.

"It will help people if they're hungry," said eight-year-old Tenley Van Doren. "They can get cranky sometimes if they don't eat."

"When you're hungry, it's horrible," said Mylee Van Doren, 10. "I'm happy because they get to choose a snack."

The children were called together on the delivery day at school and each went to

a classroom to present their snack donation.

"They were very proud of themselves," said Bonnie. "They explained to the classes, 'this is what we did at our church. If anyone needs a snack, here it is.'"

Kevin couldn't be more impressed with his young parishioners, calling them a blessing to the church and the village.

"Just over a year ago, the children received their first communion," he said.

"I believe the preparation that was involved helped to open their eyes to the fact that God's Kingdom extends outside the walls of a church, and we are responsible for the care and well-being of all who we share it with."

"They studied the course Life in the Eucharist, which drives this point home with

some creative projects, and I am very pleased that they have accepted their Baptismal Covenant and are doing mission to feed people through their own ideas, hard work and prayerful commitment to love others as Christ loves us.

"What it did for the church? As adults we tend to over-complicate things, and this outreach mission that our kids took the lead on helps our mature parishioners learn that feeding others doesn't have to be complicated."

Jack believes his Sunday school is onto something good.

"Maybe we could do this every year!" he said.

Three other children, Sadie Wilson, Scarlett Wilson and Cohen Chase, were also involved in the project but were not available on the day of the interviews.

SCOUTING

St. George's to celebrate Scouting centenary

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Every fall on Apple Day, someone always comes up to Allen Urquhart and says, "There's still Scouting?"

Yes! There's still Scouting, and this fall, 1st Moncton St. George's will celebrate 100 years. The group's official birthday is Oct. 31, 1919, but the celebration will take place Saturday, Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. at its home, St. George's Anglican Church, 51 Church St., Moncton.

"It's not a church service per se," said group commissioner Allen, adding dignitaries will be invited, there will be plenty of memorabilia, the unveiling of a monument and a reception.

"It's going to be a big party!"

Allen, who chairs the 100th anniversary committee, is hoping for a large crowd for the festivities.

"We're trying to contact as many people as possible involved in Scouting over the years from 1st St. George's," he said.

One hundred years ago, Scouting was catching on, with seven other Moncton Scouting groups forming within 18 months of St. George's. Now, though, times are different.

"Scouting is like the tide. There are ebbs and flows," said Allen. "This year is pretty good. We have 365 people — leaders and youth — in south-eastern New Brunswick."

But St. George's is unique in that its downtown location



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RUTH AIKEN AND ALLEN URQUHART are longtime Scouters at 1st Moncton St. George's, which will celebrate 100 years in October. Here Ruth is seen with her Scouting blanket, covered in patches she's gotten over a lifetime of Scouting adventures. Allen poses next to the Scouting Charter in the hall of St. George's in Moncton.



isn't exactly filled with families.

"We don't have a neighbourhood to draw from," he said. "Not one kid who comes here is within walking distance."

And with so many other activities available for youth, some don't see the attraction, even though the skills taught are in demand.

"Scouting is basically an organization that teaches leadership skills, starting with Beavers — how to build fires, pitch a tent, how to be part of a team, confidence, self-reliance."

Scouting doesn't have the high profile it once did, but with interested kids and leaders, it will continue, said Allen.

"Scouting hasn't been snuffed out, even though it has lots of competition," he said. "I think leaders have such passion for it that it trickles down to the kids."

While many of the people involved in 1st Moncton are also members of the congregation, they welcome anyone — leader or child — who wants to come onboard.

Scouting is for boys and girls ages 5-18. Beavers include

ages 5-7; Cubs 8-10; Scouts 11-14 and Venturers 15-18.

Ruth Aiken

One person who's looking forward to the celebration is Ruth Aiken, 86. She's been involved with Scouting for 60 years, and was the first female district commissioner in Moncton and the first female provincial commissioner in New Brunswick. Much of her work was in training leaders at the district, provincial and national levels.

"I've had very happy years meeting people," said Ruth. "It's really quite a privilege when people ask you and think you have something to offer."

But in Moncton, the retired elementary school teacher worked mainly with Cubs, her favourite age group.

"Kids that age are full of the Dickens!" she said. "They have imaginations like you wouldn't believe. It's wonderful to interact with them."

One of the aspects of Scouting that has long appealed to Ruth is its broad, inclusive nature, and she's attended a lot of jamborees, large meetings of Scouts on a national or international basis.

"It's an exciting thing for them — we look different, we go to different churches, we eat different foods. It's amazing because there are a lot of things about us that are just the same too."

"We learn to accept each

other, respect each other and learn from each other."

She attended a jamboree in Australia and is still enthralled by the experience. The first night, the Sydney Symphony Orchestra played to a chorus line of Scouters from many countries dancing.

"I thought, 'isn't this wonderful! If these kids can come, speak different languages, make a chorus line together, make friends, why doesn't it work elsewhere?'"

Ruth earned the title of Akela — Cub Pack leader — long ago. She recalled that years later, as workers in her neighbourhood were installing a new roof on a house, one of them pointed to her and said, "It's Akela!"

"That's what happens — we make friends for life."

Her Scouting years in Moncton began when she and her husband moved from Quebec. A neighbour had their son in Scouts at St. George's. Ruth took her own son and "I became an Akela at St. George's."

She's inviting everyone with a connection to 1st Moncton to come out on Oct. 19.

"This isn't just an everyday birthday party," she said. "I'm hoping everyone will come and see that they've been part of Scouting life at St. George's and played a part."

"It's so meaningful that it's still going. It's not the end. The Scouting door is open for others to come."

Parish nurses ponder an Atlantic organization

BY KATHLEEN SNOW

Several Nova Scotia and New Brunswick parish nurses met in early May to discern whether we would like to join ministries and create an Atlantic Parish Nursing Ministries organization.

There are about 20 parish nurses in New Brunswick and nine in Nova Scotia. We are hoping to join together to support one another, promote the ministry, uphold good governance and offer an education program to certify other nurses to the parish nursing ministry.

The New Brunswick Parish

Nursing Ministries (NBPNM) has been organized for many years now; the Nova Scotia Parish Nurses were certified and began their practice several years ago, mostly in the Halifax area.

We met at the home of Sue Duncan on Friday evening to share with one another on the work of our ministries, to pray together and to discern if the Holy Spirit was leading us to join together.

On Saturday morning we shared Morning Prayer, and worked on developing goals and objectives, should we wish to join the provinces. We agreed in principle to take this

back to our respective groups for discussion and decision.

We hope to develop a one-year project with a Joint Committee to examine the pros and cons and decide in a year's time if we should blend into an Atlantic parish nurse ministry organization.

One of the takeaways from this weekend was our sharing of the benefits to parishes in having a parish nurse present and involved in our faith communities at the grass roots level.

We are a non-denominational group, so parish nurses practice in faith communities other than Anglican, such as Roman Catholic, Presbyterian, Baptist, United and Wesleyan.

Having a nurse present to support the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our con-



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FAITH CORMIER (ST. MARGARET'S, Health Ministry Team member), Christine Arseneault (NS parish nurse), Tamara Kotenko (NS parish nurse), Cleo Cyr (Hammond River, parish nurse), Kathleen Snow (Christ Church Cathedral, parish nurse), Sue Duncan (NS parish nurse), and Betty Steeves (Shediac, retired parish nurse).

gregations makes us so much more healthy, and also assists our parish priests and pastors in their ministries as well.

I would look forward to

sharing this ministry with any parish who might be interested in introducing parish nursing into their community.

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RETIRED CLERGY

Retired clergy tea changes venues

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Christ Church Cathedral played host to the annual Retired Clergy Tea on May 21 — for two reasons.

Bishop's Court is the usual location, but it had not yet been spruced up after its winter role as an Out of the Cold winter shelter.

Secondly, the Cathedral is easily accessible, while Bishop's Court has stairs to negotiate, sometimes an impediment for older people.

The Cathedral's health ministry team has switched its monthly teas from the hall to the church and the response has been very positive.

Bishop David Edwards acted as host and greeted the two dozen or so retired clergy and spouses who came to the Cathedral.

As is the tradition, the bishop passed around tiny glasses of sherry to his guests. There was a great deal of hugging, handshaking, chatting and catching up during the

afternoon.

The bishop used the opportunity to formally welcome the Rev. Bruce Glencross to the diocese. While Bruce and his wife, Carol, have lived in the Parish of Kent for a few years, and Bruce has been an honorary assistant there, his canonical residency had not been transferred from the Diocese of Montreal to the Diocese of Fredericton when he retired here.

That was done last fall, and he is now a licenced priest and honorary assistant in the parish.

Guests mingled and caught up on the news as they enjoyed refreshments at tables set at the front of the nave.

Archdeacon Keith Osborne is only into his second year of retirement, and even then, he still runs a seniors' ministry in Saint John, but he attended just the same.

"Fellowship with clergy is a big part of my life, so I take every opportunity to be with them," he said. "I'm re-energized by them."



TOP RIGHT: PAT CROWTHER, Carol Glencross, Charlene Routledge.
LEFT: Tom Crowther, Garth Maxwell, David & Bonnie Dean and Pat Crowther. **BOTTOM LEFT: Carol Glencross, Isabelle Hockin and Joan Pain.**



This was the first time Charlene Routledge attended the gathering. She came with friends Bruce and Carol Glencross.

"It's an opportunity to chat with fellow clergy people," said

Carol. "It's a community of understanding. I love it. I have fun. Clergy life is special and unique, and it's an opportunity to see like-minded people."

The diocese hosts the retired clergy tea every spring

to bring older clergy, their spouses and widows together for fellowship.

"We love to connect with our friends," said Joan Pain. "It's a wonderful way to get together."

Jim Appleton dies suddenly

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Rev. Jim Appleton, incumbent in the Parish of Fredericton Junction, died suddenly while vacationing at his family's cottage in Pugwash, N.S. on July 17. He was 65.

Jim was ordained a deacon in January, 2018, serving in his home parish of New Maryland. He became a priest in June the same year, moving his ministry to Fredericton Junction where, by all accounts, he thrived.

He was also a palliative care chaplain at Dr. Everett Chalmers Regional Hospital in Fredericton.

Jim graduated from Mount Allison University and the University of New Brunswick Law School, and had a career as a lawyer for two decades.

He served on the local school board and the first village council of New Maryland. He worked for several years in Yellowknife, NWT, and with



The Rev. Jim Appleton

his brother in Halifax more recently.

