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Summer Mission Trip to China

AN CARSON
St. Cuthbert, Delta

An Carson is the 15-year-old daughter of St. Cuthbert's incumbent, the Rev. Allan Carson.

This summer, my sister Sarah Knopf and I spent two weeks working in China, at the Sanmenxia Social Welfare Institution (Sanmenxia is a city of approximately 2.3 million people located in Western Henan Province in the People's Republic of China). It was probably two of the most profound and life-changing weeks of my life. Being a Chinese adoptee, I felt especially connected with these children. Having been in similar situations, I was able to connect with them on a deeper level. It was also the first time that I had gone back to an orphanage. Having these two experiences together was something that I struggled with emotionally, but I think that doing this mission was something that God had been calling me to do. It was something that he put very close to my heart. It was an emotional battle that I knew with God's help, I could conquer.

The first time I entered the Welfare Centre in Sanmenxia, I was overwhelmed with a flood of emotions: not just feelings of sadness and grief, but also joy. The difference that ICC (International China Concern) has made in the few years that they have been working on this project is wonderful. The amount of happiness that these children have was amazing, and you could really see the love that they all have for one another.

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During this trip I connected really well with one girl in particular. Her name is Liu Ying. When I first met her, she had been at the centre for only two weeks. You could tell by the way she acted that she was still scared of being in this new place, with all these strange children, unfamiliar people and now foreigners were coming as well. But who wouldn't be? Can you imagine everything you know being gone, not knowing what happened, why you're here with these strangers and why you're being called by a new name? She is just a little girl whose world changed completely overnight.

The first time I saw her, I remember her being in the corner by herself, playing with blocks away from all the other children. I began spending the majority of my time with her. During the two weeks I was able to see her open up to her surroundings, start enjoying life more, and I was able to see her come to the realization that she is so incredibly loved, not only by me but also by so many others. By the end of the trip, I had a wonderful bond with Liu Ying. She called me “mama” and I would tell her I loved her as often as I could.

Thanks to Liu Ying, and the entire experience, I got to see what people mean when they say God loves us

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An with Liu Ying.



The first 19 graduates of the Diocesan School for Leadership two-year program.

A Report from the Closing Day of the Diocesan School for Leadership (Year B)

RANDY MURRAY

Diocesan Communications Officer and Editor of Topic

There was a lot of joy and good energy in the dining hall of the Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre in South Surrey, BC at 6 pm on the evening of July 26th. The occasion was the finale of the Second Annual Diocesan School for Leadership (Year B) of the Diocese of New Westminster, which featured the first group of graduates of the two-year program.

The 2013 School for Leadership program (Year B) began on Sunday, July 21st and concluded on July 27th. The weeklong program saw the 54 students, 5 instructors and the director living and learning 24/7 on the premises of the idyllic Roman Catholic retreat centre. Each participant had their own room (of various sizes) with shared bathroom facilities and meals taken in a community environment. The students were divided into five groups, each under the guidance of one of the instructors: Tasha Carrothers, Ministry Assessment Process (MAP) Associate and member of Synod Staff, Diocese of New Westminster; the Rev. Jeremy Clark-King, Rector, St. Mary's, Kerrisdale; the Rev. Marnie Peterson, MAP Associate and member of Synod Staff, Diocese of New Westminster; the Rev. Susan Cleveley, Diocese of Spokane, instructor at the College for Congregational Development (a program of the Diocese of Olympia); the Ven. Lynne McNaughton, Archdeacon of Capilano and Rector of St. Clement's, Lynn Valley; and all

under the directorship of the Rev. Canon Melissa Skelton, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Seattle, Canon for Congregational Development and Evangelism and founder of the College for Congregational Development in the Diocese of Olympia. Each group was comprised of 5 clergy and 5 lay people in order to achieve one of the goals of the program—to have clergy and laity working **together** as leaders of their ministries. Part of the program was taught in plenary, but much of the work was done in smaller groups of 2, 3 or 4.

Bishop Michael Ingham joined the plenary for the dinner and participated in the presentation of certificates to the 19 graduates.

After a dinner of miso flavoured salmon, rice and vegetables, Diocesan School for Leadership Director, the Rev. Canon Melissa Skelton called Bishop Michael to the front of the dining hall to address the school participants.

With a bit of a grin he opened with the question, "Well, what did you learn?" The room erupted with laughter, immediately followed by a flurry of activity as most of the students grabbed and held aloft their placemats. Each placemat displayed: diagrams, flowcharts, graphs, bullet points and other pieces of course material drawn on the bleached white paper in an assortment of "flipchart" felt

pen colours. The Bishop peered out at the placemats and then quite calmly asked, "What is leadership?" This question was greeted with an intake of breath, and a couple of soft moans, which melted into a rather uncomfortable quiet. He paused and asked again, "So what is leadership?" Near the front of the room, soon-to-be certificate recipient, Chris Richards of St. Helen's, Surrey rose from his chair and gave a brief description of leadership as the act of mentoring and nurturing others so they can achieve their goals and reach their potentials. He closed with the admission that leadership is not all positive and altruistic when he said (and I paraphrase), "(leaders) can cast shadow or shed light." Chris's offering was met with approval. After a pause, Bishop Michael responded that the best description of leadership for him was supplied in a statement by former British Prime Minister Tony Blair who said, "The art of leadership is saying no, not saying yes. It is very easy to say yes."

Bishop Michael then explored that concept by putting it into the context of scripture, first citing Moses, but then moving on to discuss the very difficult choices that Jesus had to make in his leadership as reported in the Gospels. In his extemporaneous address he also talked about his own

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Thank you!



A more permanent resident of the Rosemary Heights Retreat Centre.

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experiences in servant leadership as Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster for 20 years and the difficult decisions he has faced, and the many times he had to say “no” and the happier times when he said, “yes.”

After the Bishop’s words, it was time to distribute the certificates to the 19 graduates. As each name was called the recipient was greeted with encouraging hoots, cheers and copious applause. A highlight of the certificate distribution event was the special “certificate” prepared for the Rev. Faun Harriman of St. Alban’s, Burnaby. The organizers of the school had not prepared a printed certificate for Faun so they made a special one out of flipchart paper in order to have something to present at the appropriate time. (She did receive an “official” certificate soon after).

This happy event was followed by the distribution of appropriate small gifts to

the instructors, chosen by the director and likewise, gifts to the director chosen by the instructors. A metallic wig made of red Christmas tree tinsel for Tasha, and a children’s party style pirate’s hat for Jeremy were among the gift highlights.

First year student, the Ven. Stephen Rowe, Archdeacon of Fraser and Rector of The Anglican Church of the Epiphany, Surrey was heard to say that the Diocesan School for Leadership was the best diocesan program/event he had ever experienced; high praise indeed from someone who has certainly attended his share of diocesan events.

For more information about the school and 2014 registration information, please visit the page on the diocesan website later in the fall of 2013, at www.vancouver.anglican.ca/OurMinistry/SupportingParishes/DiocesanSchoolforLeadership.aspx. ☩

The Rev. Faun Harriman’s very special certificate (she now has the real one).



Bishop Michael asks, “Well, what did you learn?”



Melissa has chosen the perfect gift for Jeremy.

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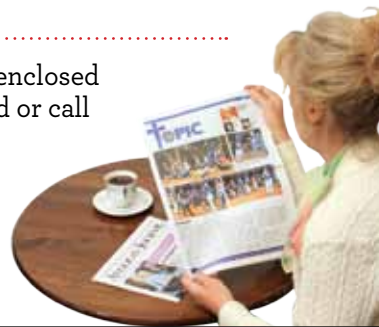
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PONTIUS PUDDLE by Joel Kauffmann



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

compiled by Anglican Archivist Melanie Delva

- 50 years • 1963 New Anglican Theological College (ATC) buildings at the University of British Columbia (UBC) are finished and consecrated.
- 40 years • 1973 Christ Church Cathedral is the setting for the opening scene of a Christmas TV Special based on the Margaret Craven Book, *I Heard the Owl Call my Name*.
- 20 years • 1993 *Topic* announces the election of Michael Ingham as the new Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster.



Bishop Michael (right) delivered to the door in a 1931 Ford Model T with the Rev. William Roberts (left) and the owner and chauffeur of the Model T, Jon Carey (centre).

100 Years of St. John the Divine, Squamish

WILLIAM ROBERTS

Priest-in-Charge, St. John's, Squamish

RANDY MURRAY

Diocesan Communications Officer and Editor of Topic

One hundred years ago, William Mashiter, one of Newport, Brackendale and Squamish's founding fathers, worked with local settlers and the Rev. Allan Greene, to raise \$1,000 for an Anglican Church next to Mashiter's Landing. On July 20th, 1913, with 45 pioneers in faith gathered at the foot of 6th Avenue, Bishop Acton De Pencier came by boat 'Eirene' and together they opened and dedicated the Church of St. John the Divine.

Since then, St. John's has grown up with Squamish. St. John's experienced wars and floods, depressions and developments, new births and inevitable deaths, the transport of commodities and the transcendence of cares. It has been a century of revealing how communities are knit together by faith, hope and love.

The community of St. John's celebrated during a Gala Centennial Weekend, July 12th to 14th, which brought together nearly 200 people celebrating at four events. It was a weekend of laughter and fun but also a time for reflection, sadness and condolences as one of the gala organizers, Fred Gailus, husband of St. John's Bishop's Warden, Andrea Gailus, died suddenly the morning of July 12th. He was the moving force behind the July 13th golf tournament that was scheduled to include the twosome of his son, well-known broadcaster, Chris Gailus and the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster, the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham. The golf tournament was cancelled but the rest of the gala festivities took place as scheduled.

