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The newly ordained: the Ven. Douglas Fenton, DD; the Rev. Hyok Kim; the Rev. Marion Wong; the Rev. Mark Munn; the Rev. Ross Bliss; Bishop Skelton; the Rev. Lucy Price; the Rev. Jeffrey Preiss; the Rev. Ron Berezan; the Rev. Sharon Smith; and the Ven. Bruce Morris.

Saturday morning, June 24, 2017, at 10:30 am the nave and chancel of Christ Church Cathedral were both filled to capacity with clergy and lay participating in a Celebration of the Eucharist—Ordination in the Holy Church of God by the Rt. Rev. Melissa Skelton, Bishop of New Westminster.

Ordained to the Diaconate were: Ronald Berezan and Jeffrey Preiss (Vocational); and Sharon Smith, Marion Wong and Hyok Kim (Transitional).

Ordained to the Priesthood were: Ross Bliss, Lucy Price and Mark Munn.

The Rev. Ron Berezan will begin his ordained ministry as a Vocational Deacon in his home parish of St. David and St. Paul, Powell River, sharing in the ordained leadership of that faith community with vicar, the Rev. Faun Harri-

man; honorary assistants, the Rev. Paula Sampson and the Ven. Ian MacKenzie; and the deacon, the Rev. Stuart Isto.

As of this writing in mid-July, the Rev. Jeffrey Preiss will continue in his placement at St. Michael's (AKA: St. Michael's Multicultural Church), Vancouver (Broadway) with vicar, the Rev. Wilmer Tokoyen and deacon, the Rev. Eric Stroo.

The Rev. Sharon Smith has begun a ½ time placement as assistant curate at St. Agnes, North Vancouver joining the rector, the Ven. Stephen Muir and deacon, the Rev. Lizz Lindsay.

The Rev. Hyok Kim has started his ½ time placement as assistant curate in his home parish of St. Anselm's, Vancouver with the Rev. Alex Wilson.

The Rev. Marion Man Wai Wong will continue her

ministry but now as an ordained Transitional Deacon at the parish of St. Matthias–St. Luke with rector, the Rev. Vivian Lam and deacon, the Rev. Kathy Yeo.

The Rev. Ross Bliss began his life as a priest, July 1 as assistant curate at Christ Church Cathedral, joining rector and dean, the Very Rev. Peter Elliott; priest assistant, the Ven. Philippa Segrave-Pride; the soon to be arriving Cathedral Vicar (assistant to the rector), the Rev. Helen Dunn; the Rev. Marnie Peterson; deacon, the Rev. Alisdair Smith; deacon, the Rev. Dixie Black; and a number of honoraries.

The Rev. Mark Munn continues his curacy at St. Anne's, Steveston with the Rev. Brian Vickers.

The Rev. Lucy Price continues her curacy at St. James' with rector, the Rev. Fr. Kevin Hunt; Street Outreach Ini-

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LEFT Marion Wong signs the Oath in the presence of the Executive Archdeacon the Ven. Douglas Fenton. MIDDLE The laying on of hands. RIGHT Anointing with oil.







The confirmands gather around the altar at Christ Church Cathedral with Bishop Skelton during the pre-liturgical rehearsal. PHOTO Randy Murray



The Presentation and Examination. PHOTO Randy Murray



During the Litany. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Jerry Zhang shares the first reading, *Isaiah 40: 1 – 11*. RIGHT The Ven. Bruce Morris proclaims the Gospel, *Luke 1: 57 – 80*. PHOTOS Randy Murray

## Ordinations • Summer 2017

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tiative priest, the Rev. Fr. Matthew Johnston; honorary assistant, the Rev. Douglas Williams; deacon, the Rev. Joyce Lochter; and honorary deacon, the Rev. Sr. Christian Cross.

In 2016 there were seven ordinations at the June liturgy and this year that number was increased by one.

Bishop Skelton was the preacher and focused on the Gospel, *Luke 1: 57–80* for her text. Bishop Skelton spoke about the story of the birth of John the Baptist in Luke’s Gospel and built on the message that the birth of John is the event that ushers in God’s reign, for it is the precursor of God’s becoming flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. When a child is born we ask, “What in the world will this child become?” We do not know where we will go, what we will be, Bishop Skelton said, “most of these eight ordinands did not see this day coming.” But arriving at this place is as much filled with “surprise as fulfillment and joy.” From this point Bishop Skelton built on the theme of her homily which was, *Here they are!*

Congratulations to all those ordained at this liturgy and please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they grow in their faith and in their service to their communities. ✠

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The full service is available as a live stream archive on YouTube. The service begins at 1 hour and 28 minutes online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxrJ2vjiHdo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lxrJ2vjiHdo).

The Bishop’s sermon is also available as a separate piece at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-06-24-here-they-are](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-06-24-here-they-are).  
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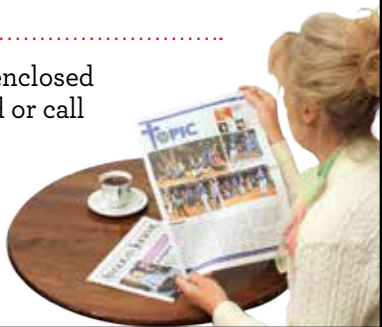
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**Thank you!**





LEFT Sharon Smith signs the Oath in the presence of the Executive Archdeacon the Ven. Douglas Fenton. MIDDLE The Ordinations begin. RIGHT Christ Church Cathedral chorister, Heather Pynn leads the singing of the Litany. PHOTOS Randy Murray



The Rev. Ross Bliss is priested. PHOTO Randy Murray

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The Rev. Mark Munn is priested. PHOTO Randy Murray



The Rev. Lucy Price receives the chalice and paten. PHOTO Randy Murray



A lighthearted version of the group portrait. PHOTO Randy Murray

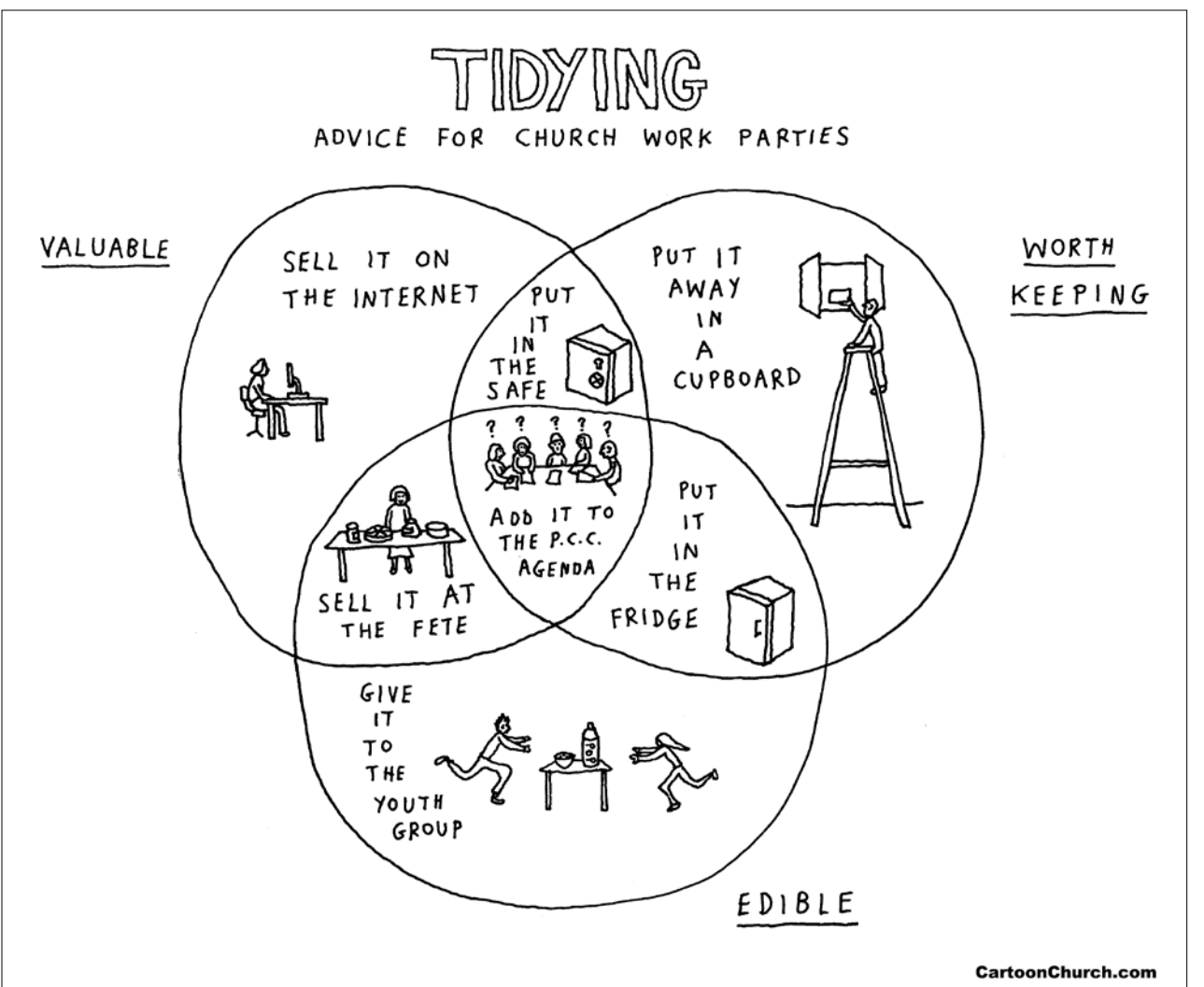


The newly ordained join Bishop Skelton for the Eucharistic Prayer. PHOTO Randy Murray

## THIS MONTH IN TOPIC HISTORY

*From the Diocesan Archives*

- 20 years • 1997** Topic launches its *Life in the Spirit* photo competition — with a \$200 first prize at stake.
- 30 years • 1987** Every parish in the diocese agrees to participate in the new-shared fundraising campaign named Stewards in Action (SIA).
- 45 years • 1972** The Rev. Ernest Willie of Kingcome Inlet is appointed Consultant in Human Rights for the Anglican Church of Canada.





# St. Catherine's, Capilano Pays Tribute to Groundskeeper

ALISON WATT  
St. Catherine's, Capilano

At the 10 am Eucharist at St. Catherine's, Capilano last spring a special presentation was made to Esad (Eso) Ramadanovic who had recently retired as St. Catherine's gardener. Eso was accompanied by his wife Nada Djurovic, their son Bojan, Bojan's wife Hilary, and the newest member of the family 13-month-old Arslan, Eso's grandson.

Many in the parish know Eso and his family, but some may not, so during the presentation it was explained how St. Catherine's and Eso's family connected more than 20 years ago.

The Refugee Committee of St. Catherine's was very active from the time of the Vietnamese boat people, and in 1994, Michael Ashby was the chair of this group. The focus of the committee at the time was to get a young Somali refugee from a refugee camp in Kenya. The Yugoslav civil war had started in 1991 with a short war in Slovenia, then moved to Croatia and reached Bosnia in 1992. The City of Sarajevo, which had hosted the Olympic Games in 1984, was then under siege, the longest and cruellest siege of a capital city in modern history.

The St. Catherine's Refugee Committee was approached by Sacha Pavlovic, a refugee from Yugoslavia, who sought help to sponsor his dear friend Eso Ramadanovic and his family. Eso's son Bojan was in danger of being drafted into the Serbian army, which was holding Sarajevo captive. In November 1994, after months of paperwork and waiting, Nada and 17-year-old Bojan arrived in Vancouver from Belgrade, having fled their home in Sarajevo. Eso had not been able to escape, but stayed with his father in Sarajevo until his father's death in the dreadful winter of 1994-1995. He escaped the grip of the siege through a stroke of luck and travelled out of Sarajevo to Split

in Croatia reuniting with Nada and Bojan in Vancouver in late August 1995.

As with many immigrants and refugees, Eso was unable to establish himself in his

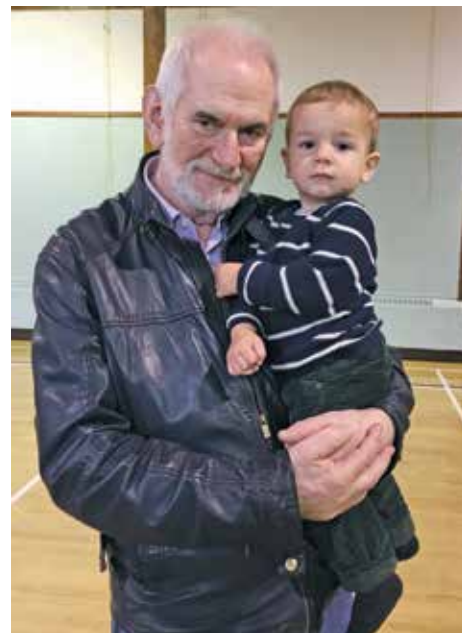
profession (photojournalist) here in Canada, but evidence of his work and his time trying to survive the Siege of Sarajevo is portrayed in a great photo that he gave to St. Catherine's many years ago in thanks for the support of the parish. That photograph hangs in the hallway outside the chapel. Unable to pursue his profession, Eso set up his own business as a landscape gardener, working initially with several families from St. Catherine's and branching out to many other clients on the North Shore. Eso became the gardener at St. Catherine's more than 20 years ago, and has been keeping the Memorial Garden and surroundings in great shape ever since.

Both Nada and Eso were able to work thanks to the people from the parish, as Nada worked for many years at Deloitte. They were in their late forties when they arrived but "worked here for over 20 years and have had a very good life" says Nada. Their son Bojan finished high school at University Hill Secondary School, and earned bachelor, masters and PhD degree. He is working as a project leader in the Complex Systems Modelling Group of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research in the Mathematical and Computational Sciences (IRMACS) at Simon Fraser University (SFU).

On behalf of the Wardens and the Parish of St. Catherine's, Robb Watt, ODNW presented Eso Ramadanovic with the *Friends of St. Catherine's* award in grateful thanks for his wonderful dedication to St. Catherine's over all the years. A presentation of flowers was also made to Nada thanking her for her involvement in the St. Catherine's, North Shore, and Diocesan Refugee Committees—bringing much needed advice and understanding to the work of these groups. ✠



The photo of Sarajevo taken by Eso and hanging in the hallway at St. Catherine's, Capilano. PHOTO Alison Watt



Eso and Arslan. PHOTO Alison Watt



Nada and Eso. PHOTO Alison Watt

## EDNP Guests in the Diocese of New Westminster

RANDY MURRAY (WITH FILES FROM SHARON TAYLOR, ST. LAURENCE, COQUITLAM)  
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On Friday, June 9, 2017, Bishop's Commissary and Executive Archdeacon of the diocese of New Westminster, the Ven. Douglas Fenton was delighted to welcome two guests from our Companion Diocese, Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP).

The Very Rev. Lucretia Turtem, dean and rector of All Saints' Cathedral located in Bontoc, Mountain Province, Philippines; and the Rev. Elvie D. Tulingan, vicar of St. Gabriel's Church also in Bontoc were escorted to the Synod Office by the Rev. Arvin Amayag, vicar of St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton.

Padi Lucretia and Padi Elvie attended the weeklong version of the Diocesan School for Parish Development that took place at Vancouver School of Theology (VST) from June 11 to 17. The two clergy enjoyed the experience very much and not only discovered some new ideas and how those ideas could be blended into parish ministry, growth and development in the EDNP but they also shared their knowledge and wisdom with the North American attendees.

Padi Lucretia preached at Christ Church Cathedral (CCC) on Sunday, June 18, beginning her sermon with an admission that she was very nervous at the prospect of speaking to people that she did not know, and she also apologized for her English. She brought greetings from her parish, the companion parish to CCC and from her bishop, the Rt. Rev. Brett Alawas.

Early in her address, Dean Turtem said that CCC is always in the prayers of the people at All Saints'. She went on to describe the role of "Prayer Warriors," approximately 20 (mostly women) members of retirement age and beyond who gather at All Saints' every morning at 6 am for Holy Communion and prayers. In EDNP (as in many dioceses throughout the Anglican Communion) churches are often closed from Sunday afternoon until the next Sunday morning but the 20 women at All Saints' keep the light of Christ burning all week. Anglicans don't just gather on Sunday



LEFT Archdeacon Douglas Fenton, the Very Rev. Lucretia Turtem, the Rev. Elvie Tulingan, and the Rev. Arvin Amayag at the Synod Offices on June 9.



RIGHT The Very Rev. Lucretia Turtem preaching at Christ Church Cathedral on June 18. PHOTO Randy Murray

and then do their own thing the rest of the week.

For Padi Lucretia this trip to the diocese of New Westminster is a blessing. "It gives more sense to what we are doing (as companions)..." in connecting with the people whom they are praying for, it "gives a feeling words cannot explain... it is so powerful praying with a partner."

Padi Lucretia's disclaimer that her facility with English is poor was not born out by the content of her homily.

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Members of the choir lead the singing of *Psalm 8*. PHOTO Randy Murray


Bishop Skelton blesses deacon of the word and table, the Rev. Paul Richards prior to the Gospel Procession. PHOTO Randy Murray


The congregation joins in for verse five of *The Old 100th*. PHOTO Randy Murray

LEFT Bishop Skelton and the Rev. Neil Gray share a smile during the Offertory. MIDDLE The Eucharistic Prayer, the Rev. Paul Richards, Bishop Skelton, the Rev. Neil Gray. RIGHT Processing out singing Bishop Heber's *Holy, Holy, Holy*. PHOTOS Randy Murray

## A Joy-Filled Trinity Sunday

RANDY MURRAY  
Communications Officer & Topic Editor

There were three parishes in the diocese of New Westminster celebrating their patronal festivals for 2017 on Sunday, June 11, but unfortunately Bishop Skelton can only be in one place at a time, so for this year she found herself at the 9:30 am Eucharist celebrated at the Church of the Holy Trinity in beautiful and historic White Rock.

Instead of two liturgies at 8 and 10 there was one combined service at 9:30 am. Bishop Skelton preached and presided at the Eucharist. Rector, the Rev. Neil Gray offered an enthusiastic, witty welcome and administered the bread of Holy Communion; Deacon, the Rev. Paul Richards was deacon of the word and table and was also intercessor for the worship.

Following the announcements and welcome, the choir and sanctuary party processed in to the Opening Hymn, *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*, verses one to four. At the completion of verse four, Bishop Skelton gathered the children of the parish and presented them with their own customized version of a Trinity Sunday homily (complete with visual aids). After the talk, the children went to their program and the choir and congregation concluded the Opening Hymn by singing verse five.

Following the Gloria and the Collect, the first reading, *Genesis 1: 1–2: 4a* was a celebration of the story of Creation presented by seven different readers, one for each of the seven days of Creation. The first six readers stood but remained in front of the pews in which they were sitting except for the final reader, chorister Peter Johnson, ODNW who rose from his place in the chancel choir stall and completed the reading from the lectern.

Bishop Skelton chose the theme of *things happening in groups of three* for her sermon theme but she changed things up as she brought the address to its conclusion and illustrated that it isn't only "bad things" that come in threes. A video of the bishop's address is available online at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-06-11-trouble-and-angels-come-in-threes](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-06-11-trouble-and-angels-come-in-threes)

The addition of guest trumpeter, Justin Bury really added some extra zing to the music in worship, particularly the anthem that took place after Holy Communion, R. Vaughan Williams's *The Old 100th*. Organist, choir and trumpeter did a commendable job of this well-known piece and the congregation joined in with great gusto for verse five:

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
The God, whom heaven and earth adore,  
From us and from the angel host  
Be praise and glory evermore.

Following the Episcopal Blessing the choir and sanctuary party processed out to Bishop Heber's iconic hymn, *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*, followed by the Dismissal and the Postlude, *Trumpet Voluntary*.

