



Council adopts new governance model

BY ANA WATTS

Members of Diocesan Council established a model for governance and identified seven primary ministries at a visioning retreat in late March.

Chuck Steeves of Moncton, an active Anglican who specializes in “processes that develop strategic thinking, focus, and high performance-with tangible results and lasting impact” facilitated the meetings at Villa Madonna that identified mission, episcopal, administration, youth, spiritual development, stewardship & financial development, and parish development as the primary or umbrella ministries. All other ministries within the diocese come under one of these primary ministries.

Each primary ministry will be supported by a working group or team — made up of an archdeacon, members of council and others interested in that

area of ministry. The teams report to council.

Diocesan Council will meet five times a year, the seven teams will meet between Diocesan Council meetings.

“The teams will regularly evaluate the ministries under their umbrella and take responsibility for their resources of time, talent and treasure,” says Bishop Claude Miller.

This new model of governance was developed by the Structures Task Force of Diocesan Council appointed by Bishop Bill Hockin in 2001. A new Structures Implementation Committee is supporting the adoption of the new model.

“Ministries will submit their budgets to the team in time to be included in the September budget consultations. That’s when we present a narrative budget to the people throughout the diocese so they know where our spending priorities lie. Good ideas that come to council will



MURRAY ARNOTT

Chuck Steeves of Moncton (standing) facilitated a Diocesan Council visioning retreat in late March that saw the adoption of a new governance model and the identification of seven primary ministries.

be referred to teams for action and development. I believe this model of governance will ensure we are accountable and effective,” says Bishop Miller.

Members of council were asked to list the primary ministries they prefer to serve in order to help strike committees.

In addition to members of

council, vice-chancellor Clyde Spinney, Christian education director Pat Drummond and youth action director George Porter attended the retreat.

Frustrated young people want changes at parish level

BY JIM MORELL

New Brunswick Anglican young people want to be part of a church that is alive for Christ and members of congregations that are warmly welcoming, a family in Christ, relevant in their daily lives, reach out to those in need, and feed and challenge each person. They are convinced such a model appeals to Christians of any age and will result in a “truly intergenerational church where people of all ages worship, learn and have fun side by side.” They

also want to know when they can expect to see changes at the parish level to achieve it.

This message is the bottom line in a letter to the diocese composed at Youth Consultation II held in St. George in early March. The full text is available on-line at www.nbya.ca, copies have been sent to all parishes, the diocesan youth action team is hopeful it will be read to every congregation in the diocese during Sunday services this month, and Bishop Claude Miller will put the letter before

Diocesan Council for discussion as well as formally present it to synod.

The letter is much more than a bottom-line question, it also addresses ways in which its goals can be reached. It calls for members of every congregation to “open their hearts and minds as they reach out to a generation of young people who want and need Jesus Christ in their daily lives.” This is achieved by a “big change in attitude and a willingness to consider new ways of making young people

feel they are equal and important members in the family of God.”

The letter admits that young people see adults as “scary” and “unapproachable” and suggests clergy and adults take the first step by sending signals that they are willing to consider change. At the same time it acknowledges that young people have to be moderate in their expectations and understand that for many people, change is difficult.

Throughout the consultation, the young people said they felt

invisible to many adults and unimportant in their own churches. They don’t believe adults understand how frustrated they are, and that some clergy have not given youth ministry the leadership it needs and deserves. They also said there is not enough plain talk or challenging Bible-based teaching in their churches to help them understand how to live a Christian life in today’s complex and difficult society. They said they feel the church Please see Youth on page 12

Dinner speaker promises some humour, surprises and perspective

Employing a sense of humour, deep faith and beach bag full of surprises, John Carrington will address the fourth annual Bishop’s Dinner at the Delta Hotel (formerly the Sheraton) in Fredericton on Oct. 4. The current vice-chairman of Barrick Gold, the world’s third largest gold-producer, has a unique perspective on the challenges of living out a Christian faith in a profit-centered and market-driven business environment. He calls his talk *I am their leader ... Which way did they go?* “I love to tell stories,” says the

37-year veteran of the mining industry who has worked around the world. That includes a four-year stint (1991-1995) in Bathurst as president of Brunswick Mining and Smelting. At that time present Bishop Claude Miller was rector of St. George’s, where the Carrington family worshipped and Mr. Carrington was a lay reader. “I love this ministry. The Bible is meant to be heard, and lay reading has a very special role in worship.”

In his address, Mr. Carrington will talk about what it is like to live out his faith in the

workplace — especially in an industry so environmentally intrusive. “I’ll look at the challenges, the joys, the conflicts, the burden of imperfect decisions, even the guilt of compromise.” He will also attempt to answer difficult questions like: How to balance legitimate, but conflicting, points of view? What is it like to work in a business whose product’s prime market is jewelry? (75% of all new gold production goes to jewelry.) Where is the ‘sustainable’ in a mining development? Where is Please see Speaker on page 12

Newspapers delayed in June

June issues of the *Anglican Journal* and *New Brunswick Anglican* will be delayed in order to provide coverage of General Synod May 30-June 4.

Deadline for submissions to the *New Brunswick Anglican* is extended until May 15.

Live coverage of General Synod is available at www.anglican.ca

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Task force hears 100 presentations

BY ANA WATTS

About 500 New Brunswick Anglicans attended five regional consultations hosted by the diocesan task force on human sexuality in late March. Around 100 of those people made oral presentations to the task force and a further 70 people or groups submitted written briefs.

General Synod, which will be held at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ont. from May 28 through June 4, will be asked to

affirm that the blessing of same-sex unions is within the authority of a diocesan synod and that any Canadian Anglican diocese, if the bishop agrees, has the authority to perform such blessings. Bishop Claude Miller set the task force at the November diocesan synod and called for the consultations in an effort to get a sense of the heart and mind of this diocese on the issue. A summary of the views expressed in the oral and written submissions will be

presented to him this month and he will share that information with the General Synod delegates from this diocese at a meeting expected the middle of this month.

Presenters at the regional meetings held in Florenceville, Fredericton, Saint John, Riverview and Bathurst, were assured a safe and respectful environment in which to make their presentations, and that their views would not be challenged.

"Not everyone stuck to the guidelines, and in fairness it was impossible, so I decided to let people express their views as long as they were not a direct attack on anyone or any particular group," says Dean Keith Joyce, who chaired the task force as well as the regional meetings. "The task force supported my decision ... We were all there, after all, to hear what people had to say. Given that, people spoke well and responded well to the time

strictures which were established by dividing the number of known speakers (they signed-up on arrival) by the time available."

In deference to the spirit of a safe environment fostered by the Task Force, *The New Brunswick Anglican* did not attend the consultations. It will not publish any quotes from the oral submissions, nor will it print any parts of written submissions, even those sent directly to the paper.

Campus ministry reorganizing in Fredericton

The recently ended academic year was one of transition in terms of Anglican ministry on the university campuses in Fredericton. The Rev. Dr. George Porter, diocesan director of youth ministry, was appointed interim chaplain for the University of New Brunswick (UNB) and St. Thomas University (STU) and established Tuesdays as his regular office day. It was a significant reduction in time from the full-time chaplains of recent years.

"Such a period of transition naturally raises concerns and questions, especially when structural and programmatic changes are involved," says Dr. Porter. "But it is not a question of whether or not we will have a presence in the university settings. The diocese is committed to the academic community. The real question is what shape that presence will take in the future."

Following the spring break and in consultation with Bishop Claude Miller, the Rev. Dr. David

Mercer, who teaches at STU, began presiding at Tuesday noon chapel Eucharistic liturgies. Dr. Porter also compiled a list of scheduled Anglican services in the immediate area. "In addition to the worship opportunities provided by Tuesday chapel liturgies, I would also like to see the students connect to existing local churches while they are in Fredericton," he said.

Dr. Porter is studying the research and recommendations included in a recent study of the

chaplaincy program and meeting with former chaplains, other university faculty and staff, student services personnel and students. "I am becoming acquainted with ministry needs of the university community — students, faculty and staff — and how best to meet them. There are already presences on campus by virtue of excellent staff, faculty and students. These individuals tend to be in proximity but to be largely unconnected with one another. The challenge is to forge

relationships and connections that contribute to building a community."

He has identified small groups of students who participate in various campus Christian groups and events, and feels part of campus ministry is to facilitate interdenominational cooperation.

"I recently attended a workshop at UNBSJ on recognizing and meeting the spiritual needs of university

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New camp facilities ... same old camping fun

BY MARJE HARRISON

With successful fund raising strategies in place, Camps Medley and Brookwood are on their way to renovations that will bring them into the 21st century.

