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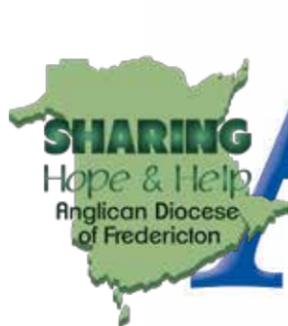
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## VIEW FROM THE HEAD TABLE

**HEAD TABLE MEMBERS, INCLUDING FROM LEFT,** Sandra Craft, the Rev. David Peer, the Ven. Cathy Laskey, Bishop David Edwards, Dean Geoffrey Hall and chancellor David Bell, standing, look out at the members and guests of the 137th Diocesan Synod held Nov. 2 at Journey Wesleyan Church in Fredericton. Synod coverage continues this month below, and on pages 2, 4, 5, 10 & 11.

## Youth motion prompts plenty of debate, but no change

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The issue over the upper age of some synod delegates was hotly debated at the 137th Diocesan Synod, held Nov. 2 at Journey Wesleyan Church, just as it was in 2016 and 2017.

In the end, the vote was close, but the age of a third delegate for each parish will remain defined as 16-35.

The saga of this debate over defining age began at Diocesan Synod in 2016, when a motion was passed allowing parishes to

send a third delegate only if that person were aged 16-25.

An amendment raised the age to 35, although not without many people lining up at the microphone to share their opinions. The argument for raising the age centred on the fact that rural parishes with fewer youth would have limited representation at Diocesan Synod. The vote was 138 for, 118 against; thus, the third delegate for any parish had to be between the ages of 16 and 35.

That change didn't sit well

with the Rev. Dan McMullen, who heard from many people of all ages who felt the same discomfort with the upper age limit. So he filed a motion to lower the age to 25, but it missed the deadline for the 2017 Diocesan Synod. With last year's Diocesan Synod cancelled, he had to wait another year for this issue to come back to the floor for discussion.

And there was a lot of discussion. In fact, this was the lengthiest motion of the day in terms of time. About 20 people came

to the microphone to express opinions, with well-reasoned arguments for both sides.

"Shouldn't our definition match that of Provincial and General Synod?" asked Dan as he introduced the motion.

"I do not see the world as a 16 or 18 year old does," said the Rev. Rob Montgomery. "We want to hear the voices of young people."

The Ven. Cathy Laskey told the members that two years ago,

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THE REV. DAN MCMULLEN introduces the youth age motion.

DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: A SPEAKER IN THE far aisle addresses synod during discussion on a motion on Nov. 2; Youth delegate Chase McLean addresses synod; the Rev. Cole Hartin addresses synod; the head table listens intently, with chancellor David Bell, Bishop David Edwards and Archdeacon Cathy Laskey.**

# Youth (third) delegate age remains defined as 16-35

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she would have been in favour of the motion, but after seeing more youth involved in our diocesan structure, “let’s not age their participation out.”

The Rev. Canon Chris Vanbuskirk said he did not want to diminish the voices of youth, but “I fear we do hardship to some rural parishes.”

The Rev. Chris Ketch spoke in favour, saying, “Penalizing parishes is the wrong way of thinking about it. A 32-year-old is not a youth and we want youth.”

The Rev. Chris Hayes, supporting the motion, asked, “Is this a way to silence [youth]?”

Alyssa Vandervalk, a new mother, noted the wrong question is being asked.

“At 31, I have a completely different view. I think it would be great if three different age brackets could attend: up to 25, 25 to 40 and 40 and over.”

Chase McLean, clearly a youth, spoke against the motion, saying, “I think it’s about fairness to smaller rural parishes.”

Peter Irish noted the youth definition is not in line with Provincial and General Synod. “You can elect all the 26-35 years olds you like but they won’t be going to General Synod and Provincial Synod,” he said.

The Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand sought a compromise in the form of an amendment to change the upper age to 30, but it ultimately failed by a vote of 124 to 74.

Matthew Pitman, a university student, spoke passionately

on the motion, saying, “Look around this room. I am not comfortable with 35-year-olds speaking for me. Look at us. We want to speak. Don’t hold us back.”

The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin had some interesting words to end the debate: “There’s a problem, but I don’t think this is the problem. It’s something much deeper. “I’m not hopeful that this is going to change anything substantial in our congregations.”

Because the motion was a constitutional change, it required voting in both houses and a majority of 66.6 per cent to pass in both. As the results show, the motion was lost. Clergy – 54 per cent voted yes to lower the age limit  
Laiety – 42 per cent voted yes to lower the age limit.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# Predictions of our demise



NATHAN FERTIG ON UNSPLASH

**The need for five new windows in order for his house sale to go through was an unanticipated complication for the bishop.**

January is often seen as a time of change. This is certainly the case for me as I move into a new phase of life with Debbie.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their good wishes during the period we announced our upcoming wedding. We are both extremely grateful.

During the time in which I moved house, I began to realize what it's like to have to live with extreme uncertainty. Prior to Janet's death, we had lived there for 15 years.

In 2015 we decided to have new windows put in throughout the house. These were great and made a huge difference to our heating bills.

After the sale of the property was agreed, as is the norm, there was an inspection. Due to an error in 2015, it was discovered that five windows did not meet code.

The purchasers were happy to continue to buy as long as I replaced the windows before the house closed.

The installation was completed one hour and ten minutes before the final walk-through. In fact, the buyers had to be

warned not to touch the trim as the paint was still wet.

The lesson? Things don't always go as planned or expected! That goes for selling houses, and for predictions of our Anglican demise.

A recent analysis of statistical returns from all the dioceses of our Church has shown that over the last 50 years, there has been a significant decline in the number of Anglicans gathering for worship across Canada.

You will see much about this material in the Anglican Journal this month.

In fact the headline suggests that the last Anglican in this country will leave the building in 2040.

My first word to you is don't panic! This is merely a statistical model and things do not work that way.

Secondly, we have to recognize that we have to continue to change the ways in which we minister in order to meet this challenge.

We will continue to provide Anglican worship and pastoral care across the Diocese, although it may look different in the ways in which this is accomplished.

I want us to rest in the fact that God is faithful to us, just as we are faithful to him.

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

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NEW YEAR'S DAY  
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CHRIST CHURCH  
CATHEDRAL

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BISHOP DAVID  
AND DEBBIE  
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PARISH OF  
MILLIDGEVILLE

JANUARY 26  
PARISH OF  
ROTHESAY

JANUARY 28  
BISHOP'S  
COUNSEL



Mike Briggs

## Examples of stewardship

Last month I wrote about the start of the liturgical year and posed some questions that Archbishop Justin asks in his book 'Dethroning Mammon - Making Money Serve Grace.'

This month marks the start of the calendar year. Some of us make New Year's resolutions and possibly even keep them. I challenge you to make a resolution for 2020 to be the year when you strive to be a better steward of all the bounty that God has given you, whether it is talent, time or treasure.

Recently, I was really encouraged in my stewardship ministry when I heard that the Diocese

has received a bequest of just over \$43,000 to be used for the development of ministry in the areas of youth.

I have also been speaking to and working with a couple of individuals who have been looking at their assets and personal circumstances. One has already made a change to their will, bequeathing their RSP/RIF to the Diocese with no restrictions on how the bequest is to be used. It will be for whatever need the Diocese has at the time.

Another individual has investments that have appreciated and are not really needed, and is thinking of donating them to the Diocese.

With both people I have gone through the tax implications and the most tax-efficient way of making a bequest or donation to support the multiple ministries of the Diocese.

Concrete examples like these encourage others to look at their own situation to be stewards of their treasures — now or in the future.

Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton has a wealth of resources on stewardship and I encourage you to visit their website and explore the stewardship page where they describe the principle of tithing and first fruits with pertinent biblical references from both the Old and New Testaments.

I started working with the Cathedral earlier in the year as they decided to be more intentional on stewardship. A gift-giving policy was drawn up and a sub-committee of finance was established to begin planning for stewardship on an ongoing basis. For stewardship to be successful, it must be intentional and ongoing.

I am available for advice to parishes either by email, phone or a visit given some notice. You can reach me at 506 866 7318 or email to stewardship@anglican.nb.ca .

At times, I write these columns not really knowing if anyone is reading or digesting the contents. Examples above show that people do read, digest and act on stewardship.

At Diocesan Synod in November, I worked as one of the registration team and was pleased when some of the attendees I was registering mentioned the column and that they had read it — and even recognized me from the photo!

A blessed, happy and healthy 2020 to all of you.

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

Prayers requested



A visit to the Diocese of Ho, Ghana, West Africa

From January 12 - 23, Robert Griffin, Cheryl Jacobs and Lilian Ketch will visit Ho as part of the Companion Diocese relationship. Prayers for safe travel and a fruitful visit are appreciated.

## DIOCESAN SYNOD

# Motions of the 137<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Much of the Nov. 2 Diocesan Synod, held at Journey Wesleyan Church in Fredericton, was taken up with hearing, discussing and voting on non-procedural motions. Here is the list of motions and their voting results.

**Motion 2019-01: Lowering the age ceiling for youth delegates to Diocesan Synod from 35 to 25.**

This motion would make the third parish delegate younger and more in keeping with the upper age limit of youth delegates to Provincial and General Synod. Upwards of 20 people spoke for and against the motion.

The motion was defeated. Clergy vote: 38 for; 33 against. Laity vote: 60 for; 87 against.

**Motion 2019-02: Tenure of elected lay members of Diocesan Council**

Chancellor David Bell explained that, for the stability of membership of Diocesan Council, teams and committees, a member could continue to serve their two-year term if they ceased to be a member of the greater chapter that elected them.

There were a few nay votes, but the motion passed.

**Motion 2019-03: Post election procedure for becoming bishop**

Chancellor David Bell explained that canon language says the elected bishop becomes the bishop, though that is not true. There is a process of confirmation by the Ecclesiastical Province, consecration and seating. This motion would not change the process, but would merely state what the procedure is.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-04: Role of diocesan bishop in managing temporal matters**

Chancellor David Bell explained that the canons are silent on the question of who has authority on the day-to-day decisions of the diocese. "It changes nothing," he said. "It just puts in writing what is already happening."

