

Bishop agrees to be visitor

Appointment to the Diocese of New Westminster begins Nov. 1

BY ANA WATTS

It's worth the try. That's what Bishop William Hockin told members of the executive council when he announced he had accepted an appointment as Episcopal Visitor to the Diocese of New Westminster. (See stories on pages 1 and 3 of the Anglican Journal and the

bishop's letter on page 3 of this publication). The initial appointment is for one year and begins on Nov. 1, the day after he retires as bishop in this diocese.

Bishop Hockin is an outspoken opponent of the blessing of same-sex unions, as approved by the New Westminster synod last June. For some time he communicated frequently and sympathetically with the dissident clergy and parishes who eventually left the diocese over that issue. As the discussion became more heated, his sympathy cooled, but his stand on the issue remains unchanged.

"What do we do with New Westminster, write them off?" he asked the executive council. "What about the parishes that don't agree with same-sex blessings but want to stay in the Anglican Church of Canada, do we just let them go?"

Although the conservative parishes within the Diocese of New Westminster are his official concern, the House of Bishops did "urge all parishes calling for alternative episcopal oversight to explore the possibility of finding their own best interests, and those of the wider church, addressed in Bishop Hockin's appointment, and

encourage them to explore this possibility with him."

Such a step would be welcome indeed, but the bishop would be surprised if it happened. "The trenches on either side of this issue are so deep I don't think they can even see each other any more. They just lob rhetoric at one another through e-mails." Following his appointment he became the target of vitriolic e-mails from people in some of the dissident parishes. As one who has never fully embraced the latest in communication technology, it was an experience that convinced him that

correspondence by e-mail will not be a part of his retirement.

"I can't give them (the clergy and people in the dissident parishes) what they want and what Bishop Buckle was offering them, which was something he had no right to offer within the Anglican Church of Canada. It is my role to stand with parishes who remain hopeful of new possibilities."

Keith Dow, lay vice-chair of Diocesan Council, responded to Bishop Hockin's announcement. "Your leadership augers well for the task before you. Godspeed in that endeavour."



Bishop's Dinner Speaker

Dr. John H. Wilkinson (left), Youth Ministry Project Director of Wycliffe College in Toronto, was guest speaker at the third annual Bishop's Dinner held at the Sheraton Hotel in Fredericton on April 28. Funds raised at the event are in support of youth ministry throughout the diocese. In his remarks, Dr. Wilkinson congratulated the diocese for addressing the needs of youth and called for the encouragement of inter-generational churches, rather than youth churches. Rachel Tapley, editor of Millgen and member of the diocesan youth committee, officially thanked Dr. Wilkinson for his presentation. Charles Ferris, Diocesan Chancellor and master of ceremonies for the evening, looks on.

Feedback collected for National Church

The Anglican Church of Canada's problems are the same as Canada's problems — diversity, distance and regionalization. That was the conclusion drawn by participants in a recent intentional listening exercise.

In preparation for General Synod, which will be held in St. Catherines late next spring, members of the diocesan executive

council met with Council of General Synod (CoGS) member David Watts to discuss the relationship between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Diocese of Fredericton. The event focused on an Environics survey conducted in the fall of 2002 that reported General Synod was not a priority for Anglicans in Canada.

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New electoral canon proposes term for bishop

A final draft of revised constitution and canons for the diocese, currently being studied at deanery and local chapter meetings, presents the information in a more succinct and better organized fashion that reflects the functions of the church more clearly. The language is clearer and gender-neutral. The document, which constitutions and canons committee chair

Charles Ferris calls evolutionary, rather than revolutionary, will be presented to synod on Nov. 8. It includes the Declaration of Principles within the constitution and the number of canons is reduced from 24 to eight.

The new Canon III, which governs the election of a bishop, calls for a 10-year term. If that term expires after the bishop is 60

years old, the diocesan council may, following consultation with the bishop, extend the term of office to a date not later than the bishop's 65th birthday. If the term expires before the bishop is 60 years old, the bishop is eligible to be nominated for re-election.

There is also provision in the canon for members of synod to

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Don't be late for consecration service

All New Brunswick Anglicans are cordially invited to the consecration of the the Ven. Claude Miller as coadjutor bishop at St. Dunstan's Church in Fredericton on June 23 at 7 p.m.

Of course there is not enough room in the church for all New Brunswick Anglicans to attend, so the consecration planning committee has established some guidelines to allow as many people as possible to be part of the service.

Tickets were mailed to each parish at the end of May for distribution by the rector or warden. Those who hold these tickets but are unable to attend, are encouraged to pass them on to others, either in their parish or elsewhere in the diocese.

Ticket-holders (including clergy spouses) are guaranteed a seat at the service, but only if they are in that seat by 6:30 p.m. They are also only guaranteed only their own seat, and may not 'save' spaces for others (with or without invitations) coming later.

After 6:30 p.m., those who do not hold tickets will be seated

on a first-come, first-seated basis. Those who hold tickets but arrive after 6:30 p.m. (with the exception of dignitaries in possession of special invitations) will join the "rush seating" line.

Archbishop Andrew

Hutchison, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, will preside at the service and Bishop Fred Hiltz of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island will preach.

A reception will follow.

Hall appointed

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall will serve as executive assistant to Bishop Claude Miller. The appointment is effective Sept. 1.

Archdeacon Hall is the rector of the parishes of Grand Bay and Ketepec, and territorial archdeacon of Lancaster and St. Andrews.

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Welcome Spring



The Parish of McAdam greeted spring with a May Tea, complete with flowers and maypoles.

Church/ community partnership

A match made in Heaven

Early Intervention Saint John Inc. is poised to become a community partner with Trinity Church in Saint John. On August 25, it will move its facilities to the second floor of the newly-renovated church hall on Charlotte Street. It's a partnership that could easily be called a match made in Heaven.

The people of Trinity are anxious for their church to remain a vital part of the community. One of their strategies was to share space with a community partner that holds values consistent with the church's. Archdeacon Stuart Allan, rector of Trinity, discussed this idea with his wife Leslie Allan, who is program director for Early Intervention. She saw the space in the hall as a golden opportunity for her non-profit organization. Contracted by the government as part of a larger provincial initiative, it is a community based organization of early childhood specialists who provide developmental support for children and families. The goal of Early Intervention is to ensure children reach school age with every opportunity for optimal development.

"Our centre is split between two buildings right now, and neither is as central as we would like. We really wanted to consolidate our personnel and resources in one place, preferably in an uptown location and near a bus stop," says Ms. Allan. The Trinity Church Hall, often called The School House, fits the bill. Because of their relationship, the Allans presented the idea to others within their organizations to pursue or not, as they saw fit.

When Early Intervention moves into the renovated and fully-accessible hall in August, it will have neighbours. The street-level floor will be a seniors' common room complete with gas fireplace, comfortable furnishings and the use of its own modern kitchen facilities. The room is large enough to accommodate 180 people seated at tables.

Trinity Church, with an aging congregation of its own, sees the burgeoning senior population of the inner city as its primary community as well as a major opportunity for seniors ministry within the parish's commitment to intergenerational philosophy.

A third floor, which is being added to the present building, will accommodate the church's administrative offices, choir room and Kingdon Library.

The renovations are intended to help the parish remain active and serve the community around it. Total cost of the project is about \$900,000, more than half that amount is required to bring the building up to code. Funding comes from the church's endowments, a specific bequest, and a bank loan.



Feedback collected

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After looking at the survey results small groups discussed: To what extent the poll figures resonated with their parishes? Which items in the survey interested them and reflected their understanding of the church? and How can the church at the national level provide a sense of hope and vision in regard to those issues?

Membership in the small groups varied with each discussion, and responses to the issues varied from group to group. Some lamented that staff at the national level had been so depleted that skilled and knowledgeable members were no longer available to assist dioceses. Others felt practical issues, like pensions and insurance, were best handled at the national level in order that bishops can be free to be bishops and clergy can be free to be clergy.

As the survey indicated, participants in this exercise generally felt that issues identified as important to the national church were not important to them, especially those relating to same-sex unions. It was also noted that issues like youth and declining membership were deemed important to respondents to the survey, but do not appear to be part of the national church agenda.

"If the national church doesn't act on the survey results with programs and initiatives, it shouldn't be surprised when we call the national church 'they' instead of 'us'," said the Rev. Bruce McKenna.

Bishop William Hockin said that General Synod would be more important to this diocese if it reflected the issues this diocese feels is important, but also admitted that it is mandated, by canon, to do things and be concerned about things that aren't always important to dioceses.

