



New Brunswick Anglicans on Parliament Hill

Our own Anglican Church of Canada's General Synod delegates, and Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada delegates to their own national meeting, held some sessions together at the Joint Assembly of the groups at the Ottawa Convention Centre from July 3-9. It was a celebration of the anniversary of the first integrated national gathering of the two churches since entering into a relationship of full communion in 2001.

The sessions were chaired jointly by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)'s Presiding Bishop, Susan Johnson, and our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. At times, however, a divider was drawn across the room and delegates met to conduct the business of their own denomination. The Diocese of Fredericton sent four clergy delegates — the Rev. Leo Martin (substitute for the

Rev. Eileen Irish), the Ven. Pat Drummond, the Ven. David Edwards and the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, and four lay delegates — Falen McNally, Rick Hadad, Ann Fairweather and Don Adams. They were all invited to offer their impressions and experiences. **Their reports are on page 2.**

In the photo on the right, the delegates and a couple of New Brunswick Anglican observers are on Parliament Hill in support of a youth-led demonstration to draw attention to the need for pure water, especially in aboriginal communities.

Back row, Sharon Miller (observer), Ms. Fairweather, Wandlyn Snelgrove (observer), Archdeacon Drummond, Archbishop Claude Miller, Ms. McNally, Canon Snelgrove and Mr. Hadad. Front row Mr. Adams, Connie Hadad (observer), Archdeacon Edwards and Mr. Martin.



Diocesan Synod Nov. 9

The 132nd session of Diocesan Synod will convene on Nov. 9 at 9 a.m. at Kingswood University in Sussex. The one-day synod will include motions, other business and a celebration of Holy Eucharist as well as morning refreshments and lunch. Displays, except perhaps from Anglican House, will not be accommodated and invited guests will be kept to a minimum.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting as an observer but will be on his/her own for lunch. Information on business items and motions will be published in coming issues. Keep up-to-date on Synod Planning online at the Synod page of the Diocese of Fredericton website.

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Synod defined

An assembly of the clergy and elected lay members of Christ's faithful of the Diocese which, for the good of the whole diocesan community, assists the bishop in the exercise of his office in leading the People of God. The rights and responsibilities of synod members are primarily to:

- cooperate in the building up of the Body of Christ and foster ecclesial communion;
- promote the growth, edification and sanctification of the local Church;
- make their spiritual needs known to the bishop;
- manifest their opinions on matters which pertain to the good of the local Church to the bishop.

A Prayer for Synod

Come, Father Almighty!

Open our minds to see your way, believe in your word, and know you. Come, Lord Jesus Savior! Open our lips to speak your truth, proclaim the word, and praise you. Come, O Holy Spirit! Open our hearts to feel your life, to act on the word, and love you. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, prepare us for your blessing; guide our Synod, and bless the Church of the Diocese of Fredericton that we may do your will, for you are one God living and true, now and forever. AMEN.

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DIOCESAN NEWS

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With Archdeacon John Robertson

National Gift Planning officer with the
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The Hon.**Marilyn****Trenholme Counsell**

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Information and tickets from

the Rev. Brent Ham
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Editor says thank you

My dear fellow New Brunswick Anglicans, Thank you all sincerely for the avalanch of prayers, cards and good wishes you sent to me following my surgery in May.

I thought dramatic emergencies like mine only happened on television and I will admit it is taking a long time to recover, but of course that has given me lots of time to ponder my life

and my mortality. Whether it has done any good remains to be seen. As I write this in mid-August I find I finally feel like "myself" again, perhaps even better than myself since I lost a few pounds through the ordeal. I guess every cloud does have silver lining.

A. (Ana Watts)

Our Companion Diocese of Ho celebrates its 10th Anniversary this month.

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the clergy and people
of the diocese in your
prayers.

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Clergy Pre-retirement Conference

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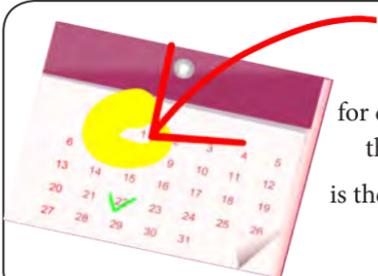
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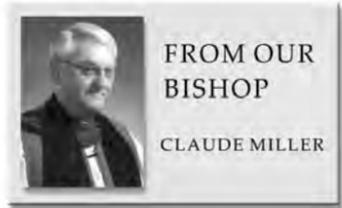
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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Where we live determines how we give

Abide in me as I abide in you ...
John 15:4:

While on vacation I am sometimes drawn to drop by a yard sale or two on a Saturday morning. Given that I seldom make a purchase, it must be more for nostalgic reasons –reminiscing about trinkets, old records, tools, toys and dishes that may have been found in my home years ago. The opportunity is presented to once again own something of my past that may have incredible value as an antique. Really? Who knows? Maybe. I was recently introduced to the electronic version of a yard sale on the web. Again, an invitation to purchase (at a very attractive price) something that I might have been longing to have for years. Then there is my response to the endless advertising and sales flyers delivered to my home. Whatever the reason, the long and the short of this story is, it's about me and *stuff* to the exclusion of others. More attention to my wants than the needs of others. And it begs the question, "Why do I do it?" I suspect that there are many reasons but



FROM OUR BISHOP
CLAUDE MILLER

let's pursue one possible motive.

Several years ago theologian and teacher Robert McAfee Brown wrote of "disturbing discoveries" important to the faith journey and stewardship. These include: "who we listen to determines what we hear; where we stand determines what we see; and what we do determines who we are." Patricia Farris adds to these musings on location, perspective and right action in life, based on the teachings of Henri Nouwen – "that where we live determines how we live and how we give."

Nouwen writes, "Faithful stewards must know where they live, their true address, that they might know when they are home, safe and free." Nouwen suggests that many people live at the wrong address by living in the house of fear amid Western affluence and abundance. Nouwen describes the house of fear "as the place in which the pow-

ers of hatred and violence rule. It is a place in which despair and depression prevail, in which fear and power shape all our decisions and choices."

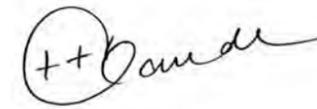
Marketing experts agree that creating a *culture of fear* is a positive motivator in the world of merchandising. Create fear and we will buy and accumulate to relieve that fear.

Unfortunately that same fear is prevalent in the life of the Christian and God's Church. Studies document that "never have so many Christians believed that our monies and possessions are ours to do with as we please." Princeton University professor, Robert Wuthnow's research shows that Christians find little connection between faith and possessions and those religious teachings on money have little to do with people's decisions about how to live their lives. He suggests that "We are trapped in the same fearful scarcity mentality as is the world at large, denying the incredible abundance with which we are blessed day to day." I suspect that the angst we witness in our own lives and in our parishes is grounded in this culture of fear. Farris writes "Without

spiritual transformation and renewal, we live in this house of fear." Nouwen suggests we must work to change our address to the "house of love." In Nouwen's words it is "the place where we can think, speak, and act in the way of God, not in the way of the fear-filled world." Jesus invites us into this new place of residence. Jesus reveals himself as our new home in John 15:4: "Abide in me as I abide in you." Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me."