The motion was passed.



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: SYNOD MEMBERS VOTE ON** one of the many motions during the day; Voting to elect delegates to Provincial and General Synod; The Rev. Canon Chris Vanbuskirk speaks during debate on one of the motions.

**Motion 2019-05: Role of the diocesan bishop in requiring police records checks**

This motion would obligate and empower the bishop to require vulnerable sector checks for all ministerial licence-holders. It would also require licence-holders to report criminal charges, and for them to renew their police check every three years.

The Rev. Canon Ross Hebb argued the three-year requirement was onerous, and proposed the deletion of that clause in the motion. That deletion passed, as did the motion, but not without substantial debate.

**Motion 2019-06: Amendments to the role of archdeacons**

Chancellor David Bell explained that this change would empower an archdeacon to

become involved in the governance of certain vacant parishes where that involvement was thought to be helpful.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-07: Authority of assistant secretary of synod and assistant treasurer**

Chancellor David Bell explained that Diocesan Council has the authority to appoint an assistant secretary or assistant treasurer. This motion would also give those people signing authority if such appointments are ever made.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-08: Non-incumbents presiding at parish annual meetings**

This motion would remove the distinction between the role of a non-incumbent in presiding at meetings of the parish corporation and presiding at

the annual parish meeting.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-09: Membership of the parish advisory committee**

Chancellor David Bell explained that, at present, all members of the parish advisory committees are chosen from the membership of the parish corporation. The change would widen the pool of possible appointees.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-10: Preservation of liability insurance policies; annual disclosure of special trusts**

Chancellor David Bell explained that the New Brunswick legislature changed the statute of limitations, to have no limits on cases of sexual assault. As a result, it is now vital to preserve old liability

insurance policies.

"It becomes important for parishes to figure out who their insurer was 40 or 50 years ago, even though they look like they're expired," said David.

On the topic of special trusts, the motion proposed that all gifts of money that come with conditions be listed in the annual report of each parish.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-11: Parish financial signing authorities**

This motion, brought to synod by the Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough, would allow the appointment of signing authorities in accordance with the requirements of their banking institution and the logistics of their geographic location. Signing authorities

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*Synod photos by Derwin Gowan & Gary Barfitt*

**DIOCESAN SYNOD**

# New council kicks off work at weekend retreat

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

A month after Diocesan Synod voted to accept the updated membership of Diocesan Council, members went to work, meeting Nov. 29-30 at Villa Madonna for a weekend retreat.

They spent two days approving the diocesan budget for 2020, dealing with other matters, learning the function of diocesan council and getting to know one another.

Of note, two issues were dealt with that sprang from Diocesan Synod on Nov. 2. The first was the need to break a tie from the election of General Synod delegates. After an election, Ken Brien will be the second last, with Beresford Price the final delegate.

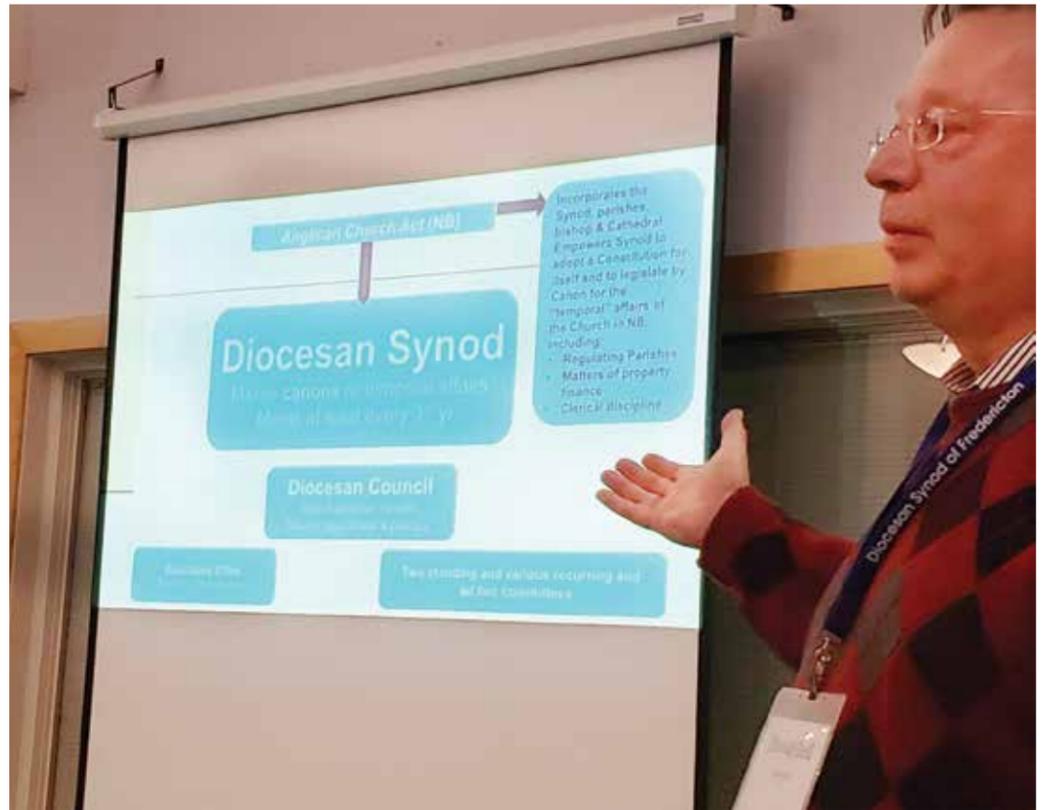
Secondly, the motion from the Parish of Stanley regarding cemetery care in dissolved parishes was discussed. Council decided to ask the secretary of synod, David Peer, to come up with a plan to be presented at the next council meeting.

Council appointed three lay members: Lionel Hayter, William Ross and Eric Beek. The youth member is Matt Pitman.

Council's executive committee was approved and includes (LAY): Kathy Asch, Eric Beek, chancellor David Bell, treasurer Heather Harris-Jones, Lionel Hayter and Coralie Losier; (CLERGY): David Barrett, Geoffrey Hall, Brent



**ABOVE: BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS leads worship.**



**RIGHT: Chancellor David Bell presents a flow chart of how the diocese is operated and where Diocesan Council fits into that structure.**

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Ham, Cathy Laskey, secretary of synod David Peer and Paul Ranson.

**OTHER MOTIONS**

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee to maintain the current rate of interest of 3.5 per cent to be paid on parish investments and Synod funds in the DCIF for the six-month period from

January to June 2020.

That Council approve a two per cent increase, effective Jan. 1, 2020, to the Diocesan clergy stipend as governed by Schedule A, Regulation 7-2: Scale of Minimum Stipends.

The schedule for Diocesan Council meetings was approved: Saturday, Feb. 22; Saturday, May 23; Saturday, Sept. 26; with next year's retreat scheduled for Nov. 27-28. The

138<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Synod will be held Saturday, Nov. 7.

Diocesan Council's membership is as follows: Kathy Asch, David Barrett, **Eric Beek**, David Bell, Rod Black, **Ken Brien**, David Edwards (chair), Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Heather Harris-Jones, Chris Hayes, Lionel Hayter, Linda Fury (or her ACW designate, Rosemarie Kingston), Mary Anne Lang-

maid, Cathy Laskey, Siobhan Laskey, Bob LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Sandy MacPherson, Rob Marsh, John Matheson, **Michael O'Hara**, Keith Osborne, David Peer, **Matt Pitman**, Ted Quann, Paul Ranson, **Joni Richardson**, William Ross, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Robert Taylor, Cheryl Young.

*With files from David Peer.*

## Synod motions, continued

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could still include any of the incumbent, the treasurer or a warden(s).

Chancellor David Bell explained that this motion also permits a parish to establish electronic banking protocols to facilitate automated bill payments.

**Motion 2019-12: Cemeteries in Dissolved Parishes**

This motion was brought to synod by the Parish of Stanley. The motion directs Diocesan Council to develop a policy and procedures for the perpetual care of cemeteries in dissolved parishes, and

includes columbariums. The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-13: Acceptance of the Anglican Communion's invitation to enter into a season of intentional discipleship.**

Parish development officer Shawn Branch introduced and spoke on the motion and used video that featured Archbishop Justin Welby. This is a worldwide program that focuses on a closer relationship with Jesus that results in a more missional lifestyle.

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-14: Mission Action Planning**

Bishop David mentioned this initiative in his charge, and Shawn brought this motion to the floor.

The motion asks every parish to discern and develop a Mission Action Plan during 2020 that outlines its mission, discipleship and ministry focus for the next five years. Resources will be available to carry this out.

In his charge, the bishop said, "For some of us this will be the decision to do a very simple thing like supporting the local food bank. For others it will be much more complex.

"What it must be is taking a step beyond where we are now. If that means dropping something internal to do something external, then so be it."

The motion was passed.

**Motion 2019-15: Unity**

This motion, from Canon Leo Martin and the Rev. Paul Ranson, urged everyone to move past the contentious motion from General Synod on the Marriage Canon, not reopen the debate, and focus on unity in the diocese.

"When we're united, Jesus is glorified," said Paul. "When we're divided, Jesus is not glorified."

The motion passed unanimously.

**DC election results**

The final non-procedural motion of the day was to accept the slate of members to Diocesan Council, as voted on at the Greater Chapter Meetings held in October.

Each archdeaconry elects one clergy and one lay person.

Each archdeacon is automatically a member. Names in bold are new members.

Kathy Asch, David Barrett, David Bell, Roderick Black, **Ken Brien**, David Edwards (chair), Geoffrey Hall, Brent Ham, Chris Hayes, Lionel Hayter, Rosalie Kingston for Linda Fury (ACW), Mary Anne Langmaid, Cathy Laskey, Siobhan Laskey, Robert LeBlanc, Coralie Losier, Robert Marsh, John Matheson, **Michael O'Hara**, Keith Osborne, David Peer, Ted Quann, Paul Ranson, **Joni Richardson**, William Ross, Wandlyn Snelgrove, Robert Taylor, Cheryl Young.