With fond memories of tents, making beds with straw and ticking, cabins with hundreds of names on the walls, Dudley the moose and an ancient picture of the queen, the Camp Medley board has been planning for the future of our Christian Camps.

The plan for Medley is to

retain the traditions (including Dudley) and add some conveniences, like new showers and toilets, hot water, and a bit more privacy. There are even plans for a toilet in each cabin for those who need one in the night. (Some people are afraid to walk outside alone in the dark.) The cabins themselves will be bigger and have lockers. The nurse's room will have a comfy bed for campers who don't feel well.

Camp Brookwood's board is still deciding where its money would best be spent.

Phase One at Medley, the

construction of the new cabins, should be underway now, so campers can look forward to new cabins this camping season. Phase two, the dining hall/worship facility, comes next year.

Don't worry about the old cabins at Medley, with all the history inscribed on their walls, they will be put to use. One may be a walk-through reception area, another may be used for canoe storage and yet another for a museum. If you have any other suggestions on how we can use them, e-mail us at corgi@nb.sympatico.ca.

The new cabins are semi-detached, with more room for stuff and a counsellor! They will make it easier for mums and dads to pick up kids and their camp souvenirs too.

Camps Medley and Brookwood are your camps. Bishop Claude Miller is as excited as we are about the renovations and will dedicate the funds raised at the Bishop's Dinner toward camp improvements.

You can look forward to new digs at the camps, as well as the same old fun and Christian camaraderie.

Convocation in Halifax

The Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax conferred 12 Master of Divinity and one Master of Theological Studies degrees on May 1. It also awarded four graduate certificates in Theological Studies and 10 certificates in Theological Studies.

Bishop Victoria Matthews of Edmonton, a candidate for the office of Primate, delivered the convocation address. The Rev. Leo Martin attended the convocation representing this diocese.

Speaker has NB connection

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God in a world that sees people displaced from their lands for a mine development?

"We're delighted that Mr. Carrington has agreed to be our speaker," says Jim Morell, chair of the dinner committee. "He is a storyteller with a good sense of humor and an important message. I'm sure people will benefit from listening to a man who has dealt with the conflicting values of Christianity and the business world."

Mr. Carrington and his wife Eleanor remember their time in New Brunswick fondly, they still have strong ties to the province. They frequently return to the province to visit their son Neil and his wife Nicole Pitre.

The Carringtons currently attend Holy Trinity Parish

Church in Thornhill, Ontario, and he serves as a trustee of Wycliffe College, the University of Toronto's divinity school.

Dinner organizers expect 250 to 300 New Brunswick Anglicans and friends from across the diocese to attend the popular function. Tickets remain at \$100 each, and Bishop Miller has designated Camps Medley and Brookwood as the main beneficiaries of this year's proceeds. They will boost the current major fund-raising campaign for camp refurbishment.

Tickets are available through the synod office (459 1801), from Mr. Morell (454 6495) or organizing committee members Carol Burt, John Edwards, Charles Ferris, Suzanne Irving, Doris Norman, Pam Iype, Archdeacon Geoff Hall and Fred Scott.



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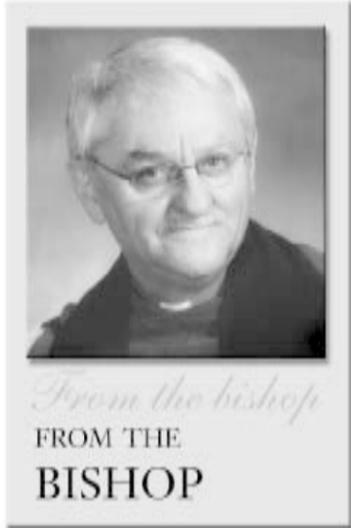
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Youth looking for change at parish level

My Dear Friends,

In early March it was my pleasure to attend Youth Consultation II at St. Marks, St. George. It was a weekend filled with enthusiasm as the Spirit of the Lord energized us all. Worship time, workshops, good food and fellowship augmented the inspiring presentations by the Rev. Dr. George Porter, our diocesan youth director. I am grateful to the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid and the congregation of St. Mark's for their gracious hospitality. Their impressive new church buildings offers everything necessary to host such an event.

The hard work of Consultation II, under Mr. Jim Morell, chair of the diocesan youth action team, resulted in preparation of a letter which was presented to me for distribution throughout the diocese. Mr. Morell addresses the letter's contents fully in an article on the front page of this newspaper, and the letter itself will be shared at the parish level by mid-May, so you may already be familiar with its contents. Nevertheless, I believe that we should all look carefully at the letter's



concluding paragraph once more.

The overall message from the participants to the people of our diocese is clear. "We seek a church and a congregation that is warmly welcoming, a family in Christ, relevant to our daily lives, reaching out to those in need, and feeds and challenges each person. Such a church will not only be appealing to youth, but to all who seek the Lord. The key question for us is: Will there be change at the parish level?"

Consultation II has posed a

Does our church welcome and include youth as equal church family partners?

challenging question. Our recent synods identified "Concern for Youth" as the major priority for our diocese. It is evident that our diocesan youth are not satisfied with the progress to date, particularly at the parish level. While there is some appreciation for improvements at the diocesan level, most parishes must be encouraged to be more intentional in their ministry with youth. I hope you noticed that I said "with youth" not "to youth." It is clear from the concluding statement that our youth see their ministry as an integral part of parish ministry.

By virtue of their baptism, young people are full members of the parish family. They have a definite role to play in the overall vision for ministry in the community and abroad.

The integration of youth in the life of the parish begins with worship and the offering of youthful talents to God's glory. Participation in inclusive faith formation initiatives that develop leadership skills and spiritual growth must be encouraged.

Will there be change at the parish level?

Lets begin by asking another question, the answer to which might begin the process. Does our church welcome and include youth as equal church family partners?

Our young people are very excited about the place of the church in their world and they desire a deeper relationship with God through Jesus Christ.

Blessings and peace in His service,

Claude Miller is
Bishop of Fredericton

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

BISHOP CLAUDE MILLER

May 1
Parish of Carleton
Youth Service

May 4
Parish of Newcastle
ACW Annual

May 16
Parish of St. George 10:30 a.m.
Parish of St. Andrews 7 p.m. *

May 17
Parish of St. Andrews

May 18
Parish of Pennfield

May 19
Diocesan Council 10 a.m.

May 20
Parish of McAdam

May 27 — June 5
General Synod
St. Catherines, ON

June 11 & 12
DNS Weekend
Fredericton

June 14-17
Clergy College
Fredericton

* denotes confirmation

APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Fran Bedell of Frenchville, Maine was appointed deacon-in-charge of the Parish of Madawaska earlier this spring. Like her predecessor, the Rev. Marjorie Murdoch, she conducts Sunday morning services alternately in the Anglican and United churches in Edmundston. It is a part-time, non-stipendary position.

Ms. Bedell was ordained in 1986 in the Diocese of Connecticut. She and her husband both recently took early retirement (she was an oncology nurse) and moved from New London in Connecticut to northern Maine. "We wanted to

get away from the casinos. I also come from northern New Hampshire and wanted to return to a quieter life."

When she first moved to Frenchville she found life difficult because she had no faith community. "Then I found St. John's Church in Edmundston, and knew that was where I was supposed to be, and that was what I was supposed to be doing. Now I feel I have a home," she says.

At a service of Thanksgiving and the Reception of Priest's Orders at Christ Church Cathedral on April 4, Bishop

Claude Miller accepted the orders of the Rev. Anthony Arza - Kwaw, who is appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Bright, effective June 1.

Mr. Kwaw has aspired to become an Anglican priest since 2001. In preparation for the transfer of his orders, he completed an Anglican tutorial with Canon Tom Smith and served as an assistant at Christ Church Cathedral under Dean Keith Joyce. Following the service the dean presented the Kwaw family with jewelry crafted by the Cathedral Pewtersmiths in recognition and appreciation of their time at

the Cathedral.

Mr. Kwaw was born in Ghana, Africa, and in 1983 was granted a BA in Philosophy and Theology by St. Peter University, Cape Coast. He was ordained priest in the same year and served in parish ministry until 1988, when he emigrated to Canada.

Mr. Kwaw was granted a Master of Pastoral Theology in General Ministry by St. Paul University in Ottawa in 1990 and served parishes in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Moncton from 1990 to 2000. In that year he was granted a Diploma in Management by the Université

de Moncton. In 2002 he was granted a Master of Business Administration from the University of New Brunswick. He worked as a policy analyst and programs coordinator from 2002 until 2004. He is married to Denise LeBlanc-Kwaw, registrar at the New Brunswick Nurses Association. They have four children, Tony and Theresa Kwaw, Dominique LeBlanc and Jedidiah Kwaw

The Rev. Howard Anningson is appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Carleton, effective August 1. He leaves the Parish of Grand Manan.

