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## First Nation People play important role at Synod

Brenda Jenner  
and Lon Towstego

*As Christians we are called to act justly, and love mercy and walk humbly with our God. (Micah 6:8).*

Too often one of the roots of injustice is anti – something. We act unjustly and walk in ways anything but humble. Sometimes people are anti- entire races of people. Sadly, here on Vancouver Island, racism against First Nation People has been and still is all too prominent.

We often don't recognize racist behaviours within ourselves or our institutions, as we unconsciously absorb inaccurate knowledge and attitudes from our culture and our life experiences. Whether we think or feel it or not, people of position behave and speak in certain ways that can create attitudes of superiority, arrogance or indifference. Power is used to serve oneself.

Unfortunately the church went astray in their relationship with the First Nation People. It is the vision of this diocese to upright the canoes that have been overturned and paddle the canoe together with First Nation People to develop a respectful relationship because it is what God asks of us. It is not so easy climbing back into the canoes but it is possible if we help each other.

Paulette Reagan identifies three things we must work at as Non-First Nation People or Settlers to help us get into the canoe.

"To move past our Canadian self-image as benevolent peacemakers.



Dr. Brokenleg speaking to Synod



Photos: Ed Lewis

Rob Nye and Bob Nye of the Cowichan Band welcomed us and opened Synod with song and prayer.

To accept our violent past as settlers to this land in our relationship with First Nation People.

We need to recognize and live the equanimity between First Nation and Settler peoples."

Decolonizing the church and ourselves is the process identified to restore relationships today. At the core of decolonization is the transformation of our spirits. We do so by allowing the Holy Spirit to open our minds, our ears and our hearts so that we can listen, be honest and learn through our own self-reflection and in our relationships as a church with others who differ from us.

At Synod 2014 there were a number of times, when we helped each other climb into the canoe. Bob Nye and Rob Nye of the Cowichan Band welcomed us and opened Synod with song and prayer. It is the custom for First Nation People here on the

Island to welcome all who come into their midst. It is done out of respect and sets the tone for any conversation that occurs. Victor Flett of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul spoke and gave the Bishop a gift on behalf of First Nations People.



Alex Nelson and family members received Chief Nelson's commission

Bishop Logan named Chief Frank Nelson as a Canon of our Diocese, posthumously. Alex Nelson received the Commission on behalf of his family and spoke eloquently. Frank Nelson was Chief of the Kwakwaka'wakw people of Kingcome Inlet. Chief Frank died unexpectedly last summer. He served his people and the

church with faithfulness and the love he received from his relationship with Jesus.

The Rev. Doctor Martin Brokenleg conducted an exercise on justice, which can be used in parishes. Using the experiences of our sisters and brothers on the Island, three panelists responded to the question "what is the most important thing you have learned in working with the other culture?" These panellists were seated at the Head Table while being asked the questions. This was seen and received as a great honour by The First Nations panelists.

Thea Dickson from Holy Trinity Parish, North Saanich shared about an ongoing relationship with several of the local bands. She spoke of learning



Thea Dickson speaking with Sister Brenda

to move from being agenda-orientated when they first met to being more flexible and fluid. She encouraged parishes to take

the first step saying, "If we feel a desire to begin a relationship then we should take the first step with faith."

The Rev. Lincoln McKoen, Rector of Christ Church, Alert Bay; St. Olaf, Quatsino and St. George, Kingcome Inlet said he has learned more about Christ's love by understanding and experiencing the Kwakwaka'wakw word maya'xila which is based on respect, sacrifice, compassion, service and order.

Bob Nye, of the Cowichan Band challenged us to walk with them rather than "doing things for them". He and Victor Flett then proceeded to ask the Synod to write to the Prime Minister of Canada requesting a Royal Commission into the "missing and murdered women" of whom the majority are First Nation. A motion was then put forward



Bob Nye speaking to Synod

from the floor. Healthy discussion followed as representatives spoke to the benefits of an Inquiry. In the end, the synod voted to write a letter as requested.

We have been in post-synod conversations with Victor Flett and Bob Nye and both have said that they appreciated Synod 2014 and especially are thankful that their voices were heard.

For us, this has been an honour and a learning which has impacted us personally. We would like to thank all who spoke, all who helped us out behind the scenes and Synod for its willingness to walk down the road to justice and reconciliation with us.

*Sister Brenda Jenner is a member of the Sisters of St John the Divine at St. John's House, Victoria. The Ven. Lon Towstego is rector of the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul, and Archdeacon of Selkirk Region.*

# Bishop Logan Writes

*Making connections .....building community*



who live far away from family. I hear of the needs of teenagers who struggle outside of family and community, and whose only connection with others is a cell phone.

Young families and single families struggle to raise children on their own, without extended family support.

Folk say it has not always been like this as they reflect on the role the church had in community. Some will tell stories of how the church brought people to care for each other and how everyone in a community knew each other. Others quote the African proverb that it takes a village to raise a child.

One of my most exciting experiences occurred in a mall (Bellevue Crossroads) in Bellevue, Washington that I have visited on a number of occasions. Saturday mornings it becomes a gathering place for people and families; some come to play chess or board games; some to

exchange cards they have collected, and some to build models. All sorts of different inter-generational events take place there. In the mall there is a grocery store, an amazing used bookstore, a fabric store and Bellevue's city hall that is open to visitors on Saturdays.

Not very many people would call this gathering a spiritual one. But I believe they have transformed the space into a spiritual one.