Some at-large members still have to be appointed by the bishop.

# Cleo Cyr retires as warden of layreaders

*Bishop David describes her work as 'revolutionary'*

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Not long ago, Bishop David Edwards wrote a letter to Cleo Cyr, accepting her decision to retire as warden of layreaders, effective Feb. 1.

In the letter, he said, "I cannot over-emphasize the importance of the ministry you have exercised in this role over the last five years. The training of layreaders has been revolutionized and standardized."

"I wouldn't use that word," said Cleo, of the bishop's choice of 'revolutionized.' "That's his word."

But after hearing her explain what she's done with the layreader program, perhaps the bishop was correct.

Cleo has chosen to retire due to family health concerns. She is needed elsewhere, though she's a bit torn.

"I love this. Why am I giving this up? But I feel also that I need to be home."

Cleo was a nurse for 41 years until retirement in 2014, though she's continued as the parish nurse at her home church, Holy Trinity in Hammond River, and as a foot-care specialist at St. Luke's, Portland in Saint John, as part of her parish's outreach ministry.

During her career, she was an intensive care nurse for 20 years. Then she switched to program development and teaching in the fields of cardiac and pulmonary health in the Saint John area. She earned a Master's degree in health studies and leadership.

"The leadership part I absolutely loved," she said. "The skills are transferrable across anything you're doing."

So she used those skills and experiences to launch a new and improved layreader program. She began by researching other dioceses across Canada and even in the UK. She met with former wardens of layreaders Jim Irvine and John Cathcart to get their input.

"I gathered information — everything I could find, and then I did a survey. I started with our clergy," she said.

She presented her analysis

to the bishop, which showed "A significant gap in formalized training," she said. Then she took a presentation to deanery meetings to get even more input.

"The clergy felt the diocese should take the lead on developing training. What came through, and still does, is that layreaders are seen as vital in parishes. The respect the clergy has for their layreaders came through loud and clear."

After all the research and the presentations, she and Bishop David met, where she unveiled a list of 12 topics she felt needed to be addressed with training — everything from church doctrine and reading scripture in public, to leading worship and sermon preparation.

Then the hard work began — designing training modules, developing content, finding the best speakers for various topics. At this point, she has 11 modules completed, with a goal to finalize that last one before she retires.

These modules all follow a template, with an overview, objectives, resources, materials, evaluations and so on — all in keeping with what she learned through program development and her Master's degree.

She also wrote a facilitator's guide, and as they've been rolled out, she's recorded every one of them. Ultimately, she's designed a program that can do without her.

"Every module is now online for everybody to take," she said. "I love all of these modules. I learned too."

Cleo doesn't want you to think she did this all by herself.

"The clergy and bishops have been phenomenal in offering help. They've been very supportive," she said.

"And Cheryl (Jacobs) was an amazing resource throughout this whole journey. So were Cathy Laskey, David Peer and Shawn Branch. I felt I could call any archdeacon, regional dean and cleric and ask a question."

When Bishop David used the word 'standardized' in his

letter to Cleo, he was referring to her creation of standardized categories with definitions of different types of layreaders, lectors and readers, as well as application forms, covenants between clergy and layreaders, self-assessments and record keeping.

"There had never been a formal record of what layreaders had trained in, so I developed that form," she said. "Now Cheryl has a database of who has taken what."

Throughout this process, she has held annual layreaders' days with the bishop which have proved popular. She's held tele-conferences, and she's thrilled to see layreaders now meeting amongst themselves.

"Two or three archdeacons are having fellowship days now," she said. "That's what you want — to move and grow, everybody owning it."

Though no successor has been named, Cleo is content with how the layreader ministry has been "revolutionized" — the bishop's words, not hers — and feels grateful for the inspiration and growth she's experienced in taking on the role.

"Nothing could have been accomplished without the co-operation, dedication and participation of the bishop, clergy and layreaders. All of it happened because of, and through, the grace of God," she said.

"The experience has been humbling, nurturing, and profoundly spiritual. My faith has been deepened and broadened and I have felt moments of divine grace and peace.

"I feel blessed to have met so many wonderful people on this journey. What an honour it was for me over the past years to meet the wonderful layreaders in the Diocese. They are exceptional and truly dedicated to the layreader ministry."

Training modules and much more about layreaders can be found here: <https://nb.anglican.ca/ministries/layreaders>



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



**CLEO CYR, ABOVE**, and at a 2016 layreaders' gathering in Fredericton.

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## TRAUMA - INFORMED MINISTRY

# HEALTH & HOPE: how childhood trauma impacts health — and what to do about it

**Missioners learn to ask ‘what happened to you?’ rather than ‘what’s wrong with you?’**

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Erin (Hodge) Rideout and the Rev. Jasmine Chandra are rather familiar with the streets and people of uptown Saint John. It’s part of their jobs to know. Erin runs Inner City Youth Ministry and Jasmine, together and her husband, Terence, run the Central Saint John Community Ministry — both Anglican outreach missions to the city’s poorest.

Now they have a new tool to help them do their jobs more effectively, and it’s called ACE Interface.

Both underwent intense training in November to begin the path to becoming master trainers of the concept. It was their networking within the city that led to the invitation for the free course, hosted by Horizon Health and the Saint John Boys & Girls Club.

This training came with a unique status: they and the other 28 participants are the first in Canada to take the ACE program.

After a bit more study and some presentations to hone their skills, they’ll train others to teach it. But for now, both women would like parishes, priests, church groups, volunteers and others to know they are available to give short presentations on what they learned.

## WHAT IS ACE INTERFACE?

The ACE (Adverse Childhood Experience) concept has its roots in a scientific study from the 1990s. It involved 17,000 people and looked at if and how childhood trauma impacted health.

Dr. Rob Anda was one of the co-principal investigators of the study and the ACE training is the continuation of his work. He was one of the facilitators at the course the women took.

The study showed that child-



MCKNIGHT PHOTO

**ERIN RIDEOUT AND THE REV. JASMINE CHANDRA** are two of the first Canadians to take ACE Interface training from an American doctor who has studied childhood trauma and its effects. The women are available to parishes and groups for presentations on the ACE concept and how it affects lives after childhood.

hood trauma has a huge predictive link to such issues as heart, lung and liver disease, addiction, asthma, cancer, depression and obesity, to name a few.

ACE begins with a tool — a test to indicate exposure to possible childhood traumas.

It includes adding up these crisis situations in a child’s home: emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional neglect, physical neglect, violence against the mother, substance abuse in the house, mental illness in the house, separation or divorce, and incarceration of a family member.

Higher scores, of course, are linked to greater physical and mental health issues later in life.

“When Terence and I talked about our ACE scores, we were able to talk about things that happened in our past and how not to pass on those negative experiences to our kids,” said

Jasmine.

The women learned that lots of people have high ACE scores. Even their training cohort, consisting of teachers, social workers, health care professionals, and crisis intervenors from many walks of life, had higher scores than the average from the original 17,000 in the study.

“It breaks down the ‘us and them.’ There is no ‘us’ or ‘them,’” said Erin. “It’s all of us.”

## HEALTH & HOPE

“In a nutshell, we learned that adversity in childhood impacts not just your health as a child, but it’s lifelong,” said Erin. “Brain development, impaired relationships, social behaviour, health, disease, early death.

“This is passed generationally. It becomes part of the DNA. When a parent has an ACE score, it’s more likely their spouse will, and their children

will,” she said.

“But we don’t stop there. Never stop there. This is hopeful science.”

Perhaps what impresses the women most about what they’ve learned is that there’s a new way to look at people when you understand the trauma they’ve endured and how it’s shaped their lives and their families.

“Instead of asking, ‘what’s wrong with you?’ you ask, ‘what happened to you?’” said Erin.

“It helps people tell their stories so it shifts the blame away from them,” said Jasmine.

In Saint John, governments have invested millions over the years to help combat child poverty, yet not much has improved.

“We’re dealing with a different population here,” said Jasmine. “One thing in Saint John is the well known [sexual] perpetrators here. Think of the impact that has on communi-

ties and families. There is a large population with high ACE scores.

“If we can communicate the content [of ACE], it opens up the conversations and looks at preventing further damage,” she said.

## ACE & MINISTRY

For some, this link between childhood trauma and a host of emotional and physical issues is quite plausible.

“For others, it is life changing,” said Erin. “For people who think everything is a choice, this will be a paradigm shift. For those people, this science will be hard to swallow.”

But the science has a rather upstanding partner: the U.S. Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

On its website, it describes the study as “one of the largest investigations of childhood abuse and neglect and household challenges and later-life health and well-being”

You can access more about the study here: [https://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797\(98\)00017-8/abstract](https://www.ajpmonline.org/article/S0749-3797(98)00017-8/abstract)

Jasmine and Erin took this course with a goal in mind: to share it — so that people can better empathize with those who’ve endured childhood trauma, so people can recover from it, and so the community can prevent the generational harm from going further.

“There’s definitely a strong place for faith to play a part in healing,” said Jasmine. “The authors [of the study] included the faith community and talked about us as healers.”

“The goal is to change the mindset and the values and to understand ourselves,” said Erin. “It’s not a program we run at church. It’s really a mindset. We’ve asked ourselves, ‘what could trauma-informed ministry look like?’”

The women are available for presentations of one hour or longer. Contact Erin: [icymjs@gmail.com](mailto:icymjs@gmail.com) or 506-647-9813. Contact Jasmine: [jasminechandra@gmail.com](mailto:jasminechandra@gmail.com).

PLAY PARK OPENING

# The big announcement! Grand Bay playpark set to open!

The Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield is pleased to announce that construction on the long-awaited indoor playpark and backspace began on Oct. 1 and will be completed in early December, ready for an opening in January!

**THE IDEA**

For those who may not know, 10 years ago there was the amalgamation of small, struggling parishes into one large parish (with a chapel-of-ease at St. Paul's Oak Point). We built a new building, but due to the timing of the 2008 recession, our funds were sufficient only to finish the front interior half of the building.

