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LEFT Ms. Helen Tataren, ODNW of St. James'. For decades Helen has cleaned and maintained the clergy quarters at the Downtown Eastside church. She became a member of the parish 62 years ago and in the mid-1960s took on the housekeeping role. RIGHT Mr. Philip Owen, ODNW has given decades of service to his parish, St. John, Shaughnessy and to the Bishops of the Diocese of New Westminster. Philip Owen was the 36th Mayor of the City of Vancouver from 1993 to 2002. PHOTOS Wayne Chose



## Synod Office & Anglican Archives to Move to St. John's, Shaughnessy

ROB DICKSON

*Business Administrator of the Diocese of New Westminster*

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The Synod Office of the Diocese of New Westminster has long been situated in downtown Vancouver and for the past 18 years the office has been located in Suite #580–401 West Georgia Street. In 2015 that will change.

The impetus for finding a new location for the Synod Office came from a variety of factors:

1. The Special Synod held in November 2012, that was primarily an examination of a proposed financial campaign raised a number of issues. One issue was the cost of maintaining the Synod Office in a downtown Vancouver office building. Many in our diocesan family believed that a less expensive option was a more responsible use of diocesan resources. A suggestion to use one of our own properties was strongly endorsed.
2. The lease cost of the current premises at 401 West Georgia continues to rise. At the conclusion of the current lease in early

2016 the projected increase in rent will be greater than the diocese is comfortably able to afford.

3. The sale of the Iona Building by Vancouver School of Theology to the University of British Columbia in January 2014 for \$28 million required that the Diocesan Archives, housed in a special section of the Iona Building basement, would have to be moved.

Prior to the sale of the Vancouver School of Theology Iona Building, diocesan leadership had been actively involved in developing a process for exploring a new location for the Synod Office. During 2013 and 2014 the subject was regularly on the agenda of Diocesan Council during *In Camera* sessions and on the agenda of the Standing Committee that provided oversight for business and property issues. Throughout 2013, various resolutions were brought before Diocesan Council granting authority and funding

for diocesan leadership to search for alternative locations. A task force led by Mr. Bob Hardy, Diocesan Treasurer, including some members of Diocesan Council and assisted by the Business Administrator and the Executive Archdeacon, investigated options around the lower mainland and presented their findings to Council. Several locations were examined but Council determined them to be unsuitable for a variety of reasons.

One of the proposals was to enter into a lease agreement with the Parish of St. John's, Shaughnessy. This would involve converting the lower floor of the large administration building, located east of the Church, into office and meeting space for the diocese. There was support on the part of St. John's, Shaughnessy leadership and this led to exploratory negotiations for information purposes.

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The exterior of the St. John's, Shaughnessy administration building, December 1st, 2014. PHOTO Randy Murray

# Synod Office & Anglican Archives to Move to St. John's, Shaughnessy

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In January 2014, with the need to move the Diocesan Archives by March 2015 now a reality, the St. John's, Shaughnessy option became very attractive. The diocese proposed taking over the entire administration building. The Parish was amenable to this concept, which would provide for the conversion of a portion of the lower level of the aforementioned building into space for the Diocesan Archives and the Archives of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon with the diocesan office and meeting space on the main floor. The expense of the improvements would be met by the diocese with the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon contributing to the Archives renovation. The Parish agreed to cover the costs of the renovations to the building that pertained to the core functionality of the building.

The motion to pursue this arrangement and to move ahead with hiring consultants to draft preliminary design ideas was approved by Diocesan Council in January 2014. As one of her first acts, Bishop Skelton gave her assent to move forward with the project at the March 11th, 2014, meeting of Diocesan Council.

The long, detailed, consultative development of building plans and preparation of a budget for the proposed work, particularly the complicated design needs of the archival storage, was begun in February 2014, and completed over the summer.

With the budget in place, a recommendation by the

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The reception area. Out of view on the left is the staircase that will be removed in the renovation. PHOTO Randy Murray

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**Thank you!**





LEFT Synod Staff tour the lower hallway near where the archives will be built. MIDDLE The current gymnasium space, which will be converted to learning and meeting space. RIGHT The upper hallway, running on the upper level. The gym is visible through the windows on the right. PHOTOS Randy Murray

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Management, Finance and Property Standing Committee to Diocesan Council was made and approved in September 2014. Tenders were let to six firms and three were received. The next step was to secure the necessary building permits from the City of Vancouver for the installation of archival storage on the lower floor and for the office renovation and installation on the main floor. The building permits were approved by the City of Vancouver in November 2014. At the same time, a successful bid, submitted by Alfred Horie Construction Company Ltd., was accepted by the Management, Finance and Property Standing Committee to begin work on the renovations.

The Archives must move out of the current location by March 2015 and the lower level area with a newly constructed structure, storage and shelving will need to be completed in time to accept the archival material. The projected date for the relocation of the Synod Office is approximately June 30th, 2015.

The Parish of St. John's will be responsible for updating and upgrading various structures and systems in their buildings. One of the major pieces of work to be done is the conversion of the antiquated heating system to a modern boiler system. The existing boiler was customized for that space and constructed in the 1950s. That system is very inefficient by today's standards and new and efficient boilers will replace the old system. The Parish will cover the cost of removal of the hazardous materials in the building. A major staircase that goes between the main floor and the lower floor will be removed and the floor restored. The Parish has also installed a new roof over the entire complex.

The new Diocesan Office will accommodate existing Synod staff requirements with room for growth and change. There will be meeting rooms available to welcome the various committees and structures of the diocese large and small and these venues will also be appropriate for study and research. A large classroom/training facility will also serve as a meeting room occupying the former gymnasium. The existing Trendell Lounge will be shared with the Parish for its fellowship time and receptions. Community user groups will be sought for the unused lower floor and the third floor with this income contributing to offsetting costs to the diocese.

The Business Administrator for the Diocese of New Westminster, Rob Dickson had this to say regarding the key components of the renovation project:

"This project is a good use of Diocesan resources now and for the future as the Special Synod imagined. It will benefit the diocese as a whole, the Archives and the Parish by employing an asset of the Parish and the diocese."

This move accomplishes the diocesan need for a gathering space, not only for governance, but also for education, formation and worship. The location is easily accessible by transit and there is ample parking available. Instead of paying tens of thousands of dollars in rent annually to a third-party the money used for the renovations and rent is an investment in our diocese.



Bishop Melissa and Rob Dickson standing in front of the antiquated boilers. PHOTO Randy Murray

*"This move accomplishes the diocesan need for a gathering space, not only for governance, but also for education, formation and worship."*



The courtyard view facing west from the Trendell Lounge. PHOTO Randy Murray

Concurrent with the establishment of the Synod Office at this location, a process will be developed to use both existing and new technologies to facilitate meetings at other locations around the diocese. This will reduce the amount of car travel for people attending meetings and smaller gatherings for Christian formation and parish development.

Please visit the diocesan website [www.vancouver.anglican.ca](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca) for future updates on the construction and the move. More detailed information on the design and structure of the Archives and Diocesan Offices will be published in a future issue of *Topic*. ✦



## PONTIUS' PUDDLE by Joel Kauffmann



## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

compiled by Anglican Archivist Melanie Delva

- 50 years • 1965 Over 5,000 people gather at the PNE Agrodome for a service of prayer and Christian Unity.  
Sorrento Lay Training Centre opens for year round courses.
- 30 years • 1985 The new Book of Alternative Services (BAS) is introduced to Diocesan Clergy at the Clergy Conference.
- 15 years • 2000 Anglicans travel to Seattle to take part in World Trade Organization (WTO) protests..



# Requiescat in Pace

Many thanks to Jim's children Mary and David McCullum for allowing diocesan communications to publish this obituary that they prepared for their father. • Editor

The Reverend Dr. James Alexander McCullum  
June 27th, 1935 – November 3rd, 2014



Jim McCullum was a loving husband, father, grandfather, pastor, mentor, and friend.

Jim was born in 1935, in Vancouver; when his mother travelled to and from Yukon by steamship to access good medical care for his caesarean birth. He was predeceased by his two older brothers, Stewart (1930) and Hugh (2006).

Because of his father's work as an Anglican priest, Jim's childhood was spent in Yukon and northern Ontario. It was at Queen's University (Kingston) that Jim McCullum met Anne Keenleyside. When friends gathered at his parents' home before a dance, Jim's father Creighton took him aside and indicating Anne whispered, "She's the one for you." Jim's death was just three weeks after Anne's and confirms how right Creighton was. It is a comfort to know that they are together again, free of everything that made their recent years challenging.

Jim and Anne were married in 1960 in Victoria. Their wedding followed a year of daily letters written to each other while Anne lived and travelled in Europe with her family, and Jim completed his studies. Jim received a BA from Queen's, Licentiate of Theology at Wycliffe College

PHOTO Courtesy of the McCullum family

(Toronto), was ordained priest on October 18th, 1961 at Grace Church on the Hill (Toronto) and completed his Doctor of Ministry in 1988 at Pacific School of Religion (Berkeley).

In his doctoral thesis, Jim described the first chapter of his ministry in this way:

"I was a parish priest for 20 years (Toronto, Dawson City, Whitehorse, Trail, Kelowna, and Vancouver). During that time I worked as a pastor in remote areas, small towns, and a large city. In every place I preached Sunday by Sunday about the love of God, the call to justice, the stories of redemption found in the Bible and daily life, and the power of the spirit who brings us together in mission and enables us to strive for shalom.

I stood by the bedsides of dying people and was honoured by what they taught me about faith, life, and meaning. I taught and was taught by confirmation classes, as young people struggled with their faith and life questions, and what all that had to do with God and Church. I met with artists to talk about the meaning of Advent, or Pentecost, so that they could portray the meaning without words.

I prayed with people who had forgotten how to pray, or what that word even means. I listened to angry people tell stories; about the way they had been hurt by church, by institutions, by themselves. I gathered with people of the community concerned about abused women and children, and we opened a transition house. I studied the Bible with 12 women, every Thursday morning, for 4 years. I planned worship with other people, lay and ordained, and learned about integrating the word, and the sacraments, and our lives. But I wasn't a theologian."

The second chapter of Jim's ministry was at the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) where he served as Assistant Professor of Ministry, Director of Degree Programs, Associate Professor of Field Education, and Registrar. During a life-changing sabbatic leave in 1985, Jim realized that in addition to his roles as educator, pastor, priest, administrator, and sometime prophet, he was also a theologian. His ministry had been a series of stories with deep meaning, and action came from reflection on those stories, a model he then shared with his students.

Jim didn't stop working when he retired from VST. He continued to use his skills and energy in communities where he could make a difference. This included adult literacy coaching at the Carnegie Centre, reading support with school children, advocacy for homecare workers in Soweto, and chairing the Board of Aunt Leah's Independent Lifeskills Society.

The onset of Alzheimer's disease in the final year of his life brought many challenges for Jim and his family. It was remarkable to witness the grace with which he accepted his limitations and increasing dependency on others, and the new relationships he made. It is wonderful that so many people were able to visit with Jim around the time of Anne's memorial service, surrounding him with loving support. He spent his final day in his bed at Little Mountain Place, visited by family and dear friends, and receiving comfort care and support from the staff who had taken such care of him over the past eight months.

At the time of his retirement from VST, Mary and David borrowed from his observations about roles of elders in Aboriginal cultures to describe Jim's life and work.