There is a need within our culture to make connections like this in our communities. We as the Church still have the gifts and resources for these sorts of gatherings. Our buildings can be open to provide spaces for people to meet, to make connections and to be supportive of one another. I have seen this in a thrift store in Lake Cowichan, a Sunday Lunch for a community in Victoria, a mid-week meal in Sooke

and a used bookstore in Port McNeill.

We are called to make these events more than just moneymakers. Yes, we need the money and accept it gratefully, but we are called to be so much more in the communities in which we find ourselves. We have the space and we are called to bring a spirituality of community into our culture. I celebrate within the communities of our Diocese all those places that bring folk together.

**Bishop Logan**

## Personnel Notes

### Appointments:

**Bishop Logan** has appointed **The Most Rev. Caleb Lawrence** as Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Mary's Parish, Nanoose Bay effective October 31.

**Mr. Boyd Shaw** as the Diocesan Education for Ministry (EfM) Coordinator effective November 1. Mr. Shaw can be reached by phone at 250-758-2795 or by email at [boydshaw@shaw.ca](mailto:boydshaw@shaw.ca)

**The Ven. Brian Evans** as Incumbent of St. Paul, Nanaimo, and Team Leader of the Parishes of St. Paul, Nanaimo, St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith, and St. Philip, Cedar.

**The Rev. Susan Hermanson** as Incumbent of the Parishes of St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith, and St. Philip, Cedar, and Priest Associate of the Parish of St. Paul, Nanaimo.

**The Rev. Justin Cheng** as Assistant Curate in the Parishes of St. Paul, Nanaimo, St. John the Evangelist, Ladysmith, and St. Philip, Cedar.

The above three appointments are effective December 1.

### Resignations:

The Bishop has accepted the resignation of **the Rev. Joan Scandrett** as Incumbent of St. Martin of Tours and the pastoral charge of Gabriola United Church effective November 30.

the resignation of **Mrs. Su McLeod** as the Diocesan Family Ministry Facilitator effective December 31. Su has accepted a position in the Diocese of Niagara.



Photo: Ed Lewis

Bishop Logan is gifted by Bob Nye and Victor Flett

## The Bishop's Calendar

During the next few weeks Bishop Logan will be taking part in the following events:

### January

- 11 St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano - Parish Visitation
- 15 St. John the Divine, Courtenay - 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Finance Committee
- 18 St. Mary, Nanoose Bay - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- 19-23 Clergy Retreat, Camp Pringle, Shawnigan Lake
- 24 Diocesan Council
- 25 St. Stephen - Closing of Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- 29 Clergy Day
- 31 St. Peter, Quamichan - Visioning Day

### February

- 6 St. Luke for Fantastic Friday
- 7 St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay - Visioning Day
- 8 St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay - Parish Visit
- 14 Downtown Church Association - 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Prayer Service & Meal
- 15 St. John the Baptist, South Cowichan
- 17 Oak Bay Rotary Club
- 19 Finance Committee
- 26 Diocesan Council

## The Diocesan Prayer Cycle

Your prayers are asked weekly for

**Bishop Logan McMenemy**

and the following parishes:

**January 4, Christmas 2**

**Trinity Church, Port Alberni**

The Rev. George Pell, Incumbent

**January 11, The Baptism of the Lord  
Holy Trinity, Sooke**

The Rev. Dimas Canjura, Incumbent

The Rev. Canon Dolly Beaumont, Deacon Assistant

**January 18, Epiphany 2**

**St. Andrew, Sidney**

The Rev. Osita Oluigbo, Incumbent

The Rev. Suzanne Crerar, Deacon Assistant

**January 25, Epiphany 3**

**St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Richard LeSueur, Incumbent

The Rev. Austin Spry, Priest Associate

**February 1, Epiphany 4**

**St. David-by-the-Sea, Cordova Bay**

**St. Peter, Lakehill**

The Rev. Canon Christopher Parsons, Incumbent



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# Tofino Warden honoured

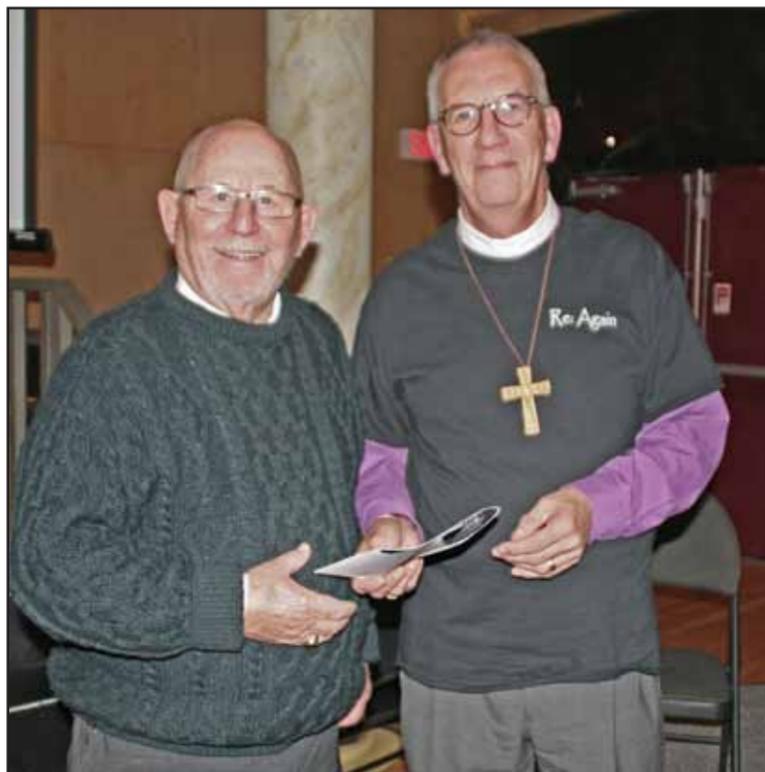
## Warren Bernard is now a Diocesan Canon

Ed Lewis

Warren “Whitey” Bernard was surprised when Bishop Logan insisted that he attend Synod. Whitey couldn’t understand why the Bishop wanted him there since he was not an elected delegate. Nevertheless he answered the Bishop’s request and attended the October meeting of Synod in Victoria.

