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### So you want to learn how to bowl, kid?

**Mel MacKenzie from the Parish of Minto and Chipman gives young bowler Jack Thurrott of Minto a few tips on bowling during the 2nd annual bowling tournament. Mel no doubt has lots of bowling tips to share since he had the highest single score at the Fredericton tournament. This year's efforts in three archdeaconries raised $25,000 to combat childhood hunger in the province. See more on pages 12-13.**

# Treasurer retires

**BY GISELE MCKNIGHT**

The retirement and contribution of Irene Adams, synod treasurer, were marked and celebrated April 28 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Fredericton.

It was in 2011 that the treasurer at the time, Fred Scott, died suddenly. He served the diocese as treasurer for 27 years. The diocese quickly learned that Fred didn't always write things down.

"So how do you find someone who can reinvent Fred's brain?" asked Bishop David Edwards as he addressed those gathered for the retirement event.

It was actually Don Adams, Irene's husband, who learned the diocese was looking for someone to pick up the pieces.

"I was never in the market for a job," said Irene. "I was quite happy doing contract work, but somebody came home and said 'there's a job you should look at.'"

And so it was that Irene became the fill-in treasurer.

It took six months to get things sorted out, and Irene's timeline continued to stretch. In all, she worked five years and nine months. She turned 65 in February.

"It was an uphill battle at first," said Irene. "I kept thinking, 'what would Fred do?'"

Bishop David told the crowd the diocese and the parishes owe Irene a debt of gratitude.

"It's been a learning experience for me, and more than that, the parishes have been able to recognize the work she has put in to help them deal more effectively with things," he said.

"It's been good to work with a treasurer who doesn't think the money in the pot is their own. She is a woman of faith. That's the difference. Our reason is not to save money, it's to do the work of the Kingdom."

Without Irene knowing, parishes were asked, if able, to contribute to a retirement purse for Irene. The total came to $6,000 and a large cheque was presented at the gathering.

"Oh my goodness," was Irene's reaction.

"That's the closest I've seen you to crying!" said the bishop.

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# Bishop of Qu'Appelle will visit diocese on a bike this July

**BY DEAN GEOFFREY HALL**

Rob Hardwick, Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, will ride a bicycle across Canada as part of the diocese's "Living the Mission" campaign. The bishop's ride began in Victoria, B.C. on May 19.

The bishop will be riding through New Brunswick during July. Plans are underway to welcome him to the Diocese of Fredericton as his itinerary includes stops in the Parishes of Madawaska (Edmunston), Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel & Aberdeen, (Florenceville-Bristol), Fredericton (Fredericton city parishes) and Salisbury and Havelock (Peticodiac).

The Trans-Canada Highway is the longest highway in the world, stretching from St. John's, NF to Victoria B.C. with 7,714 km in between. No doubt it will be a challenge! The bishop asks us to follow, pray, cycle with him, and /or donate.

"It will be a great personal accomplishment to cycle over 7,800 kilometres" said Bishop Hardwick.

"But to do something that is going to impact the lives of many people will be the greater achievement.

"Even now when the training sessions get tough, I think of those who will be helped by our financial and prayerful support on this ride: the medical centre we are building in Burundi, money to begin a self-determining indigenous church within The Anglican Church of Canada, Habitat for Humanity Regina, and continued funding for mission and ministry initiatives within the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

"Together we have an op-

**Bike ride continued on page 2**

SUBMITTED PHOTO

**Rob Hardwick, Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, will see over 7,700 km of the Trans-Canada Highway as he makes his way east. Here he is training for the cross-country journey in Saskatchewan.**

DIOCESAN SYNOD NEWS

# Bishop arrives July 13

**Bike Ride continued from page 1**

portunity to do something that will truly make a significant difference. Thank you for your support."

Bishop Rob's tentative schedule in New Brunswick:

- Friday, July 13 overnight in Edmundston
- Saturday, July 14 overnight in Florenceville
- Sunday, July 15 in Fredericton
- Monday, July 16 (REST DAY)
- Tuesday, July 17 in Petitcodiac
- Wednesday, July 18 to Oxford, N.S.

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How you can keep in touch and keep up with the bishop's ride:

- Bishop's Blog: https://www.quappelle.anglican.ca/blog/diocesan-blog
- Bishop's Ride Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/DoQMission/
- Bishop's Qu'Appelle diocesan website https://www.quappelle.anglican.ca/ministry/p/living-the-mission

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**Here the bishop gets some well wishes as he prepares to begin his cross-Canada journey in support of several causes. His tentative schedule shows he will arrive in Edmundston July 13 and leave New Brunswick July 18. He is spending a rest day in Fredericton July 16.**

MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

**Irene Adams was shocked at the gift she received from the parishes and diocese upon her retirement. Here she is with Bishop David.**

# Irene Adams retires

**Treasurer continued from page 1**

"I am totally humbled! Part of me wants to say that's how badly people wanted to get rid of me!" she said.

"It's been a wonderful, wonderful experience. I've had a great time and worked with some amazing people. I hope in some way I helped make your lives a bit easier. Please take my thanks back to your parishes."

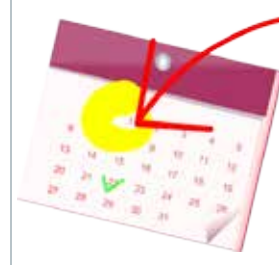
Gil Carter, chair of the Finance Committee, had the last word: "Irene has been a special friend and a great addition to the diocese. She's set us on a pretty good road for the future. We wish her all the best in retirement."

**It was Don Adams, left, Irene's husband, who alerted her to the job opening at the diocese six years ago. Here he is with Irene and Bishop David.**

MCKNIGHT PHOTO

# JUST LIKE MOM MAKES!

**Christ Church Cathedral Mothers' Union members Joanne Barfitt and Rosa Macaulay package cookies for university students in mid-April. There's nothing like a bit of home cooking to help a student get through exam week! The care packages also had other treats and notes of encouragement that were sent to the University of New Brunswick chaplain for distribution.**



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# Speaking truth to power

The 19th century German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche coined the phrase der Wille zur Macht (the Will to Power) in 1883.

It is an idea that was never fully defined by Nietzsche and has come to mean several different things. One of the best ways to see it is that even the strongest people will risk their lives to gain more power over others.

I want to carry the idea further and suggest that this does not merely apply to individuals, but also to organizations such as corporations and governments.

In Ephesians 4: 11 we are told the Christ "gave the apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service…….". What we see here is that part of the ministry of the Church is to be prophetic.

As we read scripture we find that the prophets are often treated badly by those to whom they are sent — Jeremiah being put into a well; or God requires tremendous sacrifice from them

— requiring Hosea to marry Gomer.

Furthermore, prophets generally have a striking critique of the status quo and how it is far from the intended plan of God.

It is often thought that prophecy is about telling the future, but that is generally not the case. Rather it is about speaking the word of God into specific situations with the intention of seeing positive change.

Within the Judaeo-Christian tradition, prophecy has its root in the covenant between God and the Israelites. The Jews were told that if they obeyed God's laws in the Promised Land, they would be blessed and if not, they would be cursed.

Throughout Israel's history, the prophets presented two possible futures. A blessed one in the case of obedience and disaster for disobedience.

In our present age the Church has a role of speaking truth to power. It will make us and others uncomfortable, but it is our duty to do so. It may also be costly.

In the case of Bishop Oscar Romero, the price of standing for the poor was his life.

For Corrie Ten Boom, it was time in a concentration camp. For Martin Luther King Jr. it was a bullet in Memphis.

These are the people who hit the headlines, but there are countless others who daily take great risks to call for God's way to be followed.

If Nietzsche is right, that the powerful will put their or other lives in danger to obtain more power, then the prophetic voice is not just for the benefit of those for whom we speak. It is also of benefit for those who are addressed.

In Nietzsche's world, all things lead to the gaining of power; then according to our tradition, they're heading to the wrong place. The basis of the Christian life is love, so the power chasers are the architects of their own destruction.

There will not be universal agreement in the Church as to whom we should speak truth. Perhaps we have to begin with ourselves.

***David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.***

# Pentecost thoughts

**Michael Briggs**

You will be reading this either just before or just after Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

The apostles were gathered together and not really doing that much ahead of Pentecost. Jesus had been with them for 40 days. They had just chosen Matthias to take the place of Judas and were waiting for the Holy Spirit as Jesus had promised them.

After the day of Pentecost when they were filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles started their ministry, teaching as Jesus had taught them. Initially they lived as a community where everything was held for the benefit of all. If anyone needed something, it was provided for them.

As Archbishop Justin explains in his book*, we must not worship money, but use it to serve grace. In Paul's first letter to Timothy (6: 6-10), he states that we bring nothing into the world and we take nothing from it and that to worship money is the root of all kinds of evil.

This stems from the community that the disciples lived in. Everything was for the common good; they did not worship money but used it to serve grace.

We should be doing the same thing. Now, we all need a certain amount of money to live our day to day lives, and there is nothing wrong with that, but if we worship money to the exclusion of everything else, then we are in a bad place.

By all means, have a prudent reserve and savings to last through retirement, but also think of the church which does wonderful mission work among the less fortunate.

We only need to look at the work done by the Revs. Terence and Jasmine Chandra in inner-city Saint John and the work done by the Rev. Rob Salloum in West Saint John, both deprived areas and some of the poorest in New Brunswick.

In both cases it is not ministry based on a building; neither of them have a traditional parish church. Rather, they do as the disciples did after Pentecost, they go out and about in the community and by example spread the good news of the Kingdom talking and walking with the less fortunate.

This takes money and some is provided by the Diocese, some by parishes that believe in what they are doing and some by donations by people who believe that their mission is worth supporting.

To finish up what will be my last column before the diocesan papers take a summer break, keep some money for yourself and family, but in the spirit of Pentecost and the initial spreading of the Gospel by the disciples, use some of your money to further the missional work of your parish, Diocese or National Church.

Have an enjoyable summer and take time for family, friends and church.

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

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* PARISH OF WOODSTOCK

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DIOCESAN CLERGY COLLEGE

JUNE 17
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JUNE 24
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CONSECRATION OF JOHN ORGAN, DIOCESE OF WESTERN NEWFOUNDLAND

JUNE 28
BISHOP'S COUNSEL

JULY 1
ST. PETER'S, WICKHAM

JULY 8
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DIOCESAN CLERGY CONFERENCE

* CONFIRMATION

## PRAYERS FOR HUMBOLDT

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# REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE HURTING

**LEFT: Members of All Saints Anglican Church, Parish of Bright, wanted to pay tribute to the victims of the Humboldt Broncos bus crash. At the Sunday service on April 15, they placed two hockey sticks out in front of the church as a visible reminder of unity, love and prayers for Humboldt. On April 6, the team bus was involved in a collision on the way to a playoff game. Sixteen players, coaches, the bus driver and others on the bus were killed and many more injured.**

**RIGHT: Warden Andy Bell, and his wife, Louise, hold up one end of a special quilt and quilter Judy Clark, left, holds the other at St. Mark's, Jackson Falls in the Parish of Richmond. When Judy heard a call from a quilting group for quilts to comfort the grieving families, billet families, survivors, community members, first responders and so many more people affected in the town of Humboldt, Sask., she did not hesitate and chose the fabric — in team colours — to start right away. "They thought they would need in excess of 250 quilts. I just felt that being a quilter, I wanted to do one and maybe bring a small glimmer of comfort to a heartbroken family," said Judy.**

# Long-time layreader honoured

Sunday April 15 is a special date that Patti Hoyt will always hold precious.

During the service in Christ Church, Bloomfield, the layreaders for the Parishes of Upham and Central Kings were awarded their licences; Patti was presented with a dozen red roses by Archdeacon Rob Marsh upon her retirement after 30 years as layreader.