A Celebration of Life Funeral Eucharist took place at Christ Church Cathedral, the afternoon of November 13th. A capacity congregation gathered to remember Jim as: storyteller, tradition-bearer, intergenerational bridge, conflict mediator, timekeeper, counsel for the community, memory-keeper, lamenter, and humourist. ✠

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# A New Labyrinth for Powell River

RON BEREZAN

*St. David & St. Paul, Powell River; Sycamore Commons Permaculture Garden facilitator*

On Sunday November 2nd, the day after All Saints Day, parishioners of St. David's and St. Paul's Anglican Church in Powell River began their morning service by gathering to bless the newly created outdoor labyrinth. Remembering the lives of the Saints and the pilgrims who have walked life's sacred path before us, we prayed that this labyrinth be a blessing to our community and a sign of our unity with all peoples and with all of Creation.

The labyrinth is the latest addition to the grounds at St. David and St. Paul's as part of the development of "Sycamore Commons" a parish and community permaculture partnership. In our initial visioning session for the project

in March 2012, community members felt strongly that a labyrinth would not only enrich the life of the parish but would be an inclusive way to invite the wider community into a "sacred space" for reflection, contemplation and celebration. As the only public labyrinth in Powell River, it will welcome all for both personal prayer and reflection and for community events and gatherings.

Thanks to *care + share* funding, Sycamore Commons has been able to deepen its community partnerships and add additional elements such as a cob bus stop shelter and free library, numerous gardens, large scale rain water catchment, and much more to come. The labyrinth was built using

local stone and reclaimed bricks, and relies on a retaining wall using an ancient "dry stack" stone wall technique to create a level surface on an otherwise steep slope. Flowering and edible species will be planted around the labyrinth and garden beds on the downhill slope will take advantage of the warm microclimate created by the stone wall.

The labyrinth is 33 feet in diameter and is a smaller replica of the classical labyrinth design found in Chartres Cathedral in France. The official public opening and celebration of the labyrinth took place on December 21st — Winter Solstice. ✠

Flattening the ground in preparation of building the labyrinth. PHOTO Ron Berezan



Putting the bricks in place. PHOTO Ron Berezan



## Diocesan School for Parish Development Now in Two Formats for 2015!

Since July 2012, the Diocesan School for Parish Development (previously the Diocesan School for Leadership) has been an opportunity for both clergy and lay leaders to learn together about organization and congregational development.

Some of the feedback we have received about the School has been that participants have enjoyed working in small groups and getting to know people from other parishes, that they were surprised by the usefulness of the content, and that they have liked the practical ways they were able to engage through case studies, practice and projects.

The approach and design developed by our own Bishop, integrates Anglican theological understanding and how individuals, groups and whole organizations function. We work on the most basic of facilitation skills and complex ways of using organization models to intervene in our parishes, so that our Church can become healthier and stronger. The whole program is offered over two years (Year A and Year B) and participants who complete both years as well as two projects in their parishes receive a certificate of completion.

But we have also heard that the week can be long and limiting for some members of our diocese, so this year we are offering an alternative. We will still offer the week-long School from July 26th to August 1st but we will also be offering the same content over four weekends in January, June, September and December. The weekends will begin at 9 am on Friday and run until 3 pm on Saturday.

The cost is the same for both formats, \$600. This includes all accommodation, meals and the manual. The location is also the same: both the weekends and the week-long School will be held at Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre.

**NOTE •** *The deadline to register for the weekend courses was extended to January 1st, 2015, which is before this issue of Topic is available. Please contact the Rev. Marnie Peterson at 604.684.6306, ext. 221, or by email at [mpeterson@vancouver.anglican.ca](mailto:mpeterson@vancouver.anglican.ca) to access late registration or a wait list. And for more information about the program and registration for the summer week long course.*

The community gathers for the Rev. Paula Sampson's blessing. PHOTO Ian MacKenzie



The Rev. Paula Sampson sprinkles Holy Water on the new labyrinth. PHOTO Ian MacKenzie





# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## • Synod Staff Changes •



The Rev. Ruth Monette. PHOTO Wayne Chose

The Rev. Ruth Monette has been appointed as Director for Mission and Ministry Development effective December 1st, 2014.

Ruth had been appointed Acting Director on December 1st, 2013, with the proviso that a mutual review would be undertaken before a year was up and following the election of the new Bishop. Ruth brings a wealth of experience from her various roles in parish leadership from around our diocese. Her ability to provide sound analyses and assessments with parishes is incredibly valuable as they develop and strengthen their capacity for ministry. Her careful, thoughtful and accurate writing, provides clarity and direction to our common work.

As Director for Mission and Ministry and as a Member of Diocesan Office Senior Operations Staff, Ruth will continue to provide staff support to Diocesan Council and to the Committee for Ministry and Mission Development (one of the two diocesan standing committees). She will continue to provide oversight and management of: Program Development, Parish Development, the Diocesan School for Parish Development, and Children and Youth Ministry.



Mark Beley. PHOTO Wayne Chose

On Thursday, November 13th, Bishop Melissa Skelton sent the follow message to Synod Staff:

"Our colleague Mark Beley has accepted a position as Controller for the Business Council of British Columbia — a very prestigious group. Mark was chosen from a pool of 50 applicants!! While we're sad to see him go we are delighted for him in the new opportunity this position brings. The business community sees in him what we already know: a highly skilled, competent accountant. What they may not know of is his passion and compassion for the people and parishes of our diocese.

Mark has been with the diocese since July 2006 and has been an integral and important member of our team from Day One."

Mark's last day in the office was Friday, December 5th and he also agreed to spend some time in the Synod Office during this past Christmas and New Year season in order that the end of the year accounts are in good shape for the new controller. As of this writing in late November, a job description and job posting have been prepared by the Business Administrator and circulated. ✚

## • Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of New Westminster Receives Honorary Degree •

SUBMISSION Linda Adams

On November 2nd, 2014, the Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of New Westminster, the Ven. Douglas Fenton was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree at the convocation ceremonies of St. John's College, University of Manitoba.

He has a very long and special association with the College, having been baptized, confirmed, and was made a deacon at St. John's. Following ordination to the priesthood and seven years in parish ministry in the Diocese of Keewatin, Archdeacon Fenton returned to serve as College Chaplain and Dean of Residence.

Archdeacon Fenton was presented by former colleague, Karen Cook, and the degree was conferred by the Chancellor of St. John's College the Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, Bishop of Rupert's Land. Archdeacon Fenton was recognized for many accomplishments and innovative ventures over the course of his career. He was honored especially for his work in support of the rights of Aboriginal Peoples, and for his ministry with youth and young adults, both in Canada and the United States.

Among the many in attendance at the ceremony, were Archdeacon Fenton's sisters, his spouse, and Jerry and Linda Adams of the Diocese of New Westminster. It was a privilege to be present as this Doctor of Divinity degree (honoris causa) was awarded to such a hardworking and devoted servant of the Anglican Church of Canada. ✚

Karen Cook reads the Citation prior to the honorary degree being conferred upon the Ven. Douglas Fenton. PHOTO Jerry Adams



## • St. Jude's Anglican Care Home Damaged by Flood •

SUBMISSION Jim Longman

On the morning of Sunday, June 15th, after a particularly rainy week in Vancouver, Chris Norman, the Administrator at St. Jude's Anglican Care Home, received one of those phone calls... "There's water gushing up through a pipe in the basement, and it's getting worse." The storm sewer line had backed up and water was flooding throughout the basement of St. Jude's. The floor was covered with up to a foot of sewer water; flooding the elevator shaft, the Chapel, the staff change rooms and kitchen area, and the laundry area. This was going to be a long day, and the beginning of a long journey to restore St. Jude's.

Chris and her team jumped to action, and after ensuring that all residents and staff were safe, Chris called a restoration contractor, who began the cleanup process. The following days were filled with phone calls and meetings, as Chris contacted the City of Vancouver, Vancouver Coastal Health, plumbers, and the insurance adjuster to assess the damage. The experts estimated the damage at \$100,000, and suggested it would take three months to restore everything to good working order.

At this point, the real challenge for Chris and her staff became clear — how best to meet the residents' care needs amidst the repair and construction work, and with limited facilities. As an example, the Chapel was unusable, but Deacon Trudi Shaw and the volunteers worked tirelessly during the construction period. They setup a makeshift chapel on the second floor to continue Thursday services. This worked extremely well, and provided an opportunity for additional residents to attend the services.

Restoration work progressed well and after four months, is now complete. With new basement flooring and walls, a renovated Chapel area, and repairs to the staff change rooms, kitchen area, laundry area, and storage areas, St. Jude's is back in business.

With the disruption and with contractors available, the St. Jude's Board of Directors agreed to spend additional funds to fix some areas that had not been damaged, but were in need of updating. These included: new tuck shop cabinetry, a new cabinet for the hairdresser, new flooring for the front entrance and stairways; plus in the

Chapel, new heaters, new cabinetry for music equipment and for vestments and linens. So, in spite of the original damage, St. Jude's is back and better than ever with some well-appreciated improvements. To quote Chris Norman, "We've made lemons into lemonade!"

The entire St. Jude's community has been amazing and supportive, both with their financial donations and with their time. Management and the Board of Directors want to express their sincere appreciation to everyone involved during this time, and now encourage visitors to stop in and see the improvements. It has been a challenging time for the St. Jude's staff, but through their dedicated hard work and commitment, impact to the residents has been minimal. With new and improved facilities for residents and staff, St. Jude's will continue to maintain the high quality of care they're known for. ✚

Newly renovated Chapel after the recent flood, showing the new cabinets to store music equipment (to the right of the front table), and to store vestments (in the alcove on the right side of the photo). PHOTO Chris Norman



Chris Elton, a volunteer at St. Jude's and a member of the Board of Directors, organizing the vestments and linens in the new cabinet. The original cabinet was damaged in the flood and was recently replaced. PHOTO Chris Norman





# AROUND THE DIOCESE

## • All Saints, Burnaby Welcomes a New Deacon •

SUBMISSION Mildred Johnson

Sunday, November 2nd, 2014, the Feast of All Saints was a particularly special day at All Saints', Burnaby. We celebrated our 102nd birthday with the installation of a new deacon, the Rev. Lieutenant Gordon Barrett. Bishop Melissa Skelton was present to preside and preach and officiate at the installation. There were several guests participating in the liturgy, including some added musicians: an oboist, cellist and a piper.

The service began outside with the piper leading a procession of clergy and lay into the church. The Celebration of the Eucharist proceeded in the usual order until after the Creed. At that point, the piper initiated the presentation of the deacon by piping *Lord of the Dance*. The Rev. Barrett used to be a pipe major, so this was a nice touch. After *Psalm 146*, and the installation covenant, two representatives from All Saints' presented Rev. Barrett with a stole. After the installation, worship continued, ending with another procession to the lower hall.

Following worship, everyone was invited to a luncheon in the hall. Lunch was followed by a question and answer period with the Bishop. ✠

Bishop Melissa and All Saints' priest-in-charge the Rev. Shirley Stockdill with the celebratory 102nd anniversary cake.

PHOTO Tom Neilson



Bishop Melissa Skelton installs the Rev. Lieutenant Gordon Barrett as Deacon. PHOTO Tom Neilson



## • Clergy News •

In November 2014, the Rev. Mark Greenaway-Robbins signified to the Bishop that he wished to resign the Parish of St. James', Vancouver and she accepted. Fr. Mark, Ruth, Simeon, Anastasia and their animal menagerie are moving to the UK. Fr. Mark's last Sunday is January 11th, 2015. We wish them all well as they begin this transition.