In addition to graduating

with a Masters of Arts (Theology) from the Atlantic School of Theology in 2014, at the

time of his death, he served as the diocesan representative on AST's board of governors.

His funeral took place July 23 at his home church, Holy Trinity in New Maryland.

The Rev. Albert Snelgrove preached and the celebrant was retired Bishop Claude Miller.

The service was very well attended with representation from AST, the Village of New Maryland, Fredericton High School, where his wife, Heather, teaches, and the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton. Many fellow priests attended.

His brother, Jeff, eulogized his brother, older by 15 years, who was his mentor, particularly after their mother died when Jeff was only 8.

In a story from the March 2018 edition of the *New Brunswick Anglican*, Jim described his path to ordination.

It was 16 years ago that a colleague in Yellowknife, NWT, reached out to Jim Appleton with a simple invitation.

"Elaine Arnott invited me to go to church," said Jim. "It's the simplest thing to do, but the

most difficult.

"From that moment on, I knew this was where I belonged," he said. "Afterwards we all went across the street to a coffee shop... and that became a Sunday morning habit for me."

The preacher that day was retired Bishop Jack Sperry, who went on to become a friend and mentor to Jim. He regaled Jim with tales of D-Day, life in the Arctic, translating parts of the bible, and visiting parishioners on dog sled.

"It inspired me. It was faith acted out in a real way," said Jim. "I had a hunger for the Anglican Church that I still have today. And Yellowknife was where things really started to unfold for me."

Jim leaves behind his wife, Heather (MacLean); children Ian (Katie), Sarah (Michael Mayich) and Rebecca (Eammon Guitard); grandchildren Georgia, Ava and Benjamin; siblings Dorothy Vaughan and Jeff Appleton (Shelley); and his mother-in-law, Suzanne MacLean.

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Diocesan Council highlights

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Bishop David Edwards opened the June 1 meeting of Diocesan Council, held in the Parish of Kingston, with a homily. He noted the annual initiative of Archbishop Justin Welby called Thy Kingdom Come, a program of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost.

"We tend to lose track of Ascension Day, maybe because it's on a Thursday," he said, adding that when his late wife, Janet, was in school in the UK, Ascension Day was a school holiday.

It is customary for a bishop to be in his cathedral these three days of the year — Christmas, Easter and Ascension Day, though he admitted to failing in that custom.

"But Ascension Day is important in the church," he said. "It is when Christ returns to sit at the right hand of the Father."

Then the Spirit comes to empower the church on earth, and without that power, we're lost, he said.

"Some think that we're to empower our own mission, but it's the Spirit that empowers the mission of the church," he said.

There is an important distinction some miss: "We're not to wait for the Spirit. The Spirit was already given on the Day of Pentecost, but we're to wait **on** the Spirit."

This year during his fifth pilgrimage, the bishop said he has been "struck by the truth that we, the church, are to be the image bearers of God."

Humans were to be the image bearers of God, but that got broken. Israel was to be the image bearer, but they rejected Jesus. So we are to be the image bearer, he said.

"People who don't know God see us, and we have to be careful how we bear the image of God," he said, lest we be seen as hypocrites.

What does bearing the image of God look like? The bishop gave several examples.

Christ Church Cathedral plans to enter into a housing partnership in Fredericton that would result in housing for the homeless. Christ Church (Parish) Church is doing something similar.

On Thursday, the first day of his pilgrimage, the bishop was walking through the Loy-



ABOVE, COUNCIL MEMBERS CHERYL YOUNG, Lionel Hayter and Joanna Saunders line up for a delicious lunch prepared by the kitchen crew at the Parish of Kingston.

Top Right: Anna Caines, middle, addresses council on the Play Park Project in the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John. At left is Dean Geoffrey Hall, and at right, Jamie Morrell.

Facing page: Council members during small group discussion.

alist Burial Grounds in Saint John with Archdeacon Keith Osborne and the Rev. Julian Pillay. They stopped to talk to some men who were getting drunk, but they brought Jesus into the conversation.

And when 14 pilgrims stopped at Tim Horton's, David was able to speak about the pilgrimage to a woman who found herself in the line-up with them. And on Friday, a man very deep in mourning joined him on the pilgrimage.

"Image bearing is a mission of God, empowered by the Spirit," he said in conclusion.

After Holy Eucharist, members got down to the business of the day, which was first appointing member William Ross to be the recording secretary, as David Peer was absent.

MOTIONS

Council appointed Eric Beek as a youth delegate to General Synod. Youth delegate Nat Fetter cannot attend, making the appointment necessary. Eric is a member of the Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield and has just finished his first year of study at St. Thomas University.

Council appointed Robert Taylor as chair of the Nomina-

tions Committee. He replaces the Rev. Ann Fairweather.

Council appointed the Rev. John Galbraith, Camp Medley director, as a member of the Youth and Intergenerational Ministries Team.

Council approved the appointment of the Rev. David Peer to the office of the Secretary of the Synod. He replaces the Ven. Cathy Laskey effective July 1.

Council approved a motion from chancellor David Bell that dealt with wording in subsection 1(1) of Part 5 of Regulation 4-1 (Regional Governance). The word "priest" is replaced with the word "cleric," to bring documentation up to date with present day. The regulation allowed only a priest to be elected as a regional dean. In one archdeaconry, a deacon was elected to the post, so the regulation needed updating to be more inclusive.

Anna Caines, accompanied by Jamie Morrell, gave a report to council on the history, status and challenges of the play park planned for the under-used back area in the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield.



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After a lengthy in-camera discussion, council approved a loan application from the Anglican Parish of the Nerepis and St. John to the Anglican Foundation in the amount of \$100,000, in order to help complete fundraising for the proposed play park in their building.

FAITH FORMATION

Parish development officer Shawn Branch gave a lesson on equipping new leaders in the church. His question for discussion was, what would it look like if everybody used their God-given gifts and talents to equip the rest of the church in such a way that the entire church became more like Jesus?

Council members broke into groups for discussion and came back with the following answers: some must let go of ownership and let others do things differently; stop asking and start inviting people to lead; use scripture to motivate and instill confidence; directly encourage people to get involved; build relationships so that the gifts in others are more easily recognized; when meeting resistance, stick with it; mentor by offering to work alongside volunteers; use the apprenticeship model for passing gifts onto others.

Bishop David noted that in looking for those new leaders, it is wise not to discount the talents and experience of the 70-year-olds in the congregations.

Shawn's own focus for this question included enhancing discipleship; having the ability to notice the gifted; developing those gifts in others; giving people the foundation of any basic skills needed; mentoring by walking beside; building up people's experiences; and being on the lookout for those with specializations and special gifts

you might not have thought of.

"This is not just about young people," he said. "It's everyone who is not as active as they might be."

OTHER

Shawn Branch reported to council that the Anglican Foundation has approved a grant of \$10,000 to help fund the Deep Roots diocesan-wide gathering planned for June 14-15.

"Don't let finances hinder you," said Shawn.

Marsh Insurance has become a sponsor and has agreed to pay for Michael Frost's second book, meaning every delegate will get a free copy. Frost is the keynote speaker, and author of the book "Surprise the World."

Diocesan treasurer Heather Harris-Jones reported that while she remains cautious and vigilant, spending is down and investments are up, at least for now. The markets continue to be volatile, affected by world trade insecurity.

"We're doing well but I'm not going to ease up on emphasizing we need to keep finding ways to save," she said.

Walter Williams gave an informational report on the Human Resources Committee, which he chairs. He outlined the mandate of the committee and its current business.

Bishop David gave a report on Bishop's Court's time as an emergency Out of the Cold Shelter in Fredericton. Two groups of volunteers recently cleaned the building and it has no issues that weren't already apparent before the shelter opened in December. The 20-bed facility closed the end of April.

"I think it's worked out well, but the city is very definite that

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BOOK RELEASE



Bishop reports on housing plans

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there will be no Out of the Cold shelter at Bishop's Court next year," he said, adding that St. Paul's United Church would provide space next winter if necessary.

The bishop also noted that the Parish of Hampton turned sod on a building project recently. They will build seniors

and low income housing on property they own near their church.

As well, Stone Church in Saint John has been awarded a \$19,000 grant to fund a feasibility study to see if low income housing for singles and families would work on property now vacant after the demolition of their hall.

The next meetings of Diocesan Council are scheduled for Sept. 21 and Nov. 30.



Retired bishop Bill Hockin

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MISSION IN MOTION: teaching

Bill Hockin does it again!

Parables the topic of 10th and latest book

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

For several years now, whenever retired Bishop Bill Hockin published a book, he'd preface it with these words: "This is my last one!"

"I won't say that again!" he said in showing off his latest and 10th book called *Parables: Scandalous Stories of a Saving Grace*.

"I'm over 80 now. It keeps me going," he said. "This I can do, and God's given me a gift for something here."

The book has been several years in the making. It's a combination of some of his Lenten talks and information he's gleaned over the years from several books by favourite authors.

"I've been working at it, reworking it and even rewriting," he said. "All these books come out of my talking ministry."

His 'talking ministry' is the very popular Advent Talks and Lenten Talks he holds each year in Fredericton.

Bill has a fondness for parables and described them as 'gold mines'.

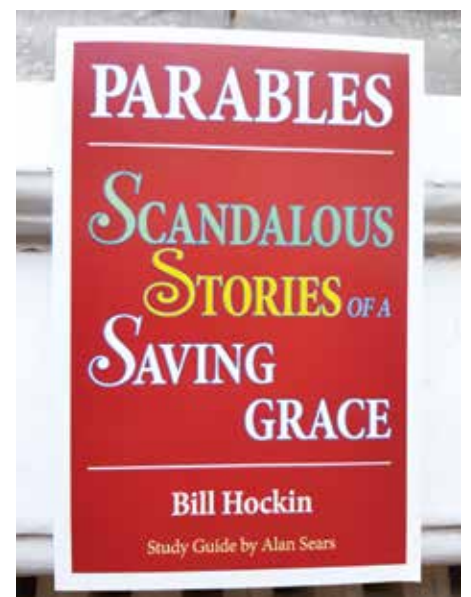
"The more you read them, the more you find new things," he said. "They are Jesus's own stories."

"You get a feel for his heart, and it's never comfortable."

He used the example of The Good Samaritan to illustrate the discomfort employed to make his points.

"Often when it's preached, the emphasis is on the Good Samaritan, but we forget about the other two guys — the bishop and the archdeacon — who knew what to do according to the scriptures. It's religious failure and a lack of compassion."