In his Charge to Synod on Saturday morning, Bishop Logan let Whitey know why he was invited. The bishop named him, along with the Rev. Bruce Bryant Scott and the late Chief Frank Nelson, Canon of the Diocese. In honouring Whitey as a Diocesan Canon, the Bishop said, “Whitey has served this Diocese faithfully on the West Coast for many years.”

Whitey Bernard moved to Tofino 52 years ago. During those years he worked at a number of jobs from being a machinist, an engineer in a fish packing plant, to the owner of a Marina, hotels and property development companies to name just a few of the many. He served the community as a councillor and mayor as well as being the fire chief and



Canon Bernard being presented with his certificate by Bishop Logan

over the years was involved in a number of community organizations.

Shortly after moving to Tofino, Whitey followed his wife Ruby to St. Columba’s Church where she became the organist and parish treasurer. He too, became involved in the life of the

Parish and they both continue to be very active there today.

One of the latest accomplishments in the Parish has been the rebuilding of the Rectory located next door to the Church. When the Rev. Will Ferry was inducted as Incumbent of the Parish in July, Whitey, as War-

den of the Parish presented him with a huge key to remind the young incumbent of his responsibilities and told him that he would be supporting him in his work.

A number of years ago Whitey also helped support and encourage a young man who was serving in the parish as a lay minister. That young man was Logan McMenamie who went from Tofino into the ordained ministry and is now Bishop of British Columbia.

In 1940 Whitey Bernard’s father had joined the Duke of Connaught’s Own Rifles. On October 1 people lined the streets as the soldiers marched through New Westminster on their way to the transport ship that would take them to England and into the conflict of World War II. Breaking away from his mother, five year old Whitey ran out into the street toward his father.

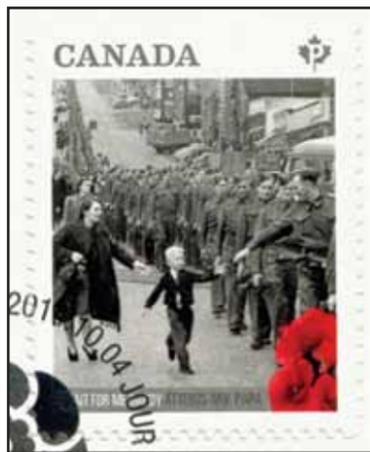
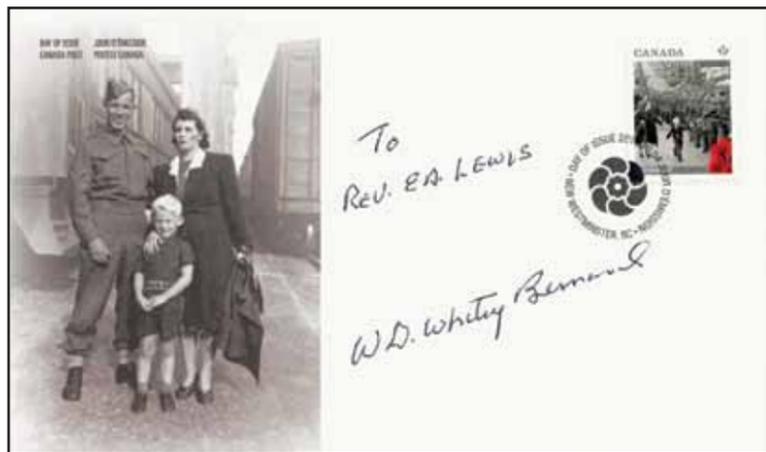
Watching this was Claude P. Dettloff, a photographer with the Vancouver Province, who took the picture of Whitey running out to his father. The picture became, what many people call the most famous Canadian

picture of the war. “Wait for me, Daddy,” as the picture became known appeared in provincial, national and international publications and was successfully used by the federal government to sell war bonds.

To mark its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary a bronze statue of the picture was created by the city of New Westminster and placed at the bottom of Eighth Street in New Westminster where Dettloff had taken the original picture.

The picture was also featured on a postage stamp issued on October 4 by the Canadian Post Office. At the same time the Canadian Mint issued two silver coins with the “Wait for me, Daddy” Picture emblazoned on them.

For Whitey who attended and was honoured at all the unveiling ceremonies, it was a wonderful but tiring time. In an interview with the Post and as he signed the Editor’s copy, he said that he had signed over 400 First Day Postage Covers. It took him over four hours after the ceremony to get the job done, but he did it with a smile.



First Day Cover, stamp and coins produced by Post Office and Mint with the famous ‘Wait for me, Daddy’ picture of Whitey. Photos: Ed Lewis

### To the Editor

Remembrance Day..... 100 years since the start of WWI..... The deaths of Patricia Vincent and Nathan Cirillo.

I am the pianist/choir director of St. Peter’s Church, Campbell River.

As I sat at the piano last month, I noticed the dedication of a stain-glass window off to my right. It was Christ with his lantern knocking on a rusted and weed infested door, dedicated to the veterans of the two World Wars. I thought, “That should be decorated with poppies.”

So the choir made many large poppies and I announced to the congregation that if they knew the names of their ancestors who fought in the first war, they could put the name on a poppy and tape it around the window.