At the time, the plan was to have Sunday school rooms, offices and a choir room in the back of the building. Four years ago we began planning and fundraising to complete the unfinished back space, which was being used as a youth room, storage, yard sale floor and a free clothing depot for those in need, called the Cozy Corner.

But then, we thought, what if, instead of just making more rooms for the internal use of the church, we put our mission statement "Jesus-centered, in the community, for the community" into practice and built something the community would use?

We thought about what was needed in the community, and realized there really wasn't a good place to hang out and be active. What about an indoor playpark?

So, the new plan began — to build a state-of-the-art indoor playpark available to the community at an affordable cost, with some multipurpose rooms and a new space for the Cozy Corner.

**THE PROJECT**

The Play Park Project has been a real team project, led by the tireless efforts of Anna Caines, who began work on the project in December 2015. She has juggled fundraising, grant proposals, policy making, plan designs, leader appointments and the delegation of endless tasks over the last four years.

Many church and community members have joined along the way, forming an interior design team, a policy team, operations team, media, and financial team, without whom this project would never have gotten off the ground.

April Medford has been hired as playpark director and has taken on the responsibilities associated with the playpark.

We have hired local contractors MCL Construction who are doing a wonderful job, and Atomic Playgrounds is providing the playpark equipment. Walls have gone up, and the space is looking very different already.

The design team has pulled together



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:** Construction as of Nov. 20; April Medford has been hired as the new playpark director; the logo and name; construction as of Oct. 3.

**MISSION IN MOTION: community**

the interior design elements, choosing everything from tiles and paint colours to light fixtures and countertops. The overall effect will create a space that is lively with pops of colour to mirror the colours in the play space with soft greys tying the whole space together.

**THE NAME**

The name has been selected by way of congregational vote, narrowing a wide selection of submissions down to 10, then down to three. Our new playpark is called (drumroll please...)

Sunrise Playpark!

The name is significant in several

ways. From the doors of our church, you can see the sun rise over the bay, where the St. John River meets the Kennebecasis River.

Another is that our church is called the Church of the Resurrection, the resurrection of Christ being an event that we associate with the sunrise on Easter Sunday.

Also, let's be honest, there are many parents whose children are up at the crack of dawn and needing a place to go run off some energy on a cold Saturday morning!

Finally, a sunrise is a symbol of what Jesus offers us, new life and mercy that

is renewed every morning, which is a message we want to convey to our community through our service and love.

We plan to open in January 2020, just when kids need that extra boost of activity on those long winter days.

The support from the community has been incredibly encouraging, with local businesses, churches and individuals giving of their time, money and resources to push the project forward. We would like to thank everyone who has pitched in over the last few years. We're on the home stretch and we can't wait to share this new initiative with you!

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## ADVENT TALKS

# 'Game changer' theme begins Advent Talks

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Retired Bishop Bill Hockin kicked off his annual Advent Talks series wearing a necklace of Christmas lights and telling a story about identity, a word often repeated during the 40-minute talk that was entitled "Finding my Best Self – Ancestry, Jesus."

He told the large crowd gathered at the Crowne Plaza in Fredericton on Dec. 2 that he is often mistaken for others, most commonly Charles Ferris. But one time during a pastoral visit at the hospital, a man in the elevator noted he looked familiar.

'You look like that old bishop that used to be around here,' he told Bill.

The game changer event Bill spoke about in his talk was the profound altering of world history by the birth of Jesus Christ, which also changed our personal identity.

A person's identity in the world is made much easier these days with DNA kits, allowing people to identify who they are and where they came from. Knowing who we are is important to our well-being, he said.

Bill spoke of a favourite movie, *Naked Among Wolves*, an Eastern European film with English subtitles made in 1963. The setting is a Nazi concentration camp in 1944, under cruel conditions, not the least of which are hunger and violence.

An inmate arrives with a suitcase, and soon the contents are discovered — a young Jewish boy who had been rescued after his parents were taken. The presence of the boy has a striking impact upon the inmates.

"The presence of this vulnerable, helpless child was a game changer in the camp," said Bill. "He was slowly reversing the dehumanizing culture to something better. Inmates started to feel free to be more human, more supportive of each other.

"They started to hope again — all because of this little Jewish child."

The plot of that movie is not unlike the impact that a baby's birth 2,000 years ago has had on the world, he said. Bill quoted Frederick Buechner, from his book, *The Faces of Jesus*.

"When this child was born in Bethlehem, the whole course of human history was changed," said Buechner.

That birth of a little Jewish child has made us human, and given us a new, authentic identity, and this identity is the platform that brings us together as one family on earth, said Bill.

He went on to highlight various factors of that divine birth as they relate to us as humans. First, this baby was named and spoken of long before he was born.

"This is a genuine human being, planned and wanted by those around him," he said, adding that babies were



MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

**TOP: RETIRED BISHOP BILL HOCKIN** presents the first of three Advent Talks in his iconic series on Dec. 2.

**ABOVE:** A large crowd always gathers to support Bill, his guest speakers and the Advent Talks series.

***"In the face of all the evils in the world — racism, white supremacy, anti-Semitism, homophobia, you name it — we are given, in this genuine little human being in Bethlehem, a source of authentic humanity: a message of peace on Earth and goodwill to all."***

not immediately named in this time period, due to the terribly high infant mortality rate.

"But we read in Luke of an angel telling his mother, Mary, to call his

name Jesus," he said. "Essential to our humanity is that somebody wants us, wants us to exist. As in Jesus, God's DNA dwells in every person born.

"Pope Benedict XVI said, 'every one

of us begins as a thought of God.'"

Bill cited a book by his neighbour's son, author David Fergusson, who wrote *The Trans-human Code*, about the struggle over artificial intelligence and the need to still put humans first. The author refers to humans as "the most advanced technology the world will ever see."

That 'advanced technology' was made in God's image, and represents the incarnation of God on earth in his son, Jesus.

Historians have noted a profound shift in the world in the second and third centuries as Christianity grew. This Greco-Roman world was witness to strange new ideas, the first of which was the value of children.

Before the advent of Christianity, at the centre of human value was the adult male. One's connection to an adult male determined his or her value. Outside this circle were foreigners, slaves, women and children who had no power or status.

In fact, classical authors referred to children as not much more than plants. Unwanted children, particularly girls, were abandoned outside to die or be picked up and taken as slaves. Empathy towards children was seen as weak.

"This was the world into which Christianity came, calling attention to children and ascribing special worth to them," said Bill. "This was a revolutionary, game-changing idea."

Another game-changer for humanity in this time period was the concept of compassion for suffering.

Centuries before, Isaiah talked of Jesus as "a man of sorrows acquainted with grief." Bill noted that in the Apostles Creed, there is only one word describing the life of Jesus on earth, the word "suffered," as in, 'he suffered under Pontius Pilate.'

Another game-changer is the historical evidence of Christianity as a philanthropic movement that included hospitals serving everyone.

"There were no pre-Christian institutions in the ancient world like this," said Bill. "It raised the moral bar on what it meant to be human."

In his conclusion, Bill reminded those present of the life-changing gifts the birth of a little Jewish child has given the world.

"In the face of all the evils in the world — racism, white supremacy, anti-Semitism, homophobia, you name it — we are given, in this genuine little human being in Bethlehem, a source of authentic humanity: a message of peace on Earth and goodwill to all."

Advent Talks continued on Dec. 9 with Dr. Barry Craig (A Grace That Goes Viral), and Dec. 16 with the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove (Bridging the Gaps).

# 'Why do you keep talking about mission, Bishop?'

## The Bishop's Charge

*"O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." - Ezekiel 37:4b-6, NRSV*

BY DAVID EDWARDS

There is a sense that we begin this Synod 12 months late. I want to thank members of Synod for agreeing to the cancellation of last year's meeting. Although we did not know it at the time, that weekend was Janet's last on earth, so I am glad that I was able to have my mind solely upon her.

Again, I want to thank members of the Diocese for your support during the year since Janet's death. It would have been much more difficult without you.

The reasons why this Synod cannot be a re-run of what was intended for last year is that time has passed, and things have happened. During my time as bishop my emphasis has been on mission and partnership.

I have been impressed how this has been taken up. We have seen initiatives, both great and small, across the diocese. I constantly find that as I visit parishes, I am told about the ways in which things are being done for others. The knitting of hats for babies, the making of prayer shawls, bowling to help feed hungry children, and so on.

### INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

Over the next few months two major projects will come to fruition. First, the completion of apartment-style accommodation for seniors in the Parish of Hampton. This has been accomplished through co-operation with all levels of government and will provide a valuable resource for the community.

In Grand Bay-Westfield, the Church of the Resurrection is in the midst of building an indoor playpark and gathering facility for the community. This has come out of consultation with local people and has been supported by the town, the Diocese and countless individuals. It is hoped that both this and the Hampton project will be up and running by early next year.

During the past 12 months there have been at least two major events in the Diocese where practical mission has been spoken about. "Deep Roots" with Michael Frost and others; and for the clergy, the visit of Canon Phil Potter to



our conference. Both gatherings were well received and have set us thinking about how we might respond.

Today we will begin an intentional response to these inspirational events. The first initiative we must take is to join with the rest of the Anglican Communion in intentional discipleship. It has been noted that for many of us, me included, we do not fully appreciate what it is to be a follower of Jesus.

To be a disciple means that we have to spend time learning from our master, trying to discern, individually, as congregations and as a church, how Jesus would respond to the situations in which we find ourselves.

### MISSION ACTION PLANS

The second will be through my call for every parish to devise a Mission Action Plan (MAP). There will be resources to enable this to happen. For some of us this will be the decision to do a very simple thing like supporting the local food bank. For others it will be much more complex. What it must be is taking a step beyond where we are now. If that means dropping something internal to do something external, then so be it.

I want us to be encouraged. During Clergy Conference, Canon Phil Potter took me aside to tell me that he was impressed by the receptivity and enthusiasm of the clergy. He was also encouraged by some of the projects underway in the Diocese.

My response was: "That is great, Phil. Please don't just tell me, tell the others," which he did. It is good to have an outside pair of eyes look at us. He also encouraged us to continue with the way we are going. Both the MAPs and intentional discipleship will help with this.