We have heard the Good News, we have seen God's love in action and we have been given an opportunity to live out God's Mission. Amid our anxiety and fear for our future Jesus, once again, offers each one of us, and our diocese, this new home.

Sincerely in his love,



Archbishop Claude Miller is Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and Archbishop of Fredericton.

BISHOP'S PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS	
Sept. 8	Parish of Woodstock
Sept. 14	Diocesan Council
Sept. 18-22	Provincial Council
Oct. 10	Bishop's Counsel
Oct. 19	Guild of St. Joseph
Oct. 20	Parish of Upper Kennebecasis
Oct. 24-29	House of Bishops
Nov. 3	Parish of Blackville*

* Denotes Confirmation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. David Turner is appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Hampton, effective Nov. 10, 2013.

The Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Strand (ELCC) was appointed interim minister-in-charge in the Parish of Stanley at two-thirds time.

The Rev. Michael Caines was appointed priest and rector of the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John effective July 1, 2013.

The Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove was appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Sussex, effective Sept. 1, 2013.

The Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover was appointed priest-in-charge of the Parishes of Cambridge and Waterborough and Gagetown effective Sept. 1, 2013.

The Rev. Richard Robinson, rector of the parish of New Bandon, was appointed Regional Dean of Chaleur/Miramichi. His term runs until May 2016.

The Rev. Dr. Brian Spence, rector of the Parish of Ludlow and Blissfield, was appointed Regional Dean of York. His term runs until April 2016.

The Rev. John Harvey was appointed honorary assistant in the Parish of St. Margaret's, in Fredericton.

The Rev. Kent Greer was appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Kent effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

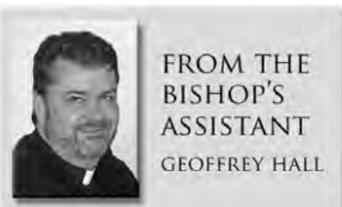
The Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton was appointed to full-time ministry and pastoral oversight as interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of St. Margaret's in Fredericton effective April 1.

Are the Millennials absent from our church?

There was a flurry of blog and web articles this past summer about why the Millennial Generation doesn't seem to be "in church." Why all the sudden this particular discussion? The Internet creates an environment on the World Wide Web where one commentary sparks another. One good post and all of the sudden, seemingly out of nowhere, we have "a flurry."

So, are millennials absent from our church? The Diocese of Fredericton Facebook statistics (SEE THE CHART) would seem to confirm that. Of those who "like" us: 57.7 per cent are boomers and older, only 8.5 per cent are millennials.

Most interesting for me in these blogs and web articles are the descriptions of what millennials are actually looking for because those characteristics need to be of interest to a whole church looking to be missional. The short answer is, millennials are looking for Jesus and many of them report they do not always find him in church. Rachel Held Evans, a CNN blogger and a millennial herself, shared that she's often asked to



FROM THE BISHOP'S ASSISTANT
GEOFFREY HALL

speak to church leadership on this topic. She describes this generation carefully. "Millennials find themselves often having to choose between intellectual integrity and their faith, between science and Christianity, between compassion and holiness."

What is missing from them is Jesus. At the conclusion of a presentation someone will often draw some final conclusions like: "So what you're saying is we need hipper worship bands." After such remarks she proceeds to bang her head against the podium.

Our church, overwhelmingly populated with baby boomers and older is seen as pre-occupied, even obsessed, with things that are considered of little relevance the younger generations who follow —they see us as preoccupied with church government and hierarchy, church politics and consumerism, numbers and ladder climbing. Perhaps even obsessed to the

point of fisticuffs with liturgy, human sexuality and whether or not today's world is secular. Meanwhile, millennials are looking to see Jesus in those who call themselves Church.

Not all the concern is for millennials "leaving" the Church, because in a lot cases they have never been there. And what's so frustrating is that we agree with them, we all need to see Jesus more in one another.

Andrew Stephens-Rennie of *The Word Made Flesh* advocacy publication Cry asks, "What would happen if we treated young people like they really mattered?" It's important for the church today to be able to repre-

sent an authentic faith to those we don't find regularly in our fellowship. Being able to have open, honest and non-threatening conversations would be a good start. Church tradition has much to teach every generation, but we might find that what we thought was so very important to us isn't the be-all and end-all after all. If it listens, the Church can learn a little something from every generation.

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall is Executive Assistant to the Archbishop of Fredericton, Diocesan Archdeacon and Secretary of the Synod.

**Keeping the names straight:
From generation to generation:**

- Baby Boomers**
born post World War II through the early 1960's.
- Generation X**
born post Baby Boom through the early 1980's.
- Millennials (also known as Generation Y)**
born post Generation X through about the turn of the millennium

PARISH NEWS

Parishes of Burton and Maugerville help community celebrate 250th anniversary

The community of Early Maugerville, established in 1763 became Maugerville/Sheffield in 1786 and has been celebrating its 250th anniversary this year. Christ Church, Parish of Burton and Maugerville – the oldest incorporated and consecrated Anglican Church in Maugerville, will celebrate its 230th anniversary next year. But on July 14 this year it helped to celebrate Maugerville's history with an open house, pioneer tea and musical recital. Lorna Williams (the rector's wife) arranged the event and Cathie Coombs and Lucy Hubbard (in the photo on the right) got in the spirit of the occasion with period costumes.

Prior to 1955, Christ Church in Maugerville had a horse shed, seen in the bottom right photo. Above that is a photo of people enjoying a Pioneer Tea on a Sunny Sunday afternoon on the St. John River. Today what were the Ecclesiastical Parishes of Burton and Maugerville are combined as the Parish of Oroocto and Maugerville.



JANET PHILLIPS



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Faithful volunteer recognized by Governor General

Members of the United Commercial Travellers association have known for years that Wes Cosman is an unstinting volunteer. "I think he's taught me and helped others to believe that by working together, we can all build stronger communities," says his friend and fellow UCT member Jimmy Doucet. He thought the world, or at least the community, should know how much Wes has done, so he nominated him for a Governor General's Caring Canadian Award. Saint John Mayor Mel Norton presented it to Wes at City Hall in late June.

"We had a hard time coordinating with the Governor General for the presentation so I had known about the honour for about a year when the presentation took place," says Wes. "But initially I was really surprised, and I remain very humbled."

People involved in Habitat for Humanity, the Kidney Foundation, Special Olympics, the Intellectually Disabled People of the Greater Saint John area, St.



John Ambulance and Portage Atlantic are also well aware of Wes's generosity, but perhaps it is the people in his church who have appreciated his help the longest. He served as treasurer of St. Anne's Church in Ketepec for 40 years and continues to volunteer in the larger parish of The Nerepis and St. John that now includes St. Anne's. He is especially dedicated to the parish's Christmas food basket program, probably because of

his long experience with the Saint John Community Christmas Exchange.

"I think I've been volunteering for most of my life in one form or another during my working years and plan to continue to volunteer for as long as I can in retirement. It's a great way for people to take their extra energy and put it towards a good cause.