I did not know how this was going to go. I was hoping for a few poppies. I did not know that many people went on line and talked to older family members to find their ancestors and their stories.

When November 9<sup>th</sup> came, as the choir was singing songs of 1914- 1918 many people came forward, wrote names on the poppies and placed them around the window..... It was just about full.

People came to me later, even in the grocery store, to thank the choir for this act made it personal, a way to thank individuals, and to remember our ancestors. We have started a new tradition at St. Peter’s.

*Diane Brown*

### The moment

we come  
into the light  
from darkness  
pause before  
the Child  
his parents  
kneel in wonder  
with empty hands  
full heart

*Joanna M. Weston*

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**  
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*in words and music*  
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# Reflections

## What might have been .....

For thirty years he had been rabbi in the village, caring for and guiding his people. The time had come for stepping back, but who would take over from him?

Once or twice he had tried to bring the subject up with his people, but out of their deep affection for him they would not hear of his stepping back.

There came a day of particular weariness. There had been a deal of sickness in the village. He had been called hither and yon to comfort and to advise. For some reason he found himself thinking of the great rabbi Hillel, wishing that he were still alive to give the sage advice that had made him famous.

It was at that moment that he found himself thinking of one of his own congregation, the young man named Jeshua, son to Mary, who had lived in the village all her life. He

remembered well when her husband Joseph had lost his life in an accident on a building over in the neighbouring city of Sephoris.

Memories began to come about the family. There had been some doubt at the time about Joseph being the father of the child. With time such talk had faded. Other children had followed. After Joseph's death Jeshua had stepped into the role of the eldest son to continue the business.

Such memories brought to Tobias some thoughts about recent years. There had always been a faithfulness to the synagogue on the part of the young man. He had a reputation for a quiet disposition, one that showed kindness and sensitivity, a natural caring for others. Some spoke of him as having a wisdom beyond his years. Tobias remembered a Sabbath in the synagogue

when he had asked Jeshua to read from the scroll. He could not recall the passage of scripture itself but he did recall Jeshua quoting the well known statement of Hillel... *What is hateful to you. Do not do to your fellow: this is the whole Torah.*

Was it possible, thought Tobias, that the person he had been praying to find had been seated Sabbath by Sabbath in his own synagogue? He found himself moving from possibility to certainty. It all seemed so clear! Surely this was the Lord's pointing him to where he had never thought of searching!

As quickly as his aching knees would carry him Tobias headed for the home. Over the years since Joseph's death the small house had been given a name by the village. They had come to call it the *House of the Just Man*, expressing their

respect and admiration for Joseph. Tobias felt he had received a revelation! There was not a moment to delay.

When he reached the house he realized that Mary had company. Two of the extended family, one of them James, Jeshua's brother, was with her. Tobias saw to his consternation that she was weeping. He asked gently why she was weeping. When she told him he felt overcome by a wave of weakness and deep regret.

James helped Tobias to a chair. The old rabbi listened as he was told of Jeshua's decision to leave for the south to where his cousin John was moving crowds and calling people to baptism. The old man bowed his head and tried to gather control of his feelings. He had had such hope, such confidence that the Lord had pointed him to this moment. Now



it had been snatched away. But then the faithfulness and the wisdom of years made it possible for Tobias to hear the voice of the prophet Isaiah...

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.*

And Tobias rose, gave the family his blessing, and returned to his house.

*Far to the south a solitary figure stood in the Jordan,  
fell back into the supporting hands of John the baptizer,  
then rose again from the water ...*

**Herbert O'Driscoll**

## The Astrologer

Stars are amazing  
I've always known this  
and have made a life's work  
studying them

The night sky is a kaleidoscope  
something different every time you look  
The movement of Heavenly bodies  
tells a story  
tells many stories  
and teaches us much  
about our history and our life

And the future!  
This is what people want to know  
I have been employed  
by emperors, princes and politicians  
to scrutinize the stars  
and to reveal their secrets

Is this a good time to start a war?  
A dynasty?  
How will the harvest be?  
Is the summer to be dry?  
The winter impossibly cold?  
Should we set sail or wait a month or two?  
Journey across the desert  
or secure our ramparts here at home?

And I labour with my eyes  
and make my charts  
and plot the courses  
of the stars and therefore of ourselves

However  
no one paid me to study  
this particular celestial body  
It appeared as night gave way to dawn  
and vanished and came again  
and once again  
each time a few degrees from where it was  
and teased me when it hid in cloud  
to break again more brightly than before

I knew there was an omen here  
and fetched the scrolls  
to see if I could spot some clue  
and knew somehow I had to follow it  
find out where it would lead  
and perhaps to what  
or who

And so began a journey  
and such a journey!  
Of bandits and skirmishes  
of trails leading nowhere  
of reversing and retracing  
But always keeping that star in sight  
except when rain or duststorms  
obliterated it  
causing more delays

It always reappeared  
and I held it like a talisman  
to my heart  
and I took heart  
when it seemed that's all there was to take

You might wonder  
if what I found at the end  
was worth the time and trouble  
an inauspicious event really  
a child born in unpromising circumstances  
in an insignificant small city  
far from a centre of anything noteworthy  
What was I to make of it?

Yet the star was certain  
and I have learned  
to trust the message in the sky  
So I paid my respects  
and wondered  
if there was some meaning  
to this experience

which I have pondered  
ever since that day

**Sheila Martindale**

## Tell me again

Tell me again that dawn will surely come,  
a sliver of silver streaking the horizon  
against the dark, the sheening sea heralding  
the kind old sun.