Salvation through the Father

Dear Editor,

Although I'm a Roman Catholic, I like to keep in touch with my neighbouring Christian friends. My co-worker lets me read her Anglican paper and I couldn't help reacting to the letter "Jesus is the way" by Rod Langis.

My opinion on this matter is that since Jesus came, a little over 2000 years ago, He is the only way to salvation. But what about all the people that came before him? Have they been lost because there was no Jesus yet? I don't think so!

Until Jesus came there was a way to salvation. It was through the Father only. The One God, the Almighty. When he sent His only son Jesus (His own words), God the Father gave us another means of salvation. When Jesus, after dying a cruel death to fulfill the prophecies and bring about the will of the Father, the Father sent us The Holy Spirit.

We are a fortunate people indeed! Through the Holy Spirit we enter into the Trinity. If we follow the commandments given to us by God the Father through Moses, will will one day see God as He really is. The One True God, the Trinity — Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Myself, I can't wait to join the company of saints and the angelic chorus. I live every day in anticipation of that day. Alleluia!
Sincerely,
Germaine Chaisie
Stella Maris Parish
Blacks Harbour.

Salvation exclusive to Jesus

Dear Ms. Watts,

I applaud your honesty in sharing with your readers what "ties your gut in vicious knots".

LETTERS

(ref. editorial titled "Epiphany Sermon Epiphany Experience") However I have great concerns when you promote ideas that are contrary to orthodox Christianity and quote people such as Archbishop Nutter and Canon Jim Irvine to add weight to your ideas. It seems to me you might be making the mistake so many of us have made — formulating an idea in our head and then looking for support for that idea in other people and in Scripture rather than consulting Scripture first. Canon Jim Irvine is right to say that you should not need the weight of authority of an Archbishop or any clergy for that matter to make your ideas acceptable.

You say: "Salvation is not exclusive to Christianity". If by that you mean Christianity as a "religion" you are quite right because religions have no power in themselves to save. However I think you will find that Scripture is very clear that salvation is exclusive to Jesus. In John 14 we find Jesus having no hesitation in saying in the clearest of terms: "I am the way ... No one comes to the Father except through me." Scripture does not indicate that there is any other way, nor does it suggest that this is the best way. Scripture is quite clear: Jesus is the only way. If there was some other way wouldn't it seem odd that God would allow His Son to die on a cross to accomplish something that there was no need of: God is not a God of meaningless acts. If there were other ways then Jesus' death on the cross becomes meaningless.

Finally you quote Archbishop Nutter saying "We have a message that if people accept it, the world might be a better place ..." If that is all the Christian Church has to say to the world we would be no different than a service club. I

am sure it was not your intent to convey that message.

It is indeed a wonderful truth that the coming of the wise men showed that God's kingdom was open to all people. Let us not forget that entrance into that kingdom is by way of the cross. It was Jesus who pointed to Himself and said, "I am the door; whoever enters through me will be saved." John 10:7
Respectively yours,
Capt. Hugh Bateman
Parish of Shediac

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From the Bishop

The main topic of discussion at the House of Bishops meeting in early May was the fractious situation in the Diocese of New Westminster (Vancouver). Since its synod approved the blessing of same-sex unions last June, eight parishes have separated from the diocese and others still within feel threatened and isolated. Bishop Terry Buckle of the Yukon offered to provide episcopal oversight to those parishes, but such a provision is acceptable to neither Bishop Michael Ingham of New Westminster nor the House of Bishops.

Early in March of this year Bishop Ingham, aware of my pending retirement, invited me to consider the role of episcopal visitor to his diocese. It would be a ministry of support for those conservative parishes

Visiting Bishop to the Diocese of New Westminster

who voted against the blessing of same-sex unions but choose to remain within the diocese. My responsibilities would include: visits with parishes who invited me for preaching, teaching and presiding at worship; pastoral care for clergy and parishioners who want it; participation in confirmations and ordinations and advising the diocesan bishop on parish appointments. I would also look for opportunities to restore relationships within the diocese

After conversations with the archbishops of our church and other bishops within the house, I accepted the position, supported by this resolution

"That this House welcomes the appointment of Bishop William Hockin as Episcopal Visitor. We welcome this as a model of respect for those who hold views at variance with the decision of the Diocese of New Westminster, while preserving the unity and integrity of the diocese. We urge all parishes calling for alternative episcopal oversight to explore the possibility of finding their own

best interests and those of the wider church addressed in Bishop Hockin's appointment, and encourage them to explore this possibility with him."

I responded to the house saying: "I see my role as a ministry of standing with those clergy and parishes who, like me, are in serious disagreement with Motion 7 (authorizing same-sex blessings), and doing so as a bishop who represents the care and concern of the wider church. It is my hope that I will be accepted as one who seeks to be a sign of peace within a very seriously polarized situation. I am under no illusion that this ministry will be easy or safe, but I believe that God is one whose energy and will seek to draw people together, rather than drive them apart. I believe that even the attempt to stand in that will will be honoured by Him."

Reaction to this appointment — the term is for one year, beginning

Nov. 1 of this year and involves three to four visitations during that time — was swift. The counsel governing the dissenting parishes, now called the Anglican Communion in New Westminster (ACiNW), denounced the appointment as a further rejection of their position. On the other hand, some parishes within the diocese welcomed it. One message I received said: "we very much appreciate your courage and leadership; this means so much to us in our parish. I remain hopeful that others will see a new possibility in this endeavour. Thank you."

A closing resolution passed by the House of Bishops was an invitation to me to return to the fall and spring meetings to report on my experience as an episcopal visitor. This means that whatever comes of this mission, however it is portrayed by others, it will be reported objectively and fairly.

Although I understand the ACiNW angry reaction and early opposition to my appoint-

ment, I am grieved at its swift refusal to even consider it. As the appointment comes with the explicit support of our Canadian House of Bishops, it offers a new opportunity to explore solutions yet unborn, rather than continue to rehash old offers that have already been rejected. New possibilities are born through talking, listening and praying together. I still hope this might be a possibility.

In spite of the present situation, I go forward in the assurance of God's grace to offer support and encouragement for parishes and clergy within this very divided diocese who seek such a ministry. Please pray for all of us involved that we may seek God's common will.

William Hockin is Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton

Diocesan Council Briefs

April 24 meeting

10 Vacancies

Bishop William Hockin reported there are 10 vacant parishes in the diocese. Four parishes are in the interview process, but there are few students in the system preparing for ordination. "We are not alone in this situation," he said.

Task Force

Archdeacon Richard McConnell will chair a task force to study the need for funding for assistant curate positions for the newly ordained.

"These people want and need close supervision, but when they are appointed to parishes on their own, that supervision can often be a half hour away. The only curacy in the diocese right now is in Florenceville, and I'm sure David Perks would say it was a great advantage," says Bishop Hockin. Mr. Perks recently completed an assistant curacy position in that parish and is now rector of the Parish of Tobique.

"Other parishes might be able to afford curacy positions with some supplementary funds from the diocese."

Archdeacon McConnell originally moved the diocese establish a fund from the 2002 budget surplus in support of the placement of deacons with established curates.

Mr. Gene Moore, chair of the finance committee, expressed concern about spending the surplus. "We have a history of large surpluses being eaten within the next year or two."

Archdeacon McConnell amended his motion to "recommend to the Board of Finance" that such a fund be established. Archdeacon Geoff Hall argued that "referring this to finance gives them decision on a matter of program and ministry. It is council that should make those decisions."

University Chaplaincy

The chaplaincy ministry on the University of New Brunswick/St. Thomas University campus will continue. A committee chaired by Dr. Beverley Smith reviewed the position between October 2002 and February 2003 and "strongly" suggested to the bishop that it continue with a revised job description for the chaplain. The Rev. Wilfred Langmaid has just completed four years of a five year appointment in the position.

Confirmation Resources

At the request of the bishop, clergy volunteers have compiled an extensive list of resources for parish use in confirmation classes. It is an attempt to improve confirmation instruction across the diocese. In some parishes, candidates are confirmed following two or three weeks of instruction, in other parishes it takes two years.

Insurance Costs

The high cost of property insurance has parishes and the diocese looking for partners. "We have to look for real alternatives, rather than just pay the bill," says Bishop Hockin.