OBITUARY

Conway Plumer

Conway Maphis Plumer of Hartland died on April 9 at Carleton Memorial Hospital in Woodstock. She was 74. Ms. Plumer is survived by her husband, the Rev. David Plumer; daughters Caroline (Steven) Barkaszi of Fords, New Jersey and Clarissa (Michael) Canning of Bellevu, Ohio; sons Marshall (Dawn) Plumer of Chassell, Michigan and Charles (Nancy) Plumer of Omaha, Nebraska; nine grandchildren; one brother, Samuel (Coila) Maphis III of Boulder, Colorado; nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at Holy Trinity Church in Hartland.

Orders received

Bishop Claude Miller received the orders of the Rev. Anthony Arza - Kwaw (centre) at a service of Choral Evensong at the cathedral on April 4. Mr. Kwaw is appointed priest and rector of the Parish of Bright, effective June 1. Seen here following the service are, left to right: Archdeacon John Sharpe, Dalton London (lay presenter) Canon Tom Smith (tutor), Mr. Kwaw, Bishop Miller, Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall (the bishop's executive assistant), and Dean Keith Joyce.



ANA WATTS

COMMENTARY



LETTERS

Heartfelt comments on editorial objectivity

More fresh air, please

Ana,
Something was on my mind early this am and thought I should share it with you.

More recently I have thought the NB Anglican in its articles and editorial have been reflecting the Anglican Journal more than the Diocese of Fredericton and its constituency. I do not know if this is happening because of your personal preferences or because of editorial board directive or suggestion. It seems to me that while both sides should be represented, that each should be treated fairly with as much objectivity as possible. This does not seem to be happening. The NB Anglican in the past has been a breath of fresh air compared with the Anglican Journal. I would like more fresh air.

Comment please when you can.

In Christ,
Bill

(Canon Bill MacMullin is Rector of Douglas & Nashwaaksis)

Article reflected personal bias

Dear Ana,
I received my issue of the New Brunswick Anglican this month and was disappointed with your article, "Do we have the heart to bless same sex unions?"

To suggest that this issue is a "heart" issue is to imply that sentiment ought to override truth. That has never been the way forward for the Christian Church. Our sentiments can take us in all sorts of directions, directions not always to our health and well-being. In loving us and calling us to love all persons, our Lord

Jesus describes our primary calling. Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:31-32)

It seems to me that the manner in which you ask your question could easily suggest an oversight of the overwhelming emphasis our Lord places on the life of loving obedience based on Truth. Furthermore, to pose the question, "do we have the heart to bless same sex blessings?" could also easily be understood as suggesting that the decision taken by our Bishop and the clear majority of our Diocesan Synod last November is heartless. I trust that this was not your intention and, because of that, I think your choice of words could have been different.

Yes, I think it is true that we all have a long way to go in loving sinners, but based on my understanding of the Scriptures, so too do we have a way to go in becoming more and more uncomfortable with the sin from which the Gospel came to free us. Again, sentiment over truth is not the way to go.

Ana, the other thing that bothered me about your article is that it seems to reflect more of your personal bias than the spirit of the diocese. For instance, I do not believe it is a clear reflection of the discernment of the bishop and the diocese as indicated at the last meeting of synod. Hence, I do not think it to be a helpful use of our diocesan paper to have it used as a platform for our own political views.

Sincerely yours,
Greg McMullin (the Rev.)
St. Mary &
St. Bartholomew's Church

Editors must keep opinions within editorial columns

Dear Ana,
Thank you for the latest issue of the New Brunswick Anglican. As always it is very colorful and diverse in content. However, I disagree with the headline on the front page, "Do we have the heart to bless same sex unions?" This is a very clever economy of words and space, broadcasting a message based on your personal preference; but, to maintain some objectivity in reporting, and to be fair to all of your readers, it is a question that should be kept within an editorial. Editors who promote their own agendas outside of the editorial column, are, in the long run, no different from referees who make calls for the home team.

In answer to your headline's question, we should ask ourselves, "What are the consequences of deciding our doctrine by public sentiment, by the majority's opinion, or by our heart-rate?"

With best wishes to you for a blessed Eastertide,
Chris VanBuskirk +
(The Rev. Chris VanBuskirk is rector of the Parish of Moncton)

Affirmation

Editor:

I'm writing to affirm The Rev. Keith Howlett in his calling to write pastorals to homosexuals. I applaud his courage and admire his sensitivity and compassion. No one could 'say it better' than he has done. Thank you for printing them.
Eva Baldwin Morton
Petitcodiac

Excuses, excuses and an apology

If you haven't read the letters on this page, do it now, otherwise none of what follows makes sense. I suppose I should really explain it all here, but it's deadline time and there space limitations and all that, and besides, the letters are right here, written in the order in which I received them, and now that we are all 'on the same page', here is my response to those concerns.

To Bill MacMullin I wrote:
I'm sorry you don't feel the NB Anglican reflects the diocese, because I work very hard to ensure that it does.

I am up-front in my opinions and confine them to my column. The rest of the commentary in the paper comes from 'the diocese'. I don't solicit it, I just edit it for grammar, clarity and length (if necessary), and occasionally cut (mostly from letters) lines that attack the writer of a letter or previous article personally rather than address the issue.

I believe I write news stories (coverage of diocesan council and other major diocesan events, and my goodness there have been a lot of them this past year!) objectively. News of other events I leave to sponsoring groups or parishes. There is an exception in the April issue. I covered the "Survivor" event in the Parish of Denmark, but only because the Journal wanted a story and paid all the expenses.

I don't believe our diocese is "of a mind" on many, many issues, and I think the New Brunswick Anglican reflects that diversity. From what I hear the recent task-force meetings are ample evidence of that.

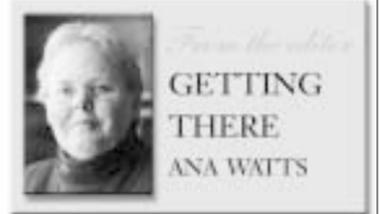
Can you tell me in what way or ways or on what occasions I have not treated issues fairly? In my mind, I bend over backwards to be fair. Obviously you have a different perspective, and I would honestly appreciate it if you could help me see it.

Thank you for caring enough about our diocesan paper to take the time to write.

PS

The New Brunswick Anglican Advisory Board does not give me editorial directives, responsibility for what appears in the paper is mine alone.

Board members and I speculated on what might have upset Canon MacMullin and he didn't enlighten us, but when I got the letters from Mr.



McMullin and Mr. VanBuskirk I thought perhaps we had the answer — the headline "Do we have the heart to bless same sex unions?"

Please, let me assure you, I had no 'agenda' in mind when I wrote that head. If some friend of Dr. Freud or Dr. Jung or whoever disagrees, well, what can I say? But I certainly had no conscious agenda.

The truth is, I had nothing but Bishop Miller's commentary on the task force consultations when I wrote the story, so most of the language in it is his. (Maybe this 'blame it on the bishop' approach isn't too smart, but he's got broad shoulders and an understanding heart, so I'll take the chance.)

When I went looking for the 'heart' of the story in order to write the head, I thought the following summed it up. Let me repeat, these are the bishop's words: "As a result of your good work, our General Synod Delegates will have a sense of the heart and mind of our constituency on this issue."

The next job was to write a headline that related that line to the rest of the story, a headline that would fit the two-column space in the right font and point size, then make sure it "broke" appropriately, since it was over two lines. All this time I used the word "heart" in my head as I assumed the bishop used it in his text, to mean something like "will" or "desire". It never occurred to me to read into it "therefore, if we don't want to bless same sex unions we are heartless".

I guess I should have and I'm certainly sorry I didn't, because if I had, I would have changed it.

So, call me dim, insensitive, stupid, inept ... whatever. Just please don't call me malicious. I'm not. Am I? I don't think I am. I certainly don't intend to be. No, I'm pretty sure I'm not. I sure hope ...

A.

COMMENTARY

MU world-wide president to speak at spring rally

The Mothers' Union World Wide President will visit New Brunswick the end of this month. Trish Heywood is guest speaker at the diocesan Mothers' Union Rally at St. James in Moncton on May 29. Theme for the rally is Worldwide Connection.

"It will be an exciting day for Mothers' Union in New Brunswick," says Alice Kennedy of Hampton, a past diocesan president. "We hope we can share some of our local MU activities with Trish and hear from her about the work of Mothers' Union in various branches around the world."