Tell me again that after deep winter's  
ice-rutted tracks and frosted fields, spring will arise  
to garland brown branches afresh with  
tenderest green.

Tell me again that after the last post  
the dread anguish of silence will shatter  
and distant reveille will bravely resound  
to revive us.

Tell me again that Jesus loves me – I keep  
forgetting that.

**John Smith**

## Starlight

a single light  
carried with care  
passed flame  
by flame  
to the homeless  
hungry and lonely  
that they be warmed  
comforted  
and given peace  
In the Bleak  
Midwinter

**Joanna M. Weston**



# Anti - Kipper

a column for young people

## Coming Together to Give Away of Ourselves

*Alison Stephen*

On November 23 the Parish of St. John the Divine, Victoria was host to a youth Lock In. 20 youth representing seven parishes from four regions came together for 36 hours of worship, fellowship and outreach.

Scott Evans, guest speaker for the weekend, immediately captured the kids' attentions with a story of why his name on Twitter is @NotScott. If you are ever blessed enough to meet Scott – ask him to tell you the story. Or better yet – ask one of our youth to tell you the story!

Before heading out into the community Scott shared with the kids a brutally honest and poignant story from his youth when he lived in the Bangladesh. It served as a reminder to always see the fingerprint of God on everybody they meet and treat them accordingly.

With that image in their minds the group went out and served hot chocolate to those going about their day near the church. Later at dinner the reflections of the day's events were honest, thoughtful and insightful. It was unanimously felt that the day was a success, and Scott's message of the breaking and giving away

of ourselves will be taken back with the youth to their respective parishes.

During the Sunday Service, creativity and generosity came together resulting in a sculpture made up of mittens, scarves and hats donated by the congregation. The sculpture was placed at the foot of the church steps with an invitation to 'Take What You Need.' Within mere hours all that stood was the bare metal sculpture that had formed the base.

The weekend's outreach was not about ticking a box, but opening a door. Our youth are poised on one side of the door getting a glimpse through the keyhole. A glimpse of the world on the other side where together with God's help they will be a part of the bringing of light and transformation to the world. As leaders we may be there to help open that door, but by their actions during the Lock In it's certain that they will be the ones leading us through the door.

As leaders we'll be helping the youth open that door, but rest assured it will be the youth who lead us through and lead the next generation in.

*Alison Stephen is Cray-C Youth Leader with the Cowichan Regional Anglican Youth Connection.*



Photos of the Lock In are by Alison Stephen



### Thank you Su McLeod

Since November 2010, Su McLeod, our Diocesan Family Ministry Facilitator, has been contributing the monthly article **Antikipper** each month to the **Post**.

Su has now accepted a position with family ministry in the Diocese of Niagara and has resigned from her work here in the Diocese of British Columbia.

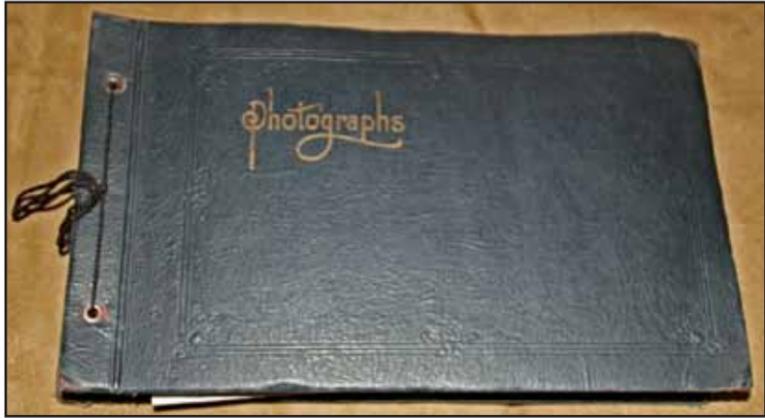
We thank her for her contributions to the **Post** and for her work among the young people of the Diocese.

May she be blessed as she moves into her new ministry.

*Ed Lewis, Editor*



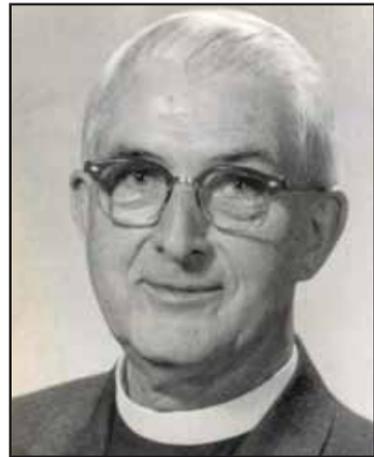
# Precious History, Treasured Photographs, Valued Life



John Orman's family photo album

John Orman

I want to share an inheritance! No, not money, but glimpses from a ninety year old photo album, and accompanying scrap book. These are not only a family treasure; but also part of our collective history. Reflecting is a needed step in life, and in marked contrast to creating the hopes and dreams needed to develop goals for the future. To be forward thinking is positive; but it is useful to consider where we came from. As Christians we are inheritors of the story of Jesus, with many chapters during two millennia.



The Rev. Edgar Carter in his later years

My uncle, the Rev. Edgar Carter, was one of the first clergy to serve on the staff of the (then) brand new cathedral that was built in Victoria. He was ordained

deacon on May 13, 1928 and then priest on May 27, 1929, prior to the Cathedral being consecrated in September 1929. Both the New Testament, presented to him when he was made Deacon and the bible he was presented with at his priesting in 1929 still exist.

A photo in the family album shows the procession to the new cathedral when it was consecrated. Another shows the original robin's nest, now in stonework, high on a cathedral pillar.