He cited New York Times columnist David Brooks, who wrote about



parables, saying, "The parables of Jesus puncture the pretension of those who believe they are superior to others"

The book has a study guide with questions by Alan Sears, who readers might remember as the speaker at last year's Christian Forum. With the study guide, it's a great book for use in small groups, said Bill.

"My books are not deeply theological, but they are pastoral," he said.

As is the case with the bishop's books, this one is financially supported by the Fredericton Christian Forum.

"This is paid for by the revenue from the last book. I get nothing," said Bill, adding that when there is money left over, it goes to needy non-profits in the Fredericton area.

Parables: Scandalous Stories of a Saving Grace is available at Westminster Books and The Lighthouse in Fredericton, or from Bill directly.

Do you know someone who is being ordained or someone celebrating an ordination anniversary? Give them a Clergy Bear with surplice and stole in a colour of your choice.

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Sunday services at Kings Landing

Kings Landing services run every Sunday at 3 p.m. until Oct. 13. This is a 30-minute afternoon service at St. Marks Chapel of Ease onsite. Free admission to the site when attending the service only. Kings Landing is 20 minutes above Fredericton. Take exit 253 off the TCH.

THEME: God's Glory Portrayed in Nature

Diocesan ACW Annual Quiet Day

Wednesday, Sept. 4,
Church of the Good Shepherd,
8772 Main St., Florenceville

Registration (\$2) begins at 9 a.m., service of Holy Eucharist at 10 a.m. with the Rev. Bob LeBlanc. Devotions, lunch, gallery visit, music, special speaker the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc.

Special invitation extended to all Mothers' Union members and all Anglican women.

INFORMATION: Lois Bramley 506-278-5413 or Wilma Inman 506-278-3229

COMPANION DIOCESE OF HO

There's work to do for God in Ghana

On May 2, Robert Griffin, chair of the Companion Diocese Committee for the Diocese of Fredericton, left New Brunswick for the Volta Region of Ghana, West Africa, to do a needs assessment to determine how Fredericton could assist the Diocese of Ho.

The Diocese of Ho takes in the Volta Region of Ghana, and part of Togo, the eastern neighbouring country to Ghana.

Robert was met by Bishop Matthias and his son-in-law, Edward, late on May 3, and they drove him to Ho, arriving 1 a.m. the next day. That morning, Bishop Matthias and Robert attended the ordination of the Bishop's niece. It was a very happy occasion, with much singing and dancing in celebration.

Robert's days began with Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 6 a.m., followed by breakfast, and then visits to parishes in the diocese. On the last Sunday there, Robert preached the sermon in the Cathedral, which was a great honour.

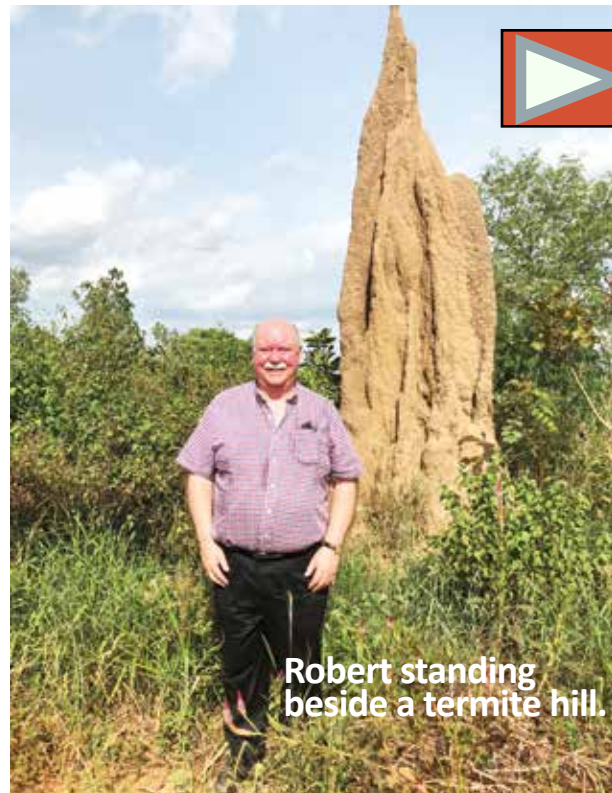
During his visit, Bishop Matthias took Robert to almost every parish in the Diocese. The purpose was to meet the priests and talk to the people to determine how Fredericton could best assist Ho.

It quickly became apparent that there was a great need for health care in the rural parishes. That became the number one need. While the city of Ho has hospitals and medical staff, the 10 rural parishes have none.

As well, most of the rural parishes do not have the funds or ability to transport ill people to the urban centre for medical care.

The second greatest need for the Diocese of Ho was a high school. The government of Ghana does not build schools; they are built by the churches of the country. Once built and operated for several years as a private school, the government can provide curriculum and will pay the teachers.

The Diocese of Ho has schools in each parish up to Grade eight. If an Anglican student wants to complete high school, negotiations are made



Robert standing beside a termite hill.

ROBERT GRIFFIN PHOTOS



BISHOP MATTHIAS with his priests at clergy assembly.

with another denomination for the student to attend their school.

As there are not enough seats in any school to accommodate all students, even if an Anglican student is admitted to a high school, it means a student from that denomination cannot attend.

By the time Robert left Ghana, two projects had been identified that Fredericton could consider for action in the Diocese of Ho. The most important project is a mobile clinic that could serve the rural parishes of the Diocese.

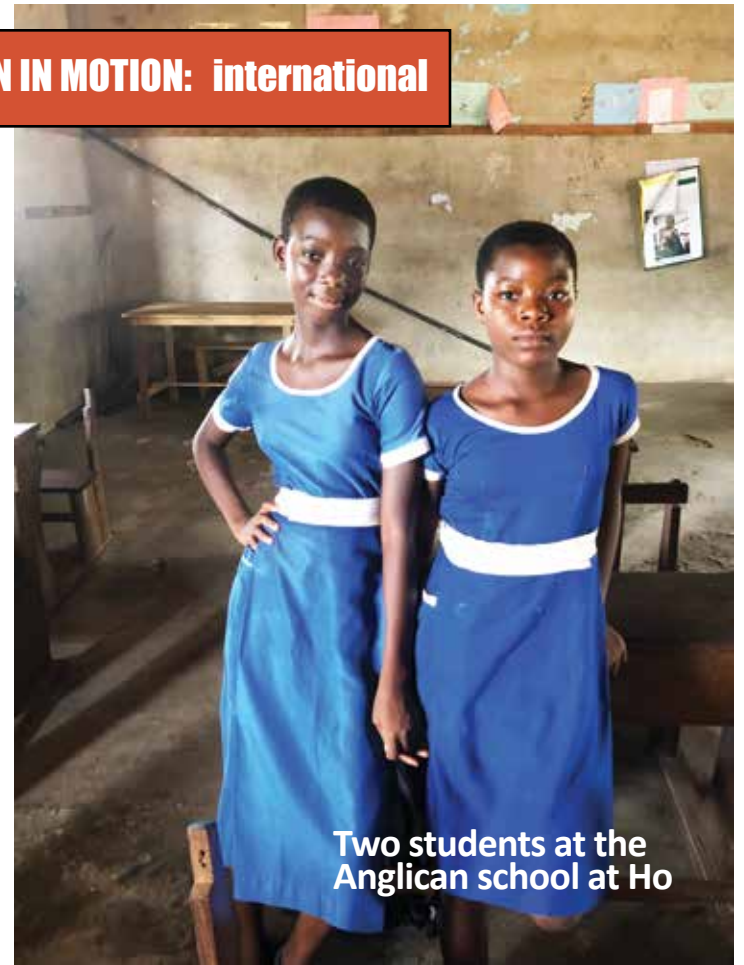
A bus could be purchased to be refitted as a clinic. Two doctors or a doctor and a nurse would be sent out to the parishes to offer medical care on a scheduled, rotating basis.

With the flexibility of the mobile clinic, it also could quickly be diverted to an area with an outbreak of cholera, typhoid or measles, as an example. An important part of the service would be to immunize children.

The second project is the construction of a high school in Ho, to initially accommodate 500 students. Schools are structured very differently in Ghana, built in blocks of 8 to 10 classrooms. Academic labs, specialty rooms such as a library, and skills labs (home economics, culinary, mechanics, carpentry, electrical, and plumbing) are in a separate block. There would be an administration block, and a cafeteria/auditorium block.

Upon his return home,

MISSION IN MOTION: international



Two students at the Anglican school at Ho



Cathedral of Ho.

Robert met with the Companion Diocese Committee to determine how to assist with these two projects. The committee decided to tackle the mobile clinic project first.

Robert suggested that the committee could work with Rotary International on this project. In this way, if they agree to take on the project, the money the Diocese raises can be matched by Rotary District 7810, then by the Canadian government, and then by Rotary International.

The initial goal of the committee is to raise \$25,000 this year. All donations are income tax deductible. In New Brunswick, most donors will receive a tax credit of \$46 for every \$100 donated. So a \$100 donation only costs \$54. That

donation will be saving the lives of children all across the Diocese of Ho.

Once the clinic project has been successfully completed, then the high school project will be done over a period of five years. The school will be built in blocks as the money is raised. The goal will be to raise \$25-30,000 each year.

In September the Companion Diocese Committee will be organizing a formal fundraising campaign. Robert is willing to speak in any parish to explain the project and show his slides of the people in the Diocese of Ho. He may be contacted through the Synod Office in Fredericton (506-459-1801).

Robert Griffin in a layreader in the Parish of Grand Manan.

DIOCESAN STAFF

David Peer joins synod staff

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

David Peer has had a long and winding career — the first 39 years in the Royal Canadian Navy and the past three as a parish priest. However, he can't help but think his new job as executive officer at the Diocesan Synod Office has been in the cards for a long time.

"It feels like I've been preparing for this role my whole life," he said. "Everything seems to have led us to this place. Minna and I have a sense of peace that God wants us to be here."

David began the job of the bishop's right hand on July 1. That had been the role of the Ven. Cathy Laskey until a decision was made to split the rather large role into two positions. David will oversee the synod office and Synod, while Cathy will take on a more pastoral role with clergy and discernment to ordination.

David leaves behind the Parish of East Saint John with some reluctance, describing the people there as gracious.

EARLY CAREER

David began his adult life in the RCN, first as a summer student at 17 in Saint John in the Naval Reserve. He needed a summer job and teaching people to sail was not paying enough.

He earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of New Brunswick in Mechanical Engineering, graduating in 1984. From there

he spent three years at Saint John Shipbuilding, and transferred to the Regular Forces in 1987.