In the past 18 months parishes have expressed interest in

group plans and the diocese has considered buying insurance with the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

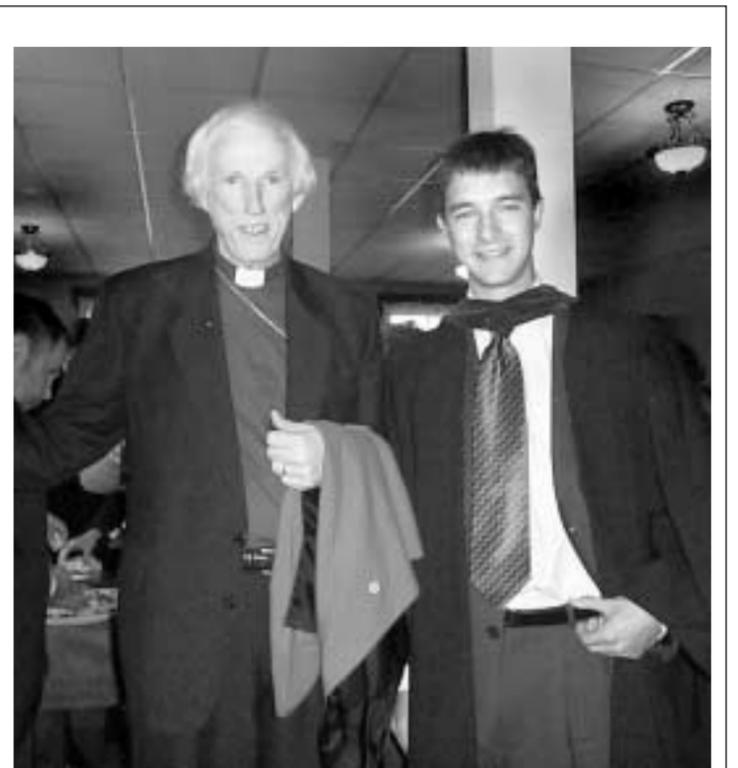
"There's not much saving if we just go with Nova Scotia, but there tremendous savings at the national level with a self-insurance plan. It is a major undertaking and might even require the establishment of separate holding companies," said diocesan treasurer Canon Fred Scott. "Right now we are victims of the market, even though our loss ratio is quite low. We have to look closely at what we want in insurance and there's a lot of work required in that."

Camp Medley Renovations

The Rev. Alan Tapley reported to diocesan council on behalf of Camp Medley. Bishop Hockin expressed disappointment that capital work on the diocesan youth camp had not begun and asked if some could be expected next year.

Mr. Tapley said this work is still in the design stage because provincial standards for camps have been upgraded. "The days of simple camp structures are gone," so construction costs will be much higher than anticipated. The camp has \$90,000 on hand for construction now and will be looking to alumni and other sources for future funding.

The camp will minister to 1,000 young people this summer through 30 well-trained staff members. "We're not where we want to be in terms of construction, but we're happy where we are in terms of camp," said Mr. Tapley.



Convocation speaker

Bishop William Hockin was guest speaker at the 25th convocation at St. Stephen's University in St. Stephen on April 26. He is seen here following the ceremonies with graduate Craig Mack (BA). The mission of St. Stephen's University is to educate and equip students to help bring the Kingdom of God to all the earth. All BA students complete an international travel-study term abroad.

Announcements & Appointments

Bonnie LeBlanc, a 2003 graduate of the Atlantic School of Theology, will be ordained a deacon by Bishop William Hockin at a service in All Saints Cathedral in Halifax on June 11. On Sept. 1 she will assume the position of assistant curate in the Parish of Kingston, under the **Rev. Don Trivett, who is appointed priest-in-charge of**

the parish for one year on that date. He leaves interim, half-time appointments in the parishes of Westfield and Greenwich.

The Rev. William Morton is appointed rector of the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock, effective August 1. He leaves the Parish of Campbellton.

Woodstock rector gets Jubilee Medal

Honoured for his community involvement well beyond the church

The Ven. Walter Williams of Woodstock was recently awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal at a surprise presentation in the office of Tobique-Mactaquac MP Andy Savoy. He was honoured because his involvement in the community stretches well beyond the delivery of Sunday services and his efforts on behalf of his church.

"This is a great part of my job," said Mr. Savoy as he

presented the medal to a very surprised Archdeacon Williams.

Recipients of the Jubilee medal are nominated by members of the community in recognition of those who make "a significant contribution to Canada, their community, or to their fellow Canadians."

Archdeacon Williams, who serves as rector of the Parish of Woodstock as well as archdeacon of Woodstock deanery, certainly meets that criteria. He is chaplain to the 3rd Field Artillery Regiment, the Army/Navy/Air Force Veterans in Canada and the Royal Canadian Legion. He chairs the pastoral care committee and coordinates the duty chaplain system

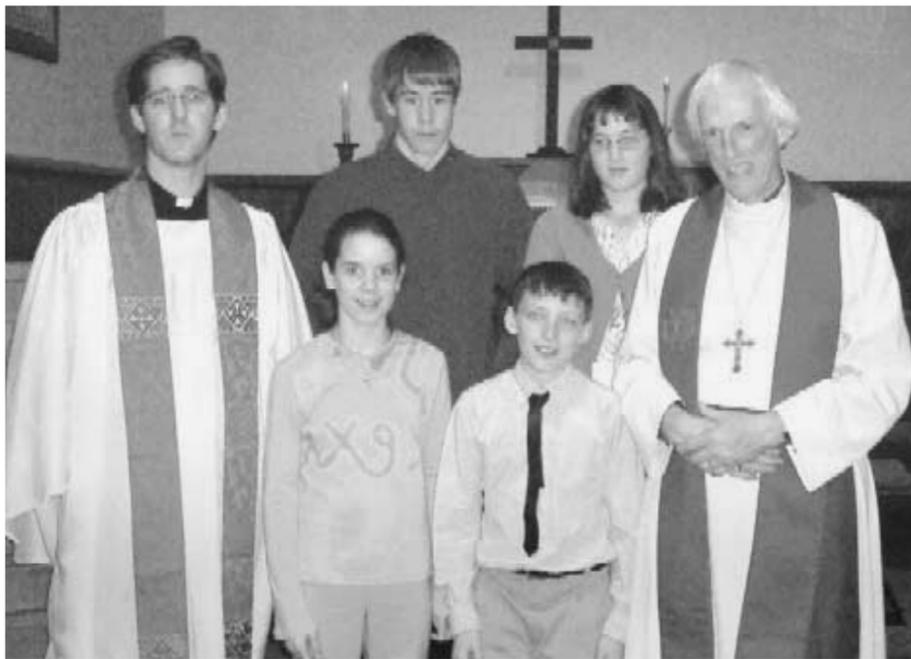
for Carleton Memorial Hospital and serves on its pastoral care committee. He is also recording secretary of the Woodstock and District Ministerial Association, a debriefer for the Woodstock Critical Incident Management Team, a member of the Community Residential Living Board, a past member of Volunteer Family Services, and a past chair of the Suicide Prevention committee.

Archdeacon Williams was completely surprised to be awarded the medal, but pleased with yet another "connection" with the Queen — he was born on February 6, 1952, the day she ascended to the throne.



Archdeacon Walter Williams accepts the Queen Elizabeth II Golden Jubilee Medal from MP Andy Savoy. Photo courtesy Woodstock Bugle.

Confirmations



On Wednesday, April 9, Bishop William Hockin (right) confirmed four candidates at St. Mary's in Hillsborough. Ali Hudson, Stuart Wight (front), and Thomas Hudson and Shelby Wilson (back) are seen here with the bishop and the rector, the Rev. Brent Ham following the service.



Bishop William Hockin (right) confirmed seven candidates at St. Andrews in the Parish of Sunny Brae, Moncton on April 6. Kristine Sears, Sara Sears and Sabrina MacLean (front row), Kristal Hooten, Christopher Murray, Thomas (Tommy) Gillis and Jordan Gillis (back row) are seen here following the service with the bishop and the rector, the Rev. Brent Ham,



On April 27, Bishop William Hockin confirmed Brett O'Donnell, Sarah Beers, Peter Beers and Sandi McLellan at St. Philip's in Moncton. They are seen here with the rector, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick.

A Good Man!

Bishop William Hockin
Explores Character
at the
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New Brunswick Anglican Men's Conference
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Oct. 24 & 25

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Synod delegates to meet candidates for bishop

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meet nominees for bishop and discuss relevant issues with them. This will be done at an informal reception for the nominees and members of the synod that will be held no more than 72 hours before the electoral synod is convened.

The new document also calls for a slight reduction in size of diocesan council (from 34 to 27 members), the ecclesiastical court, and the executive and finance committees. The proposed new compositions bring them in line with the actual number of people who regularly attend the meetings.

A slightly revised definition of a church member, who can also serve on the church corporation or be a member of synod, requires that person be a baptized Christian at least 16 years of age, a regular worshipped and contributor (financial or otherwise) to the mission of the church.