The world wide president leads a trustee board with members from Australia, Southern Africa and Rwanda that reflects the overseas nature of Mothers' Union. Ms. Heywood's vision for the future work of the Mothers' Union centres round enabling its three million members in the 74 countries to achieve their full potential. "In this way, relationships and family life are immeasurably strengthened," says Ms. Kennedy. "Trish believes strong families lead to strong communities; strong communities lead to strong societies, and strong societies help build a better world."

Ms. Heywood actively supports justice and peace issues around the world. She represented the Mothers' Union on the Jubilee 2000 Scottish Coalition and was present at G-



Trish Heywood

8 meetings in Edinburgh, Prague and Genoa. In March of last year she led a delegation of Jubilee debt campaigners to Buckingham Palace to hand in a petition to Her Majesty The Queen. The petition bore 105,000 signatures. More than 75,000 of those signatures were MU members', many of whom are directly affected by the impact of unpayable debt. She was also instrumental in driving forward the MU's special consultative status at the United Nations.

Ms. Heywood was elected World Wide President of the Mothers' Union by members from all over the Anglican Communion in January of 2001 and will serve two terms. The second will end in December 2006.

She was brought up in Cumbria, England, and qualified as primary school teacher. Her husband, David, was a physicist. She became a

branch leader in Mothers' Union when they moved to Dunfermline in Scotland. She went on to serve as Mothers' Union diocesan treasurer and president and eventually became the first provincial president of the Mothers' Union in Scotland. During her term she revitalized the MU in Scotland, increased membership, and raised its profile within the Scottish Episcopal Church during her eight-year term on general synod.

In her first year as world wide president she has traveled more than 120,000 miles and met members all over the world. In 2001 she visited North India, when that church formally joined the MU. The church in South India joined in 2003. She

was in Washington for the inauguration of MU USA. She has traveled extensively in Africa, including Zambia, Botswana, Mozambique, Nigeria and Tanzania, as well as South Africa. There she chaired the meeting of Provincial Presidents of the Mothers' Union with representatives of 27 provinces of the Anglican Communion. She has also traveled to Papua New Guinea, Thailand, Myanmar, New Zealand and Australia.

Following her visit to Canada she plans to travel to Rwanda, Melanesia and Uganda.

This is the International Year of the Family and Ms. Heywood will visit dioceses in the UK and Ireland in honour of the occasion. She will spend the

September Celebrating the Family weekend in her native Scotland with her two married sons and two young grandsons. Her husband died in 1999.

"As New Brunswickers we are proud to be able to share our homes, hospitality, and glorious countryside with Trish," says Ms. Kennedy. "MU diocesan president Kathy Nason will escort Trish to the national Mothers' Union conference in Hamilton in early June.

Everyone is invited to meet Ms. Heywood at the Mothers' Union Diocesan Rally in Moncton on Saturday, May 29. A \$12 registration fee includes a morning snack and a hot lunch. Please preregister with Bonnie Torunski at 506-635-8591 or torunski@nbnet.nb.ca.

NB members nominated to MU national executive

Mothers Union (MU) members from the Diocese of Fredericton will form the MU Canadian Council from 2005 through 2009. A slate of officers, including Kathleen Snow of Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton as president, has been nominated and will be presented to MU members gathered in Hamilton, Ontario for the quadrennial MU National Conference June 2-5. The Mothers' Union national executive moves to a new diocese every four years, and

at the end of its four-year term, the executive diocese hosts the National Conference.

Also nominated are Shara Golden, Gladstone & Blissville Branch in Fredericton Junction, as vice-president; Ana Watts, St. Ann's Branch at Christ Church (Parish) Church, Fredericton, as secretary; Bonnie Greenwood of the Cathedral as treasurer. Dean Keith Joyce is also nominated at National MU Chaplain.

Val Nason of Gladstone & Blissville is nominated as national historian; Yvonne Lyons, All Saints, Marysville, as

link secretary; Pat Arnold, also of All Saints, as Indoor Members Prayer Circle coordinator; Susan Goguen of St. James, Moncton as Literature Secretary; Ann Caines of Trinity, Sussex as Lone Member Secretary. Mary Ann Dicks of Riverview will coordinate the Northern Clergy Families Fund and Kelly Duffett, also of Riverview, will edit the newsletter. Alice Kennedy of St. Paul's, Hampton, will coordinate the 2008 National Mothers' Union Conference.

ACW celebrations in Havelock



SUBMITTED

Members of Saint Paul's ACW in Havelock recently gathered to celebrate 80 wonderful years as WA \ ACW. The hall was decorated with memorabilia and pictures from years past and the day was filled with skits, music and singing. A superb lunch, complete with a beautiful anniversary cake for dessert, was served. Members Reta Alward, Reta Perry and Helen MacFarlane (left to right in front) were also placed on the Diocesan Roll of Honor that day. ACW diocesan president Heather Carr (back centre) presented them with of pins, books and certificates. Deanery president Liz Belyea (back left) also participated in the celebration. Branch president Hazel Clark is at the right in back.

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THE ARCHIVES CORNER

Hichens silver still used throughout diocese

BY FRANK MOREHOUSE
DIOCESAN ARCHIVIST
AND
TAILA BUTTIMER
NEW BRUNSWICK ARCHIVES

In 1853, Bishop John Medley called Robert Hichens "a great benefactor to the diocese," so it is ironic that today we know very little about him. We aren't even certain how to spell his surname. Bishop Medley alternately referred to him as Hichens and Hitchens, others called him Nichens, and as often as not, he was called Captain. Engraved on the many beautiful items he so generously and "humbly offered" to many churches, is Hichens, so that is how we will refer to him in this article.

When Bishop Medley returned to his native England for a visit in 1848, he preached throughout London in an effort to secure financial support for this diocese and to complete the cathedral. He spoke about the backwardness of conditions in New Brunswick, lamenting the absence of proper "sacramental plate" — which often necessitated the use of common drinking vessels to serve Holy Communion.

Bishop Medley's appeal did not fall on deaf ears.

On a subsequent trip to England in May of 1852, Bishop Medley addressed the Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society. He said his earlier plea, delivered in a sermon in London (in which church he could not remember) had attracted the attention of a gentleman whose face he did not know and whose name he had never heard.

The gentleman's name was Robert Hichens. He had immediately written to the bishop to say that if "a plain, but substantial, silver service would be acceptable for the use of any church or churches, in his



diocese, he should be very happy to present them." From that time on, Mr. Hichens had sent the Bishop "a full service of communion plate, every year, but on one occasion, he had sent two."

Mr. Hichens continued to send his gifts each year until at least 1857 — "to the value of £30 yearly ... for the Country Missions of the Diocese." Bishop Medley stretched the Hichens gifts by not giving "a whole service to any single church." Instead, he offered "the clergyman something that he required, upon condition of his finding the means to provide

something else that was needed; and thus, in each case, two pieces had been secured instead of one."

Bishop Medley hoped to meet Robert Hichens, a merchant living at 18 Threadneedle Street, London, during his 1852 visit to personally thank him for his generosity. There is no record that this meeting ever occurred. Perhaps the more enduring expression of appreciation to Robert Hichens is to be found in the number of churches in this diocese which still use his communion ware.

Beginning with the list in



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Gregg Finley's, On Earth as it is in Heaven, and adding as we have seen other Hichens gifts, we have identified eight silver chalices, three silver patens and two brass offering plates. Bishop Medley noted that Hichens sent sets each year for six years, but the items we have seen bear dates from 1849 to 1857 (excepting 1851) and are found in parishes all over the province. The most notable Hichens gift to this diocese is a memorial window placed in Christ Church Cathedral in 1850 in memory of his four children.

If you have never looked closely at the chalice or the paten on Sunday when you receive the Eucharist, we hope that you will after you read this article.

We would like to assemble a complete listing of the Hichens gifts, so if there is an item (or items) in your parish, please contact the Diocesan Archives and tell us about it. Please contact Twila Buttmer at 506-453-4306, twila.buttmer@gnb.ca; or Frank Morehouse at 506-459-3637, Frankm@nbnet.nb.ca

Retiring member recalls his term on Council of General Synod

BY DAVID WATTS

With the adjournment of the March meeting, my three-year term as a member of the Council of General Synod (CoGS) came to an end. The past three years were an exhilarating experience and I wouldn't have missed it for the world.

It was difficult to face the realization that my time on CoGS was over, because it felt as if it had just begun. Some of the important issues faced by CoGS and the church are difficult and will have a profound effect on us all.