The Rev. Trudi Shaw, deacon at St. John's, Port Moody and Chaplain at St. Jude's, Anglican Care Home has resigned from her position as Anglican Chaplain to Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) effective November 30th, 2014. Trudi is well regarded by her colleagues in the Spiritual Care Team at VGH for her ministry there as well as by clergy in our diocese and throughout the Province. Trudi will continue to provide pastoral ministry to St. Jude's. We wish Trudi well as she continues in her diaconal ministries at St. Jude's and St. John the Apostle, Port Moody.

The posting for the Anglican Chaplain to VGH was circulated on November 24th, 2014, with the Rev. Michael Fuller as the pro tem appointment at VGH. Fr. Fuller's appointment began December 1st, 2014 and he will continue until a new Anglican Chaplain is in place.

The Anglican Chaplain to VGH is funded by a grant provided by St. John's, Shaughnessy. ✠

The Rev. Trudi Shaw. PHOTO Wayne Chose



The Rev. Fr. Mark Greenaway-Robbins. PHOTO Randy Murray



## • Bishop's Visit to St. Mark's, Ocean Park •

SUBMISSION Brian Walks

Bishop Melissa Skelton's visit made a huge impact on the life of the parishioners at St. Mark's, Ocean Park on the weekend of November 15th and 16th. On the Saturday evening, the Bishop met with 40 parish leaders for an informal reception and then an hour of questions and answers. Questions were raised about her balancing her corporate life with Procter and Gamble while still receiving theological training. Questions were also raised about reaching out to our communities. She mentioned, that her agenda is strongly focused on parish development and the urgency to get on with the job of building our congregations.

On Sunday morning, the Bishop celebrated and preached at both the 8 am and 10 am services. At 10 am, the pews were full with 290 worshippers. The theme of the service was the Parable of the Talents. She challenged all of us to make an impact and do some good. A little act of good is like throwing a pebble in the pond that makes ripples in all directions. She then asked: "What are you doing with your life?"

After the service, Ken Turnham received the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) from the Bishop. Ken contributed to church life both locally and nationally. He served for six years as a warden as well as trustee, Synod delegate and communion administrator. He also helped raise funds to build the new St. Mark's Church, which came in on time and under

budget. In the early 1990s, Ken was part of a team that launched a pilot advertising program tested in the diocese. Ken helped develop a program, which focused on the spiritual, social and personal gifts and needs of seniors.

During lunch, the Bishop received a green prayer shawl and some prayer squares from St. Mark's Prayer Shawl Ministry. She had time to cut two cakes and meet the members of the congregation for conversation. ✠

The Bishop accepts the green prayer shawl.

PHOTO John Braddock



Bishop Melissa invests Ken Turnham into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. PHOTO John Braddock



Bishop Melissa (centre) with St. Mark's priests, the Rev. Craig Tanksley (left) and the Rev. Denise Doerksen (right). PHOTO Barbara Walks





# Ever Singing Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral

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Most faith communities that one might consider “successful” in living into their call to do God’s work on earth have one outstanding component to their ministry. It is the thing that they are known for, their *brand* so to speak (to use that dreaded and somewhat misunderstood word). The faith community known as Christ Church, Vancouver celebrated its 125th Anniversary this past fall and for many, when we think of Christ Church Cathedral (designated the Cathedral Church of the Diocese of New Westminster in 1929) we think of music in worship, primarily (but not limited to) choral music. With that in mind, the organizers of Christ Church Cathedral’s (CCC) 125th Anniversary events in 2014, decided that the finale of this year of celebration would be a Choral Evensong celebrated on the Reign of Christ, the church’s *feast of dedication*.

This Evensong entitled *Ever Singing* was going to be different than the usual; it was a homecoming event. CCC choristers, Moira Morgan, Bruce Hoffman and Heather Pynn working closely with Organist/Director of Music, Rupert Lang and the Cathedral’s dean, the Very Rev. Peter Elliott began by gathering some research and got the word out to former members of Cathedral Choir that they would be welcome to participate November 23rd, 2014. Former choristers registered for the event and were added to an email list to facilitate communications and distribution of music for the repertoire. Ultimately, 55 registered and participated, some had remained members of the Cathedral congregation; others had relocated to other regions, while still others had gone on to sing in other choirs and pursue

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Women of the choir gathered on the east side of the nave. PHOTO Randy Murray



## A Very Special Confirmation

DONALD GRAYSTON  
*Retired Priest of the Diocese of New Westminster*

A couple of months ago, I got a call from a friend of mine, Mary Dickau, chaplain at Beulah Gardens, a Baptist-affiliated assisted-living residence in East Vancouver. One of the residents, Norah Dennis, 92 and blind, had told her that she had promised her mother, who died more than 40 years ago, that she would be confirmed. She had been baptized as an infant in England; but as so often happens, what with the Depression, WWII, and the family’s move to Canada, her confirmation just hadn’t happened.

Mary called me, because she wanted to know what confirmation was about for Anglicans, and whether it would be possible for Norah to be confirmed. So I wrote our Bishop about this: OK to confirm just one candidate? Of course—see on this *Matthew 18: 12–14*—after a number of weeks and about 40 emails, the day came on November 9th at 3 pm, at Beulah Gardens. A dozen or so of Norah’s fellow residents were there to celebrate with her.

It’s Bishop Melissa’s custom not to take episcopal gear with her to parish occasions, but to wear liturgically whatever is worn in the parish. She did have her alb, but nothing more. So might I have brought a stole? Yes, for myself, which of course I would have cheerfully lent her,

but my sister, Helen Williams, queen of the altar guild at the cathedral, *just happened to have* a stole in her purse (the kind of purse which also has room for a chainsaw, an earthquake kit, and so on), and so the Bishop was properly accoutred and the service proceeded.

Mary introduced Bishop Melissa as “our Anglican Bishop”—note the “our,” a nice ecumenical touch—and the service proceeded. Another nice touch: the clip-art graphic (*see above, graphic courtesy of Mary Dickau*) on the service leaflet. Mary had found a graphic showing a very clearly female Bishop doing a confirmation!

In her address, Bishop Melissa told the little congregation something of the meaning of confirmation for us. That it’s an acceptance for ourselves of the vows made for us by our parents, in the case of infant baptism, which had been Norah’s situation. She told a story about teaching a nine-year-old girl in one of her former parishes how to light a candle without burning herself, which the girl did not do without shaking hands and some beads of sweat on her forehead. But sweat or shaking hands notwithstanding, all of us, now including Norah, are invited by our acceptance in confirmation of our membership in the community of

the baptized to live out our faith in daily life, to light a candle where light may be needed. (Hmm... Why didn’t we sing, “*Jesus bids us shine / with a pure clear light: / like a little candle, burning in the night?*” In fact we sang three classic hymns, quite lustily for a small group, with Mary at the piano.)

After the service, Norah told my sister that she felt “complete”—a wonderful comment. We shared a magnificent, fruit-laden cake and a cup of tea. It was a beautiful occasion, indeed a moving occasion—one of Jesus’ little lambs, aged 92, finally confirmed. Thank you, Norah; thank you, Mary; thank you, my sister; and thank you, Bishop Melissa, for a beautiful celebration of faith.

The moral of the story? You’re never too old, as declared in the first reading, chosen by Mary:

“Listen to me, O house of Jacob... who have been borne by me from your birth... even to your old age I am [God], even when you turn grey I will carry you.”

Isaiah 46: 3–9

Good news at any age, and especially when you are 92. ✚

LEFT Mary Dickau, Norah Dennis, Bishop Melissa and the Rev. Dr. Donald Grayston (standing). RIGHT Bishop Melissa tells the story of the 9-year-old acolyte. PHOTOS Courtesy of Mary Dickau



Celebratory cake. PHOTO Courtesy of Mary Dickau





# Ever Singing Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral

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different avocations. Combined with the personnel of the Cathedral Choir the total was in excess of 70 singers.

Thanks to grace of the Holy Spirit, the Cathedral's former Organist/Director of Music from 1975–1985, Patrick Wedd, currently Director of Music at Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal was in Vancouver the previous weekend performing a recital. At the invitation of Rupert Lang and the Dean he agreed to stay in the city and participate in *Ever Singing*.

On Saturday morning, November 22nd, the first choristers arrived at the lower level of 690 Burrard Street at about 9:15 am and by 10 am they were in the nave to begin a two hour rehearsal. Prior to the rehearsal, Dean Elliott and Rupert Lang addressed the group. The dean gave a brief address covering some of the highlights of the Cathedral's 125 year history and Rupert explained how the idea for *Ever Singing* developed. He closed his remarks by expressing his gratitude for the commitment and hard work of Moria, Bruce and Heather and his appreciation for the presence and involvement of Patrick Wedd.

Seated in the nave, and divided into sections, the choir under the direction of Rupert Lang with Patrick Wedd at the organ sang through the first hymn, *Angel Voices*, *Ever Singing* with a reharmonization and descant composed by Patrick Wedd. The rehearsal sounded great and everyone present knew that they were going to experience something very special.

By 2:30 pm on Sunday, November 23rd the nave of CCC began to fill with choristers and congregation. By 3 pm the choir moved into place on the chancel platform facing the near capacity congregation. Patrick Wedd rose and took his place in front of the choir and raised his arms to begin the Introit, *O Send Out Thy Light* composed by Frederick Chubb who was organist and choirmaster from 1912–1946. During the singing of the piece the clergy and servers processed in, among them the guest preacher for the service, the Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll, the former Dean and Rector of CCC, 1968–1982.

The repertoire for the liturgy consisted of the aforementioned, *O Send Out Thy Light* and *Angel Voices*, *Ever Singing* plus: Paul Halley's *Responses*; Rupert Lang's, *Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis*; C.V. Stanford's setting of *Psalms 150*; the perennial Christ Church Cathedral favourite, Edgar L. Bainton's *And I Saw a New Heaven*; concluding with the hymn, *When in Our Music, God is Glorified* with a descant written by Patrick Wedd. There was also a good helping of organ music beginning with St. Mary's, Kerrisdale's Susan Ohannesian presenting a prelude consisting of Paul Ohannesian's *Down Apney* and Ralph Vaughn Williams's *Rhosymedre*. Patrick Wedd and Ryerson United's Organist, Bryn Nixon ended the music in worship with the postlude, a four handed performance of Mozart's *Fantasie in F Minor*.

But the *Ever Singing* Evensong was not just about singing, the spoken word was also well represented in the person of the preacher Herbert O'Driscoll. Canon O'Driscoll is a renowned homilist and he did not disappoint. In a varied and often hilarious address he covered a lot of history, concerning music, CCC, and music at CCC. He began by saying how much he appreciated being asked to be involved in the event and he shared the thoughts that had gone through his mind as he travelled from his home in Victoria, particularly about how he is the "oldest living dean" of CCC and the acronym that the first letters of that phrase create. This was met by hearty laughter, the first of much audible mirth during the 20 minutes of his address. He then put together a very solid case for why he is indeed the correct choice to give the address at the 125th Anniversary Evensong. In 1968, he succeeded the Very Rev. Northcote Burke (1953–1968) who died during incumbency. During his years as rector of a parish in the Diocese of Calgary, Canon O'Driscoll had as a parishioner the Very Rev. Cecil Swanson (1940–1953) and he had met the Very Rev. Ramsay Armitage (1936–1940), which quite rightly connects him with CCC from 1936–2014, a large chunk of Christ Church's 125 year history.