After joining, it was a steady rise in rank, education and postings. They sent him to MIT in Boston to pursue a master's of Science in Naval Architecture and an Ocean Engineer's degree, which he earned in 1991.

He and his growing family criss-crossed the country for several years, from one ocean to the other, with stops in Ottawa.

In 1997, during a posting in Halifax, he became a licenced layreader. Soon after that, he was posted to England to work on an exchange with the British Ministry of Defence in Bristol. The family of six settled in Bath, and the first Sunday there, he began looking for an Anglican church in which to worship. He found it in the Benefice of Widecombe in the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

"I walked there on the first Sunday, and said 'hi, I'm a layreader from Canada.'"

The response: 'We've been praying for a layreader. Come on in!'

"The next Sunday, I led the service."

Incidents like that have convinced David that God has been shaping and leading his life through his years in the RCN. Though already licenced, he took layreader courses in Britain, which began to open his eyes.

"This was my first intro-



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The Rev. David Peer

duction to theology," he said. "My faith up to that point was not supplemented by rigorous study."

Before leaving Canada in 1997, he had been toying with the notion of ordained ministry and had attended pre-ACPO, but he felt being posted to the UK would end that path. He was wrong, but it did take time.

NEW LIFE

Shortly after he and his family returned to Canada in 2001, he and his wife separated and then divorced.

"That put the kybosh on ordination," he said. "I never thought too much about divorce until I was faced with it myself. I assumed divorce and remarriage were not an option for a Christian, particularly for anyone in leadership."

Still unsure, but doubting God intended for him to "walk the earth alone for the rest of my life," he was helping with an Alpha course in Ottawa when he met Minna Harjupanula, who grew up in the Finnish community in Timmins, Ontario.

They worked with their parish priest to be sure marriage was the right step, and in 2004 they took that step.

"As I worked through another call to marriage, I learned not to place bounds on God's grace," he said.

At the same time, he was

promoted to Commander, equal to Lt. Colonel in army terms, and did another master's degree in the UK, this time in Defence Studies.

AST

The path to ordination took a back seat for several years, but the Holy Spirit became rather persistent in 2009, so much so that while on vacation in New Brunswick, he visited Bishop Claude Miller. He hoped with all his education and experience, he would be able to just slip in, but no. He had to begin with a Masters in Divinity, and that news was a disappointment.

That October he got news that he would be posted to Halifax — home of the Atlantic School of Theology — and seconded to the Political Science Department of Dalhousie University as Defence Fellow.

"I managed to go to ACPO while house hunting in Halifax," he said. "It all worked out. These are not coincidences!"

He began as a part-time student in January, 2011. It was a frightfully busy time in his life. He was researching, writing papers, and guest lecturing at DAL full time and attending lectures at AST.

"To my surprise, I graduated in 2015 without having to retire," said David. "My wife told me I'm never to do that again!"

It was then that he began talking to Bishop David Edwards about working as a priest in the diocese, and at the same time, an engineering company approached him.

He retired from the RCN in 2016, took a part-time position in the Parish of East Saint John, and began his vocation as a parish priest and professional engineer, with the company's understanding that he could only work part-time, and that his parish would always come first.

He juggled both roles for the past three years, and he's ever grateful to his parishioners for their understanding and support.

THE NEW JOB

David and Minna have bought a house in Fredericton, but won't take possession until October, which is fine with him because it won't impact his summer passion — sailing. He owns a 35-foot sailboat named Suvituli, Finnish for summer wind. In the winter, you will find him on the ski hills. He is a member of the Canadian Ski Patrol. He also sits on the board of the Canadian Corps of Commissioners and represents the diocese on the AST senate.

David sees his new job in military terms — chief of staff.

"I oversee the office," he said. "I will be the first point of contact for all the temporal stuff, working closely with the staff and the bishop."

"What I bring to the position is an understanding of the Church, parish life, parish organization and operating within a bureaucracy. It's very similar to jobs I have had in the military."

"Some people see challenges, but I like to flip them to see opportunities. My hope is to provide servant-style leadership. It's not the top telling the bottom what to do. It's collaboration."

"Being able to do this within God's work is thrilling. It's a joy that there is this job just for me."

David has four grown children and six grandchildren, who Minna happily claims. The children and their families live in California, Gatineau, Toronto and Victoria.

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Deep Roots makes a deep impact

Part I

by Gisele McKnight

Editor's note: The Deep Root diocesan gathering was a 24-hour event, with three keynote addresses, two messages from the bishop and two special guest speakers. In the interest of brevity, this article deals mainly with the first keynote address. More stories on the conference, including the other speakers and other keynotes, will appear later.

After 10 months of planning, the Deep Roots diocesan gathering was held June 14 and 15 at UNB with about 150 people attending. Special guest speakers were the Rev. Lisa Vaughn, parish vitality co-ordinator in the Diocese of NS & PEI, and the Rev. Renée Embree, director of youth and family ministries for the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.

The keynote speaker, who delivered three keynotes, was the much anticipated the Rev. Dr. Michael Frost, the Australian author of “Surprise the World,” a book many Anglicans are familiar with after having studied his concept called BELLS last year. It was also introduced at Diocesan Synod 2017.

The conference began in the afternoon with ministry displays set up so delegates could browse and learn, and then they ate supper together.

The evening gathering began with worship, led by a band put together at TEC (Teens Encounter Christ). It included TC Ballard, Joni Richardson, Alyssa Melanson and LJ Smith. Bishop David Edwards opened with a message on how evangelism has changed since he was commissioned 30 years ago as an evangelist with Church Army.

“What I was able to do as an evangelist in the UK 30 years ago makes no sense today,” he said.

The door knocking and tracts are out, in favour of relationship building, though the theology is the same, he said.

Shawn Branch, parish development officer and prime organizer of the diocesan gathering, introduced Michael Frost, reminding everyone of our connection to his book on leading a missional life.

“It was great to see so many parishes take the challenge seriously to live this out,” said Shawn. “There was a beautiful synergy. People all over the diocese had lights going on in their heads: my faith is not limited to 10:30 on Sunday mornings!”

Wondering how to build on this momentum, he and a group sat around a table and came up with a concept that



included inviting Michael Frost to come here. And so the planning began.

Keynote # 1, Michael Frost

Michael began with an astounding story. The island of Australia is anxious about who comes to their shores, most especially Muslims, he said.

There exists a dangerous and arduous Muslim “underground railroad” system that ferries refugees from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries down through Asia to Singapore and other Southeast Asian islands, to finally land at Christmas Island, off the coast of Indonesia, but belonging to Australia.

The Australian government has responded by implementing a detention policy.

“I’m ashamed to tell you about it,” he said. “It’s the most un-Christian, despicable practice.”

If a refugee lands by sea on Australia territory, including Christmas Island, they go to mandatory offshore detention and will never settle in Australia. Instead, the country pays other small, poor nations and territories, including Papua New Guinea and Nauru, to take their refugees and detain them — indefinitely.

All the Australian government will offer them is a one-way ticket home, despite the United Nations declaring that 90 per cent of the people are true

refugees in danger in their home countries. So these refugees have a choice: go home, or stay in limbo on these islands, never having a passport or citizenship, a job or a future.

“They are trapped in international limbo, and we are outraged. It’s unconscionable to us,” he said.

He called on his Member of Parliament, put up posters, took to social media, and attended protest marches — nothing worked.

The government barred the press from visiting the islands and made every worker there sign a non-disclosure agreement — promising never to speak of it.

However, medical documents were leaked to the press, and the news hit like a bomb.

“What we read was unconscionable,” he said. “It was an evil experiment.”

There were stories of countless women sexually assaulted by staff, multiple cases of PTSD, suicide attempts, and catatonic teenagers completely shut down.

One particular case still resonates with him: an eight-year-old girl who compulsively swallows stones. Why? It’s the only way she has to end her life.

“It had a visceral impact on me,” he said.

He didn’t bother calling his MP again. Instead, he gathered the clergy in his town and went to the Prime Minister’s office to pray over the refugees men-

tioned in the Guardian newspaper stories.

At 10 o’clock in the morning, all in clerical dress, they walked in and fell to their knees in prayer. The police were called, but refused to intervene.

“Wrenching deep prayers, tears dropping down your nose, praying for people you’ve never met, praying together with all these clergy, some of whom were strangers to me, praying all day,” said Michael.

“We prayed through all these newspaper reports. We were on our knees all day. We sang, we took communion, we cried out to Father in heaven: free these desperate people.”

At 5 p.m. they began singing Amazing Grace as the police returned. The doors burst open and 20 police officers in riot gear appeared. They were all arrested.

Alerters & Demonstrators

“I shared the gospel so much that week. People were saying, ‘I saw you on the news’ and every time I would announce that Jesus reigns. He is the king of the universe and I believe his reign is unfurling!”

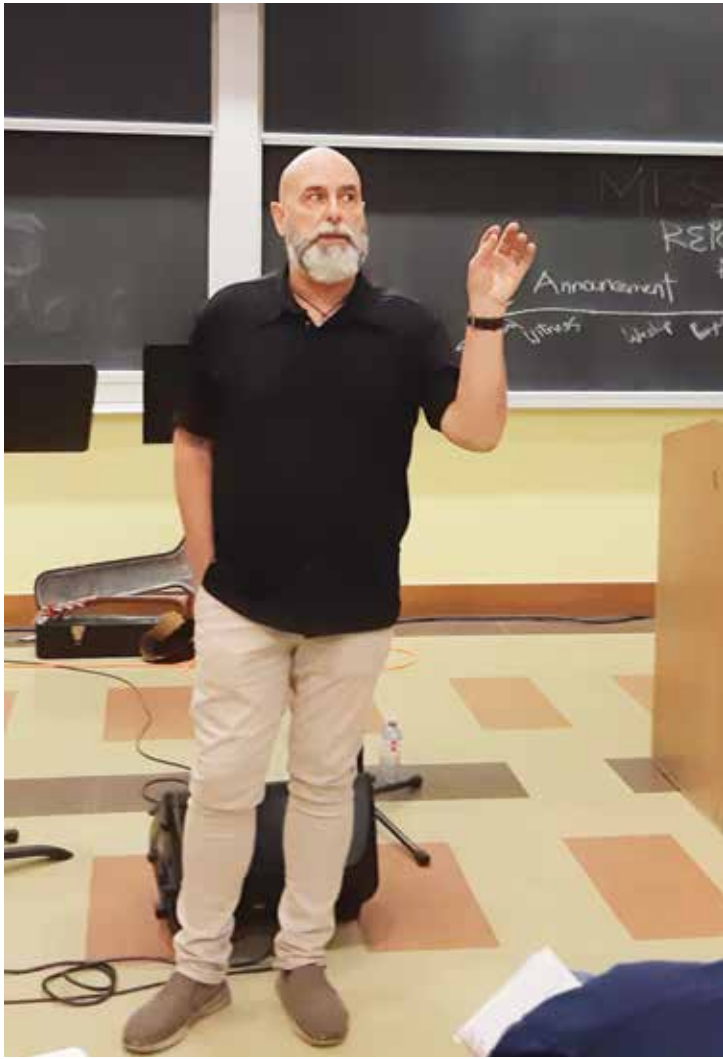
Even when all the evidence is to the contrary, even when our churches are closing and our ministers are few, “we will say our God reigns in Christ.