### GENERAL SYNOD

During the past year the Anglican Church of Canada held a General Synod. A number of important issues were on the agenda. These included the election of a new Primate, the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls (formerly Bishop of Huron).

In addition, the Synod made the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald (the national Indigenous bishop) an Archbishop and he will sit with the other Metropolitans. This office will be granted as of right to future national Indigenous archbishops.

In another development, the Synod

granted autonomy to indigenous people within the Anglican Church of Canada. This means that they will be able to move forward in appropriate ways, without having to refer to the General Synod and other structures. The details of this are to be worked out in the coming years.

The issue which garnered the most comment both inside and outside the Synod was to do with the proposed amendment to Canon XXI, more commonly known as the Marriage Canon. From all points of view the debate and the vote were extremely difficult and emotional.

Prior to the main motion, an amendment based on Council of General Synod's Word to the Church was passed by the Synod. It essentially recognizes the different ways in which marriage is viewed in our Church today and makes provision for Indigenous peoples to follow their own process. This latter aligns with the self-determination legislation, noted earlier.

The outcome of the ballot concerning Canon XXI itself, was that it was passed by the required two-thirds majority in both the Houses of Laity and Clergy, but lost in the House of Bishops.

This means that the motion failed to receive the necessary majority in all three



Diocesan Synod photos by Gary Barfitt & Derwin Gowan

houses over two consecutive General Synods and was thereby lost overall.

The defeat of the motion led to the House of Bishops meeting in closed session over several days in order to try to write a pastoral letter to the Church which could be agreed on by all.

Ultimately, unanimity was not possible, but a statement to the Church was agreed to by the overwhelming majority of bishops, including me.

This letter, in and of itself, has no legislative force. It recognizes that there are differing views of the nature of marriage across the Church and that each diocese will make its own decision with regard to the solemnization of the marriages of same gender couples.

This leaves the Church in the uncomfortable situation of having a separation of doctrine and practice. In essence, the Anglican Church of Canada has not altered its position concerning marriage, yet in reality the solemnization of marriages which are at variance with the traditional understanding expressed in Canon XXI are happening in certain jurisdictions.

Issues around same-gender marriage in church have been the most fractious

and fracturing in our life together. In the aftermath of General Synod, I want us to stop to draw breath, which is why I am putting my full support behind the motion proposed by Leo Martin and Paul Ranson.

### THE CURE OF SOULS

What I want us to concentrate on is the "cure of souls" in this province. How are we to do this?

Firstly, we must recognize that the Anglican Church is part of the Kingdom of God.

In our New Brunswick context this means: Everyone in the province should be able to access an Anglican congregation locally.

Each of us who follow Jesus are Kingdom agents for change for the good in our villages, towns and cities.

How is this to be done?

We are to provide innovative ministry and traditional ministry for people of all ages.

We are to educate followers of Jesus for mission in their context.

We are to establish partnerships with other entities for the good of our

province.

All of this is to be done drawing on the Five Marks of Mission as our foundation.

People often ask me why I keep speaking about mission. The reason is this. I believe that the only place where human beings have a chance of finding wholeness and peace is in their relationship with God through Christ.

This is formed within Jesus' body, the Church. As the Church gathers, it is a place for worship, thanksgiving for what God has done, and penitence for our shortcomings, individually and corporately.

This gathering is in preparation for scattering as salt, light and yeast in the world. Making a difference, bringing hope and help where needed, taking up opportunities to show the glory of God in what we do and who we are.

Jesus says: "I am the resurrection and the life." The Spirit of God shows the prophet Ezekiel that the dry bones can live. Our message is one of life in its fullness. Let us go out from this Synod determined to share in the mission of God for the good of all.

### PHOTO CAPTIONS:

**BISHOP DAVID EDWARDS** gives his charge to members of Diocesan Synod during the 137th gathering on Nov. 2.

Archdeacon Keith Osborne and the Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko during a break.

Synod members Patsy Sparks, Sharon Arbeau and the Rev. Canon Bonnie LeBlanc enjoy ice cream sundaes for dessert at lunch time.

These ladies are just a few of the large crew from the Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis who prepared and served a varied and delicious lunch at Diocesan Synod.

## MOTHERS' UNION

# 120 Years of Faith in Action = HOPE

BY KATHLEEN SNOW

Alice Kennedy, Lilian Ketch, and I were recently invited to attend the 120th anniversary of the Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. It was an honour to be present and share with our Mothers' Union sisters and brothers in celebrating their work in the diocese.

We attended worship on Sunday morning at Rev. Michael Elliott's church in the Portmore Deanery in Cumberland, Jamaica. One of his sermon themes was this: **Helping Other People Endure – HOPE.**

He told of the Mothers' Union in Cumberland who ran a Children's Home for HIV Children. He shared how the Mothers' Union members run the home, managing the staff and providing food daily for the children in that home — an example of taking initiative and acting with integrity.

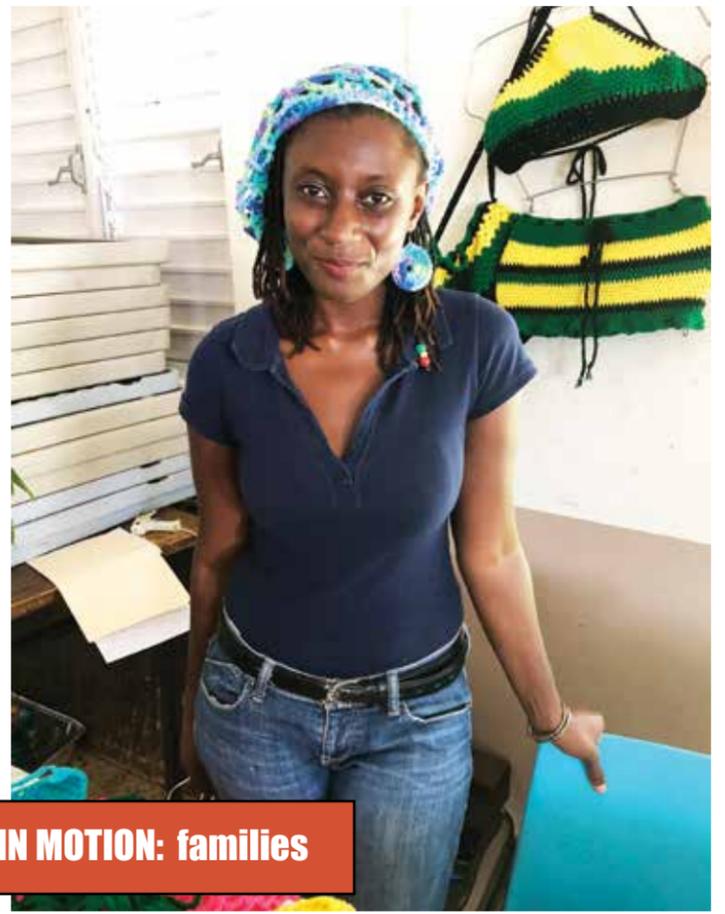
Many Mothers' Union members were in attendance at the service. The congregation was a sea of blue and white - the Mothers' Union uniform colours. I had the privilege of meeting Mrs. Louise Bailey, or Aunt Lou as she was affectionately called. Aunt Lou was 103 years old and had been a Mothers' Union member for over 60 years!

What a joy to meet this lovely lady who had worked most of her life supporting the work of Mothers' Union in her diocese. She died just a few weeks later and is sadly missed. **Helping Other People Endure – HOPE.**

On our first day in Jamaica I was asked to speak about Mothers' Union on the local radio station program called Think on These Things ([http://www.anglicandioceseja.org/?page\\_id=11266](http://www.anglicandioceseja.org/?page_id=11266)).

Ephenia Matthew (diocesan president of North East Caribbean and Aruba) and I were interviewed by Tony Patel, a broadcaster on the program. Tony was a distinguished-looking soft-spoken man with a broadcaster's voice.

I noticed when we first met that his hair was long and braided down his back. When I later spoke with him, I asked him about his children. He mentioned that he had a son who had been missing for over two years. He continued to search for him and had not cut his hair



MISSION IN MOTION: families



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: KATHLEEN SNOW (WORLDWIDE TRUSTEE)** with Mrs. Louise Bailey (Aunt Lou), a 60-year MU member, and Mrs. Sheran Harper (MU Worldwide President). Aunt Lou died shortly after Kathleen's visit; Kemesha now has her own business selling crocheted items at local markets as a result of MU Skills Training; Roger Harper, Sheran Harper, Lilian Ketch (MU National Conference Coordinator), Alice Kennedy (MU Provincial President) and Kathleen Snow at 120th celebration banquet; Kathleen embraces Sadie, a young woman who makes jewelry and sells it at local markets as a result of MU Skills Training.

since his son had gone missing.

He and his son had always gone to the barber together, and he was not planning on cutting it until he found his son. There was both suffering and hope in his eyes. **Helping Other People Endure – HOPE.**

Alice, Lilian and I visited a number of Mothers' Union projects in the different deaneries, including a Kingston Deanery project call the Parent Place at St. Mary the Virgin Church and Elementary School.

The school was run by the local Mothers' Union branch and was also funded by local government. As a result of the Parenting Program, which was facilitated by Mothers' Union members, a building was attached to the school called the

Parent Place, where parents meet to support one another and participate in the Parenting Program. It's a very successful parent support group which encourages stable family relationships.

Lilian and I also visited the Clarendon Deanery where we viewed a Skills Training/Income Generating project which the St. Paul's Mothers' Union members supported/facilitated. Here I met Sadie and Kemesha, two young women who were encouraged to think about what items they could produce themselves to sell at local markets.

Sadie was making jewelry and Kemesha crocheting clothing. Kemesha said she was hoping to open up her own shop one day and Sadie

stated, "I am an entrepreneur!" **Helping Other People Endure – HOPE.**

Lilian and I were also privileged to attend the Women's Conference in Mandeville where I was asked to speak on women's health. Many women from all over the diocese shared in this day and celebrated health and healing of body, mind and spirit.

Our MU Worldwide President Mrs. Sheran Harper was in attendance as well, and it was a pleasure to be with her at the celebration banquet and share in the work of the Mothers' Union.