"I think that it's helping other people. There's a lot of unfortunate people in this world and I think if you can help somebody, it's where we should be spending some of our extra energy."

The 79-year-old also sees volunteering as an aid to longevity. "If you retire and you sit back and do nothing, you're not around this world too long!"



Handcrafted gifts made by members of the congregation were presented to the Rev. Wendy Amos Binks and her husband Tim when she retired as rector in June. Seen here with some of them are Bill Moss, Tim, Wendy, Linda Hood and Margaret Flynn.

Stanley bids well-loved, respected rector farewell

On a June Sunday, when the size of the congregation is typically low, St. Thomas Anglican Church, Stanley was filled with parishioners and friends who came to say farewell to the Rev. Wendy Amos Binks and her husband Tim.

Everyone felt it much too soon to say good-bye to a priest

that was so well respected and loved in the parish. She led the church and community in ecumenical enterprises and challenged us to many new initiatives like the living nativity, visit the crèche and prayer shawl ministry.

Wendy and Tim are wished Godspeed as they begin retirement in Riverview.

Largest gathering of ACW members in recent memory gathered in Sussex to 'Believe'

BY PATTI HOYT

*All to Jesus I surrender, all to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, in His presence daily live.*
25 - Mission Praise

Believe — the theme our 2013 Diocesan ACW annual meeting — permeated our two days together in May, sent us home inspired and invigorated. In historic Trinity Church in Sussex, under a bright sun and surrounded by lush lawns and trees, we listened as several speakers shared the good news of their ministries and our keynote speaker, Archdeacon David Edwards, addressed dwindling church attendance and ACW membership from a demographic perspective. The way we do things has changed over the years, he said.

Those who lived through the Great Depression and the Second World War drew their strength from working together. The post-war generation, anxious to find prosperity, lived to work. By the time the Baby Boomers came of age they had to work to live and with both parents in the workplace their children had to fend for themselves. Instead of making a birthday cake from scratch, this generation would buy one already made and decorated. Today's digital generation lives on Facebook and will hand over all the birthday party work to the staff at McDonald's or the local pool.

"Since the mid 1960s, many people have lost interest in joining groups. That is when the ACW's struggle began. In order to encourage new membership we must spend time with prospective members, form relationships, work to understand what interests them, then develop a plan to reach out to them."

The Rev. Chris Hayes spoke to us about the Diocesan Choir School held each at Rothesay-Netherwood School each summer. Junior choristers spend their days in rehearsal, worship, attending Christian education and culture sessions and having lots and lots of fun.

Shawn Branch, National Director of Threshold Ministries (formerly Church Army), explained the recent name change. It was simply to eliminate the negative impression sometimes associated with the word army. This ministry remains Anglican based and committed to bring-

ing people from all walks of life into a living relationship with Jesus Christ and His people.

Farraline Place, the genteel retirement home on the Fredericton waterfront administered by the ACW, is at capacity according to director Judy O'Donnell. A "War Time" themed garden party was scheduled for August 15 and a fund-raising dinner is planned for Oct. 25 at Cathedral Memorial Hall. It will include a silent auction and bazaar as well. Donations appreciated.

Speakers from Portage Atlantic, the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Centre at Cassidy Lake (near Norton), included an amazing young man who shared his story of a difficult life that included abuse, drugs and alcohol. At Portage he has turned his life around, believes in himself and knows he can make positive changes. He starts college training courses on addictions counseling this fall. There wasn't a dry eye in the house while we listened to this courageous young man tell his personal story. We all wanted to give him a big hug.

National ACW President Terri Parrill was special guest speaker at our annual banquet. She brought greetings from the National ACW and shared the story of how she came to join the ACW. In the process she encouraged us to reach out to get new members.

More than 155 members from all over the diocese gathered to renew friendships and conduct the business of the ACW this year — the largest gathering of ACW members for many years. The branches around the diocese support an amazing number of deserving projects and at the diocesan level we voted to distribute more than \$15,000 to Canon Paul Jeffries at Bishop McAllister School in Uganda, Camp Brookwood, Camp Medley, the Camps Projects, Council of the North, School of Church Music, Saint John Inter City Youth Ministry, a food bank and a community kitchen run by Anglican Churches in Saint John and Chatham, 10 provincial transition homes, Threshold Ministries, South American Missionary Society, Farraline Place, Coverdale and Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention. We also support two foster children plus a student at the Bishop McAllister College. In addition, our offerings from the church services during our meeting were earmarked for Portage Atlantic, the girls' dormitory at Bishop



PATTI HOYT

A new slate of officers was elected at the May meeting of the Diocesan ACW in Sussex. From left to right they are: Rosemarie Kingston, first vice-president; Diane Todd, secretary; Glenna Geer, president; And Karen Patterson, treasurer. Missing from the photo is Linda Lebens, second vice-president.



PATTI HOYT

National ACW president Terri Parrill, dinner speaker at the Diocesan ACW Annual meeting in May, shared her life story, how she came to join the ACW and encouraged us to reach out to new members. She is seen here with diocesan president Glenna Geer to her right and many ACW members from around the province in the background.

McAllister College, Threshold Ministries, and the Diocesan Choir School.

An impressive display of books, gifts and other items from Anglican House and Ten Thousand Villages presided over by manager Kevin Richardson

was also available during our time together.

Our next Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting will be at St. Luke's Church in Woodstock on May 6 and 7, 2014. Mark it on your calendar. See you there!



GENERAL SYNOD REPORTS

Patricia Drummond concerned about proposed changes to marriage canon

I found the Joint Assembly both inspirational and a challenging. The inspiring opening service began with a large inukshuk in the centre of the room. During the service this traditional Arctic place marker was disassembled by a youthful team of helpers and formed into an altar, a lectern and a font. Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Church of Canada, preached on sharing our faith stories, and our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, consecrated the elements using a specially written prayer, also used at the final service when the inukshuk was re-formed.

The youth-led ceremony on Parliament Hill to draw attention to the need for pure water, especially in aboriginal communities, was similarly inspiring.

Some particularly hopeful resolutions were passed by General Synod relating to peace and justice in Palestine and Israel — naming the seventh Sunday after Easter Jerusalem Sunday in order to focus on the work of the Anglican Church in the Holy Land; and taking up a special

offering as gift to the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem. Both denominations passed a joint resolution to advocate for responsible resource extraction by Canadian mining companies in Northern Ontario. This resolution may be especially meaningful to us here in New Brunswick.

The issue which I found difficult and challenging and which made me quite frustrated was a resolution which requested the Council of General Synod to draft and bring forward a motion to the next General Synod which would change the Marriage Canon to allow for the marriage of same sex couples.

Prior to the vote, however, an amendment to the motion by Bishop Stephen Andrews requesting very stringent discussion and research by COGS before the motion is brought to Synod. That is more than had been asked for in the original motion.

Of course, bringing a motion before Synod does not mean it will pass, and, if it does, it will have to pass at yet another General Synod (in 2019) before it can be acted upon.



Photo on the left, the inukshuk in the centre of the room.