“Sometimes it doesn’t look like it. Sometimes it looks like society is going to hell in a handbasket, but our God reigns!” he said.

He quoted David Bosch when he defined mission as the task of alerting everyone, ev-



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Building homes for seniors (referring to the Parish of Hampton’s new project)? That’s intriguing.”

A second protest

Michael told the audience that the prayer day at the prime minister’s office had made no difference, so they tried again, this time at his mansion.

They chained themselves by their necks to the gates of the house. The police came, this time not as friendly as before. They needed torches to cut the chains, which took quite a while. That gave the press and the neighbours time to gather, ask questions and talk.

One brought milk crates for them to sit on since the chains were heavy on their necks. Another brought out cushions for the milk crates. A young transgender man brought out a fruitcake he had made for a family gathering, instead offering it up to the pastors as sustenance.

“It felt like communion,” said Michael. “He broke off a piece and handed it to me. I could not say no to this cake.”

A Jewish woman told the group she wanted to stand with them. Much of her extended family had been murdered in the Holocaust and she felt the need to act.

When the pastors cautioned that they were acting in the name of Jesus, she told them she could believe. And when

the police began taking the pastors away, she told them, ‘I’m with them. You have to take me too.’

“Don’t tell me there aren’t people in your community who do not want to join you in this magnificent quest to alert others to the reign of God,” he said.

“Your task isn’t to recruit people to your church. It’s not to make more Anglicans. It’s to alert people to the beautiful world Jesus is in. Announce that! You’ll be amazed at how people join you!”

After both protests, the pastors were arrested, taken to the police station, processed and subsequently let go without charge. Michael said it was disappointing because they wanted the forum of open court to tell the story of why they were there.

The Deep Roots evening ended with worship led by the Rev. Paul Ranson, and a kitchen party.

Michael Frost is an Australian missiologist, vice-principal of Morling College and the founding director of the Tinsley Institute, a mission study centre located at Morling College in Sydney, Australia. He has authored or edited 12 popular Christian books, including “Surprise the World.” He is a teacher, international speaker and church planter, launching the missional community, Small Boat Big Sea, in Sydney in 2002.

PHOTOS, FROM LEFT: Bishop David Edwards, centre right, chats with delegates during a meal at McConnell Hall on the UNB campus in Fredericton.

The worship team, put together at this year’s TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), came back to lead the music during the diocesan gathering. From left: LJ Smith, Alyssa Melanson, Joni Richardson and TC Ballard.

Michael Frost, the keynote speaker, commanded the attention of his audience with the recounting of experiences in his community outside Sydney, Australia. Those experiences included getting arrested twice for civil disobedience. He and a group of clergy were protesting brutal policies of the government that hurt refugees.

The Anglican Foundation logo. The foundation supported the Deep Roots gathering with a \$10,000 grant to help with costs.

RURAL NEW BRUNSWICK

Surviving — dare we say thriving? — in rural New Brunswick



Hardship makes the parish grow stronger

Editor's note: This is Part II in a series on rural parish ministry in the diocese. There are two common beliefs held by some that this series on rural parishes will challenge: that rural parishes are one step away from dying, and that mission work is predominately done in urban areas.

The New Brunswick Anglican visited with members of the Parish of Richmond, near Woodstock. This three-point parish has had its ups and downs, which is quite likely the secret to its success.

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The Parish of Richmond is stable, strong and busy. It has three committed congregations, a loyal leader in Archdeacon Rod Black and a vibrant outreach ministry. But it wasn't always that way.

"We had no priest off and on for many years," said Sandra Black. "So that pushed people to act. Layreaders stepped up for services. Many priests stepped in for a few months."

"Not having a priest made us want more," said Marilyn Wilson. "We felt so alone. We were struggling. There was no program to help a parish, so

we grabbed whoever we could. In the hard times, you grow."

Faced with no choice, they got to work. One example is a weekly bible study at Holy Trinity in Hartland, begun when there was no priest.

"Now it just runs itself," said Cindy Derksen. "We just take turns. We did the Michael Frost book and we studied hymns based on bible verses."

Another is the Wednesday evening summer services at St. Marks in Jackson Falls, tailor-made for people at their cottages on the weekends. It began with a grant from the Anglican Foundation probably a decade ago, and it continues to draw good crowds and lots of visiting priests, some of whom had once served in the parish and make a nostalgic visit each summer.

"We didn't have a priest, and this way, having it on Wednesdays, priests could come and it didn't disrupt their Sunday services," said Sandra. "We rely on visiting priests and ministers."

Another is the home church at Jackson Falls. They do it each winter, from January to the week before Palm Sunday,

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Busy preparing for the strawberry tea.

MARILYN WILSON & SUBMITTED PHOTOS

RURAL NEW BRUNSWICK



MARILYN WILSON PHOTOS



Every parish needs a dreamer; this one has at least two

LEFT: RETIRED BISHOP BILL HOCKIN during a Wednesday evening service at St. Mark's in Jackson Falls. The summer mid-week services have become very popular. **ABOVE: A sunshine bag for a woman in the community** undergoing cancer treatment is an example of the parish's desire and efforts to be a good neighbour. From left: Marilyn Wilson, Sandra Black, Nellie Morgan, Louise Bell & Judy Clark (Missing: Marg Wilson and others who donated.)

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to avoid heating bills.

"It's better attended than church!" said Rod. "I tried to stop it when I first got here. It didn't work. I was freezing up in the altar and everyone was huddled around the stove."

"We look forward to getting into the homes and we look forward to getting back in the church," said Sandra.

DREAMERS & VISIONARIES

"There's a core group who do the heavy stuff, with a whole group who jump in," said Rod.

His core group includes Bonnie Sparks, Sandra Black (no relation), Cindy Derksen and Marilyn Wilson.

"You're lucky to get one dreamer in a parish," said Rod. "I've got two — Bonnie and Marilyn are visionaries."

They — and others — come up with innovative ideas and plans that have led to a long list of outreach missions.

"We all have gifts and talents to use," said Marilyn. "I have a lot of people around me who encourage me to use those gifts."

It was Marilyn who paid for a drone to film the turnout for Thy Kingdom Come at Holy Trinity in Hartland. They surrounded the church and prayed during the annual prayer event between Pentecost and Ascension Day, and a drone was hired to capture the amazing shots.

The outreach in the community among St. John's in Richmond Corner, Holy Trinity in Harland and St. Mark's in Jackson Falls includes something for everyone: financial support for children to attend Camp Brookwood; Christmas carolling; a discretionary fund for community members in need; strawberry teas to raise money for a young woman in the community needing a lung transplant;

Christmas tea for seniors; lunch for Woodstock's Memory Café; bathroom and refreshment station in the church during parades in Hartland; food bank support; and a Valentine's Day cookie delivery to shut-ins.

At St. Mark's there is another rather personal outreach to its tiny community.

"There are three families near the church where the grandparents are raising their grandkids," said Sandra. "So we drop off little things for them — McDonald's gift cards, things like that. It's just to let them know they're not alone."

Another example of outreach to their neighbours is this compelling story: "One of our neighbours was doing cancer treatments, so we decided to do up a sunshine box for her," said Marilyn.

They packed a box with magazines, lotions, books, earrings, snacks and so on — one little gift for each day of treatment for a woman who does not

attend their church, "just so she knows we're there supporting her," she said.

A COBBLED PAST

There is a very practical pay-off to having such a committed group of parishioners.

"People here love their church so much that we don't have to do any fundraising for ourselves," said Rod. "So any fundraising we do is given away."

"The vestry says we're not here to make money, we're here to be God's hands and feet," said Marilyn. "We support each other, we have things that bring us together, but we look beyond."

With three congregations and buildings to juggle, Rod uses a revolving schedule for Sunday services. Each week, he presides at two of the three points, and layreaders fill in at the third. It's fair to all and seems to work well. He's found, though, that each congregation is unique.

For example, Holy Trinity, situated very close to the world's longest covered bridge, has a small, faithful congregation, one of seven churches in a very small area, said Cindy.

"This is a group of individuals who come from a distance but find something attractive in the worship," said Rod.

"And our warden calls every parishioner before the service to remind them of the time, which changes due to Rod's schedule," said Cindy.

"That's what I love about our par-

ishes — our differences," said Marilyn. "We've discovered we're all distinct. We can do parish events, but they're led by an individual church. We work together."

That desire to work together is rather amazing when one considers their history of being cobbled together as a new parish. St. John's used to be part of the Parish of Canterbury; Holy Trinity belonged to a parish upriver; and St. Mark's was a mission church.

Part of the unity has been through intentional behaviour — including all three congregations in activities, helping each other with initiatives, and treating each one equally. For example, during Holy Week, Rod holds services in all three buildings.

The union has resulted in a modern church in Richmond Corner, the parish centre, with an attached hall and a new rectory, finished in 2008. The church was consecrated in 2018. The added bonus is the geothermal heating, which results in huge savings.

"It costs less to heat the whole church than the rectory," said Rod.

The entire parish has about 55 members — dreamers, visionaries and hard workers who together, get a lot done for their parish and their rural community.

"We always had all kinds of ideas and visions, but we always waited for a priest to get us going," said Sandra, adding things are different these days.

"Rod's gift is to tell us to keep going."

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Embracing the 'Global Wave of Prayer!'

BY CLEO CYR

Members of Holy Trinity in the Parish of Hammond River embraced the Archbishop of Canterbury's "Thy Kingdom Come Global Wave of Prayer" with enthusiasm!

The concept of focusing our daily prayer for the 11 days between Ascension and Pentecost by choosing five individuals to

come to know Jesus inspired us to design opportunities for both communal and individual prayer.

Knowing that millions of people in over 85 countries were filled with the Holy Spirit and engaged in prayer at the same time was overwhelming.