At 11 am a large percentage of the 80+ in attendance, consisting of the congregation, choir and clergy adjourned to the Parish Hall for food, drink and a meeting with Bishop Skelton where questions were asked and answered, and the subject of the ongoing vision for mission and ministry for the Church of the Holy Trinity, White Rock was discussed. ✚



## EDNP Guests in the Diocese of New Westminster

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Using the extended metaphors of a cooking fire that is never extinguished and of a box of matches kept in a darkened room she developed metaphor into parable as she connected the Gospel reading for the day *Matthew 9: 35–10: 8* to our goal as Christians to always do our best to share the Light of Christ. She connected the feeling that she is currently experiencing of meeting the people in the diocese of New Westminster (whom she and her community pray for) with Jesus' actions of travelling from village to village, synagogue to synagogue, and sending people out in pairs to share the Good News. An audio recording of Padi Lucresia's sermon is available online at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-06-18-the-match-box](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-06-18-the-match-box).

Padi Elvie was the guest preacher for the Children's and Youth Service at St. Laurence, Coquitlam on June 18. The service featured a story told by the children of "Old Turtle" and the relationship between God and the Earth. After the story, Padi Elvie gathered the children around for some reflections on Old Turtle and continued with a sermon for the whole congregation.

After worship, Padi Elvie and the Ven. Karen Urquhart, Archdeacon of Loughheed, joined the congregation for their annual Father's Day BBQ.

The Diocesan Committee for the Companion Diocese chaired by the Rev. Paul Richards has been working hard with EDNP counterparts to create liaison/partner parishes between the two dioceses and that task has been completed

with each parish in our diocese now paired with a parish in the EDNP. There are communications established and the parishes pray for each other during the Sunday intercessions.

The visit of the two clergy to the diocese of New Westminster took place just a few days following the return of our Diocesan Committee members, the Ven. Karen Urquhart and Abby Cline who visited EDNP from May 23 to 30.

In addition to these visits, two young people from EDNP travelled to Vancouver to attend the Sacred Earth Camp hosted by Salal + Cedar in August. Check out future issues of *Topic* for coverage of that visit. ✚



LEFT The Ven. Karen Urquhart (front left) and the Rev. Elvie Tulingan (front right) with some friends at St. Laurence's Father's Day Barbecue. PHOTO Courtesy of Karen Urquhart

RIGHT The Rev. Eric Mason of St. Laurence, Coquitlam adjusts the microphone on the ambo for Padi Elvie. PHOTO Karen Urquhart





# Combined Worship & Deanery Picnics Around the Diocese in June 2017

### Tri-Parish Eucharist in Surrey

The 4th Annual Surrey Tri-Parish Eucharist and Picnic with Bishop Melissa Skelton preaching and presiding was a little different than the three previous versions. With the cloud ceiling lowering threateningly on the evening of Saturday, June 17, organizers decided to cancel the outdoor component at Surrey's Bear Creek Park and move the event to St. Michael's, Surrey. On June 18 rain fell in the Lower Mainland and the Fraser Valley for most of the day so the decision to move the event was a wise one.

The three parishes participating in the event were: St. Michael's, St. Helen's and Church of the Epiphany. There are plans to include other parishes in the Peace Arch Deanery for next year among them St. Cuthbert, Delta and St. Mark's, Ocean Park. This event is a wonderful example of cooperation with each of the parishes involved taking on different responsibilities regarding the liturgy and the social components. The music in worship was a team effort and all in attendance enjoyed the music leadership of a brass section and a percussionist.

Even though the event was moved indoors there was still an excellent turnout with attendance estimates of 125 to 150.

There was a lot of food available, including a turkey dinner, pizza, donuts and Father's Day tribute cupcakes. The majority of worshippers gathered in the bright and spacious St. Michael's hall after the service to enjoy food and some time together. ♦



Bishop Skelton presents the Children's Talk. PHOTO Wayne Chose



The Band. PHOTO Wayne Chose



Singing the Gradual Hymn. PHOTO Wayne Chose



The Rev. Steve Bailey proclaims the Gospel. PHOTO Wayne Chose



The Eucharist. PHOTO Wayne Chose



Buffet table. PHOTO Wayne Chose



Pizza AND doughnuts. PHOTO Wayne Chose



A well-known Dad in Surrey displays a tribute cupcake (I believe this does count as a Topic Cake Shot). PHOTO Wayne Chose



# Combined Worship & Deanery Picnics Around the Diocese in June 2017



Multi-parish choir leads the music: Rev. Wally Shea, Erin Barr, Alan Yuen, Byron Jang, and Alan Wallis PHOTO Sharon Taylor

## Tri-City, North Burnaby Deanery Picnic

SUBMISSION Sharon Taylor

The weather was in full cooperation for the Second Annual Tri-City & North Burnaby Deanery Picnic on Sunday, June 25. The parishes gathered at Blue Mountain Park in Coquitlam for fellowship and worship, followed by a shared picnic lunch and social time.

The worship service celebrated the gift of water and featured a “water litany.” The Rev. Stephanie Shepard, priest-in-charge at St. John’s, Port Moody offered prayers over water, which was passed around in small bowls so that the participants could mark each other with a sign of the cross.

After the service, those gathered enjoyed a shared lunch while relaxing in lawn chairs or on picnic blankets, to enjoy a beautiful sunny day. ✚



Pat Dewhirst (St. Laurence) uses the water to mark a cross on Byron Jang (St. Timothy). PHOTO Sharon Taylor



LEFT Rev. Eric Mason (St. Laurence) reads the Water Litany. MIDDLE LEFT Rev. Stephanie Shepard (St. John’s) prepares the water for the blessing. MIDDLE Anne Anchor (St. John’s) and Rev. Wally Shea (St. Laurence) in conversation. MIDDLE RIGHT James (St. Laurence) enjoying his ice cream. RIGHT Jaycee (St. Timothy) has fun at the spray park. PHOTOS Sharon Taylor



The Group photo. PHOTO Kimberly Blair



Women from SMK enjoying some fresh strawberries. PHOTO Kimberly Blair

## Vancouver Deanery

SUBMISSION Liz Ruder-Celiz

On Sunday, June 25, 90 people from four parishes of the Archdeaconry of Vancouver (St. Mary’s, Kerrisdale; St. Faith’s; St. John’s, Shaughnessy; and St. Augustine’s, Marpole) gathered at Maplegrove Park for what is now an annual Summer Picnic.

St. Mary’s provided the shelters, BBQs, burgers, hot dogs, and drinks, while other parishes brought salads and desserts to share. There was face-painting, games and races, including the now annual Clergy Potato Sack Race—congratulations to Ven. John Stephens on his second win in a row—and the soon to be annual all-out water balloon fight! The pleasant afternoon ended with an all ages/levels softball game.

A big thank you to everyone who came, and everyone who helped! A special thanks to: the cooks, those who transported gear back and forth, and those on set up and clean up duties. Another special thank you to Kimberly Blair, John Taylor and Jim Hilton for helping to organize

this amazing event!

We’ll see everyone back next year! And if anyone has a rope suitable for tug of war, please email St. Mary’s! ✚



Children preparing to provide face paint for picnic attendees. PHOTO Kimberly Blair



LEFT The Ven. John Stephens enjoys a burger while mingling with parishioners. RIGHT Seconds after the water balloon fight commenced. PHOTOS Kimberly Blair







The Ven. Stephen Rowe blessing John and Allyson. PHOTO Randy Murray



Prior to the sermon, John introduces his friend and ministry colleague, Stephen. PHOTO Randy Murray

## John, We Send You Out With God's Blessing

### The Retirement Eucharist of the Reverend John Sovereign

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Communications Officer & Topic Editor

Over the weekend of Easter III (April 29 and 30, 2017), the Parish of St. Thomas', Chilliwack bid farewell to their rector of 11 years, the Rev. John Sovereign and his wife Allyson. Allyson and John along with their family: Britany, Brad, Connor, Sarah and Jamie were engaged and connected members of this parish and played major roles in John's ministry.

John came to his vocation later in life following a career in engineering, enrolling in the Seminary College of St. Emmanuel and St. Chad in Saskatoon in 1996. In 2006, following a curacy in Ontario, John was appointed to St. Thomas' by Bishop Michael Ingham after a recommendation from the canonical committee. During his incumbency he spearheaded a number of important improvements to both the spiritual health and vitality of the community and to the esthetics, systems and fixtures of the 120-year-old building. It is truly one of the nicest and best maintained spaces in the diocese of New Westminster. John also served as Regional Dean of Valley Deanery in the Archdeaconry of Fraser up until the announcement of his imminent retirement in the fall of 2016 when he was succeeded by the Rev. Al Carson, rector of the neighbouring St. John's, Sardis.

On Saturday night, April 29, there was a gala retirement dinner in the parish hall that included great food, bittersweet tributes and lots of entertainment. John and Allyson love music. John said during Eucharist on Sunday, April 30 that he would miss the choir, and the personal satisfaction he received from adding his baritone to that choral ensemble.

There was a large congregation on hand for John's final Sunday as rector of the parish. The preacher was the Archdeacon of Fraser, the Ven. Stephen Rowe who preached on the Gospel, *Luke 24: 13-35* but also included many kind words about John and their time together as colleagues in ministry.

Early in his homily Archdeacon Rowe said:

"John and the team have done remarkable work on the fabric of the buildings and as a result they are in good shape as St. Thomas' moves forward in its life as a parish. It is a good legacy that John leaves as he retires. At the same time we realize there are challenges to being the Church in 2017. In common with many parishes St. Thomas' has seen its income reduced. At this time the parish seeks to employ a ½ time priest to work with the parish leadership as it moves forward. This is the time to work together to build on the good work you have done together in the last decade and before, to enable St. Thomas' to be the Church it has the potential to be. You have many assets in your favour: you have an active leadership group, a good congregational base, an attractive and historical Church and your hall complex in good repair and well-decorated. You are in a prime position in your city.

My sense is that ministry is about facing the challenges of the moment and seeing what lies ahead. The work is never easy and straight-forward but with a sense of vision and determination you can build on what you have and grow as a result."

The Archdeacon then went on to examine the Gospel reading; the wonderful narrative (by Luke) of the post-resurrection appearance of Jesus commonly referred to as *The Road to Emmaus*.

As Archdeacon Rowe began his concluding thoughts he said:



LEFT The Peace of Christ is exchanged. RIGHT The Rev. John Sovereign offers the Closing Prayer for the last time as rector of St. Thomas', Chilliwack. PHOTOS Randy Murray



The Eucharistic Prayer. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT This cupcake tower was a feature of the after worship luncheon. RIGHT The luncheon. PHOTOS Randy Murray

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# Food Along The Way at St. Martin's • Fentanyl Crisis

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*Food Along the Way* is a new series at St. Martin's, North Vancouver that takes place about four times a year. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for people to learn about and discuss a topic of interest to the parish. The title, *Food Along The Way* refers to the fact that each conversation involves food. There is food both in the physical and literal sense, refreshments and snacks are provided as well as providing conversation that is *food for thought*. The other half of the name, *Along The Way* refers to the Spiritual journey that each of us are on. We are on a journey of faith where we receive food to nourish and sustain us, while at the same time to develop our Spiritual growth.

On May 30, members of St. Martin's as well as others from neighbouring parishes gathered for *Food Along The Way*. As a way to increase awareness of the fentanyl crisis that is plaguing society in all walks of life and economic backgrounds, this became the focus of the conversation. We are deeply grateful for the Rev. Kevin Hunt, rector of St. James' located on Vancouver's Downtown East Side (DTES) and other members of St. James' who came and shared with us how this crisis is affecting them and the community in which they serve.

Fr. Kevin gave an insightful presentation that included some of the work with which Fr. Matthew Johnson and the Street Outreach Initiative (SOI) are involved. One of the striking statistics that Fr. Kevin shared was from the Coroners Service for Illicit Drug Overdose Deaths in BC from January 1, 2007 to March 31, 2017 which was posted on April 19, 2017. The report notes that there were "120 suspected drug overdose deaths in March 2017." This represents, "a 51.9% increase over the number of deaths occurring in March 2016 (79)." The report mentions that these statistics represent "about 3.9 deaths per day for the month [of March]." To determine how many of these reported deaths are related to illicit fentanyl use, the Coroners Service report (April 19, 2017) notes that the increase in deaths is related to illicit fentanyl, "As the number of illicit drug overdose deaths excluding fentanyl detected has remained relatively stable since 2011." It should also be noted that these numbers and statistics change frequently with a trend ever increasing as new information is reported.



Fentanyl Shrine at St. James'. PHOTO Robin Ruder-Celiz



Folks gathered at St. Martin's for Food Along the Way on May 30, 2017. PHOTO Robin Ruder-Celiz

Referring to the article, *Opioid Epidemic* (page 22 of the February 2017 issue of *Topic*) by Fr. Matthew Johnson, Fr. Kevin noted that, "The danger of fentanyl, when added to another drug, is that it makes it difficult for injection drug users to gauge the overall potency of a single dose. When adulterated by fentanyl, an amount of heroin that might normally be safe to inject can easily contain a more powerful dose than anticipated. Resulting in overdose, sometimes fatal."

The conversation that followed Fr. Kevin's presentation was heartfelt as people opened up and shared personal stories of friends and family who have struggled in one way or another with addictions.

For us at St. Martin's, while we do not have the population that St. James' serves, we are, like every other parish, either directly or indirectly affected by this ongoing crisis. This particular conversation of *Food Along The Way* has helped us develop a deeper appreciation and understanding of how prevalent and all-consuming this epidemic is becoming.

While this crisis, like many others, can be overwhelming Fr. Matthew reminds us the previously credited article that:

"If [we] know or suspect that a friend, family member, coworker, or other acquaintance is using drugs, establish a relationship where they know they will not be judged or condemned if they speak openly about it. A guideline to this is provided in the words of the Baptismal Covenant, in which we promise to 'respect the dignity of every human being,' whether we agree with their choices or not.

When appropriate, speak about the following overdose prevention strategies:

- Do not inject or consume drugs alone, where overdose will go undetected.
- Do not mix drugs.
- Use a supervised injection facility where available.
- Administer Naloxone if you suspect an overdose.
- Call 911 if you suspect an overdose."

Our prayers go out to all those impacted and victimized by the fentanyl epidemic, first responders, families, and those who struggle with addictions. ✝

## John, We Send You Out With God's Blessing

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"Today we thank John warmly for his contribution to the life of the Church in this parish over the last 11 years. For the hospital visits, the care home services, the baptisms, wedding and funerals. For the times he was there for you as an individual and as a community. For all the improvements to the fabric and internal systems in the buildings, so that you have a place of which you can be duly proud and which is ready to receive new members. John now begins a new phase in his life, as does this parish. And John we send you out with God's blessing, as well as our thoughts and prayers for a long and fulfilling retirement."

John was visibly moved with emotion during worship, expressing his gratitude to the community that has shared his ministry. He spoke about the bond with St. Thomas'

deacon, the Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne. He admitted that he can be a "bit odd" and not always aware of where he is during the liturgy but not so with Jennifer whom he said "completed my ministry." The two of them together were an impressive team. Rev. Burgoyne will remain as deacon and office administrator of the parish.

After John and Allyson received a blessing from Archdeacon Rowe, Crucifer/Server/Intercessor for this liturgy, Nancy denBoesterd led the procession out followed by Rev. Burgoyne, John and Allyson. The three of them processing out together was a powerful visual symbol of the conclusion of their shared ministry.

A video tribute featuring dozens of historic, recent and current family and parish photos combined with a number

of filmed tributes to John and Allyson was screened in the sanctuary prior to the Dismissal. Following the film, the community returned to the chancel and with John at the centre they held him in prayer and everyone present posed for a group photograph.

A celebratory lunch was held in the hall attended by a large majority of those who had been at worship.

Bishop Skelton has appointed the Rev. Allen Doerksen, vicar ½ time of St. Thomas. He began his new ministry August 1. Rev. Doerksen will continue at St. Matthew's, Abbotsford also as vicar ½ time.

Please keep the faith community of St. Thomas', Chilliwack, John, Allyson and their family in your prayers as they embark on the next phase of their journey. ✝



The Procession out. PHOTO Randy Murray



Holding the Rev. Sovereign and Allyson in prayer. PHOTO Randy Murray



# Sorrento Centre Associates' Work & Study Week 2017

JANE DITTRICH  
Christ Church Cathedral



Tulips in full bloom outside of Spes Bona. PHOTO Jane Dittrich



LEFT Rt. Rev. Ken Genge and his wife Ruth Genge working hard on the rose garden. Ken and Ruth are former directors of Sorrento Centre, and currently attend St. George's, Fort Langley. RIGHT During Closing Eucharist, the Centre's Executive Director, the Very Rev. Louise Peters offered words of thanks to the associates for all of the work they'd accomplished during the week. PHOTOS Jane Dittrich



From May 7 to 13, 2017, two-dozen Sorrento Centre associates from BC and Alberta gathered to spend the week prepping the Centre's grounds and buildings for the busy months ahead. During this week, associates worked six hours per day on jobs which included: grounds and Shuswap Lake waterfront maintenance; building maintenance and cleaning; indoor and outdoor painting; landscape maintenance, weeding, planting, pruning; serving meals and meal cleanup. Save for a few brief periods of rain, the recently temperamental BC Interior weather cooperated quite nicely in order to complete the tasks at hand.

A component of this annual workweek is the daily one-hour morning study session following morning worship. This year the sessions were led by Castlegar, BC based spiritual director Joan Alexander. Her course was entitled *Spiritual Practices for Everyday*, and she guided participants through a different spiritual practice each day of the week. These practices included walking the labyrinths (indoor and outdoor) and *Lectio Divina*.

On Monday, May 8, Sorrento Centre board chair/president Bishop James Cowan announced that the Very Rev. Louise Peters, the Centre's beloved Executive Director, would be leaving in August to begin her new position as vicar of St. James Cathedral in Toronto on August 15. All in attendance were genuinely saddened to hear that she would be leaving the Centre, but all were also pleased to congratulate Louise (and her husband the Rev. Bruce Chalmers, the present rector at St. Mary's Anglican-United Church in Sorrento) on this upcoming and exciting phase of her ministry. Louise's warm presence, many talents and leadership will be greatly missed.

On Friday, May 12, a Celebration of Life and interment of ashes was held in the memorial garden of Sorrento Centre for long-time associate, Kathryn Maclean. It was attended by: associates, current and former Sorrento staff members (including the Rt. Rev. Barbara Andrews, a former Executive Director of Sorrento Centre and current Suffragan Bishop of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior — *Territory of the People*), and Kathie's family and friends. Her daughter Robin Light (one of four children with former husband Bishop Gordon Light) beautifully eulogized her Mom.

The Ven. Andrew Pike presided over Friday's Closing Eucharist. During this service, the Very Rev. Louise Peters offered words of thanks for all that had been accomplished and shared during the week. The Centre's AGM was held on Saturday morning, chaired by Bishop Cowan.

The Associates' week is a special week at Sorrento Centre with people gathering together to give of their time and talents to work at the Centre, while also spending time together in worship, study and social time.

More coverage of Sorrento Centre's summer programming during 2017 will be available in future issues of *Topic*. ✦



Associates and staff gather for the morning study session, *Spiritual Practices for Everyday*, led by Castlegar based spiritual director Joan Alexander. PHOTO Jane Dittrich



The author and photographer Jane Dittrich of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver cleaning and staining the bench outside of Spes Bona. PHOTO Jane Dittrich



# St. Augustine Garage Fire

RANDY MURRAY (WITH FILES FROM CAITLIN REILLEY BECK, TREASURER, ST AUGUSTINE; MISSIONER FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES)  
*Communications Officer & Topic Editor*



June 18: The exterior wall of the parish hall after the fire was extinguished and the first responders had done their work. PHOTO Caitlin Reilley Beck

Early in the morning of June 18, 2017, a single car parked in the street level ground floor garage of St. Augustine's Anglican Church on Hudson Street located in the south Vancouver neighbourhood of Marpole burst into flames. As the blaze grew it spread out to the exterior of the St. Augustine's Parish Hall, burning the second floor windows, charring the iconic winged insect carving applied to the exterior wall, reducing playground toys to ashes and creating so much heat that the ground floor window exploded as did the west side glass hall entrance door.

Firetrucks and other emergency vehicles gathered, as did the TV news crews who interviewed residents in the neighbourhood, some of whom are participants in various service programs that call St. Augustine's home base.