Photo above, the inukshuk in transition.

Photo above right, Archbishop Hiltz consecrates the bread.

Photo at the right, part of the inukshuk as the altar.

*General Synod photos by and courtesy of
Simon Chambers, PWRDF*

Ann Fairweather learned the good old days, when we only sang the hymns you know by heart and only had the BCP, are gone

I have been involved in our diocese in recent years but have not been attentive to the national Anglican Church, so until being elected as a delegate to General Synod I was unaware the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada have been in full communion since the 2001 General Synod in Waterloo. This meeting of General Synod in Ottawa was actually the first Joint Assembly of the Anglican and Lutheran national bodies and I was honoured to be a part of it.

The theme for the Joint Assembly was "Together for the Love of the World." Keynote speaker the Rev. Dr. Christopher Duraisingh of South India said, "Mission is the heartbeat of the church," and Christian service is for the love of the world, not for the love of the Church. It made me wonder about the proportion of time and effort we parishioners actually spend serving others outside the walls of our churches

The message of mission was

given by more than one speaker. The Rev. Dr. Mark Hanson, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, said the church suffers from the "Virus of nostalgia" which prevents us from contracting the more desirable "Virus of missional DNA." We sometimes cannot help ourselves and regress, thinking about the good old days when our churches were full (or at least half-full) and Sunday schools were overflowing. Or we might wish we could go back to using only the Book of Common Prayer or singing only those hymns we grew up with and know by heart. But times have changed and we must too. If we only look inward, tend to our own needs, or those at the parish level, then we are not fully living out our baptismal covenant. Christianity will continue to decline in our part of the world if we do not collectively proclaim the Good News of the Gospel by our words and deeds in relevant ways to those near and afar. Our broken world is in desperate need to know God.

These messages align with the course our diocese appears to be charting. The report from the Diocesan Evaluation Task Force recommends we "lead the Diocese of Fredericton towards becoming a missional diocese — one that seeks to bring the Gospel to the people, rather than waiting in the church buildings for them to come inside. I believe it was Archbishop Hiltz who told us that we need to move the church's emphasis from "membership" to "discipleship," from looking inward to looking outward.

General Synod also created a new formula for determining the number of clerical and lay members of General Synod. It was based on the number of licensed clergy/diocese. Now the formula looks at average attendance at Easter, Pentecost, the second Sunday in September and Christmas at the parish level, aggregated by diocese. Obviously maintaining and submitting accurate attendance figures and other statistics to the diocese is more important than ever. Without them we risk losing representation.



Among the many smiling faces of General Synod captured by Simon's camera was our own Falen McNally's.

The Primate's Five Marks

(Ann Fairweather ca)

- Tell — Proclaim the Gospel
- Teach — Teach, baptize, and nurture new believers
- Tend — Respond to human needs
- Transform — Seek to transform the world by peace and reconciliation, striving for justice, creation, sustain and renewal
- Treasure — Challenge violence and injustice

GENERAL SYNOD REPORTS



Leo Martin appointed to national board of financial management

My first experience as a delegate to General Synod was an exciting, informative and busy as we dealt with the business of the National Church. It is to be insular in ministry, to focus our thoughts on the parish we live in or serve. An experience like General Synod, however, allows us to see the Church is much bigger than parish or even national boundaries. It even transcends denominations. The immensity of the Church is a thing to celebrate and I believe we did that in Ottawa.

The Joint Assembly enabled us to share our thoughts and visions for the future with each other and the Evangelical Lutheran Church, to set aside our differences and share our similarities as we spent four days in ministry and fellowship.

Issues facing the Church do not limit themselves by boundaries. The Anglican Church of Canada is struggling; but we are not alone. The leadership and friendship of our two national bishops, our primate and the bishop of the ELC, are examples of how we can work together in ministry in the vein of ecumenism.

One of the highlights of General Synod for me was the

opportunity to listen to the story, understand and share in the joy of 'creating' a new indigenous diocese within the Church in Canada. It brought to the floor a message of hope – a hope in the future. Another was an event led by the youth of our Church which took place on Parliament Hill where a call was made on the Canadian Government to ensure everyone had the right to clean water.

Lastly, I was impressed with the visual symbolism used at this Joint Assembly. The opening and closing services were outstanding with the deconstruction and reconstruction of the inukshuk – its different pieces being used to create an altar, a lectern and a font. In addition, each table (populated by both Anglicans and Lutherans) was asked to create a "craft" with the limited supplied materials and they were put together to form a majestic colourful cross, which remained a focal point for all joint sessions. Our differences were brought together in the symbol of the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I pray my election to the Board of Financial management of the National Church will continue to reinforce in me that we are one Church, working together for the love of this world.

David Edwards moved by the creation of an indigenous diocese in the north

I was inspired by two announcements from the Church in the North. Among the fruits of the ministry of Bishop Mark MacDonald (our National Indigenous Bishop) and Archbishop David Ashdown of Keewatin, is the dissolution of that diocese in favour of the creation of an indigenous diocese for the people of that region.

The willingness of the people in the southern part of the region to bless them on their way is another profoundly hopeful event. When General Synod welcomed representatives from the new diocese the party not only included people from the churches, but also civic dignitaries who see the importance of the churches in their communities. It will not be easy for the folks in the new diocese and we should pray for them as they begin this part of their journey.

The Diocese of Arctic announcement that the entire Bible is now available in their Inuktitut language was another moving event. Dean Jonas Allooooloo of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit told us of his involvement in the project since the

beginning and also provided the synod with one of its most memorable images. During the dedication service for the new Bibles a woman danced down the aisle of St. Jude's Cathedral holding her new Bible above her heading and saying, "God speaks my language".

The joint sessions with members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) were enlightening, especially for those of us who live in the east where they are so few on the ground.

Among the last decisions at synod was one to address the Marriage Canon in response to matters around human sexuality in 2016. This does not herald any immediate change but we need to keep those who are given the task of undertaking this review in our prayers, and to be willing to give our input when asked.

I came away from General Synod more encouraged than discouraged. Do we still face huge issues? Yes we do. Is there a sense of God doing something in our Church? Yes there is. But the flame will have to be fanned into fire as we seek to do God's work for the coming of his Kingdom.

Rick Hadad's eyes opened to the issues and opportunities of the wider church

My first experience of General Synod was this summer's Joint Assembly. My wife accompanied me as a registered observer, and at coffee and lunch breaks we visited the display booths in the exhibitor's area where we collected many handouts on organizations and topics with which we were unfamiliar. As a result, we brought home a greater understanding of the issues of the North and how the Council of the North is helping to work through some of them. We also got lots of information on PWRDF and will work toward encouraging donations in our local area.

The theme "Together for the love of the world" was front and centre in Ottawa. The "love of the church" by both the Anglicans and the Lutherans was obvious and the opportunity to share "full-communion" was a learning experience. I encourage everyone to take the time to become familiar with the full-communion relationship. There is plenty of information in the Faith, Worship and Ministry section of the Anglican Church of Canada website at Anglican.ca.