But that is not all. With Bishop David and the congregations from both Upham and Central Kings in attendance, Cleo Cyr, warden of layreaders, presented Patti with a framed certificate promoting her to "Layreader Emeritus."

This very special award is signed by Bishop David.

Following the service, at the luncheon in the Bloomfield Hall with family and friends in attendance, Patti received gifts from the Parishes of Upham and Central Kings as well as best wishes from all.

Patti said she was "overwhelmed that all of this was planned for me," and she "just did not expect such an out pouring of appreciation, love, and recognition."

The recognition of Patti's service to the Lord and His church is well deserved.

In addition to being a layreader for many years, Patti has served in the Parish of Central Kings and the Diocese of Fredericton in many ways.

As a member of the ACW, she served as treasurer in both the parish and the diocesan group.

The ACW E-Newsletter "Launching Out" was launched in 2011; written and edited by Patti until a year ago.

In Mothers' Union, Patti has served as Enrolling Member of Central Kings and the treasurer of the Diocesan Mothers' Union. Along with this, Patti served her Church as warden and vestry member.

She wrote and edited the "Central Kings News 'n' Things" for eight years and continues to produce the bulletin for the churches every week.

During the same years, Patti and Ron raise three sons; Tim (Reagan), David, and Greg (Amy); and the family expanded with nine wonderful grandchildren.

Patti would like to extend special appreciation to Bishop David, the Rev. Canon James T. Irvine, the late Rev. Peter Burchill, and her husband, the late Ron Hoyt, for all the guidance and encouragement through the years (and to many others over the years too numerous to mention).

They were instrumental in helping her grow in her faith journey.

GREG HOYT PHOTO

**Patti Hoyt, an energetic volunteer in the Parish of Central Kings in Bloomfield, was recently recognized for 30 years as a layreader. Layreading, though is not all Patti has had her hand in. She was the creator and editor of the ACW Launching Out newsletter until last year, and was or still is a Mothers' Union member, warden and member of vestry.**

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# National director of Threshold Ministries appointed

It is with great enthusiasm that Threshold Ministries announces the appointment of Jonathan Clarke as national director.

A "preacher's kid" from Johannesburg South Africa, (his father was an Anglican Priest in the Diocese of Johannesburg) Jonathan and his wife, Kathy immigrated to Canada in 2002, with their two children.

"We were not followers of Jesus at the time. We attended an Alpha course, within two months of arriving in Canada, and made a commitment to follow Jesus on the Holy Spirit weekend of that course," Jonathan explains.

**Jonathan Clarke**

In the years following, the growth and discipleship he experienced led to a decision, in 2007, to move to New Brunswick with his family and attend college at Threshold Ministries. Jonathan was commissioned as an evangelist in 2009.

"It has been amazing to see how God has worked in the lives of many people over the last nine years.

"I am truly humbled and understand what Jesus meant when He said, in John 15:5, 'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.' Ministry is hard work, but loads of fun and very rewarding!"

As national director, Jonathan will provide leadership and oversight of the overall ministry of Threshold Ministries and its projects.

With a solid background in church leadership, Jonathan brings a wealth of experience, passion and fresh vision for uniting and equipping individuals for ministry.

In the same way, Threshold Ministries remains committed to the same goal established in 1929, of raising up, equipping and commissioning evangelists to help spread the Good News of Jesus.

Commenting on his new appointment, Jonathan said, "I am excited about what God has in store for Threshold Ministries, as we work to live out the key mission statement 'to help bring people from all walks of life into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and His people.'

"I love what Threshold Ministries stands for; I love people, I love serving; I love the poor, marginalized and downtrodden.

"This is where my heart is. God has shown me the first step and I am excited to see what God is going to do through Threshold Ministries."

Jonathan will assume his new role July 1.

# Letter To The Editor

*In March, readers were asked to write letters to the editor on whether the NB Anglican and Anglican Journal are important to them, particularly the print version. We've received several responses. Here are the final letters.*

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**To the editor:**

**Anglican Journal:** I have been an Anglican for the last 55 to 60 years and have had the privilege of attending churches in Fredericton, Saint John and Moncton during that period.

I do not see the Journal as an "instrument of unity." In all the times I have been in one of our churches I cannot recall any member of the congregation recommending some article I should read.

Nor can I recall anyone in the ministry (from the pulpit) recommending something we should take note of. Thus, while I glance through the Journal, I do not pay a lot of attention to the articles.

**NB Anglican:** Naturally, having been a member in NB for quite some time, I see some people I know, and there is relevance to many articles. I see this as the prime contact I have and an instrument of unity rather than the Journal, but I appreciate it is limited, province by province.

**Congregation Issues:** I expect most churches are facing similar problems to what we are experiencing in Moncton (St Philip's Anglican Church). I note in 2017 we had six deaths and zero baptisms — not good in the long term!

Also, many of the congregation are now seniors (or close). Through discussions, I am a bit alarmed at how many are coming to church simply for "social" aspects. Some are lonely or bored, and this is one of the few times they get out to see other people.

Our coffee hours are becoming quite important to many in the congregation. It's a function we may need to consider further.

**Printing Costs:** I cannot add much to this but fully appreciate the problem. Have we looked at e-mail as one method to distribute the message? Is there economy in changing the documents to an 8 by 11 size for e-mail distribution? Should we mail in bulk to the individual churches and let them distribute?

***Paul S. Belyea, Moncton, N.B.***

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**To the editor:**

As a fairly recent member of the Anglican community and an aging Baby Boomer, I enjoy reading the print version of the Anglican Journal and the NB Anglican.

There is much to be said for the immediacy of e-postings and the rapid retrieval of information that today's internet affords.

Still, I'm an old fashioned guy and much prefer the feel and pleasure of a newspaper in hand than the more tunnel vision manner of on line publication.

The latter is cheaper to publish but I am more inclined to read print material in depth, whereas my attention span for material downloaded on a laptop or smart phone is considerably reduced.

With the latter, I catch the headlines but skip the details; a rather superficial grasp of the contents. It's like comparing CNN breaking news with a printed cover story in Time magazine.

With respect to national versus local issues, I find greater pleasure in the local and provincial scene. It is information weighed more toward people I can relate to with a distinct, down-home flavour you cannot find anywhere else, like small town newspapers — sadly disappearing across Canada.

I fear that a future, all-electronic version of the paper will be drowned in a competing sea of world-wide webs and 'techie' jargon, this reader quietly drifting away like yesterday's newspapers.

***Mark Hymers, New Maryland, N.B.***

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**To the editor:**

I am considerably late in replying to the request for comments regarding the future of the NB Anglican & Anglican Journal; but, perhaps better late than never, I hope.

It is important to note that I have not in the past three years forwarded any money at all to the NB Anglican, yet I have enjoyed totally the privilege of reading almost every word for free.

As a result, today, April 3, I am forwarding a cheque for $40 and will try to do so on a regular basis from now on. I hope that my subscription fee is not too late and the damage has already been done.

I enjoy immensely both papers but especially the NB Anglican. While I have access to the paper electronically, I certainly enjoy the advantage of having a printed copy and that would always be my preference.

As an example, just before Christmas a friend of mine from Grand Manan Island passed away and I travelled via ferry to the Island. I would like to note that the funeral was held at the "Stone Church" – St. Paul's, at Grand Harbour. As you probably know this is a beautiful historic Anglican church.

Anyway, while on the ferry on the trip to the Island, I looked for something to read and in the magazine rack near the stern I found the NB Anglican and the Anglican Journal. I have no idea who put them there but they were there for all to enjoy.

It is hard to say how many read these papers, but I cannot help but wonder how many did just that. I cannot imagine how we would do that with an electronic copy.

In any case, I apologize for not paying my fair share in the past and will certainly do my best to pay up in the future.

No need to reply at all since I can see by the number of articles that are attributed to you that you are a very busy person. God Bless and thanks for listening.

***Ron Whitehead, Salisbury, N.B.***

MOTHERS' UNION

# Mothers' Union charts a course for its future

## *International group meets in Rothesday*

**BY GISELE MCKNIGHT**

Mothers' Union isn't waiting for the future to overtake it. It's taking on the future with gusto.

Thirty women from Zone B — South America, Central America, the Caribbean and North America — met at Villa Madonna in Rothesay April 17-20 to devise a plan for future growth.

Attending were MU representatives from Northern Argentina, Peru, Barbados, Guyana, Jamaica & the Cayman Islands, Trinidad & Tobago, NECA (North Eastern Caribbean & Aruba), the Windward Islands, the United States and Canada. One member each from South Korea, Australia and Melanasia attended as observers. Canadians included MU members from the Diocese of Fredericton and the Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island. Two translators for the South American delegation also attended.

A vicious snow and freezing rain storm in Toronto prevented several delegates from arriving on time, but on arrival, each was comforted by a bag of handmade items, including gloves, touques and socks, plus snacks. As well, St. John the Baptist Church in Riverview kindly made a prayer shawl for each woman, and many delegates were seen wearing them during the chilly week in Rothesay.

Mothers' Union is a worldwide Anglican movement with 4 million members in 83 countries. Their mission is helping parents nurture healthy, stable families.

This growth initiative actually began in 2015 when board of trustees met to develop a five-year strategic plan called MULOA. The is the second meeting for Zone B to develop a framework centred around MULOA — Mothers' Union Listen, Observe, Act. The framework is based on three questions: Who are the people we serve; what difference are we making; how are we doing it?

For the past several months, Zone B membership has been asking those questions with help from their churches and partners outside the church.

"We held meetings in each area to ask people at the grassroots — church people, clergy, Mothers' Union members, men's guilds, the youth arm of the church and people in the wider community like school teachers," said Sheran Harper, a Zone B trustee who lives in Guyana.

"It went very well. In Guyana, the clergy were particularly interested," she said.

In fact, their bishop was so impressed with the method that he has asked for the process to be rolled out in parishes so they can set up their own visioning framework.

"He saw it as a way to strengthen parishes, increase growth in parishes," she said. "We got very excited when he said he'd like it in every parish."

During the Rothesay meeting, the goal was to share the answers to those questions as a way to better chart their course for the future.

"This is a follow-up meeting to bring back all the information we've gotten from the last six months, sharing it and using it to move forward," said Kathleen Snow, a facilitator and trainer with MU who is also the parish nurse at Christ Church Cathedral. "It's certainly covered with prayer, and many activities are biblically based."

Canadian (provincial) president Alice Kennedy (Parish of Hampton), who is the Canadian (provincial) president, was happy with the progress made during the week.

"The process is a unique perspective on strategic planning," she said. "It combines your faith and listening to assess needs.

"It's forward-thinking and developed to meet the needs down the road and see how we are going to grow."

Alice found the whole process a bit overwhelming when MULOA was first introduced.

"But because it's a worldwide movement, you hear the stories, and that energizes me," she said. "We live in a developed country. I have water every day. When I hear the stories of other women, I realize we could be doing more."

Kathleen was also pleased with the way the week went.

"It's been amazing," she said. "One woman from Peru said this whole process has changed her life. It's given the women a voice, strength. We've had some really good stories. They're all women of deep faith."

Alice and Lilian Ketch organized the gathering, which ended a day before the annual MU rally on Saturday, April 21 in Sussex. Seventeen of the delegates attended, and between Hampton and Sussex, 17 billets were found to allow them to stay and enjoy the rally.

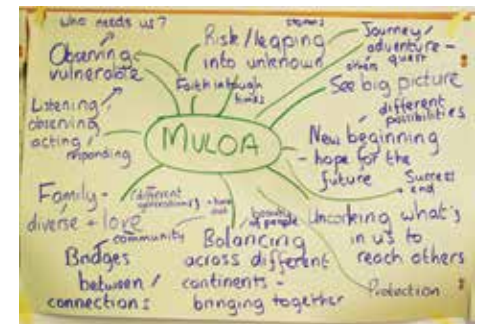
This is the third visit to Canada for Sheran Harper, of Guyana. She sums up her experiences here:

"Canada Mothers' Union for me is a role model for other provinces. They share unselfishly; they use their professional skills from their jobs and bring it to Mothers' Union in such a way. One example that pops out for me is IT — the technology. Canadian Mothers' Union is way advanced in that area.