The tone of the TV news coverage was quite strident given the actual damage as Sunday worship in the church building went ahead as scheduled a few hours later. The after worship coffee time was held in the nave as the parish hall was not accessible. However, the folks from On Side Restoration were ready to go on Monday morning, June 19 and the funeral scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, June 22 took place, as did the funeral reception, which went

ahead as planned that same afternoon in the parish hall.

The Rev. Andrew Halladay, vicar of St. Augustine's reported that there are currently some discussions taking place with the City of Vancouver to contribute some support to the parish (particularly the parish compassionate service programs) while the clean-up and repairs are taking place. As of July 6, 2017, the only action the city had taken was to issue a permit allowing the parish to hold its Thursday community dinner outside on June 22.

The crew from On Side completed their initial clean-up on June 24 but returned the week of July 10 to clean or replace the second story windows and replace the window and glass door blown out by the heat and pressure of the blaze.

Rev. Halladay happily communicated the information that the greater community has been very generous in their support of the parish in this time of trouble. Parish treasurer, Caitlin Reilley Beck who is also Missioner for Children, Youth and Families at the diocese of New Westminster has been kept busy issuing tax receipts for financial gifts and also for gifts in kind.

The Surespan Group of Companies is a well-known, multi-faceted construction company based in Vancouver. Representatives of Surespan have offered to construct metal gates at the entrance and install windows with security bars around the perimeter of the garage to help prevent a repeat of the June 18 incident. Parishioner Meredith Sergeant is handling the Surespan project on behalf of the parish.

As of early July, the Vancouver Police were still investigating the fire. There are eyewitness reports that two cars entered the garage, only one car exited and the other burst into flames.

Donations to the many neighbourhood-focused ministries of St. Augustine's will be gratefully received. Please contact the office by phone at 604.263.9212 or email at [st\\_augustine@shawbiz.ca](mailto:st_augustine@shawbiz.ca) for information about opportunities to support this much-appreciated and much-needed ministry in south Vancouver. ✠



LEFT June 18: The entrance to the garage. RIGHT June 18: St. Augustine's deacon, the Rev. Chris Magrega provides coffee and a listening ear during the after worship coffee time held in the nave. PHOTOS Caitlin Reilley Beck



LEFT July 6: The parish hall exterior wall. RIGHT July 6: The community garden is unaffected by the blaze that took place three weeks earlier. PHOTOS Randy Murray

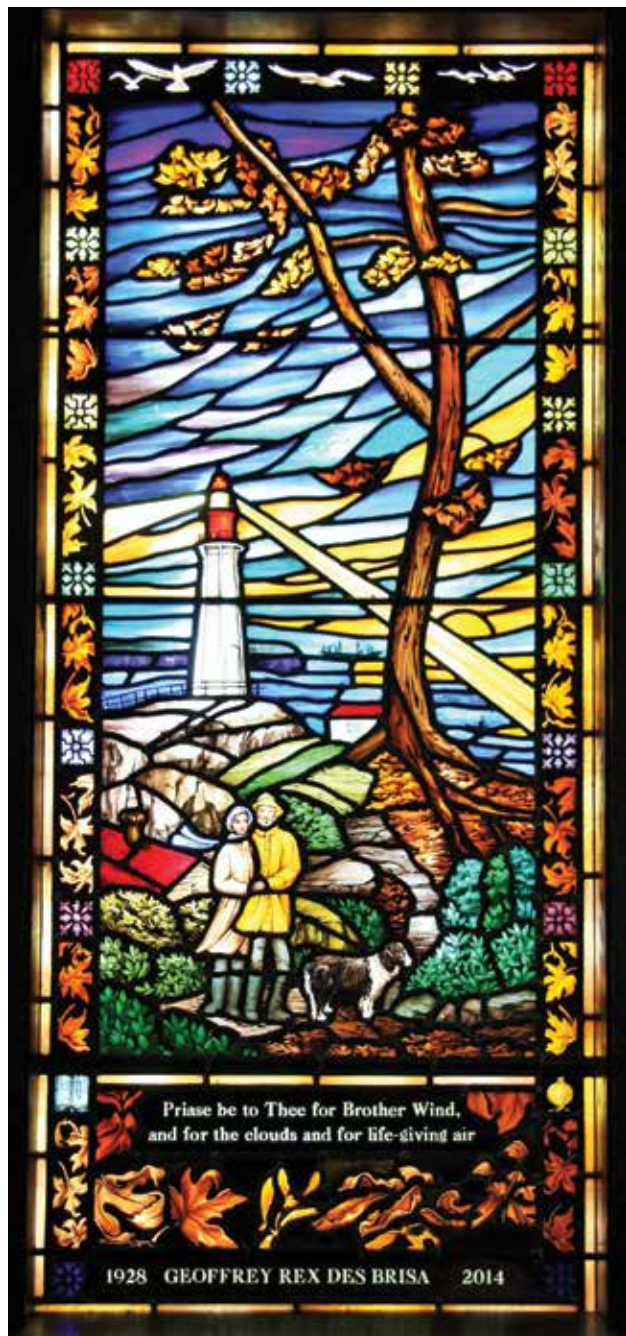


LEFT July 6: The parking space where the fire took place. RIGHT July 6: The fire and smoke damaged second story windows. PHOTOS Randy Murray



July 6: Vicar, the Rev. Andrew Halladay draws our attention to the former glass door that was blown out by the heat of the fire. PHOTO Randy Murray





One of the new windows, *Fall*. PHOTO Leah Pan



Choir and clergy gathered in the chancel for the Opening Hymn, *Come, O God of All the Earth*. PHOTO Randy Murray



Kathleen Glynn-Morris reads Acts 1: 6 – 14. PHOTO Randy Murray



Intercessor, Theresa Odishaw, ODNW. PHOTO Randy Murray

## Stained-Glass Window Dedication at St. Francis

RANDY MURRAY (WITH FILES FROM ANGUS STUART, RECTOR, ST. FRANCIS-IN-THE-WOOD)

Communications Officer & Topic Editor

St. Francis-in-the-Wood has recently had two new stained-glass windows installed, and these were dedicated on Sunday, May 28 at the Easter VII, 10 am Eucharist by the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham, former Bishop of the diocese of New Westminster, and also a former rector of St. Francis-in-the-Wood (1980–1989). The two additions complete the series of eight windows based on the *Canticle of the Creatures* composed by Francis of Assisi. The project began about 40 years ago when Rev. Robert Wild was the rector of the parish. The parish and the project leaders are extremely satisfied with the creation and installation of these windows and now with the dedication there is a true sense of completion manifested in the visual experience of seeing all eight windows together as a whole.

The windows, based on the *Canticle*, have been designed from the start by local artist and parishioner Carol Nicholson, who has created watercolour paintings over the years to depict eight themes from the *Canticle*. These two latest windows and the other two on the north side of the church have been produced and adapted from the original watercolours by Robert McCausland Limited ([www.eternalglass.com](http://www.eternalglass.com)) of Toronto.

The themes depicted in these two windows are based on the seasons of fall and winter (the other two windows on the north side of the church represent spring and summer). For the *Fall Window*, the stanza is dedicated to “Brother Wind,” and the excerpt from the *Canticle* reads: “Praise be to Thee for Brother Wind, and for the clouds and for life-giving air.” The *Winter Window* is dedicated to “Brother Fire” and reads: “For Brother Fire let us praise, He lightens us and keeps away the cold.”

Rex Des Brisay, who died in October 2014, sponsored the *Fall Window* and left money in his will. Rex was a much loved and a longtime parishioner of St. Francis-in-the-Wood, who grew up in West Vancouver. For many years he was head of acquisitions at the Vancouver Public Library.

The *Winter Window* was sponsored by parishioner Nell Turner and her late husband Jay Turner and by their daughter Kathleen Glynn-Morris and her husband Rodney. Kathleen, who has also been in diocesan leadership as a

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Bishop Michael Ingham offers prayers during the blessing of the windows located on the northwest side of the church. PHOTO Randy Murray





LEFT Bishop Michael Ingham blesses the windows located on the southeast side of the church. RIGHT Blessing the northwest side windows. PHOTOS Randy Murray



LEFT Passing the Peace of Christ. RIGHT The Rev. Dr. Stuart prepares the altar for the Eucharist during the singing of the Offertory Hymn. PHOTO Randy Murray

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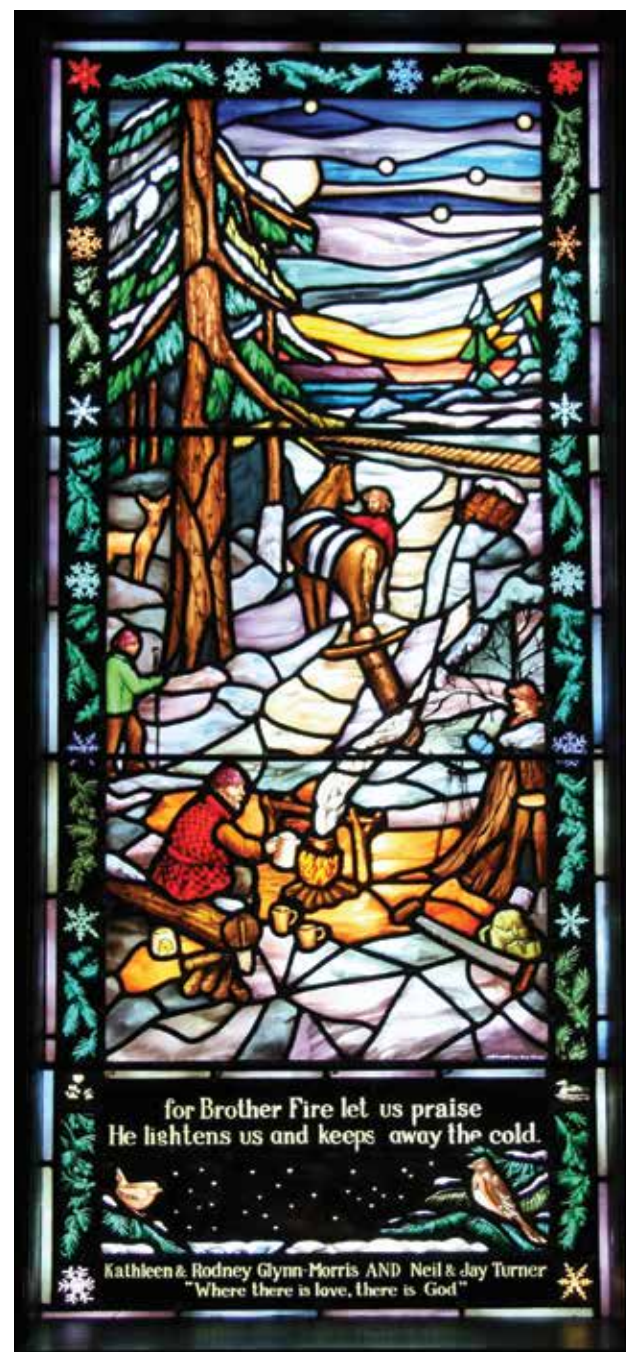
Member of Synod and of Diocesan Council participated in the liturgy by reading the first passage from Scripture, *Acts 1: 6-14*.

For completeness, the *Spring Window* reads: "Praise ye the Lord, and with humility service and gain thy immortality," and depicts Francis Caulfeild (the neighbourhood where the church is located is named after this early resident) himself and his gardener Mr. Chou. The *Summer Window* depicts the earliest wedding to take place in Caulfeild (in 1904 before the church was even built. There has been an Anglican Church in Caulfeild since 1927) and

is dedicated to "Sister Water."

The windows on the south side depart from the seasonal theme reflecting the stanzas praising Brother Sun and All Creatures, Sister Moon and Stars, Mother Earth, and Sister Death (whom none of all Thy creatures can evade!).

Bishop Michael Ingham the retired 8th Bishop of the diocese of New Westminster was the preacher for the Eucharist and in his homily he thanked the faith community of St. Francis-in-the-Wood for the invitation to preside at the blessing and to preach at the Eucharist. He thanked them for the ten years that he shared with them



The other of the two new windows, *Winter*. PHOTO Leah Pan

as their rector. He spoke about St. Francis and he spoke about the windows but as this was the Sunday when the Anglican Church of Canada remembers the diocese of Jerusalem much of his address was focused on that topic. A video of Bishop Michael's homily is available online at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1DWwMhTdNc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k1DWwMhTdNc).

Following the sermon, the Affirmation of Faith and the Intercession led by Theresa Odishaw, ODNW, the rector, Rev. Angus Stuart read the story of the composing of the *Canticle of the Creatures* taken from the Medici Society translation of the original Italian of Francis Bernadone of Assisi (1182-1226), one of the earliest pieces of writing in vernacular Italian in existence.

Then it was time for bishop and faith community to participate in the dedication and the sprinkling of Holy Water (asperges) in the vicinity of each window.

When the responsory section of the dedication and asperges were completed, Bishop Michael Ingham offered the following prayer of dedication.

God of Creation,  
we give you thanks for the gift of life in all its fullness,  
and we join our brother Francis delighting  
in the mystery and beauty of the universe.

We give thanks for these stained glass windows,  
for the generosity of those who have provided them  
and the lives of those in whose memory they are given,  
for the skill of those who have designed and made them,  
and for their beauty in conveying to us  
the light of your presence in all creation.

May they be signs and symbols for us,  
lifting our eyes and our hearts to encounter you ever more  
deeply in the mystery of this life in which we are immersed  
and so become bearers of your light through our lives.

Amen

The dedication was followed by the Offertory and then the Eucharist celebrated by Rev. Stuart and after worship a celebratory lunch in the parish hall.

The windows at St. Francis are truly one of the highlights of the diocese of New Westminster. Although the location of St. Francis can be seen as a bit of an impediment for visitors, the trip to this picturesque part of our diocese and this beautiful church is well worth the effort. All are welcome. ✠



The Eucharistic Prayer. PHOTO Randy Murray



# Investing in A Food Ministry at St. Timothy, Burnaby

MARIBETH MAINER & GORDON ARTHUR

St. Timothy

The Parish of St. Timothy opened its new kitchen at a blessing and ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 23, 2017 following the main morning service. The Rev. Ruth Monette, interim priest-in-charge, and the Rev. Matthew Senf, Lutheran pastor and principal contractor, officiated at the blessing. We invited the contractors and those who use the facility to join us for the ceremony.

It had become clear some time ago that our old kitchen was not meeting our needs. The City of Burnaby had licensed it for out-of-school care snack service, and it had never had a health inspection. Floor space, counter space, electrical outlets, burners and oven, refrigeration—all were inadequate for anything beyond coffee service. We could serve food to our own congregation, but we could not invite the wider public in to share a meal. Any outreach activity with food involved a *dance around* Food Safe standards and health and licensing regulations. Having identified food ministry as essential to our mission, we began a visioning process in 2013 that led to the parish agreeing to express our faith in our community by undertaking a kitchen renovation.

Renovations are not for the faint of heart, as anyone who has lived through one will tell you. Understanding that the diocese of New Westminster strongly supports our presence in North Burnaby, we undertook a campaign to demonstrate that we had a real need to invest in a kitchen renovation, both for ourselves and for others. Despite our intentions to accept the fiscal realities of this endeavour, the diocese's estimate of the renovation costs was overly conservative, and the reality proved a lot more expensive. A new church kitchen is not just a new kitchen; it is a new commercial-grade kitchen. A lot of discussion, time, and prayer were necessary to reconcile ourselves to this huge financial investment, acknowledging that our mission in food ministry was calling us to move forward along this path. Then the fundraising began.

Donations and bequests exceeded our expectations and may even have kept pace with costs. We would never have begun this project had we not had unrestricted access to our Memorial Fund, into which we deposit all the bequests we receive. By convention, we do not use this fund for operating expenses. We could not have continued to the extent the job required without generous ongoing donations and several further bequests.

Another parish recommended the architect it had used for its kitchen renovation and backed its recommendation with a \$10,000 donation that funded his fees. Several contractors viewed the site, but none wanted the job. We persuaded the architect to meet with Matthew Senf, our tried and true general contractor, and with our plumber and electrician, knowing the quality of work we could expect from them and their respective crews.

Originally, we scheduled the renovation for three months in 2015, starting at the end of June as soon as our out-of-school daycare was on the summer hiatus. However, we had to postpone this plan for a year when the City of Burnaby did not issue building permits until mid-August. We did not waste this time: we raised more funds, assessed hazardous materials, and began negotiations with community groups.

Minor delays have been cumulative; major delays devastating at times. Throughout the renovation, each phase required inspection, sometimes holding up the next phase for days. It has been a busy time for Burnaby building inspectors and for trades. Metro Vancouver changed a bylaw that overruled the Burnaby permit for the grease extractor, a major supplier was sure that he knew best, and a crew who had not referred to the four pages of detailed drawings initially installed the huge range hood in the wrong place, and then had to move it. Our treasurer often put pen to cheque in faith that the unanticipated expenditures were necessary.

We also made compromises along the way: we gave up the second oven due to electrical capacity, and the pass-through dishwasher due to both electrical capacity and water volume. Everyone with kitchen access has received an orientation to the new kitchen, including the assigned maintenance chores. Commercial-grade equipment comes with commercial-grade cleaning, calibrating, and keeping of maintenance logs. Our new facility provides adequate cooler and counter space for multiple trays and boxes of catered food. There is designated space for food preparation and for clearing dishes, and a dishwasher with enough hot water supply to go the distance.

Our legacy is safety: a non-slip floor, a stove that will not turn on without the accompanying exhaust system, a

fire suppression system connected to our alarm system, an accessible pull station for a fire alarm, "in" and "out" doors, and food preparation and clean-up areas widely separated.

We have been blessed so many ways during this process.

Our out-of-school care operator had been through renovations before. She knew how to sell the temporary accommodations to her licensing officer and her clients. She also knew the limits of this arrangement and made sure the contractor hoarded off the work area in a timely manner so that the children could move back downstairs. The contractor's posted site rules elicited many favorable comments from parents and visitors alike. Our community groups were very tolerant of the upheavals and stuck with us.

Parishioners, several of whom had cautioned against the renovation, grew increasingly supportive as the work progressed.

The Greater Vancouver Food Bank, North Burnaby depot, returned to St. Timothy on March 2, 2017, with our parish hosts eager to get back to their coffee and banana service. We have opened conversations with the Food Bank about community outreach possibilities that the kitchen now opens for us.

Our new kitchen is now our legacy to future worshippers and community groups. Built and equipped to the most stringent codes of our time, it stands ready for safe

food service to our congregation, to our community groups, and for food ministry to the neighbourhood. How soon can we be ready for our first community outreach event? We sold this renovation to Fraser Health and to our community as necessary to our mission to the disadvantaged and to our outreach to the community. Now is the time to move forward.

We invite the growing community of Brentwood to come in, share our space, and hear our good news.

Let us give thanks. We extend our heartfelt thanks to:

- Keith Donald of Keith Sullivan Donald Architecture
- Matthew Senf of Sasen Renovations and site supervisor Peter Reinhardt
- Murray Spitz of Pacific Coast Plumbing
- Aaron Fitterer of Fitterer Electric
- Norm Quinn of Russell Food Equipment
- Brian Gair of Quest Metalworks
- Diane Wiseman of Cabinets R Us
- Agnes Fejer and Angela Nagy of Treasure Island II Out of School Care

With special thanks to the Rev. Stephanie Shepard, who began her time with this congregation during the 2003 renovation of our Church building and ended it during the construction of our Legacy Kitchen. ✚



Blessing the renovated space, the Rev. Matthew Senf and priest-in-charge the Rev. Ruth Monette. PHOTO Jessie Hannah of Sasen Construction



LEFT Ruth cuts the celebratory cake. RIGHT Matthew Senf presents Ruth Monette with a commemorative certificate. PHOTOS Jessie Hannah of Sasen Construction





The Rev. Karen Saunders preaching. PHOTO Eric Stroo

# Education for Ministry Graduation Eucharist 2017

PAULA PORTER LEGGETT

Priest of the diocese of New Westminster, Diocesan EFM co-Coordinator

*"For me, God does not choose the equipped, God equips the chosen."*

These words were spoken by Deacon Karen Saunders during the homily at the 2017 Education for Ministry (EFM) Graduation, held this year on June 17 at St. Christopher's, West Vancouver. This year's service was early in the day in order that group members from Sechelt could attend.