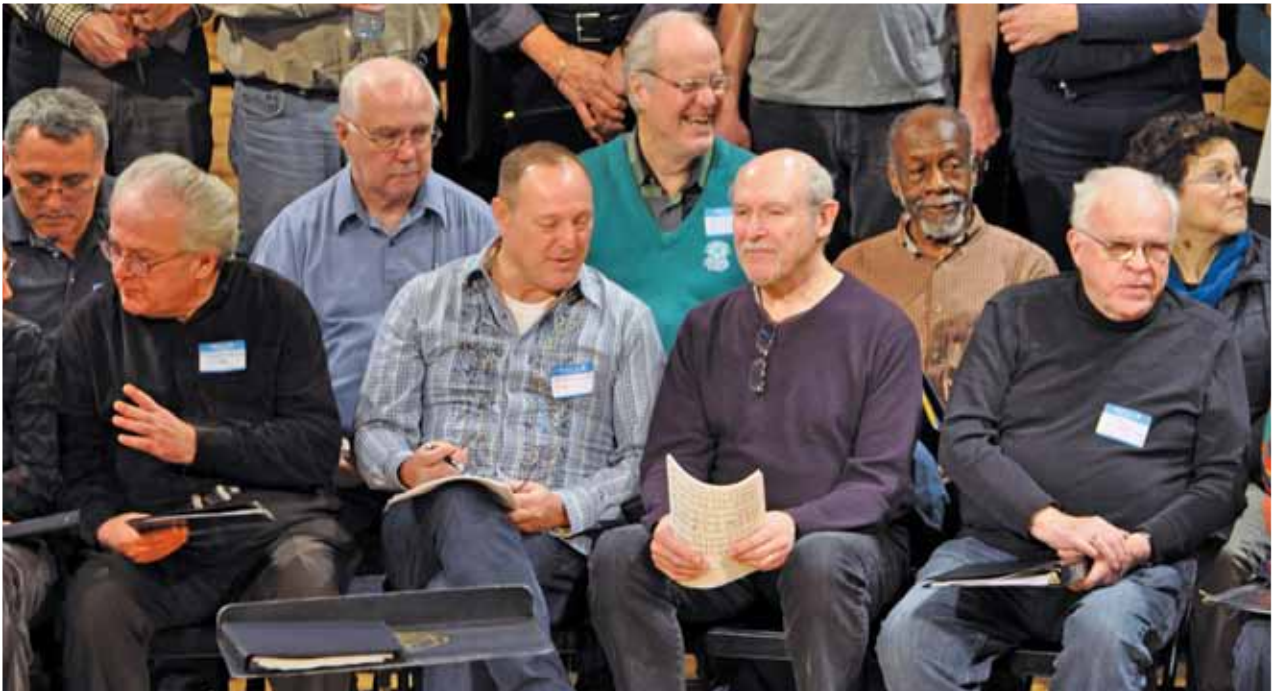
Canon O'Driscoll then led the congregation through an arithmetic lesson where he added up the volunteer hours that an average choir of 24 would contribute over 125 years just singing on Sundays and rehearsing on Thursday nights which came out to roughly 600,000 hours and then he added festival times of the year and special services; Advent, Christmas, Holy Week, ordinations, diocesan events, weddings and funerals, ending up with a figure in the neighbourhood of 750,000 hours or 87 years.

Next he listed his four most memorable moments at the Cathedral involving music in worship, organists and choirs, and they weren't what most of the people gathered in the nave at the Cathedral expected.

Rupert conducts *Angel Voices*. PHOTO Randy Murray



The choristers take their place for rehearsal, meet with old friends and make new friends. PHOTO Randy Murray



- Number one was that September Sunday in 1970 when an enthusiastic group of CCC youth fresh from a summer on the staff of the Sorrento Lay Training Centre led the music at the 9:30 am service armed with guitars and opening with a hearty rendition of Les Garret's 1967 version of the hymn, *This is the Day*. Canon O'Driscoll knew then that a change was in the wind.
- Number two took place during a service for a convention of British Empire medical professionals. The organist at CCC decided he would play a segue whilst the preacher for the liturgy who happened to be Archbishop David Somerville made his way to the pulpit. The organist was unaware that the hymn tune he was *noodling* was shared by a very rude song well-known to British schoolboys of the Public School set about the lack of any discernable qualities of the person that the song lyrics described. Archbishop David likely knew the song as well and knew exactly why the congregation was giggling.
- Number three involved a sermon he was preaching on a day when a "very important person" was in the congregation. He was preaching about Wagner's *Tannhauser*, how, in that opera the strings and brass take different roles: in an effort to help the congregation understand this, Herb sang the tune: Patrick Wedd, organist at the time, spontaneously played the theme from *Tannhauser* on the organ — the VIP thought it a very effective presentation. On Sunday, November 23rd, Patrick Wedd upstairs in the organ loft began playing the same theme while Canon O'Driscoll was telling the story and again the congregation broke out in loud laughter.
- Number four had to do with another of the special guests at the *Ever Singing* liturgy, the Very Rev. Robert (Bob) Pynn. In 1971, Bob was the Associate Priest and he went to then-Dean and Rector, Herbert O'Driscoll and said that although they had done "Folk Masses" they should go further, he wanted to celebrate a "Rock Mass." The former dean admitted that he kind of fobbed his colleague off by saying he'd think about it but he did soon after acquiesce and give Bob permission to go ahead as long as he

had the energy to oversee the project. The Rock Masses began at CCC on Sunday afternoons and they were a huge success. Canon O'Driscoll remembered that the first time he bravely went upstairs to the sanctuary all he could see was hair. In subsequent weeks the Rock Mass participants started dancing in the aisles and downstairs in the Cathedral offices he would look up at the ceiling as it shivered and shook.

Following the sermon and the anthem, the Very Rev. Robert Pynn offered memorial prayers. He read a list of names submitted to the organizing committee of choristers who had died.

Following worship there was a celebratory reception downstairs in the hall with delicious snacks served by smartly dressed male members of CCC's welcoming teams.

The feeling of family, of being part of something greater that was generated on that late November afternoon at CCC is best summed up in Dean Peter Elliott's welcome notes printed on the back page of the service bulletin featuring the thoughts of then-Priest Associate Bob Pynn:

"With former clergy Robert Pynn and Herbert O'Driscoll present, this afternoon's service not only celebrates the beauty of Anglican choral music but also the friendships engendered by this place, described, in 1976 by then Priest Associate Bob Pynn as '... a centre at the point of intersection for the many persons, concerns and needs which come and go. A centre has not fixed boundaries, not doctrinaire standards of exclusion or inclusion. The centre is a place of gathering together, of meeting, of forgiveness, of celebration and of sending forth. It is a place in which the love of God is encountered, increased and detonated among persons and groups.' Long may this centre flourish! Long may the music cherished by generations of Anglicans be heard here and resound to the Glory of God!" ♦

*More photos from Ever Singing Evensong on the following pages...*









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## Ever Singing Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral

*"My grandmother took me to church on Sunday all day long,  
every Sunday into the night.  
Then Monday evening was the missionary meeting.  
Tuesday evening was the usher's board meeting.  
Wednesday evening was prayer meeting.  
Thursday evening we would visit the sick.  
Friday evening was choir practice.  
And at all those gatherings, we sang."*

Maya Angelou

1. The full choir listens to instructions at the rehearsal.
2. Patrick Wedd conducts the introit with choir alumnus, alto Lesley Bauming.
3. Choristers singing the Stanford Psalm 150.
4. The Dean at the ambo for the blessing as the choir finishes the closing hymn.
5. Rupert conducts the responses.
6. The Very Rev. Bob Pynn offers the memorials for choristers who had died.
7. Clergy procession.
8. The Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll.
9. The rehearsal begins.
10. Patrick Wedd puts the KJ organ through its paces.
11. Choristers relax prior to the beginning of the service.
12. The choir is in place ready to begin the service.

PHOTOS Randy Murray



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# Exploring the Gospel of Mark

## A Clergy Half-Day at St. Catherine's, Capilano

The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B began on Advent I, November 30th, 2014. For those denominations that follow the Common Lectionary, that Sunday was considered to be the Church's New Year's Day. Year B will include a good portion of Mark's gospel (slightly less than half) and Bishop Melissa Skelton wanted to offer diocesan clergy the opportunity of an "exploration" session in order to help them develop their sermon content for the coming year.

The half-day study got underway with coffee at 9 am on Thursday, November 18th at St. Catherine's, Capilano in North Vancouver's Edgemont Village neighbourhood. The three principals leading the session were: the Rev. Dr. Angus Stuart, rector of St. Francis-in-the-Wood, Caulfeild; Dr. Steve Black, adjunct professor at Vancouver School of Theology (VST); and the Rt. Rev. Jim Cruickshank, retired Bishop of the former Diocese of Cariboo, former Dean of Christ Church Cathedral and former Chancellor of VST.

Dr. Angus Stuart regularly performs the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) text of Mark's gospel from memory in a presentation titled, *Testament of a Naked Man*. His role in the exploration session was to recite selected passages from Mark and also take an active role in the analysis and facilitated discussions. Dr. Black was the principal facilitator as he led the analysis of each section following Dr. Stuart's recitation of the selected text. Bishop Cruickshank began the morning with a brief overview of Mark's gospel (his favourite) that set the tone for the morning.

There were 35 to 40 diocesan clergy gathered (deacons and priests) at St. Catherine's and they listened carefully and participated in the discussion of selected passages from Mark, chosen for study and analysis.

In a brief set of opening remarks, Bishop Jim Cruickshank imparted a great deal of wisdom about these texts. He said that Mark begins in a very different way. Mark presents his history as if the reader has no knowledge of Christ's death and resurrection "as it hasn't happened yet." The characters of Mark's gospel fall mostly into three categories referred to by the Bishop as: *good guys*, *bad guys* and *supplicants*. In Mark, the disciples are the "bad guys" and the supplicants (the religious people of the day) are the "good guys." This is certainly different from Matthew's gospel where it is the other way around. Regarding the interpretation concerning the disciples in Mark's gospel Bishop Jim summarized saying "the preacher's task is to somehow explain that group of people who just don't get it."

For Bishop Jim, Jesus' self-definition and the self-realization of his destiny are principal components of the text. Mark's gospel "points us to the Cross where we are cleansed of sin and directed to new life." The Bishop also pointed out that whenever there is something particularly noteworthy in the narrative it is repeated three times.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Steve Black agreed with Bishop Jim about the category of characters but added that there are two other important characters, *the narrator* and *the reader*. Much information is offered by the narrator in the opening chapters, "Christ is not mentioned until Chapter 8. Mark's gospel does not begin with the birth, there is no Christmas narrative, no virgin birth. Jesus becomes 'Christ' at baptism."

The Gospel of Mark is a pivotal and important component of our faith and the time spent by clergy on November 18th will be of great benefit over the coming 12 months. ✠

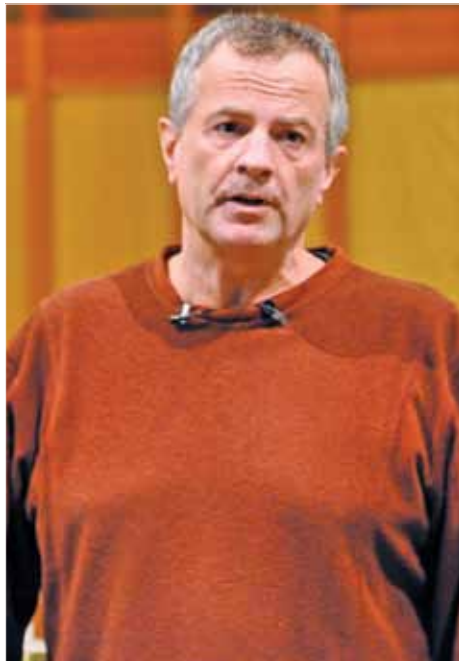
Bishop Jim on the right listens as the Rev. Dr. Angus Stuart recites *Mark 4: 1 – 25*. PHOTO Randy Murray



A segment of the clergy present, take notes during the "Exploration." PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT The Rev. Dr. Angus Stuart regularly performs a contemporary dramatic performance of Mark's Gospel entitled *Testament of a Naked Man*. MIDDLE Dr. Steve Black during his opening remarks. RIGHT Bishop Jim Cruickshank advised those present to pay very careful attention if something is mentioned three times in Mark's Gospel. PHOTOS Randy Murray





# To Faithfully Carry Out the Work of God

## The 6th Annual Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

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The New Members of the ODNW invested November 2nd, 2014, with Archbishop Michael Peers and Bishop Melissa Skelton. PHOTO Wayne Chose

The 6th Annual Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) took place within the Celebration of Eucharist on Sunday, November 2nd, at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral. Forty-six of the fifty-one new members were present to receive the ODNW in the presence of their friends, family, clergy and peers.