As one parishioner said, "It's powerful, it's beautiful, it's sharing the gospel with more

people and it's building God's Kingdom in an amazing way!"

During the 11 days, the parish held a community evening prayer and praise service led by the Rev. Mike O'Hara on Ascension Day, followed by a time of fellowship and an introduction to the "Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Labyrinth" built by the young and the young at heart specifically for the global wave of prayer.

Many Christians and churches are rediscovering the ancient prayer practice of a labyrinth.

WHAT IS A LABYRINTH?

A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. Labyrinths have been

used for centuries to facilitate prayer and meditation.

The Holy Trinity labyrinth was a simple outdoor design built with a river view for anyone to use from May 30th to June 9th for the Global Wave of Prayer.

People were encouraged to invite others and to drop by anytime to walk the labyrinth pattern and pray.

They were encouraged to pray before entering the labyrinth and to slow down, take their time, focus their prayer — to enjoy the walk, listen to the river and repeat as often as necessary.

Prayer booklets were given to every person who came to any event at Holy Trinity dur-

ing the Global Wave of Prayer time. A "Wall of Prayer" was made available for people to write the five names of those they were praying for on small pieces of paper and leave the names tucked into a wire "wall" so all could be lifted in prayer communally.

A second mid-week evening prayer service filled with song and prayer was preceded by a congregational supper, and when Pentecost Sunday arrived, it seemed the time had been far too short.

As Pete James wrote, "We are watching, we are waiting, we are hoping we are praying, we're believing, let your kingdom come." We have only just begun!

PARISHIONERS FROM THE PARISH OF HAMMOND RIVER gathered for prayer and built a labyrinth specifically for the Global Wave of Prayer during the spring's "Thy Kingdom Come" initiative.

GREETINGS!



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ON SATURDAY, JUNE 2, parishioners and friends were invited to an afternoon of fellowship, prayer and of course shared refreshments at Holy Trinity, Parish of Hammond River. Pat Jones and Kathy Porter led a lively workshop teaching the art of making intricate greeting cards with funds raised for Catapult Coffee & Studio, an Outflow ministry. Miriam Westin provided a lovely display of artisan works from Catapult Coffee & Studio for the event.

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YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL

What's new with YIG?

CLAY

Next Aug. 20-23, youth ages 14-19 from Anglican and Lutheran churches from across Canada will meet up in Calgary, Alberta for the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering.

This will be the third conference the Diocese of Fredericton has taken part in, after 2016 in Charlottetown and 2018 in Thunder Bay.

The YIG team would like to form a group that encompasses the whole Diocese instead of individual parishes registering to send to Calgary in 2020.

Jason Smith, YIG chair (and from the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John), has led the last two sessions and will do so again this time.

Any youth up to 19 years and adult leaders are welcome to join the team. Participants should be at least 14 years old before the conference in August 2020, but if there are any interested 13-year-olds, contact Jason for further information before applying.

Anyone interested should fill out the application form by



JASON SMITH PHOTO

THE ATMOSPHERE WAS ELECTRIC at this year's ONE conference in Moncton. Next year, YIG is hoping for more parish participation at this youth event.



Jan. 3, 2020. Applications can be found on the Diocesan website under Youth and Intergenerational Ministries or on the YIG Facebook page.

The theme this year is En Route. We often focus on the destination, but life is all about the journey. Maybe that sounds cliché, but it's true. Our stories

are unfinished, works in progress – we are En Route!

And our journey causes us to ask some big questions along the way: Who am I? Where do I come from? Where am I going? Where do I belong?

Jesus was on a journey too — a journey that led him up mountain passes and down wilderness trails, from the Jordan River to the streets of Jerusalem.

En Route together, we'll explore the paths that Jesus travelled, and perhaps learn more about our own journey along the way. As the CLAY website says, Jesus isn't just waiting around for us to arrive at our final destination. Jesus meets us on the road.

Are you open to taking this journey? Join the YIG team as we represent the Diocese in Calgary in 2020! For answers to your questions, contact the YIG team: yigftn@gmail.com.



being in a minority, having a conference filled with youth from the Maritimes and the U.S. gather together, no matter what Christian tradition they follow and worship, for ONE purpose and ONE God was incredible.

The atmosphere was fun, the speakers were amazing and the band, Passion, took us to a whole new level of worship!

It was held at the Moncton Coliseum, filled with dozens of large, inflatable games and bouncy castles, laser tag, bubble soccer, rock climbing and more. It was a sight to see.

This year, about 50 Anglican youth and leaders attended the conference. The YIG team wants to spread the word for ONE 2020 and get more youth from other parishes involved. It's affordable, local and full of fun and worship!

Melanie Eagles from the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John thought it "was so cool that there are so many people, like so many Christians that will come together at one time to celebrate one God, and I think that's really special."

Mya Clayton, also from the Nerepis and St John, said, "it's a

great opportunity to meet other people that are Christian to come together as one church."

Most of the Anglicans who attended said the music was their favorite part of ONE, but the fun zone and the comedian/ventriloquist were high on the list as well.

The YIG team believes ONE is an amazing opportunity for youth and youth groups to experience Christian fellowship and learn about Jesus in a fun and safe environment. YIG has assisted with the attending parishes by covering the costs of accommodations and meals.

YIG rented St. Philips Anglican Church for the kids to sleep in and John Galbraith again provided a barbecue lunch in the Moncton Coliseum parking lot.

Details for ONE 2020 have not yet been revealed, except that it will take place in Moncton May 22-23. Follow YIG on Facebook for more updates as they come. If any parishes are planning to go in 2020, please touch base with the YIG team.

YIG is the diocesan Youth & Intergenerational Ministry Team.



ONE

Picture this: over 3,000 middle and high school aged youth and leaders all worshipping, singing, praying and praising ONE God together!

That's right, over 3,000 attended the second annual ONE conference in Moncton May 31-June 1. Let me tell you, it was an unbelievable sight.

In this day and age where being a Christian can feel like

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MOTHERS' UNION

'Come and See – Go and Tell'

BY KATHLEEN SNOW

"Come and see, go and tell." These words were shared with us by the Most Rev. Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of Rwanda at the opening worship service for the Mothers' Union (MU) Worldwide Council Meeting in Kigali, Rwanda in June.

He informed us that Rwanda was considered "the land of 1,000 hills and 1,000 smiles" — and it was. How fitting that Mothers' Union leaders from 30 provinces worldwide should meet in this beautiful country to reaffirm the essence of who we are and what we do.

The Board of Trustees met with provincial MU presidents, several observers from around the world and staff from Mary Sumner House to do just that.

The meetings were covered with prayer and worship. We were placed in family groups with members from around the world where we gathered each morning and evening for worship.

We also met with the provincial presidents in our zonal groups. In Zone B, I met with the presidents from Canada, U.S.A., West Indies, South America and Brazil to develop an action plan for the coming year.

As a membership, we agreed on the impact and change we wish to make across the world in the years approaching our 150th anniversary of the movement in 2026.

During our time together and in preparation for this meeting, we had listened to the voices of over 200,000 members who over the last two years have worked through the MULO process (Mothers' Union Listens, Observes and Acts) to discern how we will transform the communities where we live and work. Based on our work together, we established the following principles:

Our identity: Mothers' Union is a global, women-led, volunteer movement. United in our diversity and living out our faith, we support individuals and families to transform their lives. Embedded in the Church and community, we have unprecedented reach that gives a voice to the stigma-



KATHLEEN SNOW PHOTOS

MISSION IN MOTION: international

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: MU MEMBER (in white uniform) sells bananas at market in Kigali. Mothers' Union assisted her as a widow with five children to start up this business to support her family. Felicia Asuamah (Ghana), Dorcas Kanana (Rwanda) and Ruth Senyonyi (Uganda) surround her with smiles; Dorcas Kanana (Rwandan translator) and Kathleen Snow - new friends for life; Kathleen Snow and Thembsie Mchunu (Zone E Trustee - Central Africa, Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan, Southern Africa) share a hug on 'Thursdays in Black' - towards a world without rape and violence; Maria Lee & Sangmok Yang (S. Korea), June Houghton (York), Robert Dawes (MSH Senior Manager Development), Kathleen Snow (Zone B Trustee), Ruth Senyonyi (Uganda) and Daisy Chikampa (Zambia) sitting.

tized and vulnerable round the world.

I heard from Judith of how MU facilitators in the Parenting Program have transformed families in Guyana by establishing support groups where parents learn from each other about parenting.

One woman said, "It helped me to be a good parent" and a father stated that after taking the program "I realize it is not good to beat children."

See more at - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XkvqvyGVWoM&t=27s>.

We are making a difference: The differences we aspire to make are in the areas of gender justice, peace and safety, self-reliance and restored relationships with God, each other, the environment and the stigmatized.

I heard from Thembsie how

through the MULO process in South Sudan, more than 200 MU members came together from warring tribes in different areas. By listening to each other and sharing experiences, relationships were restored and reconciliation between communities occurred.

Our values: Being non-judgemental, loving and compassionate, persevering and bold.

I heard from Catherine of AMARE members (MU members in Northern Argentina) who took to the streets to pray for young men in gangs who were terrorizing their communities. Many of those young men's lives were transformed and communities restored.

Our approach to working in our communities: First to listen and observe, then to mobilize our own and surround-

ing resources. We will work to equip those around us to meet the challenges they face, and seek to partner with others enabling us to reach more people, more effectively.

I heard from Daisy, an MU member in Zambia. She stated that after the MULO process, her members looked for resources within their community, rather than waiting for a 'hand-out.' They live in a rural area where grass is abundant, so they decided to collect the grass, dry it and make it into brooms to sell in the city areas. Daisy said, "God gives us the resources we need wherever we are."

Our priorities for program and advocacy work: Priorities will include supporting people to achieve stable livelihoods, equipping people with skills in literacy and life skills, and gender justice.

I heard from June in York, whose members started an MU branch in a prison in their community. Female prisoners were enrolled and meetings were held within the prison walls. Once they left the prisons, they were given their badges and invited to join other branches in their communities.

Our work: Our work will focus on making a difference and will be based on our shared priorities. We commit to good financial management, governance and monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL).

I heard from Ruth in Uganda, where members in one MU diocese wrote a Prenatal Guide book and ran programs to assist young mothers in getting a

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MOTHERS' UNION



KATHLEEN SNOW, DEBORAH MUNDAY (MU president Scotland), and Alice Kennedy (MU president Canada and member of the Parish of Hampton).