Karen has been a mentor for the EFM programme, serving the Langley region first from St. George's, Fort Langley, then St. Andrew's, Langley after the Ministry Assessment Process (MAP) when the two groups combined (St. Dunstan's in Aldergrove, has also been an EFM group location).

Karen told the congregation:

"In my eight years as a mentor I have seen participants and graduates of EFM undertake so many different ministries. Within their parishes EFM [participants] have served on the Altar Guild, Parish Council, the outreach committees; on diocesan committees and programs; as readers, intercessors, Eucharistic administrators, musicians, members of the prayer team, servers and pastoral care volunteers. I have seen them take their ministries to workplaces as nurses, teachers, parish administrators and business people. They have volunteered in the community with the RCMP, as a rape crisis counselor, working with mothers in need in our Best Babies Cooking Club, settling refugee families, mentoring LGBTQ kids in a high school, leading service clubs, volunteering at the local hospice — the list goes on and on."

Rev. Saunders continued:

"Every Christian, by virtue of our baptismal vows, is part of the [ensemble of care Jesus' disciples became as he sent them out into mission — Matt 9:35 – 10:8], but you have chosen to learn more, to go deeper and to explore what it means to serve God in ministry. You have read, studied, reflected, created community and in it shared in worship and in theological reflection in order to deepen your understanding of what it is to minister in Christ's name, and to discern where you may be called to put your gifts to their best use..."

Deacon Karen's sermon illustrates the many ways in which lay people serve Christ in the Church and in the world, which is, as she noted, the whole reason EFM was launched in 1975, originally for use in the supporting dioceses of St. Luke's School of Theology at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. The vision of nurturing the faith of the laity with resources rooted in a seminary foundation spread rapidly through the USA, then internationally, and EFM is now an international program with affiliates in Canada, the Bahamas, Great Britain, Botswana, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Australia (which includes Hong Kong), and New Zealand. Four new groups in the Virgin Islands are being organized.

EFM has been in this diocese since 1995, though St. Hilda's, Sechelt, had already been sponsoring a group for several years under the mentorship of then rector and now Director of EFM Canada, the Rev. Dr. Catherine Hall. There have been a number of groups around the diocese, serving for different periods of time. At present there are groups at: Christ Church Cathedral (two groups); St. Hilda's, Sechelt; St. John's, Port Moody; and St. Thomas, Chilliwack.

Current co-Coordinator of EFM in our diocese the Rev. Paula Porter Leggett says:

"No one programme is for everyone... but I believe that EFM has so much to offer people who want to understand better what the Bible means and how that takes shape in contemporary living. I am always excited by the learning of those who have made it to the Church history year (Year 3) because they begin to get the bigger picture of how the Church through the ages has wrestled with critical questions that are — surprise! — the same questions we wrestle with today: what is the relation of church and state, what power do bishops really have, what about people who think differently than 'my church?'... I remember how Bishop Jim Cruickshank told us that the diocese of Cariboo was able to respond to the crisis of bankruptcy and the choices forced upon it with courage and faith, because so many of the leaders in it had been through EFM and came to the process with incredible perspective... For myself, I expected my education at theology school to be like EFM only better — and to my surprise it was really the other way around. In EFM we are constantly engaged in the art of 'theological reflection,' and at seminary we worked as reflective groups only for one or two courses. As a parish priest I have valued engaging the materials time and again with the questions, perspectives and experiences of different people challenging me as pastor, preacher and practitioner."

Most EFM groups start up in September. The two groups at Christ Church Cathedral are January start-up groups. Small group, adult learning is taken seriously and no group may have more than 12 members (plus mentor). The programme covers four years, and people can take time out if they need to and retain their year-level status when they return. Diocesan sponsorship means the cost is \$350 per year (includes the annual Reading & Reflection Guide). Textbooks are obtained by members in the way that works best for them, new or used, eBook or handheld. This is one way the Canadian programme has been able to hold the cost down. Groups meet for 36 weeks per year, usually on a weeknight or afternoon.

EFM is also available online. These groups serve learners across Canada so they tend to be offered during the day. But Paula believes that there are probably enough people interested in an online learning platform that we could fill a group in the evening here in the diocese.

## 2017 Graduates for the Diocese of New Westminster

- Jennifer Green and Camilla Longmuir, *St. John's, Port Moody group*
- William Hammond, Allison Minto, Caroline Proffitt, and James Proffitt, *St. Andrew's/St. George's, Langley group*
- Norma Watson, *St. Thomas, Chilliwack*
- Margaret Grant, Janet McConnell, Taras Pakholchuk, and Meg Stevens, co-Mentors, *St. Hilda's, Sechelt group*
- Donna Jean Parsons, *St. Andrew's United Church, North Vancouver*
- Peggy Trendell-Jensen, *St. Clement's, Lynn Valley*

At the time of the graduation and the writing of this article Diocesan co-Coordination were the Rev. Andrew Wilhelm Boyles and the Rev. Paula Porter Leggett. Sadly, Deacon Andrew died on August 1, 2017

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Information about EFM is available online at [www.efmcanada.ca](http://www.efmcanada.ca). ☩



Bishop Skelton presents Caroline Proffitt with her certificate. PHOTO Eric Stroo



LEFT Bishop Skelton presents Janet McConnell with her certificate. PHOTO Eric Stroo RIGHT John Bower (co-mentor), Norma Watson (graduate), the Rev. Jennifer Burgoyne (co-Mentor), and other EFM group members at St. Thomas, Chilliwack. PHOTO Courtesy of Jennifer Burgoyne







# Indigenous Justice Around the Dio



LEFT The Banner. PHOTO Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta MIDDLE Walk co-organizer Cecelia Reekie (Haisla) addresses the opening gathering. RIGHT Residential school survivors are honoured, as Rev. Paul Guiton (Anglican), Rev. Ian Funk and Rev. Henry Krause (centre, Langley Mennonite Fellowship) look on. PHOTOS Christine Rowe

## Walking in the Spirit of Reconciliation

SUBMISSION PAUL GUITON

People from all over the Fraser Valley and beyond, took part in the second annual *Walk in the Spirit of Reconciliation* from Fort Langley to the St. Mary's Residential School site in Mission. The Walk—a distance of 35km took place over three days—Friday June 2 to Sunday June 4, 2017. The Walk recalls the journey of so many indigenous children, uprooted from their families and sent to a place that was unfamiliar in both culture and language.

On the Friday, after opening ceremonies inside the Fort Langley National Historic Site, the walkers made their way alongside the Fraser River. The crowd was a wonderful mix of indigenous and non-indigenous, elders and children, churchgoers and non-churchgoers. The MP for Langley/Cloverdale, John Aldag even came to offer us his best wishes.

Saturday, the walkers picked up the TransCanada Trail, and journeyed to Mt. Lehman United Church for lunch. While waiting for the walkers, Shirley Hardman, Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs at the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV) taught the cooks a traditional Stó:lō welcome song, which they enthusiastically sang to the walkers as they arrived.

The plan for the afternoon was to continue as far as the Mission Bridge, but the Fraser River was so high that weekend, that the trail actually flooded and the walkers had to turn back. However, that did not dampen the enthusiasm of the final group of walkers on Sunday who traversed the Abbotsford-Mission Bridge to reach the destination in the Fraser River Heritage Park, where the foundations of the previous Indian Residential School are still to be seen.

The Closing Ceremonies included dancing by Sq'ewlets Councillor, Johnny Williams and his family and a very moving reflection by Cheryl Gabriel, an elder of the Kwantlen First Nation. Finally, the whole assembly sat down to dinner together in the park's longhouse, which was donated to the park by Mission's Native Friendship Centre. The dinner was sponsored by the Anglican Foundation.

The idea of the Walk is a response to one of the *Calls to Action* by Churches, from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC):

61. "We call upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Aboriginal organizations... for:

- i. Community controlled healing and reconciliation projects.
- ii. Community-controlled culture- and language-revitalization projects.
- iii. Community-controlled education and relationship-building projects.

Rev. Paul Guiton, one of the Walk organizers, says "The TRC Calls to Action are very powerful, but it can be a challenge to bring them to a practical level in our local communities. What can we, as churches, actually do? The Walk is one attempt to address that."

The concept was actually inspired by an observation by National Indigenous Bishop, Bishop Mark MacDonald in an article in the *Anglican Journal*, "The sacred walk is a distinctly Canadian and Indigenous flavoured act of political, spiritual and social witness." The Walk combines rituals from two Spiritual Traditions—the indigenous Sacred Walk and the Christian Pilgrimage. In so doing it emphasizes our common humanity.

"One of the joys of this work," says Guiton, "is the way

the organizing committee has come together to put on an event of this scope." In addition to Guiton, working on behalf of St. George's, Fort Langley and Cecelia Reekie (Haisla), a long-time activist in the cause of education and reconciliation, the team is comprised of representatives

from United Churches of Langley, Willoughby Christian Reformed Church and Langley Mennonite Fellowship, as well as an elder and survivor from the Kwantlen band.

Next Year's Walk is already in the planning stages. It is not to be missed. ✦



*"The Walk recalls the journey of so many indigenous children, uprooted from their families and sent to a place that was unfamiliar in both culture and language."*



LEFT & RIGHT Luke Dandurand brings a message of Reconciliation wearing his orange shirt commemorating Residential School Survivors. PHOTOS Christine Rowe



LEFT Ven. Stephen Rowe and Rev. Kelly Duncan deep in conversation, as the Walk proceeds along the Fraser River. PHOTO Christine Rowe RIGHT Sitting around the edge of what remains of the foundation of the boys' dorm of the St. Mary's residential school in Mission at Fraser River Heritage Park. PHOTO Maxine Kaufman-Lacusta



LEFT The Rev. Paul Guiton embraces a residential school survivor. PHOTO Cecelia Reekie RIGHT "I WALK FOR..." PHOTO Cecelia Reekie



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## **Stó:lō Up-River Tour**

SUBMISSION JUSTIN CHENG

On Saturday, June 10, a group of Mennonites and Anglicans were led by Sonny McHalsie, Stó:lō cultural historian on a nature tour of the Stó:lō territory encompassing parts of Hope and Chilliwack. Sonny began his narratives with, "This is our land, we have to take care," a succinct statement expressing the indigenous history and theology of living in right relationship with the land.

Throughout the tour, we visited different mountains, lakes, streams and other natural features of the area. Along the way, Sonny shared narratives explaining the indigenous names of these natural features. In contrast to how European settlers would name a mountain, for example, in which the person who "discovered" the mountain would name it after himself as a statement of ownership, I learned that the Stó:lō name of a mountain would be based on a story. The story might be connected to an ancestor and/or usually impart a specific ethical lesson or moral example. The features of the land; the mountains, the rivers and the streams become ways for the Stó:lō to transmit their cultural narratives across generations. As well, by connecting story and natural feature, the land is understood to be under the stewardship and care of the entire community, rather than owned by specific individuals.

In several of the stories that Sonny told us, transformation plays a significant role. Human characters would change into animals, fish, mountains, and lakes and vice versa. What I learned is that transformation signifies kinship between humans and other creatures, plants, and natural features that some may see as inanimate. In the Stó:lō narrative, I learned that there is no natural object or feature that is truly inanimate or devoid of life or value. Transformation suggests connection between human beings and creation as opposed to separation. A mountain or a tree is not separate from me, if I understand that it could be an ancestor or a revered tribal leader. The sacredness of the land and the sacredness of the ancestors thus, are intertwined together.

Conservation was another major feature of Sonny's stories. He told us why the Stó:lō prohibited the sturgeon as a food source. Not only was this story compelling, but it served as a motivation for the conservation of the sturgeon as a fish for future generations. In another story, Sonny talked about the people who lived under the sea who suffered from a form of leprosy. Humans spitting in the water caused the leprosy. Both stories teach the necessity of living in right relationship with creation, with careful sensitivity

and awareness of our human impact, and commitment to preserving the beauty and vitality of nature. While there was no explicit mention of the political issues of pipelines and resource extraction, I wondered if how we approached these issues are determined significantly due to our narrative or theology of the land. For the Stó:lō, conservation and environmental stewardship are wedded to the very stories that are passed down from each generation.

In addition to the cultural stories that he told, Sonny talked about the impact of settler control on the Stó:lō. At one point, he explained that the criminalization of the Potlatch ceremony was based on a profound misunderstanding of the First Nations' understanding of gratitude and exchange. At another point of the trip, he explained the impact of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) when it issued fishing licenses to individual Stó:lō fishermen disrupting the long-held understanding that ownership and care of fishing areas were owned by families and not owned by individuals. Both examples; the criminalization of the Potlatch in the 1800s and the DFO decision in the 1900s testify to the harm that settler control causes to indigenous culture and community based on racism and closed-mindedness to indigenous ways.

This trip was aimed to open minds and hearts to indigenous ways of doing and perceiving, a suitable follow-up to our learning at the Synod of the diocese of New Westminster held May 26 and 27 which focused on indigenous knowledge and understanding. It involved learning that the mountains, the rivers, and the land had names and stories before European conquest and control. It involved learning about conservation and stewardship as tied to indigenous identity and spirituality, and it involved learning about the deleterious impact of settler control and influence on the region.

In my opinion, the learning we experienced on this trip was an important small step on the continuing journey of reconciliation. ✦

*"This is our land,  
we have to take care."*

Sonny McHalsie, Stó:lō cultural historian



Sonny McHalsie. PHOTO Karen Urquhart



LEFT Laughing in the tall grass. The author is centre front, Sonny McHalsie second from left. PHOTO Lucy Price MIDDLE The river and an ancient rock outcropping. RIGHT Padi Elvie and Padi Lucresia, visitors to the diocese of New Westminster from the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines. PHOTOS Karen Urquhart



The Anglican group. PHOTO Karen Urquhart



Sonny tells a story about the land. PHOTO Karen Urquhart





Actor and Storyteller Dallas Yellowfly holds the red cedar Qwalena mask carved by Xwalacktun of the Squamish First Nation. PHOTO Ron Perron

# Indigenous Justice/Reconciliation Events Around the Diocese, June 2017

## Drawn Deeper into the Story

SUBMISSION LAUREL DYKSTRA

A Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) elder drummed and sang. Standing beside his grandson, a man offered a prayer in the Dene language for the first time in years. A white church member from Mission showed how she had embroidered her Cree daughter's dance regalia. A Métis herbalist told a new acquaintance the history of his family name. Then with about 20 others they smudged with sage and gathered in the pews of St. Stephen the Martyr church in Burnaby to hear a Blackfoot man tell the west coast story of Qwalena, the child stealer.

Dallas Yellowfly of the Indigenous performance group *Three Crow's Productions* has permission to use a carved west coast mask in a powerful theatre piece that combines technology, culture and tradition to tell how the systemic colonial violence of residential schools has resulted in violence in families, specifically the story of his family.

Churches are not the performer and sometime stand-up comic's usual venue—the show is most often performed in for secondary students who know very little about residential schools. Harriet Dykstra, who saw the play with a school group said, "I think that by scaring them he really brought them into the moment. This format was absolutely more memorable than a lecture."

From the darkened sanctuary, Yellowfly told the group

of mostly Aboriginal adults, "I'm not nervous in front of 1,000 high school students but I'm nervous in front of you." The group was small and included survivors of residential schools, Indian day schools and *the 60s scoop* who responded to what they had seen and heard from their own personal experiences—some with voices shaking, some shedding tears.

Linda Adams of the Coming Home Society for Aboriginal youth said, "His story is the story of most of the youth we work with, and to have it presented in such a personal way is invaluable and made such a powerful impact. It was very clever the way he subtly moved from the general into the particular—I felt we were drawn increasingly deeper and deeper into the story." ✦



LEFT Métis Herbalist Lori Snyder and Snuneymuxw elder Salautia. RIGHT Dance Regalia, Métis sashes and other traditional items from All Saints Mission TRC Committee. PHOTOS Laurel Dykstra



LEFT Butterfly Drum from Urban Aboriginal Ministry. RIGHT Natalie King of Urban Aboriginal Ministry shares bannock. PHOTOS Laurel Dykstra



## Reconcil-Action

SUBMISSION PAUL GUITON

In my work towards reconciliation with indigenous peoples, the question often arises—"I'm sympathetic to the plight of our First Nations and am sorry for the Anglican Church's part in it, but what can I actually do?" There is a real risk that we slip back into the traditional roles of colonialism, for example, by telling people what they need, or offering to help in ways that suggest that people are not capable of solving their problems, themselves (if only governments stop tying their hands).

Monday, June 19 saw a unique occasion for Reconciliation in action. Organized in partnership by Stó:lō Tribal Council and the University of the Fraser Valley (UFV), the gathering consisted of sessions on *Tell All Our Stories*, *Imagine a Future Together*, and *Take Action on Reconciliation*. The goal was to begin to see our way forward in harmony, to continue to build relationships and healthy communities that we envision in our shared future. Stó:lō Elder, Siyami-ateliyot, translated reconciliation into, "Halq'emeylem: xwla yetotelo:met qas ye slilekwel," meaning, "towards

understanding and harmony."

Grand Chief Clarence Pennier, of the Stó:lō Tribal Council and Shirley Anne Hardman, Senior Advisor on Indigenous Affairs, UFV invited community leaders from throughout the Fraser Valley together and discuss ways in which reconciliation could take place "on the ground." Participants included indigenous leaders, senior UFV managers, an MLA, School Boards and Churches.

The Anglican Church was well represented by Ven. Stephen Rowe, Archdeacon of Fraser, Rev. Paul Guiton, Rev. Paul Bowie and Rene Inkster from All Saints, Mission, and Monica Gibson-Pugsley from All Saints, Agassiz.

In the morning session, the Silver sisters, five siblings who attended Residential School shared their stories. The narrative of the way they were treated was, frankly, harrowing, yet their courage and resilience shone through. The willingness of survivors to, essentially, re-traumatize themselves in order to educate other Canadians is astonishing. One striking thing was that, although these five sisters had

similar childhood experiences, each responded in their own slightly different way. It was a reminder that each survivor is an individual and how disrespectful it may be to lump them all together as "them."

The gathering then divided into small groups to discuss what they had heard, and in the afternoon, worked to identify some specific actions that communities could take to pursue the journey towards reconciliation. Suggestions included:

### Listening

Take the opportunity to listen empathically to each other stories, not with a view to responding, but simply to understand other points of view.

### Individual Action for Change

People feel that they do not have the power to make a difference, and yet they do, simply by their own words and actions.

Change is hardly, if ever, led by institutions, even when they do support it. Institutions are too unwieldy and impersonal. Change happens with individuals.

Change is never without risk. Those wishing to make change need to be willing to make mistakes and learn from them.

Essentially, take ownership of one's own piece of reconciliation, whatever that may be.

### Witnessing

Be a witness and engage in truth telling, especially when our circle persists with some of the myths about indigenous experience.

### Education/Learning about culture

Learn about indigenous cultures. There are many opportunities, both formally within the post-secondary education system and less formally through collaborative learning in the community—listening to the elders. For example, Halq'emeylem



LEFT Chief Clarence Pennier welcomes the participants to Reconcil-Action. RIGHT Honouring helpers with blankets in the traditional Stó:lō way. PHOTOS Courtesy of Paul Guiton

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# Aboriginal Day at St. Hilda's

SUBMISSION STEPHANIE & DAVID MOUL



LEFT Those arriving for worship had the opportunity to experience *Cedar Brushing*. RIGHT The sanctuary is set up in a circle. PHOTOS Sher Sacks and David Moul

National Aboriginal Day in Canada was June 21, and has now been designated National Indigenous Peoples Day. At St. Hilda's in Sechelt our Social Justice Outreach Ministry has intentionally stepped into learning more about the history of our First Nations People, and specifically the shíshálh First Nation, on whose unceded traditional territory our church is located. We are committed to being part of the Anglican Church's commitment to respond to the *Calls to Action* from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and partnering with our local shíshálh community to be part of the healing in all our relationships. This year we held our Aboriginal Day service on June 18 to celebrate, honour and learn from our First Nations brothers and sisters.