Long and busy days were the norm at General Synod. The organizers arranged for each

delegate to be seated with a mix of Anglicans and Lutherans to add to the experience. As Anglicans we dealt with a number of resolutions in caucus. The most moving was the division of the existing Diocese of Keewatin, so that the area defined as Northern Ontario Region by the Constitution of the Dioceses of Keewatin became a separate diocese.

During our joint assembly meeting, we overwhelmingly endorsed the Declaration on Homelessness, Affordable Housing and Resource Extraction and directed that it be widely distributed throughout the Anglican and Lutheran Churches. We also directed that the "declaration" be forwarded to the offices of Prime Minister as well as other political leaders. My participation in these discussions gave me a greater awareness and appreciation of the effect these issues have on our peoples and our world.

On July 6th several hundred delegates gathered on Parliament Hill in an act of public awareness to draw attention to the issue of "access to clean drinking water" for all people... especially Canada's First Nations. The event was organized by the youth and it was wonderful to be a part of it.

Photo on the left, Bishop Susan Johnson, national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, and Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

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FOUNDATION FOR LIFE

Parishes helping parishes!

What do the following things have in common?

- Family ministry outreach in the Cambridge Narrows area that includes a lending library of Christian books and games, Vacation Bible School, Messy Church events, a weekly After School Girls' Group, and a vibrant Sunday morning Kid's Church.
- New tires for a van used by the Street Hope mission in Moncton for outings, transportation to medical appointments, food bank runs, moves to new apart-

ments and occasionally to hold church services under cover in poor weather ...

- The promotion of Parish Nursing ministries around Fredericton.
- The ability to offer flexible summer services with visiting clergy in Jackson Falls.
- Projection facilities that enable user-friendly services for newcomers and those who are unable to manage books easily in Saint John, and for youth programming in several areas of the province.
- An enhanced sound system for

Summer Music in Millidgeville

- BAS service books and Mission Praise hymnals for Ludlow and Blissfield.

- Hospitality Welcome kits for Grand Bay and Westfield.
- New puppet ministries in Stanley and Musquash.

These initiatives, and many others, were funded entirely or in part by a Foundation for Life grant, and the benefits have been enormous.

The Foundation for Life Fund was started by the Diocese of Fredericton four years ago. Its aim is to encourage the develop-

ment of new initiatives. Anglicans throughout the Diocese are asked to contribute \$25 per adult and \$5 per child each year and, in its three years of operation, the fund has raised about \$45,000. The criteria for submissions are posted on the diocesan website and parishes, groups of parishes, archdeaconries and other groups may submit proposals in the fall of each year. Archbishop Claude Miller and the Parish Development Team review the applications and grants are awarded in early spring of the following year.

So far most applications have received what they requested. The new flyers were given to clergy attending the Clergy Conference at the end of August for distribution. As requests for funding grow, so does the need for donations. Please contribute your \$25, and, if your parish has a great idea to enhance your ministry, send a proposal for a grant.

Find the application process on the Anglican Foundation page of our diocesan website – anglican.nb.ca.



2010 was the launch year for the program 'A Foundation for Life'.

As we, as members of the Diocesan family, prepare to encourage and receive applications for new funding, we have an opportunity to see some of the initiatives which the program funded last year. The activities mentioned are some of those which received grants from the more than \$20,000 collected.

A question for all of us is what initiatives might we be able to undertake in our area with some additional funding from the Foundation? Now is the time to look to the future as we seek to share the Good News of the Kingdom. Applications for funding can be found online at:

http://anglican.nb.ca/programs/foundation_life/

If you wish to make a donation this fall to the Foundation for Life program, a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be provided for return to the Synod Office. The once-a-year donation is \$25/adult and \$5/child and are over and above your regular offering. You may give more if you are able.

For several years the Church of the Resurrection in the Parish of the Nerepis & St. John gave a loaf of bread to new visitors following the service or delivered it to their home the week following the visit to say "Thanks for coming out!" We recently developed a new hospitality Welcome Kit with a twist that will show how we feel.

Visitors are given a choice between a brown paper bag of "Soup & Sandwich for the Soul" or "Milk & Cookies for the Soul". In each bag is a decorated mason jar filled with the dry ingredients necessary to make either Callico Bean Soup or Chocolate Chip Cookies together with preparation instructions. Also enclosed is a ringed, laminated information piece identifying the various forms of ministry the church offers – and is printed on what looks like the delicious fixin's for a sandwich or a variety of mouth watering cookies. Children visiting are given a decorated child's welcome kit containing Christian-based toys, a pencil, note pad, and laminated bookmark with information about our SALT Reef Sunday School program.

Our hope for the Welcome Kits is to show our appreciation to our visiting guests. It would be absolutely wonderful if after joining us in worship and fellowship, that they could hang on to that warm and fuzzy feeling while enjoying some soup or cookies, read about all the wonderful ministries and join us again.

Thank you Foundation for Life to help us with funding to keep this project going in reaching out to our visitors in a creative way.

- Kelly Ann MacGougan, Hospitality Chair Parish of the Nerepis & St. John



We are most thankful to have been given the means to acquire a portable audio/visual system for use in the Parish of Salisbury & Havelock. With a very large parish, and the desire to hold gatherings in many places besides our churches, it has become the means to a much more glorious end – the sharing of God's presence among all of us. With this equipment, we have been able to introduce new music into our worship services, enabling voice amplification at many larger gatherings (annual meetings, etc.), and to hold special music/video nights in many places, including the local Lions' Club, etc. It will also be useful in our Confirmation classes, Sunday Schools, and more. We feel that this equipment is to be used as a tool to be able to be present in our communities, in many places and in many ways, to share the love of God through many different means. Our heartfelt thanks is extended to the Foundation for Life!

- Chris Hayes, Rector Parish of Salisbury & Havelock

Thank you Foundations for Life! Through your past support our parish has established a Family Outreach Ministry. It was designed to reach out to local and visiting families to share God's love and to "be" the Gospel in the community. This year our parish has taken on this mission through Messy Church, Vacation Bible School, Kids church, a monthly family service and an after school program. With your support this year we also sponsored the Parenting Children and Parenting Teen courses from Alpha as well as getting established in teaching 'Godly Play'. Our whole church family gets involved. As one parent said, "We love Messy Church!"

Messy Church is a fresh expression of church for families involving fun. Its values are about being Christ-centered, is for all ages and based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. 'Godly Play' is a Montessori-based experiential church school curriculum to help children become more fully aware of the mystery of God's presence in their lives.

- Debora Kantor, Family Ministry Coordinator Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough

Thanks to the Foundation for Life the Parish of Millidgeville has purchased a projector and screen. This will be of great use to us as we seek to offer Alpha in the Fall. We have also used it in the context of worship when we had Evening Prayer with our neighbouring parish.

- Rev'd Paul Ranson, Rector Parish of Millidgeville



The Foundation for Life program encourages parishes, groups of parishes, deaneries and archdeaconries to undertake innovative, risk-taking projects that will lead to spiritual, numerical and financial growth for the making of disciples.