Mothers' Union has 4 million members in 84 countries

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good start with their pregnancy and family life. Ugandan members also developed their own provincial MU Constitution and developed leadership training programs for their diocesan presidents.

Creating safe spaces:

Creating safe spaces for the vulnerable is a key part of what we do; we committed to a collective policy on safeguarding, and developing and implementing appropriate procedures in line with the guidelines of the Anglican Church.

At our worldwide council meeting, we developed a Mothers' Union Statement of Commitment for safeguarding our programs globally, which everyone approved both individually as members and collectively as an organization.

Central Charity: We are an interconnected global movement, sharing with and supporting one another to achieve our common goals.

We recognize the need for a central charity to support

and coordinate this work and agree to contribute towards the associated costs.

Members at this meeting expressed our continued support for a central body to organize our movement where we have over 4 million members in 84 countries worldwide.

Our administrative offices are at Mary Sumner House in London, UK; we wholeheartedly reinforced the love and support which we receive and give to the staff at Mary Sumner House.

The following scripture was part of our worship booklet and was an inspiration to many of us during our time together. I have been blessed to have attended this meeting and met so many women and men of faith from around the world.

We pray that our God will make us fit for what he's called us to be, that he'll fill our good ideas and acts of faith with his own energy so that it all amounts to something. As our lives honour the name of Jesus, may he honour us, by the grace of God. Amen.

Based on 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12 (the Message)

Kathleen Snow of Fredericton is a Mothers' Union Worldwide Trustee for Zone B.

SPRING HAPPENINGS IN THE PARISH OF PORTLAND

ST. LUKE'S, PARISH OF PORTLAND, in the old north end of Saint John, had a busy spring with several events. The St. Patrick's Day luncheon and card party on March 15 was a hit. Everyone enjoyed delicious sandwiches, desserts and fellowship. On May 11 they hosted a spring tea which was also very popular.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

AROUND THE DIOCESE



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OF LUDLOW & BLISSFIELD



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

A FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST WAS HELD in April with all of the proceeds going to support the school breakfast programs for the three schools in the Parish of Ludlow and Blissfield. The breakfast, which was by donation, raised \$1,710. The Planning Committee and the Rev. Neil Osiowy were pleased to present each principal with a cheque for \$570. TOP LEFT: Sonya O'Donnell-Munn (Doaktown Elementary School) & Father Neil. ABOVE LEFT: Deborah Osiowy, Barbara Long (Central New Brunswick Academy), Father Neil, Daphne O'Donnell (Upper Miramich Elementary School), Bill Witherell, Karen Beek.

ABOVE RIGHT: Following the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, June 2, 12 ATVs and 14 riders took part in a Blessing of the Bikes service, and then 10 riders set out for an afternoon ride to Donnelly Brook Falls in the Upper Blackville area. Paul Colford, president of the Doaktown ATV Club, approached Father Neil Osiowy with the idea, and Neil was easily onboard as he is a newly-minted ATV enthusiast. It was a great day, with plans underway for bigger and better next year!

MISSION IN MOTION: community

SUMMER FUN AT CCPC



ON JULY 15TH, Mission Within at Christ Church (Parish) Church in downtown Fredericton held a barbecue and games night on the church lawn for the neighbourhood (photos at left). The day before, after the 10:30 morning service, everyone gathered for a strawberry social, which was very popular (photos at right).



DEBBIE CAWKER PHOTOS



AROUND THE DIOCESE

First Nations participate in Fishermen's Service

In 1956 the first Fishermen's Service was held in Christ Church, Clifton in the Parish of New Bandon. Sixty-three years later, this tradition continues for the blessing of the fishing fleet as well as the fisheries.

The ecumenical service was held April 28 in the Parish of New Bandon. Normally the service is shared by the ministers of the different denominations in the community. Unfortunately the Rev. Sue White fell ill and was not able to attend this year. The Rev. Falen McNulty was home visiting and substituted for her, sharing the service with the Rev. Richard McConnell.

For the first time in the history of these services, members of the Pabineau First Nation participated in the ser-

vice. Marie Kryszko, accompanied by her granddaughter, Grace, Alicia Peter-Paul and her friend Shirley sang the Mi'gmaq Honour Song.

Before singing, Marie explained the song to the congregation. Chief David Peter-Paul spoke briefly of the relationship between the communities and how we support one another. He then did the first reading.

The second reading was by fishermen Keith Daly. Marie also closed the service with a traditional blessing and smudging. An ecumenical men's choir sang Till The Storm Passes By.

Fishermen Merle Ellis and Sherwood Good were part of the choir. Two local fishermen, Keith Wiseman and Clayton Smith, looked after greeting



LAURA MCNULTY PHOTO

MARIE KRYSZKO, ACCOMPANIED BY HER GRANDDAUGHTER GRACE, Alicia Peter-Paul and her friend Shirley sing the Mi'gmaq Honour Song. Note the church's walls decorated with nets and buoys.

and offering. The service was attended by 81 members of the greater community. The offering from this service was given to the Healthy Learners

Program at Janeville Elementary School.

One point of interest is that Christ Church is built like an inverted ship and a huge fish

net is hung around the wall of the church. Lobster traps and buoys as well as other fishing paraphilia are used to decorate the church.

230 years celebrated in Kingston

SUBMITTED BY B. MEADE AND C. DEMERCHANT

On June 1, a concert was held at Trinity Church, Kingston to celebrate the church's 230th anniversary.

The rector of the Anglican Parish of Kingston, Rev. Douglas Painter, welcomed special guests Bishop David Edwards, retired Bishop Claude Miller and his wife Sharon, as well as past rectors of the parish, former organists, local school students, community musicians and singers, and historians. The event also inaugurated Bishop David Edwards' pilgrimage around the deanery.

Built in 1789, and consecrated in November of that year, Trinity Church is the oldest church in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton.

The 1785 Hedgeland organ, the oldest working pipe-organ in Canada, which came to the church in 1852, was played by Richard Kidd and Barry Snodgrass for this event.

This celebratory concert was largely attended by parishio-



ners and community members alike. Proceeds of the freewill offering were presented to Outflow and the Revs Terence and Jasmine Chandra's Central Saint John Community Ministry.

Bishop David Edwards will return to the Parish of Kingston in the fall to celebrate the consecration day of the church on Nov. 5.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM TOP RIGHT: The Combined Peninsula Choir performs to a full church of concert goers; Siblings Fraser Smith and Sylvia Campbell perform together; Bishop David Edwards addresses the congregation at the conclusion of the concert; Rev. Douglas Painter introduces the performers.

BOWLING TOURNAMENT



BOWLING FOR CHILDREN

JULY 3 WAS A CELEBRATION OF BOWLING and all that it meant to many parishes in the Fredericton area. The annual bowling tournament on April 6, which has quickly grown to include the entire diocese, was a fundraiser to help combat childhood hunger. In Fredericton, the money raised — \$12,085 — went to the Student Hunger Program at the Fredericton Community Kitchens. Bowlers and supporters from parishes that helped with this large project were on hand at All Saints in Marysville for the cheque handover. Seen here are Mike Smith, Operations manager of Fredericton Community Kitchens; Bishop David Edwards; and tournament founder the Rev. Kevin McAllister.

MISSION IN MOTION: childhood hunger



BOWLING IN BATHURST



THE BOWLERS IN THE PARISH OF BATHURST saw the fruits of their labours at the annual bowling tournament with three donations to breakfast and lunch programs at local schools. Each school received \$400.

TOP LEFT: Terry Fox Elementary school, left: Archdeacon Sandy MacPherson, Sue Pitre (breakfast program co-ordinator), Shari Smith-Ellis (principal), Pat Guignard (church warden).

ABOVE: Superior Middle School, left: Archdeacon Sandy MacPherson, Nicole Chaisson, Mitzi Whelton, Pat Guignard.

LEFT: Place-des-Jeunes, from left: Archdeacon Sandy MacPherson, Annette Hondas (principal), Joshua Elias, Karine Theriault (student council representative), Pat Guignard.

DIOCESAN CHOIR SCHOOL

The blessing of music and youth

COMMENTARY BY
CHRIS HAYES

For the record, I am not too crazy about writing this article. It's too... final.

I have just retired from serving as the administrative director of Diocesan Choir School. I leave after serving in this position for 15+ years, and 19 years at Choir School altogether.

Leaving is not something I particularly wanted to do, but for various reasons (including concern for the care of the parish I serve), it was a necessary move to make.

I will miss being with the kids more than anything, especially watching them thrive in the spiritual and creative environment that is Choir School each year.

The esteemed editor of this paper has asked me to write about my years at Choir School — so I will not do that!

Instead, I'd like to focus on the kids, and some general aspects of them I've noticed over my years being with them. (None of these is likely new to anyone who is around kids.)

First off, and most important for me, has been building a good relationship. I could talk and talk and talk, but if I

have no relationship with the kids, my words would not have the same impact.

If there are the beginnings (or continuation) of a relationship, there seems to be a kind of investment in what is being discussed. (Ask choristers of a certain year about pine cones and the Fibonacci sequence.)

Secondly, kids crave the chance to tell stories, and to be a part of a group. And when in a comfortable setting, giving them the chance to do so can tell a person some amazing things about them.

Kids are dreamers, they are curious, they have lots of ideas about lots of things, and they are a lot more interested in being a real friend to others than simply connecting with them on social media.

Thirdly, kids have incredible potential, and the opportunity to turn that potential into something kinetic and real can bring amazing things to pass.

I've watched kids who initially would barely open their mouth to make a squeak develop into beautiful singers, and wonderful musicians.

Shy kids sometimes grow into solid and effective leaders. There are all kinds of abilities and talents to be shared when the chance presents



CHRIS HAYES PHOTO

THE BOYS OF CHOIR SCHOOL — Merrick Tower, Patrick Hayes and Charles Torrence, along with Zane Peacock (front row) — pose for a shot. Sophie Tower and Gentile Myiramasoso look on in the background.

itself.

Giving kids the chance can be a real gift to them, and to others around them.

I could go on and on, but if I did, the esteemed editor would likely chop my article, and you'd never see those extra words anyway.

Suffice to say that I have witnessed some incredible music-making over my years at Choir School, made by some

incredible young people.

I have been most fortunate and blessed to have been around while some of them grew up, became great young leaders, went on from Choir School to become active members in their churches and communities, met a significant other and got married, and had children — whom they intend to make future choristers.

I've learned from so many

youth, and I hope they've learned something from me. I hope many others will continue to get involved in kids' lives, to experience what I've experienced, and even more.