The robin on her nest

Rev. Carter's story is representative of many similar calls to ordained ministry. He was born October 22, 1902 in a house on Rectory Road, which street name may have foretold his future! That was in Little Ilford, Essex; now part of East Ham, a London suburb. He was confirmed at St. Barnabas Church there. He may have been inspired by a great uncle who was a priest in London for after six years of work, and just after his twentieth birthday he sailed from Liverpool to Canada; ending up at Emmanuel College in Saskatoon.

There is a photo in the album showing the college with only saplings, and not the large trees there now. (It became Emmanuel and St. Chad in 1967.) On Christmas Day, 1922 he preached his first sermon at Elstow, Saskatchewan. Summer mission work took him to Mount Hope and Maidstone, Saskatchewan. He told my scout troop in 1957 that a good way of house cleaning in Saskatchewan was to open both doors and hold the one rug near one of them. If the wind was judged right all the dirt blew off, and out!

By Sept 1925 Rev. Carter was attending the Anglican Theological College in Vancouver and moved to the new college at UBC in September 1927. During the summer of 1927 he sailed on the Steamship "Prince George" to Stewart, B.C. for a summer mission near a mining camp. He graduated from ATC (now VST) in the spring of 1928, and an original graduation picture is in the collection, with a copy in "One Hundred Year Anniversary book for Diocese of New Westminster" (1979). My uncle would tell of assignments as a student in the mid 1920's, walking for miles seeking and encouraging new members for the new St. John's parish in Shaughnessy.

Rev. Carter spent four years at Christ Church Cathedral as an Assistant with Dean Quinton; and lived for some of that time at 821 Burdett Avenue. He also spent eight months (1930/1931) working as a curate in the English parish where he had been confirmed. That was his first trip to England since 1922, and his last until 1950!

From 1932 until 1941 he continued ministry in a four point parish including Port Coquitlam and Port Moody, and the stories I recall were about him riding his



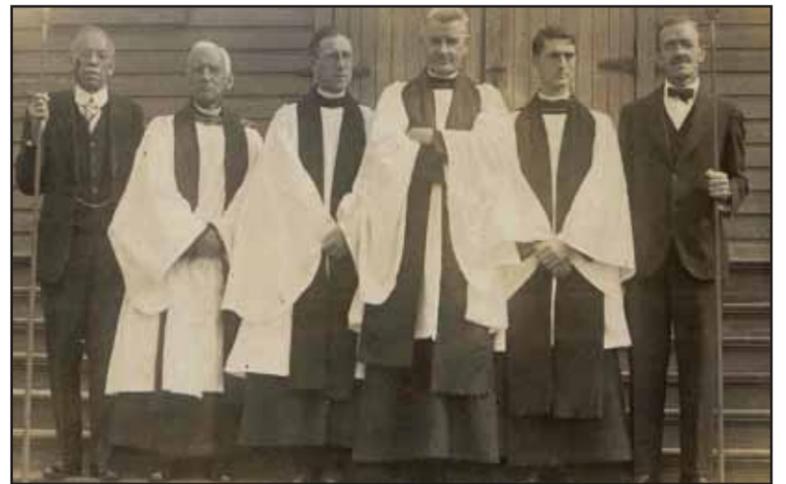
Rev. Carter is the Bishop's Chaplain in the procession moving to the new Cathedral.

horse in the Fraser valley! In 1941 he moved to West Vancouver and finally settled into the one point parish of St. Stephen's, West Vancouver in 1945, where his twenty one years there are still noted. He was the longest serving Rector.

He retired from St. David's, South Delta in 1969 and following the death of his first wife (1972) returned to England the following year and re-married. He died on Sept 7, 1988, the same week that my wife Pam and I started as middle aged students at Emmanuel and St. Chad in Saskatoon.

Our family connection with Christ Church Cathedral continued many years later when Pam served on the staff from Advent Sunday 2000 for five years. There are other families where several generations of clergy have served the church. Dean Hamer's book *The God Gene* records research among generations of Rabbis showing a family pattern. As Christians do we have a pattern of passing on the faith generation to generation today?

*The Rev. John Orman is a retired priest of the Diocese. The photos are from his family photo album.*



Cathedral Clergy and wardens at the opening of the new Cathedral. L-R: Dr. Plaskett, Rev.'s F. H. Fatt, F.A. Ramsey, Dean Quinton, E. Carter, and Mr. Hinton

## St. Philip's parishioners enjoy Salmon BBQ

### Event raises funds for Hope for Youth Uganda project

Jim Duddridge

The ninth annual salmon barbecue at St Philip-by-the-sea Parish in Lantzville was its usual resounding success. This year's focus of the popular fundraiser was the *Hope for Youth Uganda* project, a cause that parishioners Ian Montgomery, Kirsty McIlwaine and their family have supported for a number of years.

The dinner was hosted by the Duddridge, Guy and Stuart families with the support of the Peterson family, Kathy Sullivan and other close friends. The event was sold out to 117 guests plus the workers, for a total of 130 in attendance.

Don Duddridge was in good form again as emcee for the night and kept everyone entertained with his corny jokes and challenging quizzes, as was evidenced by all the smiles and happy conversation in the church. Jerry Bryant came up from Victoria to entertain the crowd once more with his skills at the keyboard, while Ian and Kirsty gave an informative presentation on the *Hope for Youth Uganda* project.

From all comments and indications, the cedar plank salmon and meal was well received. St Philip's congregation came through again with a generous donation of \$3875 through tick-

et sales, wine sales, the raffle and the silent auction. Added to that was a further \$1000 from our Outreach funds for a total donation of \$4875 to Ian and Kirsty and the *Hope for Youth Uganda* project.