"Canadian Mothers' Union members have a way of sharing and treating their sisters from other countries in the same way they would like to be treated.

"Canada is an amazing place for me. I call this my home!"

MCKNIGHT PHOTOS




**ABOVE: The venue was filled with flip chart notes after days of visioning.**

**TOP: A translator, right, explains what's being said to delegates from Northern Argentina while at left, British facilitators Cathy James and Nicola Lawrence lead the discussion.**
**ABOVE: Mary Stone and Gael Page, of the Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI, with Ginny McEwen of the Parish of Riverview, during a brainstorming session.**

**ABOVE: American delegates Evelyn Alleyne and Annie Beckley, front, with facilitator Nicola Lawrence and observer Margaret Lee of South Korea in back**
**LEFT: The West Indies delegates during a brainstorming session.**

MOTHERS' UNION

# Annual Mothers' Union rally held in Sussex

MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

**TOP: Mothers' Union members gather for the afternoon session at Trinity Anglican Church in Sussex.**
**ABOVE LEFT: MU member Hope Twinamatsiko, now of the Parish of Pennfield where her husband, Caleb, is the rector, was happy to attend this year's rally. She was the guest speaker at last year's rally in Riverview. She and her family moved from Uganda in March.**
**ABOVE RIGHT: Lilian Ketch, right, introduces Shara Golden, the guest speaker, who spoke on her visit to the United Nations as part of a Mothers' Union delegation.**

**BY GISELE MCKNIGHT**

"In Her Footsteps" was the theme of this year's Mothers' Union rally, held April 21 at Trinity Anglican Church in Sussex.

The "her" is Mary Sumner, the founder of Mothers' Union who realized in the late 1800s in Britain that good parenting was more than just providing for the physical needs of children. Her efforts have resulted in a world-wide Anglican movement with 4 million members in 83 countries. The MU mission is helping parents nurture healthy, stable families. MU is particularly popular in the Maritime Provinces.

Of note this year, there were 19 international visitors to the rally, who had attended a Mothers' Union Zone B visioning meeting in Rothesay earlier in the week.

The day began with a banner parade and a Holy Communion service with Bishop David Edwards. That was followed by the introduction of the international guests and greetings from diocesan MU president Joanne Ham (Parish of Riverview) and provincial (Canadian) president Alice Kennedy (Parish of Hampton).

During the day, delegates were able to shop for MU literature, including the new *Dear Lord* prayer book, and at the Ten Thousand Villages display.

The featured speaker was Shara Golden (Parish of Fredericton Junction) who, in March, was a delegate to the United Nations 62nd Commission on the Status of Women in New York City. The two-week gathering has been held every year since 1946.

Mothers' Union sent seven delegates, and Shara was chosen this year largely due to her background in human rights.

"We represent the voices and views of our members, and Mothers' Union wants to promote the empowerment and equality of women," she said.

Shara used an Episcopal Church Women's Prayer to open her presentation. This was translated into Spanish for the benefit of the South American visitors.

This year's UN gathering was focussed on empowering women and girls living in rural areas of the world.

"They are vulnerable women and children," Shara told the MU members. "If we don't hear their voices and put them in our hearts, no one else will."

During her time at the UN, Shara was taped for a video alongside women from Ghana, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Sudan. You can watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R5dPDixhtYk&feature=youtu.be or google "Mothers Union UN video 2018."

"The video gave me a very good idea of where everyone was coming from," she said. "In Ghana, the Sudan, it is so sad."

Each day, Shara and the other MU reps took part in a choice of dozens of workshops.

"This is what we did every night. We'd sit and work through what we had attended: child marriage, widowhood, migration…" she said.

She particularly wanted to attend the child marriage workshop but it was full. So she prayed, 'God, you know I want to go to this.'

"I went back 15 minutes later and there was one empty spot!" she said.

She learned that married girls as young as nine years old are having babies, themselves not physically or emotionally ready to become mothers.

Not only are girls forced into marriage, but women and girls are often widowed because of wars in so many developing countries.

"Elderly widows have it hard. They have no place," said Shara. "But widowhood doesn't necessarily mean old. Then the family sees her as an expense."

Shara also learned about migrant women who are moving to find work or fleeing conflict, adding there are one billion migrants in the world.

"When you're a migrant woman or girl, you have no reproductive rights," she said. "To get from one place to another without being violated — it's a miracle. There is much pregnancy and a high mortality rate."

When women and children are migrating, the dangers also include traffickers who snatch them for the worst of reasons — domestic servitude, farm work and the sex trade.

"Traffickers know just where these women and children are going to be," said Shara of what she learned about the situation in Nepal. "They can have you out of the country the same day."

Education — particularly of girls — is the only hope, she said. That includes the opportunity for paid work for things like crafts and food they grow.

The education of boys cannot be understated, though.

"I want to make a difference, and the key is getting those little boys and teaching them," she said. "It starts with our sons — in our diocese, in Canada, in the world."

Shara put the issue in perspective this way: "Peace for me was coming home when the kids were out playing ball and the house was quiet. A Mothers' Union woman from Sudan said, 'We just want peace. We are tired of war.'"

After the presentation, members were split into several groups for discussion. Then Sheran Harper, a Zone B trustee from Guyana, gave a report on the week of visioning.

The day ended with an invitation from Camp Medley director Maren McLean Persaud to attend Family Camp on June 22-24. Mothers' Union has been taking on the Saturday activities with great success, which include races, games, prizes and popcorn.

"You don't just bring us this stuff, you are there doing it," said Maren. "You have turned Family Camp into the success it is."

The goal of Family Camp is to give families — parents, children, grandparent, aunts, uncles, cousins — the opportunity to be together.

IN THE COMMUNITY

# Church, community rally to save neighbours

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Parishioners of the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John made the CBC's *The National* on May 7 for their role in sandbagging two properties in the Oak Point area near Saint John. Flood waters had overwhelmed many from Fredericton south to Saint John, with Oak Point in between.

On Saturday, May 5, St. Paul's Anglican Church, built in 1901, was in danger of flood waters from the nearby St. John River. So the Rev. Michael Caines and a crew of helpers arrived to sandbag the building. There was water in the basement, threatening the new furnace, but the main floor was safe.

With that task complete, "Someone said we should go check on Gerry and Audrey up the street," Michael told the CBC.

There they found Gerry and Audrey Michaud, who had reached their limit – no electricity, no sleep, no help. "They'd been awake for two days at that point trying to fight the progress of the water," Michael recounted to the CBC.

"It was either give up, or go for it. They weren't sure what to do. The wind was out of their sails."

Michael and the others called in reinforcements and the community responded, including the local fire department, plus more members from Michael's church and other churches as well. Even Bishop David Edwards heeded the cry and showed up to help.

Over several hours, hundreds of sandbags were filled and put in place.

"What seemed hopeless at one point completely turned around," Michael told the CBC. "We were able to save the house.

"The church is the people. There are times when it doesn't matter which one you belong to, you just get it done.'

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**TOP: The extent of flooding on the St. John River was obvious at the Michaud property in Oak Point.**

**RIGHT: Sandbagging is hard work. Here the impromptu crew takes a coffee break.**

**BOTTOM: Anna Caines, Bishop David Edwards and the Rev. Michael Caines taking a quick break during the work.**

***"The church is the people. There are times when it doesn't matter which one you belong to, you just get it done. — the Rev. Michael Caines***

BELLS MISSIONAL STUDY

JP WESTIN PHOTO

**John Paul Westin climbed the bell town of Stone Church to perch the *Surprise The World* book on a gargoyle overlooking Saint John. The book is a missional guide to parishioners who will be ministering to those in the streets below.**

# Hearing BELLS at Stone Church

**BY JOHN PAUL WESTIN**

It has been some years since the people of Saint John have heard the sounds of the big bell atop the Stone Church tower in uptown Saint John, but we are hoping the sound of BELLS will be reverberating from Stone parishioners in the coming months!

Stone Church, like many parishes in our diocese, has taken on the challenge of reading and putting into practice the book *Surprise The World (The Five Habits of Highly Missional People)* by Michael Frost.

We are doing this in a three-part process. We plan to do two book studies, one during the day and the other at night, so that people with different schedules will be able to choose the most convenient one.

Fifty members of Stone Church and Saint John Vineyard (our partner congregation) have received or purchased the book.

We completed the first seven-part evening study series in February and plan to do the daytime study during the summer months.

Then, in the fall, we will have a six-part preaching series using different speakers who have been part of one of the studies, and asking two other people who have practiced the missional habits to 'witness' to the congregation how the habit they have been practicing has gone.

We believe this will bring our people three different approaches to enable them to more easily implement the habits of missional living in their own lives:

1. The book studies will help us to understand what is being asked of us;
2. The preaching series will proclaim and inspire us in the context of the worshipping community of faith;
3. The witnesses will encourage us to see how simply we can employ the teaching ourselves.

So "ring them bells…congregations of the Diocese of Fredericton…where the four winds blow."*

Pray for us and let us all know what your parish is doing via the pages of this NB Anglican.

**Apologies to Bob Dylan (see his Ring Them Bells, album Oh Mercy, 1989)*

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***The Rev. Dr. John Paul Westin is the priest and rector of Stone Church, Parish of St. Mark in uptown Saint John.***

**Got a BELLS story to share? Send it in: gmcknight@diofton.ca**

# Healing Hearts support group wins community funding in Sussex

*"He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)*

**BY GISELE MCKNIGHT**

Healing Hearts, a support program for those who have survived the suicide of a loved one, has earned recognition and support.

On April 18, Healing Hands was awarded a grant of $1,880 from the Sussex and Area Community Foundation. Before that, a mental health fundraiser at Poley Mountain Ski Resort earned the small group $1,000. And even a kitchen party at Trinity Anglican in Sussex last fall, organized by the Rev. Dana Dean, gathered $330 for the cause. The program runs at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Sussex Corner.

Co-facilitator Diane McKay, a member of the Parish of St. Mark's, is thrilled with the recognition and gains being made. She and Lynn Sparks have just presented a second 12-week course. As well, they will hold a special meeting Tuesday, May 15 at 6 p.m. called Safe Talk.

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**The Sussex Area Community Foundation grants ceremony was held on April 18. Back row from left: Patrick Cunningham (SACF), Maggie Bean (SCS), Joanne Lucas (Little Jackie), ReBecca Patterson (Ag Museum), Stan Ruthen (SASC), Pat Etheridge (SACF), Lynn Sparks and Dianne Mckay (Healing Hearts), Mark Belliveau (Sussex Tennis). Front row from left: Kathleen Davidson (SACF), Julie LundBerg (Roots of Empathy), Haley Bungay (Junior Achievement), Shauna Betts and Cathy Healy (Multicultural Association of Sussex). www.sacfi.org**

A preventative workshop on how to talk to someone who expresses interest in suicide, it will also be an opportunity for those interested to gather information on a topic that was largely unspeakable not long ago.

"You'll learn not only how to talk to someone who is considering suicide but also how to listen to what they are saying. You also learn how to keep them safe until you can get them to medical help. You will learn the dos and don'ts," said Diane.

The Safe Talk event takes place at St. Mark's Anglican Church, Sussex Corner. Registration is limited to 30, so those interested should contact Diane soon at 506-512-0763 or < dsmckay16 at gmail.com >.

After the success of the first Healing Hands support group last year, Diane has been doing a lot of public speaking. In December, she spoke at the local vigil to remember the victims of the Montreal Massacre of Dec. 6, 1989 when 14 female engineering students were murdered. Also in attendance was Sussex Mayor Marc Thorne, who was taken by Diane's speech and work.