On Saturday evening, July 13th, a Salmon BBQ catered by traditional Squamish Nation caterers and decorated by Sea to Sky Celebrations, was enjoyed by a capacity crowd of close to 100. Following the meal, they were treated to an original entertainment event, *St. John the Divine, Squamish's 100 Year Revue with Six Bishops*. This comedic review, written by the Rev. William Roberts with assistance from diocesan archivist, Melanie Delva and Julie Ferguson's 2006 book *Sing a New Song* consisted of parishioners portraying Bishops: De Pencier; De Pencier (again); Heathcote; Gower; Somerville; Hambidge; and Ingham in somewhat "fictional" scenes, visits, encounters with St. John's, Squamish during the times of their episcopacies. The scenes, written in a tongue-in-cheek but historical style, gave those in attendance an accurate look into the history of the church and the challenges facing the faith community at different points during the last 100 years, punctuated with lots of laughter. The final scene, for example, featured three members of the Squamish Multifaith Society having a meeting in 1996 and discussing the new book *Mansions of the Spirit*, written by the new Anglican Bishop, Michael

Ingham. It was a wonderful moment when they invited Bishop Michael to come on stage and sign copies of their books—and speak of interfaith witness in a pluralistic world like Squamish.

On the Sunday morning of July 14th, the principal 10 am Eucharist, billed as *A Service of Thanksgiving for 100 Years*, was celebrated. The preacher and presider at the liturgy was Bishop Michael Ingham. This was the final parish visit of Bishop Michael's nearly 20 years of servant leadership.

The Bishop arrived in style to the front doors of the church, prior to the commencement of worship in a 1931 Ford Model T driven by its owner, Jon Carey.

During his sermon, he praised the people of St. John's for their commitment to the gospel and to mission in their community for the past 100 years and urged them to remain open to change but committed to continuing the work of Christ for the next 100 years.

The music during worship incorporated a number of styles from taizé to pop and included a rousing rendition of *Jerusalem* prior to the reading of the Gospel. The music in worship led by piano, guitar, trumpet and a trio of

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Bishop Michael preaching.



Lift Up Your Hearts, Bishop Michael celebrating the Eucharist during the last official Parish visit of his 20-year episcopacy.

Order of the Diocese of New Westminster 2013

The fifth annual Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster will take place during a Celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, November 10th, 2013, at 4 pm at Christ Church Cathedral. The preacher will be the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz. Please check the News and Calendar sections of the diocesan website as new information about the service will be added as it becomes available.



Rea Anderson <i>St. Mark, Ocean Park</i>	Judy Graves (Bishop's Nominee)	Kumiko Mizumoto <i>Holy Cross</i>
Margaret (Peg) Adele Cleveland Andrews <i>St. John, Shaughnessy</i>	Jack Griffiths <i>St. Clement</i>	James Edward (Jim) Murray <i>St. Anne</i>
Kerry Baisley (Bishop's Nominee) <i>Christ Church Cathedral</i>	Conrad Guelke (Bishop's Nominee) <i>St. Philip</i>	Charles Nurse (Bishop's Nominee) <i>St. George, Fort Langley</i>
Phyllis Barlow <i>Christ Church Cathedral</i>	Marjorie (Marg) Henry <i>St. Thomas, Vancouver</i>	Keith Anthony (Tony) Pellett <i>St. Margaret of Scotland</i>
Ann Bodwell <i>St. John, North Vancouver</i>	Joan Hobson <i>St. Stephen, Burnaby</i>	Sheila Puls <i>St. George, Fort Langley</i>
Bruce Bodwell (Bishop's Nominee) <i>St. John, North Vancouver</i>	Joan Hodgkin <i>St. Stephen, Burnaby</i>	Mike Roberts (Bishop's Nominee) <i>St. Thomas, Vancouver</i>
Hilary Carpenter <i>St. Francis-in-the-Wood</i>	Ian Edward Marshallsay Hutchinson <i>St. Thomas, Chilliwack</i>	Robert Andrew Rusch <i>St. Stephen, Burnaby</i>
Katherine Anne Cotton <i>St. Faith</i>	Graham Lawrence Jenkins <i>St. Helen, West Point Grey</i>	Joan Alma Sanderson <i>St. Laurence</i>
Mildred G. (Millie) Dempster <i>St. Anselm</i>	Peter Johnson <i>Holy Trinity, White Rock</i>	Charles Andrew (Andy) Schreck <i>All Saints, Burnaby</i>
Richard Allan Diespecker <i>St. Hilda</i>	Robert (Bob) Jones <i>St. Alban, Richmond</i>	Sarah Sergius <i>St. Helen, Surrey</i>
Celia Dodds (Bishop's Nominee) <i>St. James</i>	Michael Peter Kalmuk <i>St. Margaret, Cedar Cottage</i>	Norman (Norm) Laurence Sharkey <i>St. Paul</i>
Charles Etchell <i>St. Philip</i>	Carole Keighley (Bishop's Nominee) <i>St. Matthew</i>	Mrs. Violet Margery Skerry <i>All Saints, Mission</i>
Adeline Elmira (Addie) Favelle <i>St. John, Port Moody</i>	Greg Kennelly (Bishop's Nominee) <i>All Saints, Burnaby</i>	Paul Stanwood <i>St. James</i>
Shirley Grace Fox <i>St. Matthias—St. Luke</i>	Anne Hathaway (Bracher) MacLean <i>St. Michael, Surrey</i>	Margaret Kathleen Warwick <i>St. Catherine, Port Coquitlam</i>
Gail Gatehouse <i>St. Christopher</i>	Robert (Bob) MacMillan <i>Church of the Holy Spirit</i>	Douglas Harry Williams <i>The Anglican Church of the Epiphany ☩</i>

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excellent female voices complemented the St. John's, Squamish liturgical style perfectly.

After the Eucharist, prior to the dismissal the Rev. William Roberts and the worship team presented Bishop Michael with a plaque containing the text of his Episcopal blessing:

Return now to the place where God has given you responsibility.
Remember the peace and love we have celebrated.
And do not fail to show, to all people,
the new life that is already among us.
Have courage.
Hold on to what is good.
Return no one evil for evil.
Strengthen those who fail.
Support the weak, and honour all life.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
go with you now and remain with you always.
Amen.

Following the presentation of the plaque, William informed Bishop Michael that the faith community of St. John's, Squamish would like to offer a blessing to him on the occasion of his last official parish visit as Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster:

Loving and becoming God, we thank you for filling this your servant Michael with the grace and power which you gave to your apostles, and for his leadership to those committed to his charge in proclaiming the gospel of salvation. Through him you have renewed your Church, and this Diocese of New Westminster in its ministry in a changing and turbulent world, and have called its members here, Anglicans throughout the communion, and people of all faiths, into a holy fellowship of love and justice. You have gifted him as a judicious governor, a wise teacher, and steadfast a guardian of the faith and sacraments. You have given him humility, as he has used his authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to let down.

Accept our thanks O loving and becoming God for all Bishops, ministers and other servant leaders in your church and the world. Bless Michael in his years of service to come as he continues to let the whole world know that the things which were cast down are being raised up, the things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and loves with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen



The Trio led the music in worship, Isabelle and Peach Akerhielm and Sommer Harris.

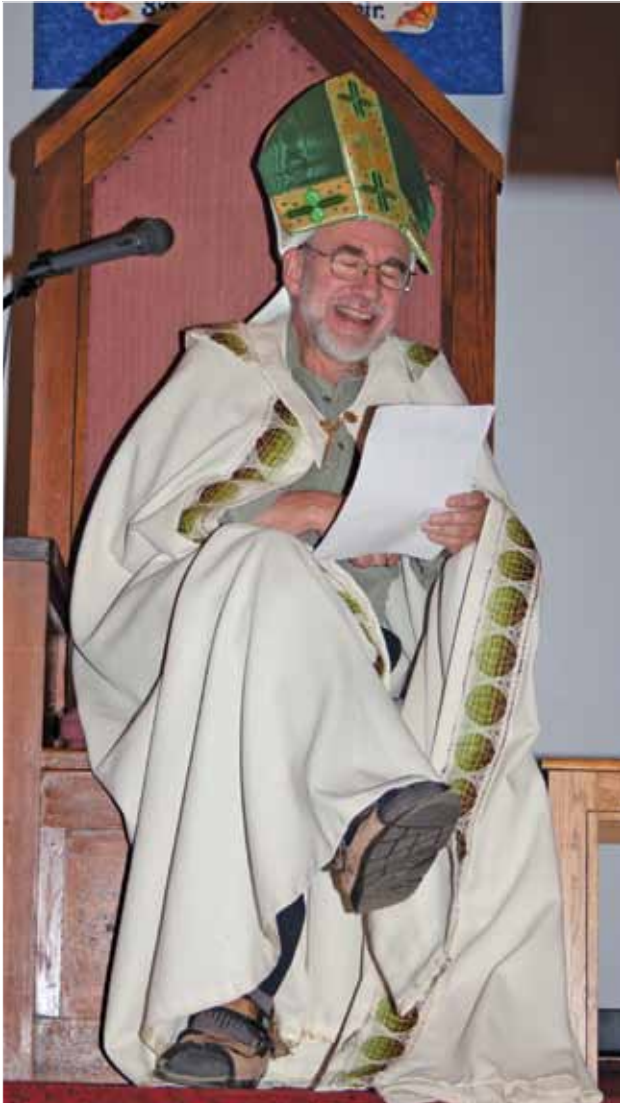


The best looking and tasting Church event cupcakes ever!