Introduction

Our vision and goals as the Diocese of Fredericton, expressed by Synod 2009 and articulated by Diocesan Council, require a transformational change in our understanding of our church. In John's Gospel, Nicodemus's encounter with Jesus leads him to seek transformation as well. He knows that in order to begin a new life focused on God, he must change his ways. In honour of that faithfulness and with confidence in our own prayerfully revealed priorities, our diocesan pursuit of transformational change will henceforth be called **The Nicodemus Project**.

Purposely, there is no 'one size fits all' plan for change. No one is going to dictate exactly what should be done differently or what new initiatives need to be undertaken. It will be up to parishes to make their own decisions. We ask ourselves, "What should our priorities be?" The Synod delegates who gathered in archdeaconry groups decided – "we first need to re-learn what it means to be Christian and Anglican" and "we need to prepare our clergy and lay leaders for a different future". In response to these, Diocesan Council gave its working teams the task of developing programs to support parishes so that we are all able to participate. One such innovative program is 'A Foundation for Life – parishes helping parishes'. This is a wonderfully creative way to live up to

the Nicodemus Project and move further towards becoming a mission-shaped Church, to grow and develop as a collective people of God, helping each other understand what living by example as Christ really means.

A Foundation for Life – how does it work?

The way the Foundation works is to build funding. The aim of the fund is to encourage the development of new initiatives - it will enable us to work together as a Diocese enabling ministry to develop in creative ways that will lead to spiritual, numerical and financial growth for the making of disciples. In order to apply to the fund you need to be developing a new ministry project in your area.

Applications can be made on behalf of a single parish, a group of parishes, a deanery, an archdeaconry or another grouping starting September 28th (deadline for

application submissions is December 1st) as deemed appropriate by the fund committee for the following year. The application can be found online at: http://anglican.nb.ca/programs/foundation_life/.

There is also an outline of the criteria which needs to be met in order to apply to the fund. The hope is that each Anglican will be able to make the suggested donation every fall and a self-addressed, stamped envelope will be provided for return to the Synod Office. Donations are \$25/adult and \$5/child and are over and above your regular offering. You may give more if you are able.

Successful applicants will be notified by letter early in the following year - either through the parish priest or directly - together with the awarded funding.

What kinds of ideas are there for new ministry projects?

Really, the sky's the limit. Literally! We've been blessed with the gift of creativity and free-thinking. Your ministry project will afford the opportunity for you to apply for items like a sound system, digital projector, musical instrument, puppet ministry materials, a parish or regional youth worker, a mode of transportation like a van or bus, or Christian education materials, or may provide assistance in funding school lunch programs, seniors' clubs, family events, a laundry ministry or to attract tourists.



For more information on this ministry, please contact:
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 or
Diocesan Synod Office
 115 Church Street,
 Fredericton, NB E3B 4C8
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The application for funding from the Foundation for Life can be found online at:
http://anglican.nb.ca/programs/foundation_life/

Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it
 Ps 127: 1a

AROUND THE DIOCESE

Fifth annual commemoration service for Deaconess Mary Nameria Jacob celebrated at King's Landing

BY DEBBIE EDMONSON

The fifth annual celebration of the life and ministry of Deaconess Mary Nameria Jacob was declared "the best yet" by one attendee. It took place in St. Mark's Church, King's Landing on July 25, 2013, and the 124th anniversary of her ordination to the diaconate by Archbishop John Medley at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton. Archbishop Claude Miller led the service of Evening Prayer at St. Mark's assisted by vocational deacons Eddie Quann, Teddy Quann, Joyce Perry and me. The Rev. Canon Neville Cheeseman and Thomas Nisbett, members of the diocesan Commission of the Diaconate, also assisted. A Lemonade Social at the Kings Head Inn followed the service.

This annual event is organized and hosted each year by the Bishop's Commission on the Diaconate and is of great importance to the vocational deacons of the diocese, some of whom have benefited from The Mary Jacob Educational Bursary for the education of vocational deacons in this diocese. The people of his or her parish raise up a vocational deacon who is ordained by the bishop, then remains in the parish to assist the priest in the liturgy and be concerned with the well being of the people in the parish and the community.

Gillian Liebenberg did the initial research into Mary Jacob and encouraged the diocese to create a suitable commemoration for this remarkable church-woman who became the first permanent deaconess in the Diocese of Fredericton and the Anglican Church in Canada. The eldest daughter of the Rev. Dr.



Outside St. Mark's Church in King's Landing, following the fifth annual celebration of the life and ministry of Deaconess Mary Nameria Jacob are, left to right: Brandon Nevers of King's Landing, organist; the Rev. Deacon Teddy Quann; the Rev. Canon Neville Cheeseman; the Rev. Deacon Joyce Perry; Archbishop Claude Miller; the Rev. Deacon Debbie Edmondson; the Rev. Deacon Eddie Quann; Layreader Thomas Nisbett, and King's Landing hostess Patricia Graham. Photo by Frank Morehouse.

Edwin Jacob, principal of King's College (now the University of New Brunswick) and Mary Jane (Patterson) Jacob, Mary was born at Oxford, England in 1820, and came to Cardigan, New Brunswick with her parents in 1829.

During the 1830s, following her formal education in Classics, she lived in the town of Woodstock, keeping house for her two brothers; John, a physician, and Edwin, a lawyer. While in Woodstock she was concerned

about the number of local children who were not receiving a formal education. In response, she started her own school using the homes of her brothers, teaching the Classics, life skills and religious education.

Upon her return to Fredericton, Miss Jacob continued her teaching activities of local children, and was a driving force in the establishment of mission congregations along the Nashwaak and Miramichi rivers. After her father's death in 1868

she devoted her life to the missionary activities of the Church of England, routinely walking from Fredericton to Miramichi, sleeping in the vestries, churches and in the homes of supporters, and collecting money, books, clothing and food for the poor in rural New Brunswick.

Mary Jacob was instrumental in forming and maintaining both Sunday schools and rural missions in a number of areas east of Fredericton, principally in the parishes at St. John's, Lud-

low, and St. Mary's, Marysville. Records at the Parish of Blissfield show a number of baptisms administered by Mary N. Jacob, Deaconess, in the early 1890s.

Mary Nameria Jacob was ordained 'into the primitive Order of Deaconess' by Bishop Medley on account of her 'virtuous and pious life.' Upon her death on Dec. 11, 1904, her entire estate was left to the work of the Diocesan Church Society.

The Rev. Deacon Debbie Edmondson serves in the Parish of Bright.

St. Margaret's Homecoming Sunday Sept. 15, 9:30 a.m.

BY PAT FLEMMING

Parishioners of St. Margaret's Anglican Church on Forest Hill Road in Fredericton will host a Homecoming Sunday with a service to celebrate its history and future at 9:30 a.m. on Sept. 15. Old and new friends, especially former parishioners and incumbents are all welcome

It will include a power point presentation depicting the history of the parish as well as a 'meet and greet' and a time of fellowship. Light refreshments will be served following the worship service.

The mission of St. Margaret's is to be a growing Christian Community. The Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton is priest-in-charge at St. Margaret's and the

Rev. John Harvey is honorary assistant.