Church treasurers will need to demonstrate recognized accounting experience, rather than just competence, although they will not necessarily have to have "letters after their name." There will also be a teaching document for new vestries. More comprehensive

Cathedral to celebrate sesquicentennial

BY RUSS HUNT

Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton, was consecrated on Sunday, August 31, 1853, at a service which began with a procession from Province House (now the Legislative Assembly) to the newly-completed building, and involved sixty clergy of the diocese, the Bishops of Toronto and Montreal and other dignitaries, as well as an ambitious component of liturgical music. Exactly one hundred and fifty years later, on the weekend of Aug. 30 and 31, 2003, the Cathedral will commemorate the sesquicentennial of that service.

On Sunday morning of the anniversary weekend, the Cathedral congregation will commemorate the consecration with a sesquicentennial service at 10:30. As in 1853, the service will be preceded by a procession from the

Legislative Assembly, and will include visiting bishops and other clergy from neighbouring dioceses, local clergy, and dignitaries, as well as a similarly substantial component of liturgical music.

On Sunday evening the cathedral will host a Sesquicentennial Concert. Echoing Bishop John Medley's commitment to the finest in church music as well as in architecture (he was the first bishop of the diocese and conducted the choir for much of his tenure), this will be an orchestral concert including both choral and organ works, with the choir and orchestra made up from musicians from across the province.

The commemoration will actually begin on Saturday (Aug. 30) with a flower festival in the Cathedral, music recitals during the day, and a picnic on the green.

There will also be historical displays in the Cathedral and in the church hall. On Saturday evening, a sesquicentennial dinner will take place at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, with Bishop Hockin as guest speaker.

All these events are open to the public. The only event for which there is a charge is the Saturday evening dinner at \$75 per person.

The history of the Diocese of Fredericton began with a decision to split the Diocese of Nova Scotia. Fredericton was chosen as the seat of the new diocese. On April 25, 1845 Queen Victoria issued letters patent declaring Fredericton to be a city for ecclesiastical purposes so that a cathedral could be built there. (It would be three years before Fredericton would be incorporated as a city for civic purposes.) The Rev. John Medley was consecrated the first bishop of

the diocese on May 4, 1845, and five months later, on Oct. 15, the foundation stone for the cathedral was laid. The new bishop, in this as in other matters, had wasted no time.

One of the earliest Anglican cathedrals to be built in Canada, it represented a radical movement in church architecture: it was the first cathedral to be erected as part of the attempt to revive the Gothic tradition of the High Middle Ages in modern buildings, and set a precedent for many other cathedral foundations throughout the world, as well as in Canada.

Bishop Medley was an active member of a growing movement toward restoring mystery and ceremony to the church. One element of that movement argued that church buildings should not merely be large assembly halls where everyone could see and hear

the preacher, but rather should, in their structure and atmosphere, reflect the mystery and grandeur of the Anglican liturgical tradition. Most specifically, they were to include a chancel and focus on the altar.

Acting on that belief, he retained Frank Wills as the architect for the new cathedral. Wills' plans were loosely modeled on the Gothic parish church of St. Mary's in Snettisham, Norfolk, though adaptations were made to adjust the building for its purpose as a cathedral church. For instance, the triple "western porch" is typical of cathedrals, as is the equal height of the roof over the nave and the chancel. Completed in eight years, at its consecration the building looked very much as it does today (the spire was not as high, but after it was struck by lightning in 1911 it was rebuilt to the same height as that of St. Mary's).

St. John's celebrating with special service, pot-luck and picnic

BY WAYNE KNORR

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church on Main Street in Fredericton will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the laying of its cornerstone this year.

While the actual anniversary is July 18, a special anniversary weekend is planned for June 7-8.

The weekend will include an anniversary potluck in the church hall on Saturday, June 7 starting at 4 pm.

On Sunday morning, June 18th, Bishop-Elect Claude Miller

will attend an anniversary church service starting at 10:15. A community picnic will follow at the church hall and nearby school playground.

Former members of the congregation and interested members of the community are invited to attend St. John's Church anniversary weekend events. For more information, contact the church office at (506) 458-9811, stjohns@nbnet.nb.ca or on-line at <http://personal.nbnet.nb.ca/stjohns>

St. Thomas' church seeking photos and stories from past

BY SANDRA GRAVES

St. Thomas Anglican church in Black River will celebrate its 150th anniversary on July 4, 5 and 6.

The celebrations will begin Friday night, July 4 at 7:30 with a church service at which Bishop William Hockin will preside. It will also feature special guests and ministers from the past. A reception will follow at the Seaview Community Club.

On Saturday afternoon, July 5, there will be an open house from 4:30 until 6 at the community club. It will be a time to reminisce and share events and photos of the past. The church will be open for viewing and there will be tours of the cemetery.

At 7 o'clock there will be an old fashion hymn sing. Following this there will be a bonfire on the beach.

On Sunday morning there will be a congregational breakfast from 9 until 10, followed by a church service at 11. Keepsake ornaments resembling the church will be available to purchase.

If you have pictures or stories of the parish to show or tell, please contact Sandra Graves (696-8121) or Rosalie Ferris (696-5271).

St. Thomas church is past the Saint John airport. Follow Route 111 to Route 825 through Garnett Settlement and on to Black River.

Good Shepherd Centennial in Cambridge-Narrows

The years since 1903 have brought many changes to the community of Cambridge-Narrows, but the Anglican church, the Church of the Good Shepherd, has been a constant. The foundation stone for this building was laid on Tuesday, September 22, 1903. This year, 2003, on Monday, September 22, at 7 p.m., an Anniversary Service will be held for 2 reasons: 1) to celebrate the 100 years that Anglicans have worshipped in this place, and 2) to look forward to the next 100 years. All are welcome!

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Prayer and meditation through journaling

McAdam workshop encourages participants to remember, imagine

BY MARGARET LAKING

Award-winning Christian author Linda Hall led a journaling workshop called *Remember and Imagine* at St. George's in McAdam on May 10. The session was organized by the rector, the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks.

"Of all God's living creatures, we who are created in God's image, are the only ones who can remember and imagine. We not only have our own personal memories of family and friends and events, but as a people we remember," said Ms. Hall. "Because we are made in God's image, we also

have the ability to imagine and create."

That said, we embarked on a two-hour workshop following a series of group and personal exercises to remember and imagine. We took a serious look at using the journal as a place of prayer and meditation as well as a place for our own personal remembering and imagining.

"Even people who don't write find themselves writing and learning things about themselves and their spiritual walk," said Ms. Hall.

We explored different methods of journal writing — anecdotal, introspective, thankfulness, evidences and third

person. We were asked to choose one of the styles and use it to write for ten minutes. This was the remembering part of our workshop.

Then we moved on to imagining. This encompassed writing such things as the traditional New Year's resolution and things we would attempt to do if we knew we could not fail. We were free to list six things we want to do before we die; name any place in the world we would like to go and say why. The imagining list also included a couple of exercises that may be a little more challenging, such as to write a mission statement for your life or come up with a theme word for your life.



Award-winning Christian author Linda Hall (left) recently led a journaling workshop in the Parish of McAdam. With her are participants Colleen Gratton-Gick of St. Andrews and the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks, rector of the parish and organizer of the workshop. Photo by Margaret Laking.

Journey by journal

Margaret Laking's is a familiar face around McAdam. She was born and grew up in the village, and although she spent some time in and around Toronto, she's 'home' again.

As idyllic as it sounds to grow up in a closely-knit village, Margaret had a difficult childhood. It left her wounded. In *Lent of 2002*, a booklet called *Embracing Your Memories: A Journey for Lent* was offered in her parish. It led her to embark on a spiritual journey of healing through journaling. She went on to use an expanded edition of the booklet — *Macrina Wiederkehr's Behold Your Life: A pilgrimage Through Your Memories* — as her guide. Her 40-week pilgrimage took her to meet her birth father.

In week three of my pilgrimage, I am to "thank my mother and father for the gift of my life," to live in joyful gratitude for them — to "return to the moment of my conception and pray with that moment and abide in it."

How can I do this? I was born in 1951 — an era, unlike this one, when children born out of wedlock carried a certain stigma. A rather unpleasant word was often associated with us. Despite all that, my birth mother kept me, in a way. Her mother, my grandmother raised me as her own.

I wasn't told of my adoption until the summer I turned 11. I was not told in a gentle manner, there wasn't any prelude. It was just there all of a sudden — a statement of fact. My whole world tumbled. All of a sudden my parents were not my parents, one of

my sisters was my mother, another sister and a brother became my aunt and uncle. Nieces and nephews became cousins. I no longer knew who I was.