This was the first Investiture Eucharist celebrated by the current Bishop of New Westminster, the Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton who was at this point exactly one day into the ninth month of her episcopate. One of the happy tasks that the Bishop performs at this worship event is to congratulate each new member as they walk across the chancel entrance platform following the reading of their Citation and wearing for the first time the medal and ribbon of the ODNW. It was obvious for even the casual observer to see that the Bishop was delighted to welcome each new member and the fondness that she expressed in her face, handshake and embrace told the story of her sincere appreciation for the commitment and service of these elders and leaders of our church, these contemporary "Saints."

As has become tradition, the dean of the diocese and rector of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Peter Elliott welcomed the capacity congregation to the liturgy. He asked that all the current members of the ODNW present that afternoon stand and be recognized which produced a burst of applause. He then quipped, "in the fullness of time only ODNW members will be able to fit in here," making reference to the limited space in the 750+ seat church.

The preacher at the Eucharist was the former Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada from 1986–2004, the Most Rev. Michael Peers. At 80 years of age, the Archbishop remains an excellent speaker. He began his sermon with a bit of biography, informing the congregation that he was born in Vancouver, baptized at St. Alban, Burnaby, confirmed at St. Helen, Point Grey and like many others immediately left the church. It was while completing undergraduate degrees in languages at the University of British Columbia in the mid-1950s that his conversion began, leading to his desire to seek ordination.

In his sermon he dealt with the meaning of the word "Order" and how he supports the use of that word as part of the title of the honour that was being conveyed to fifty-one individuals that evening. For context he went back in history to the earliest of the Anglican Church of Canada awards for laity, the Anglican Award of Merit (AAM). This award was established at General Synod in 1967 amid a great storm of protest, as there was a prevalent view that it was too controversial to single out individuals from such a large crowd. So it wasn't awarded to anyone for 20 years until 1987 the second year of Archbishop Peers' primacy when he awarded the AAM for the first time and the controversy went away.

For the next few minutes Archbishop Peers focused on his experience at the 1998 Lambeth Conference when and where the media, specifically the English print media were predicting the end of the Anglican Communion over issues of inclusion and sexuality. The Archbishop was quick to point out that the same media had predicted a dire outcome for the Communion at Lambeth 1988 over the ordination

LEFT The soon to be inducted Hope Sealey of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale reads *Revelation 7: 9 – 17*.

RIGHT Special guest preacher, the former primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev. Michael Peers. PHOTOS Randy Murray



of women to the episcopate. The difference being the way the two Archbishops of Canterbury handled the issues. In 1988, the Archbishop at the time handled things with tact and care and offered hope and encouragement, such was not the case with the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1998.

Toward the end of his address he said, "There is danger in treating the Christian Faith as an exercise in getting it right." It is not in keeping with the prime directive of Christianity to "love our neighbours as ourselves" to dismiss those with whom we do not agree. In closing he said that he is honoured to share the grace of those to be invested who are "models of the church" carrying out the mission to which we are all called as followers of Christ.

This investiture ceremony was a little bit different in 2014, as the Warden of the ODNW, the Hon. Robert Watt, was on vacation in Europe with his wife Alison. It has been the Warden of the Order's task to read the Citations as each new member is invested. In Judge Watt's absence, Dean Peter Elliott and the Rev. Ellen Clark-King, theologian-in-residence at Christ Church Cathedral, read the Citations. This was also the investiture when Judge Watt himself in absentia was invested into the ODNW. The Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of New Westminster, the Ven. Douglas Fenton was in Winnipeg receiving an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from St. John's College, University of Manitoba so the Ven. Ronald Harrison, retired Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese took on the task of



placing the medallions and ribbons on the shoulders of the new members as the Citations were read. Archdeacon Harrison was one of the principal designers of the ODNW in 2008.

Bishop Melissa Skelton was very moved by the experience of this her first Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster. As someone who has come to the Diocese of New Westminster from another diocese in another country she brought a fresh perspective. For the Bishop, the ODNW celebrates the full scope and range of our community of "Saints," for where else would you bestow the same honour on someone (Ms. Helen Tataren) who has dedicated 62 years to the service of her parish and spent decades as the housekeeper of the clergy quarters at St. James' as you would on the former Mayor of the City of Vancouver (Mr. Philip Owen) who has spent decades in service to his parish and his Bishops. There is equivalency in discipleship in the service of the mission of the church and of the message of the gospels.

On Sunday, November 2nd, 2014, fifty-one awards were presented as a way of saying "thank-you" to those who in the words of Dean Peter Elliott, "year after year, faithfully carry out the work of God with creativity, commitment and energy... Of course there are many more people who are deserving of the honour: that's why this service of investiture is an annual event."

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*The following are the Citations as read by  
Dean Peter Elliott and the Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King.*

In the absence of Warden of the Order, the Hon. Judge Robert Watt, ODNW the Rev. Dr. Ellen Clark-King and the Very Rev. Peter Elliott read the Citations. Here Ellen is reading the Citation for Philip Owen, ODNW of St. John's, Shaughnessy.  
PHOTO Randy Murray



**Mr. William Lyall Atkinson**  
*Bishop Hills Memorial Church of St. Mary the Virgin, South Hill*

Bill celebrates 40 years as a parishioner at St. Mary the Virgin this year. During that time he has had many roles, including Treasurer, Church Committee member, sidesperson, founder of the Men's club, and grass cutter. Most recently, he compiled and produced the Parish's 100th anniversary booklet with assistance from family members. ✦

**Mrs. Doreen Barclay**  
*St. Laurence, Coquitlam*

Doreen has been a very active parishioner at St. Laurence for 40 years including membership in the Anglican Church Women of Canada (ACW), the Church Committee and involvement in the Parish's annual fundraising fair, where she and others made highly sought-after gift baskets. In the 1990s she helped raise the funds needed to pay off the mortgage on the new St. Laurence Sanctuary. ✦

**Ms. Helen Elizabeth (Betty) Boland**  
*St. Faith, Vancouver*

Since her arrival at St. Faith's in 2001, Betty's primary role has been as Treasurer where she has spent hours ensuring that the Parish has a firm financial basis from which to undertake its ministry. She is also involved as a member of one of the worship teams and has played a key role in the development of the Community Pastoral Resource Centre. ✦

**Mrs. Janet Brown**  
*St. Philip, Dunbar*

Janet chairs the Pastoral Care Team at St. Philip's, and in addition to her outstanding pastoral skills, uses her nursing background as the parish nurse in the community as well as providing guidance through the medical system. She has also acted as a Healing Prayer Partner, Synod delegate and is active in many lay ministry roles. ✦

**Mrs. Rosemarie Carmen Bundock**  
*St. Anne's, Steveston*

Rosemarie is always willing to assist in worship, and does so with great care and dedication, as Sacristan, intercessor and Eucharistic administrator. She has also been involved on many important Church Committees and has served as the Richmond/Delta Deanery Representative to Diocesan Council. In the 1990s Rosemarie was part of the famous "Pie Ladies" group at St. Anne's. ✦

**Mrs. Pat Burgess**  
*St. Helen's, West Point Grey*

Pat has been a respected and cherished member of the St. Helen's community since the late 1980s. She has devoted herself to ministry in Pastoral care, with 22 years as a pastoral visitor at Purdy Pavilion Extended Care, and appointments as Warden, and participation in three Canonical Committees. Pat continues to be active as a Welcomer and as a particularly wonderful reader. ✦

**Ms. Lynda Marie Catchpole**  
*Christ Church Cathedral*

Lynda has spent a lifetime singing, directing choirs and organizing choir music as Choir Librarian for Christ Church Cathedral, and earlier for St. Mary's, Kerrisdale as well as for the Vancouver Children's Choir. In the summer of 2013, Lynda completed cataloguing the entire music library of the Cathedral, and has now retired from this role after 39 years, hanging up her special "T" shirt given to her by devoted friends and fellow choristers with the special designation, "She Who Must Be Obeyed (SWMBO)." ✦

**Ms. Susan Chortyk**  
*St. Thomas, Vancouver*

Susan's service in the church began when she was just a teenager and continued all her life, serving God through her work on parish committees, on Christian formation through Cursillo and Lenten programs, and in her work on the St. Thomas Columbarium, Canonical Committees, and five successive parish retreats. In addition, Susan has been a diligent and loyal godmother to 8 lucky young people. ✦

**Mrs. Sybil Geraldine Collett**  
*Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster*

Since the early 1970s, Sybil has participated in the life of the parish, taking administrative roles as Warden and on Council. She is an administrator and reader, helps with the printing of the Sunday bulletin, and has coordinated funeral receptions for the past four years. Sybil continues to sing in the church choir and does all the shopping for the Thursday Morning Breakfast Program that is run by Holy Trinity Cathedral. ✦

After being invested into the Order, diocesan treasurer Bob Hardy, ODNW of St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver poses with the Bishop for his photograph.  
PHOTO Randy Murray

**Mrs. Sylvia Kathleen Dawson**  
*St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge*

Like others, Sylvia has been involved in most aspects of parish life for the past many years: Sunday school teacher, choir member, Warden, Synod delegate and fundraiser. Sylvia also has the distinction of assisting in the arrangements for moving the church of St. John the Divine in 1983, which was followed by the construction of the church's lounge and hall later that decade. ✦

**Mrs. Roberta Irene Foxall**  
*St. Hilda's, Sechelt*

Roberta and her husband Garry have faithfully served St. Hilda's in many capacities for the past 48 years. But her greatest gift to the parish is the example of her quiet and steadfast faith and courage through years of medical challenge and experimental treatments. Her presence is a continual example of new life in Christ. ✦

**Ms. Daphne Muriel Francis**  
*Bishop's Nominee (Christ Church Cathedral)*

Daphne has been active at St. John, Shaughnessy and Christ Church Cathedral. She has been a Sunday school teacher, member of the Altar Guild, involved in the refugee programme, coordinator of a noon hour concert series, part of the Healing Prayer and Healing Touch teams, a member of the Church Committee and a coordinator of restoration and fundraising campaigns. She has developed a strong interest in how caring communities and their leaders refresh and renew themselves. ✦

The Ven. Ronald Harrison retired Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese places the ribbon and medallion on Doreen Barclay of St. Laurence, Coquitlam. PHOTO Randy Murray



**Mrs. Donna Goldstone**  
*St. Thomas, Chilliwack*

Life for Donna at St. Thomas, Chilliwack has ranged from membership in the Liturgy Committee to taking youth on camping trips with her husband Don. Recently, she has embodied Christ's commandments in her devotion to feeding the homeless and hungry people of the area, through the preparation of packaged meals as well as managing the Soup Kitchen, which runs every Saturday afternoon. ✦