The postlude closing out the service was a very good rendition of the Bob Thiele and George Weiss classic first recorded by Louis Armstrong in 1967, *What a Wonderful World* which was followed by the best looking and tasting Church Centennial cupcakes ever, served in the courtyard/labyrinth between the sanctuary and the hall.

St. John the Divine, Squamish is a parish that is active, engaged, unafraid, and excited about being a part of their community as they embark on the next 100 years and they don't plan on resting on their laurels.

August 25th, St. John's, Squamish and priest-in-charge, the Rev. William Roberts recruited 20 volunteers to help



Skai Stevenson cracks up during his portrayal of one of the Bishops at the July 13th dinner party. PHOTO Courtesy of Double Image Photography (Squamish)

out at the *Ironman* competition that was held in Whistler. They were rewarded with t-shirts, food and a \$1,000 donation to aid the ministry of St. John's.

On Friday, October 4th, the community presented *Let's Let the Dogs In—Blessings and Dinners with Dogs* and coming up on Saturday, November 2nd and Sunday, November 3rd the Rev. Pitman Potter and the Rev. William Roberts will present *The Gospel and the Grateful Dead*. Please visit the St. John's, Squamish website for detailed program information about this and other upcoming events at www.stjohnsquamish.ca. ☩

AROUND THE DIOCESE

• Celebrations in Honour of Paul and Kate Strudwick •

SUBMISSION Annette Smith

In May, the congregation of St. Catherine's of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam said farewell to their rector, Paul Strudwick, and his wife Kate with a series of events. After serving



Cutting the cake at Messy Church. PHOTO Ann Blue

at St. Catherine's for nine years, the Rev. Strudwick was leaving to take a position as chaplain at the Church of Santa Margarita in Es Castell, Menorca.

The celebrations of Paul's ministry began with a pub night and concluded with a wine and cheese social. St. Catherine's music director, Kevin Wong, performed a piano concert in honour of Paul and Kate. The participants in Messy Church shared their best wishes with a cake. The congregation of Trinity United Church, with whom St. Catherine's shares a building, recognized Paul's contributions at a joint service of the Anglican and United Churches. Members of Trinity United also prepared the food and served at the wine and cheese social, allowing St. Catherine's parishioners to socialize with the Strudwicks.

The members of St. Catherine have contributed to a parting gift—a generous contribution to Paul's discretionary fund. Paul took the fund to Menorca as he had brought a similar fund to St. Catherine's, a gift from his former parishioners at All Saints Episcopal Church in Carmel, California. ✠



Paul and Kate receiving sweetgrass, a symbol of First Nations spirituality, from parishioners of Trinity United Church at the wine and cheese social. PHOTO Annette Smith

• Congratulations to St. Faith's! • City of Vancouver 2013 Homelessness Action Week Grant Recipient

SUBMISSION Christine Wilson

For the second year, St. Faith's has been awarded a grant from the City of Vancouver for Homelessness Action Week. Last year's event at St. Faith's was extremely successful and on **Saturday, October 19th, 2013**, from 11 am to 4 pm the Vancouver parish will again be hosting *Take a Bite Out of Winter* for people in the community to come by, pick up winter clothing (no charge) and enjoy a hot meal.

New this year, St. Faith's will be offering bread and non-perishable food items for people to take with them. We have invited the local library staff to bring books and sign out library cards and there will be a community health nurse present to discuss any health concerns people may have and offer basic first-aid.

A tent will be set up outside the church to welcome people and make them feel comfortable about going inside the church hall. "Valet service" will be offered so people can leave their shopping carts/back packs

outside, confident their belongings will be looked after.

While we share a meal together, cheerful 'personal shoppers' will be on hand to assist people in selecting winter clothing—coats, boots, mittens, scarves, blankets, sleeping bags, socks and underwear.

St. Faith's is again partnering with Marpole Place Neighbourhood House to produce an update to last year's resource guide to assist people in the Kerrisdale/Marpole area in making connections with existing community programs for food, housing and other dignity resources.

Donations of clothing and non-perishable food donations for this event are gratefully accepted and volunteers are VERY welcome. Please contact the Rev. Christine Wilson at St. Faith's church office at 604.266.8011. ✠

Care Packages and toiletries are laid out awaiting the participants in last year's event.



The St. Faith's Hall as it looked in October 2012 in preparation for last year's Homelessness Awareness Event.



• A Joyous Day of Celebration and Support • Anglican Participation in Pride Day •

SUBMISSION Melanie Delva

Anglicans from across the diocese joined together for a joyous day of celebration and support as part of Vancouver Pride weekend on Sunday, August 4th. The festivities began with a very moving 8 am Holy Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral—attended by 130 people. Clare Morgan, playing the harp and Ginger Shaw on piano, led the congregation in worship. The Ven. Ellen Clark-King was preaching and the Rev. Laurel Dykstra was guest presider. The 60 or so people who stayed after the service were treated to a lovely brunch prepared by Cathedral parishioners.

From there, participants walked to the Pride Parade staging area. A truck—decked out in rainbow fabric and streamers—was available for some to ride in, and signs and banners were ready for the parade. Anglicans representing St. Paul's, Vancouver, a stellar delegation from the North Vancouver deanery and others from as far east as Abbotsford marched in the parade carrying signs such as, "God's Love and Justice for ALL." The Anglican "Church Lady" was a huge hit—carrying a sign that read, "God Loves Absolutely Everybody!"

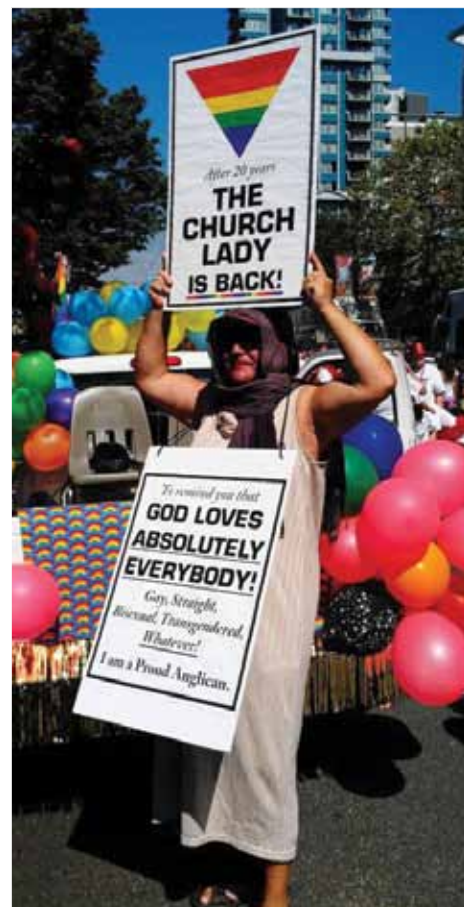
Tens of thousands of people lined the streets to watch the parade, and Anglican

marchers of all ages handed out 2,000 cards, inviting people to visit the diocesan website, that read "SMART and friendly with a passion for justice—a church just like

you!" Anglicans from the Diocese of New Westminster have participated in the parade for many years and were greeted with a very warm reception from the crowd. ✠



The North Vanners (left to right): Jim and Gail Berger (Gloria Dei, Lutheran); the Rev. Elizabeth Mathers; Wilna Parry (St. Clements, Lynn Valley); the Rev. Laurel Dykstra (St. Catherine's, Capilano); and Penny Connell (St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver). PHOTO Melanie Delva



The Church Lady. PHOTO Melanie Delva

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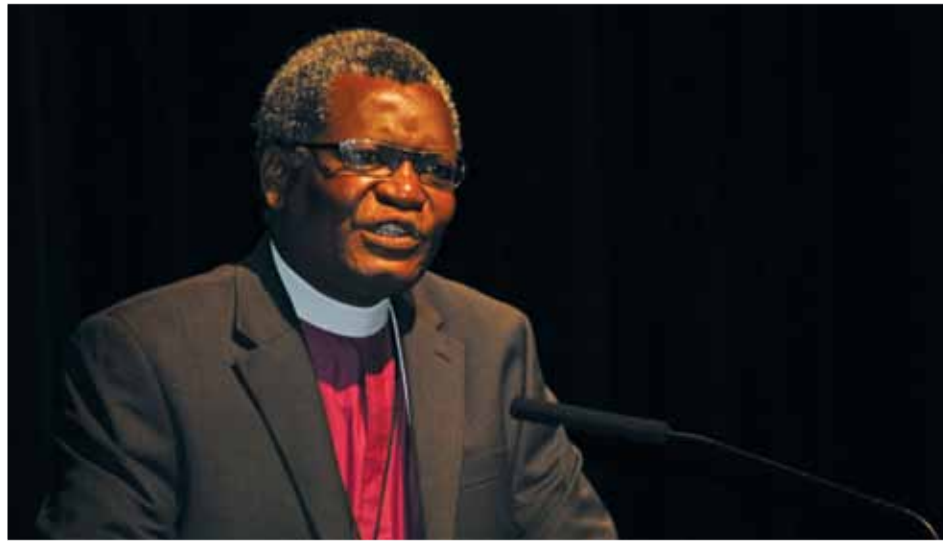
• Bishop James Tengatenga's Dartmouth College Appointment • Withdrawn •

In the *Around the Diocese* section of the September issue of *Topic* on page 7, there was an announcement of Bishop James Tengatenga's appointment as the Dean of the Tucker Foundation at Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. This announcement was made July 16th, 2013.