We met many other members from St. Jude's in St. Andrew Deanery and YS Falls in St. Elizabeth Deanery. I learned how to speak patois

(com mek me hol yu han, man) and Lilian and I even took a dip in the YS Falls.

Throughout this trip it was the people we met and the relationships shared that were most meaningful. I will remember the stories from Rev. Michael, Aunt Lou, Tony Patel, the Parent Place, Sadie and Kemesha.

It is heartwarming to experience and realize how Mothers' Union members are proactive, take initiative and act with integrity around the world. They give HOPE - helping other people endure, by the Grace of the Holy Spirit. To God be the Glory!

**Kathleen Snow is a worldwide trustee with Mothers' Union, and a parish nurse at Christ Church Cathedral.**

"SHARING HOPE & HELP"

AROUND THE DIOCESE

# All things work together for good — a good roof

## CHAPTER 1 RECAP

The Anglican parish of Pennfield had built birdhouses, held a community music night, filled Lenten bags, held a yard sale and exercised/danced Zumba style.

In fact, they had done anything they could to raise money for replacement of the asphalt roof shingles, and the rebuild of the steeple of their church.

Canon Caleb Twinamatsiko assured the people that the money was there, and apparently, he knew what he was talking about!

## CHAPTER 2

From early March until mid July (a relatively short period of time in 2019) the congregation of Christ Church Anglican in Pennfield was brought even closer together.

Under the leadership of Canon Caleb they were able to “raise the roof and save the steeple” of their 184-year-old church.

Through various fundraising events, and contributions from friends and families of the parish, their goal of \$16,000 was met.

Working together, the church community got to know each other better, and in fact, attracted others to their communion.

In all things we must give thanks, and give thanks, they did! Upon completion of a new metal roof, and then watching the steeple (torn off in a storm) being erected, the Pennfield congregation was ready to celebrate.

They decided to host a Thank You concert and barbecue. Invitations were sent, posters put up, the men’s group had the barbecue ready, and the worship team was rehearsed.

Musical groups from the community, as well as the worship team from neighbouring St. Marks Anglican, and the Rev. Michael Caines were asked to provide musical selections.

The Sunday School children had even composed, and were ready to perform a song about the whole adventure!

The parish was buzzing with excitement as preparations were made for a celebration of gratefulness!

Sept. 22 arrived, and God provided a beautiful warm fall day. The organizing team was prepared and hoping for a large number of people to attend. The people turned out (approximately 175) and the little church was overflowing with joy.

The inspirational music, blessings and prayers over the church were more than could have been asked for. Everyone and everything received was perfect!

Following the music, everyone moved outside to eat, and like the loaves and the fishes, there was more than enough food for everyone in attendance.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



**THE ROOF CELEBRATION SERVICE** included several guests and music groups. Here the Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko is seen at the microphone.

The newly installed roof is seen in the photo at left.

Below are members of the men’s group preparing for the barbecue meal after the service.



The church family was especially pleased to entertain Bishop David Edwards and Debbie Collicott, as well as their former rector, Canon Keith and Vivian Osborne.

The Parish of Pennfield is so thankful to have received such great support from everyone.

If you ever find yourself in the area on a Sunday morning at 10 a.m., please

stop by for a great sermon and a coffee. The parishioners would love to meet you and have you feel the warmth of their church family.

## COMMENTARY

## Changing the question, rewriting the story

COMMENTARY BY  
JASMINE CHANDRA

Years ago when I worked at an after-school program, I remember a mom catching her son in some act of misdemeanour, and yelling at him, “What is wrong with you?”

Those words, “What is wrong with you,” have been used on a frequent basis with a whole host of individuals and circumstances.

We use them when we cannot understand why a behaviour is being exhibited or repeated. We use these words when we cannot figure out why some people are able to get their act together and pull through life while others stay stuck.

These words convey the idea that there is some dysfunction that causes a person to not be able to meet social norms and expectations. The words indicate that there is something deficient with the person they are aimed at.

Several weeks ago, along with Erin Rideout from Inner City Youth Ministry, I attended an ACE Interface Master Training Module. The two-day workshop focused on how to look at our stories and the

stories of those around us from a different perspective.

The training and presentation was based on a study by Dr. Anda and Dr. Felitti, who studied 17,000 individuals and found that there was a distinct correlation between Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) and health and social problems.

In their study, they looked at 10 different kinds of Adverse Childhood Experiences someone may go through: emotional neglect, physical neglect, emotional abuse, physical abuse, sexual abuse, parental separation or divorce, mental illness in the household, substance abuse in the household, criminal behaviour in the household, and battered mothers.

In their study of this middle class, educated population, they found that 67 per cent had experienced one or more of these 10 ACEs. They also found that the more ACEs someone had, the more likely they were to have health and social problems.

As we took a test to determine our own ACE score, our group of 30 professionals was shocked to see that 81 per cent of us had experienced one or more ACEs, with some having



PHOTO BY KARIM MANJRA ON UNSPLASH

experienced all 10.

This taught us how prevalent Adverse Childhood Effects are, no matter what background we come from or what level of “success” we have achieved.

But the training also taught us to change the question we may ask of those who are not matching social norms from “what is wrong with you?” to “what happened to you?”

Changing the question in this way changes the story from one where we discredit people and look at their deficiencies to one where we consider the life history of a person, particularly in their childhood, and aim to raise up their capabilities and build resilience.

The hope of this training

is that it helps us to understand ourselves and others more effectively so that we can build thriving communities. In changing the way we think, talk, and relate to others, we may be able to raise up our community and prevent the accumulation of ACEs.

We can do this through supporting adults who have experienced ACEs and by diminishing or preventing ACEs in the next generation.

In our line of work, we often hear people wonder why some are able to endure difficult situations while others are not.

We wonder why poverty rates among children are on the increase; we wonder why there are some people we just can't seem to effectively help; we even wonder why our own

behaviour is sometimes ‘off’.

While ACEs may not hold all the answers, it certainly can provide some explanations on how we have adapted based on our childhood experiences.

The ACE training has helped me look differently at how our community can help encourage and lift up each person by listening to their stories and, by our actions, prevent ACEs.

This has been just a snapshot of what we learned, but Erin and I are able to give a fuller and more detailed presentation on ACEs to those who would find it helpful.

*The Revs. Jasmine & Terence Chandra run the Central Saint John Community Ministry. You can find their blog at this address: penniesandsparrows.org*



GARY BARFITT PHOTO

## WELCOME, ANDREW

**A CELEBRATION OF NEW MINISTRY SERVICE** for the Rev. Andrew Horne took place Nov. 17 at St. John's Anglican Church, Gagetown. Andrew serves in the Parishes of Cambridge and Waterborough and Gagetown. Here he is seen at left, with Bishop David Edwards and Archdeacon Wandlyn Snelgrove.

COMMENTARY

# Failure isn't quite as bad as ... failure

COMMENTARY BY  
COLE HARTIN



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**THE REV. DR. COLE HARTIN**

I have lots of plans for ministry. They usually start while I am jogging, or lying in bed at night, and an idea pops into my head: “Wouldn’t it be great if...?”

Since we moved to Saint John about a year and half ago, I learned that the Saint John campus of the University of New Brunswick has a very small Christian witness. There is a volunteer chaplaincy on campus, and a student-led Bible study, but that’s about it.

Keep in mind that there are students from all over the world that travel to study at the university.

This makes for an exciting opportunity for Christians to make connections with those already following Jesus and to share his story with those who are not.

I was jogging one night, and the idea came to me “Wouldn’t it be a great if there was place on campus for students to hash out their beliefs about God, exchange ideas, and have an encounter with Jesus?”

It was a very busy year in the parish and in my life, but I knew I needed to make this happen.

In the past, I have found the Alpha course to be an effective tool for sharing the Gospel.

It’s an easy way for folks to hear the story of Jesus without

judgement or pretense. It’s also a great way for Christians to brush up on the basics.

So, I decided, with lots of help from other pastors, to try an Alpha course at UNBSJ. I was very excited for it to start.

We prayed for wisdom that we’d make a difference, and for

the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We made posters and put them up throughout campus.

We shared the news on social media, and with the campus chaplaincy. We purchased donuts and coffee, and staked out a space in a busy common area.

And almost nobody came.

We made sure to be there week after week. Some weeks a couple of students would drop by to chat about what we were doing.

Other weeks we talked with university staff. Some weeks nobody came by at all.

We never were able to get the Alpha group started on a regular basis. This was disappointing, to say the least.

I thought that in a vibrant university setting, students would be drawn to discuss questions about faith, life, God, and meaning. We were visible. We had prayed. We had free donuts! And still, very few people came.

In some respects, this is a failure. What we had set out to do didn’t happen.

In other respects, it was not. I’ve made some impor-

tant friendships with folks at the university, and I hope to continue to follow up. We’ve planted seeds in people’s hearts as we shared Jesus’s love with students. We took a risk in obedience to what we felt Jesus was calling us to do.