"He wanted me to come speak to town council," she said. "The month we got to speak there was February, which is Suicide Prevention Month."

As she spoke, she saw tears well up in the eyes of those present, and one councillor told his story of intervening to prevent a suicide.

"To see the council open up was wonderful," she said.

Afterwards, the mayor urged her to apply for funding from the Sussex and Area Community Foundation, saying the Helping Hands program might be something the foundation would like to fund. With only days until the deadline, a proposal was drafted and sent.

Now with their coffers full, Diane and Lynn will use the money to buy books and materials for the course.

"But the biggest thing is advertising," she said. "And not just in Sussex but the surrounding area."

The 12-week support course uses the book Understanding Your Suicide Grief, by Alan Wolfelt. Years ago, Diane travelled to Colorado to study under Wolfelt, a suicide survivor, educator and Christian writer, in her own quest to make sense of her brother, Scott's, death. Some of the material is Christian-based.

Diane noted that one woman has taken the course twice; the first time she was dealing with the very recent suicide of her son.

"It's been exciting to see where the participants are when they finish compared to when they started," she said. "It's going well. It's amazing now how doctors and mental health professionals have gotten on board."

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

# ACW holds annual meeting in Shediac Cape

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The annual meeting of the Anglican Church Women of the diocese took place at St. Martin in the Woods in Shediac Cape May 1-2. Upwards of 85 women came from all seven archdeaconries to renew friendships and deal with ACW business.

Safe Church got a mention first off when Judy Cairns pointed out the exits, elevators and washrooms, and had those with First Aid training stand to be identified, just in case.

Archdeacon Brent Ham led the service of Holy Eucharist, assisted by the Rev. Kevin Borthwick, priest and rector of the Parish of Shediac, and the Rev. Rose Steeves, chaplain of the ACW. Bishop David Edwards preached.

The bishop began by telling the story of his check-in at a Fredericton hotel where he was staying for the pre-retirement conference. He had a reservation and gave his name, but the clerk could not find it.

Finally, she asked, thoroughly perplexed, "Is your first name Bishop?"

This woman in her 20s, "had no idea whatsoever — she's so far away from the church," he said.

The day's reading from John 14 began, "I am the way, the truth and the life," reminding the bishop of the early followers of Jesus.

"That was the original name of Christians — 'Followers of The Way.' The word 'Christian' came later."

Bishop David told the story of his love of hiking in his youth. One weekend he and a group planned to conquer a large mountain, but on the Friday night, they decided to take a quick, 30-minute jaunt up a smaller, nearby hill.

"We didn't take anything but our sweaters," he said. "We got up to the top and looked out over the town and couldn't see the lights. The fog had enveloped us.

"We couldn't see, and we knew at one point on the way down there was a sheer drop-off."

That drop-off was 70 feet straight down.

"Knowing the way was extremely important," he said. "It was a mistake to do what we did, but thankfully, we followed the way.

"Jesus calls us to follow the way — not just that but to bring others along to follow the way," he said.

ABOVE: Archdeacon Brent Ham leads the service of Holy Eucharist to start the day on May 1.
BELOW: Linda Fury of the Parish of Westmorland, was chosen as president of the ACW as Rosemarie Kingston retires.

TOP: Lunch was a highlight, with plenty of sandwiches and sweets on the menu.
ABOVE: Canon Paul Jeffries, rector of Bishop McAllister College, gave an update on the college, its challenges and accomplishments, including the trials of building a new library this year.

When we're following Jesus, we are walking in sync with God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, he said.

"It's a remarkable thing when we choose to follow the way. The wholeness of God enters into us and we in him."

Part of our calling is to bring others into the way, but we need to look a lot more like Jesus to do that.

"This young lady at the hotel comes nowhere near to faith, maybe because she's never seen the love of Christ or Christians, wanting the best for people, wanting the best for the community."

At the end of the morning service, the names of 59 deceased members were read from the Book of Remembrance.

After a lunch of sandwiches, fruit and sweets, the group reconvened to listen to two guest speakers.

Shawn Branch was appointed parish development officer in January, and he spoke on his role.

In the good old days, he said, we built churches and people just showed up.

"It was the Field Of Dreams mindset: If we built it, they will come. That's not so now," he said. "We need to go out, leave our churches and go out."

Where do we find people, he asked? Tim Hortons and McDonalds.

"There you find people comfortable and relaxed," he said. "Our job is to go there. Our bishop, since he was consecrated, has been talking about the need to go out and meeting people where they are."

Shawn went on to talk about the BELLS model of missional living, introduced at the Diocesan Synod last fall, and the subject of Easter study in many parishes. He told the members that more than 1,300 books (Surprise the World, by Michael Frost) that explains the BELLS model (bless, eat, listen, learn, sent) were ordered by parishes for study.

"We've never experienced that before in our diocese," he said. "People are saying, 'Finally! Something written in a way I can understand it!'

"One thing I think we're grasping is the reality that it's OK to share our faith again," he said. "Your journey that God has walked with you —someone needs to hear that."

He told the crowd about the recent Day of Innovative Ministry he held to hear about different ministry around the diocese. He's also working with a half-dozen parishes on their plans to launch ministry outside their buildings.

At the end of his presentation, he took questions, and heard about the various ministries going on under the ACW is various parts of the diocese.

The second guess speaker was Canon Paul Jeffries, rector of Bishop McAllister College in Uganda. He gave a presentation with a bit of history on the school, his role there that began 20 years ago, and gains made over the years. It has grown from 35 students in 1999 to 1,000 students in 2018.

The ACW has been a huge supporter of the school, of Paul and of sponsorships for children who cannot afford school fees. He said when he first began, he wanted the students to learn science and then computer skills. Since then, they've built two science labs and two IT labs.

"And all that began with a donation of $500 from the ACW," he said.

Paul talked about the challenge of teaching and housing girls, because the school at one point wanted to phase out education for girls. Keeping them separate and safe on campus has meant building a girls dormitory, "built for 150 for your standards, but for 250 by our

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ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

# Next year's ACW AGM will be in the Archdeaconry of Chatham

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standards. Now we are expanding that."

There are 140 children at school sponsored by people or groups like the ACW within the Diocese of Fredericton, and another 100 sponsored by others, he said.

The children begin their day at 5 a.m. with reading and study. The classroom work ends at 4 p.m. But after supper, they study from 7-10 p.m. making for a very long day. Their diet consists of beans and hard porridge. Despite Canadian misgivings about such a diet, their parents feel their children are being well fed, said Paul.

The school population has grown so large that they cannot fit into one venue. So there are chapel services three times a day, and they rent tents for special events like Easter so that everyone can be together.

Now that Caleb and Hope Twinamatsiko are here in the Parish of Pennfield, the school required a new headmaster. The found him in Disan Ogumoshabe, former director of studies at the school. Disan was the original "project boy" when he began in Grade 8.

"Back in that day, only orphans got sponsorships," said Paul, adding that Disan came from a poor family but he was not an orphan. Disan asked one question: was there any work he could do to earn his fees?

So Paul put him — and other boys — to work digging out the side of a hill to make way for a new building.

"These boys stayed and dug into the side of the hill," he said. "They never complained. They would do anything to get ahead."

Today, one former project boy is a lawyer. Another works in cyber technology in New York City. Disan was a project boy for six years before finishing school and university, then returning to teach math and physics. He is one of many success stories.

The building of a new library is occupying a great deal of time and energy at the school these days. Constructing a two-storey building is a complex, expensive task, requiring steel and reinforced concrete between the two floors.

"It's a $200,000 project," said Paul. "We went far beyond what we ever thought the first year," he said.

The secondary architect on the project is a former student of the college.

Paul thanked the ACW for their interest and support through two decades.

"On behalf of all the children, thank you. And for all the children you have put through school all these many years," he said.

He reminisced about his odd career that was never his first choice.

"For me it's been a blessing," he said. "I asked to be sent to Kenya for three years [to teach adults]. If someone had asked me to go to Uganda to teach children I'd have said no."

Rosemarie Kingston, now the former diocesan ACW president, noted that she attended Disan's wedding to a woman who was also a student at Bishop McAllister College.

"She was a sponsored child by Fredericton people, and all her siblings were sponsored," she said.

After the presentation, Paul took questions from the group. He revealed that last year, after many years of using overcrowded public transportation, he has a car.

"I should have done it years ago!" he said.

The rest of the annual meeting was taken up with business — financial and other reports, meeting minutes, and the election of Linda Fury, from the Parish of Westmorland, as the new diocesan president.

Delegates enjoyed a banquet on Tuesday evening and finished up the annual meeting at noon on Wednesay.

**TOP: The congregation of ACW members just before the service of Holy Eucharist began.**
**ABOVE: Parish development officer Shawn Branch was one of two guest speakers. He described his work and took many questions from the group.**
**ABOVE RIGHT: Lunch was a time to visit and renew old friendships.**
**BELOW RIGHT: ACW members walk from the church — St. Martin in the Woods — next door to the parish hall for lunch.**
**BELOW: Tables were piled high with sandwiches, fruit and sweets.**

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**LEFT: Bowlers at the KV Bowling Lanes in Quispamsis.**

**ABOVE: Vivian Munn (Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis) reacts to a gutter ball the same as many bowlers did during the tournament!**

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**TOP: Bowlers wait their turn at Riverview Park Lanes in the Archdeaconry of Moncton.**
**ABOVE: The Rev. Debbie Edmundson and Donna Munn (Parish of Marysville) share a laugh during the tournament in Fredericton.**
**ABOVE RIGHT: The Rev. Mike O'Hara and Rick and Nancy Floyd of Holy Trinity in Hammond River were cheering on their teams.**
**RIGHT: The after-party at St. Philip's was a hastily thrown together but well done after a funeral at St. James kept the building busy.**

# 3-city bowling tournament raises $25,000 to combat childhood hunger

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

The total keeps rising, but as of April 30, the bowling tournament fundraiser is hovering at the $25,000 mark. The April 21st event saw four bowling alleys in three archdeaconries — Fredericton, Moncton and Kingston and the Kennebecasis — filled with Anglican bowlers on a mission. The money will go to local charities and programs that combat childhood hunger.

**Moncton**

"You're calling to talk to the champions, are you?" was the way Archdeacon Brent Ham began this interview.

With 17 teams in two bowling alleys and the most bowlers, the Archdeaconry of Moncton really did shine during this year's tournament. That was despite two funerals on bowling day, one in Shediac and one at St. James in Moncton where the after-party was to be held.

"Shediac had a major funeral come up and had to pull out. They were the first to come on board," said Brent. "Despite all the challenges, I think we did OK. A couple of parishes stepped up and put together some teams."

And St. Philip opened its doors, hosting the bowlers and putting on a barbecue and potluck.

During this first year of Moncton's involvement, Brent went for participation over fundraising, but the archdeaconry still managed to raise $12,000. They had all the lanes at Fairlanes Bowling donated. They sold t-shirts, ran a cookie campaign and solicited donations from individuals.

Shediac raised $2,417; Riverview raised $1,750, St. Andrew's raised $1,631 and tiny Hillsborough Riverside raised $1,000.

"The real surprise was a lot of smaller parishes came in with really good amounts," said Brent. "Kent raised $1,255. For a small parish, that is really good. They all did so well, right across the board!"

Beyond the fundraising, the other positive was the fellowship.

"It was great to see the parishes in the archdeaconry come together, laugh together, work together and reach out to our community together," he said. "We had a lot of fun with it, but we had terrible bowlers!"

Brent, a bit cocky at the beginning of the interview, admitted his bowling skills were put to shame. Remember Maisie Campbell, the 95-year-old from Sackville who put together a team?

"She was amazing! She beat my score," he said. "She bowled an 88. I didn't get close to 88!"

At an awards ceremony afterwards, St. George's proved to be the leader, with a team total of 475 points.