**Mrs. Valerie Ann Hampton**  
*St. Michael, Surrey*

Valerie's involvement in St. Michael's encompasses a weekly, now bi-weekly hot dish program for homeless and hungry people, as well as active participation in many other aspects of parish life. She volunteers her time to assist people who need help with shopping, or medical appointments, and has visited and supported those in hospital and in care facilities. ✦

**Mrs. Jill Hanney**  
*St. Clement, North Vancouver*

For 40 years, Jill has been involved in parish leadership at St. Clement's, in administration, worship leadership, and as a wonderfully welcoming presence to newcomers — old and young. Her service to the wider community includes volunteering for Sharing Abundance community meals, refugee support, and planning the annual ecumenical World Day of Prayer. ✦

**Mr. Robert (Bob) David Hardy**  
*St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver • Bishop's Nominee*

Bob has been a lifelong member of the parish of St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver. He has been a member of the Junior Choir, sidesperson, acting caretaker and grass cutter, reviewer of annual financial statements, a member of church council, offering counter, Treasurer, and a delegate to Synod. In 2012 he became a member of the Finance Committee of the Diocese, and at Synod in 2013 and 2014 he was elected and re-elected to the office of Treasurer of the Diocese. ✦

**Mrs. Claudette Hayward**  
*All Saints, Ladner*

Claudette has been the driving force in the development of Parish Health Ministry at All Saints, Ladner and in the wider diocese. Having taken the Parish Nurse course, and the Healing Touch program, Claudette with other members of All Saints and Ladner United Church helped establish Healing Touch as a joint ministry between the two churches. ✦



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An animated Peter Kidd, ODNW poses for his photograph. PHOTO Randy Murray



**Ms. Theresa (Teri) Hazelton**  
*Formerly, St. Margaret of Scotland, Burnaby; currently, St. John the Apostle, Port Moody • Bishop's Nominee*

After years of service in every conceivable aspect of the life of her church, including being on the committee that started Abbeyfield and serving on its Board, Teri has been instrumental in the merger process between St. Margaret's and St. John the Apostle, Port Moody, and now serves on the Parish Council of the new St. John's. ✦

**Mrs. Virginia Gail Jennings**  
*All Saints, Agassiz*

During a time of personal loss and parish instability, Virginia became the Bishop's Warden for All Saints and handled all manner of challenges. In 2009, she and her Warden partner, the late Josie Browning, together, were instrumental in developing a team, which has successfully restored and renovated the parish church and hall. For many, Virginia is the face of All Saints in the villages of Agassiz and Harrison. ✦

**Mrs. Hales Jones**  
*All Saints, South Burnaby*

Since coming to All Saints, South Burnaby 28 years ago, Hales Jones has held virtually every leadership position within the Parish, including being active in the recent Ministry Assessment Process. Hales has also served on several Diocesan Committees including Grants and Loans, Stewardship Development, and the Diocesan Refugee Committee, and has taken a strong leadership role in obtaining a grant to assist Seniors Helping Seniors in Burnaby. ✦

**Mr. Moses Kajoba**  
*St. Michael, Vancouver • Bishop's Nominee*

Moses Kajoba joined St. Michael's over 20 years ago and has played a vital role since 2006 in the transformation and financial recovery of the parish. He is a strong community minded and compassionate individual who worked to develop a charter of racial justice, and generously offers his time and expertise on legal matters for the church and for members of the Filipino community. ✦

**Mr. Peter Erskine Kidd**  
*St. John, Shaughnessy*

Peter has been a member of St. John's for more than 40 years, and has dedicated himself to the maintenance and upkeep of the parish property and grounds, including a lot of hands-on labour such as removing the asphalt coating on all the brick windowsills. Most recently Peter has managed the replacement of the church roof and the landmark cedar cross. ✦

**Mr. Kenneth (Ken) Barry Lindsay**  
*St. Agnes, North Vancouver*

For more than 40 years, Ken has devoted himself to the parish and community of St. Agnes, North Vancouver serving as Warden for three different rectors. In addition, he has provided leadership in many regional and deanery programs, including a seven-year commitment to the Marriage Project, Cursillo, Anglicans in Mission, and more recently, the Deanery Ministry Assessment Process. ✦

**Mr. Carl Victor Markwart**  
*St. Andrew, Langley*

Carl has been at St. Andrew's for 17 years and has served as People's Warden, member of Parish Council and is presently the envelope secretary. Carl has been a huge supporter of Parish Youth programs. He does a lot of behind the scenes work for events, sings in the choir, cuts lawns and keeps equipment running. He gives generously of his skill as an accountant to congregation members — especially seniors. ✦

**Mr. Stewart W. Martin**  
*St. Christopher, West Vancouver*

Since 1954, Stewart Martin has been worshipping at St. Christopher's, and has undertaken many roles in the parish including being a Synod delegate on 12 occasions. In the 1990s Stewart was active with the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship program, working in conjunction with parishioners at Christ Church Cathedral and St. Margaret's Cedar Cottage to help sponsor and settle refugees from the South and Central Americas to Canada. ✦

**Mrs. Margaret Ainslie Moignard**  
*St. Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver*

Ainslie's great contribution to the life and ministry of St. Francis-in-the-Wood has been her longstanding involvement with children, a role she has played for more than 20 years. In her involvement with children Ainslie radiates a quiet and humble joy whether it is in telling a story, teaching a craft at Messy Church, organizing an outdoor game at the church picnic or helping with the Christmas pageant. ✦

**Mrs. Allison Mulligan**  
*St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver*

Allison has maintained an active and dedicated practice of faithfulness, in stewardship, hospitality and caring ministries at St. John's for more than five decades. Her service has evolved over the years as a true "labour of love" and she has contributed countless volunteer hours not only to the Parish, but also to Camp Artaban during the 1980s and 1990s. ✦

Moses Kojoba, ODNW of St. Michael's Multicultural Church, greets Bishop Melissa. PHOTO Wayne Chose



RIGHT Pat Nociar, ODNW has been a member of St. Helen's, Surrey since the 1950s. PHOTO Wayne Chose



Peggy Rockliffe, ODNW greets the Bishop with some help from fellow St. Stephen's, Burnaby parishioner Elaine Renforth. PHOTO Wayne Chose



**Mrs. Ruth Ellen Nichol**  
*St. Mary, Kerrisdale*

Ruth is representative of the many people who are involved in the quiet and vital ministry of prayer and pastoral care. Her careful and dedicated prayer ministry has been a sustaining encouragement to countless people locally and across the world for many years. ✦

**Mrs. Patricia (Pat) Anderson Nociar**  
*St. Helen, Surrey*

Since joining St. Helen's in 1956, Pat has filled many roles — pastoral care, card ministry and baker for sales and teas to name just a few and she brings joy and a sense of humour to every task. Pat is one of those stalwart "pillars of the church" who works tirelessly, mostly behind the scenes, never asking for any recognition for all her years of ministry, but who deeply deserves that recognition. ✦



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**Mr. Philip Walter Owen**  
*St. John, Shaughnessy, Vancouver • Bishop's Nominee*

Philip started his lifelong association with the parish of St. John, Shaughnessy in kindergarten in the original church and parish hall, and later in Cubs and Scouts. He attended the Saturday Night Club at the church, the only place for teenagers of the day to assemble and dance. He was confirmed and married at St. John's, served as Rector's Warden, and was a member of a Canonical Committee. Philip chaired the Bishop's Men, for Archbishop David Somerville. He is currently a Trustee. Many of you will know Philip as "Mayor Owen" given his service as Mayor of Vancouver from 1993 – 2002. ✦

**Mrs. Katherine Claire Pallen**  
*St. George, Fort Langley*

Claire's ministries have had a profound effect on the development of the parish. She is guided by the questions "why am I here, and what is God calling me to do?" And this openness to ministry has led her in many ways including proposing Messy Church for St. George's, and raising the profile of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), to her tremendous community involvement in Girl Guides, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, as well as the Canadian Cancer Society to name just a few. ✦

**Mr. Bernard (Bernie) Poitras**  
*St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam*

Bernie is being recognized for his role as leader and chief cook of the St. Catherine's community luncheon program, known as Paul's Place, which started in 2002 to provide a nutritious lunch and a fellowship opportunity for local low income residents and families. The program has expanded and now regularly serves 120 to 150 people two or three times a month. ✦

**Mrs. Barbara Popham**  
*St. Dunstan, Aldergrove*

Never one to say "no," Barb has participated in a huge range of activities at St. Dunstan's starting in 1986 with membership in and then the Presidency of the Anglican Church Women of Canada (ACW) and progressing through to the present as she mentors a new Warden after serving in that capacity herself for many years. Barb has completed the full four-year Education for Ministry (EFM) course, which now forms an important element of her life as a committed Christian. ✦

**Mrs. Jacqueline Shelley Prendergast**  
*Church of the Epiphany, Surrey*

Shelly and her green thumb arrived at Epiphany 36 years ago — and the parish has been "blossoming" ever since. Her talents are many and she has participated in the prayer and praise and the healing prayers teams, as well as significant administrative assistance with rental groups, paperwork, and most recently with the Diocesan Screening in Faith program. ✦

**Mr. Edwin Luther (Lou) Railton**  
*St. Alban, Burnaby*

Lou and his late wife Rita made St. Alban's their spiritual home over 40 years ago. From the very beginning, Lou used his gifts in engineering, carpentry and electrical to keep St. Alban's sound and safe, and more recently he has taken care of the church's complex sound system. Lou is a person you can count on if anything needs to be done and it's always done with grace and humour. ✦

**Mrs. Mary Riches**  
*St. John the Baptist, Sardis*

Mary Riches has been an active member of St. John's for the past 10 years, enthusiastically contributing in many areas of parish ministry as liturgical coordinator, lay administrator, Altar Guild member, and World Day of Prayer team member to name just a few. She is a true example of servant leadership and ministry. ✦

**Mr. Douglas Stanley Robinson**  
*St. George, Maple Ridge*

Doug has been very active in many aspects of the parish of St. George's since 1988. He was instrumental in the establishment of *Life in the Eucharist*, and the men of the Parish enjoyed his coordination of the Men's Breakfast Group for many years. Doug and his wife Dorene have been deeply involved in parish social and fundraising events where he has performed as an MC extraordinaire. ✦

**Mrs. Margaret (Peggy) Rockliffe**  
*St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby*

Peg has been attending St. Stephen's for over 55 years. She has worked with the Altar Guild, coffee duty, Thrift Shop, bazaars, receptions, and on the prayer chain. She has been a Good Shepherd seeing to her flock. She has touched the lives of hundreds in the parish and beyond. If anyone is in need, Peg is there — to listen, encourage and console. Peggy's doors are always open, literally and figuratively. She is humble, spiritually caring, compassionate and truly selfless. ✦

**Mr. Greg Scott**  
*St. David, Delta*

Greg and his wife Jean joined St. David's in 1972 and were involved in every ministry at St. David's. Greg started and ran the men's group, helped with the youth group, marriage counselling, Alpha, new members, stewardship, the construction of Abbeyfield and was on Parish Council, and has looked after facilities and maintenance. Greg was also instrumental in purchasing a wheelchair accessible van so he could bring seniors to church services.