The sanctuary seating was arranged in a circle and prayer flags were hung across the room. Written on the flags were prayers in many languages—German, Dutch, Filipino, Cantonese, Gaelic, Hebrew, Arabic, shíshálh, and English. Our altar cloth was yellow, black, red and white to represent the traditional indigenous way of marking the four directions. In front of the altar was a grey wolf carving created for the church by Tony Paul, a shíshálh master carver. Also in our sacred space was a two-row wampum belt made by John and Nancy Denham. As parishioners entered they were invited to experience *Cedar Brushing*, a purification ceremony, which was done by our First Nations friends Terry "Coyote" Aleck and Christine Turenne, assisted by John and Nancy Denham. We incorporated into our service a welcome song sung and drummed by Terry and Christine, John and Nancy and our priest, the Rev. Clarence Li.

The first reading was the First People's Principles of Learning offered by Dave Moul (Settler). These nine learn-



Christine Turenne, Terry "Coyote" Aleck and the Rev. Clarence Li drumming and singing a song of welcome. PHOTO Sher Sacks and David Moul

*"The Anglican Indigenous Covenant is a vision that upholds self-determination for Indigenous Anglicans within our church, and invites to partnership those who would help this vision unfold."*

The Rev. Clarence Li, rector, St. Hilda's, Sechelt

ing principles were also a key part of the 2017 diocese of New Westminster Synod held May 26 and 27. The second reading, read by Gayle McDonald (Métis), was about First Nation Spirituality and in particular the significance of the circle as told by Black Elk.

Instead of a sermon, Terry "Coyote" Aleck offered teachings. He spoke about his journey, through the pain of Residential Schools, the abuses and the resulting emptiness that became his interior life. He shared that within the desperation of emptiness his cry to the Creator was answered with interventions that brought surprising people

alongside, calling him to reach into the depths where his true identity had a small flickering flame. Reaching for the light, for the wisdom he learned from his elders and his ancestors, became the wind that gently fanned his inner candle to stay lit. Coyote encouraged us to each take the journey of forgiveness and healing where we need it in our own lives, and to never forget that God is always with us, in us and around us.

Throughout the service there were many new things, such as: the song *Sweetgrass (Cedar) and Candle*; a native American setting of the seven directions skilfully incorporated into the Prayers of the People; a recitation of the *Lord's Prayer* using a First Nations interpretation; and the use of the shíshálh way of saying Amen. (ʔíy kwe stsxwínáms (pronounced as: ay kweess kway-nams). The service ended with a postlude recording of Susan Aglukark's *O Siem*.

Rector of St. Hilda's, the Rev. Clarence Li said this:

"Indigenous Peoples and peoples from other cultures within our church have gifts to offer each other on that journey. For too long, however, barriers of assumed cultural and religious superiority by European-Canadians have overlooked and even denigrated the gifts of aboriginal peoples. The Anglican Indigenous Covenant is a vision that upholds self-determination for Indigenous Anglicans within our church, and invites to partnership those who would help this vision unfold.

The first step of partnership is hospitality in our midst to the gifts that Indigenous people offer... I invite you to offer hospitality to ceremonies, traditions, and teachings, which are not familiar to you and receive them as rain watering dry ground. I invite you to move beyond past wrongs and commit yourself in forging new relationships based on respect and non-interference. I invite you to be the body of Christ for the sake of the blessed yet broken world we live in."

It was a gift to honour Aboriginal Day (National Indigenous People's Day as it is now called) with our First Nations friends, and to be part of this journey of healing that the Anglican Church invites us into. Special thanks to the Worship Committee who designed the service: Rev. Clarence Li, Bev Niebergall, Katherine Hume (Music Director), Stephanie and David Moul. ✦

## Reconcil-Action

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language classes are offered in several locations throughout the Fraser Valley.

### Care with language

Monitor the words that we use. Myths about First Nations are so pervasive that it is easy to slip into negative and hurtful language.

### Recognition of interdependence

Recognize and promote the interdependence of indigenous and settler peoples, attempts to push indigenous peoples to one side have failed spectacularly. This has benefits, not only in terms of social justice, but also in terms of ecology and economics. The process involves moving from tolerance to acceptance of the other.

### Respect for environment/ Joint stewards of the land

Be active stewards, not exploiters of the gift of Creation. Indigenous culture has always understood the close relationship between humans and the land, in a way that has not always been present in settler societies. By listening to the elders we may learn to do a better job of reconciling ecological and economic values.

### UNDRIP implemented

Urge political leaders to adopt the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which addresses many of the concepts listed above. ✦

## Prayer of Confession For Indigenous People's Sunday

SUBMISSION LYNNE MCNAUGHTON

St. Clement's observed Aboriginal Sunday on the July long weekend, Canada 150+ in all of its ambiguity; calling it a lament for the past and prayers for the future of Canada.

The Lynn Valley faith community used material from the resources on the General Synod, Anglican Church of Canada website for Aboriginal Sunday, the *Prayer of the Four Directions*. There were coloured banners held by children in each of the four directions and the whole congregation turned to each direction as we prayed.

For the confession they used the prayer that follows which was adapted from the national church resources (adapted from the diocese of Rupert's Land 2017).

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love in the First Peoples of this land,  
**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty, language, culture and spirituality,  
**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,  
**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,  
**Saviour, forgive and heal us.**

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,  
**Saviour, forgive and heal us. ✦**



# A New Music Ministry for St. Stephen's

HILARY CLARK  
St. Stephen's, West Vancouver

Dr. Annabelle Paetsch, formerly of St. Christopher's, West Vancouver assumed her new post as Minister of Music at St. Stephen's Anglican Church, West Vancouver, in late May and enthusiastically set about identifying former choir members, recruiting new ones, and establishing a regular rehearsal evening. At the first practice, participants were delighted to find cheese and wine set out to celebrate the occasion! Led by rector, the Rev. Jonathan LLOYD, the group gladly gathered to meet the new director of music and to follow her leadership in learning vocal exercises, attempting new music and preparing hymns.

By the third service, the choir was prepared to don choir gowns (found in a box in the basement by the rector), process into the nave, and group around the piano for their first anthem. For the Gradual they picked up Latin American shakers to add authenticity to the music.

Continuing on with the music program he had established over the years, musician and St. Stephen's parishioner, Peter Vanderhorst arranged for a Jazz Vespers service led by the Kelita Haverland Quartet on May 28 at 4 pm. This featured Kelita on vocals, Tom Arntzen on piano, Gord Lemon on bass, and Shawn Soucy on drums. After a scripture reading by Rev. LLOYD, and a musical selection, Kelita Haverland shared a reflection on her life and the influence of the Spirit. Finally, the congregation joined the jazz quartet in the singing of the traditional *Do Lord, O Do Lord, O Do Remember Me*.

On Pentecost Sunday, the congregation had been requested to wear red, the colour of Pentecost, and to bring lunch for after worship. Upon arrival, all were delighted by



The newly formed choir at St. Stephen's on June 2, 2017. PHOTO Jonathan LLOYD

the red helium filled balloons decorating the church. Rev. LLOYD used a red balloon as a teaching aid in his sermon,



The concert participants. PHOTO Jonathan LLOYD

showing when he let go of it, that the Holy Spirit, like the random trajectory of the released balloon, could move everywhere and touch anyone.

During the afternoon following the June 2 Pentecost Eucharist, Dr. Paetsch presented her first concert as St. Stephen's director of music entitled, *Music of the Spirit*. This congregational community-building event was also a fundraiser for St. Stephen's music ministry.

The concert opened with tenor Keil Magis singing the 1935 Albert Hay Malotte version of *The Lord's Prayer*, followed by the well-known spiritual *Deep River* performed by baritone Jason Cook. An unusual setting of the *Kyrie Eleison* composed by Paetsch and Douglas Lau (choir member) was warmly received by the audience. Cook performed two standards, Paul Anka's *My Way* and Simon and Garfunkel's *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, preceding Dr. Paetsch's sensitive playing of Chopin's *Ballade No. 3*. Many people are familiar with Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah*, but few have heard the second set of lyrics with biblical reference to Christ's Crucifixion written and used with Cohen's permission by Kelly Mooney. This was emotionally sung by Kiel Magis.

For the last number, Magis invited counter tenor Erik Kallo, a chorister from neighbouring West Vancouver United Church, to sing the harmony with him to Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Pie Jesu*. Jason Cook provided the baritone part. The piano accompaniment was played by Dr. Paetsch.

After the concert, refreshments were enjoyed by all in the courtyard, with the hope that this was only the beginning of regular concerts to be presented by St. Stephen's. ✦



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# In the Footsteps of Martin Luther

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Rector, Holy Trinity, Vancouver

2017, as well as being the 150th anniversary of the birth of Confederation is also the 500th anniversary of the start of the Reformation. Holy Trinity, Vancouver (HTV) marked the 150th with a hotdog BBQ on July 9. With 500 years being a more significant milestone, a series of events are being held throughout the year in honour of the Reformation — complete with commemorative bookmark.

At HTV we have already had an eight-week course: *Remembering Martin Luther*. Our Film & Faith series has included the 2003 movie *Luther* (Joseph Fiennes and Sir Peter Ustinov). Coming up, we are staging the play *Written on the Heart* (2 pm Reformation Sunday, October 29), and have a Saturday Seminar, *Luther: let God be God* (9:30 am – 12:30 pm, November 4) with the Rev. Dr. Gerald Hobbs.

*Written on the Heart* was commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company for the 400th anniversary of the Authorised (King James) Version of the Bible in 2011. I had the opportunity to see it performed at Stratford-upon-Avon and it is a particular joy that Pacific Theatre is able to bring it to Vancouver.

HTV is hosting a poster exhibition, featuring 30 informational posters produced by the German Government in association with three Reformation 500 exhibitions. To encourage study of the posters, we have a competition, which runs until the end of the year.

The exhibitions did come to the US: Minneapolis, New York and Atlanta. I however, from June 8 to 20, went to see them in Germany at Berlin, Wittenberg and Wartburg Castle. This was easier and cheaper than crisscrossing the States, but also more meaningful: you get to soak up the surroundings that Luther would have known.

The Berlin exhibition was *The Luther Effect. Protestantism—500 Years in the World*. It featured 500 artifacts illus-

trating the spread of worldwide Protestantism (including Anglicanism) with special sections devoted to Sweden, the United States, Korea and Tanzania.

Wittenberg was my personal highlight amongst the exhibitions, with *Luther! 95 Treasures—95 People* situated in Luther's House (the former Augustinian monastery). The "Treasures" got to the heart of what Luther's Reformation was about, and the "People" depicted historical and contemporary figures affected by it. A plus was staying at the Youth Hostel (clearly a flexible term!) housed in Frederick the Wise's former castle, and witnessing the re-enactment of Martin and Katharina's wedding.

Wartburg Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, is a significant tourist destination in its own right; the exhibition there, *Luther and the Germans*, was the most visited of the three. All three exhibitions could be described as exhaustive, and therefore potentially exhausting, especially if you do what I did and look at everything. But the Wartburg exhibition was the most challenging, as there was no opportunity to leave midway and come back—you just had to keep ploughing on!

Wartburg is a convenient daytrip from Erfurt, meaning I could stay at the former Augustinian monastery there, now operated by the Protestant Church as a meeting and conference centre. This was a highlight as far as locales are concerned—it was where Martin Luther was from 1505 to 1511—and I was there for the weekly service in English, held on Thursdays (as I was for the monthly English service at the rebuilt Frauenkirche in Dresden). Also, Erfurt is a delightful medieval town, which escaped largely unscathed from the Second World War.

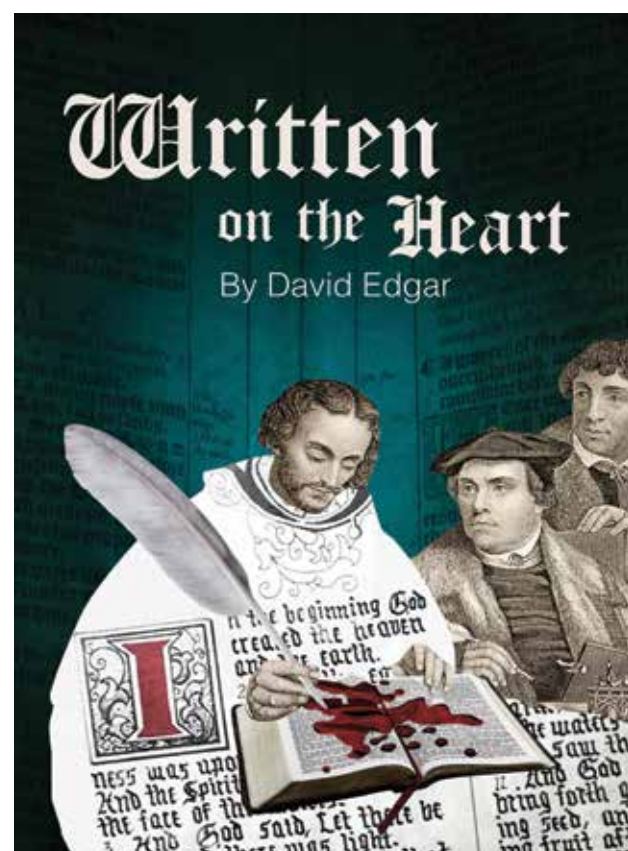
One of the questions I have been asked is, "What did you learn that was new to you from the exhibitions?" As a long-time student of Luther and the Reformation, a lot was what I knew already (or had known but had forgotten), and inevitably there was a certain amount of repetition amongst the exhibitions. But nuggets that I gleaned include:

- Visiting Frederick the Wise's relic collection earned between 1½ and 2 million years off purgatory (two different audio guides!).
- Although Frederick remained a Roman Catholic while supporting Luther, he asked for a Protestant Communion on his deathbed.
- The Bible was available in German before Luther, but his was the first translation from the original languages and he employed a dynamic, rather than literal, translation technique.
- There is evidence (Georg Rorer) that Luther did indeed nail his 95 Theses to the church door on October 31, 1517.

I could not but be impressed by the time, effort (and money) put into staging the exhibitions, under the patronage of the German President, with the overall title: *The Full Power of the Reformation*. In part this is because of Luther's enduring cultural and social significance.

All the labelling included clear English and there were good English-language audio guides available for each exhibition. There were excellent, reasonably priced books for each exhibition, although I was quite relieved that the Wartburg exhibition's main book was only available in German, as my luggage was getting rather heavy by that stage.

Rick Steves' guidebook worked well for this trip, perhaps because Steves is a Lutheran — there is even a section called *Lutherland*. According to Steves, 7% of Erfurt is Roman Catholic and 14% Protestant; clearly the dreary days of atheistic communism in East Germany have left their mark in this respect. I hope that the exhibitions, along with other events, both in Germany, for example at the Applied Arts Museum in Leipzig, and worldwide, including at Holy Trinity, Vancouver, will convey the richness of Reformation heritage and help rekindle interest and participation in Christianity and in church life. ✦



Poster Art by Emily Cooper

## Written on the Heart One Performance Only

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One might not expect a play about the composition of the King James Bible to be dramatic fare, but, according to Ian Farthing, director of Pacific Theatre's staged reading of *Written on the Heart* by David Edgar, they would be wrong.

"Political machinations, smuggling illicit documents, power struggles between Church and State," says Farthing, "The creation of a Bible for the common man, written in English, was a radical step forward for believers in the 16th century, with ramifications that can still be felt today."

*Written on the Heart* spans almost 100 years, from William Tyndale's 1536 attempts to smuggle his biblical translations out of prison to Bishop Lancelot Andrewes' final revisions of the official King James Bible in 1610. Over that time, translating the Bible went from a dangerously radical act of rebellion to a politically beneficial establishment of traditional values.

"Playwright David Edgar is best known to North American audiences for his multi-Tony Award-winning production of *Nicholas Nickleby*, but he has a long history of writing and adapting stories for the stage," says Farthing on the playwright.

The play may be presented as a staged reading, with the actors reading off scripts, but don't expect it to feel like a small event. "We have some of the finest actors in Vancouver, who will bring the story vividly to life," says Farthing.

Pacific Theatre also has a history of staged readings that are among the company's most exciting events, including an electric reading of *The Last Days of Judas Iscariot* by Stephen Adley Guirgis, and *Wittenberg* by David Davalos—a play about Martin Luther's time at Wittenberg University.

Originally commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible, the play ran for over a year in the West End to rave reviews. Now it will celebrate Reformation Sunday in a partnership between Pacific Theatre, Vancouver's only faith-based professional theatre company, and Holy Trinity Anglican Church.

This one-time performance will take place at 2 pm on October 29, 2017 at Holy Trinity Vancouver (1440 West 12th Avenue). Tickets are \$20. Order online at [www.pacifictheatre.org](http://www.pacifictheatre.org) or by phone at 604.731.5518. ✦



LEFT The view on arrival at Wittenberg railway station. RIGHT The former Augustinian monastery in Erfurt where Luther was from (1505 – 1511). Rev. Przywala stayed in this building during his visit. PHOTOS Karl Przywala



Martin and Katharina's wedding reception. PHOTO Karl Przywala



LEFT The main square at Wittenberg, with a statue of Luther, and the Town Church in the background. MIDDLE Something for the children. RIGHT Luther's House in Wittenberg (the former Augustinian monastery). PHOTOS Karl Przywala





# Summary of the 117th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster Held May 26 & 27, 2017

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Communications Officer & Topic Editor

Diocesan Synod is the business and programmatic meeting (conference) that takes place over two days every two years. 2016, was the first year since the change to a bi-annual Synod when Synod did not occur. Synod consists of elected lay members of parishes, eligible clergy, and lay people who have been elected or appointed to leadership positions within the diocese. Synod membership is approximately 300 and delegates must register at the commencement of the meeting in order to become "members" for the next two years and to have the privileges of speaking and voting.

The theme for Synod 2017, the 117th Synod of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster was *Hold Fast to What is Good*. The intention of this quote from *1 Thessalonians 5: 21* is to encourage all parishes to reinvest in *growing communities of faith in Jesus Christ to serve God's mission in the world* (the diocesan mission statement).

A graphic designed by the Rev. Lucy Price of St. James' depicting a nautical style compass helped illustrate the theme and reinforced the Synod Planning Executive's (co-Chairs Simon Johnston, ODNW and Frances Fagan; Bishop Melissa Skelton; and Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Douglas Fenton) vision of drawing attention to four areas in our Diocesan Vision Priorities:

1. To walk with Indigenous Peoples through the exploration of First Peoples Learning Principles;
2. To ensure Financial Stability by using innovative approaches to meet our current and future challenges;
3. To commit to Engaging Diversity through the awareness of anti-racism;
4. And, to celebrating the successes of Developing Parishes.

In order to pursue these four goals, interactive presentations, table discussions and immediate reporting were used to foster an atmosphere of learning, discovery, and dialogue over the course of the two days, May 26 and 27 at the Italian Cultural Centre (3075 East Slocan Street) in East Vancouver. On the morning of May 26 after worship, a short film was shown that featured the Rev. Dr. Martin Brokenleg, OSBCn providing a brief overview of the First Peoples Principles of Learning that would serve as the lens for which group learning would be viewed over the two days. The video is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8h8rxbo>.

## The First Peoples Principles of Learning

1. Learning ultimately supports the well being of the self, the family, the community, the land, the spirits, and the ancestors.
2. Learning is holistic, reflexive, reflective, experiential and relational (focused on connectedness, on reciprocal relationships, and a sense of place).
3. Learning involves recognizing the consequences of one's actions.
4. Learning involves generational roles and responsibilities.
5. Learning recognizes the role of indigenous knowledge.
6. Learning is embedded in memory, history, and story.
7. Learning involves patience and time.
8. Learning requires exploration of one's identity.
9. Learning involves recognizing that some knowledge is sacred and only shared with permission and/or in certain situations.

Worship was a significant component of Synod, beginning with the Opening Eucharist at 9 am on Friday, May 26 and continuing with prayers before lunch, reconvening prayers before the afternoon sessions, and a closing liturgy at the end of the day. Bishop Skelton was the preacher for the Opening Eucharist and in her homily she took the Gospel, *Matthew 13: 31–33* for her text and also focused on the Synod theme, *Hold Fast to What is Good*. She listed many of the things that have taken place in our diocese since the 116th Synod in 2015: baptisms, confirmations, ordinations, growth, generosity, grants to parishes, new worshiping communities, new clergy, new ordained ministry in parishes, and much more. A video of the Bishop's sermon is available on the diocesan website at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-05-26-hold-fast-to-what-is-good](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/media/2017-05-26-hold-fast-to-what-is-good).