In the August 14th, 2013, online issue of *The Dartmouth Review* (the day that the September issue of *Topic* went to print) it was reported that one of the first moves made by new Dartmouth College President Dr. Philip Hanlon was the withdrawal of Bishop James Tengatenga's appointment.

Bishop James Tengatenga, chair of the Anglican Consultative Council and former Bishop of the Diocese of Southern Malawi, was the Diocese of New Westminster's Synod Partner this past May 24th and 25th.

The withdrawal of Bishop Tengatenga's appointment came on the heels of mounting controversy surrounding his past and current views on matters of human sexuality.



Bishop James Tengatenga speaking at the 113th Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster on May 25th, 2013.

In support of Bishop James Tengatenga, Bishop Michael Ingham composed and sent a letter to Dr. Philip Hanlon. It reads as follows:

August 14th, 2013
Dear Dr. Hanlon:

I have read of your decision to withdraw the appointment of Bishop James Tengatenga as Dean of the Tucker Foundation at Dartmouth.

While I am sure you did not take this step lightly I must say, with great respect, that I believe it to be quite wrong.

I have known him for several years. He is an African first, proud of his roots and culture, but also widely travelled, scholarly, wise, and sophisticated in his grasp of the complex realities of justice. He has a far greater understanding of how to bridge cultural differences towards the goal of reconciliation than most of us in North America.

He recently came to Vancouver as the keynote speaker at our annual (Anglican) convention. I am not sure what you know of church matters, particularly here in Canada, but both I and our diocese in this city have been at the forefront globally of the struggle for justice and dignity for the LGBT community. We have endured and fought against intolerance and homophobia in the Christian Church for almost thirty years.

Tengatenga came here to build bridges between Africa and Canada on the contentious matter of homosexuality. He received three standing ovations. Mr. President, I can assure you no one with homophobic opinions would have received such a welcome here. His wisdom, humour, intelligence, and grace far transcends the narrow confines of a single issue.

After three decades of opposing intolerance and discrimination in both church and society, I must say to you that liberal intolerance is no more acceptable than its opposite. Both are dangerous to civil society and to a free university.

Inclusion must by definition embrace different cultural perspectives or else, it is not inclusion at all. Dartmouth has lost an extraordinary opportunity to forge a relationship with Africa through one of its outstanding intellectual leaders.

Yours faithfully,
Bishop Michael Ingham
Diocese of New Westminster
Anglican Church of Canada
Vancouver, BC ✠

• Clergy Appointments Around the Diocese •

From the Desk of Executive Archdeacon,
the Ven. G. Douglas Fenton

The Bishop appointed the Rev. Expedito Farinas as Incumbent of Bishop Hills Memorial Church of St. Mary the Virgin (St. Mary, South Hill) effective September 1st. Father Expedito, in conjunction with the Parish leadership, will begin to develop a Filipino community while strengthening the existing congregation for its ministry in the neighbourhood of South Hill. The Rev. Keith Gilbert served as the Sunday Supply Priest during the long interregnum.

The Rev. Melanie Calabrigo concluded her curacy at Mount Olive Lutheran Church in White Rock last summer and began as half time priest-in-charge of All Saints, Burnaby, on September 1st. Melanie succeeded the Rev. Canon Dr. Harold Munn who served as Interim priest-in-charge since January 2013.

The Rev. John Firmston retired as Incumbent of St. Barnabas, New Westminster effective August 31st, having served in that capacity since March 2012. The Bishop appointed the Rev. Emilie Smith to succeed John as Incumbent and that appointment also became effective September 1st.

St. Mark's, Ocean Park said farewell to the Rev. John Mash on September 1st. He was a great support to the Rev. Craig Tankley and the Parish Community. St. Mark's welcomed the Bishop's appointment of the Rev. Denise Doerksen as Assistant Priest on September 8th. ✠

LEFT The Rev. John Firmston at his Induction service in March 2012.

BELOW The Rev. Denise Doerksen.



• New Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator for North Vancouver •

SUBMISSION Laurel Dykstra

On August 29th, 2013, the interview team of the North Vancouver Regional Council announced that North Vancouver has a new Regional Youth Ministry Coordinator supported by five Anglican and two Lutheran worshipping communities. The Rev. Andrew Halladay, currently priest-in-charge half time at St. Augustine's, Marpole, accepted the offer of the half-time position of Youth Minister for the Region on a four-month contract.

Andrew comes with good experience in working with youth and leadership development for youth, with buoyant enthusiasm, and a passion for engaging all ages in theatre productions. Andrew began his new ministry September 1st. ✠



The Rev. Andrew Halladay. PHOTO David Taylor

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Bishop Michael leads the applause welcoming the Rev. Jessica Schaap as rector of St. Paul's, Vancouver. PHOTO Randy Murray

The Transfiguring Love of God

The Induction of the Reverend Jessica Schaap as 15th Rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Vancouver

RANDY MURRAY
Diocesan Communications Officer and Editor of Topic

The Feast of the Transfiguration celebrated on August 6th is a most appropriate choice for the induction of a new rector. It celebrates the moment when Jesus is transfigured in dazzling light before three apostles on a mountaintop, a miraculous moment when Jesus becomes the connecting point between human nature and God, heaven and earth, the finite and the infinite.

The induction of a new rector is a significant event in the life of a faith community, celebrating in liturgy and ritual a new beginning for the new rector and their new parish. Through ordination the priest is also the connecting point for the faith community between heaven and earth, the finite and the infinite.

August 6th, 2013, marked the induction of the Rev. Jessica Schaap as rector of St. Paul's, Vancouver. This would also be the final Induction Eucharist celebrated by Bishop Michael Ingham and among the last of his appointments of an incumbent in the almost 20 years of his episcopacy.

For the past five years, Jessica had been curate, then later assistant priest at St. James', located in Vancouver's downtown eastside. St. Paul's is an urban parish situated in the heart of Vancouver's heavily populated west end. Both St. James' and St. Paul's have histories of deep spirituality in worship and prayer and compassionate service to the poor and marginalized. Jessica brings many gifts to St. Paul's: training and experience as a communicator, wisdom, energy, youth and an ability to teach and interpret the Christian Faith. St. Paul's, with its well-earned reputation for being inclusive, invitational, welcoming, spiritual and generous enthusiastically welcomed Jessica.

A good-sized congregation and an impressive turnout of clergy from all around the diocese and beyond gathered in the nave and chancel of St. Paul's on what very well might have been the warmest evening of the summer of 2013.

The Preacher was the Rev. David Taylor, assistant priest at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale. For the focus of his homily, David selected the second reading, 2 Peter 1: 13–21 (to download a PDF copy of the sermon please visit <http://bit.ly/15Xw7FP> online).

He began his address saying how exciting a time it is in the west end of Vancouver. The Vancouver Pride celebrations and parade involving hundreds of thousands of participants had taken place the weekend of the beginning of Jessica's ministry on August 1st and there was still a "0% chance of rain." He went on to discuss the text in the context of its being a "second-hand testimony" saying:

"In Scripture, in the Bible, we have secondhand testimony of the transfiguring love of God and it is treated as important as the very first witnesses of Jesus.

Secondhand testimony as important as first-hand testimony.

It is odd.

We wouldn't necessarily consider second-hand testimony as important as first hand testimony. Second hand testimony is hearsay, it is gossip, it is myth.

Yet even though Second Peter was likely written after the life of Peter had ended, it is misleading to call Second Peter hearsay,

gossip or myth. It is not secondhand testimony.

In our post-modern era, we understand that every eyewitness testimony is filtered through one's own interpretive lens. No testimony is free from context or from the influences and prejudices that mark a human life.

Witnesses, whether they be first hand or second hand, speak out of their own experiences and turn their experiences into myth the instant they are voiced. Humans are storytellers. We have been since the beginning and we retell stories again and again as our contexts and our experiences change. We have done this in the Church since the Church began; retelling the stories of Jesus in

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Preacher: the Rev. David Taylor, Assistant Priest of St. Mary's, Kerrisdale. PHOTO Wayne Chose

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new ways and in new places with new results and new moments of transfiguration."

Jessica and the Parish of St. Paul's will continue that tradition and further it with new insights and revelations, telling and re-telling the stories of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit through their own experience.

After the homily, Jessica and members of the parish promised in a Covenant in Ministry to be faithful to God and to each other. Various symbols of ministry of the whole people of God were presented to Jessica by members of the parish: the Bible, the baptismal water, the healing oil, the canons of the diocese, keys to the church, the prayer books and the elements that are most integral to our faith life as a Eucharistic people, the bread and wine of the Lord's Supper.

The intercession was particularly prayerful and moving as the newly inducted rector, the Rev. Jessica Schaap took her place in the rector's chair in the chancel and 7 members of the parish all seated together in the nave to took turns leading the prayers.

Bishop Michael celebrated the Eucharist at St. Paul's for the last time as Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster while the choir led by Paul Bunnell offered Gabrieli's *Benedictus and Hosanna*.

After worship, many in attendance gathered outside in the busy neighbourhood to enjoy the cooling breezes of late evening before re-convening in the Parish Hall for a reception.