A history of St. Margaret's is on the parish website stmargs.ca.



Former parishioners and rectors especially welcome



The painting of the old St. Margaret's is by Cindy Furey and the photograph of the new St. Margaret's is by Pat Flemming.

REGULAR COLUMNS

ARCHIVES CORNER

Priest celebrates Christian generosity of his flock

The Rev. James Neales was one of the first two priests ordained by Bishop Medley in 1845. Born in England, he came to Stanley as a medical doctor, c. 1841; an active layman, he soon began studying for the ministry and was ordained by Bishop Medley in 1845. While serving in the Parish of Richibucto and Rexton (1848-1858), he wrote this letter to the editor of the New Brunswick Churchman.

Founded in 1850 by Bishop Medley, the Churchman was the "official organ of the Church in the Diocese." It was published monthly but had a short publication span; the Archives has only two partial issues for 1851.

Mrs. Julie Hughes of Bloomfield, a great-granddaughter of the Rev. James Neales, found this letter (probably at the Saint John Free Public Library) and copied it. We had had contact with her at the recommendation of Archdeacon David Barrett be-



The Rev. James Neales

cause of our previous article on the Neales family (NB Anglican June 2011).

The Archives Corner is prepared by Twila Buttmer (twila.buttmer@gnb.ca or 506-453-4306) and Frank Morehouse (frankm@nbnet.nb.ca or 506-459-3637).

They welcome your comments and questions.

Mr. Editor:

The correspondents of your excellent Toronto contemporary have lately been provoking one another to love and good works by the recital of the kind and Christian liberality of certain flocks of Upper Canada towards their pastors; the last issue contains a letter from the Rev. R. G. Cox in which he speaks of a noble horse having been presented to him by the people to whom he ministers in holy things. Let us cheer the hearts of our Canadian brethren by showing them how the same law of love exerts its influence in other portions of the Church. I will not now speak of night visiting and watchings in times of sickness and affliction; of two years' supply of firewood hauled at once, and numberless other unforgotten kindnesses, but of the occurrence of yesterday. Last week I thought myself unfortunate in losing a good cow, but before I could supply her place there was a much better one in my barn, presented to me by some of my kind "friends and parishioners" and that in so quiet and unostentatious a manner that I really know not the individual to whom I am indebted. I need not tell you, Mr. Editor, how such sterling expressions of sympathy and regard bind a pastor to his flock, encourage him to a patient perseverance in his work in spite of much that it is chilling and disheartening, and tend to prevent a disruption of the pastoral tie, for you will realize at once the cheering efficacy of such kindly demonstrations, and will unite with me in wishing that this example and such like may be extensively followed in the spirit of Christian love and emulation in every section of the Church.

I remain, Mr. Editor, your affectionate Brother-in-Christ

James Neales

God calls them to 'shine bright baby'

For all the groups out there that call themselves Christian bands, 2013 has already proved to be the year of new bands and first releases. Many more new groups than usual have put together new albums so far this year, and the result has been a number of different sounds. One new sound that has stood out has been that of Shine Bright Baby.

This band, fronted by singer Emily Irene, recently released its first album — Dreamers — and has garnered a lot of attention. Unlike many groups who form with the intent of getting a recording contract, Shine Bright Baby was not actively seeking such a thing. The members had played together off and on between other interests and



commitments, including college, jobs, and families. They became greatly sought after though, and soon enough, summer festival organizers and recording label scouts were chasing them down. No wonder, their musical capabilities speak volumes.

Dreamers is a typical first album for a group, in that it seeks to show its range of abilities — and in this case, the range is quite large. Right off the bat you might notice that Emily Irene seems more like a musical cha-



meleon than a mere singer. She has a rather uncanny ability to not only fit the mood of the style of the song, but also to change the timbre as needed. The rest of the group is equal to the task as well, and the result is an album that has a lot to catch, and keep, the listener's attention.

Regardless of the song, the

sound of the album has a very bright quality to it, immediately creates an atmosphere that reflects the band's name. Whether it is an up-tempo, almost pop number like "Made To Glow," or a big picture one like the title track, the quality of the recording is excellent, and you get to hear how much work has gone into these tracks. Experimental sounds abound. Nathan, the guitarist, describes the album as "very clean, commercial and straight-forward, but the cool thing is we love both sides of things. We can be experimental and grungy one minute, but also poppy and crisp the next."

Diversity continues. "Love Restores" was written in the wake of a highly publicized school shooting near the band's hometown of Newtown, Mass.,

and proposes how the Lord's love can renew even in the most broken circumstances. "The Brave Ones," featuring lead singer Kevin Young from the band Disciple, is a very aggressive, crystal-clear, guitar-driven anthem. You can hear every drum beat.

In short, a great first album from yet another new band this year. This group has a lot of musical chops, and with the kind of song writing present on this album, there is a good chance of more to come. A great first project!

The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician and priest-in-charge of the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock.



New ways to look at life insurance

As time goes by, our priorities change. We find ourselves wanting to share our good fortune with those around us, to show our support of the causes and institutions we believe in, to leave the world a little better than we found it. When goals such as these take shape, the life insurance policy that served us well in years gone by can serve us in an entirely new way when we make a charitable gift. In other cases, a new policy can be the key to achieving your goals. Possibilities include: giving the death proceeds, giving the policy itself or, giving a new policy.

For more information on creative ways to give, contact:

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REGULAR FEATURES

We need to make summer last all year

The ebbing of the summer has caused me to be in something of a reflective mood. It is strange to think this is the first time since 1976 (when I was 16) that I wasn't involved in leading some form of children's ministry. A great many years and a large number of children have passed in front of me on both sides of the Atlantic, but the question is: "Where are most of them now?" The answer in most cases is: "I have no idea."



In general the majority of my ministry with children has been of the "hit and run" type, being invited in by a church to run their Kids Club for a week, disappearing for a year then maybe coming back and doing it again the next summer. In reality there was no structure in place to nurture the children during the time between events.

Thinking about disappearing children, I began to ask myself: "Why did I stay?" I was sent to Sunday school at four years old, but my parents had little or no contact with church. What was it

that led me to stay when others left? The simple answer is the Holy Spirit. But he is working in all lives, trying to draw us to God, so there is another part to it. Adults from the congregation intentionally nurtured me. I am not talking about the rector but three men — Robert Quarton, Bob Duerden and Ron Guy — who decided to take me under their wing. Today we would call them mentors. When Robert moved on I was handed off to Bob and then when he left the area for a new job, Ron took over. They were not the only ones involved, but they were the main players.

What did they do? They lived their lives as followers of Jesus and let me join in — I was invited to family events;

when there was a work party at the church I was included; if a well known speaker visited a town nearby, they took me with them. Eventually I was encouraged to lead things, and to make mistakes, but through it all I was included in the Body of Christ, the Church. These men decided that I was worth their time. It made me feel valued and I began to learn what it was to be a Christian.

All too easily we take the "hit and run" approach to children. We do not intentionally invest in them, get to know them and include them as part of the church. Then we look around and wonder where they went. If we do not try to integrate them and their families, we will continue to see them once a year

at Kids Club.