During the worship the new Regional Deans: the Rev. Patrick Blaney, the Rev. Gordon Barrett, the Rev. Kevin Hunt, and the Rev. Stephen Laskey were installed; and the Ven. Stephen Muir was collated Archdeacon of Capilano. Due to an administration glitch, recently appointed Regional Dean of Valley Deanery, the Rev. Allan Carson



LEFT Registration gets underway. PHOTO Wayne Chose RIGHT The Ven. John Stephens, leader of the worship planning team briefs the Sanctuary Party on their duties for Opening Eucharist. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Before the Opening Worship procession, Elder Kelvin Bee (kwakwaka'wakw) of St. James' offered the "Welcome" to the ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples. PHOTO Wayne Chose RIGHT Following the Opening Hymn all are gathered in place for the liturgy. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Esho Adwar of the Chaldean community that worships at the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey reads the Epistle in Aramaic. RIGHT Bishop Skelton preaching. PHOTOS Wayne Chose



Installation of Regional Deans. PHOTO Wayne Chose

replacing the now-retired Rev. John Sovereign was not installed at the Opening Eucharist, however his installation took place at the final liturgy on Saturday.

On Saturday, May 27, following a robust and well-attended 90 minutes of voting, the youth of the diocese led the intercessions and music within the context of an innovative and prayerful Morning Prayer. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada who was in Vancouver primarily for the Anglican Foundation's

60th Anniversary celebrations preached a sermon in which he referred to the First Peoples Principles of Learning in order to thoughtfully and powerfully connect to the four aforementioned diocesan priorities. In the Synod evaluations that were returned to Synod staff for analysis, a large majority of those responding reported that the Saturday morning liturgy and homily were memorable components of Synod 2017.

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In his homily, Archbishop Hiltz spoke about Indian Residential School (IRS) and the role of the Church in that tragic part of history. He said, “What happened in Canada was nothing short of cultural and spiritual genocide.” He spoke of his optimism about the journey of Reconciliation and spoke about the new appointment of outgoing Diocesan and Provincial Archivist, Melanie Delva as Reconciliation Animator for the Anglican Church of Canada. A video of his address is available on the diocesan website at <https://tinyurl.com/ybwwaqc4>. Worship continued throughout Day 2 with prayers before lunch, a reconvening liturgy before the afternoon sessions and Closing Worship, which included the commissioning of the newly elected diocesan officers.



LEFT The Eucharistic Prayer. RIGHT Communion Administrators: Melanie Delva's last day on Synod staff was Saturday, May 27; the Ven. Stephen Muir had just been collated Archdeacon of Capilano; Director for Stewardship and Gift Planning of the diocese of New Westminster, Glen Mitchell, had recently announced that he will retire December 31, 2017. PHOTOS Wayne Chose



LEFT Members of the Head Table: Kim Hodge, ODNW, Lay Secretary; the Rev. Christine Wilson, Clerical Secretary; the Ven. Douglas Fenton, Executive Archdeacon; Bishop Melissa Skelton, Chair; George Cadman, QC, ODNW, Chancellor; Donald Paul, ODNW, Registrar, seated and ready to begin. PHOTO Wayne Chose RIGHT Tony Dodd of St. Catherine's, Capilano and PWRDF Unit Chair, Peter Goodwin. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Synod Planning co-Chair, Frances Fagan facilitating the First Peoples Principles of Learning session. MIDDLE The Rev. Mark Munn reporting back from his table group. RIGHT Simon Johnston, ODNW, Synod Planning Committee co-Chair kept things running for the two days. PHOTOS Randy Murray



LEFT Diocesan Treasurer, Bob Hardy, ODNW. RIGHT A group representing the Canadian Anglican group that attended the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in early March reports to Synod. A film was a significant component of the report and is available on the diocesan website. PHOTOS Randy Murray



## Report of the Returning Officer

One of the most important components of Synod business is the election of new officers. Elected at Synod 2017 were: members of Diocesan Council, General Synod Delegates, Provincial Synod Delegates, members of the Board of Discipline, members of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Appointments, Secretaries of Synod (one Ordained and one Lay), and Anglican Initiative Fund Administrators.

Diocesan Council is the body of governance of the diocese of New Westminster, the “Synod between Synods” which is currently scheduled to meet 12 times before the 118th Synod which will take place May 24 and 25, 2019.

### Diocesan Council, consists of the following voting members:

- the Diocesan Bishop or, when applicable, the Bishop's Commissary or the Diocesan Administrator;
- the two most senior Legal Officers in attendance (being

in order of seniority the Chancellor, the Registrar and the Legal Assessor)—Appointed;

- the Treasurer (or the Assistant Treasurer in the absence of the Treasurer)—Elected;
- the Chair of Ministry and Mission Development Committee—Appointed;
- two members elected by the Dean and Archdeacons (currently eight Archdeacons) of the diocese from their number;
- one Ordained and one Lay person may be appointed by the Bishop who shall continue in office, at the pleasure of the Bishop, from the time of appointment until the final adjournment of the regular Synod next following appointment;
- two persons from each Archdeaconry, one Lay and the other Ordained, who shall be elected at Synod;
- two persons from the diocese elected at least 15 years of age and less than 26 years of age, at the time of the election;

Together with the following persons who shall be ex-officio members without voting privileges:

- the Executive Archdeacon if not already a member under sub-paragraph (e);
- the Director of Finance and Property;
- the Director for Mission and Ministry Development;
- the Legal Assessor unless attending as a member under sub-paragraph (b);
- the Assistant Treasurer unless attending as a member under sub-paragraph (c); and
- a recording secretary appointed by the voting members of Diocesan Council.

Returning Officer Susan Tufts assisted by Synod staff and volunteers tabulated the Saturday, May 27 votes for Diocesan Officers.

The elections took place between 8 am and 9:30 am and there was a tie for Clerical Representatives to Provincial Synod, which necessitated another election held during the lunch hour from 1 pm to 1:50 pm.

Here are the results of the election. These new officers will serve a two-year term:

### Treasurer

Robert Hardy, ODNW (acclamation)

### Synod Secretaries

Clerical: Christine Wilson; Lay: Andrea Gailus

### Anglican Initiatives Fund

Clerical: Christine Rowe; Lay: Anne Kessler

### Bishops Advisory Committee on Appointments

Clerical: Richard Leggett, Sharon Salomons, Philippa Segrave-Pride;

Lay: Melanie Delva, Randy Murray, Thomas Rowe

### Board of Discipline

Clerical: Heidi Brear, David Price, Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz;

Lay: Margaret Briscall (ODNW), Phil Colvin

### Diocesan Council

- Burrard Archdeaconry  
Clerical: Lucy Price; Lay: Jane Hope
- Capilano Archdeaconry  
Clerical: Robin Ruder-Celiz; Lay: Valerie Casselton
- Fraser Archdeaconry  
Clerical: Eileen Nurse; Lay: Joan Cope, ODNW
- Lougheed Archdeaconry  
Clerical: David Edgerton; Lay: Sharon Taylor
- Vancouver Archdeaconry  
Clerical: Richard Leggett; Lay: Sharon Grove
- Westminster Archdeaconry  
Clerical: Arvin Amayag; Lay: Brian Strehler
- Youth Representatives  
Caitlin Dean; Jade Martin Seedhouse

### Provincial Synod Delegates

Clerical: Marnie Peterson, Stephanie Shepard;

Lay: Glen Mitchell, Caitlin Reilly Beck, Sharon Taylor

### Alternate Provincial Synod Delegates

Clerical: Robin Ruder-Celiz, Liz Hamel;

Lay: Mary McIntyre, Ryan Bowie, (Vacant)

### General Synod Delegates (2019 General Synod)

Clerical: Douglas Fenton, Lynne McNaughton, John Stephens; Lay: Tasha Carrothers, Rob Dickson,

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LEFT Bright and early at 8 am Day 2 of Synod 2017 began with voting for Diocesan Officers, Provincial and General Synod Delegates and committee members. PHOTO Randy Murray MIDDLE Here we see the Ven. John Stephens completing his ballot. PHOTO Wayne Chose RIGHT The voting line-up. Voting ran more than 30 minutes longer than scheduled. PHOTO Randy Murray



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Glen Mitchell; *Youth*: Clare Urquhart

Alternate General Synod Delegates

*Clerical*: Marnie Peterson, Liz Hamel, Alex Wilson;  
*Lay*: Thomas Rowe, Kim Hodge (ODNW), Anne Kessler;  
*Youth*: Ben Hutchings

Resolutions

There were 12 Resolutions passed. The content of these Resolutions had been much of the focus of the leaning, discussion and reporting sessions that had taken place on both days.

Although they covered a wide variety of issues, the most complicated Resolution were #2–#5 and #12 involving the work of the Assessment Task Force (ATF) and their recommended changes to the diocesan assessment formula for parishes, the canonical change to increase the number of Anglican Initiatives Administrators from two to four and the uses and nomenclature of some diocesan funds.

In consultation with the Financial Sustainability Working Group (FSWG), ATF put together Resolutions containing a package of two proposed regulations and a revised canon.

In order to help understand the scope of the package of Resolutions that were *carried* at Synod here is the applicable segment from the Rev. Dr. Richard Leggett's (Chair of ATF and a member of FSWG) article written for the May 2017 issue of *Topic*:

"Draft Regulation 24 replaces Regulation 12, the current assessment regulation, and provides the diocese with a fair, transparent and sustainable means of determining each congregation's fair share of the shared diocesan budget. The key elements of the draft Regulation are:

- the inclusion of all rentals of the Church and the Hall in a congregation's operating receipts;
- an exemption of Parish Development Grants from operating receipts;
- an assessment rate structured as follows: (i) a flat \$1,200 on the first \$35,000 of operating receipts, (ii) 15.5% on operating receipts from \$35,000 to \$150,000 and (iii) 17.75% on operating receipts above \$150,000;
- continuation of an assessment on the top 50% of the congregations to fund which will be called the 'Diocesan Ministry Fund' (previously the 'Diocesan Growth Fund');
- an upper limit of 1.75% for the 'Diocesan Ministry Fund' assessment;
- an expanded appeals process;
- and relief from the Diocesan Ministry Support Fund for any congregation whose 2018 assessment exceeds their 2017 assessment by more than \$500.

Our calculations indicate that a significant majority of congregations will see a decrease in their assessment. This will, of course, have an impact on how we fund the Vision Budget.

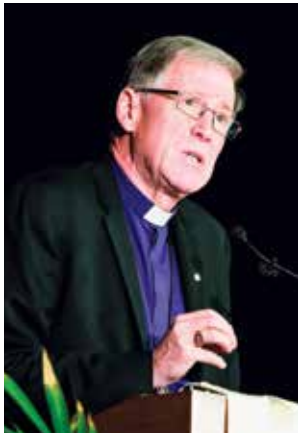
Draft Regulation 25 changes the name of the current 'Diocesan Growth Fund' to the 'Diocesan Ministry Support Fund'. This change more accurately describes the purposes of the fund, which provides additional funding for existing and new diocesan and congregational ministries. More significantly, the new Regulation names the Administrators of the Anglican Initiatives Fund as the allocation committee. Synod will be asked to increase the number of clergy and lay administrators elected by Synod from two (one clergy, one lay) to four (two clergy, two lay). The current administrators have unanimously approved this change to the By Laws of the Fund, but Synod must act as well.

Revised Canon 30 will provide the Diocesan Synod and Council with the means to fund continuing and new ministries of the diocese with resources acquired through the sale of diocesan

property. The revised canon renames the 'New Development Fund' as the 'Mission and Ministry Development Fund' and includes a new purpose for this fund to 'finance by grants such ongoing and new ministries of the diocese' as Diocesan Council sees fit.

Regulations 24 and 25 and revised Canon 30 provide our diocese with the tools we need to support our ongoing work as God's people in this place and time by striking what St. Paul called a 'fair balance.'

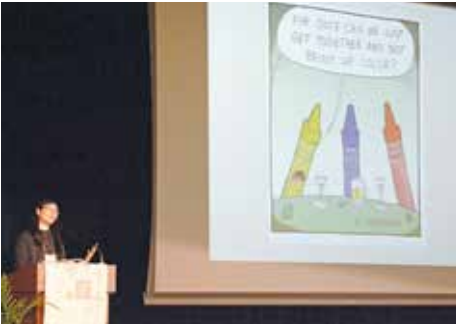
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LEFT Youth and youth leaders lead Morning Prayer on Day 2. MIDDLE Prayers before the Gospel. RIGHT Archbishop Fred Hiltz. PHOTOS Wayne Chose



LEFT Youth and youth leaders of the diocese leading a song to conclude Morning Prayer. PHOTO Wayne Chose RIGHT Marnie Peterson and Melanie Delva. After Morning Worship, Bishop Skelton asked all the Synod staff members present to stand and be acknowledged by Synod. She then announced that today would be Melanie Delva's last day on staff. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT The Rev. Vivian Lam and a compelling graphic during the Anti-Racism Learning Session. RIGHT The Power Flower part of the presentation. A table exercise where a large sheet containing the graphic was distributed to each table for the group to each place stickers in the applicable spots. There were also individual sheets passed out to each member for them to record where they fit in 13 categories. PHOTOS Randy Murray



LEFT Displaying the completed Power Flowers. RIGHT The Diversity Panel: Members of All Saints', Mission, Rene Inskster and Jan Openshaw speaking about Truth and Reconciliation. PHOTOS Randy Murray



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LEFT The Diversity Panel: Jegatha Rajkumar of St. Cuthbert's spoke about her experiences. MIDDLE LEFT Kaye Kerlande from St. Paul's, Vancouver is a trainer and teacher for the diocesan Anti-racism team. MIDDLE RIGHT Representatives of the Church of the Epiphany present to Synod as part of the Parish Development Learning Session. RIGHT The second parish featured in the Parish Development learning pod was St. George's, Maple Ridge. The Rev. David Edgerton spoke of the dynamic growth being experienced in the parish. PHOTOS Randy Murray

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- Under the current assessment formula a congregation's 'fair share' is determined by its rank as determined by its operating receipts. The new formula is based upon more concrete criteria.
- Under the current regulation the Diocesan Growth Fund percentage is set annually by Council with no stated limit. The new regulation limits the percentage to a maximum of 1.75% (currently 1.6%).
- The revision of Canon 30 will permit us to use our property assets to support our ministry."

The second Learning Session/Pod of Synod took place on Friday, May 26 in the afternoon. The session was facilitated by Bishop Skelton; Treasurer, Bob Hardy; and ATF chair, Dr. Richard Leggett, and was focused on these changes discussed in the preceding excerpt from Dr. Leggett's article. The PowerPoint for this presentation is available on the diocesan website.

The rector of Holy Trinity, Vancouver (HTV) in collaboration with the HTV Parish Council had concerns with the process described in Resolution 2 and proposed three

amendments. However, the proposed amendments were defeated and all the Resolutions to do with these issues of finance passed with significant majorities, as did all the Resolutions put forward for the 117th Synod.

The Audited Financial Statements (Resolution 6) and the 2018 and 2019 Vision Budgets (Resolution 7) were approved as circulated. The Vision Budget presentation/report was augmented by a PowerPoint presentation which is available on the diocesan website.

*care + share*, the diocesan flow-through funding for ministries in the diocese selected for two year terms at each Synod will have two new recipient groups: Salal + Cedar Watershed Discipleship and the West Point Grey Neighbourhood Ministry Mobile Unit were welcomed as the *care + share* recipients for 2018 and 2019 (Resolution 8).

Resolution 9 moved by the Rev. Emilie Smith and seconded by the Rev. Expedito Farinas is as follows:

RESOLVED — That this Synod through the Bishop to the International Trade Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne calls upon the Government of Canada to institute a human rights ombudsperson for the international extractive sector with the power to independently investigate complaints, and make public their findings without the approval of any government ministry or cabinet.

Bishop Skelton sent the letter to Mr. Champagne on June 14, 2017. The letter contained a list of Synod Members concerns and a copy of the Resolution.

The passing of Resolution 10 will lead to the forming of a task force by the new Diocesan Council "to investigate and propose an amendment to the Diocesan Canons removing references to minimum age restrictions to ensure that people of all ages are allowed to participate in the governance of parishes and the diocese."

Resolution 11 was *No Debate* and involved our diocesan commitment to affirm the value of diversity within parish leadership. The core purpose of this Resolution was explored by all members of Synod in the first of the major Learning Sessions/Pods focusing on anti-racism held on Day 2. The Resolution is as follows:

Be it resolved that Synod affirms the value of diversity within parish leadership. To this end, parish nomination committees are encouraged to consider diversity in their nomination process in preparation for vestry each year, especially the intentional invitation and inclusion of candidates who are visually a racial minority, or not members of the dominant ethnic group or culture. A reminder of this affirmation will be sent to wardens of each Parish in November of each year through the Synod office.

A downloadable PDF of the Resolutions passed at the 117th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster is available on the diocesan website at <https://tinyurl.com/y795gjw7>.

A highlight of the Synod were the two presentations from the "Developing Parishes" who shared their successes with Synod; St. George, Maple Ridge and the Anglican Church of the Epiphany, Surrey. A film and two PowerPoint presentations are available on the diocesan website.

The majority of digital presentation materials and documents distributed and presented at the 117th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster are available on the diocesan website at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/synod--226](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/synod--226).

And on the 2017 Synod Archived Content page at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/synod--226/pages/synod-2017-archived-content](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/synod--226/pages/synod-2017-archived-content). ✚

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*The 2018 Mission Conference of the diocese of New Westminster is scheduled for Saturday May 26, 2018 at the Musqueam Cultural Centre.*  
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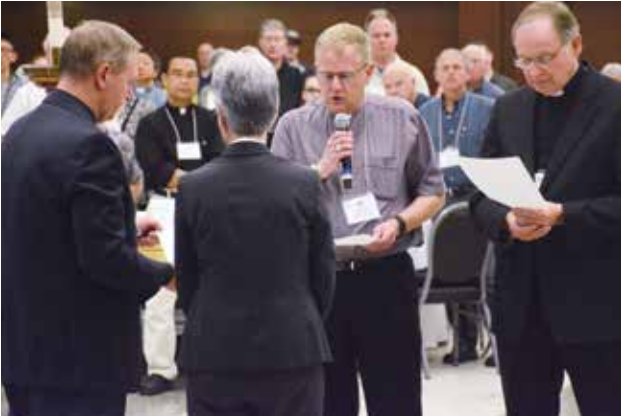
Youth and youth leaders lunch with the Bishop and Primate. PHOTO Randy Murray



Archbishop Hiltz chats with Clare and Temi. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT The Rev. Emilie Smith presents Resolution 9. RIGHT The Rev. Allan Carson is presented to Bishop Skelton and Archdeacon Fenton by the Ven. Stephen Rowe to be installed as Regional Dean of Valley. PHOTOS Randy Murray



Commissioning the newly elected. PHOTO Randy Murray



# The Storymen Sing for Their Supper at St. Agnes

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On Wednesday, June 28, the recently renovated parish hall of St. Agnes, North Vancouver was filled with the sounds of great music and happy people as the members of Regional Ecumenical Support Team

(REST) a partnership of ten churches and individuals on the North Shore dedicated to supporting the sponsorship of newcomers presented a concert and potluck supper fundraiser.

The feature performers were *The Storymen* led by songwriters, the Rev. Scott Gould and Mike Murie with the rector of St. Agnes, the Ven. Stephen Muir on drums, and on bass guitar, Ross Cambrin

who regularly attends Anglican churches in the Kingsway and Point Grey deaneries. Ross is the founder of the band *Ordinary Lies* with diocesan communications officer Randy Murray. The 40+ attendees who gathered for the event very much enjoyed the repertoire of thoughtful and creative songs written by Scott and Mike and performed by the quartet.