Transfiguration had taken place; a new era has come for St. Paul's, Vancouver. Please keep the parish and their new rector in your prayers as they move forward in ministry together. ✠



Executive Archdeacon of the diocese, the Ven. Douglas Fenton (right) certifies, "that the required oaths and declarations have been made..." PHOTO Randy Murray



LEFT Jessica receives prayer books from Lureau Linsel. PHOTO Wayne Chose



During the presentation of the Symbols of Ministry, Jessica receives a water vessel from Kaye Kerlande. The presenter of the Bible, Richard Van Delft is on the left and presenter of the keys on the right is warden, Rose Desrochers. PHOTO Wayne Chose



After receiving flowers from the Archdeacon of Burrard, the Ven. Dr. Ellen Clark-King, Jessica applauds her wardens: Kathryn Jones, Sharon Connaughty and Rose Desrochers. PHOTO Wayne Chose

AROUND THE DIOCESE

• 1948 WCC Name Tag to Travel to Korea •
SUBMISSION Anne Elliott



Anne Elliott (left) pins her father's 1948 WCC badge on Melissa Green (centre). The Very Rev. Peter Elliott is on the right.
PHOTO Thomas Alexander Roach

Melissa Green, Program Coordinator at Sorrento Centre is one of three Anglican Church of Canada delegates to the upcoming World Council of Churches Assembly, October 30th to November 8th in Busan, Republic of Korea. Dean Peter Elliott of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver and his sister Anne (who lives at the Sorrento Centre with her husband Dr. Christopher Lind, the Executive Director of the Centre) met with Melissa in June and presented her with their father's (Gordon Elliott) name tag from 1948 when he was a youth delegate to the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC) held in Amsterdam.

This year marks the 65th anniversary of the WCC. After the initial successes of the Ecumenical Movement in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, including the Edinburgh Missionary Conference in 1910, Church leaders agreed in 1937 to establish a World Council of Churches, based on the merger of the Faith and Order Movement and Life and Work Movement organizations. The official establishment of the WCC was deferred, with the outbreak of World War II until August 23rd, 1948.

Gordon Elliott was Dominion President of the Anglican Young People's Association (AYPA) and in this capacity, he attended the first WCC. A long time lay-leader in the Anglican Church, Gordon was installed as a lay Canon of Christ's Church Cathedral in

the Diocese of Niagara in 1992. The 1948 WCC was a life-changing event for Gordon.

Throughout his distinguished professional career in business and industry, it was the health and life of the church that mattered most to him: he had a broad and progressive view of the church and its mission and sought to share that vision. After Gordon's death, Anne found and kept his nametag from the 1948 conference. Finding the tag brought back vivid memories of her father's many stories of the inaugural meeting in Amsterdam. In consultation with her brothers, Tim and Peter (both Anglican clergy), Anne approached Melissa about wearing the name tag for one day while in Korea to acknowledge the first Assembly their father attended in 1948. Melissa agreed with this idea, saying it would make for great conversation, when people looked at the nametag!

The Assembly this year will work under the theme, *God of life, lead us to justice and peace* and will include 825 delegates from more than 300 churches.

The Rev. Ka Hyun MacKenzie Shin, deacon at St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby and her husband Roddy MacKenzie are attending the 2013 WCC. They have been granted media accreditation and will be supplying diocesan communications with some stories and images from the conference. ✚

The badge. PHOTO Thomas Alexander Roach



• Electoral Synod •
November 30th, 2013

As was printed in *Around the Diocese* in the summer and September issues of *Topic*, Saturday, November 30th, 2013, at Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver will be the day and place for the election of the 9th Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster.

The membership of the Electoral Synod is the same as Diocesan Synod in May 2013.

The Search/Nominations Committee coordinated by diocesan chancellor, George Cadman, QC was elected at the June meeting of Diocesan Council. This committee consists of five clergy members and five lay members (for membership details see page 2 of the summer issue of *Topic*).

Any member of Synod may nominate an eligible person to stand for Bishop. Eligible, in this case, means being a priest in good standing in the worldwide Anglican Communion, ordained for a minimum of five years.

Voting is by house: the clergy and laity

vote separately. All voting is by secret ballot.

The Chair of the Electoral Synod will be the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, the Most Rev. John Privett.

During the period of transition before a new Bishop is elected and installed, diocesan canons designate the Dean to be the Diocesan Administrator. Dean Peter Elliott will serve in this capacity. Normally he is at the Synod Office on Tuesday mornings, and Wednesday afternoons. He can be directly contacted by email at pgelliott@me.com, or through the Bishop's office.

Also during this time, the Rev. Marnie Peterson, Ministry Assessment Process (MAP) Associate on Synod Staff will be an additional half-time member of the Christ Church Cathedral clergy team. Marnie began her ministry at the Cathedral on September 1st. ✚

Annabelle and Michael • A Great Duet!

BRIAN WALKS

St. Mark's, Ocean Park, Member-at-Large, Diocesan Communications Committee

On the Sunday afternoon of August 18th, music directors, Michael Dirk (St. John's, Shaughnessy) and Annabelle Ip (St. Mark's, Ocean Park) were married in a grand ceremony that filled the sanctuary of St. John's, Shaughnessy. The officiating priest was the Rev. Father Michael Fuller, Incumbent of St. John's who warmly welcomed everyone. He reminded the congregation of the solemnity of the ceremony and countered it with his quick humour.

Annabelle wore a strapless beaded and sequined dress. The bridesmaids were dressed in short turquoise satin sheath style dresses. Flowers were ivory and yellow, with the fathers wearing red boutonnieres. The mothers wore yellow wristlets. Annabelle and the bridal party processed in to the music of Denis Bédard's *Romance* and Wagner's *Bridal March*.

PHOTO Barbara Walks



Organist Ed Norman, pianist Carl Montgomery and the St. John's Choir led the music with plenty of organ music including the hymns: *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God; A Mighty Fortress is our God; and Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying*.

The Rev. Dr. John Oakes delivered the address on the subject of "love." It focused on God's love for us and our love for God and each other, rather than love for material things or other distractions like sports teams. The prayers were led by the Rev. Craig Tanksley.

The ceremony was followed by a tea reception in the St. John's garden. The weather cooperated as the sun broke midway through the service to brighten up this extraordinary day. ✚



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Sorrento Summer Photo Album for 2013

JANE DITTRICH

Christ Church Cathedral, Hospitality Leader for Diocesan Liturgies at Christ Church Cathedral



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1. Bishop Michael and Jane.

2. The Rev. David Taylor, the Rev. Andrew Halladay, and Dr. Christopher Lind at the closing Eucharist of the week.

3. Amanda Millar and Jane. Amanda Millar is the granddaughter of the Rev. Canon Herbert and Paula O'Driscoll. Amanda served as the Youth Staff Coordinator at Sorrento Centre this summer.

4. Left to right: The Rev. Trevor Fisher, Sarah Crawley (she was teaching a photography course), Bishop Michael Ingham, Archdeacon Michael Thompson, Kate Hutchinson (she taught a nutrition course) and Dr. Christopher Lind, Sorrento Centre Executive Director at closing Eucharist.

5. Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Michael Thompson.

6. Cara Ingham (Bishop Michael's eldest daughter) and Jane (daughter of the Rev. Douglas and Jean Dittrich). The Ingham and Dittrich families first started attending Sorrento Centre in the 1970s. This Summer marks the 50th Anniversary of Sorrento Centre.

There is always plenty of representation from the Diocese of New Westminster at the Sorrento Centre during the first week of August. That's a good thing for many reasons, but high on the list is that is the week that Jane Dittrich attends the Centre and takes along her trusty camera.

This is the third year in a row that Jane has shared with us all through diocesan communications some images from that week.

During this particular week, Bishop Michael Ingham and the Rev. Trevor Fisher of St. Stephen's, West Vancouver, led a course called *Spirit Links*. This popular course has been offered for several years now and for 2013 it had 12 registered who participated in five days of golf, which incorporated spiritual conversations. Christianity is full of imagery and stories intended to help us better understand our spiritual nature and our relationship with God, and the game of golf lends itself particularly well as a metaphor for the seeking of the divine through Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Andrew Halladay, priest-in-charge of St. Augustine's, Marpole was the Worship Leader for the week of Morning Chapel services and the closing Eucharist and the Rev. David Taylor, Associate Priest at St. Mary's, Kerrisdale was the Music Leader.

Other highlights included *Learning a New Landscape: Ministry in the Meantime* a course led by the Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada. ✚

IN MEMORIAM

Cyril Hamilton Powles 1918 – 2013



Cyril Hamilton Powles, 94, of Vancouver, BC, passed away on July 26th, 2013, at Mount St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver.

Born in Karuizawa, Japan, he lived a remarkable, cross-cultural life, which stretched from the rural and isolated Takada City in Niigata Prefecture, Japan, where he was raised, to Montreal, Tokyo, Toronto and finally Vancouver.

Cyril did his undergraduate studies at McGill University, followed by post-graduate studies at Harvard University and the University of British Columbia.

He leaves behind a lifetime of experience as an Anglican priest, university professor and interpreter of cultures. Cyril taught both theology and modern Japanese history at Rikkyo University in Tokyo and Trinity College, the University of Toronto, where he retired as professor emeritus in 1984.

Cyril is survived by his wife of 67 years, Marjorie; son Peter, as well as daughter-in-law Michelle; brothers Bill and Percival; as well as sisters Joy, Isabel and Kathy. There are also many nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who experienced his generosity and wisdom. He was predeceased by his older son John and daughter-in-law Momoko.

Cyril clearly enjoyed a deep and fulfilling life, involving friends, family and colleagues, which took him to many parts of the world for both work and pleasure. Consistently he brought others, particularly the outsider and the powerless, into his work of bringing about a just world.