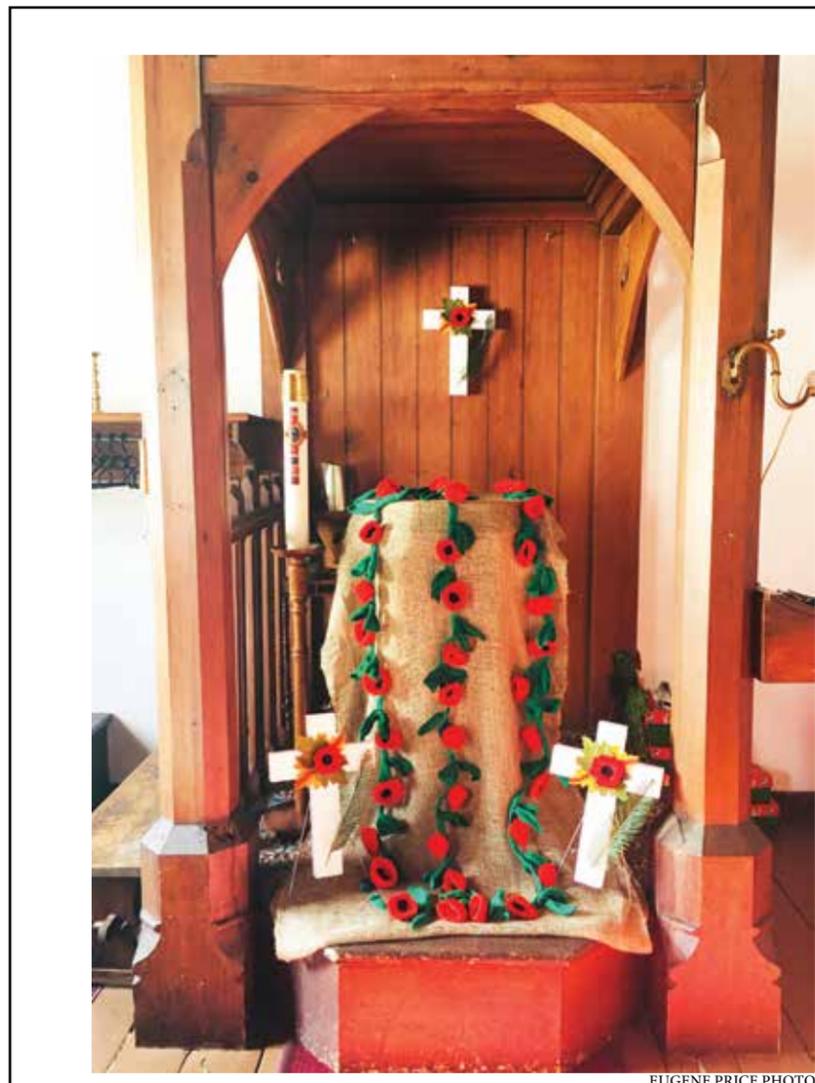
In many ways, this is a story that is still unfolding, and I still believe that there is vital ministry that must happen on campus.

I’ve learned that sometimes ministry opportunities don’t work out. And that’s OK.

What’s important is taking small steps in obedience to Jesus as well as valuing the small groups of people we minister to. It’s also important to be open to new modes and methods of outreach if what we are doing isn’t working.

So, my plan? To keep present at the university — weekly. And to take a step back, and strategize about other ways to reach students in the new year.

*The Rev. Dr. Cole Hartin is the assistant curate at St. Luke’s, Parish of Portland in Saint John.*



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## PARISH OF BRIGHT

**LEFT: ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, PARISH OF BRIGHT IN** Keswick Ridge held its annual Remembrance Day service with many in attendance. The church was adorned with a beautiful poppy garland, hand knit with love by some members of the WOW group.

**ABOVE:** The All Saints Anglican WOW group in the Parish of Bright has been very busy gathering hats, mitts and scarves to donate to the homeless. Many were busy knitting for weeks and some items were purchased. All were given in the spirit of fellowship and love with a warm heart.

## DIOCESAN HISTORY

# Clergy mysteries

## We need your help!

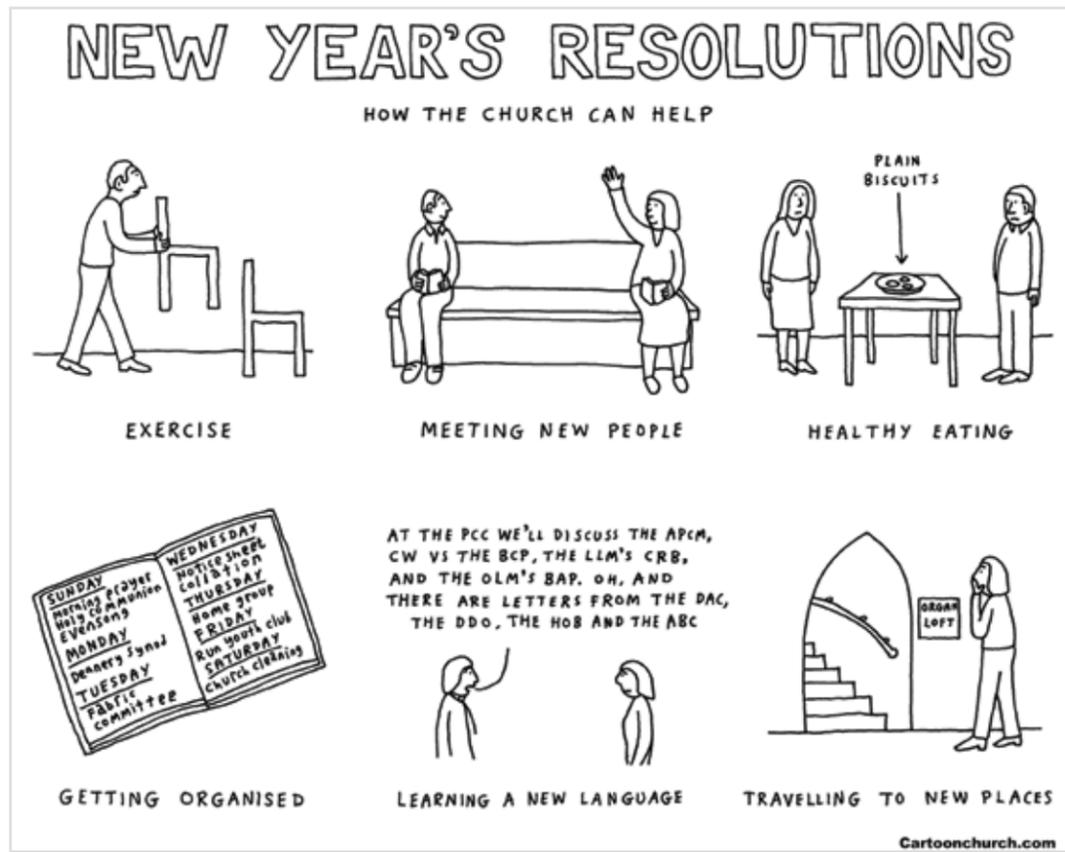
For his continuing book on clergy in the diocese, Frank Moorehouse, with assistance from Siobhan Laskey and the Rev. Canon David Barrett, is looking for any information and, if possible, photos, of clergy who have served in the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton.

Below is a list of clergy names that lack information and details. Please contact Siobhan (hal9000@nb.sympatico.ca), David (barrettdavid@rogers.com) or Frank (frankm@nbnet.nb.ca) with your information. All contributions are greatly appreciated.

**NOTE:** Because the list is long, it will appear in sections in several upcoming editions of the New Brunswick Anglican.

Surname	Christian Names	DOB	Date of Death	Parishes/Employment
Carey	George Thomas	c 1823	1888	1847, missionary, Douglas; 1848-1872, Grand Manan
Carr	John Frederick	1845	1878	1871-1873, assistant, St. Mark's (Stone Church), Saint John; 1873-1878, Kingsclear
Carr	John Joseph			1970-1971, Ludlow and Blissfield
Carson	Roy Livingston	1876	1938	1906, curate, Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton; 1907, Upham; 1907-1910, Bathurst
Cartilidge	Ernest James	1887		1918-1922, Richibucto
Cassap	William Henry	1873	1949	1910, Licensed as Port Chaplain, Saint John
Christie	Albert Brown	1909		1948, curate, Trinity, Saint John
Clarke	Edwin Cox	1844	1919	
Cockayne	Arthur	1903	1974	1940-1943, New Bandon ; 1943-1948, St. Martins & Black River
Cockersham	Joseph			?-1850, travelling missionary
Coleman	Robert John	1872	1953	1903-1911, Campbellton ; 1911-1931, , Dalhousie; 1931-1935, Campobello
Collins	Henry Archer	1877	1948	1910-1915, St. John the Baptist (Mission) Church, Saint John
Colston	Robert Waller	1852	1912	1895-1896, Douglas & Bright; 1897-1902, Maugerville; 1902-1912, Welsford
Colwell	George			1926-1930, Woodstock
Convers	Duncan	1851	1929	1908-1913, St. John the Baptist (Mission) Church, Saint John
Cooke	Michael	1764	1795	
Cookson	James Harrison	1784	1857	1819-1829, Hampton/Norton/Upham/ Rothesay; 1849, Greenwich & Petersville
Corley	Benjamin Franklin			1892 - ?, St. Paul's, Saint John
Cotton	John Bowman	1920	1992	1947-1949, St. George's, Moncton; 1949-1950, Gladstone & Blissville
Cowell	George	c. 1799		1826-1829, Woodstock; at 1833, in Fredericton
Cowley	George Frederick	1882	c 1963	1924-1926, Ludlow & Blissfield ; 1926-1928, St. Martins; 1928-1930, Trinity, St. Stephen

DIOCESAN NEWS



## AFC awards \$520,000 in November 2019 grant cycle

*Two parishes in the diocese are recipients of generous giving*

TORONTO, ONTARIO— The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) has announced \$520,000 in funding to support new projects across Canada in its November cycle of awards. AFC's board of directors met in Toronto Nov. 20–21 to review its strategic road map and chart a new course for 2020–2023, in addition to awarding grants to over 40 applicants.

and hospice care for children. 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, and summer camps for young refugees to Canada.

“At a time when it is possible to feel discouraged about current statistics about the future of the Anglican Church of Canada, AFC's Board of Directors is inspired to receive applications from all across the country for project proposals that will build up faith communities,” said the Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, AFC's executive director.

The AFC grants included two in the Diocese of Fredericton

- Corporation of the Anglican Parish of the Nerepis & Saint John, Grand Bay-Westfield, N.B. — The Play Park Project. The board awarded a loan of \$100,000.

- Corporation of the Anglican Parish of St. Mary, York, Fredericton, N.B. — Renewing St. Mary's Project. The board awarded a grant of \$15,000 and loan of \$100,000.

“I am encouraged by the resilience of Canadian Anglicans whose small buds of faith are springing up in imaginative and diverse ways to enhance ministry,” she said.