Greg died in July 2014 and is invested in the ODNW posthumously. ✦

Skilled translator, Michiko Tatchell, ODNW of Holy Cross Japanese-Canadian Anglican Church, Vancouver poses for her photograph. PHOTO Randy Murray



Richard Van Delft, ODNW has for well over a decade facilitated and led the music in worship at the St. Paul's, Vancouver 9:15 am Sunday worship. PHOTO Randy Murray



Susan Chortyk, ODNW of St. Thomas, Vancouver has been active in the parish since her youth and she has also been of invaluable assistance to the diocese thanks to her skills in business. PHOTO Randy Murray



Getting everyone in place for the group photo is always a bit of a challenge but everyone remained in good spirits. Thanks to Bill Atkinson, ODNW of St. Mary the Virgin, South Hill; Ainslie Moignard, ODNW of St. Francis-in-the-Wood, Hales Jones, ODNW of All Saints, South Burnaby, Archbishop Michael Peers and Bishop Melissa Skelton for the warm smiles. PHOTO Randy Murray





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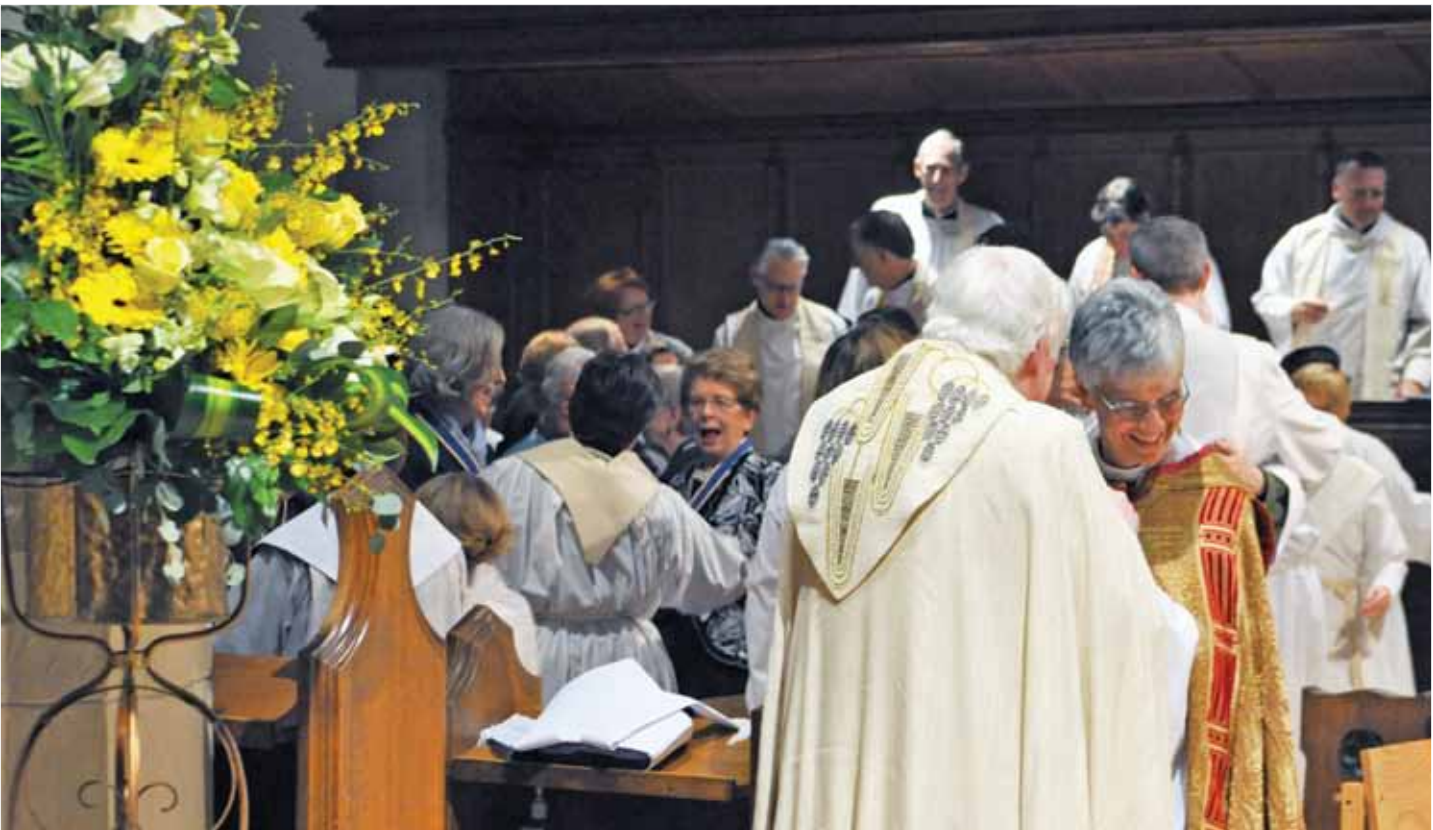
**Ms. Hope Eleanor Sealy**  
*St. Mary, Kerrisdale • Bishop's Nominee*

Hope is an active member of the parish of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale where she is a reader, intercessor and lay administrator. She has served on the Parish Council, a recent selection committee, the Chancel Guild, Worship, Outreach, Stewardship and Finance Committees, and as Associate People's Warden, People's Warden, and Member of Synod. Her interest in the arts led her to arrange, originally for the Deanery of Point Grey and then as a Lenten series at St. Mary's, presentations on *Art-Spirit-Community*. Hope served on the committee that organized the service of Consecration for Bishop Skelton. Many will recognize Hope from her distinguished career as a broadcaster in Canada, Jamaica and the UK. ✦

**Mr. Robert Quintin Sheng**  
*St. Matthias—St. Luke, Vancouver*

Robert and his family moved to Vancouver in 1956, and subsequently joined the parish of St. Luke's. In 1997 he was a member of the Transition Team when St. Luke's and St. Matthias came together on one site. For more than 25 years, Robert has been teaching "Qi Gong" as an Outreach for the community, a practice that aims to balance the body, mind, and spirit through physical exercises. ✦

Archbishop Michael Peers and Bishop Melissa Skelton greet each other during the Peace. PHOTO Randy Murray



Claire Pallen, ODNW of St. George's, Fort Langley is invested with the Order by the Ven. Ronald Harrison. PHOTO Wayne Chose



More organizing of lines for the group photo. Ken Lindsay, ODNW of St. Agnes, North Vancouver offers an encouraging grin. PHOTO Randy Murray



It looks like almost everyone is in place for the 2014 photograph taken by Wayne Chose. PHOTO Randy Murray



**Mrs. Helen Tataren**  
*St. James, Vancouver • Bishop's Nominee*

Helen became a member of the parish of St. James 62 years ago, in 1952. In the mid-1960s she started work as housekeeper to the priests residing in the Clergy House at St. James, a role she continued for twenty years. She has been a tireless member of Women's Guild and the Sanctuary Guild, and still can be found every Saturday morning in the sacristy using her needlework skills keeping the church's vestments in good repair. Helen is known for her regular attendance at High Mass, even when others are immobilized by Vancouver's odd snowstorms. Her deep faith and long and humble life of worship and service at St. James are a shining example to all who know her. ✦

**Mr. Gregory (Greg) Tatchell**  
*St. Michael, Vancouver*

Greg came to St. Michael's originally as an intern from Vancouver School of Theology (VST). Over the years, he has helped the parish move to a more sustainable and stable financial status and currently chairs the Financial and Strategic Planning Committee 2018. Greg's ministry focuses on multi-cultural ministries, racism, and the beauty of working together for the church and for God's glory. ✦

**Mrs. Michiko Tatchell**  
*Holy Cross Japanese Canadian Church, Vancouver*

Michiko has been a long-time faithful contributing member of Holy Cross. She was one of the founding members of the Japanese Canadian/Vancouver Consultative Council, which was established to investigate the fate of the Japanese Anglican churches during and after the Second World War. In addition to this work she participates in the work of Holy Cross, including preparing bulletins in both English and Japanese, and translating sermons for visiting clergy. ✦

**Mr. Richard Pieter Van Delft**  
*St. Paul's, Vancouver*

Richard has been the chair of the Church Committee for the last ten years having started attending St. Paul's in 1988. He facilitates the Sunday 9:15 am service — choosing and leading the music *a capella*. His responsibilities range from two successful Canonical committees and the discernment and calling of a parishioner to the priesthood, to arranging and organizing an Eastertide Passion play with parishioners, as well as producing "Crepes Tuesday," an alternative Shrove Tuesday event. ✦

**Mr. Paul Wagler**  
*Holy Trinity, Vancouver*

Paul has been involved in many aspects of parish life at Holy Trinity. These include house groups, teaching Sunday School, choir, lay preaching and planning for the continuing growth of the parish by chairing the building committee which eventually oversaw the parish move to its present location at 12th and Hemlock. He has served as a Warden, Synod Delegate and Diocese Council member and is committed to the parish and its future growth. ✦

**Mr. Richard Whiteside**  
*St. Martin's, North Vancouver*

Richard's involvement in the Anglican Church has been largely focused on his love of music and his dedication to choral music. After an early career as a boy soprano at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale, Richard sang in choirs in: St. Paul's, West End; St. Helen's, West Point Grey; St. Catherine's, North Vancouver; and for the last 47 years at St. Martin's in North Vancouver. ✦

**Mr. Frank Alexander Rutherford Willis**  
*St. Catherine, Capilano*

Since 1960 Frank and his wife Mary Anna have been committed and involved in the life of St. Catherine's. As Rector's Warden Frank chaired a Canonical committee. As chair of Buildings and Grounds he devoted hundreds of hours to the maintenance of the church property, and in his "spare time" he has used his woodworking skills to make several lovely items in constant use at the church, including two beautiful oak lecterns and the sign that announces the church's presence in the community. ✦

**Mrs. Elaine Young**  
*Christ Church Cathedral • Bishop's Nominee*

Elaine has held leadership roles in the Diocese of New Westminster and at Christ Church Cathedral since 1990. She served on the Diocesan Christian Education Unit, and the Hospice Unit during which time she organized a hospice education conference. At the Cathedral she was coordinator of Newcomer Ministry and the Welcoming Teams as well as serving on the Parish Council, the Cathedral Corporation, and acting as a Trustee. ✦

*Congratulations  
to all of the new members  
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# Nurturing the Next Generation of Faithful Anglicans

The region where the Diocese of New Westminster is situated is a growing, diverse population with increasing numbers of children and youth. It is one of the most ethnically and linguistically diverse areas in Canada with more than 50% of the population speaking a language other than English in their homes. Of the approximately 2.6 million people living within the diocese’s geographic bounds, 22% are children and youth under 19 years old. The 2011 Census notes that in our area, the number of toddlers (0–4 years) is on the rise, showing the largest increase in numbers since the 1956–1961 period.

This represents an exciting opportunity for the parishes within our diocese. On average, about 15% of each parish’s members are children and youth under 19. Parish leaders want to immediately respond to the growing populations of children and youth and their families. They need increased support, including training and program resources, so that parishes can offer quality Christian formation opportunities for children and youth.

In June 2014, in response to these needs, Diocesan Council created a full time Children & Youth Ministries Program and has hired a Coordinator. Funding has been allocated for 2014 and 2015; however, additional resources are needed to continue in 2016 and 2017. Funding is also needed for diocesan level training and supportive, sustainable program materials for parishes as they serve families with children and youth.

Serving families with children and youth is a key part of Diocesan Council’s parish development strategy. This approach extends and strengthens existing ministries, empowers new ministries at the parish level, and coordinates communications that support Christian formation among children and youth across the diocese. Leadership opportunities will be developed for children and youth, and those who minister with them. Parishes will nurture the next generation of faithful Anglicans in the diocese.