The money will go to various local initiatives that help feed hungry children, including food banks and breakfast programs. One of the big ones is Blessing in a Backpack, which packs food in backpacks for weekend use.

**Kingston and the Kennebecasis**

In the Kennebecasis Valley, eight parishes took over the KV Bowling Lanes and raised about $2,000.

"I enjoy bowling," said Heather Hynds of St. Lukes in Gondola Point. "I think it's definitely a good cause and something I'm happy to be able to support."

Kathy Ferguson of St. Augustine's in Quispamsis, was enjoying the fellowship and the cause.

"I'm a teacher and I'm familiar with issues of hungry students," she said. "It's obvious when a child comes in hungry. And as the years progress, it seems to be getting worse and worse.

"Having food at school and sending them to get something to eat — you should see the look on their faces!"

Donna Clark, of Christ the King Church in Saint John, was there for the bowling — she easily knocked down 10 pins in one frame — but also for the cause of hungry children.

"Food banks have a special place in my heart," she said, adding she has a family member in need of exactly what the money was being raised for. "I just wanted to participate and have fun for a worthy cause."

Overseeing the event was Archdeacon Rob Marsh.

"There's a lot of laughter and a lot of fun here — intergenerational fun!" he said.

Their funds will be split between three food banks from Sussex to Quispamsis.

**Fredericton**

In Fredericton, 12 teams and several ghost teams — non bowlers who raised money — filled the Bowl-A-Drome on the city's north side for the second year in a row. Parishes that couldn't field an entire team joined other parishes.

"We have to think of possibly expanding it next year," said Kevin McAllister, incumbent at the Parishes of Marysville, Minto & Chipman and the organizer of both last year's and this year's events.

"I think there's an opportunity for a province-wide effort to strike out hunger," he said. "Hopefully if parishes catch on to this, we could do it. Hunger is not just in the south. It's as much an opportunity to raise funds as it is awareness."

Anyone interested in helping organize in the other archdeaconries is encouraged to contact Kevin.

Apart from a bowling alley full of bowlers, there were several dozen cheerleaders who came out just to join in the fun. After the event, food and fellowship continued at All Saint's Church. Warden Wendy Banks solicited food from other parishes and that combined effort resulted in a shared meal for 70 bowlers and others.

Fredericton had the added bonus of a team of Tory MLAs and a team from the Fredericton Community Kitchens. Their Student Hunger Program is the recipient of the Fredericton-area fundraising.

"It was really nice to see them come out," Kevin said of the MLAs. "They took part and had a good time."

Speaking of the Fredericton Community Kitchens team, Kevin said, "They were overwhelmed with so many taking part — how people came together."

The fundraising efforts in the Fredericton area also included a continuing bottle drive, and of course, the t-shirt sales, which are still ongoing. By Monday, April 30, Kevin was confident they'd reached the $12,000 mark, and with more expected, felt the $25,000 overall mark would be reached.

Anything that comes in after May 31 will go in the pot to begin next year's efforts.

"That's a lot of money to feed kids in all three archdeaconries, and everyone should be proud of themselves for their efforts," said Kevin.

Kevin remembers his own childhood and the lunches he had.

"My dad made horrible lunches. The ham was so thin you could see through it," he said. "But I had a lunch, and I had the option to eat it."

The Student Hunger Program in Fredericton prepares 355 bagged lunches every school day for children in 15 schools. They also prepare snacks and breakfasts in schools throughout the Fredericton area, and fill backpacks with food for weekend use.

For more information, check their website. http://frederictoncommunitykitchen.com/school-hunger-program/

### *Scores from the Fredericton tournament*

**High team fundraiser - Anglican Energy (Parish Of Marysville)**
**High team score team #11 - The Angelicans**
**Lowest scoring team - #3 Leo The Lions**
**Men's high bowler - Bev Fowler - 87.5 average**
**Women's high bowler - Marilyn Valley - 87.3 average**
**Women's high single - Bonnie Anderson - 94**
**Men's high single - Mel MacKenzie - 97**
**Women's high no-mark - Bernedette Coburn and Dot Moore - 82**
**Men's high no-mark - Chris Chisholm - 84**
**Top money raiser - Mildred Gallagher - $425**
**Second place money raiser - Cheric Newman - $403**

PRE-RETIREMENT CONFERENCE

# Pre-retirement conference helps prepare for the inevitable

## *Friday night session included a panel discussion by five retired priests*

**BY GISELE MCKNIGHT**

Every few years, the diocese holds a pre-retirement conference to benefit clergy and staff who are facing retirement within the next 15 years.

This year, it was held April 27-28 at St. John the Evangelist Church on Fredericton's north side, with 68 people attending. That was despite the rising flood waters that made getting to the north side a lengthy and confusing task.

The Friday evening session began with a meal, followed by a panel discussion with five priests who recently retired. Canon Jon Lownds emceed the event, with Canons Bruce McKenna, Walter Williams and Bill MacMullin and Archdeacon Keith Osborne participating.

The discussion was based on three questions.

**Question 1: What about retirement has been positive and helpful?**

Bill: I'm very thankful for good health. I've never gotten up in the morning and said, 'what will I do today?' Anne and I are working out what retirement means, but I think it means we do more things together.

Keith: I got tired of running a parish. What I'm doing now (part-time ministry to seniors in nursing homes) is not the same stress. I'm having a great time and I feel really blessed.

Walter: I retired Aug. 31 and Sept. 1, I went to half-time. Now I'm in a place where I'm having fun. I highly recommend it.

Bruce: I'm comfortably busy. It's a comfortable place to be instead of going flat out in a parish. There is more time and more balance. As a retired cleric, you'll have more time to be with people instead of being stretched in 16 different directions. There's more time to be with people, pray, read the bible.

Jon: Moving into retirement was a surprise. I didn't have a place to live. For 14 months I did very little. I did have the privilege of filling in here (St. John's) as interim. I had a ball. They couldn't fire me. I had no official duties other than showing up! Three months turned into 15 months.

**2. What did you find difficult?**

Bruce: Things have changed and it's been a very steep learning curve. We have to pay property tax now. I got the bill and said, 'Oh, what's this?'

There is some grief involved. We were very happy at Holy Trinity and it was hard for us to leave a community of which we were an integral part. It goes on longer than you think.

Walter: I've learned things about getting ready to retire. Apply for Canada Pension at 60, and tick the right box to have tax taken out. And find the right real estate agent.

Keith: We need to make sure our identity isn't all tied up in the priesthood. Identity has to also include being a father, a grandfather. If your identity is all about ministry, it will be hard. If I couldn't do ministry because of health, you might as well rip my heart out.

When you're no longer on the diocesan payroll, you have to go a whole month before money comes in again. You've got to make the money last.

Jon: I felt lost. There was a lot of grief. Earlier, Bill and I started having lunch together. That was one of the lifesavers because Bill and I were still meeting. It was a time for me to whine to him. You retire as a rector, but not as a priest.

I also experienced sticker shock when I got my first property tax bill.

**3. What could you suggest to make retirement smoother?**

Bill: One thing helpful for us was we bought a house before I retired and I was drawing whatever pension I was eligible for. It was helpful because we were retiring in the same community and people in the parish moved us. Where you settle will have a lot to do with what you do when you retire.

Keith: When you are ready to retire, say to the Lord: 'I'm laying myself on your altar. I'm open to anything you want.' He can open the doors.

Here's your chance to be exposed to non-Christians, where people are on a whole different track, where you can witness.

Walter: I volunteer with the 3 Fd. Regiment RCA Band. I'm probably not the best trombone player in the world, but I have a lot of fun doing it. I joined a group of retired soldiers at Tim Hortons. I was told, 'there's a seat for you here, Padre.' I've buried half of them.

If you don't have an accountant, find an accountant. Pay tax on your CPP. Now I'm getting tax taken out. Be aware.

Bruce: I want to underline the need to find a financial advisor who people trust, who you trust, years before you retire. There are a multitude of decisions you have to make. Find that person and follow their advice.

You have to give the bishop six months' notice, not three that you have to give the parish. Also, go early to see the diocesan treasurer. I came in fairly early. Your diocesan treasurer can really guide you.

**TOP: Retired priests, from left, Bruce McKenna, Walter Williams, Keith Osborne, Bill MacMullin and Jon Lownds during the panel discussion on Friday night. ABOVE: The Revs. Jasmine Chandra and Kevin Borthwick; Jasmine questioned whether there would be a pension when she is ready to retire. She was reassured. ABOVE RIGHT: Judy Robinson, executive director of the Pension Office Corporation of The Anglican Church of Canada.**

I called the pension office in Toronto fairly early. I asked them to give me scenarios. They sent me an email with all the details. They gave me very good advice.

Canada Pension and Old Age Security always take longer than you think it's going to.

There are so many decisions to be made. Prayer with your spouse is important. It makes all the different to go in the same direction with each other and with the Lord.

Jon: If you have a 40-hour work week, you will have 2,000 hours of time on your hands (in a year). For a 60-hour work week, you'll have 3,000 hours. I had hobbies but they all disappeared. So have a plan. Discuss your plans with the bishop and the treasurer.

We need to have a support group of retired clergy to help. Find a support group of three or four retired people to meet with and pray with.

The evening ended with Evening Prayer and many stayed for a time of fellowship.

**SATURDAY**

Saturday's session saw several speakers, from financial and estate planning, to getting along as a couple and pension discussion.

**FINANCIAL PLANNING WITH JEFF WHITE**

Starting the day was Jeff White, a financial planner with Chamberlain Wealth Management in Fredericton. He noted the value of the panel discussion the night before, saying he's been to many retirement seminars, but never have there been recent retirees in attendance to share their insights.

Jeff told the crowd that today's financial retirement is complex, and that can put people off.

"I call it analysis paralysis," he said. "There are so many options and clients continue to push back their decisions.

"What we've found is educated and engaged clients have far more success."

RRSPs, he said, are not for everyone. These relics from 1957 are more a tax deferral system than a savings plan. You get a tax receipt in the year on contribution, but they are taxable in the year of withdrawal.

"The government has been waiting for a long time for your demographic to start drawing on your wealth," he said.

"Why is it so popular? Well, for awhile, it was the only game in town. But if you're not moving to a lower tax bracket in retirement, RRSPs are not the best vehicle."

The Tax-Free Savings Account means tax elimination, he said, and it's vastly underutilized.

"It's the best thing but many have not embraced it. Because it's so new and had smaller limits, it wasn't embraced by my peers in the industry. It's

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PRE-RETIREMENT CONFERENCE

**ABOVE: Priests David Peer, Rob Salloum, Keith Osborne and Bob LeBlanc share a table and conversation during lunch at the pre-retirement conference.**

**ABOVE RIGHT: Lawyer Ann Whiteway Brown gave advice on wills, powers of attorney and health-care directives.**

**LEFT: Michele Bedard is a life coach.**

**RIGHT: Jeff White is a financial planner.**

MCKNIGHT PHOTOS

# *Saturday discussions: From financial planning to estate planning, and how to get along with your spouse*

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had a slow uptake."

The single biggest change he has seen in his career is retirees' comfort with debt.

"It used to be that people didn't retire until every bit of debt was paid," he said. "But every dollar paid down builds wealth in a household. Everybody should have a plan for debt elimination."

The best way to plan for retirement financially is to complete a household net worth assessment, so that you know precisely what you owe, what you have and what you will be getting in retirement. His office, or any financial advisor, can help with that.

*NOTE: A TFSA is available to clergy and lay staff, administered by Great West Life, on behalf of the Anglican Church of Canada. Applications must be made to Great West Life and deductions from payroll are sent directly to them.*

**ESTATE PLANNING WITH ANN WHITEWAY BROWN, QC**

Ann spoke on wills, powers of attorney and health-care directives. She noted that 71 per cent of Canadians do not have a power of attorney; 51 per cent do not have a will, and only 35 per cent of those with a will have updated it.