The book tells me to "look upon the frailty of my father and mother," to forgive them any flaw that they may have had at the moment of my conception. It tells me I cannot be born fully until I am able to forgive.

I lived my life feeling unwanted. Resentment and hurt were my best friends. I didn't understand that God had a divine design for my presence in this world. I'm not sure I fully understand it yet, but now I can forgive and I can love my parents. I want other adoptees to know that they can too, because in the end, it is all that matters.

Week 17 of my healing journey is about becoming a brand new person, a person created in God's image. I am to remove the masks, reflect on growing pains — the difficult and exciting years of adolescence.

Growing up is not easy, and the stage between childhood and adulthood is especially difficult. We're confused about life and feel misunderstood by those around us. Macrina Wiederkehr asks us to recall the story of Joseph and his coat of many colours — the gift longed for but never received. At the closing of the week we are to ask God for confidence in ourselves, for loving kindness and to have our insecurities touched with courage. We are told to ask Him to mend the scared and

scarred places in our lives.

Although I learned who my birth mother was when I was 11, my birth mother didn't tell me my father's name until I was 18, but there was a stipulation: I was never to search for him. I had to promise.

I wanted to find my roots and to know what he thought of me, so I found out where he lived. I found the house but never went to the door or even in the yard. The promise to my birth-mother wouldn't let me. I prayed for our paths to cross. I prayed there would be a way to meet him that would leave my promise in tact.

My prayers were answered one day last summer.

My birth father loved trains. A luxury passenger train made weekly stops in McAdam last summer, so he came to see it. Then he stopped at the store where I work and came through my check-out.

We spoke for a few minutes. I knew who he was, but I asked his name anyway. Then I told him I had some family questions for him. He told me to come visit anytime. I wish I had rushed out to visit him that very day but fear held me back. It took me four months to work up the courage.

On December 12, 2002 I officially met and spoke to my natural father. Butterflies flew in my stomach and my heart skipped beats during that great but all-too-brief encounter.

My husband, James, gently led the conversation toward general topics as we settled in. Then, with a trembling body and voice to match, I told my birth



Margaret Laking with her father

father who I was and what my birth mother had told me about him.

At first, he just said "whatever she told you would be the truth." Then he told me he was married but separated from his wife when he met my mother at a dance. He said he was older and should have known better, and their relationship lasted several months.

As we prepared to leave I found myself wrapped in my father's embrace for the first time in my life. I know we can never make up for lost time but perhaps we can make up for lost love. He told me that first day he loved me.

Over the next few months I visited him each week on my day off. Slowly I got

to know him, my other siblings, myself. In him I found unconditional love, acceptance and roots.

On February 28 of this year I got the call no one wants. My father had suffered a massive heart attack. I broke all the speed limits in an effort to get to him in time, but I was too late.

I was angry for a while. Angry at God's timing. Angry because I hadn't spent more time with him. Now I'm grateful for the time we did have, and especially for the memories I have — grateful that he will rest safe in the arms of Jesus until we meet again — grateful that some of the scared and scarred places in my life have been mended.

Over easy

On the Wednesday morning that follows the second Monday of the month, somewhere between 75 and 80 men enjoy breakfast at St. Clement's Church Hall, overlooking the St. John River in Dumfries. They come for all kinds of reasons — food, fellowship, fun, guest speakers, even the view — but come they do. More and more of them each year.

There were 14 of them in the beginning, which was March of 1999, just after the new and modern St. Clement's opened its doors. Now there are nearly 110 "on the list" which grows by 10 or a dozen each year. The hall can accommodate about 120 at the big round breakfast tables, but if the attendance ratio remains the same, it will be a few years yet before it bursts at the seams.

No matter which figure you use — 75 or 110 — the men's breakfast is a big deal in a small, rural parish, but the truth is, it isn't a parish event. It is a community event. Sure, the idea was born in the Anglican church, but now it has a life of its own.

The men of the parish had a couple of objectives in mind to celebrate the opening of their new church; to "do something" in and for the community, and to socialize.

"We didn't have a big game plan, we had just seen the women in our church take a leadership role, get together and do things, but the men didn't socialize much," says Bill White, one of the instigators of the men's breakfast. He remains its coordinator, which he says makes him responsible for everything but unplugging the toilet.

They thought a men's breakfast or club was a good idea, but they also thought they should engage in some community outreach, so they volunteered at the community kitchen in nearby Fredericton. Their day to cook and serve was the second Monday of the month. There were 14 of them, mostly Anglicans, but a few from the United Church. They decided that was enough to start their men's breakfast group in the church, so they arranged to meet on the Wednesday after their stint at the community kitchen. They brought some food, which they cooked and

served to each other. Then they sat down, compared notes on their recent experience and enjoyed their time together.

They thought a speaker would be a good idea, so they started with members of the group, which was growing rapidly as friends brought friends and told other friends. With more men at the breakfast they were able to send more teams to the community kitchen, 52 months later they're up to five teams who feed nearly 600 people a month.

More men at the breakfast also meant a strain on the kitchen at St. Clement's. The group abandoned the idea of each member bringing and preparing food, instead the community kitchen teams took turns. These days the men only have to supply food, cook or clean-up once every five months, the rest of the time they are waited-on.

"Isn't that what God would expect us to do, be served and serve one another?" asks White. "We have men who have never cooked or cleaned or served in their own homes doing all that for their friends. I've even heard from a few surprised wives that some of them take those skills home with them. The men are surprised too, surprised that they enjoy doing these things and they never thought they would."

Not everyone is a joiner, though, and there's room for those people at the St. Clement's Men's Breakfast, with its members from Anglican, United, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Pentecostal churches, just as there is room for members who don't go to church at all.

"Those who aren't joiners just show up and throw something in the free-will offering," says White. Most of the men do that anyway, and whatever they give freely goes back to the community, not to the cost of the food or electricity for the hall. "There are always clergy at the breakfast, they have their fingers on the pulse of the community and know who is in need. I know a few times it has helped people to pay their light bill and be reconnected. It has bought fuel oil and firewood, helped older people without drug coverage, helped a burned-out

The men who meet for breakfast at St. Clement's enjoy the fellowship as well as the opportunities to serve each other and the community.



About 75 men meet for a hearty breakfast at St. Clement's Church in Dumfries (above Fredericton on the St. John River. Teams, which also volunteer at the Community Kitchen in Fredericton, take turns cooking and serving the meal. There's always a quick check-in, an interesting guest speaker and a free-will offering that goes to people or families in the community in need. Clergy of several denominations attend, but the 'religious' component of the breakfast is confined to grace and a closing blessing.

family, helped a man with stroke whose shop had burned. The offering usually amounts to about \$300 a month and we leave it to the clergy to decide where it goes."

That aspect of the group really appeals to Earl Gilbey of Keswick Ridge. "I belong to other groups that can end up in a wrangle or a row about anything. This group doesn't do anything to create animosity or controversy, it's short, sweet and enjoyable."

Mr. Gilbey works on his own a lot, with his bees, in his framing shop, or at other jobs he has created, so he really enjoys getting out with friends and neighbours once a month. "The breakfast is a great place to meet with people just trying their darndest to be nice. I like the social aspect, and the guest speakers are always interesting. We don't talk politics or religion, although all religions are represented."

Ephie Carrier of Dumfries wouldn't attend the breakfast if there was a lot of talk of religion. "Nobody preaches there except to say thanks for the grub, but if they start on the religious theme, I'm out. It's just a group of men of

varying backgrounds and financial status getting together. I really enjoy it as a social gathering, I learn about the neighbourhood, the people and the places. And I'm not the only one in the group that shies away from religion. I've always said I would never darken a church door, but the breakfast is in the hall, not in the church."

Mr. Carrier has often been a guest speaker for the group and regaled them with tales of the volunteer work he and his wife do around the world in health care administration and nursing. Later this summer they are headed for Haiti to work in an orphanage. "We'll check it out for nine weeks, and if it works, we may return. We're doing it with Gerry O'Leary in Fredericton. He's a religious type. That's okay, but we don't do the religious thing and that's okay with him too. We've worked for the Roman Catholic bishop in Ghana, for Muslims in India. We don't care. We just do the work that needs to be done."

Mr. Carrier also enjoys his turn to cook at the breakfasts. "Our team is called the Untouchables, after the people in India. When it's our turn to cook I really enjoy the organizing. It takes a lot of organi-

zation because they're a hungry bunch."