Present for this celebratory evening were the current cohort of newcomers supported by REST: Honada, Said and their children from Syria, and Bukhari from Somalia. The six arrived in Vancouver in early 2016. Honada has a reputation as an excellent cook and she'd contributed some dishes to the potluck.

An important component of the evening was a silent auction and other fundraising activities. Those in attendance were generous, and enjoyed the diverse selection of items up for bids. As of this writing on July 8, 2017, the event raised \$2,700 with more donations still arriving.

The Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton's 30th anniversary of ordination was an added component of the evening's celebrations. Lynne is the rector of St. Clement's, Lynn Valley one of the ten churches involved in REST.

Co-hosting the event was Shannon Muir, the chair of the Diocesan Refugee Unit (also Coordinator of REST). Also present was Dr. Satori Soden, the Refugee Coordinator for the diocese of New Westminster. Shannon shared information about the progress of the current newcomers supported by REST and also some information about future refugee ministry in the North Shore Region. ✦



LEFT The Rev. Scott Gould and Mike Murie, singers/songwriters. MIDDLE The rector of St. Clement's, Lynn Valley and Deputy Prolocutor of the Anglican Church of Canada the Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton on the 30th anniversary of her ordination. RIGHT Chair of the Diocesan Refugee Unit, Shannon Muir, Diocesan Refugee Coordinator Dr. Satori Soden and postulant for the diaconate Peggy Trendell-Jensen of St. Clement's check out some items for bidding. PHOTOS Wayne Chose



Bernice Mulock makes a donation with the assistance of Susan Christou. PHOTO Wayne Chose



LEFT Said and Bukhari. RIGHT Honada sits between two of her children and on the right, friend and interpreter Aryn Bhuli. They are enjoying the music. PHOTOS Wayne Chose

## IN MEMORIAM

### John Seymour Conway, ODNW December 31, 1929 – June 23, 2017

John was born in London, England, but was brought up in Scotland during the Second World War. He went to school at Sedburgh, Yorkshire, a suitably remote countryside far from the dangers of bombing. There he first became interested in history. After serving in Military Intelligence with the British Troops in Austria, he went up to St. John's College, Cambridge in October 1949, and studied English and History before gaining his BA in 1952. He then took up graduate study under Sir Harry Hinsley, and wrote his dissertation on *German Foreign Policy 1937–1939*, which first introduced him to the criminal deeds of Hitler and his henchmen. He graduated with his PhD in 1955. But partly to escape from Europe's oppressive history, and partly to explore a newer world, he accepted an invitation to replace a professor on sabbatical leave at the University of Manitoba in 1955. The following summer he was invited to return for a second year. And on this occasion, sailing from England in the Empress of France, he was fortunate enough to meet Ann, who was also going out to Canada. They returned to England in order to get married in the summer of 1957, and then came together to the University of British Columbia (UBC) to join the Department of History. John taught modern European history and international relations for 38 years until obliged to retire in 1995. But he continued to accept lecturing engagements for several years at UBC and other colleges. In 1998 he was appointed Smallman Visit-



PHOTO Courtesy of St. James', Anglican Church



PHOTO Wayne Chose

ing Professor at the University of Western Ontario.

John's principal academic interests lay in the history of the German churches under Hitler, and in 1968 he published his standard account *The Nazi Persecution of the Churches 1933–1945*. His research took him frequently to Germany, and brought him into contact with survivors of the Church Struggle, including the biographer of the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whose life and witness he greatly admired. Subsequently he wrote numerous articles about the German Churches and about the Holocaust. He later donated his books and papers on these subjects to the Library at Regent College. Outside the classroom, John was much involved with both the Student Christian Movement and with the World University Service, a faculty-student group interested in helping overseas students. This led him to become interested in refugee affairs, including the Tibetan Refugee Aid Society of Canada, of which he was director for a number of years. He made several trips to India to see the results of Canadian fundraising there, and had the privilege of personally meeting the Dalai Lama. He also organized the Dalai Lama's first visit to UBC in 1981. Subsequently he became the Chair of the diocese of New Westminster's Refugee Committee. For his work with refugees he was awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee Medal in 1977, and the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster in 2010.

John very much enjoyed music, and played the cello in an amateur string quartet for several decades. His numerous travels with Ann took him often to England but also to Europe, India and the Middle East. He and Ann particularly appreciated taking holidays in the mountains of the South Tyrol.

After a number of years as a parishioner of St. Anselm's Church near UBC, where he became Rector's Warden, John transferred to St. James' in the late 1980s. He took an active role in parish life, particularly by writing for the parish magazine Cornerstone. In 2006 his collected pieces were published as a small book, *To Saint James With Love, Reflections on faith and history*, which is still available.

John and Ann have three children: David, Jane, and Alison. And four grandchildren: Geoffrey, Sean, Hannah, and Matthew.

In John's memory, please consider donating to one of John's favorite charities — ACTS — at [www.acts.ca](http://www.acts.ca). ✦

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*I was privileged to speak with John a few times over the past eight years and every conversation was illuminating and enthusiastic. He was always helpful and encouraging and I very much appreciated his feedback concerning Topic and the other diocesan communications vehicles. He will be missed.* • Editor  
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## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### • The Investiture of Mr. Fred Edward Watson, ODNW •

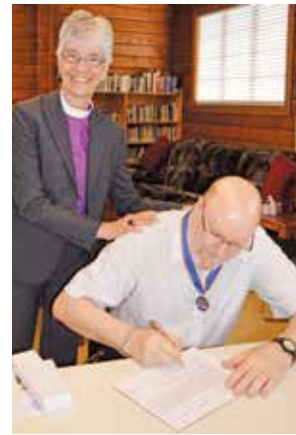
There was a special worship and Investiture on May 8, 2017, at All Saints', Agassiz. Fred Watson was invested into *The Order of the Diocese of New Westminster* (ODNW). Due to ongoing health concerns, Fred was unable to attend the November 2016 Investiture, so Bishop Skelton had a look at her calendar and found a weekday when she could make the trip out to Agassiz for the event.

The investiture took place nearly 30 years since Fred Watson, who had been working in Abbotsford, began attending St. Matthew's, Abbotsford and been inspired by the ministry of the Ven. Jack Major to become more active in the life of the Church. Moving to Chilliwack in 2000, he became a member of St. Peter's, Rosedale and when that parish closed in 2007 Fred, with many members of St. Peter's moved to

All Saints', Agassiz. He encouraged others to join with him across the river. In the parish he supported the ministry of the Rev. Graham Witcher and since 2010 has been very supportive of the current priest-in-charge the Rev. David Price. He was invited by Rev. Price to participate in the formation of a planning team for the renovation of the parish. Fred used his many skills to research and write documents pertaining to the restoration of the parish facility and helped make grant requests to fund these plans. He worked with others in securing a vision for the long-term sustainable life of the parish in the changing rural villages of Agassiz and Harrison.

The introduction of Fred Edward Watson as the recipient of the ribbon and medallion was read at the worship and is as follows:

A lifelong Anglican, Fred assisted building the church in Abbotsford by fundraising and in the technological advancement of the church for ministry. He moved to Chilliwack and in 2003 became involved at St Peter's, assisting with maintenance and in the decision to close the church and become part of All Saints, Agassiz. Despite poor health, Fred helped develop and write a comprehensive set of planning documents, which became a long-term strategy for parish viability in a country setting. ✦



LEFT Fred Watson receives the ODNW medallion and ribbon from Bishop Skelton. MIDDLE Fred Watson, ODNW signs the register. RIGHT Bishop Skelton, Karol Henrotte, ODNW, Fred Watson, ODNW and the Rev. David Price. PHOTOS Anthea Lewis

On Friday, June 2 the Genesis Theatre, an excellent civic facility connected to Delta Senior Secondary in Ladner, BC was the venue for the premiere of Cliff Caprani's new full-length documentary, *Countdown to Sanctuary Wood*.

Cliff and his partner Nicky are currently parishioners at All Saints', Ladner but have been active members of other parishes in the diocese of New Westminster for the better part of four decades. Cliff has also been a huge support to diocesan communications and has been the principal videography/editor on numerous diocesan film projects over the past eight years.

The June 2 crowd of approximately 250 were all invited guests and they were treated to a mix and mingle prior to the start of the program which consisted of the screening of the film, some background information about the film and how it came to be made and to finish things off, a reception facilitated by members of All Saints', Ladner.

The film is very much a "passion project." When Cliff and Nicky began attending All Saints', Ladner several years ago Cliff found himself drawn to a memorial plaque on the church wall commemorating the World War I death of Sidney Norris Rich on June 3, 1916. Cliff wondered what his life had been like, and become curious about the young

man's transition from Ladner boy to soldier.

After doing some initial research Cliff learned that Sidney was born in Ladner and had grown up in Ladner, been educated in Victoria, became a surveyor and worked for a Victoria firm. Based on conversations with Claudette Hayward, ODNW, a parishioner at All Saints who died in 2015, he discovered that Sidney had family in the Lower Mainland. Claudette gave Cliff information about the family and put him in touch with Kathy Cuthbert. Kathy who lives in North Delta was quite surprised to receive a phone call from a complete stranger who wanted to talk about her long dead great uncle.

Kathy, a retired teacher who lives with her husband Garth in North Delta became heavily involved in the film, and according to Cliff the film would not have been made without "her enthusiasm, and her hands-off approach." Kathy set up an interview with her mother, who lives in Vernon and worked at gathering memorabilia to be used in the film. Kathy and Garth with another of Sidney's great nieces, Barb Wadey who lives in Revelstoke went to Europe with Cliff and the filmmaking team to shoot the location sections in Great Britain and Belgium. Barb was present at the June 2 premiere. Another great niece, Sue Legault of White Rock got as far as London but

slipped and severely fractured her arm soon after arrival so she was not in the film or present for the European location shooting having returned home to recover. Sue was also present at the premiere. Kathy was the principal organizer of the June 2 event.

So, what's the film about? Well we don't want to give too much away but I think it's safe to say that the principal focus is a countdown of the days (440+) from Sidney's enlistment until his death in Belgium

in Sanctuary Wood. The film includes visits to specific places in England and Belgium where Sidney spent time during his fairly brief time as a soldier and interviews with historians and other persons of interest who supply fascinating information about the time period.

There are numerous screenings planned for the film including—hopefully—as an entry at a film festival in Ireland. ✦

### • 'Epiphany' Fundraiser Exceeds Expectations • (& lowers them at the same time)

SUBMISSION Jevon Anonby



PHOTO Carol Williams

Saturday, June 24 the second annual *Dinner with Ed* was held at the Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany (APOTCOTE).

Jevon Anonby an obscure and mostly irrelevant independent recording artist, provided accompaniment for the Archdeacon of Fraser, the Ven. Stephen Rowe. Father Rowe as he likes to be addressed, offered his services as a vocalist for one song if those in attendance could raise \$100. The resulting donation exceeded \$150 and Fr. Rowe delivered upon his promise.

The first song was an emotional interpretation of the Eagles 1976 classic *Hotel California*, which was followed by an encore a cover of the BTO version of *House of the Rising Sun* from which the photograph below is taken.

It should be noted this is the only time where he had the mic even close to his mouth. Other pictures I've seen have him pointing it at his stomach, or lower. I figure this was on purpose as his dulcet baritone was likely emanating from his diaphragm. ✦



Cliff Caprani, Kathy Cuthbert, Sue Legault and Barb Wadey pose with the poster on Friday, June 2, 2017 at the Genesis Theatre in Ladner. PHOTO Wayne Chose



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### • Iconic Gift Marks Canada's 150th at St. David's Big Lunch •

SUBMISSION Elizabeth Murray, ODNW

It was *The Maple Leaf Forever* at St. David's, Tsawwassen, June 25 when a piece of the song's alleged maple tree was presented to the parish by Rob Rathbun, Officer of the Maple Leaf tartan-kilted Honourable Guard.

Alan Bain of the Seaforth Highlanders piped Rob and 11-year-old Jenna Meadows to the platform where Jenna received the gift of a handsomely framed certificate on behalf of St. David's.

A leaf falling on the shoulder of Alexander Muir from a maple tree in front of his home in Toronto's Laing Street is believed to have inspired the Scots emigrant to write his poem in 1867. When the famous Canadian tree crashed to the ground in a storm in 2013, it was decided that its branches would be used in some 150 projects across the nation.

The only limb to come to BC was acquired by the Society of the Officers of the Honourable Guard in New Westminster and was turned into a ceremonial Drum Major's Mace. Groups such as St. David's are sharing smaller pieces of the tree, where it was felt there can hardly be a more Canadian way of marking the country's 150th birthday. The certificate with its slim slice of Muir's maple tree is truly a piece of Canada's history now "planted firm" in the diocese's peninsula parish at Tsawwassen.

Now in its sixth year, St. David's *Big Lunch* continues to emulate the UK's annual get together of friends and neighbours. Every June in the UK, since the *Big Lunch* idea was launched in 2009, people stop what they're doing to join with neighbours in a nationwide act of community and friendship. "Getting together over a meal can lead to people doing more within their community and tackling the issues that matter to them most," was but one comment in praise of the *Big Lunch*.

Red and white pennants, balloons, table coverings, napkins, flags and decorated Canada cake—left no doubt that something Big was happening in the cul-de-sac at St. David's Church. While congregation

and neighbours shared barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs, salads, desserts, beverages, ice cream and birthday cake, parishioners Allen Desnoyers (AKA: Captain James Cook), Lesley Sutherland and Sara Ciantar entertained in fitting celebration of Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. It was a red-letter day indeed. ♦



Seaforth Highlanders piper Alan Bain, parishioner Jenna Meadows, and Officer of the Honourable Guard Rob Rathbun after the presentation to the parish. PHOTO Mary Horton



The Rev. Tim Dutcher-Walls, John Horton (MC), Allen Desnoyers (as Captain Cook), Isobel Telford, during opening ceremonies. PHOTO Mary Horton



LEFT Help-yourself-table of barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs. PHOTO Mary Horton MIDDLE MC John Horton stands by while Isobel Telford cuts Canada 150 birthday cake. RIGHT Claudia Niu, Mary Savage heading to buffet table at *Big Lunch*. Claudia wore her national dress in nod to nation's multicultural heritage. PHOTOS Elizabeth Murray



Parishioners Allen Desnoyers (AKA: Captain James Cook), Lesley Sutherland and Sara Ciantar entertained. PHOTO Mary Horton

### • Surrey Food Bank Could be Moving to Guildford Neighbourhood •

There was a well-attended and spirited information meeting held at the Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany (Epiphany, 10553 148th Street) on the evening of Tuesday, June 27.

A presentation by McElhanney Consulting Services who are working with the Surrey Food Bank (SFB) and Epiphany outlined the proposed redevelopment to the 50 people in attendance (some of those who were in attendance are residents of the neighbourhood near the church) about the plan to relocate the new SFB on a portion of Epiphany's nearly two acre land parcel.

It is no secret that for the past few years the parish has been exploring opportunities with various developers and other organizations to enter into a partner relationship with the goal of providing compassionate service and sharing ministry in that location. The proposed partnership is part of Epiphany's plan to demolish the existing 1970 church building and construct new structures suited to ministry in the 21st century.

For further information, here is a link to Epiphany's PowerPoint presentation at Synod on May 27, <https://tinyurl.com/ybytd9am>, and there is also an article written by the Ven. Stephen Rowe following Diocesan Council approval of the plan available on page 9 of the December 2016 issue of *Topic*. ♦



Epiphany's rector, the Ven. Stephen Rowe chatting with now-retired SFB Executive Director, Marilyn Hermann at the current SFB site days before the June 27 meeting. PHOTO Randy Murray

### • Worship & All That Jazz at St. Stephen's, West Vancouver •

SUBMISSION Hilary Clark



The *Mighty Fraser Big Band* will be a Christmas treat. More information about dates and times will be available on the diocesan website events pages and in future issues of *Topic* as that information becomes available. PHOTO Mighty Fraser Big Band Website

On June 28, St. Stephen's Anglican Church, West Vancouver welcomed the *Henry Young Quartet* to lead the Jazz Vespers service.

Henry Young and the quartet were introduced by the celebrant, St. Stephen's rector, the Rev. Jonathan LLOYD who then continued with a responsive reading and the lighting of the Vespers candle. The quartet launched into several traditional jazz favorites: *Mercy Mercy*, *Jive Samba*, and *Take the A Train*.

After a Reflection by Rev. LLOYD, prayers were said with some responsive reading by the congregation.

Peter Vanderhorst, the coordinator of the Jazz Vespers series, led the group in a vigorous performance of the old favorite *Michael Row Your Boat*, and following the Benediction, *The Henry Young Quartet* played *Breezin'* and *Walk Tall*.

St. Stephen's Anglican Church in West Vancouver opens its monthly Jazz Vespers service on Sunday, October 29, at 4 pm, with the self-styled "Alchemist of Sound," Nick Apivor. Nick, who plays vibes, marimba, congas, piano and a plethora of percussion instruments, presents his latest venture into jazz, *Nick Apivor & Re-Vibe Quintet*.

Jazz Vespers on November 19 features *PK3 Jazz Trio*, led by Kristian Braathen, with celebrated Vancouver vocalist Karin Plato.

St. Stephen's kicks off the Christmas season with the inimitable *Mighty Fraser Big Band*, a group of 19 high-energy jazz musicians, led by Christian Findlay, and featuring vocalists John Cronin and Katherine Grefner. Stay tuned for more details on dates and times. ♦



Vancouver vocalist, Karin Plato. PHOTO Karin Plato Website



Henry Young at St. Stephens. PHOTO Mike Wakefield



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### • Christ Church, Hope • Property Upgrade •

The week of July 2, 2017, Christ Church, Hope (Anglican Parish and Historic Site) garnered some very good “ink” in the local paper, *The Hope Standard*. Reporter Jessica Peters told the story of the imminent paving and renaming of the lane that runs behind the venerable church building between Park Street and Douglas Street. After the road is paved, a street sign will be constructed and installed bearing the name *Pringle Lane* in homage to the first vicar of Christ Church, the Rev. Alexander St. Davis Pringle who arrived in Hope in 1859.

According to warden, Bev Kreller, ODNW, it's not just the paving and naming

of the lane that are newsworthy for there are many more activities being undertaken by the parishioners. On Saturday, July 8 a *heritage lamp* was installed at the front of the church above the two west windows. According to Bev, “this lamp project has been ongoing for about two years so it is now complete. After we obtained it, it was rewired to modern standards with new LED lighting, sanded and painted with a special paint and now installed.”

Members of the parish also gathered to construct a stylized retro cedar hitching post fence that surrounds the historic building. ✦



Christ Church parishioners standing with a sign on *Pringle Lane*: George Karst, Wendy Pearson, Rose Labar, Lisa Sehn, Johanna Coughlin, Jim Bowra, Diane Bowra, and Cecil Kirksey. PHOTO Mary Kirksey



LEFT The Heritage Lamp. RIGHT Cecil Kirksey and Diane Bowra putting the clean-up finishing touches to the groundwork around the fences. PHOTOS Mary Kirksey



Parishioners at the front of the church showing two sections of the cedar hitching post style fencing. From left to right: Bruce Kreller, Caleb Sjøvold, Cecil Kirksey, Jim Bowra, Diane Bowra, Joan Sjøvold, Rasmus Sjøvold, Sarah Sjøvold and Jim Thomas. PHOTO Mary Kirksey

### • Archival Video Series Continues with the Reverend Dr. Herbert O'Driscoll •

The Diocesan Archival Video Series, a diocesan communications department ongoing project continued this past July with a 2 hour and 25 minute interview of the Rev. Herbert O'Driscoll conducted by broadcaster, writer, diocesan historian and former *Topic* editor Lyndon Grove. Lyndon began the interview with these opening remarks:

“The Rev. Canon Dr. T. Herbert O'Driscoll — priest, broadcaster, hymnist, film buff, tour guide, a writer so prolific even he probably doesn't know how many books carry his name, and a homilist long regarded as the most brilliant in North America, and possibly the entire Anglican Communion. Known to his friends, one of whom I have happily been for about half a century, as Herbie. Welcome.”