A power of attorney is valid while one is alive; a will is in place when one dies. With a POA, you appoint a person to act in your name while you are alive — for financial, medical, household, legal, even social media and other matters.

"It's extremely important that this is someone you trust implicitly," she said, adding if you are not lucid, you cannot sign a POA. It's important that this directive be done before a crisis of health.

"It's not an honour to be made a power of attorney," she said. "It's a lot of work."

Ann suggested appointing not one, but two or more alternates to be your POA in case one dies before you or one is unavailable.

Health-care directives include the consent, refusal and withdrawal of treatment. You do not need a lawyer to do this, but Ann offers this caution:

"It's very important that you have a family conference on this. Sit down and talk to your family before this becomes an issue. Be specific. Talk to your doctor. Make sure you doctor understands your wishes and give him a copy."

A POA can have a clause on medical care within it, while a health-care directive only deals with medical matters.

A will becomes the document in use once a person dies. How well it is drafted will determine whether your final wishes are actually carried out. While you can handwrite your own will without a witness or a lawyer, called a holographic will, and you can use a will kit found at a stationary shop, those can lead to unclear language and problems with your estate.

"If you can change the oil in your car yourself, you don't need the services of a mechanic," she said. "And if you understand the Wills Act, you don't need a lawyer."

One final caution: If your will compensates your executor, the Canadian Revenue Agency regards this as "other income."

**LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT – COUPLES – WITH MICHELE BEDARD**

Life coach Michele used the word "communication" repeatedly in her presentation, because that is the key to a happy retirement with your spouse.

"It's a time of possibilities — of growing closer, choosing how and what we do. This is the challenge, and we need good communication skills," she said.

Retirement is a journey with five stages, she said:

Pre-retirement, with lots of wishing.

Honeymoon phase, where the first days and weeks are filled with free time to do whatever. It ends when you feel unhappy with this. It's when couples begin arguing.

Disenchantment: As you notice this happening, it is time to reorient, before depression sets in. It's time for conversations to prevent unhappiness.

Re-orientation, with planning and goal setting. It's the time to develop routines.

Stability, with contentment, feeling generally productive, and living your life in a way that gives you meaning and satisfaction.

One of the dangers for men retiring is their dependence on their wives.

"Typically many men may look to their wife as the social director of their lives," said Michele.

"Husbands may find themselves following their wife around, content to be in the same room with her."

This can become annoying very quickly. And with a couple together much more than they might have been, "we begin to notice the quirky habits we ignored because we were too busy."

Likewise, the person who has never run the household may decide he or she has a better way to shop, cook, arrange the cupboards, clean the house, and so on.

"Have a conversation. Renegotiate. Explore. What are each of you needing and how much time do you want to spend together?" said Michele.

A note about hobbies and things you've always wanted to do:

"Got a dream? Try it on. It's like trying on shoes. They don't fit? Don't give up on shoes. Try different shoes. Try different dreams," she said.

**NATIONAL PENSION OFFICE WITH JUDY ROBINSON**

Judy Robinson, executive director of the Pension Office Corporation of The Anglican Church of Canada, flew in from Toronto for the conference. She described the pension office set-up, including the membership of the Pension Board of Trustees and the staff, and she also spent time describing the General Synod Pension Plan.

"We pay 2,800 pensioners every month and have almost $900 million in investments," she said, adding the majority of pensioners are clergy.

The pension plan is a multi-employer plan which includes 30 dioceses and other church organizations. The benefit of that is when a priest moves from one diocese to another, the pension plan remains the same, she said. Benefits are based on a formula of earnings and years of service.

In the past 19 years, the average age of the contributor has gone from 49.3 to 53. Many pension plans have an average contributor age of 43, meaning there are more working years to contribute and enrich the plan.

"The cost of pensions is higher under our plan because the average age is so high," she said.

"The number of active contributors to the plan is decreasing. The number of pensioners is increasing," she said. "That's been the case since I've been in this job and that's coming up on 15 years."

Low interest rates continue to be a problem, she said. However, the pension plan has had many good years of growth since the huge losses in the fall of 2008.

"We lost 19 per cent," said Judy. "That was pretty much average for pension funds in Canada. Since then returns have been stellar. We earned 12.7 per cent last year."

The Rev. Jasmine Chandra, in her 30s, came to hear the pension office presentation for one specific purpose: to ask if there really will be a pension for her by the time she retires.

"Many of us younger ones kind of assume there isn't," she said.

Judy assured her otherwise.

"I believe you will collect a pension from this plan," she said.

Judy also outlined several other benefits, including long-term disability and the Continuing Education Plan.

Bishop David Edwards closed the event in prayer.

PARISH NEWS

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**ABOVE: Laura holds her son, Patrick; Leah Gallagher, Earle Black (also the warden), Lynn Bell, and Valerie Densmore, the four who started their faith journey at All Saints.**
**BELOW: The decorations on Easter morning.**

# My Lenten journey of 2018

**BY GEORGIE KEITH**

Each year as the Shrove Tuesday approaches, I wonder where my faith journey will lead me. This year several things were constant: the Ash Wednesday service, the Lenten activities, and the noon day soup and prayers.

The daily Lenten activities provided the usual daily readings and reflection and giving alms. Moving beyond our personal need for God in our lives, we were to see the need and our responsibility for others.

For example, we supported PWRDF, our local sharing club, and St. Luke's Outreach Ministry as part of our Lenten activities.

We invited Rob Pitman to a fellowship breakfast and what a moving presentation it was as we heard of the St. Luke's Outreach Ministry and how the fellowship and relationship between those providing and those receiving have developed.

In the midst of Lent was the World Day of Prayer with the theme "All God's Creation Is Very Good!" The prayers and reflections centred on what has been given us and our responsibility to those gifts and the people around us as one of God's children.

I joined (took on) the Wednesday Afternoon Study Group as they read and discussed the book, *Rites For a New Age; Understanding the Book of Alternative Services* by Michael Ingham.

This book had me reading each presented prayer/ concept from both the BCP and BAS, listening, thinking and reflecting, not just reciting.

What impressed me is the author would present a prayer or theme from either book and make his point from it.

I particularly liked the Resurrection discussion; from the BCP emphasis of the crucifixion and penitential; and that of the BAS of the resurrection giving us feelings of courage and confidence to move forward with a living God beside us.

From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday I journeyed in faith with a service every day. Throughout the week, I was encouraged to make a friend, be a friend and bring a friend to Christ.

That meant reflecting on how I am planting seeds for Christ. Participating in the Seder Supper and the Good Friday Service led to the Lighting of the New Fire, a spiritual, awe-inspiring and service.

Then Easter Morning, who needs to say more... Alleluia!

I shall continue in my faith journey, knowing that God has given me everything I need through Jesus' death and resurrection.

***Georgie Keith worships in the Parish of Sussex.***

# What was old has become new again

On Aug. 1, 2015, by order of Bishop David, the Parish of Fundy and the Lakes was created — amalgamating the parishes of Lakewood, Simonds and St. Martins-Black River.

Consequently, the church buildings in Upper Loch Lomond (All Saints) and St. Martins (Holy Trinity) were deconsecrated.

St. Thomas, Black River, remained, and Saint James (Lakewood) became the Parish Church, and was renamed the Church of Christ the King.

Since that time, many changes and adaptations have evolved, and consecrated items from both All Saints and Holy Trinity have found new life in the Parish Church.

On April 1, parishioners arrived to find the sanctuary adorned for a joyous and festive Easter celebration – and a truly significant baptism.

Six-month-old Patrick Leo Howe was baptized — the first baptism using the font which had been relocated from Holy Trinity to the Church of Christ the King.

As the Rev. Canon Leo Martin led the worship, he reflected that this was the first child he had baptized that bore his name.

Four-year-old Elizabeth helped Canon Leo pour the water into the font (she was the first child to be baptized at Christ the King).

Also in attendance at the service were four congregants who had been baptized in that same font at the church in St. Martins, truly joining parishes and generations.

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## Welcome to the diocese!

**The Rev. Julian Pillay, his wife Michelle, and son Julian Christopher, arrived at Saint John International Airport greeted by parish representatives, Bishop David Edwards and his wife Janet on April 20. Julian has been appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Saint Stephen and is formerly the rector of Emmanuel Church in Phoenix, South Africa. Above, from left: Julian, Joan Williams, Michelle, Jim Higgins, Julian Christopher, Derwin Gowan, Janet Edwards, Betty Matheson, Lucy Russell and Bishop David Edwards.**

COMMENTARY

# Well, it's about time!

**BY ROB SALLOUM**

Are you ever in a rush? Do you ever feel that there doesn't seem to be enough time to accomplish what you would like? We do live in a fast-paced society. Is that a good thing? Do we need to slow down?

So, here is the question: Does the Lord rush? Scripture – (both Old and New Testaments) says a ton about this.

In the beginning, God created the universe, and it happened gradually. On the seventh day, in the beginning of time, God rested.

I wonder if He was telling us something about the importance of rest and pace.

God also moved slowly with His people. He calls Moses into leadership. But Moses doesn't begin his responsibilities for 40 years.

When Moses is 80, God rescues His people and leads them on a journey of 40 years in the desert.

Later on, in time, the prophet Elijah flees for his life and finds refuge in a cave.

He is in a literal and spiritual dark place for 40 days and 40 nights. God meets him in that dark place.

After being greatly encouraged by God, Elijah returns to the place from which he had fled.

In the New Testament, at the age of 30, Jesus is baptized and then launches slowly into ministry, immediately going into the desert for 40 days.

Daily, Jesus did not rush. Each Gospel tells us how, in the morning, Jesus often went to quiet places to pray. Jesus did not even rush to Lazarus' side when he heard that he was sick.

Common to all of the preceding examples is the passage of a great deal of time. The time taken was necessary in every situation.

Moses was groomed for his role. Elijah was rebuilt and refocused. Jesus prepared for His ministry. The people learned that even Jesus surpassed and defeated the power of death.

He has all the time in the world for us. God's attitude toward time indicates to me that His priority is relationship.

PHOTO BY ANNA DZIUBINSKA ON UNSPLASH

Are you rushed? Do you have enough time for God? I encourage you to take time to slow down as you allow God to show you His purpose. Make His time, your time.

***The Rev. Rob Salloum begins his new position as priest-in-charge in the Parishes of Hillsborough Riverside, St. Andrew Sunny Brae and St. Philip in the Moncton area June 1.***

## Holy Week in the Parish

**Holy Week in the Parish of Minto and Chipman, as in all parishes in the diocese, was a busy week indeed. The week began with Holy Eucharist being celebrated in both churches on Palm Sunday. On Maundy Thursday they gathered at St. Augustine's, Chipman. Special invited guests were members of the Chipman United Church. The service of Holy Eucharist was followed by a lunch of soup, rolls and dessert provided by the host church. Good Friday was observed with a service at St. Michael's in Minto and the United Church in Chipman. Sunday morning parish members and guests gathered at St. Michael's to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. This service was especially moving as four children received First Communion. Each child was presented with a First Communion certificate and a photo to commemorate this special occasion. The children participated in the service by presenting the gifts to the Rev. Kevin McAllister and assisting him in the preparation at the altar for the celebration of Holy Communion. The children above are Penelope Gaddess, Jack Thurrott, Mylee Van Doren and Tenley Van Doren. Lunch and fellowship followed the service.**

COMMENTARY

# Kissing Anglicans

BY DAVID W. T. BRATTSTON

Saint Paul commanded Christians to "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16.16; 1 Corinthians 16.20; 2 Corinthians 13.12).

He also exhorted: "Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss" (1 Thessalonians 5.26), while 1 Peter 5.14 says "Greet one another with a kiss of charity [love]."