Hungry is right. Fruit, eggs, hash-browns, bacon or sausage, beans, toast, jam, lots of coffee and tea ... it's all on the menu. The cooking group for the day gets started around 6:15 a.m. The rest of the men roll in between 7:30 and 7:45. There's an informal check-in around the room and one of the clergy present asks the blessing at 8. The guest speaker usually has it wrapped up by 9:30, there's a closing blessing and everyone, except those on cleaning detail, leaves.

Short and sweet, just like Earl Gilbey said.

"I don't know where this breakfast is going to go. It's like getting on a bus with a reasonable fare; the bus is happy, the people are happy. No one knows where it is going but no one wants to get off. I think we're being blessed. It isn't a prayer breakfast, it's an answer to prayer, and I don't think it is an accident things are going as well as they are," says Bill White.

The St. Clement's Men's Breakfast runs year-round. Feel free to just drop in on the Wednesday morning that follows the second Monday of any month.

Not a prayer breakfast ... but an answer to prayer

WA/ACW celebrates centennial

More than 200 members of the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Fredericton celebrated 100 years of Prayer and Work and Stewardship at their annual general meeting at St. John the Baptist Church in Riverview on May 6 and 7.

Bishop William Hockin was celebrant and preacher at the opening service of Holy Communion on Tuesday, the 6th and joined the members for the AGM dinner that evening. David Goss of Saint John was guest speaker on the 7th.

The Rev. Don Routledge, Regional Dean of Shediac, celebrated at the closing Service of Holy Communion on the 7th, when the Ven. Malcolm Berry, Archdeacon of Shediac, installed the new ACW diocesan executive. The Rev. Albert Snelgrove, rector of Riverview, preached at that

service. With genuine appreciation and affection, he compared members of the ACW with beautiful spring bulbs. "They're volunteers, they just 'spring up' and are completely reliable, like the crocuses, tulips and daffodils ... they understand what St. Francis meant when he said 'it is in giving that we receive.'"

In celebration of 100 years of prayer, work and stewardship, an ACW memorial pin was designed by Betty Kennett of Hampton and produced in pewter for the occasion. A booklet Celebrating 100 Years was also printed. Building on the last commemorative WA/ACW booklet 25 Years of Progress 1953-1978, it updates the work and witness of the group through the eyes of the bishops and presidents active since that time.

Clergy spouses explore relationships

With the help of Mrs. Emma Marsh and Bishop Eddie Marsh, 35 clergy spouses explored their relationships with God, their families, friends and church at their conference at Villa Madonna in Rothesay in early May.

The conference opened with a Eucharist at which Archdeacon (and bishop-elect) Claude Miller celebrated and preached.

Conference participants led

services of Compline each night and Morning Prayer on Wednesday.

Mary Lee McKenna and Val Phinney led music each day. Bishop Marsh celebrated and preached at the closing Eucharist.

Organizers would like to thank the staff of Villa Madonna, the Marshes and everyone else who helped to make the conference a great success.



The ACW executive for 2003/2004 was installed at the closing service of Holy Communion at the ACW Diocesan Annual meeting in Riverview in early May. From left to right in the front row are: Frances Morrissey, Saint John deanery president; Heather Dow, Kingston-Kennebecasis deanery president; Christine Greer, treasurer; Heather Carr, president and Mothers' Union representative; Ann Longthorp, past president; Mary MacDonald, vice-president; Ruth Gorlick, Pickett-Scovill Fund and Farraline Place; Deanna Wong, recording secretary and Lancaster deanery president. Back row: Rosalie Brown, missions liaison; Lois Bramley, Woodstock deanery president; Elizabeth Belyea, Shediac deanery president; Marion Carter, Foster Children; Jean Cole, corresponding secretary; Margaret Adams, Miramichi-Chaleur deanery president.

Goss shares moving testimony and some spooky tall tales too

David Goss of Saint John, an author, storyteller and faithful Anglican, quoted award-winning travel writer David Yeadon when he addressed members of the ACW gathered for their annual general meeting in Riverview on May 6 and 7. "For once in my life I feel I am in exactly the right place doing exactly the right thing at exactly the right time."

A moving testimony about his own faith, influenced by a faithful family and the Scouting movement, also outlined how he came to be doing the things he loves today.

"I became a storyteller through the stories of the church as shared in the church, the stories from my dad as shared on the way to and from church and how he made the walks exciting. Then there were the stories of family, especially those overheard at the Saturday night card parties, and the stories Dad shared at Cubs, the Jungle stories and how he would get into them as Baloo the bear, Shere Khan the tiger, Kaa the snake."

As a young adult and Scout leader himself, he searched for more stories to share and found

them in his reading As an adult and an employee of the recreation department in the City of Saint John, he was challenged to give something to the community, so he began a series of Walks 'n Talks.

"While I didn't know it, I now see I was being prepared for things to come, even the early retirement that came as a result of City of Saint John cutbacks has not proven a hardship, but a blessing. Now I begin each day with a paraphrase of Colossians 1:9-11 — 'Fill me with the knowledge of your will, and with the wisdom and understanding your holy spirit gives, so that I will be able to live as you want me to and to do what pleases you, and that my days will result in good deeds and through what I do, I will grow in the knowledge of you.'

"I think collecting and telling stories is what God had in mind for me right from the start. I certainly worked hard in my career with the city, but it did not bring me the pleasure that the work I do today does."

Following a break in the meeting, Mr. Goss returned to address the gathering as Daniel



David Goss as the ghost of Daniel Camaro

Camaro, a codfish-carrying 19th century Irish fisherman from Saint John who still delights in haunting the Harbour Bridge. Camaro is one of three ghosts who love the legends and stories of the Fundy coast. He admits he has never had a ghostly experience himself and offers his ghostly characters entirely for entertainment, but he reminded the members of his enthusiastic audience, some of whom offered ghostly experiences and stories of their own, that Jesus himself made reference to ghosts.

ACW Quiet Day

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and some of her young companions

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Organ to Give Away

The parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel, and Aberdeen has an electric organ to give away. It is an older model, and one key does not work, but someone out there may have a use for it! If that someone is you, e-mail the Rev. Chris Hayes, chhayes@nb.sympatico.ca, or call the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk, 506-392-5202.

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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love and in purity."
1 Timothy 4:12

Bishop's dinner a powerful evening

BY RACHEL TAPLEY

We're six months into a year dedicated to youth, and the ripples are becoming waves of acceptance; clearly a focus on youth was necessary.

I was privileged to sit with several distinguished guests at the Bishop's Dinner head table recently. One of those distinguished guests was the guest speaker, Dr. John H. Wilkinson,

the Youth Ministry Project Director at Wycliffe College in Toronto. I had been asked to thank him. It was a pleasant and easy task because he is a delightful man, quite willing to share his knowledge and love of youth, not to mention the importance of God's influence in their lives.

A long time youth worker, teacher, parent, husband and leader, Dr. Wilkinson came with vast amounts of experience and

knowledge of working with youth. He shared with us his advice for integrating youth and church, but more importantly, he shared his advice for integrating youth in Christ's community. His speech was moving, uplifting and extremely exciting! The youth of today are not lost causes, he said, though their numbers dwindle daily. They need Jesus and they need people like you and me to show them His way of life. He

suggested that youth need us to be boat makers, net-makers, and fishers of people ... fishers of youth.

There are many youth in this province who desire a multi-generational church, not just a youth church, but one in which they can learn from the wisdom of others. As members of the church in this province we have been called to reach out, and to attempt different methods of reaching, because the old ways do not work

anymore.

It was a powerful night, filled with good food — for our stomachs and our thoughts. Thank you Dr. Wilkinson for giving of your time to share with us your knowledge and your love of youth. Thank you Bishop Hockin for dedicating this year, 2003, to the youth of this diocese. We are extremely grateful.

Dinner theatre supports missionary

BY CORNELIUS CHRISTIAN

During Holy Week, the Andover Youth Group presented a dinner theatre evening in support of Lisa DeGrace from Moncton, a missionary for Hope Missions who operates an orphanage in Odessa, Ukraine. It was the third year in which we used our time and talents to support Lisa in her work with street children. We raised more than \$600.

The evening got off to a good start with Michael Mills playing the guitar as people arrived. Dinner was prepared by volunteers in the parish and we served it. Then came performances by guitarists Jordan Hathaway and Joel Martin, and mentalist Cornelius Christian. Then came the main event, a play called, The Vigil.



Lisa DeGrace and friend

Cornelius Christian prosecutor and Mark McMoragale for the defense presented their cases to the jury (the audience). The former sought to prove that the body of Jesus was disposed of after burial by the gardener. The latter argued that Christ did in fact rise from the dead.