Sustainable programs will be developed or purchased and implemented to serve the Christian formation and spiritual needs of families with children and youth. Parishes will be equipped to attract families with children and youth and incorporate them into parish life.

Many of our parishes are already welcoming new Canadians and recent immigrants, recognizing the increased linguistic and ethnic diversity this brings to our diocese. In addressing the needs of these children, youth, and their families, there is a need to ensure that program materials

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DONATION GUIDE TABLE

Month	Year	3 Years	Tax Credit	Actual
\$30	\$360	\$1,080	\$472	\$608
\$40	\$480	\$1,440	\$629	\$811
\$50	\$600	\$1,800	\$787	\$1,013
\$60	\$720	\$2,160	\$944	\$1,216
\$70	\$840	\$2,520	\$1,101	\$1,419
\$80	\$960	\$2,880	\$1,259	\$1,621
\$90	\$1,080	\$3,240	\$1,416	\$1,824
\$100	\$1,200	\$3,600	\$1,573	\$2,027
\$110	\$1,320	\$3,960	\$1,731	\$2,229
\$120	\$1,440	\$4,320	\$1,888	\$2,432
\$130	\$1,560	\$4,680	\$2,045	\$2,635
\$140	\$1,680	\$5,040	\$2,202	\$2,838
\$150	\$1,800	\$5,400	\$2,360	\$3,040

are available in languages other than English and that they are appropriate cross-culturally.

The overall cost for this program to enhance the ability of our diocese and its parishes to serve families with children and youth is \$100,000 per year through 2017. Money to develop or purchase program materials such as grants for Sunday School materials for children, youth training and family resources are needed. These resources will support teachers and leaders and volunteers in parishes at an estimated cost of \$18,000 over three years.

The diocese invites your financial support to strengthen the capacity of our diocese and its parishes to serve families with children and youth through 2017. You are encouraged to consider a significant gift and **pledge it** over three years. The Donation Guide Table may assist you in choosing a monthly amount to invest in the Children and Youth Program. For some of you, there are gift planning strategies that could help you make a larger gift immediately (such as Gift Plus Annuities or gifts of appreciated securities). All donations qualify for a charitable tax receipt, which generates a tax credit that may provide you with a tax-saving, depending on your personal tax situation.

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## OPINION

### A Reflection on Science and Ministry

GREG KENNELLY

Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW), Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster

For many years, I have been aware that there are a number of people in the diocese who, like myself, have combined life in the scientific community with a life of lay ministry. The publication in the September 2014 issue of *Topic* of the article *Reflections on Joining the Society of Ordained Scientists*, by the Rev. Dr. Marilyn Hames pointed out that there are also a significant number of individuals worldwide who have combined a scientific background with ordained ministry! Investigating further, a *Google* search provided the information that there are currently 175 individuals listed in the roster of the Society of Ordained Scientists, of whom 105 are full members (ordained individuals with scientific credentials) and 70 are associates (individuals with scientific credentials, active in ministry, but not ordained). All, to quote the Society's website ([www.ordained-scientists.wordpress.com](http://www.ordained-scientists.wordpress.com)), are involved in a ministry which, "brings faith to the scientific community, science to the church, and both to the general public."

My formal introduction to the concept of a life combining science and ministry came approximately 15 years ago when, at the suggestion of Archbishop David Crawley, I attended a week long course at Sorrento Centre entitled *Science and Religion*. Archbishop David said he believed I would find the course "stimulating, both intellectually and theologically" and he was correct! During the course, presented by the Rev. Dr. W. Mark Richardson, professor of theology at the General Theological Seminary in New York (currently the Very Rev. W. Mark Richardson, PhD, President and Dean, Church Divinity School of the Pacific, Berkeley, California), we studied publications by several noted theologians who were exploring the relationship between science and theology, including the Rev. Dr. John C. Polkinghorne, Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) and Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS) and the Rev. Dr. Nancey Murphy, to name two.

Polkinghorne has written numerous



The Rev. Dr. Lucas Mix, Warden of the North American Province, Society of Ordained Scientists.  
PHOTO Courtesy of the Rev. Dr. Lucas Mix

books on the subject, including: *Science and Theology: An Introduction*; *The Faith of a Physicist*, *Quantum Physics and Theology*; *Science and Religion in Quest of Truth*; *Faith, Science and Understanding*; and many others.

Murphy is also a prolific author and in her first book, *Theology in the Age of Scientific Reasoning*, she described a "tree of knowledge," which particularly resonated with me. The roots and main trunk were the science of physics, which branched out into the remaining basic sciences on one side and social sciences on the other side. The various sub-specialties of these "root" sciences formed the outer branches of the tree and, above the outer branches of the tree was theology to answer the "boundary condition" questions, which the pure and applied sciences could not answer! The landing of a probe on the surface of a comet on November 12th, 2014, holds

the potential of providing information which could expand the current "sphere of scientific knowledge" and, from a Christian perspective, this holds the hope of opening our eyes wider to the immensity of the mystery and glory of God!

For those interested in further exploration of the relationship between science and

ministry, the Rev. Dr. Lucas Mix, Warden for the North American Province, Society of Ordained Scientists, will be in Vancouver on January 10th and 11th, 2015 and will be presenting a public lecture and discussion at Christ Church Cathedral on January 10th. Please call the Cathedral at 604.682.3848 for more details. ✠






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## GROWING COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

### The Role of the Parish in the Future of the Church

RUTH MONETTE

Director for Ministry & Mission Development, Diocese of New Westminster

Sometimes it feels as if religious life in North America is changing so dramatically, so quickly, so thoroughly that the very idea of "a parish" won't make it another generation. There are people who think we, the church, will just wither and die. There are thinkers and writers, priests and lay leaders, who have spent much of the past decades trying to guess what we'll look like in fifty years. There are some who think the medieval models of monastic life will become, again, a greater influence. There are those who think virtual church online will supplant all in-person gatherings. There are those who think we'll return to the early church's model of meeting primarily in people's homes. I've seen these speculations and experiments called everything from "church plants" to "missional communities" to "fresh expressions" to "new monastic groups."

Even when we call them something else, though, we're really talking about the same thing. We are talking about organized groups of Christians, within a particular

locality, who gather to worship, to pray, to study, to learn, to serve, to live out the Gospel in the world, and to be in community together. And in every speculation on "The Future of the Church" that I've ever seen, those activities continue to happen. I think that's because those are the core activities of being Christians. So we'll be doing those things until the Kingdom comes in all its fullness.

It's how we learn who we are as Christians and how we take belief and let it live into our very being—we worship, we study, we hang out together, we figure out ways to make our faith real and true in our world. We might do that in our current buildings with our current ways of structuring things or we might do it in coffee shops and parks and living rooms all organized with as-yet-undeveloped technology that helps us connect and tell our stories.

My guess is that we'll do that, at least in part, in face-to-face groups gathered somewhat locally, with some pattern of regularity. Because we human beings seem

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to need to be together in one place. Because the sacraments require touch and taste (and are aided by the other senses too). And because being together makes it easier to do the things that make us church—the gathering as the Body of Christ; the being open to transformation through study and learning, worship and prayer, service and action, and the life of community; and the sending of the people back out into the world to be the Body of Christ at work, at

school, at play, at home.

It's because of the centrality to parish life in being Christian that it's worthwhile to put our energy into strengthening our parishes. For me, at least, parish development isn't about institutional preservation, but about proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and deepening the practice of the faith. And from generation to generation we find ways to do those things. And we do them in parishes. ✠





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From the Diocesan Arts Ministry's production of *The Selfish Giant*.  
The Giant is kicking children out of his garden. PHOTO Alice Ko

We are beginning a time of new exploration and investment in our diocese for ministry among children and young people. It has been over five years since the position of Diocesan Youth Coordinator was first introduced. This was an important investment in ministry among young people in the diocese and now we have decided to invest even more along these lines. Last June, after consultation with youth ministers and other stakeholders in youth ministry, Diocesan Council decided to recreate the position of Diocesan Youth Coordinator.

Since 2008, this has been a half time job focussed on working with youth in the diocese. While the precise definition of who qualifies, as youth in the Church is nebulous at best, generally the focus has been on developing ministries with those aged 13 to 25. The positive effects of having a Diocesan staff person concerned with youth ministry have been evident: we have seen more development of sustainable youth ministry in parishes, a growing network of youth ministers and young people in the diocese and an increasing awareness of the needs and concerns of young people throughout the life and activity of the diocese. Diocesan Council has now decided to expand this position to a full time job focussed on ministry among all those under 25.

This half time position has been a great start for ministry with young people, but the creation of the full time position will enable growth in new ways. Firstly, the expansion of the age range to include children better reflects the important connections between children's and youth ministry. In many congregations, this ministry is done by the same people and many programmes for young people are fluid in terms of the age of participants. Junior youth groups often begin with those as young as 9 years of age and some Sunday Schools include those in high school. A

new staff position concerned with ministry among children and youth will be able to better explore the relationship between children's and youth ministries and help parishes to consider the whole arc of faith development to encourage discipleship and spiritual growth through every stage of a person's life.

There are so many questions about the life of our Church that emerge when we consider children's ministries. What roles could the Church have in the lives and spiritual development of children? How do we engage babies and toddlers and children of all ages in the ministries of the Church? How are the infants we baptize sharing in Christ's eternal priesthood? How are we engaging in children's ministries when there are no children in worship on a Sunday morning? How do people of different ages and generations relate to one another and engage in ministry together?

This last question is one of my personal favourites largely because as a child and a teenager in the Church, my most important relationships, the ones that marked my faith journey, were with people who were not the same age as me. But it is also an important question to me because in youth and family ministry, I often see the effects of the broken relationships between generations in the Church. Last spring, I had the opportunity to explore this through musical theatre in the Diocesan Arts Ministry's presentation of *The Selfish Giant* at St Philip's.

*The Selfish Giant* is a relatively unknown short story for children by the well-known Irish poet and playwright Oscar Wilde. The story is set in the giant's beautiful garden. Upon his return from a prolonged absence, the giant finds a group of children happily playing in his garden. He promptly ejects them and puts up a high wall to keep such trespassers out. Because of his selfishness, his garden

becomes the sole domain of the North Wind, Snow, Frost and Hail who delight in a garden free of children and their dreadful playing.

But at this point, our musical adds to the original short story; the Giant, cold and alone sings about how he prefers his cold, lonely garden. Away from other people, he is safe from the pain caused by broken relationships and lost love. The children, having overheard his song, begin to understand that what appears to be anger and selfishness is really a product of his own fear and pain. So they decide that the giant and the garden both need them—need their love and their laughter—and they sneak back in. With the return of the children, the Giant too is transformed and his frozen heart melts. He welcomes the children back into his garden and knocks down the walls that kept them out. Together they sing:

"We are one, flowers of one garden, we're one, leaves of one tree, let the walls come down, stand here together we are one family."

This is our story. It is about the divisions and walls between generations in the Church: children and young people who feel excluded and alienated; adults and seniors who feel abandoned and irrelevant. This story is about transformation. The kind that God accomplishes in our hearts when we care for each other; when we listen and understand the feelings behind one another's actions and words even when they are hurtful. It is about how God is present when people of all ages come together in the Church as the body of the Risen Christ. Christ who began his ministry as God among us as the infant Jesus. As we explore the future of children's ministry in our parishes and our diocese, we are working to better include those of every generation in whom God's image is present. ✚

LEFT Children and adults engaged in conversation during intergenerational worship. PHOTO Caitlin Reilley Beck RIGHT Children and adults extend a hand in blessing during the commissioning of Church School teachers. PHOTO Courtesy of Caitlin Reilley Beck



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