The earliest Christians did this literally. Around AD 246 the church father Origen noted that "the custom has been handed down to the churches for brothers to welcome each other with a kiss after the prayers".1

In describing typical Christian worship, Justin Martyr around AD 160 narrated that worshippers regularly exchanged a kiss.2

Four decades later, the church father Tertullian wrote that it should take precedence over private devotions, and held that "no prayer is complete if divorced from the 'holy kiss.'"

According to the Book of Common Prayer, Anglicans believe that persons in authority in the church have jurisdiction to change rites and ceremonies so that the people may better understand and implement their purpose.3

The church can change them from to time whenever necessary.4

Every national church has authority to change ceremonies to fit the different circumstances of its country, times, and customs.5

In New Brunswick, the customary signs of Christian love and fellowship are handshakes, hugs, or brief kisses.

It was therefore expedient for church authorities to modify the gesture so that the people may better follow its original purpose. A local option is to omit any outward sign.

Whatever the form, we should remember the statement of Tertullian that no prayer service is complete if separated from the holy kiss, and the statement of Origen that it should be without the hypocrisy of the kiss of Judas, and "have peace and sincerity in itself with unfeigned love."6

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**Endnotes:**

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TAMMY BRAGDON PHOTO

# EASTER IN PERTH-ANDOVER

**Trinity Church in Perth-Andover held a beautiful Easter service with a fantastic homily by Fr. Stephen Harnish. Choir members and others, from left: Clara Pirie, Emily Harnish, Margaret Wallace, Kathleen McCarthy, Ryan Harnish (server), Father Stephen Harnish (priest-in-charge), Cecil Pirie (layreader), William Harnish (server), Jeanne Cronk (partially hidden), Sharron Moffatt, Elizabeth Sullivan (organist).**

PILGRIMAGE TO TORONTO

# A week of mission in Toronto

**A youth leadership training group from the Diocese of Fredericton made a Toronto pilgrimage for hands-on experience with marginalized communities through the Yonge Street Mission (YSM) in early May. YSM currently supports Regent Park and Moss Park where people are isolated or marginalized due to cultural, economic or social barriers. All photos/Michael Hudson, Diocese of Toronto**

**TOP: Outside the Yonge Street Mission (YSM) at 310 Gerrard St. E. Regent Park in Toronto: front row, from left: Chelsea Hoyt, Jessie Gowan, TJ Trenzek-Jeall, Nat Fetter, Emily Orr, Allyson Caldwell, Joe Duplessis and Maren McLean Persaud. Middle row: Emma Colton and Carter Scott. Back row: Jesse Galbraith, Cameron Eagles, Dan McMullen, Katrina Zink, Molly McGinley, Amy Hoyt, Kyle McGraw and Christian Persaud. Absent from photo was Colin McDonald.**

**OTHERS: Cleaning the YSM yard and other areas of winter debris, litter and needles that were discarded.**

DIOCESAN COUNCIL

# Meet your Diocesan Council members

*DC members were asked to answer the following questions: What is your background and/or career, and how has that prepared you for your work on DC? Why did you decide to become involved with DC? Who is Jesus to you? What is your hope for the diocese?*

**Joanna Saunders, Parish of Upham**

I am high school French Immersion teacher. I currently teach grades 9 and 10 Math at Rothesay High School and I run our coding club. My education background, however, is in history and language arts. My BA is an Honours degree in History and a Minor in French Language Arts and my Education Degree is in History, Social Studies and French.

I feel that working as a teacher has prepared me for collaborating with a team as well as giving me lots of exposure to young adults and parents from all walks of life. My understanding of other people's views of the world has certainly evolved since becoming a teacher.

I volunteered for the Archives committee. I know that my degree in history will help me serve this committee.

I attended the most recent Diocesan Synod and I am a member of the Vestry for my parish. I decided to join the DC because I wanted to know more about what happens between synods and do my best to lend my perspective on topics of discussion.

Jesus is my Lord and Saviour and the reason I can be forgiven for all my mistakes and sins. My hope is that we can find growth in one way or another — not just in bodies on church pews — but faithful people in the world. I think I will see great changes in the church in my lifetime because of the changes in society.

I hope that the diocese will hear, understand and heed God's will for us and that the diocese will be ready to evolve with our changing world if that is indeed God's plan for us. My hope is that we can continue to be His disciples, no matter what changes we face.

**Keith Osborne, Archdeacon of Saint John**

I have an extensive background in parish and diocesan ministry and so find myself comfortable in the position of dealing with issues of governance and corporate ministry initiatives. Being on council I find very rewarding and I enjoy being at the centre of what is transpiring.

I had served three terms by virtue of being elected as the clergy rep at Greater Chapter and now serve by virtue of being archdeacon in my archdeaconry.

Being retired, I have no leadership of a parish but serve as honorary assistant in the parish of Coldbrook St. Mary in Saint John.

To me, Jesus is the ultimate revelation of God the Father to humanity. He stands outside of time and space and is the source of life in all its aspects for all of humanity.

He is fully divine, of the same substance with the Father, and

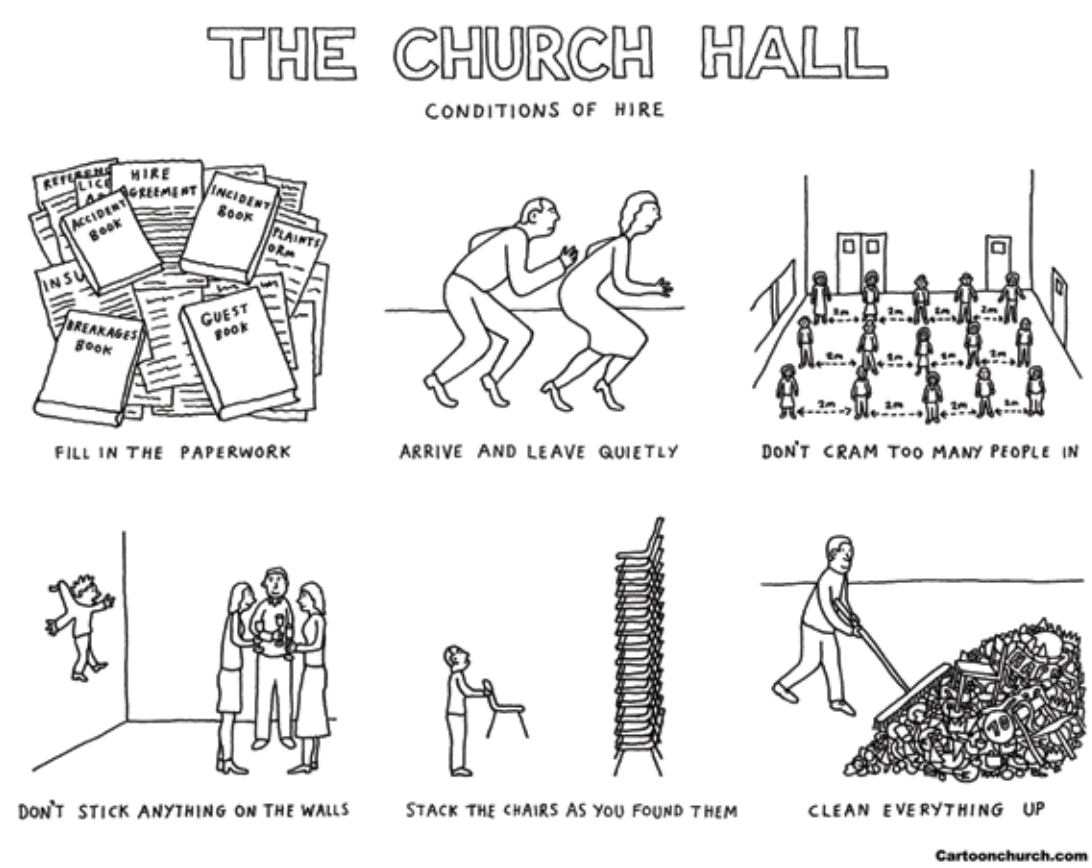
bears His humanity for all eternity in the unity of the Godhead.

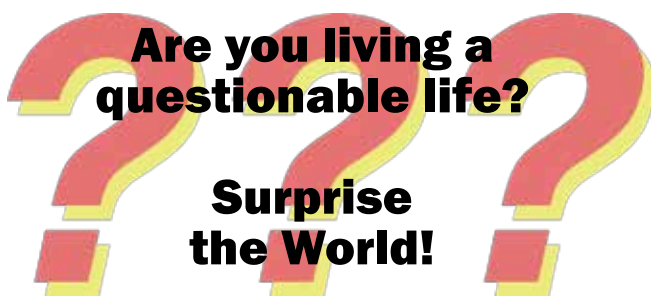
By His incarnation, atonement and resurrection has provided unconditional redemption for all of creation.

My hope for the diocese is that we continue on the present path. We are making progress in terms of becoming different in order to be relevant to the society around us.

Our Bishop has led us into this path and we need to support the vision and not allow obstacles to detract us from the goal.

My hope is that our present efforts will not die out but will spawn an expanding ministry, taking us to new places and stretching us to become people with a broader and dynamic vision for who we can become.

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CANADIAN CHURCH PRESS AWARDS

# N.B. Anglican wins six national awards

The Canadian Church Press awards were handed out in Hamilton, Ont. on May 4 and the New Brunswick Anglican's name was called six times!

That number is up from four awards won last year. The paper won two first place, two second place and two third place awards.

- First Place: In-Depth Treatment of a News Event – Coverage of Archbishop Nutter's death
- First Place: News Story - PM Drops in at St. Margaret's coffee club
- Second Place: General Excellence – Newspaper
- Second Place: Photo Essay - Celebrating Safe Harbour House
- Third Place: News Photo - Guest Book (Bishop's Death)
- Third Place: Feature Layout and Design - 2017 Events and Activities

## Judges' comments

**News Story:** Given that the headline conveys the main fact — a visit from the prime minister — the lead paragraph does an excellent job of building and maintaining reader interest.

Excellent pacing in the story that perfectly reflects the gradual "reveal" of the prime minister's visit. The writer wisely included an anecdote from the prime minister's childhood.

Also, the story avoided any sense of partisanship, as a news story should do.

**In-depth Treatment of a News Event:** The October front page article is a fitting and well-crafted news story and eulogy of a man much respected by his contemporaries which the author deftly assembled as the publication was being put to bed.

It contains the necessary facts and interviews while also painting a generous and warm picture of a "kind" man.

Appropriately, the one-page summary in the same October edition uses the medium to provide readers with an at-a-glance overview of the life and achievements of the Archbishop – in words and photographs.

The November edition contains two important pieces. One is reminiscence, a reflection about the life of the late Archbishop by one of his contemporaries, which is appropriate timing.

The second item is a news wrap that details the funeral, the highlights of the Archbishop's life and work, and the aftermath of his passing.

The manner in which this breaking story was handled was fitting, respectful, and professional.

**Photo Essay:** Artist always know if you want to get someone's attention use red. You got my attention in the very first photograph. I was then drawn into the graffiti. This is what told your story. It was all the photographs of the words. It told your story.

This is a wonderful entry that does what I like — makes my eyes travel all over the page to tell a story with photographs of words. I like this.

I found that the last thing I wanted to read was the story; I felt that I knew the story from the photographs of the words. What a wonderful entry; you should feel very satisfied on such a great entry.

**Feature Layout & Design:** Such a clever way to showcase the events and activities for the young people in the diocese by placing the most-concise information in an array of frames and setting them against a cement block wall, reminiscent of a middle school or rec centre hallway.

The extra effort to put this page together will encourage readers to place this tear sheet on the fridge or bulletin board at church and community centres. It's like the "after" of a "before and after" of a listing of events in a newspaper. Excellent effort.

This is a one-of-a-kind, and I don't see how to improve it. It's great to see this kind of imagination on something as common as an events listing, and good to see such an active young people's component in your readership area.