Thanks to the fishermen and women who provided the salmon feast; to the women in the kitchen who turned out their usual delicious fare; to the smoke eaters on the barbecues cooking the fish; the helpers on wine and ticket sales; the servers; and everyone else who helped set up, organize and run this event.

Thanks mostly though to our generous congregation for their



Photo: Submitted

A class room in Uganda supported by the Hope for Youth project

donation and to Ian and Kirsty people in need. for their efforts in support of

# SSJD members lead Quiet Day



Participants at the Quiet Day pose for a group picture.

Photo: Phyllis Thompson

Phyllis Thompson

On Saturday, November 29, three members of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine facilitated an Advent Quiet Day at St. Mark's Church, Qualicum Beach. The Sisters came from St. John's House, their convent in Victoria and were joined by Sr. Elizabeth Ann Eckert, SSJD the Sisterhood's Reverend Mother, visiting from the Sisters' Motherhouse in Toronto.

The Quiet Day was open to anyone interested; but it was held primarily for the Oblates and Associates affiliated with the Sisters. These focused Quiet Days are held with some regularity through a calendar year, and Oblates and Associates are expected to attend at least two annually.

After an initial period of hospitality over coffee, tea, and goodies, the Day continued with a conference led by Sr. Dorothy Handrigan, SSJD. Her theme centred on the familiar statement, "God's love came down at Christmas." She noted that Christmas is only the beginning of a long love story, a story we're in now; a story that challenges us to openness to a deeper friendship with God; an openness that encourages us to "live an intentional Christian life of thoughtfulness and integrity," one "governed by love, compassion, and forgiveness." Sr. Dorothy wove a series of linked meditations through her presentation; each contained questions for self-reflection. People had time to spend in quiet meditation, then in group sharing, before the midday Eucharist in the parish's church.

Sr. Debra Johnston, SSJD presided at the liturgy. Archdeacon Alan Naylor, Incumbent of the Parish assisted. During the Eucharist, Kathryn Tulip made her first promises as an Oblate of the Sisterhood. Sr. Elizabeth Ann, and local Superior, Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD, conducted this ceremony, and Archdeacon Naylor blessed the cross Kathryn received.

Lunch followed the Eucharist, and the Day's schedule ended with a meeting of the Oblates and Associates that brought them up-to-date on the Community's activities during 2014, and the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sisterhood's foundation. Sr. Elizabeth Ann gave a report on the various events held as part of the anniversary; she also mentioned *A Journey Just Begun*, a new book on the Sisterhood's history that will be published in February 2015.

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine is a Community of contemplative monastic women. In Canada, there are two locations: the Chapel of St. John the Divine (the Motherhouse) in Toronto and St. John's House in Victoria. The Sisterhood has twenty-three vowed members; they also have twenty-five Oblates and about nine hundred Associates.

Associates are women and men, lay and ordained, who are seeking a deeper level in their spiritual journey in their life and believe they can be nurtured in this endeavour by association with the Sisters' life and ministry. They engage in a relationship of mutual support and prayer with the Sisters, and follow the Sisterhood's Rule. Associates are actively involved in their own wor-

shipping communities; they read Scripture daily and other books helpful to their spiritual growth. Prayer is a daily part of their lives, as is attendance at Quiet Days and an annual retreat. As they are able, Associates assist the Sisters in a variety of ways.

Oblates are women who sense a vocational call to a self-offering (an oblation) to God, in partnership with the Sisters. Individuals in this group apply to become Oblates and spend least a one-year formation in close association with the Sisters, one of who is a mentor in this discernment process. An Oblate writes her own Rule of life within the guidelines of the Sisterhood, and commits herself to a life with a monastic rhythm of prayer, reading, and service. Oblates spend residential time, at least two weeks a year, living and working with the Sisters. They also make an annual retreat. Because it's a vocational call, an Oblate makes promises: an initial one, then a series of renewals prior to a lifelong one honouring the depth of her commitment to the call she's received.

More information about the Sisterhood can be found at [www.ssjd.ca](http://www.ssjd.ca)



Reverend Mother Sr. Elizabeth Ann listens as Kathryn Tulip makes her first promises as an Oblate. Archdeacon Naylor is in the background.

Photo: Phyllis Thompson



Geoff Strong

Welcome to the first article in this PWRDF corner of the *Diocesan Post*. As the new Diocesan Representative for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) for the Diocese of British Columbia, I hope to feature a 'good news' story in each issue, but for this first time, let me merely provide a simple *raison d'être* for PWRDF. That foundation lies in our acceptance of the Five Marks of Mission, officially adopted by the 2010 General Synod (in short: to *bring good news, teach new believers, help people in need, work to make things better, and look after God's creation*) - marks which simply re-state Christ's mission to his followers, including us.

That statement of mission is repeated throughout the Gospels, and is perhaps most clear in Luke 4:16-21, where Jesus had just ended 40 days in the wilderness, and then set about his principal ministry. One of his first stopovers was his former hometown of Nazareth, where he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath and was asked to read from scripture. He chose Isaiah 61:1-2 - "*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.*" It appears that Jesus chose that passage because he was informing the world that he was the prophesized Messiah (v21 of Luke: "*This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears*"). However, it also expressed the mission that he intended for his followers.

PWRDF is the official outreach arm of the Anglican Church in Canada and it clearly bears witness to Christ's mission in its activities both in Canada and abroad. Those activities address our last three marks of mission head on, while upholding the first two marks by way of example. In future issues of the *Post*, we plan to feature *good news* stories about PWRDF activities, including those in this Diocese, and aid work around the globe.