### ABOUT THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION OF CANADA

In addition to infrastructure and restoration disbursements of \$318,000, AFC provided \$146,000 for innovative ministry projects, and \$47,750 for theological education bursaries.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada seeks to foster Anglican presence by providing abundant resources for innovative ministry and diverse infrastructure projects and theological formation throughout the Canadian church. Leading the way in resourceful ministry since 1957, AFC has benefited every diocese, hundreds of parishes, and thousands of Canadian Anglicans.

Additionally, AFC reached its goal for 2019 of giving away its \$100,000th dollar from the Kids Helping Kids Fund to support before-school breakfast programs, after-school homework clubs, choir camps

## Lenten Study

Foreword by Andy Crouch

liturgy of the ordinary

sacred practices in everyday life

Tish Harrison Warren

**Bishop David, with the Spiritual Development Team, is recommending the book *Liturgy of the Ordinary* by Anglican priest Tish Harrison Warren (IVP) for parish/group study in Lent. Pricing is expected at about \$12 per book. Contact Cheryl Jacobs to order: 506-459-1801, ext. 223, or [cjacobs@diofton.ca](mailto:cjacobs@diofton.ca)**

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## CHRISTIAN FORUM

**Wednesday, February 12**

> 12:10-1 p.m. @ Christ Church Parish Church, Fredericton

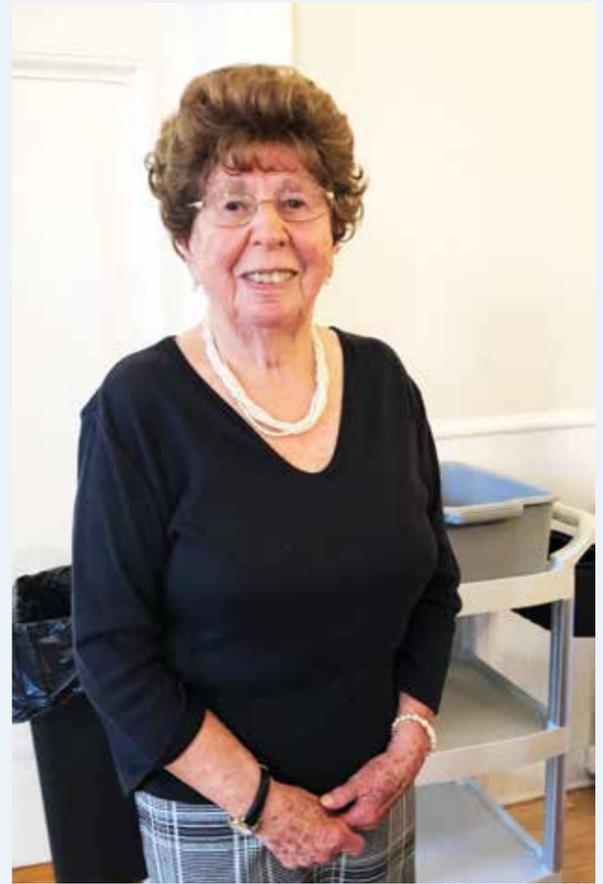
> 7 p.m. @ Renaissance College, 811 Charlotte Street, Fredericton

Light reception at both talks

Presented by the Mission & Outreach Team of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton

"Christianity through a Worldview Lens" with Dr. John Valk, Renaissance College, UNB

AROUND THE DIOCESE



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

PARISH NEWS

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:**

Oct. 20 was a special day at St. George's of the Parish of Denmark. The occasion was the acknowledgement of Ray Andersen's many years of service as a layreader. Ray was given the distinction of Layreader Emeritus in front of the congregation he has served for 31 years.

Lila Haughn, a faithful member of All Saints Church, Parish of St. Andrews, has decided, at the age of 95, to retire from the choir and the presidency of the ACW. On Sunday, Oct. 20, church members, family and friends honoured her during the 11 a.m. service. Following the service, the tribute continued at a luncheon in the parish hall.

ACW Sunday, held Nov. 17 in the Parish of Stanley, was a celebration of the dedication of several members. ACW president Carol Wilson highlighted the ACW commitments of each recipient. Diocesan Roll of Honour Award and ACW membership pins were presented by Maxine Fullarton and Betty MacGillivray. Honoured for their outstanding long-term involvement with the ACW: Irene Colford, Heather Logan, Debbie MacKinnon, Annette Price and Annie Ray.



**ABOVE: THE THIRD CHRISTIAN FORUM** held in Fredericton featured Dr. Lois Mitchell as the speaker on Oct. 16. She gave two public talks, the first of which was entitled Dialogue & Division in an Age of Political Correctness, held at Christ Church (Parish) Church. The second was held that evening at UNB, called Christian Response to Climate Change – a Mixed Bag. Dr. Mitchell is director of international studies at St. Stephen University. The next Christian Forum is scheduled for Feb. 12, with Dr. John Valk speaking on "Christianity Through the Worldview Lens." The Christian Forums are organized by the Diocesan Mission & Outreach Team.



MUSIC COLUMN

# Citizen Way declares, *Love Is a Lion* with third album

I like to use this first slot in the new year to look back at an album of interest that may have been missed over the last year, whether it be due to the flood of Christmas that starts in October, or the timing of releasing a project next to one with a bigger marketing budget (I'm looking at you, Hillsong ;-)).

Way back in mid-October, a band called Citizen Way released their third full-length album, called *Love Is a Lion*.

This band really interests me, for they are a study in contrasting elements that have the potential to align and make something big. But they don't seem to be there just yet.

Citizen Way is a power-pop trio of young men from the Chicago area. They've been together since 2004, where they met at college (yes, another Christian music act made up of young men who met at college!).

They comprise vocals, guitars, and drums. Keyboards are supplied by session musicians, apparently. There's some great



lyrics writing on this album, which is often (but not always) set to good melodies.

At times, the percussion work provides a great groove to a song, and the guitar playing helps this as well.

This latest album starts off with a fantastic setting of "The Lord's Prayer." It might remind some listeners of City Harmonic's "Manifesto," which used a combination of the Lord's Prayer and the Apostle's Creed as its lyrics.

I can easily imagine this song, with its anthem-like qualities and great melody, as the opening song of a live concert.

The next two songs, "Love Has Won" and "Mountains," have similar noticeably strong



melodies set to great backing music.

The song writing really clicks in these tracks. The problem is that it doesn't stay that way. The songs "Peace Like a River" and "You Loved Me Anyway" are very forgettable, for they lack any bonding elements that hold the songs together.

The spirit, or message, of the song's lyrics is not reflected in the music, which seems as though they were writing to a formula of some sort (Top 40 hit on Billboard Christian Chart?).

Then there is the much more attention-grabbing tune,

"The Hope Song," whose infectious groove gets your foot tapping, even if the lyrics are somewhat lukewarm.

"Hallowed Be Thy Name" has a neat melody, but the guitar track sounds stagnant. Maybe you're starting to see a pattern.

What I, as a listener, find frustrating is that the good bits of the band's efforts don't always come together in the music, causing some pieces of a song to stand out as uninteresting.

To see the lyrics, melody, and musical accompaniment all be strong in the same song is to generate a fantastic track. And I believe this band can do that regularly — all the pieces are there.

Citizen Way seems to me a band that is not quite complete. I'm not sure if they need another influence (keyboard player? sax player? perhaps even a rapper?), or if they just need to tweak something in their music-making process.

It seems odd to be talking about the potential of a band

that's been together for 15 years, but that is how I see it.

As I stated at the beginning, this band intrigues me, and I look forward to their future work, just as I have enjoyed much of the current project, for the most part.

As if to tease what might be in the future, the final two tracks point to great things to come. "Be Still" is a beautiful piece of music in its quiet confidence on God, and "Wave Walker" is a great peppy tune that sounds like some of the more recent work by MercyMe. A great way to end the album.

Here's hoping they can put it all together for an entire album next time out. If that happens, the band will have a lot of interest coming their way! Check out this album for yourselves.

*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. Jasmine Chandra, missionary and co-leader of the Central Saint John Community Ministry**

**Favourite book of the Bible** - Isaiah

**Birthplace** – Cambridge, Ontario

**What you love most about God** – His desire to be close to us

**Favourite place on Earth** - The Mediterranean

**Farthest you've been from home** – Ghana, Africa

**Favourite meal and dessert** - Handmade ravioli and chocolate mousse

**Biggest fear** – Losing one of my kids

**Hidden talent** – Making random crafts for Messy Church

**Favourite movie or book** – *White Nights*, a short story by Fyodor Dostoevsky

**Your hobby** – Swimming

**Three things always in your fridge** – Eggs, milk, cheese

**Favourite sports team** - Novice 2 Black Panthers (my son Sam's hockey team)

## Episcopal Announcements

Bishop David Edwards has accepted the resignation of **Cleo Cyr** as warden of layreaders, effective Feb. 1.

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**Allyson Caldwell** will leave her position as assistant director of youth and intergenerational ministries on Dec. 31. We wish her well in her future endeavors.

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Bishop David Edwards announces, with regret, the closure of the **Westside Anglican Mission**, effective Dec. 31.

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**The Rev. Jonathan Springthorpe** has been appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Lancaster, effective Jan. 6.

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PARISH HISTORY

# 90 YEARS IN HARTLAND



MARILYN WILSON PHOTOS

**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY, NOV. 3,** included the celebration of 90th anniversary of consecration at Holy Trinity, Hartland, in the Parish of Richmond. Church construction began in 1917, but it was not cleared from debt until 1929.

The celebration included enlarged clippings from *The Observer*, the newspaper of the time, which showed events during those early years: a lightning strike, and contributions from first priests Rev. Franchetti, Rev. Haigh, Rev. Moore and Rev. McCordick. These witnesses, over the past 90 plus years, encourage us to persevere as we continue to share the love of Jesus, into the years ahead.

During the service of Holy Eucharist at 9 a.m., layreader Cindy Derksen preached. A special letter of greetings and congratulations from Bishop David was read. Afterwards, the congregation enjoyed a light lunch, topped off with an anniversary cake, in the church hall.

At top, the cake, and the newspaper display, are seen. At left, Ernest Clarke, warden; Cindy Derksen, layreader; and Ken Tompkins, sidesperson, cut the cake. Below, the congregation in attendance.