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**Archbishop Nutter remembered for his kindness, pastoral nature**

BY GISELE MCKNIGHT

Great sadness surrounded the news of the passing of Archbishop Harold Lee Nutter, 93, in Perth, Ontario, Sept. 9.

Bishop Nutter was the sixth bishop of the diocese from 1971-1989 and the first to be born in New Brunswick. He served as archbishop of the Province of Canada from 1980-89.

His death was met with much reminiscing of the man whose kindness, graciousness and pastoral nature have become his legacy.

"Bishop Harold Nutter was much beloved in the Diocese of Fredericton and beyond," said Bishop David Edwards. "There are many stories of his kindness and down-to-earth manner from people across the Province.

"I received a message from one of his successors as Metropolitan of Canada who told of a visit for dinner by Bishop Nutter. There was concern in the house, because such an important man was visiting. After supper Harold took off his jacket and helped with the washing up. From that time forward he was the "favou-

Grandson Christopher Hunsley, front left, shares warm memories of his grandfather, Archbishop Harold Nutter, during the funeral Sept. 14 at Christ Church Cathedral.

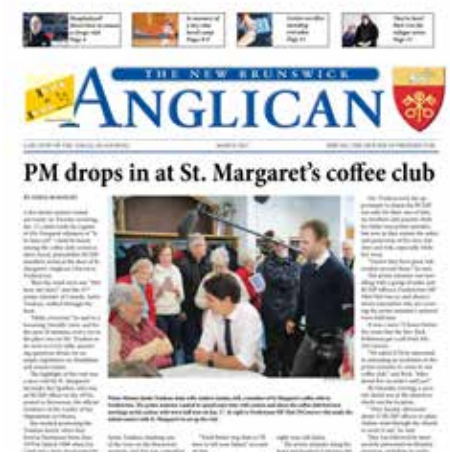
Bishop Lemmon said at the time, the diocese was trying to find its place, and Bishop Nutter in 1958 at Stone Church (St. Marks) in Saint John, and in 1985, chose the archdeacon to reunited with his birth mother, he discovered that she had stood up with Edith Nutter at Edith's

At first he did not support the ordination of women, but he softened that position over the years. While he did not ordain any women candidates, he did "clear the way for such ordinations by his successor in accepting Patricia Brittain and Elizabeth Northcott as candidates for Holy Orders, and licensing a woman priest, the Rev. Brenda McKnight," says a Synod document.

"I think Harold himself was very cautious. Not that he himself disapproved, but many parishes were not ready for it," said his wife, Edith in a previous interview. Because of the strong opinions, the process had to be gradual, she said.

Bishop Nutter also presided over the addition of the Book of Alternative Services, another divisive issue that took time to settle.

He was a very busy bishop, particularly on the regional, national and even international levels. He visited South Africa twice during the height of apartheid. He hosted meetings of the General Synod in 1983 at the University of New Brunswick.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PM drops in at St. Margaret's coffee club

**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Coverage of Archbishop Harold Nutter's death took first place in the category of In-depth Treatment of a News Event; A first place finish in the category of Best News Story for "PM drops in at St. Margaret's coffee club;" A second place finish for best photo essay (Safe Harbour House); A third place finish for best feature layout and design (2017 YIG Events & Activities); Photo of Bishop Nutter's guest book, portrait and casket placed third in Best News Photo.**

AROUND THE DIOCESE

## Episcopal Announcements

**The Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton** and **the Ven. John Sharpe** have been appointed honorary assistants in the Parish of Fredericton, effective April 24.

The Celebration of New Ministry for **the Rev. Rob Salloum** will be held Sunday, June 17 at 4 p.m. at St. Philip's, Moncton.

**Allyson Caldwell** has been appointed interim director of Camp Medley for the 2018 season.

**CLERGY CONFERENCE 2018**

**Your Church of the Future Now, with Hugh Halter**

**Aug. 27-29**
**Rothesay Netherwood School,**
**40 College Hill Road, Rothesay**

**Registration Deadline:**
**Friday, Aug. 11**

**anglican.nb.ca/events/**

MARK THE DATE!

**137th Diocesan Synod**

**Saturday, November 3**

**Christ Church (Parish) Church Fredericton**

PATTI HOYT PHOTO

# MEET THE NEW ACW EXECUTIVE

**The new executive was installed at the annual general meeting of the Diocesan ACW on May 2 in Shediac Cape. From left: 1st vice-president Jill Stewart; president Linda Fury; priest & rector, Parish of Shediac, Rev. Kevin Borthwick; past president Rosemarie Kingston; treasurer Joyce McElman; secretary Linda Collins Lebans.**

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# Sunday School Swim

**On April 29, St. James Sunday School in the parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel & Aberdeen had a fun closing event for the season. Families had an hour of swimming at Ayr Motor Centre in Woodstock, and afterwards, a pizza party. Have a great summer!**

MUSIC COLUMN

# Stryper flexes musical muscle in latest offering

*Author's note: the title of this album, which has caused some controversy (Wal-Mart refuses to carry the album) isn't meant to be vulgar. In the context of the title track, the speaker is telling God to condemn evil, which He ultimately will do. Neither God's name nor the word "damn" is used flippantly anywhere on the album. Michael Sweet, leading for the band, says…*

*"With everything that we've seen on the news, the evil we're faced with on a daily basis to new levels and new degrees, it made perfect sense for us to have an album called God Damn Evil. It's a prayer request. It is what it is. It's not a swear, it's not just the shock statement, it's a prayer request, and we're asking God to damn the evil that we see." - Michael Sweet, lead sing, quoted from AllThatShreds.com, retrieved Apr. 27th.*

Glam rock. Big Hair. Overuse of reverb. Pyrotechnics. Crunchy distortion pedals on the guitars: These are the hallmarks of 80s metal hairbands. Think Twisted Sister, Europe, Whitesnake, Motley Crüe, or even rock bands here in Canada — Honeymoon Suite, Platinum Blonde.

Maybe you remember that standout Christian hark rock band, Petra. And then there was Stryper.

Stryper was able to transcend the Christian pop chart that was emerging as a small but significant part of music marketing in the 1980s, and chart in the Billboard rock chart as well.

They had everything the other bands had, and also the controversial song titles, and a faith that was present in their lyrics, self-referential as they might have been.

Thirty years later, the Stryper reunion has become a kind of second wave of their

career, as their third album this decade has just been released, *God Damn Evil*. It seems they just can't shake the urge to generate a bit of controversy with their choice of album titles. But it makes you think, too.

One hallmark of Stryper's music has always been the high level of ability present in their music. These are very accomplished musicians that play in this band! Michael Sweet, lead singer and guitarist, continues to have a strong voice, with a natural vibrato that gives his melodies a lot of colour and vitality.

While the music is not as complex and "busy" as some other bands (such as Dream Theatre), strong solo sections and musically interesting chord progressions, supported by a very solid percussion and bass section make this great music to enjoy.

The album itself has some great moments. The lead single is one of the tamer songs on the album. "Sorry" carries the message that one's words cannot easily be taken back, so choose them carefully. It's a strong, but simple song, with a good musical hook.

The album opener, "Take It To the Cross," is a blistering recall of 80s and 90s metal tunes, as guitar, bass and fast chanting of the lyrics rule the track.

It is bookmarked at the end of the album with the deliciously furious track, "The Devil Doesn't Live Here." Michael Sweet really shines on "Lost," perhaps the best song on the album. It has many declaring Michael's voice the strongest of his career.

This is a strong album, and one that does not seek to surprise listeners with anything unexpected. Stryper was, and is, a hard rock band. That is apparent throughout the album.

What is rather refreshing is that they no longer sound like an 80s band hanging around to make a few more dollars off one more album.

I appreciate that the lyrics hold nothing back; while many popular acts today play it safe (portraying Jesus in ways that could be mistaken for the singer's boyfriend/girlfriend, for example), Stryper is very forthright.

The songs speak about relationship, and spiritual warfare, and of God never turning away from us.

If you're looking for a hard rock album with punch, with power, a good message, and with good music, you may have found it in Stryper's latest offering. Check it out!

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

**Linda Fury, member of the Parish of Westmorland and newly elected diocesan ACW president**

**Favourite book of the Bible -** Luke

**Birthplace -** Point de Bute, N.B.

**What you love most about God –** His Grace

**Favourite place on Earth -** Anywhere near the ocean — especially Murray Corner!

**Farthest you've been from home -** Italy

**Favourite meal or dessert -** Any seafood

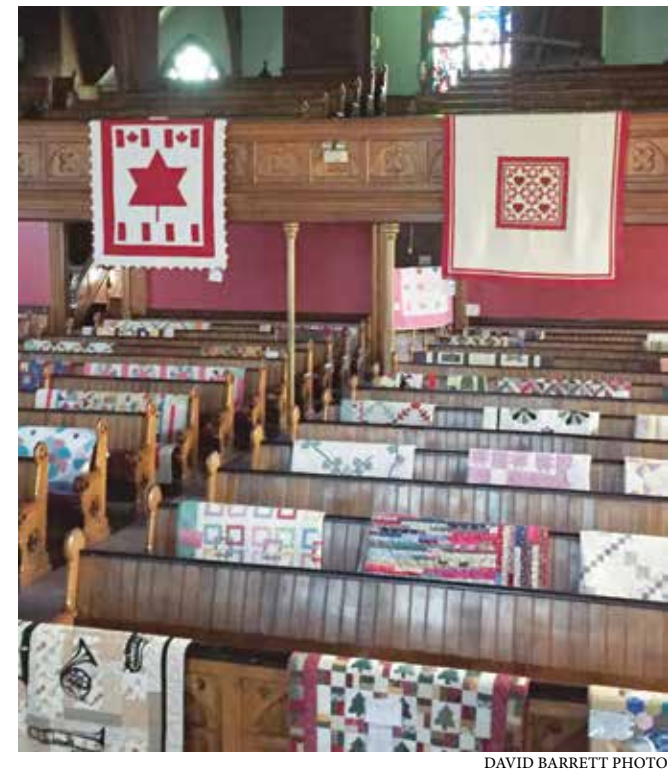
**Hidden talent –** Still looking!

**Favourite movie or book –** Any Jan Karon book

**Your hobby –** Reading, walking (not at the same time)

**Three things always in your fridge –** Milk, cheese, fruit

**Favourite sports team -** Tantramar Titans — or the Toronto Maple Leafs



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## QUILT SUCCESS!

**A quilt show & sale and spring tea was held at St. Luke's Church, Parish of Portland April 28. Approximately 80 beautiful quilts were on display in the nave, many of them for sale. The spring tea was held in the church hall and featured a wide selection of delicious sandwiches and mouth-watering sweets. Everyone from the volunteers to the attendees had a marvelous time and are looking forward to a repeat performance in the not-too-distant future!**

## CAMPING MINISTRY

# CAMP Brookwood CHRISTIAN CAMP

FLORENCEVILLE-BRISTOL, NEW BRUNSWICK

## 2018 Schedule

FUN *and* ADVENTURE!

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| Week 1 | **July 15-20 – *When I Grow Up*** | Ages 7-9 \| Cost: $200 – **Before June 1st $150** |
| Week 2 | **July 22-27 – *Brookwood Olympics*** | Ages 9-11 \| Cost: $200 – **Before June 1st $150** |
| Week 3 | **July 29 - Aug. 3 – *Extreme Games*** | Ages 11-13 \| Cost: $200 – **Before June 1st $150** |
| Week 4 | **Aug. 6-10 – *When I Grow Up*** | Ages 5-7 \| Cost: $120 – **Before June 1st $90** |
| Week 5 | **Aug. 12-17 – *Extreme Games*** | Ages 13-14 \| Cost: $200 – **Before June 1st $150** |

*Fees Include:*
*A T-shirt, photo, All Meals & Accommodations.*
*(Includes $35.00 Deposit)*

*Building Disciples... while having fun!*

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