Through Choir School, in this way and many others, I have experienced God's grace. Thank you.

Chris Hayes is the rector at the Parish of Havelock & Salisbury.

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WEEK 9: STACKING THE CHAIRS-AN INTRODUCTION TO THE '5 HIGH' RULE

WEEK 10: VASES AND PEDESTALS ORIENTATION

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MCKNIGHT PHOTO

ODELL HOUSE, AN HISTORIC HOME in Fredericton and the former residence of the dean of Christ Church Cathedral, went on the market this spring and quite quickly sold. Odell House was the home of Loyalist Jonathan Odell, an Anglican minister from New Jersey. A story on the home was featured in the April issue of the NB Anglican.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

EARTH SUNDAY
CELEBRATED
AT ST. LUKE'S

THE FOCUS FOR OUR FAMILY EUCHARIST on Earth Sunday, April 28, was caring for God's creation. The children began by reading an article on Earth Day from the NB Anglican by Sue Carson. We sang hymns about God's creation, including All Things Bright and Beautiful, God of the Sparrow, For the Beauty of the Earth, and You are Salt for the Earth!

In the children's sermon entitled "The Promised Land," the Rev. Shirley Noseworthy engaged the children in reflecting on what we can do to set an example of good stewardship. The children expressed knowledge about composting and recycling and the things we can all do to make our homes and communities clean environments for the present and the next generation.

The children enthusiastically sang, He's Got the Whole World in His Hands. We praise God for his wondrous creation! Following the service we enjoyed refreshments and many lingered for a lively conversation.

LEFT: The Rev. Shirley Noseworthy gives the children's sermon. RIGHT: Greeters Madylin and Keaton with Andrea Boomer.



NANCY ENGLISH PHOTOS

Episcopal
Announcements

The Ven. Brent Ham has been appointed rector of the Parish of Shediac, effective Sept. 15. He leaves the Parish of Riverview.

The Rev. Jonathan Springthorpe's term as Incumbent of the Westside Anglican Mission has been extended to December 31, 2019.

The Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks' term as incumbent in the Parish of St. James, Moncton, has been extended to July 31, 2020.

The Rev. Craig O'Brien is appointed rector of the shared ministry in the Parishes of Sackville and Dorchester, effective Sept. 1. Craig, originally from Halifax, is currently serving in Savannah, Georgia.

The Rev. Rob Montgomery is appointed priest-in-charge in the Parish of Gondola Point, a half-time appointment, effective Aug. 1. He also continues half-time as chaplain at Rothesay Netherwood School.

The Rev. Debra Edmondson has been appointed deacon at Christ Church Cathedral, under the direction of Dean Geoffrey Hall.

A Celebration of New Ministry for the **Rev. Dr. Sean Davidson** will be held Sunday, Sept. 8 at 4 p.m. at St. Mark's, Sussex Corner.

David Bell, of the Parish of Richmond, has been appointed one of two diocesan representatives on the Atlantic School of Theology Board of Governors, effective July 1 to June 30, 2021. Bishop David wishes to thank Stephen MacMackin for his service on the AST board for the past six years on behalf of the Diocese.

The terms of **Dr. Gwen Davies** and **Hugh Wright**, diocesan representatives to the board of governors at University of King's College, have been extended for a further two years, to June 30, 2021.

Farraline Place
annual fundraising dinner

Saturday, Oct. 19

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Doors & bar open at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m."Your choice" auction and entertainment
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calling 506-455-6443.Learn more about Farraline Place:
farralineplace.comHosted by the Farraline Place board of directors and the
Anglican Church Women. All proceeds support Farraline
Place seniors' home.

Bishop David's pilgrimage in the Archdeaconry of Kingston & the Kennebecasis, which was halted in June due to his mother's illness, will resume Oct. 12-20. Please watch for more information on routes.

MUSIC COLUMN

Unspoken's new album should 'not' be in your library!

Everyone has their little indulgences that they find a trifle embarrassing — a favourite TV show or pop band that doesn't exactly fit their personality (I have been known to enjoy an episode of *Gilmore Girls* - OK, all of them - and I still listen to the pop band a-ha).

I will also admit to finding the latest offering from the band, Unspoken, rather riveting, though I cannot explain why. *Reason* is the third album, and has some great songs on it!

Unspoken released a third album, *Reason*, in late June. Though a pop album by nature, it does not depend on single little musical hooks, overly predictable lyrics, or "safe" structures.

For these reasons and more, it is refreshing. A great compliment I can pay: this album reminds me of the fantastic MercyMe album, *Lifer*.

Reason has a bright, fresh sound that permeates the album, which features several styles of music. The group benefits from a diversity of influence, perhaps due in part



to the multiple ethnicities of the band. One member is from Puerto Rico; another is from the Dominican Republic, as well as the others being from the U.S.

On to the music itself. The album opens with a great tune, the lead single and title track. This song is clean, energetic, and has a great groove set by the acoustic guitar from the first beat. It has "ear-worm" status, but that's not necessarily a bad thing.

Unspoken wrote these songs, not for worship services, or music industry executives, but for themselves and their families. It shows.

The lyrics are powerful in their simplicity at times, and do not conform to standard clichés that have driven praise and worship music down to

such a predictable state.

The album gets better as you go along. "Human Condition" is a half-rap, half soul song that works really well. The lead singer has a laid back quality that almost defies his great skill set as a singer (Chad Mattson, if you care to know).

"Never Would've Made It" speaks several truths of



Christian life, in its raw and sometimes difficult reality, reflected in the song's raw and exposed arrangement.

One of the best songs on the album comes later in the album. "If We Only Knew" is a power song that shows, in its arrangement, how big God is compared to humanity. It manages to do this in an

accessible way; no small feat in under four minutes.

This is a great album to listen to. The songs are all unique, yet somehow maintain a fresh sound amid different combinations of the instruments and harmonized vocals.

If there is one shortfall in the music, it is that the songs sometimes do not "arrive," or hit a climax of any kind. There are times when one additional instrument — strings, another synth line, or something — could really fill the song out.

However, it has been noted by many reviewers that this very pop-styled album has both great lyrics and a full slate of great songs — two things that pop albums often lack.

Congratulations, Unspoken, on creating a great project that goes beyond the confines of a very narrowly-defined genre!

Many thumbs up!

The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician as well as a priest serving in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock.

TWO MINUTE INTERVIEW



The Rev. David Peer, executive officer, Anglican Diocese of Fredericton

Favourite book of the Bible - James, lots of good practical advice.

Birthplace - Saint John

What you love most about God – God wants a relationship with me

Favourite place on Earth - On a boat on the St. John River

Farthest you've been from home - Going east - Singapore; Going west – Qingdao, China

Favourite meal or dessert - Baked Atlantic salmon with broccoli, and cherry vanilla ice cream

Biggest fear – Heights

Hidden talent – I have been told that I learned how to clean washrooms really well in the Navy.

Favourite movie or book – Movie - *The Matrix*; Book - CS Lewis's *The Lion The Witch and the Wardrobe*

Your hobby – My two passions: Sailing and skiing

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

Clergy Spouses Retreat highlights

BY NOELINE ALSTON

This past May, the featured speaker at the annual Clergy Spouses Retreat was herself a minister's wife, Karen Stiller.

As well as her role as wife and mother, Karen is also an experienced and busy Ottawa-based editor and writer.

Her freelance career includes senior editor of *Faith Today*, and her book on being a minister's wife is to be published early in 2020 by Tyndale Press, in Chicago.

I had wondered why her name was familiar until she mentioned an article published in the Canadian magazine, *Walrus*, which I then recalled having read with much amuse-

ment, aptly titled "The Lonely Social Life of a Minister's Wife."

Over the two days of the retreat, Karen had us exploring various aspects of clergy spousehood. She posed questions: What were your expectations, what did you think you were getting into? Then, how did it improve your faith and did you struggle? What advice would you give to newer clergy spouses?

Friendships was the theme of another session. Writing wasn't neglected as she led us in several writing exercises, and drew a parallel between the editing of writing and editing as an evaluation applicable to our own lives.

Finally, we were invited

to develop our own rule of life, listing habits that help us grow spiritually, which can be tweaked (edited) to suit at any time.

In all, Karen candidly and generously shared her own experiences and thoughts, encouraging us in the same.

As usual, music was a feature of the retreat as Charlene Routledge, Joan Pain, Val Phinney, and Kate Turner led us in singing hymns both familiar and less so.

Bishop David Edwards began proceedings with Eucharist in the chapel, and also generously hosted a wine and deli snacks reception.

We noted that it was the six-month anniversary of Janet



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GROUP PHOTO during the Clergy Spouses Retreat in May.

Edwards's passing: Janet had been a regular attendee of the retreats, and her absence was keenly felt.

And last, and as usual, the staff of Villa Madonna conge-

nially and comfortably accommodated us.

Noeline Alston is a clergy spouse at St. Philip's Anglican Church, Moncton.



AF announces diocesan grant

MANITOBA—The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has announced \$450,000 in grants to support new projects across Canada in its May cycle of awards. AFC's board of directors met in Winnipeg on May 22–23.

"It's truly inspiring to receive applications for projects that are imaginative, creative, and innovative," says the Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, AFC's executive director.

"Canadian Anglicans of all ages are imagining and embarking on programs that will result in a positive impact on their communities and the Church," she said.

In addition to infrastructure and restoration grants of \$254,000, AFC provided \$110,000 for innovative minis-

try projects, \$25,500 for theological education bursaries, \$20,500 toward church music, and \$25,000 for theological formation projects.

From coast to coast to coast, the donations of Canadian Anglicans are making it possible to fund ministry of all kinds: educational resources for children and youth, theological education, musical composition, art installations, creative liturgies reflecting new realities of worshippers, summer camps for young refugees to Canada, after-school homework clubs, spiritual and medical care in children's hospices, and choir schools.

In the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton, the Deep Roots Diocesan Gathering was awarded a grant of \$10,000.

ACW PARISH GET-TOGETHER



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ST. MICHAEL'S ACW (MINTO) hosted a parish get-together with our sister church St. Augustine's ACW (Chipman) on Wednesday, June 19. The Rev. Kevin McAllister and Joan Pain were also with us for lunch, fellowship and an afternoon craft project. We enjoyed a delicious lunch prepared by St. Michael's ACW, and after our lunch, our creative juices were called upon. Our craft project was to make a summer mesh wreath. We had an abundance of mesh colors and decorations so this is where each person's creativity came into play. This made for a variety of interesting-looking wreathes. All in all we had a great afternoon of food, fun and laughter.



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