The interview covered Rev. Dr. O'Driscoll's long career in ministry but with a very definite focus on the diocese of New Westminster and the years 1968 to 1982 when he was rector of Christ Church Cathedral and dean of the diocese. These were years of tremendous change in the Church and



Lyndon Grove interviews the Rev. Dr. Herbert O'Driscoll in the Conference Room at the Synod Offices. PHOTO Randy Murray

in the world. This video record will be of great benefit to researchers, scholars and all those with an interest in the life of the diocese of New Westminster.

This was the second of the series, the first was an interview conducted by Lyndon Grove of Archbishop Douglas Hambidge. Information about the availability of these resources for researchers and other interested parties will be communicated as it becomes available. ✦

### • Diocesan Presence at Pista ng Bayan •

Many thanks to those who took the time to staff the diocese of New Westminster Info Booth at the *Pista ng Bayan: Festival of Festivals* celebrating Philippine Independence at Memorial Park in South Vancouver on Sunday, July 9.

Comptroller for the diocese, Shailene Caparas is very active in the Filipino community and is a member of the Pista ng Bayan Board. It was in part thanks to her energy and encouragement that a diocese of New Westminster information booth was available for the 2017 celebration. This was the second consecutive year that the diocese

has had a presence at Pista ng Bayan.

There are four parishes in the diocese led by priests originally from the Philippines: St. Michael's Multicultural Church at Broadway near Kingsway; St. Mary the Virgin, Sapperton; St. Mary, South Hill, South Vancouver; and St. Michael's near Surrey's Newton neighbourhood.

In May 2016 the diocese of New Westminster entered into a Companion Diocese relationship with the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP) and that relationship has been growing steadily over the past 14 months. ✦



The Diocese of New Westminster Info Booth. PHOTO Courtesy of Shailene Caparas



A huge crowd on hand for the celebration as evidenced by this shot from one of the stages. PHOTO Courtesy of Shailene Caparas



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### • Clergy News Around the Diocese •

Just prior to Synod 2017, Bishop Skelton made two appointments to replace outgoing Regional Deans the Rev. Craig Tanksley (Peace Arch) and the Rev. Heidi Brear (Kingsway). Following consultation with their respective colleagues in each deanery the Bishop appointed the Rev. Stephen Laskey, Regional Dean of Peace Arch and the Rev. Canon Kevin Hunt, Regional Dean of Kingsway. Both new Regional Deans were installed at Synod beginning their two-year terms then.

The Ven. Stephen Muir, DMin was colated at Synod 2017 as the Archdeacon of Capilano. Archdeacon Muir had recently been awarded a Doctor of Ministry degree at Trinity College, University of Toronto.

In May 2017, the Rev. Michael McGee resigned as Rector of the Parish of St. Christopher, West Vancouver effective June 4, 2017. Michael will be undertaking an interim contract as a chaplain at CFB Borden, ON.

And also in May 2017, the Rev. Jessica Schaap resigned as Rector of the Parish of St. Paul, Vancouver effective July 31, 2017.

St. Oswald's, Port Kells welcomed a new Vicar on June 1, 2017 in the person of the Rev. Gordon Shields. Gordon succeeds the Rev. Tim Dutcher-Walls who began on the same day as Vicar of St. David, Delta.

On June 4, 2017, St. Philip bid farewell to their curate for the past two years, the Rev. Clare Morgan. Rev. Morgan was Assistant Curate with a focus on ministering to the parish's children, youth and families. There was a bittersweet reception held for Clare in the hall following the main Sunday worship with cake and gifts. As of this writ-

ing in late July, Clare will be spending some time as Sunday Supply priest at St. Paul's following the July 31 departure of the Rev. Jessica Schaap.

The Canonical Committee of St. Philip, Dunbar was delighted to announce on July 23 that the Rev. Stuart Hallam will be the new parish's new rector. The Rev. Hallam has a great deal of experience in a wide variety of ministries including: pastoral care, military chaplaincy, youth and young adult, team ministry and alternative forms of worship. The Rev. Hallam, spouse Laura Millman (a lawyer who grew up in North Vancouver) and 6-year-old daughter Matilda are scheduled to arrive in May 2018.

The Rev. Allen Doerksen has been appointed ½ time Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Thomas, Chilliwack effective August 1, 2017. Allen will continue as Vicar of St. Matthew, Abbotsford moving to ½ time effective August 1, 2017.

The Bishop has appointed the Rev. Miranda Sutherland as Rector of Christ Church, Hope. Miranda's appointment is effective on September 1, 2017 and her induction will be on Monday, September 11, 2017 at 6 pm.

The Ven. Karen Urquhart has been appointed Interim Priest of St. Christopher, West Vancouver effective September 16, 2017. In addition to resigning as Rector of St. Catherine, Port Coquitlam where she has served since 2014, she will also lay aside her duties as Archdeacon of Loughheed at that time.

The new Vicar of Christ Church Cathedral (CCC) is the Rev. Helen Dunn. She is moving to Vancouver after completing

her ministry as assistant to the dean at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer in the diocese of Calgary. Having been in this ministry position for a couple of years, Dean Peter Elliott, rector of CCC commented during the June 18 announcement of the appointment that she has experience

with cathedral ministry but more importantly she has had experience with "deans."

Rev. Dunn begins her ministry at CCC September 1, 2017. Plans are in the works for a number of opportunities around the parish to meet and greet the new vicar in parishioner's homes and at CCC events. ✠



LEFT The Rev. Kevin Hunt. MIDDLE The Rev. Stephen Laskey. PHOTOS Wayne Chose RIGHT The Rev. Jessica Schaap concludes the "Blessing" at the end of the Eucharist July 23, 2017 at St. Paul's. PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT The Rev. Stuart Hallam. RIGHT Hallam/Millman Family Selfie. PHOTOS Courtesy of Stuart Hallam



LEFT The Rev. Allen Doerksen. MIDDLE The Ven. Karen Urquhart. PHOTOS Wayne Chose RIGHT The Rev. Helen Dunn. PHOTO Courtesy of the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary Website

### • Canada 150 BBQ at Holy Trinity, Vancouver •

SUBMISSION Nova Leaf

On Sunday July 9, Holy Trinity, Vancouver welcomed family, friends and neighbours to a free "smokies" BBQ in celebration of Canada's 150 years of Confederation.

The BBQ was held in the garden of Chalmers Lodge next door to the church,

which has an accessible ramp from the sidewalk—as well as making it welcoming for all our guests, the ramp also made life easier for the volunteers who moved tables, chairs, displays, and the portable BBQ out and back from the church building!

In addition to a very light-hearted Canadian trivia quiz and a paper airplane competition, guests were invited to fill out a paper strip saying:

"My name is \_\_\_\_\_.  
My family has been part of Canada's history since \_\_\_\_\_."

There were two large maps on display, one of Canada and one of the World for guests to put in pins showing their place of birth. A number of guests also added their family info-strips to the maps. The games initiated conversations and sharing about family stories and histories, and there were opportunities for everyone to sing together and to share in the BBQ lunch and a celebration cake.

The weather cooperated beautifully, warm but with a slight overcast, which made it comfortable for sitting outside, especially for the seniors who joined us from Chalmers Lodge.

Many thanks to the all-volunteer team who made it such a fun event! ✠



TOP There was a very good crowd for the event. BOTTOM Serving up the Hot Dogs in celebration of Canada 150. PHOTOS Courtesy of Karl Przywala and the Holy Trinity, Vancouver Community



LEFT Ken, Kim, the Cake and the World Map. RIGHT Sean entertained at the BBQ; check out the patriotic "shades." PHOTOS Courtesy of Karl Przywala and the Holy Trinity, Vancouver Community



The Reverends Clare Morgan and Pitman Potter. PHOTO Adele Wonnick



TOP LEFT Clare receives some gifts and flowers at the reception. BOTTOM LEFT The Cake. RIGHT Clare facilitates an introduction. PHOTOS Adele Wonnick



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### • Why Do They Stay? •

Lay Church Leaders and the Demands of Institutional Change  
SUBMISSION Patrick Blaney

The Ven. Stephen Muir recently completed a Doctor of Ministry degree from Trinity College/University of Toronto. His focus of study was how lay leaders in North Vancouver experienced the Ministry Assessment Process (MAP). He began his study with the observation that many lay leaders involved in MAP reported it to be a challenging, stressful and often disappointing experience. As volunteers, any of these leaders could have left the process at any time, and yet many, if not most, chose to stay. Stephen's thesis explores the question of "Why do they stay?" in an effort to gain insight into the motivations and passions of lay leaders and to help the Anglican Church be more supportive of our lay leaders.

In this presentation scheduled for Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 10 am Stephen will provide an overview of his research and share his results. There will be an opportunity for questions and discussion. ✦



The Ven. Stephen Muir is Rector of St. Agnes, North Vancouver and Archdeacon of Capilano. PHOTO Wayne Chose

### • Metro Vancouver Alliance Leadership Institute for Fall 2017 •

SUBMISSION Margaret Marquardt

All Anglicans are welcome to take this training on behalf of your parish. Would you like to be part of the community-organizing model of working for the common good in the lower mainland?

Learn about building relationships within your parish community so that the parish community is stronger and deeper connections are made with your neighbourhood and wider community.

Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) is part of the 75 year old Industrial Areas Foundations (IAF) which is non-partisan and brings organizations together for the common good.

There are over 50 organizations that are members of MVA. If you would like to represent your parish, you are welcome to sign up. Scholarships are available for those from parishes that are not MVA members.

Our diocese is a Sponsoring Organization along with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese.

For further information about connecting with MVA and this Leadership Institute, you are welcome to contact the Rev. Margaret Marquardt, a Leader in MVA and Chair of the Eco-Justice Unit of the diocese.

DATE Friday, October 6 • 7 pm – 9 pm  
Saturday, October 7 • 9:30 am – 4 pm  
WE START AND END ON TIME  
PLACE BCGEU Office,  
2920 Virtual Way, Vancouver Across  
from the Renfrew Skytrain Station  
COST Participants from MVA member  
organizations: FREE  
Participants NOT from MVA member  
organizations: \$100 for the weekend  
(to be applied to future membership  
dues). Bursaries available.  
Refreshments and lunch will  
be provided.

To register online and for more information visit [metvanalliance.org](http://metvanalliance.org) or email [info@metvanalliance.org](mailto:info@metvanalliance.org) with your contact details. ✦

### • Reconciliation Canada • Walk for Reconciliation 2017 •

DATE Sunday, September 24  
TIME 9:30 am, Marshalling at Queen  
Elizabeth Plaza  
10:15 am, Walk begins

Reconciliation Expo: Gather at Strathcona Park for a series of Indigenous and multicultural performances and a keynote speech, opening at 11 am.

More information about the diocese of New Westminster's participation in this event (an ecumenical church presence is being planned as of this writing in late July) will be available on the diocesan website at [www.vancouver.anglican.ca](http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca) and on the diocesan Facebook pages at [www.facebook.com/Anglican-Conversation-Diocese-of-New-Westminster-130319853684475/](http://www.facebook.com/Anglican-Conversation-Diocese-of-New-Westminster-130319853684475/) ✦



The Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey cohort at the 2013 TRC walk. PHOTO Sandra Vander Schaaf

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## OPINION

### Bonfire of the Austerities

LESLIE BUCK  
St. Paul's

Today I read in my newspaper about the terrible fire in Grenfell Tower, an apartment building standing not 200 metres from the house in which I was born. Now as then, Notting Dale, as the neighbourhood is known, is home to poorer people. It lies in proximity to Notting Hill where the rich live. In London, the poor and the rich live close by while managing at the same time not to interact with each other.

The incident, I read, has led to widespread condemnation of the disregard in which the poor and disenfranchised are held. Their complaints about dangers from fire went unheeded by those who managed the apartment building. Although the local municipality—a body subject to judgement from time to time by the electoral process—owns the building, it was managed by a private company—a body subject to the need to make a profit for its shareholders in a competitive market, not to the need to provide attentive service.

The condemnation, I continue to read, has extended beyond the immediate issue at hand to encompass questions about government policies of economic austerity, policies designed to correct the fall-out of the 2008 banking crisis. The practice of contracting private companies to perform public functions is a case in point. Their effects, it can

hardly be doubted, fall more heavily on the poor, on the kind of people who lived in Grenfell Tower, than on the rich, the ones who caused the crisis in the first place.

All of this happened, and is happening, in a country more than 7,000 kilometres from Vancouver so I can with an easy conscience turn the page of my newspaper and look at the business news. There, I see that the Government of Ontario is under criticism for proposing to increase the minimum wage. If the proposal is implemented, I read, it will lead to catastrophic consequences for small businesses. Whether that is true or not, I can readily believe that the owners and operators of small businesses feel worried. After all, they are only marginally better off than the low-paid persons whom they employ. What I do not read in the business section is any reference to how those paid at the minimum rate can otherwise manage to live full and dignified lives. Nor, on this particular day, do I read about any of the obscenely high salaries paid to the chief executive officers of large corporations.

Where should our sympathies lie: with the poorly paid, the kind who lived in Grenfell Tower, or with the rich corporate executives, compelled by law to pay wages

which, even at the legal minimum, provide hardly enough to live on? Our sympathies must lie with the latter, I am told, because we must reward those to whose enterprise and business skills we owe the comfort and prosperity in which we live. But at the same time, I am bothered by St. James, who in his Letter (2: 6) wrote, "Is it not the rich who oppress you?"

I like to believe that many others in the church share my misgivings and feelings of unease, and that this will lead to pressure on our leaders to criticise an economic structure that operates in the way that it does. The old incestuous connection between church and state has been broken and they are now free to speak out. So let them advocate for a system with goals of sufficiency and mutual support, replacing the goals of profit and greed, which lead to the burden of austerities placed upon the poor.

The fire in Grenfell Tower started around 2 am in the morning. By 3 am the local priests had opened the doors of the parish church and switched on the lights to receive and to give succour to the survivors. Actions like that give the church credibility. Actions like that occur in Canada and around the world. Our church leaders need to use that credibility to argue for change. ✦



Part of the top floors of the Grenfell Tower block of council flats in which at least 80 people are thought to have been killed following a fire in Kensington, West London on July 5, 2017. PHOTO iStock/Getty Images



# Night Ride

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*The child born to David and Bathsheba has died, In his agony of guilt and grief David decides to ride alone into the Judean hill country, familiar to him since childhood when he herded sheep on his father's estate and later in early adult years when he led a resistance movement against the regime of the then King Saul...*

All he knew was that the child, their son, was dead. No well meaning words would help, no priestly prayers, no loving embraces. Nothing else mattered. The child was dead.

Sensing the king's mood, the groom holding the horse remained silent, even averting his eyes as David and he waited for a heavy cloak to be brought for the cold hours of night.

Taking the cloak, David mounted, grasped the reins, signaled for the citadel gate to be opened and rode out into the late afternoon sunlight.

Sleepless and tossing in the predawn hours, he had already decided where he would go. The heavy wooden gate closed as he let his steed work its way down to the Kidron Valley before turning northeast for the long climb into the hills.

About two hours out he saw the boy crouched in the age-old stance of the shepherd. Scattered along the hillside were the sheep. The very sight brought a flood of memories to David, earlier years when life was carefree, when older brothers carried its real responsibilities, when he was loved and cared for as the youngest. He tried to engage the lad but a peasant instinct made him wary of a powerful stranger. David understood and rode on.

The shadows were lengthening as he came up over the ridge and looked down into the great cleft of the Wadi Kelt. He recalled his father Jesse berating him once for having allowed a valuable ram to go hurtling down the steep slope to its death. Carefully he dismounted and led the horse down the winding path. Across the wadi

he could see the caves on the north slope. The lower caves had long sheltered travellers, many of them guarding their solitariness for their varied reasons.

As he carefully picked his way forward David began to hear the booming of the powerful watercourse that rushed down the slope of the long trench that linked the hills to the distant Jordan Valley plain. As he neared the bottom he found himself having to calm and reassure the animal.

As for himself he found the turbulent water comforting. He felt some of the crushing grief being lifted, an agony being somehow washed from him. He felt a longing to remain, to rest. He realized someone had thoughtfully placed some food in his saddle bag. After eating he found a suitable spot, spread the cloak he had brought and found himself gazing up at the glittering dome of the desert sky.

He remembered his boyhood fears of this vast thundering valley. He recalled stories of its being a kind of gateway to the underworld, a valley of death, yet he found himself strangely comforted by the dark glittering glory of this night. Sleep came until the rising sun flooded the walls of rock that enclosed his world. Throwing off his clothes he stepped carefully into the shouting leaping water, bracing himself against its force, gasping with the fierce energizing cleansing it offered to both body and soul.

Eastward they went, horse and rider, seeing in the near distance the floor of the Jordan plain, flecked here and there by the green of its fleeting springtime. By noon they were moving across the plain, seeking a cleft in the escarpment where David could



turn for home and his beloved Jerusalem.

He suddenly realized with a pang of guilt that he had left Bathsheba with her grief, she who had given birth to their child with her own pain. He began to seek some way of making it possible for her to share in the nighttime journey, to share in some way the washing away of at least the sharp edge of grief, to share his realization that a mysterious and great mercy could hold them both, not in solitary suffering but in a loving mutuality that would make it possible for them to move through this devastating loss. In words that he suddenly found forming within him he found himself wishing to make it possible for Bathsheba to feel herself to be led beside waters of comfort.

David had long responded to the various experiences of his life by expressing them lyrically. So it was as he neared his fortress city on its hill that words and lines began to form, a small gift that he could take to the woman with whom he shared

both grief and love. The verses would not be for just himself but for both of them,

What David would never know, nor could he ever imagine, was that the lines he was sharing with the woman he loved would become the treasured gift of countless generations.

The Lord is our shepherd;  
 Therefore can we lack nothing.  
 He shall feed us in a green pasture,  
 And lead us by the waters of comfort.  
 He shall restore our souls, and bring us  
 in the paths of righteousness  
 for his Name's sake.  
 Yea, though we walk  
 through the valley of the shadow of death,  
 we will fear no evil;  
 for You are with us,  
 your rod and your staff comfort us...  
 Your loving kindness and mercy  
 shall follow us  
 All the days of our lives... ✠

## Bishop's Fund for Refugee Resettlement



The Rev. Elizabeth Ruder-Celiz. PHOTO Wayne Chose

years old. Ten years ago I sat in a waiting room with newly arrived parents and a very helpful and supportive woman from Mosaic (an organization that works for refugees), as an 18 month old child went in for life saving heart surgery that he would never have had in the refugee camp into which he had been born. I prayed very hard that day.

The Bishop's Fund was set up with a generous donation of \$10,000. It's been a way that people can become involved, can help, can participate in doing something. It was set up primarily to resource "Month 13" expenses. Many parishes were then, and are now already actively involved in sponsoring refugees to come to Canada, but inevitably there are expenses that are not anticipated, and often families and individuals need support longer than the 12 months of official sponsorship.

In the almost two years since it was set up, the fund has grown through other generous donations of individuals and parishes to over \$65,000. Some parishes have even created a line item on their budget to support this important ministry. It's a way to support, and uphold refugees coming to Canada, even if a parish does not feel able

In December of 2015, as the larger culture's awareness of issues around Refugees grew, and the call to action and the need to be doing something grew in people's hearts, Bishop Melissa Skelton announced the creation of the Bishops Fund for Refugee Resettlement; I am privileged to be one of several people who oversee applications to this fund.

Like many people, I was deeply moved by the Syrian Refugee crisis. I have been part of parishes that have sponsored refugee families and individuals since I was five

to sponsor an individual or family themselves. We have received and been able to support applications for things like special equipment and a shower for refugees who arrive with disabilities, and other miscellaneous expenses, but surprisingly the primary support has been for dental care.

Often the individuals and families our parishes sponsor and support have not seen a dentist in years, they have been living in Refugee Camps, or in very unstable situations and dental care is not high on the list of priorities. The Canadian government while covering the cost of a basic check up for New Arrivals does not cover the long-term care that is often needed, nor have parishes anticipated this expense!

The Diocesan Refugee Unit (DRU) believes that this need will continue as more and more refugees are welcomed and settle here.

As we approach the second anniversary of this fund, I'm so happy and proud to be part of this ministry, and so overwhelmed by the continuing support.

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