Are we called by God to invest in the next generation? Yes.

Of course we have to be aware of the safety issues involved, but there are many young people who need to be shown the love of Jesus and to learn how to set a foundation to follow him the rest of their lives. If we are intentional about the task we can structure ourselves to deal with the issues that might arise.

I was a young person who needed to see the love of Christ in action. Robert, Bob and Ron demonstrated it for me.

David Edwards is Diocesan Parish Development officer and Gift Planning Officer for the Diocese of Fredericton.

COMMENTARY

Because of the loss I have gained God's grace and mercy

Earlier this year the Rev. Deacon Fran Bedell's husband Cal died. In her sermon on Pentecost 3 she reflected on the widows in the day's readings and compared their lives to her new reality. In doing so she shared her feelings with her supportive congregation, she also generously offered her sermon for publication in the New Brunswick Anglican.



The readings from Kings and from Luke pair up quite nicely. Two widows, two sons, two deaths.

To help us understand these stories, it is important to remember the plight of women in that time.

Women had no identity and no power. It was a world run by men and for men. Women could only be represented legally by men. Women could only be defended socially by men. If her property were attacked, a woman would have little defense on her own — only her male relatives could help her. The law did give them some protection, though. The scriptures they read were clear that widows were to receive special care and attention and were not to be exploited. But religious laws were no guarantee of a woman's safety in a man's world. These two widows are socially alone — in real social danger. They have no husbands; they no longer have sons. They are virtually isolated.

Being recently widowed, I suppose I have a soft spot in my heart for these two widows. But, unlike them, I do have a place in society and am not beholden

to any man for my existence. If I were, I sure would be out of luck as I have no male members of my family near. But being a widow is much more difficult than I ever imagined. The main difficulty is going from a "we" to a "me." So I can relate to their sense of aloneness. Another difficult adjustment is the 'empty house.' There is no one there when I arrive home, no one to share conversations with, no one to comfort me during a thunder storm, no one to affirm me when I am feeling discouraged, no one to enjoy the sunsets with, and no one to feed the cats and take out the garbage. There is no longer a shared responsibility; it all falls to me. I have to fully face the reality that my life will never be the same — that it is forever changed.

Someone who gave meaning to my life has died. Someone who walked with me no longer walks by my side. No matter how much we talked, there are things we never got to say. When our relationship first began, we never thought about how it would end. We did not think about what we would do

when death happened — how we would feel. We never even thought about death.

But death happened. And I never imagined I would ache in all the ways I do, nor how easily my mind would wander, or how my energy would vanish, or how I would feel anxious without knowing why.

And yet, I've come to realize that sometimes the most frightening place to be is in my own skin.

As I try to walk this new life, I feel as awkward as a baby taking his first steps. Sometimes I feel like a kite caught in a hurricane. Sometimes I feel like I'm walking on quicksand and am being pulled down with each step. Sometimes it feels like loneliness and despair are my companions, even though I haven't invited them to accompany me. That's the dark side.

But darkness can't happen without light, and I choose to see the light. I know that all of us are in motion. We can either climb toward something or descend into nothing. So I'll keep climbing. I won't sit in the valley mourning and lamenting Cal's death. Instead I'll put one foot in front of the other and climb the mountain of life and hope. Do I miss him? You bet I do.

While I still have a house, the bricks and mortar that held it together are gone because Cal was the glue that kept everything in place. Because of him, of his support and encouragement, I was able to pursue a call to ministry and am able to be with you here. Because of him I have the strength and faith to face tomorrow.

But I am more fortunate than these two widows. I am not alone. I have all of you; and although you would like to make things better for me, to ease my burden, my journey has to begin with me willing to take that first step toward hope. I have friends who are willing to walk with me, to care for me; but it still has to begin with me.

I do not know what lies beyond today. We plan our lives in long, unbroken stretches that intersect our dreams the way a highway connects the cities on a map. But I now know that life is lived on the side roads, the alleys and the detours. There is no straight line, there are no guarantees. But how we face those detours will make the difference between a life well lived and a life just lived.

I will never be the same person again. I have lost someone important to me. But in the losing, because of the loss, I have gained. Some may call it transformation, some may call it resurrection; but I call it God's grace and mercy. Something new is happening.

I have learned that when I am most alone, the Spirit of God accompanies me. When I am most afraid, the promise of God comforts me. When I am most fragile, the hand of God upholds me.

I have begun to see that my time of losing can also be a time of gaining, for I can appreciate and understand life as never before. I can experience growth as I would not otherwise do. I can share what I have in ways that might not otherwise be possible. I am learning to see the many

ways in which I am blessed by the God who walks with me through the valley of grief and who accompanies me up the mountainside toward hope.

Two scriptural passages that have been an inspiration to me are from Psalms and Isaiah. Isaiah 60: 20 says:

*Your sun shall no more go down,
Nor your moon withdraw itself;
For the Lord will be your everlasting light,
And your days of mourning shall be ended.*

Psalm 116 (verses 8 & 9) says:
*You have delivered my soul from death,
My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.
I walk before the Lord in the land of the living.*

And that is good enough for me. Amen.

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Successful summer safari in Gagetown

BY DONA KING

For three days in July good weather, dedicated volunteers and inspired leaders blessed the 20 children who went on Safari Daily in the Parish of Gagetown. The Vacation Bible School program focused on the story of Daniel in the lion's den and the song "Dare to be Daniel," the children created their own curly lions to take home and Inez Paul shared wonderful stories and photos from her real-life African safari.

Each day everyone learned a new word in Swahili and the children loved to use the phrase "Hakuna matata." It means no problems, no worries. The organizers got so much joy from watching the children's happy faces as they listened to the word of God, and from listening to them singing his praises, they are already planning for next year. On safari in the photo at the right are: Abbie Lawson, Morgan Finley, Isabel Francis, Claire Finley, Summer Merrihew.



New Bandon guild recognized as 'family'

The Parish of New Bandon Women's Guild was named the Bathurst High School Family of the Year during the school's awards ceremony in June. For the past two years the group has met every week to make 80 sandwiches, deliver them to the school in time for lunch and prayed for the students who would receive them. The Family of the Year award is traditionally presented to a family that has gone above and beyond in giving time and resources to the school, but the school thought the guild acted like family in recognizing the need for school lunches and generously filling it. "This group of ladies purchases, prepares and delivers the lunches to the school. The sandwiches are of the highest quality, there are lots to go around and each bite is made with love, prayed over by a member of the guild. This is why Bathurst High School has honoured the Parish of New Bandon's Women's Guild as Family of the Year! Congratulations ladies!" read the citation. On the right are the guild members, left to right, back row Laura McNulty, Kay Addison, Donna Brune, and Nancy Robinson; middle row Freda Carrey, Lorna Veneau and Darlene Dempsey; front row: Elaine Good (holding the award), Sharon Tabor, Falen McNulty and Betty Ann McLean. Missing from the photo is Jennifer Bateman.



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"Remember now the Creator in the days of your youth ..."
(Ecclesiastes 12:1)