A special thank you to the staff at Mount Saint Joseph's Hospital for the special care they gave Cyril in his final days and to staff and friends at Cavell Gardens.

The memorial service took place at St. Mark's Anglican Church in Kitsilano, on August 9th.

Thanks to Cyril and Marjorie's son Peter for the use of this obituary text, previously printed in the Globe and Mail. Editor ♣

Joy Kogawa.



Hurray for Cyril

JOY KOGAWA

I'm overwhelmingly grateful for the life of Cyril Powles. My cup overflows with gratitude and I am so honoured to have been asked to speak. He was my hero. When people would ask me if I had heroes, I would say I did. Cyril Powles. Cyril and Marjorie were both my heroes. They were models for what was possible. A life-long loving relationship, companionship, mutuality. They had what I did not have, but in being who they were, they gave me hope.

Sixty-eight years ago on this day, a bomb was dropped on Nagasaki and I remember August 9th every year for that reason. I now have another reason to remember August 9th. It will be a day for remembering Cyril.

It was around 68 to 70 years ago when I first met Cyril. My father took some film footage and there he was with

Give Thanks for Those Who Made Their Life a Light

Reflections Following the Memorial Service for the Reverend Dr. Cyril Powles

DON GRAYSTON

Retired Priest, Diocese of New Westminster

Speaking at Cyril's memorial service on August 9th, writer and longtime friend Joy Kogawa (*photo below*) simply said, "He was my hero."

And why so? Among other things, because after WWII he spent time in the Slocan Valley with the Canadians of Japanese ancestry who had been deported there in the panic of 1941; because he worked with her and others to persuade the federal government to offer an apology for this injustice as well as financial compensation, in the program known as Japanese Redress; and because he had been instrumental in the public apology made very recently by the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster for its confiscation and sale of the churches belonging to Anglicans of Japanese ancestry.

*"He was my hero."
Joy Kogawa*

Cyril was born in Japan of missionary parents, his father eventually becoming a Bishop in the Anglican Church of Japan, the Nippon Sei Ko Kai. He was the oldest of six, the younger five of which remain to mourn him. After schooling in Japan, he returned to Canada to complete his schooling, which culminated in theological studies in Montreal, which prepared him for ordination. It was while working with the Student Christian Movement that he met his partner in life, ministry and the seeking of justice. Marjorie Watson, now aged 99, survives him. (Marjorie's autobiography, in which of course Cyril figures prominently, has been published: *To A Strange Land: The Autobiography of Marjorie Agnes Powles*. Dundas, ON: Artemis, 1993.)

After the war, he returned to Japan, accompanied by Marjorie. There they worked during the 50s and 60s, in university chaplaincy, and in teaching at Rikkyo University, where he taught religious studies and modern Japanese history. Returning to Canada in 1970, he did a PhD in Asian

Studies at the University of British Columbia (UBC), and then taught church history until 1984 at Trinity College in the University of Toronto. Some time later, he and Marjorie moved to Vancouver, where their sons lived. Living first near Granville Island, they later moved to Cavell Gardens, a beautiful seniors' centre only two blocks from where I live, which meant for me the delight of frequent visiting. A special bond between us: we shared a subscription to the *Guardian Weekly*. It would arrive at my door on Friday morning, and I would try to take it over to him before the next Friday, something at which I regularly failed, although it always reached him eventually.

In 1973, when I was a tutor in the Faculty of Divinity at Trinity, and somewhat uncharacteristically afflicted with a moment of self-doubt, I asked him to tell me frankly if he thought I had what it took to do a PhD. He told me firmly that I did, wrote the letter of reference, and the rest is history (and theology!).

Cyril's memorial was notable to me for the appropriateness of the words of the hymns chosen. Here are some lines from the opening hymn, written by Scottish musician and theologian John Bell:

Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

One last glimpse of this beautiful man. His brother Percy, speaking at the memorial, told us about how Cyril, "resplendent in his beret," as I recall his words, appeared on the front page of *The Globe and Mail* in 1973, when he took part in a demonstration in support of Cesar Chavez and the migrant workers of California (I was there as well). Their mother, he told us, was upset—about the publicity, of course, not the beret.

Cyril, thank you for being yourself. You became a beautiful elder, and a light and inspiration to all who knew you. May you rest in peace and rise in glory. ♣

Percival Powles speaking at Cyril's memorial service on August 9th.



Reg Savary in Slocan, the internment camp where we were living. I didn't really know him then, but I know he knew us. He knew our sorrows. He knew us. And for the rest of his life, he stood with us. Right to the end. We worked together in the 80s, very, very hard, day and night, when we were at Holy Trinity in Toronto as part of the Ad Hoc committee, labouring for redress for Japanese Canadians. And more recently he was with us in the telling of the story of the sale of our churches in the Diocese of New Westminster.

I believe Cyril was able to know others because he knew he was known. He was known by the One who knows and loves. He was true. He reflected the Love that was towards him. He was gentle, humble and wise and so intelligent. He had a magnanimous heart. His and Marjorie's devotion

to one another was lovely to see.

If I were a historian and scholar I would try to detail his importance and his place in history. But I am not and can only speak from my heart. Tragically, his priceless records were lost. Still I trust that his stories will find their way to us in their own way, in their own time.

Hurray for Cyril. My all-time hero, bar none.

The preceding is a version of the reflection Joy Kogawa presented at Cyril's Celebration of Life Eucharist on August 9th, 2013, that she sent to Marjorie Powles by email following the service in order that Marjorie could have a written copy. Many thanks to Joy for sharing her beautiful words with the readers of Topic. Editor ♣

IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend Marion Grove, RN

May 25th, 1930 – August 22nd, 2013

"By Heaven, methinks it was an easy leap."

No one is quite sure what this meant, but it was the caption on Marion's photograph in the yearbook for the graduating class of 1951 at the Moose Jaw General Hospital.

And perhaps it *was* easy for her. Marion often said that life was about challenge and mastery, and she met many challenges and mastered them. Even when the challenges seemed overwhelming, she retained her poise and her bountiful spirit.

Marion Joyce Baker was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan on May 25th, 1930. She spent much of her early life in Owen Sound, Ontario, enjoying the beaches and waters of Georgian Bay before entering nursing school in Moose Jaw (in a hospital, she liked to point out, that was begun by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine).

She continued her studies at the University of Alberta, Edmonton campus, and became a nursing instructor and supervisor. Along the way she married a radio disc jockey—a union that led, eventually, to four children, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. "Four is the significant number in our lives," she would say, noting that the family had also included four

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miniature Dachshunds.

There was an interim of fifteen years when Marion was wife, mother and, informally, Neighborhood Nurse. But then she leapt back into the outside world, first at Simon Fraser University in its kinesiology and research departments, then as an instructor at various institutions, primarily Vancouver Community College. Over the years that followed, she took nursing students into all of the Metro Vancouver hospitals.

But work within the church grew increasingly important to her. While she had always cared for people in clinical settings, she now began to care for them in spiritual settings. Hanging up her nurse's



Marion, in the early 1990s, at a Christ Church Cathedral Edwardian Days Event. PHOTO Courtesy of the Grove Family

cap, she became a pastoral visitor for Christ Church Cathedral.

Much of her work was in palliative care wards, much caught up in the new epidemic

of HIV/AIDS. Dirk Rinehart, then assistant priest at the Cathedral, said to her, "You're doing the work of a deacon. You should be a deacon." She was surprised, but accepting, and in 1995, Bishop Michael Ingham ordained Marion as one of the diocese's first vocational deacons.

The healing service on Thursdays at the Cathedral was very important to her, so it was appropriate that her service followed the now traditional Thursday prayers for healing. She was active also in the International Order of St. Luke the Physician, organizing a group at the Cathedral, and traveling to conferences throughout North America. Important to her also were Sorrento Centre, part of her life since 1968 in the early Jim Cruickshank years, and the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, of which she had been an associate since 1974, and for a time convener of Vancouver's Ward of the Holy Spirit. And it should be noted that, although an Anglican (confirmed by Archbishop Godfrey Gower in 1957) she retained the vigor and gospel enthusiasm of her Baptist upbringing. And although she was as urbane and worldly and sophisticated as one might be from visiting New York City from age nine on, there was a touch of mysticism in Marion, as well. She sensed she received divine messages, and had glowing visions of the afterlife.

Marion and Lyndon celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding on August 27th, 2012.

She leaves behind her wonderful memories for her children, Deborah, Christopher and Peter, and there are memories, as well, of daughter Mala, who preceded her into Paradise.

Grandchildren are Emily Garner, Michael Hodge, Helen Hodge and Alexandra Grove; great-grandchildren Jack, Finn and Molly Garner and Xavier Hodge.

By heaven, methinks it was an easy leap.

A requiem Eucharist was said for Marion on Thursday, August 29th at Christ Church Cathedral and the preacher was the Rev. Canon Herbert O'Driscoll. ✠

The Rev. Patricia Reed, circa 1976. PHOTO Beryl M. Morris

The Reverend Patricia Reed

January 30th, 1920 – August 1st, 2013

Pat was among the group of six women who were the first to be ordained Priest in the Anglican Church of Canada on November 30th, 1976. She was ordained by Bishop John Snowden at St. Michael and All Angels Church in Prince George. The preacher was Archbishop Ted Scott.

Pat served in the Diocese of Cariboo until her retirement. After retirement, she moved to the lower mainland and settled in the Parish of St. Cuthbert, North Delta, where she continued to live out her priestly ministry until her death.