My term on CoGS was an experience I entered into willingly, with much excitement and enthusiasm. It was a time of joy and frustration, of success and failure, of community and

calamity. One of the best things about the three years was the opportunity to get to know our former primate, Michael. After hearing him speak, after sitting with him on many occasions and in many situations, my great disappointment is that he is so unknown in our diocese. In his 18 years in office, I recall the primate's presence in New Brunswick on only four occasions. Perhaps the actual number is much higher than that, but whatever it was, it was not enough. My hope is that there will be changes made in the primate's office initiating many more exposure visits to all Canadian dioceses.

The past triennium was eventful on many fronts. Here in Fredericton we saw one bishop retire and a new one take his place.

On the national scene, Bishop Michael Ingham of the diocese of New Westminster agreed to implement a decision taken by his synod to institute a rite for blessing same-sex unions. We also agonized over federal government negotiations in an effort to reach an honourable and manageable financial settlement of the residential schools situation, only to find out our First Nations brothers and sisters were not on-side as we thought. We celebrated the end of one primacy and now we prepare for the election of a new primate.

On the world stage, the Anglican Communion welcomed a new Archbishop of Canterbury. The appointment of Rowan Williams was quickly followed by the consecration of the openly-gay Gene Robinson

as bishop of New Hampshire, which added more fuel to the firestorm surrounding same-sex relationships in the church.

Even the world at large is vastly different now from when I attended my first CoGS meeting — 9/11, wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, civil wars in Central Africa, seven Melanesian Brothers murdered in the Solomon Islands, SARS, Mad Cow — we're on quite a ride.

The councils of the church operate in the spirit of democratic cooperation and according to the British parliamentary system. Delegates to the councils are elected by diocesan synods, but they become members of General Synod where they are expected to act for the good of the whole church, rather than

represent their dioceses. Having said that, I want you to know that everything I did, or tried to do, as a member of CoGS was done in order to offer a glimpse of our diocese. I also tried to provide a window on the national church here at home.

I think our diocese's relationship with the National Church has grown stronger in the past few years. We may not always agree with the actions and decisions of the General Synod administration — who does? — but we have come to recognize our place in the larger picture and hear our voice on the larger stage.

I urge anyone who has the opportunity to stand for CoGS to grab the opportunity to play a part in the on-going life of the Anglican Church of Canada.

FEATURES

Birds, raccoons, deer and other wildlife add to the tranquil nature of Pilgrim House Retreat Centre.



PILGRIM HOUSE



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Back Creek, a tributary of the Oromocto River, flows behind Pilgrim House. Retreatants use the house rowboat to row to the centres land on the other side, or just to explore the creek.



PILGRIM HOUSE

St. Francis greets retreatants along the groomed woodland trails that lead to a prayer garden and outdoor sanctuary.

BE STILL AND KNOW

Pilgrim House Retreat Centre celebrates 14 years of ministry

BY ANA WATTS

Nothing.

That's the answer to the most frequently asked question at Pilgrim House Retreat Centre in Hoyt. That most frequently asked question is: "What am I supposed to do on retreat?"

"God does it all," says Gloria Paul, who operates the comfortable and intimate retreat house with Yvonne Mersereau. "We tell people just to take a little bit of time and they will feel so much better. You don't have to be ill or even have a specific problem or reason to be still, to be quiet, to nurture yourself. It's just a good way to find where God is in your life."

There are lots of things to do at Pilgrim House, even while you are still and quiet. The most popular is to walk the woodland trails and visit the garden sanctuary. Rowing on the creek, services in the little chapel, sitting by the fire, watching the birds, even sleeping in the comfortable guest rooms are popular activities too.

The brochure calls Pilgrim House "a place set apart for spiritual growth in a gracious, tranquil and radiant environment created for retreats and conferences." Gloria and Yvonne call it their ministry, a labour of love, and home.

Pilgrim House will be 14 on June 14, they will celebrate the anniversary on Saturday, June 12, with an afternoon open-house from 2 until 4.

"We're both pushing 70, so we didn't like to take a chance and wait to celebrate the 20th," says Gloria as she sits by the fire in the living room on a cruel April day. She and Yvonne, along with the dozens of birds at the feeders on the deck outside the living room window, wish it would stop snowing.

It will. It always does. Each May, the trees that cover their 21 acres are traced in green. About then the wildflowers that line the groomed forest trails, surround the prayer garden and outdoor sanctuary also begin to bloom.

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**PILGRIM HOUSE
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ANA WATTS

Pilgrim House Retreat Centre is a place for all seasons. Snowshoeing along the winter trails is very popular.

COMING EVENTS

Monk to lead lay readers silent retreat in July

Lay readers from this diocese will spend the weekend of July 9 – 11 in silence. Brother James Koester will lead them in a silent retreat under the auspices of the Companioned Spiritual Formation program. The theme is For God Alone My Soul in Silence Waits. Brother James is deputy superior of the community of the Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts and will lead the retreat at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre in Fredericton.

In a recent homily Brother James said: "In silence, people find the healing they most often need. In our world of clatter and

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begin once we have found our own place in the heart of God."

The weekend will not be a classical silent retreat with only an hour or so each day for conversation. Instead it will be

a program retreat with a series of addresses by Brother James interspersed among discussion times, periods of silence, prayer and reflection.

This lay reader retreat is the first major project of The Companioned Spiritual Formation (CSF) program which grew out of Bishop Claude Miller's doctoral field project. The topic also coincided with diocesan synod's identification of lay spiritual development as a priority. The local team that worked with the bishop during his studies remained in tact in order to help introduce the practice to the diocese.

CSF plans to offer one large-group retreat with an invited retreat leader each year. The lay reader event is the first of these. Small group and parish retreats will also be offered, and one-on-one opportunities can also be arranged.

Inquiries for small group retreats or spiritual directors should be directed to the Rev. Elaine Hamilton of the CSF team at: ccpcurate@nb.aibn.com, or through the CSF web-site at: <http://anglican.nb.ca/csf/>.

Lay readers may register for the July retreat with Joan Teed, 506/457-9317. Space is limited to 40 participants.

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Clergy College
June 17 & 18

Doctor integrates psychiatry and Judeo-Christian values to facilitate healing

Dr. David F. Allen, a classical psychiatrist who integrates psychiatry and Judeo-Christian values to facilitate a healing of the heart, is the third presenter at the annual Clergy College at the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Centre in Fredericton. Dr. Allen's classes will be presented on June 17 and 18.

His book *In Search of the Heart* offers his understanding of "how hurt people, hurt people" and is highly recommended reading for anyone involved with the pastoral care and cure of souls.

Dr. Allen's Clergy College course, however, focuses on his latest book *Contemplation: Intimacy in a Distant World*. His lectures address contemplation and intimacy; soullessness, the modern disease; anger, the brutal gift; and loving when the dream of love is shattered.

The essence of Pilgrim House is its environment

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The wildflowers were there 14 years ago, along with the Back Creek (say it 'crick'), the house, the birds, a few flower beds and a lot more trees — many of them toppled, tangled and mangled. Then one day along came a young man with talent and imagination. He attached one end of a spool of red thread to a tree at the edge of the forest and began to walk. He set the trails that day. It took several years, a lot of hard labour, and the occasional piece of heavy equipment, but eventually they emerged. Their gentle curves hide all kinds of surprises — a snowshoe hare, a glimpse of the house rowboat bobbing on the creek, a station of the cross lovingly crafted by members of the Guild of St. Joseph at Christ Church Cathedral where Gloria and Yvonne worship.

"The essence of Pilgrim is really out there," says Gloria, gesturing to the woodland, the gardens, the water.

"We feel God's hand has been on Pilgrim House since the very beginning," says Yvonne. "Anything we have done here,

God did. We couldn't have done it ourselves, we were just a couple of middle-aged nurses when we started on this."

Now lively seniors, they are often called Mary and Martha. They like the analogy. "Jesus went to a house like ours for a retreat when he went to visit his friends Mary and Martha," says Gloria, who tends to speak for the house.

"We pray for every retreat, we pray over every meal," says Yvonne, who seeks the finest, the freshest and the organic for her kitchen.

They cherish the friends they have made and the gifts they have received over the years. There's a scrapbook of notes and letters filled with kind words; the little indoor chapel with its 'open tomb' altar, hand-made by Yvonne's nephew, is brimming with gifts.

"Sometimes people even give us money. Once a dear old woman gave us \$7. It was like a widow's mite. I was overcome with gratitude and thought long and hard before I spent it. I eventually bought some violets

for the garden that gave us years of joy."

There's no shortage of things to spend money on at Pilgrim House. Any 'spare' cash these days buys sawdust to groom the trails. Last year it was a new furnace, before that a roof.