Further information on Lisa and her work is available at www.worldhope.ca/country/ukraine.htm.

Warm summer wishes from Rachel

Dear Readers,
Until very recently I had no idea how many people read this page. Thank all of you for reading, for being advocates for the youth of this province and for your prayers.

Mother Theresa once said that we are to "Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your warm greeting." We have seen God working

through people all over this province to encourage and strengthen young and old.

Thank you for your submissions to Millgen this year. Have a wonderful, blessed summer. Don't forget to pray for the many camps of the diocese, as well as for your priests, laypeople, bishops, and for the whole Church of God.

Rachel

Bishop's Dinner table talk

Many young people from around the diocese were on hand at the Bishop's Dinner this year. In the photo at right are Valerie Dillon, youth worker at St. Luke's Church in Saint John; and Melissa Ketch, a member of the youth group at St. Luke's. In the photo below are Erin Gallagher (left) and Justin Chase of Minto. They are chatting with Tim Frazer and Virginia McGrath (right) of Shediac.



Servers' Camp at Brookwood July 27-30

A four-day experience for young people 10-16
An opportunity to learn acolyte (candle-bearer),
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INTERCESSIONS

Pray for others overseas, in Canada, and in our own diocese

JUNE

9: Parish of Bathurst, The Ven. Douglas Patstone; Rev. Canon Basil Buckland (R); Good Shepherd Parish (Paroquia do Boom Pastor), Rev. Josafa dos Santos, Salvador Brazil.

10: Parish of Bright, The Rev. Ian Wetmore; Good News Mission (Missao Boas Novas), Lay Ministry Israel Cardoso, Caapora Brazil.

11: Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough, (Vacant) The Rev. Brenda McKnight, Priest-in-Charge; The Rev. Eric Caldwell (R); House of Hope Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Casa da Esperanca), Rev. Miguel Uchoa, Jaboatao Brazil.

12: Parish of Campbellton, The Rev. William Morton; Good Samaritan Parish (Paroquia do Bom Samaritano), Rev. Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, Recife Brazil.

13: Parish of Campobello, The Rev. Charles Smart; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe; Christ Liberator Mission (Missao Cristo Libertador), Rev. Jorge Aquino, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

14: Parish of Canterbury, (Vacant) The Rev. Jane Arnott, Priest-in-Charge; Communion Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario Comunhao), Rev. Marcio Meira, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

15: Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea; Diocese of Recife: Bishop D. Edward Robinson de Barros Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Haines Junction - St. Christopher's, Beaver Creek - St. Columba, Alaska Highway mile 918-1202, The Rev. Canon Geoffrey Dixon, Rosalind Dixon, & Lay Ministry Team; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; The Ven. Claude Miller, Coadjutor Bishop-elect, William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti, and their families.

16: Parish of Carleton, The Rev. Vicars Hodge; The Rev. Canon Brian Campion (R); Calvary Parish (Paroquia do Calvario), Rev. Adonias Ramos, Paulista Brazil.

17: Parish of Central Kings, (Vacant); Hope Mission (Missao da Esperanca), Lay Ministry Claudio Linhares, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

18: Parish of Chatham, The Rev. Alan Reynolds; The Rev. Wally Collett (R); The Comforter Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario O Consolador), Lay ministry Antonio Costa, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

19: Christ Church Cathedral, The Very Rev. Keith Joyce, The Rev. Elaine Lucas, The Rev. Pat Drummond, Honorary Assistant, The Rev. Canon Hubert Drillen (R); Christ The Saviour Parish (Paroquia Cristo O Salvador), Rev. Josafa dos Santos, Ilha de Itaparica Brazil.

20: Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, The Rev. Gregory McMullin; David Larlee, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, England; Jesus of Nazareth Mission (Missao Jesus de Nazareth), Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, S. Goncalo do Amarante Brazil.

21: Parish of Dalhousie, The Rev. Andrew Fraser; God Liberator Missionary Station (Ponto Missionario, Deus Libertador), Lay Ministry Carlos Alberto Tome, Joao Pessoa Brazil.

22: Give thanks for the Church in Pakistan; Diocese of Recife: Bishop

D. Edward Robinson de Barros Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon: Whitehorse — Church of the Northern Apostles, The Ven. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard) & Lay Ministry Team; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; The Ven. Claude Miller, Coadjutor Bishop-elect, William, our Bishop, George and Harold, Bishops Emeriti, and their families.

23: Parish of Denmark, (Vacant); The Rev. Wally Corey (R); Emanuel Parish (Paroquia Emanuel), Rev. Ian Meldrum, Rev. Edgar Batista, Olinda Brazil. Pray for the Consecration of The Ven. Claude Miller as Coadjutor Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton.

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Less confident ... more certain

Hi, Evelyn, I said, knocking on the door as I opened it to enter.

"Hi, Father. Have a cup of tea?" Evelyn rose, smiling, from the kitchen table where she had been nursing a cup of tea of her own. She automatically moved toward the stove, "It's still fresh. I just made it at lunch time." A Pyrex tea pot was simmering on a front burner.

"Sure, that'd be great," I replied, pulling a chair up to the table. "Just a half cup."

"Bottom half or top half?" Eddie quipped as she steadied a mug with her left hand, the tea pot held in her other.

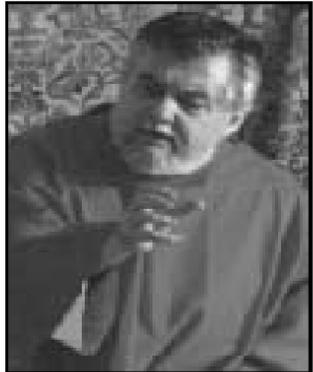
"Top half," I said, with a glancing look first at him, and then back to the stove. The three of us laughed at our ritual banter. I sat down and a mug of steaming tea was set before me. We exchanged smiles and Evelyn sat down.

"Father," she began, "Pastor Peter was by this morning to visit Eddie and me. I think he's still upset that I left his church."

"What happened to make you say that?" I asked, lifting the cup to my mouth. I blew on the tea to cool it, and began to sip.

"Something he said, Father." She looked first at Eddie and then back at me, adding after an awkward pause: "He said that you are a priest but that he is a pastor."

"Yes," I replied. "And did he say anything else?"



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BY JAMES IRVINE

"Well, he then said that everybody knows that pastors are closer to Jesus than priests." She paused and there was a long silence as I took another sip of my tea. She shook her head and lifted her cup up half way to her mouth. Then put it back on the table, looked directly at me and asked: "But that's not true, is it?"

"No, Evelyn, you're right. That's not true."

"Then why would he say such a thing, Father?"

I looked at her across the table, holding my mug of tea with both hands. Her eyes reflected confidence at the truth. Confusion was reflected as well, at the lie.

"Why, Father? Why would he say such a thing?"

"Evelyn," I began, "I'm not sure. The only thing I can imagine is that some people need to feel that they are closer to Jesus than other people. As for me, I'm happy

just to be in the room."

"Ah-h-h," she acknowledged, with an understanding nod. We sat for a moment, silent, and then as she began to get up, she asked, "Like some more tea? How's your tea? Like some more Eddie?"

I am mindful of an earlier time when I was much younger. I recall a time when I too was less confident and more certain. I remember when I wanted to be closer to Jesus, needed to be closer! I remember the day when, in my brash youthfulness, I made the announcement to my family.

My parents and I had just returned from church. It was winter and we had coats to hang in the downstairs hallway. Boots had been left by the door in the porch. Snow had been swept away and we wedged ourselves at the foot of the stairs as we unbuttoned our coats, coats we would hang to dry near the hall radiator. As I strained up to anchor my hanger on a hook, I decided to say it. I would announce to my Mum and Dad the decision I had made that very day on my way home from the service. After all, I had paid close attention to the prayers and the readings. And I approved of the fine sermon our priest had delivered. Yes, I was certain. I turned to make my announcement.

"I've decided I'm an Anglican," I announced, beaming.

"I've thought it over, and I've decided I'm glad to know that I have made the right decision."

My parents paused, looked at me. Neither of them seemed to have heard what it was that I had announced. They must have heard me, yet neither had responded to my news with anything like the joy and triumphalism I had expected they should. My announcement had fallen flat. What now? What was I to say? My brittle certitude broken, I stood there speechless. Like Alice in Wonderland, I was shrinking fast having drunk from the vial of certitude labeled *Drink Me*.