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Prior to her call to ordination Pat worked as a social worker in a Child Guidance Clinic in Nottingham, England and later with emotionally disturbed children in Sacramento, California.

She began her preparation for ordination in September 1973 at the Vancouver School of Theology (VST).

She did her field placement work at St. David's, Tsawwassen and was ordained a Deacon on January 4th, 1976 at St. David's. After graduating from VST in May 1976 she moved to Quesnel, BC to begin her full time ministry.

The Funeral Liturgy for the Rev. Pat Reed took place September 7th, 2013, at the Parish of St. Cuthbert in North Delta. ✠



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Ministry at St. Chad's, Vancouver

RANDY MURRAY
Diocesan Communications Officer and Editor of Topic

So the slave returned and reported this to his master. Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, "Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame." And the slave said, "Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room." Then the master said to the slave, "Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled."

Luke 14: 21 – 23

The Christian Community of St. Chad's, situated in the desirable Arbutus Basin neighbourhood located between the Kitsilano and Dunbar districts on Vancouver's Westside continues to open its doors and hearts to those around them.

The Roads & Lanes Ministry (R&LM) at St. Chad's was launched in the Season of Easter 2013. During the previous 10 years at St. Chad's, the ministry path of the community and of its rector, the Rev. Paulina Lee had crossed with a number of people of all age groups, male and female suffering from mental illness. One out of five Canadians has experienced a mental health issue but this remains a very difficult subject for most of us to discuss. Many of St. Chad's parishioners and many of the families who live in immediate proximity to the church are Chinese. In Paulina's view (Paulina is a Chinese-Canadian from Hong Kong) the culture of Chinese families is less accepting and less understanding of mental illness than in the majority of Caucasian families. Breaking down this taboo and removing the barriers of people's prejudices (regardless of race and ethnicity) in relation to mental illness has been a big part of the development of R&LM at St. Chad's.

In a promotional piece generated by Paulina during Mental Health Awareness Week, May 6th to 12th, 2013, introducing R&LM to folks both inside and outside the St. Chad's community she addresses this point:

"For some reason, we find it [mental health] difficult to talk about and we hide from it. And yet, our mental health is just as important as our physical health.

So many things affect our physical health: from accidents, to getting older, to nutrition, to stress. When someone has a heart attack or an accident, we come to their aid. It is so similar for mental health! The person who is dealing with a mental health issue such as depression or anxiety is no different from you or I, and they long for the same comfort, companionship and care as someone with a physical problem."

There wasn't just one particular experience involving the mentally ill and their families that inspired Paulina and the St. Chad's community to establish R&LM, it developed over the years as requests for pastoral care came through the doors of the church. Within six months of her arrival at St. Chad's, a parishioner brought in a suicidal family member and the St. Chad's team quickly responded, bringing with them their pastoral care skills of patience, prayer, support and emphatic listening. The standard pastoral care approach did produce a successful result but the team became immediately aware that for the best results they needed lots of extra patience.

A young man of Paulina's acquaintance had been diagnosed with bi-polar disorder and was plagued by psychotic episodes. The despair of his illness had caused him to lose his faith and he kept asking, "Why? Why has God done this to me?" During the early days of the chronic stage of this man's illness he did not want pastoral visits as he saw those who came from faith communities as representatives of a God who had forsaken him and made him angry.

On one occasion the man's father pointed out Paulina while she was visiting another resident in the same facility. The two were re-acquainted and said hello. They briefly passed the time, speaking in generalities as they had mutual acquaintances in Vancouver's Chinese-Canadian-Anglican community. Over the ensuing months, he was moved from hospital to hospital, group home to group home with Paulina diligently keeping track of his location and continuing to see him. During Christmas week, the facility he was in had emptied out as many of the residents had returned home for the holiday season. In the relative stillness of the normally lively room, Paulina sat with him and they went through the St. Chad's Christmas Eve service bulletin. They sang the Carols together, and as they connected, Paulina could feel some of the barriers breaking down. The next time she visited him early in the New Year, he began to open up to her and accept pastoral care.

By no means was this shift an indicator of an improvement in the man's mental health, for not long after the Christmas visit his condition had worsened and he was



Paulina celebrates the Eucharist in the beautiful Lady Chapel at St. Chad's, Tuesdays at 2:15 pm as an ongoing part of the Roads & Lanes Ministry at St. Chad's.

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receiving shock treatments and additional medications. At this point, perhaps his lowest point, he turned to his faith and asked Paulina for the bread of Communion. After receiving Communion he began to improve and is now substantially recovered, doing well in college and in regular attendance at his parish.

As the previous story reinforces, the Eucharist is a powerful part of our faith. Anglicans are a Eucharistic people; for many of us, it is the centre of our spiritual experience. Celebrating the Eucharist has become a part of the R&LM program and it came about in an interesting way. Paulina recounts the story of an elderly couple, members of the parish. One half of the couple was the caregiver for the other who suffered from dementia. They were lifelong Anglicans from Hong Kong. The caregiver was exhausted and her husband was extremely energetic. Paulina could certainly take Holy Communion to their home but Paulina knew that it would be spiritually beneficial for the wife to worship with the community. This couple inspired Paulina to schedule a Eucharist on a weekday, open to all, in the beautiful Lady Chapel at St Chad's with the worship organized in an abbreviated format so that both of them could participate.

Members of St. Chad's who are part of the R&LM team are constantly learning new things about their ministry. When asked about her experience with medical professionals, Pauline explained that her understanding of them is evolving. Doctors are very busy and they would rather use their limited time speaking to a family member than to a priest or pastoral caregiver. Like most people in the secular world they do not see a pastoral presence as being particularly important but for the most part they are respectful. The majority of medical professionals recognize that a person's spiritual life and spiritual health is important and beneficial for their overall health.

Paulina speaks highly of her experiences with group

home managers. They are often very welcoming and understanding. Paulina recalled that at one group home where she made regular visits the supervisor would alter the daily schedule to allow Paulina to have some dedicated pastoral care time without interruption from the regular regime.

The Rev. Paulina Lee and the members of the R&LM team want to share what is happening at St. Chad's with the Diocese of New Westminster and beyond and encourage other faith communities to consider starting their own intentional ministries to aid, comfort and bring a spiritual presence to those with mental illness and their families. They are passionate and committed to this work that we are all called to do and that is to go out and do Christ's work in the world.

St. Chad's has expanded The Roads & Lanes Ministry by opening up the parish hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 3 pm and 5 pm as a safe, welcoming place in God's House for guests to gather and be who they are in the presence of God. All are invited (but only if they so desire) to participate in:

- Tea and coffee
- Spiritual companionship with clergy
- Quiet reading
- Hymn singing
- Ping-pong
- Chinese calligraphy

The abbreviated Eucharist mentioned earlier is celebrated on Tuesdays at 2:15 pm and the language of ministry includes English and Chinese (Mandarin and Cantonese).

The Tuesday afternoon Eucharist is celebrated in the Lady Chapel, which is really worth the visit if you have never experienced it. The Altar, Altar rail, lectern, credence table and the large wooden processional cross were hand-carved by Thomas Chippendale in memory of his youngest daughter, Amanda, who died in her teens. Mr. Chippendale is a direct descendant of the eighteenth century English furniture designer, builder and cabinetmaker who did some of the finest woodworking the world has ever seen.

Mr. Chippendale was one of Vancouver's pioneer shop teachers and one of the founders of the Vancouver Technical School. Hand carved out of white pine it took him four years to complete the project. On June 23rd, 1951, the Rt. Rev. Sir Francis Heathcotte, the fourth Bishop of New Westminster, dedicated the Altar.

Just prior to this October issue of Topic going to layout, Paulina informed diocesan communications that arising out of the R&LM program she has been asked to lead a monthly (non-denominational) worship on the second Monday of each month, 3 pm to 5 pm as part of the Christian Chaplaincy at Vancouver General Hospital for Mental-Health patients who desire to attend. ✠

OPINION

The Peace

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I feel that I need to say something concerning the exchange of the Peace, as there appears to be a misunderstanding over what this represents.

This element of the Eucharist is better understood when we consider its context. The exchange of peace takes place in the context of preparation for approaching the altar to offer ourselves to God and to receive Holy Communion. In St. Matthew's Gospel, Jesus gives us a strong warning about that particular moment of worship:

Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother or sister has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with them, then come and offer your gift.

Matthew 5: 23–24

This is an application of Jesus' admonition that the second greatest commandment (to love our neighbour as ourselves) is linked directly to the first greatest commandment (to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength). St. John the Evangelist made this connection very clear in his First Letter:

If anyone says, "I love God," but hates his brother or sister, they are a liar; for whoever does not love a brother or sister whom they have seen cannot love God whom they have not seen.

1 John 4: 20

So we are not supposed to approach the altar unless we are living in basic charity with our neighbour, in and out of the church. If we are holding something against or refusing reconciliation with another person, it's as if we were doing the same thing towards God himself, that person's creator and redeemer. And so it would be a contradiction to come to receive Holy Communion while at the same time refusing to work for reconciliation and union with our neighbours.

Through the rite of exchanging the peace of Christ, we give concrete expression to our sincere desire to love our neighbour. How could we hate our neighbour if we are wishing them divine peace? And so, this exchange of peace becomes a beautiful expression of supernatural love for one another, which opens our hearts to receive more worthily and fruitfully the grace of God. It is a fitting preparation for our approach to the altar and to Holy Communion.