"We don't take trips, we don't buy clothes — I'm sure the people at the Cathedral get tired of seeing my one good sweater every Sunday — Pilgrim House comes first, like a child," says Gloria. "But we get the benefits too. We live here. We get to walk on the trails, spend time in the chapel. The more beautiful Pilgrim House becomes, the better it is for us."

Not every retreat at Pilgrim House is a classical silent retreat. Groups often use the house for working retreats — it can handle 20 for the day, 12 overnight. Even the Bishop's Counsel uses Pilgrim House for its meetings. But everyone who comes to Pilgrim House, whether alone or in a group, knows it is a place for peace, prayer and worship — at least for a few more years.

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COMING EVENTS

Choir School . . . not your typical church summer program

BY CHRIS HAYES

Would you believe that water balloons, DVDs, birthday cake, and Cheerios have anything to do with the annual Diocesan Choir School? Well, they do.

Choir School is not your typical church-sponsored summer instructional program . . . it's a life-changing experience. It combines top-quality professional choral singing instruction with fun. It's a week-long residential life experience that brings out the very best in those who attend.

Kids at Choir School kids focus in on rehearsals in ways I didn't think possible for teenagers to focus in July. At least it wasn't possible when I was a teenager!

These same kids also run themselves ragged playing capture-the-flag during recreation time. Even the ones who clown around most of the time are intensely serious during Christian education sessions.

Choir school kids begin to form fast friendships form the first meal in the dining hall. By

the end of the final Choral Evensong service, their laughter gives way to tears then reverts to laughter as they say good-bye then begin to make plans for the next year.

Throughout the week of Choir School, kids learn a lot — that there is a time to work and a time to play; what it's like to feel pure joy and deep sadness; the value of effort; the value of God's gift of music; and just how much God loves them all.

Choir School adults, who arrive midway through the week, invariably comment on the kids' growth, and the intense pride they take in Choir School.

Choir School is about learning how to offer God the best of song and praise in the context of church worship. It is about learning to sing well, and to sing in a liturgical setting. It is also about thankfulness, about enjoying what God has given all of us.

Choir School happens the first week of July every year, on the campus of Rothesay-Netherwood School, just outside Saint John. This year that is



The Amherst crew having fun at the Diocesan Choir School.

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July 4-11. Your church has brochures and registration forms. If you want more information, get in touch with me at chayes@nb.sympatico.ca or log on to www3.nbnet.nb.ca/

hamriver/scm/school.

We'll tell you more about the water balloons, DVDs, birthday cake, and Cheerios when you get to Choir School.

The Rev. Chris Hayes is the director of Choir School, and a priest in the parish of Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel, and Aberdeen.

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COLUMNS

Help your children become cheerful givers

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor 9:6,7. NRSV

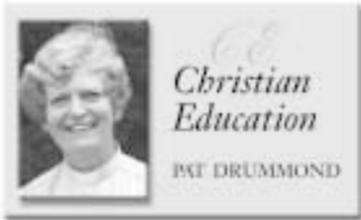
BY PAT DRUMMOND

We need to teach children about money from a very young age. In this consumer-driven society — the average child sees fifty television ads a day urging him to buy, buy, buy — not only do we need to teach children wise spending habits, we need to teach them how to give and to save as well. We also need to teach the joy of giving by showing what results from our gifts.

Sunday school offers many opportunities to teach these valuable lessons.

If children drop their crumpled envelopes filled with quarters and loonies in the offering basket at Sunday school and that's the last they see or hear of their contribution, they don't learn much about the value of their offering or feel much joy in giving. If the children are told the Sunday school needs money to buy new VeggieTale movies, or a VCR, or even some new craft supplies, and the children are informed about how much money is collected each week, how much more is needed to reach the goal, and are involved in a celebration once the goal is reached — their weekly gift means something!

Programs like Operation Christmas Child are another great way to help children



appreciate the value of their gifts. Because they fill the shoe boxes with things they like and enjoy, they can imagine other children enjoying the gifts. It means a lot more to them than simply putting money in an envelope.

Mitten and sock trees, food bank drives and other 'concrete' giving programs are good for the same reason. This encouragement to give in Sunday school can lead to an excitement about giving in general. That, in turn, can lead to a life-long commitment to give to the work of God out of our bounty, and to find great joy in so doing.

Opportunities to teach children about money at home are boundless.

My seven year old grandson was desperate for a truck he saw in a newspaper flyer. He has a small weekly allowance and "earns" money on Saturday mornings. Alex pestered his mother so long and so hard she finally took him to the store. There he saw the truck of his dreams, but he also saw bigger and better

trucks at bigger prices. He was told that if he saved his money for another x number of weeks, he could afford one of them instead. To everyone's surprise, he decided to wait! It's a start, and I'm so pleased his mom didn't just give him the extra money.

We also need to teach children the difference between wants and needs as well as how to recognize the ways in which advertisements manipulate us. These skills help our children make better judgments.

When we show our children how to avoid waste and save money, they will learn they have more from which to give.

I'm always intrigued by magazine or newspaper articles which look at a family's finances and point out how money could be saved here or there to improve the bottom line. In a similar vein are those columns which give the price of, say, half a dozen store bought muffins of a certain type, and then compare it with the cost of making similar muffins from scratch. \$2.49 versus 80¢. Who could argue with that as a way of saving money? Well, there are weeks when the time squeeze is particularly bad when I could certainly argue with it, but I must say, that one of the things which shocks me about today's world (and makes me feel particularly ancient and dinosaur-like) is the line up at every Tim's at breakfast time. Some people must spend half an hour in line for coffee and a muffin, when it seems to me that the same amount of time, or considerably less, could be

spent at home rustling up a very good breakfast — even with purchased muffins — for half the cost.

According to one of the aforementioned articles, one of the best ways to save money is to avoid the workplace cafeteria or near-by take-out and take a brown bag lunch. A saving of \$50 a week adds up to more than \$200 over a month.

When I taught school I was always concerned with how much children wasted. It seemed that every year every child had a brand new backpack with brand new everything to go in it.

Someone at church was amused the other day when I pulled out a little pencil to make a note about something. Surely, though, we don't throw pencils away when they need sharpening. When I was a child at school I had to show the teacher the pencil stub before I was allowed a new one. The same went for notebooks. Every space had to be filled. Not any more. When I was a teacher I had to insist the children write on both sides of the paper.

I was raised to "waste not, want not," which was easy to understand in Britain in the years after the Second World War.

On the other hand, it is easy to become mean in our urge to avoid waste. In Lent, the lectionary had us read the story of Mary anointing Jesus' feet with the costly perfume. The Pharisees and Judas objected, but there are occasions for extravagance, and that was one of them. It was an act of sacrificial

generosity performed out of great love and devotion, for Jesus had brought Mary's brother back to life.

There are occasions in our lives when it is our joy to be as extravagant as our means will allow ... in a gift for a newly graduated child, a daughter's wedding, a memorial gift to our church.

For the most part, however, we are called to manage our resources carefully, for they come from God. There is often a disconnect in our way of thinking on this. We know God created all things, so everything is his. We know that he created us and gave us our abilities, through which we are able to work and earn a living ... but, when we are paid for that work, the money somehow becomes ours, and we have a very hard time parting with much of it.

The Biblical standard for gifts to God is the tithe, or 10 per cent. We get to keep 90 per cent of what belongs to God. Some say the modern tithe is less because we are taxed to pay for things once taken care of by the church. We probably don't need to worry overmuch about how much is enough though, because if we were all to give even five per cent of our income, the church would flourish as it hasn't in years. Then, instead of worrying about the next power bill, those responsible for financial decisions could think about spending money to reach those outside the church's doors.

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Christianity not based on cut-throat survival techniques

BY RUTH COLEMAN

If image is everything, what is God? Who am I? And is this ice cream really fat-free?

When I look in the mirror and give myself the once-over, I repeat the mantra: "I am created in the image of God." Then I think either God has a great sense of humor, or he looks funny. My image of God doesn't match with an overweight, middle-aged female engaged in a cover-up conspiracy involving hair dye, make-up and a fabulous wardrobe. Nor does it match that of the Old Testament spin-doctors who created the judicial-looking, bearded old guy with a heart two sizes too small. What kind of marketing strategy was that?

Let's face it: no one has seen God. Perhaps when the Bible says we are made in God's image it means we mirror his characteristics in a spiritual sense. Our lives, not our



bodies, are meant to reflect God's creative, productive and meaningful image. Our relationship to our creator — a loving, reciprocal, and amicable affair — should be reflected in our relationships with each another.