"Come here, Doc," my Dad said, placing his arm around my shoulder. He often called me "Doc" when he and I were going to have one of those formative talks a father has with his son. "Come on in here and let's have a seat." We crossed the hallway and entered the living room. We sat at one end of the chesterfield in front of the front windows. My tie was beginning to feel tight at my neck. I sat nervously, wondering what I had said that was wrong. I just knew that something was wrong: something I had said. Dad, sitting beside me, angled himself slightly so as to make our exchange intimate, personal.

"Doc," he began, "I know what you are trying to say. Mum and I both know. But you know, you mustn't say it."

I looked at him, incredulously. I was confused. He and I had studied the Catechism together. He asked me; I asked him. We had done this together! I thought that today was another step. The next step *closer.*

"You're an Anglican," he went on, "because you were given to us by God. God might just as easily have given you to the Smith's, in which case you'd be a Roman Catholic. Or he might have given you to the Jones', in which case you'd be a Baptist. Or he might have given you to the Levine's, and then you'd be Jewish. As it is, you're here with us. And we are ... all three of us ... simply trying to be with God."

Had Irvine been Levine, I would find my feet on another path. The longer I walk on the path which I have traveled these many years, the clearer my Dad's counsel becomes, but it has never been any clearer than on the day that I sipped a mug of hot tea with two others who walk faithfully with me.

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Enthusiasm, love, commitment, and a heart for children

BY PAT DRUMMOND

In my three years as Christian education director for this diocese, I have met more than 200 church school teachers. Almost all of them have demonstrated they love their work and tackle it with great enthusiasm and commitment. More than that, however, many have told me that teaching is a wonderful learning experience for them. They have re-discovered the Bible and learned much about the church that they either never knew or had forgotten. They have also been inspired by children's uninhibited response to the great Biblical stories and by their joy in worship.

Many of these teachers have two or three children of their own, a full time job outside the home, and even volunteer for other things, like Cubs, Brownies and the church choir — all in addition to teaching a class on Sunday morning or mid-week. This busy-ness and dedication, however, often means a teacher needs a year or two off from time to time — time to recharge, or explore other opportunities. Then, the Church School is faced with finding new talent.

What do we look for? Well, obviously, we need people who like children. After that, teacher characteristics will depend somewhat on the age of the class to be taught.

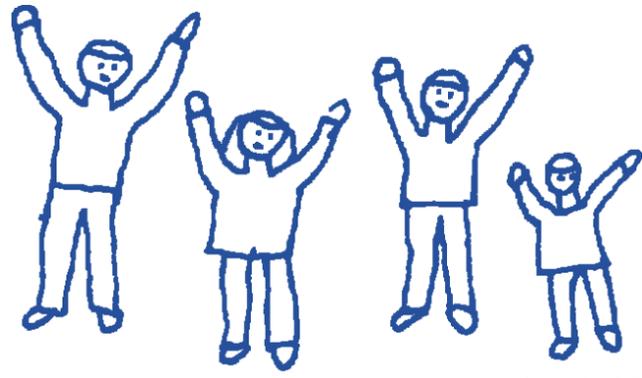
For the nursery and early primary years, we require people who are free with their hugs, even for the child who could use a wash, or who spills the juice, or doesn't want to share. Yes, I know about abuse and how hugs can be misinterpreted, but if there are two teachers in each class, or a class helper in the room, this shouldn't be a problem. We need inviting personalities who welcome children and make them feel they have been waiting all week to see them again and would miss them very much if they weren't there. An atmosphere of love and acceptance is more important with this age group than great theological knowledge.

In the elementary years from grades two to five or six, we need teachers who are excited by what they are teaching, teachers who love to pass on the stories and the ideas of the Bible. We need creative people who look at a curriculum and get ideas from it as to how best to

help the children in their class understand and remember, for each class has its own special needs and characteristics. We need people who are willing and able to add to the curriculum, or to adapt it to best fit their children, and we need people who enjoy the games, the painting, the puppets — all the things that help the message to come alive for this age group.

For the teen years, we need teachers who know our faith well, but who will allow youngsters to explore and question without feeling threatened. These teachers need to be willing, when necessary, to say: "I don't know the answer, but let's find out." We also need some adults who are willing to accompany this age group on field trips. These classes may well engage in some volunteer work, want to go and see a movie that they will discuss later, or attend a service with a style of worship different from what most adults prefer.

Where do we find people like this? Look at the congregation on Sunday. Who seems to exude love for little ones? Who asks the children in the next pew how



their week went? Who seems genuinely interested in the teens of our congregation? Maybe the people you need are older, with children who have now left home. Maybe they are recently retired and would welcome a new interest.

Perhaps you might look at the 'time and talent' questionnaires filled in by parishioners. Many parishes have recently completed all-member visitations in connection with stewardship. Don't let the information acquired in this process gather dust. Go through it and identify the people who may be willing to help. Ask the rector. He or she often has insights about people in the congregation you may not know well.

In addition, make occasional church school presentations in the church demonstrating the exciting things that go on. Have teachers tell the congregation how they have

benefited from their year(s) of teaching. Make sure that most church newsletters have information or articles about the ministry taking place with the youth. Broadcast what an interesting and lively place it is to be.

Now is the time to find the teachers you need for September. Once fall comes, people are too busy getting their children ready for school and starting all the new activities to want to think about it. New teachers will also appreciate having the summer to plan for a class in the fall. There will be rainy days when the curriculum could be brought out and read through to make the early weeks easier, and to allow ideas to germinate.

Besides, with teachers in place for the fall, you'll be able to relax a bit and — have a great summer!

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Summer change as good as a rest

Summer time and the living is easy ... unless you work at Camps Medley and Brookwood. It's easy if you're not doing outreach at Cornerstone, Inner-City Ministries or the Stepping Stone Café. Yes, the living is easy after the first few hundred kids get through Vacation Bible Club. I love those crazy, hazy, lazy days of summer.

Contrary to the age old myth that clergy work only on Sunday and church shuts down for the summer, there is a lot of ministry going on within the diocese all through the summer months. Indeed, life goes on, and that includes paying bills. I've heard our parish treasurer mention that once or twice.

If you're fortunate enough to have a nice summer holiday, you can support the work of the church in many useful ways.

First, and this should go without saying, continue your weekly offering.

DANCING IN THE RAIN

BY RUTH COLEMAN

Bishop Mark Genge tells the story of a man who often complained about the high cost of raising his son. The son grew up, went to university and came home in the summer. In addition to tuition fees, the father had to feed his son, buy clothes, give him money for gas and pay for car insurance. His son was a real financial burden. One evening the boy was involved in a car accident and was killed. After the funeral expenses were paid, the boy never cost his father another cent. Bishop Mark made the point that supporting a family costs money, but we don't even want to think of the alternative. This story has always helped me look at the expense of children and the cost of ministry, including youth ministry, as a necessity and as an

investment. They say that where there is life there is hope, but there is also cost. I prefer to look at this cost as an investment instead of a drain.

Second, make yourself available to relieve those who work year round. They tell me there are periods in life when we have more time than money so if you're operating with a deficit there is still something you can contribute. Besides, a change really is as good as a rest. My husband and I have often been asked to take our vacation time and join a summer mission team. Although this is tempting, we do mission most of the time. We need a break! My idea of a rest is an escape into a Margaret Atwood dystopian nightmare, not more front line ministry. If however your job requires that you sit at a computer five days a week, front-line ministry might be just what you need to keep in touch with the human condition. A mission or a week working with

a vacation bible club team will give you a hands-on experience, I'm sure the people who work with children throughout the year would appreciate the break.

Third, pray for those who do the work. Of course all our work would be in vain if it were not for the prayer that undergirds all our effort. It is amazing how much more effective our ministry can be when covered in prayer. It's like spending an American dollar in a Canadian market place. It goes a lot further. I think of prayer as the kiss of the Spirit. I believe we should always do our best at whatever it is that God calls us to do. But to be really effective and take our work over the top, it must be couched in prayer. I recently heard about a school in this province where the teachers gather once a week to pray for their students. They also pray for the staff and all the community partners involved in educating the kids. Can you imagine what

a positive work place this must be? I'm certain the statistics would show more positive outcomes in a classroom where there is prayer than one where there has been none. Prayer elevates work to vocation. Although I run the risk of sounding like a cliché, prayer makes all the difference in the world.

If I were to assign a value to the three ingredients of successful ministry, I would be hard pressed to say that money or time is more significant than prayer. Prayer is user-friendly and all of us have equal access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ. Not all of us are equally blessed with time or money but we are all called to shoulder the weight of ministry in some capacity. I'm thankful we have so many people who are willing to share their gifts in the church. I pray we will all be refreshed this summer and move forward in the work we have been called to do.

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