I would greatly appreciate any and all feedback. Meanwhile, it is desirable to have contacts for PWRDF in every parish. If your parish does not currently have a *Parish Representative*, and if you *might* be interested in volunteering, please contact me at [geoff.strong@shaw.ca](mailto:geoff.strong@shaw.ca), or call me at 250-710-8011 for more information. At the same time, I am open to invitations from parishes that would like a presentation or sermon on PWRDF. Please contact me after discussing with your incumbent priest or parish executive.

*Geoff Strong is now the Diocesan Representative of PWRDF and a member of St. Peter's Parish, Quamichan*

## Diocesan Council Notes

Dawna Wall

Diocesan Council met on the afternoon of Thursday, November 27th, 2014 at Church of the Advent.

**Table conversations** on a variety of topics, including a review of Synod 2014 and the next steps needed for Vision Implementation shaped the agenda. Each table group shared the essence of their conversation with the whole group and it was encouraging to see how the variety both overlapped and broadened the larger conversation.

A report of the **Finance Council** was given and included the approval of Assessment Policy Changes, 2015 Salary Adjustments, 2015 Consolidated Trust Distribution, Budget Direction and St. Matthias Pre-School.

A brief overview of how **Financial Campaigns** have been organized and received in other Dioceses was given in anticipation of a similar undertaking in our Diocese.

A review of the **Camp in the Community program** is underway.

Reports were received from the **Educational Trust Board, Partners in Mission and the Nominating Committee.**

*The Rev. Dr. Dawna Wall is Rector of St. Michael and All Angels' Parish, Victoria and a member of the Diocesan Council.*



## Mid-Life Directions Workshop

a process for personal and spiritual growth in midlife for women and men

Mid-life: a crisis of negative feelings, a world falling apart or an exciting opportunity for new beginnings. Mid-life transition can begin in our 30s and go on into our 60s or later. This workshop leads each person into a process of discovery of the "Self within" that needs to emerge in the second half of life with help from:

the insights of Judeo-Christian spirituality,  
the insights of Jungian psychology,  
the experience of the participants and facilitator

**Both men and women welcome.**

Facilitated by Barb Baillie, M.T.S, MAPPC  
(Certified Midlife Directions Consultant)

Saturday, February 28  
and March 14, 2015

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

bring bag lunch

Fee: \$200 (includes manual)

Register at South Island Centre For Counselling and Training: 250- 472-2851

Or email: [courses@southislandcentre.ca](mailto:courses@southislandcentre.ca)

### TRI-REGION ANNUAL WOMEN'S GATHERING Saturday, March 14

This year hosted by Holy Trinity Church, North Saanich  
(Corner of Mills Rd and West Saanich Road)

10:00 am Holy Eucharist,  
The Rev. Canon Penelope Black presiding

11:00 am speaker: Karen Wilson, Hospital Chaplain  
Lunch provided by the Holy Trinity ladies  
Concluding with "sharing" and socializing

Please contact Katharine Ellis with the names of those attending, including any Allergy-related food requirements, by March 7, 2015.

Both buildings are handicap-accessible.  
250-477-4366 or [dkellis@uvic.ca](mailto:dkellis@uvic.ca)



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We offer affordable Christian counselling for many different concerns, including relationships, grief and loss, spiritual direction, trauma, anxiety/depression, and many more.

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## Sunday Serenade

Eighth Season!

### SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERTS

2:30pm @ ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
1973 Cultra Ave. @ East Saanich Rd., Saanichton

Feb. 8, 2015

## Island Ukeleles

TICKETS: \$15, Children 12 and under free  
Tickets/information

250-652-5392 [sueandjohn@shaw.ca](mailto:sueandjohn@shaw.ca) or   
250-652-1611 [stmarys.saanichton@shaw.ca](mailto:stmarys.saanichton@shaw.ca)

Tickets available at the door



## Award-winning Canadian Red Cross "RespectED" training: Prevention In Motion Safe Church Education Winter 2015



### South Island

January 24 – St Peter & St Paul, Esquimalt. 10:00 am - 2:30 pm  
Please bring a bag lunch. Phone: 250-386-6833

### Mid Island and North Island

February 7 – Christ Church, Alert Bay. 9:30 am - 2:30 pm  
Please bring a bag lunch. Phone: 250-974-5844

March 14 – St. Peter, Campbell River. 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.  
Please bring a bag lunch. Phone: 250-286-1613

### Gulf Islands

January 24 – St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island. 11:00 am - 3:30 pm.  
\*Lunch will be provided. Phone: 250 539-3304

**Purpose:** Developing the knowledge and skills necessary to understand, prevent, and respond to, violence against children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

**Key topic areas include:** Power, misuse of power, violence, abuse, bullying, harassment, child protection legislation, human rights, organizational policies, receiving disclosures, intervention, reporting, treatment, and risk management. This training will highlight the issues and identify strategies for keeping vulnerable people safe while continuing to build a community of trust and love.

Contact host parish to register

Registration closes the Sunday prior to each workshop date.

Sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of BC & offered in partnership with the Canadian Red Cross



## Food!

A Retreat on Pender Island  
February 20-22nd '15  
with the Rev. Cathy Campbell

**Friday Evening**  
Celebration of Our Food Culture  
*Listening to Local Growers*

**Saturday**  
Meals, Manna and the Banquet  
*Stories that Nourish*  
*Stories about Mission*

**Saturday Evening**  
A Banquet

**Sunday Morning**  
A Banquet of Another Sort  
*Rev Cathy Campbell, Presiding*

Details and registration at [penderandsaturna.org](http://penderandsaturna.org)