In God's eyes, beauty is more than skin deep and our value to him has nothing to do with dress size. This image is in contrast to what holds esteem or marketing value in our media-controlled culture. If the media were the true measuring stick of image and value, most of us would turn up with a deficit that would make Bernard Lord's budget look like a pot of gold.

Thanks to reality television,

we no longer have to imagine what it would be like if we were the masters of our universe. For those of you who don't watch, let me set the stage: a large island, a few tribe members, a little food and no shelter. Every person on the island is hell-bent to out-wit, out-play and out-last you. If you leave your ethics, morality and empathy on the beach, you might live through the backstabbing, double-crossing, and soul-destroying antics of your mates and be a Survivor. Your reward? To take home a million bucks so you can stop buying lottery tickets.

We are made in the image of God. We are not needy but we are in need of someone greater than ourselves. In God's world, we need each other. Our life is in the community and we find Christ in those we serve. Christianity is not based on cut-throat survival techniques.

Imagine a God that is made in our image of power —

someone in control. Let's picture him as an executive of a worldwide empire. Sure his hair may look bad, but that's okay, he's in the driver's seat. You are lucky enough to be chosen to be an apprentice in God's firm. You want to be like him because money, power and prestige are also the driving forces in your life. You are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done, even if it means stoking the furnace in which your competitors will be "fired."

If we score the perfect image as a 10, the goddess of the swan would start at zero, but with the help of a good plastic surgeon, psychologist, dietitian and hairdresser, would find redemption. The ugly duckling re-created as a swan is a mere shadow of her former self.

Do you see where this is going? In an effort to attain beauty, wealth, power and a self-indulgent life style, we have become emaciated,

anorexic, tabloid paper cut-outs, so starved for moral fiber that we consume everything, including our selves.

If we are what we eat in a spiritual sense then garbage-in-garbage-out is a good summary of human existence. If God is fashioned in our image, we will quickly find ourselves drowning in a sea of one. Thankfully we are made of better stuff. We are creatures and God is our creator. Because our creator is one-of-a-kind, we bear resemblance to him in that we are original thinkers, creative innovators and eternal optimists. In spite of the frightening world in which we live, we carry a candle of hope into the dark cave of human affairs. When we see the hieroglyphics painted on the wall, we rejoice for the gift of art and communication.

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INTERCESSIONS

AEO jeopardizes our foundation and form

BY JIM IRVINE

Paul wrote to the faith community in Corinth: "My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think. Several people from Chloe's family have already reported to me that you keep arguing with each other. They have said that some of you claim to follow me, while others claim to follow Apollos or Peter or Christ. Has Christ been divided up? Was I nailed to a cross for you? Were you baptized in my name?" (1 Corinthians 1:10-14, Contemporary English Version)

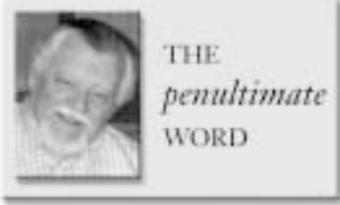
A lot of modern communication relies on acronyms, a short hand that can leave you out of the loop. This hasty way to refer to common elements of our shared life help us establish that we are in the circle. People who don't understand simply don't need to.

Acronyms draw the line in the sand. Their shorthand allows us to reference familiar objects and programs in discussions we have with others in the church and enable us to assess another's disposition, which is particularly helpful when it is other than our own.

Recent acronyms say a lot about us. ACC (Anglican Church of Canada) replaced C of E (Church of England). ACW (Anglican Church Women), replaced WA (Women's Auxiliary). NEC (National Executive Council) was replaced with CoGS (Council of General Synod). That may have been more mechanical than anything else. Members of CoGS would naturally prefer to be a cog in any wheel over simple membership of even an executive council.

Recently we have come to know ACiNW (Anglican Church in New Westminster), to be neither confused nor included with the Anglican Church's Diocese of New Westminster. ACiNW is a group of parishes within the boundaries of the Diocese of New Westminster concerned with the diocese's vote to bless same-sex unions. The acronym provides a distinction that allows for dissent.

The ensuing debate has drawn lines. While there has been a lot of talk, there is no evidence of much listening. The result is the introduction of a new acronym: AEO. Alternative Episcopal Oversight, seen by some as Adequate Episcopal Oversight. Either way, it jeopardizes the foundation of our form and



order as Anglicans. Our lack of cohesiveness in the Body of Christ under the bishop's oversight in a diocese will erode our unity and leave us fractious.

Paul had some idea of that.

Today there are still those who would prefer to look to Paul or Apollos for oversight rather than defer to Jesus.

Jesus knew about dissension too. The rag-tag bunch he invited to join him in his journey did not constitute a like-minded group. Simon and Matthew Levi each would have tested the other's short fuse. James and John wanted good reservations in the Kingdom, the other 10 wasted little time in their envy.

Of all Jesus taught, by word and example, obedience to love one another — to prefer one another, to use Paul's phrase — was the most difficult. Not much has changed.

Now, when the mood suits, we would prefer to exercise our options and go with the bishop who best reflects our disposition. To be under the oversight of a bishop who listens to his family, regardless of their disagreements, even on important matters, is apparently unbearable.

We run the risk of exchanging our familial paradigm for a democratic and political model of church. It is not without precedent. Malcontent parishioners have always exercised their option to abandon the pastoral care of any priest with whom they have chosen to disagree.

With Alternative Episcopal Oversight we become a thoroughly congregational expression of church. The minimalist expectations inherent in Adequate Episcopal Oversight are too frightening to even consider. With such a move, even synods become vulnerable. They are no more immune to the intransigence of sheep in this fold than are the shepherds.

Alternative and adequate are temptations that diminish who we are. They forget the shepherd and bishop of our souls for whom one acronym was sufficient: INRI.

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Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton

May

30: Anglican Communication Sunday: Pray for the communication of the Gospel to all the world; Province of British Columbia and the Yukon, Archbishop David Crawley and the Provincial Council; Diocese of Recife, Salvation Anglican Mission, lay minister Jeane G. Arruda de M. Coelho, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon, Atlin - St. Martin, licensed lay minister Dorothy Odian & family, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

31: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. Peter Mills; the Rev. Tom Knox (R); Nativity Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

June

1: Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, the Rev. William Morton; Ipojuca Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Geison Vasconcelos.

2: Parish of Shediac, the Ven. Malcolm Berry, Capt. Hugh Bateman; Canon Lloyd Lake (R) Loch Lomond Villa & Saint John Regional Correction Centre chaplain; Mount Moriah Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Miguel Uchoa, assistant: lay minister Márcio José de Sousa Simões.

3: Parish of Simonds, (Vacant), the Rev. Wally Corey, priest-in-charge; Mandacaru Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, Assistant: lay minister Jocelenilton Gomes da Silva.

4: Parish of Stanley, the Rev. Ranall Ingalls; Paul Ranson, Wycliffe; Christ The Redeemer Anglican Mission Station, lay minister José Fernandes.

5: Parish of Sussex, the Rev. David Barrett; House of Prayer Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Roberta Araújo.

6: Clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Kenya, Archbishop Benjamin M P Nzimbi; Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, Bishop Donald Harvey; Diocese of Recife, Saint Francis Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon, Communities of Faro and Ross River; Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

7: Parish of Tobique, the Rev. David Perks; the Rev. William LeGrand, chaplain, Saint John Regional Hospital; Burning Bush Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Josenaide Maria Lopes Pereira.

8: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Philip Pain; Peace Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Solange Cristina Pereira.

9: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis, the Rev. Leo Martin; the Rt. Rev. George C. Lemmon (R); New Life Anglican Mission Station, lay minister Marconi Alves de Oliveira.

10: Parish of Victoria, Canon David Kierstead; Holy Trinity

Anglican Cathedral, the Very Rev. Sérgio Andrade, Auxiliary: Rev. Edmar Carvalho Pimentel, OSF.

11: Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley; Terence Chandra, Wycliffe; Emmanuel Anglican Parish, the Rev. Ian Meldrum, Coadjutor: the Rev. Vera Nascimento.

12: Parish of Westmorland, priest-in-charge; Resurrection Anglican Parish, the Ven. Luiz Souza de França.

13: Clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Korea, Archbishop Dr Matthew Chul Bum Chung; Diocese of Central Newfoundland, Bishop Donald Young; Diocese of Recife, Bethel Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Evilásio Tenório da Silva Júnior, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon, Haines Junction - St. Christopher's, Beaver Creek - St. Columba, Alaska Highway mile 918-1202, Canon Geoffrey Dixon, Rosalind Dixon, & lay ministry team, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

14: Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel & Aberdeen, (Vacant), the Rev. Chris Hayes; Canon Elaine Lucas (R); Good Samaritan Parish, the Rev. Manoel Severino Moraes, OSE, Coadjutor, the Rev. Fábio Vasconcelos.