It is not a free-for-all to wander around the church talking to those we like or avoiding those who we haven't spoken to for the last 50 years. The correct procedure is to exchange the peace by shaking hands with those who are worshipping with you. The only greeting necessary is, "Peace be with you" or "The peace of the Lord." The offering of the communion gifts and the token offering of our love, as represented by the giving of a monetary gift, then follow the Peace. Thus we can say, "Of thine own do we give thee O Lord." ✠

Are Chickens the Answer?

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Sometimes the negative approach creates a positive outcome. Like ten outcasts, shunned by society, are we able to give thanksgiving when Jesus heals?

In several municipalities the problem of outcast street people has been addressed this year. The most successful approach seems to have been to use agricultural tactics to dislodge the shunned. Public perception is that busy civil servants schemed to use chicken manure as an inhibitor. The spreading of this farm product was an ideal answer not only for displacing those camping on city property, but also served to accelerate the growth of grass and dandelions. Now if farmers had been consulted they could have explained that a little bit goes a long way and those doing the fertilizer should use with caution. Non-farm workers of the city elite apparently knew better. A whole load is the answer to the situation. So, application was made. Those responsible thought this to be a very positive decision. The homeless and their neighbours thought otherwise.

A quick reaction to the manure incidents was evident. Newspaper, television and radio media were inundated by voices of concern. The city halls involved received emails and letters by the score denouncing the method chosen to dislodge people from their meagre makeshift homes. Politicians had to appear in public with heartfelt apologies for actions they had not condoned. In the meantime, the homeless had picked up camp and moved a few metres down the road. The great solution had not worked any better than any other past negative approach.

Out of this debacle came the public awareness that there is a problem. The situation is not a local one. On the streets, the visible transients are only a portion of the homeless numbers. The invisible majority of those living in substandard housing

or no housing at all suddenly became news. It is a disgrace that a nation as rich, resourceful, compassionate and inclusive as Canada has no policy on affordable housing. Before the *chicken incident* people in the Lower Mainland were simply disgusted that panhandlers were plying their trade in their streets. Now they've learned that this was a big issue that not only involves money but human rights, the dignity of a person, and the responsibility that has to be shouldered by society. The challenge to strive for justice and peace among all people, to respect the dignity of every human being, this Christian direction takes on meaning when we are faced with the reality of the plight of our neighbours.

There has been a positive and public response to the Abbotsford homelessness situation. In Abbotsford, the Community Services Society has been working on a solution. A proposal is well underway for the development of an apartment complex geared to taking men off the street and giving them opportunities to develop a better life. The provincial housing authority is partnering with the planners. Interest and support is not uniform. There is applause for the idea, but there is also opposition if the building location is too close to certain backyards.

It is my opinion that the local initiatives of some municipalities need to become tied to provincial and national policies. The local solutions have not worked in a positive way. The negative misinformation of what the real problem may be is not being addressed. There is an urgent need for politicians to get involved in a deep and meaningful way. Canadians should not be living in squalor. *Joint Assembly*, the recent historic gathering in Ottawa of the Anglican and Lutheran Churches clearly called upon Christians to intentionally advocate

for the homeless.

In this month of October with its thanksgiving emphasis there is room for soul-searching. A close read and listen to the Gospel for the 21st Sunday after Pentecost should reveal that our leader from Nazareth did not turn away from those the greater community shunned. Ten lepers encountered someone who was willing to address their situation in a positive manner. All ten were healed. Nine went off to return to the life of the community once the religious authorities recognized them. The one (an extreme case), who had been lucky to be included with the other nine, returned to Jesus. In humility, he bows down and gives thanks to Jesus. He is given new life. We are given new life. With this life we can do responsible positive actions. Why we can even care for the homeless. We can actually make a difference for someone on the street. We can see that person as a human being in need of the same compassion that we need. For this we can be humbly thankful (see Luke 17: 11–19).

Can you give humble thanks in a positive way? Chickens do not have all the answers. ✠



Summer Mission Trip to China

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and he is always with us. No matter where we are, and what situations we might be facing we can always count on the Lord and his love. That is something that will never

run out on us. He is faithful to us, and to these children and will work in and through us. God never failed us and never once in my life, have I walked alone because he has

always been with me and I know that he is there in Sanmenxia, working with these children. ✠



An Carson (left) with her sister Sarah Knopf (right) outside the Sanmenxia Social Welfare Institution.

Introducing Trailblazing

Online Theological Formation for Youth Ministry

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One of the most challenging tasks among parishes in our diocese is training for those involved with youth ministry. The challenge poses the question, “What one training resource would be relevant for the myriad of different individuals and contexts we have across the Lower Mainland, the Sunshine Coast, into the Fraser Valley and beyond?” While some churches may have a paid staff person involved in youth ministry with a Bible college background, many of our parishes rely on the work of committed parents and passionate volunteers with no formal theological training. Finding one event or one course, which can speak to everyone, is a challenge.

Our story is replicated across the Anglican Church of Canada. And although dioceses and seminaries have found various ways to provide training, there hasn’t been an answer to the question of how to effectively, and affordably, offer consistent training and formation to all the different types of youth leaders across Canada. That was the challenge the Youth Initiatives team in the Anglican Church of Canada sought to meet as they began developing resources for youth ministry training. *Trailblazing* launches this month. It’s an exciting new approach to theological formation and training for youth ministry. And Canadian Anglicans put it together.

Trailblazing is an online educational program, which offers theological formation for youth ministry. It aims to equip Anglicans of all backgrounds to do thoughtful, effective and engaging youth ministry in their own contexts. One of the team members behind the project is Andrew Stephens-Rennie, formerly the Missioner for Youth Formation and Vocation in the Diocese of Ottawa who is now



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based in Vancouver. For Andrew, one of the keys behind *Trailblazing*’s design is that before it jumps in to ‘how’ to do youth ministry, it steps back to ask ‘why?’ Andrew says, “We can buy books of fun games and activities for youth ministry, but do we know why we’re doing them? Do we know why we play a particular game, or have a particular discussion? Do we have a sense of the Christian story and why we go to Church and why we are a part of church? One of the first courses available on *Trailblazing* is our *Introduction to Theology*. It’s similar to what you’d find in a seminary, but it’s interactive. It includes audio and video, and there are activities for the participant learner to do to reflect on the learning. There are also activities to help incorporate learning into your work with young people in your parish, camp or wherever.”

As well as offering engaging opportunities for learning, the *Trailblazing* site offers opportunities for interaction across the country. “We are building in forums so folks can have deeper conversation with folks doing the same units at the same time,” explains Andrew. “One of the things I consistently hear from youth leaders is that ‘we need an opportunity to connect with each other, even just on practical matters.’ So while there will be forums on the materials, there will be forums to share stories, best practices and to build camaraderie... We often feel very alone in youth ministry, *Trailblazing* essentially puts us in the same room with Anglican youth ministers across Canada.”

Youth workers and theologians across the country are working on the follow-up modules, or *trails*, which will be introduced to the site on a regular basis through the fall and into next year. Some will continue to trace theological threads, while others will build on those foundations with practical focuses such as: *How do we do spiritual practices with young people?* And *how do we engage young people with*

culture, whether it is film or music or anything else? Although the content will be rich and deep, making it accessible to an untrained audience is an important focus. Through field-testing at *Joint Assembly* in Ottawa this summer, Andrew and the team have been able to put the material in front of Anglicans of all ages and experiences. “They’ve been able to help translate what I think are clear theological concepts from jargon into things which are clear to an everyday youth worker. I had the opportunity to speak to more conservative and liberal parts of the church and I found that everybody was excited about this! We’re excited not because it’s espousing a particular theological viewpoint but because it’s going to help our people to think better theologically. It’s going to challenge the leadership in our churches to be more thoughtful, and to trust our youth leaders to have theological and pastoral conversations with young people.”

The *Introduction to Theology* is offered for free. Although a subscription will be necessary to access further modules, the team behind *Trailblazing* wants to ensure the availability of the site across the country regardless of financial resources. “The single user subscriptions will be available for a reasonable price. There is also institutional pricing so that a parish or diocese can purchase a subscription at a discount for multiple users.” Another key factor is time; and knowing that the busy schedules of those doing youth ministry can be as much a barrier to training as financial resources: “This is designed to be something you could chip away at for around an hour a week. It’ll take some time to work through the modules but you can do it at your own pace. It’s also an opportunity to bring folks together, whether it be in a congregation, deanery or some other logical grouping, to work through the modules together.”

Trailblazing represents the fruition of a part of the national church’s vision for youth ministry, which is to see quality theological and formation training being offered to youth leaders across Canada. Andrew’s hope is that those who don’t necessarily see themselves as the target audience will also go to the *Trailblazing* site and explore the material: “*Joint Assembly* was exciting because I got to demonstrate the material not just with youth workers, but with delegates, pastors and priests from both Anglican and Lutheran Churches. They saw it as valuable for themselves but also for lay people from their congregations; not even those engaged with young people but those who want to think theologically and consider how that impacts how we live our lives today.” The results for youth ministry here in our diocese could be very exciting: “*Trailblazing* will enable us to think of ourselves as youth ministers and pastors, and not just as youth workers. There is something distinctive about our role in the Christian church, which is different from the role of a youth worker in a secular environment like social work... We’re yearning not just to pacify young people but to engage them deeply in our story, to engage them in what it means to be a Christian in a church and to help them to be translators of that story into their own cultures.”

You can start *Trailblazing* now at www.trailblazing.anglican.ca

We will be taking out a diocesan subscription to *Trailblazing*. If you want to access it, get in touch with Phil Colvin, Diocesan Youth Coordinator, at pcolvin@vancouver.anglican.ca. ☛



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