15: Parish of Woodstock, the Ven. Walter Williams; Holy Spirit Anglican Parish, the Rev. Miguel Uchoa Cavalcanti, Coadjutor: the Rev. Geison Sávio de Holanda, Assistant: the Rev. Fernando Acosta.

16: Parish of Andover, the Rev. John Mills; the Rev. Stephen McCombe (R); Saint Paul Anglican Parish, the Rev. Juciara Rodrigues;

17: Parish of Bathurst, (vacant); Redeemer Anglican Parish, interim Rector: the Rev. Vera Lúcia Lins Silva, Assistant: the Rev. Nadja Lins.

18: Parish of Bright, the Rev. Anthony Kwaw; Good Shepherd Anglican Parish; interim rector Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, assistant: the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

19: Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough, (Vacant) the Rev. Brenda McKnight, priest-in-charge; Ellen Curtis, Wycliffe; Christ The Saviour Anglican Parish, interim rector: Dom Filadelfo Oliveira Neto, OSE, assistant: the Rev. Bruno Luiz Teles de Almeida, OSF.

20: Clergy and people of the Province of Melanesia, Archbishop Sir Ellison Leslie Pogo; Diocese of Western Newfoundland, Bishop Percy Coffin; Diocese of Recife, Saint Stephen Anglican Mission Station, the Rev. Carlos Alberto Tomé da Silva, OSE, Assistant: ML. Frei Hélio Holmes, OSE, Bishop Robinson 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; Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

21: Parish of Campbellton (vacant); the Rev. Lloyd McFarlane (R); Reconciliation Anglican Parish, the Rev. Claudio de Souza Linhares, OSF, Coadjutor: the Rev. Lillian P. da Costa Linhares, OSF. Assistant: the Rev. Claudio Norberto, OSF.

22: Parish of Campobello, the Rev. Charles Smart; Redemption Anglican Parish, the Ven. Maria Gorete Correia, OSE.

23: Parish of Canterbury, (Vacant) the Rev. Jane Arnott, priest-in-charge; the Ven. Karl McLean, Archdeacon to Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada; Jesus From Nazareth Anglican Parish, the Rev. Severino Abel da Silva, OSF.

24: Parish of Carleton, (Vacant) the Rt. Rev. George Lemmon, interim priest-in-charge; Sower Anglican Parish, the Rev. Quintino Orenco.

25: Parish of Central Kings, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc; Marian Lucas-Jeffries, Atlantic School of Theology; Mediator Anglican Parish, the Ven. Arthur Cavalcanti, coadjutor: the Rev. João Cândio Peixoto, assistant: the Rev. Gustavo Gilson.

26: Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Alan Reynolds; Saviour Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira, assistant: lay minister Cláudio Luiz Figueiredo de Brito.

27: Clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Mexico, Bishop Carlos Touche-Porter; Council of General Synod; Diocese of Recife, Saint Luke Anglican Mission Station, Evangelist Samuel Hansen, Bishop Robinson Cavalcanti & staff; Diocese of Yukon, Pelly Crossing - St. James the Lord's Brother, Deacon Walter Majola & Olga Majola, licensed lay minister, Betty Joe, Diocese of Yukon, Carmacks, Mayo - St. Mary with St. Mark, Interim Lay Leadership, Community of Keno, Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family; Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

28: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, the Rev. Pat Drummond, the Rev. Dr. Barry Craig, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistants; the Rev. John Moorhead (R); Good News Anglican Parish, the Rev. Israel P. Cardoso da Silva, OSF, assistant: lay minister Eliane Cardoso, OSF.

29: Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, the Rev. Gregory McMullin; Nativity Anglican Parish, the Rev. Jorge Aquino, OSE, assistant: lay minister Rodson Ricardo, OSE.

30: Parish of Dalhousie, the Rev. Andrew Fraser; Archbishop Harold Nutter (R); Communion Anglican Parish, the Rev. Márcio Medeiros Meira;

July

1: Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls, the Rev. Julie Armstrong, priest-in-charge; Living Waters Anglican Parish, the Rev. Siméa Meldrum.

2: Parish of Derby & Blackville, the Rev. Douglas Barrett; Paul Ranson, Wycliffe; Olive Garden Anglican Parish, the Rev. Maurício Coelho, Coadjutor: the Rev. Estevão Menezes, OSE.

YOUTH

Youth Consultation II a model for ministry

Bishop Miller impressed with the process

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doesn't seem to know how to reach those who are lost, and that spiritual vitality itself is lost in repetitious words and music that do not touch the hearts of young people.

The young people were also able to look past their own needs, however, and asked the adults present to forgive them for wanting the church to do things their way, and not always understanding or fully considering the adults' feeling. The apology was gracefully accepted. In turn, some of the adults apologized for failing to take youth concerns fully to heart. Reconciliation was expressed through the sharing of the peace, and it was agreed youth and adults need to move forward together.

Three successive synods have called for a greater priority for youth ministry and there was general agreement throughout the consultation that much had been accomplished at the diocesan level. Bishop Bill Hockin called the first youth consultation in 2001. The diocesan budget for youth ministry has increased substantially in recent years, and 2003 was dedicated to youth ministry. In that year the speaker at the bishop's dinner focused on youth, so did faculty at the clergy college, and the Rev. Dr. George Porter was hired as diocesan director of youth ministry.

Bishop Hockin attended the first evening of Youth Consultation II, and the young people presented him with a gift in appreciation of his strong leadership on youth ministry. At the end of the consultation, Bishop Miller said he was so impressed with the process, the way in which it involved so many people and produced such a strong



JAMIE MORELL

There was a lot of serious talk at Youth Consultation II, but there was a lot of fun and music too. Above, Mike Caines (guitar), Faith Penny (bass) and David Fleming (keyboard) lead some singing.

statement, that he thought the youth consultation model could be used to advance other

ministries in the diocese.

The Youth Consultation II letter is signed by the 60 young

people, clergy and adult leaders. About half the participants were youth.

I'm curious, George ...

What do you mean 'emerging generations will rediscover liturgy?'

BY GEORGE PORTER

In his book *Acción pastoral latinoamericana*, Juan Luis Segundo, writes about how the church has followed a path of making 'passive followers.' Our worship practices have not been exempt from this process. Until the darker ages of medieval Christendom, worship was regarded as a 'liturgy' — a work of the people. During that time, however, for most people worship became an essentially passive event.

Eucharist really became at best a private devotion of the clergy rather than a true liturgy. Altars were removed



from their central places and pushed against walls, since God was thought to be 'out there somewhere.' Priests became the 'celebrants' rather than the 'presiders' who guided the people in the celebration of the community. The words of the service were spoken facing away from the people, most of whom couldn't understand the language anyway. They

became mere spectators who 'heard Mass' while observing religious art around them.

The Reformation saw a return to a more biblical idea of 'the priesthood of all believers.' It also drew attention to the need for people to understand the words of worship and read the Scriptures in their own languages. Recovering from passive mode — rediscovering the "ministry of all believers" described by Paul in Ephesians 4 — has been a much slower process.

Much of what we hear about worship suggests that it is a one-way activity. Worship is considered our response to God, and God is

presumed to be the audience—an audience of One. This is, of course, better than the idea that people are the audience, but it stops short.

Emerging generations are finding that one-way worship is ultimately unsatisfactory. That's why there is no audience in worship. Not even God remains passive in worship. To worship is to encounter the living God, as when a Samaritan woman encountered Jesus at a well. We are rediscovering that 'worship in spirit and truth' is just such an encounter.

This encounter then forms a centre around which everything else in our lives

revolves: praying, singing, proclaiming, our jobs or studies, our play, spiritual growth, day-to-day-life with God, as well as various forms of ministry and mission. It is everything that goes into presenting ourselves to be "living sacrifices to God," as Paul wrote to some early Christians. That, he wrote, is our 'reasonable service of worship.' It's a call to participate, to be involved and to engage with God in all of life. It's a rediscovery of the work of the people — of liturgy.

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'Not Your Average Church' discussion groups in fall

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students. The young people who are part of emergent culture tend to be more post-denominational in their understanding of their spirituality than previous generations. In the fall I hope to begin a monthly evening time called 'Not Your Average

Church' that will incorporate more fluid and interactive forms of discussion and worship.

Some potential areas might include: 'Church as a Verb', 'Life in the Ecotones', 'When We Become the Story', 'Clothes without an Emperor', 'Co-journeers: Christian Be-

living', and 'Amateur Christians'.

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'Together we can do something beautiful for God.'
(Mother Teresa)



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MILLGEN *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