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## Partnership makes vision a reality

BY ANA WATTS

Construction of the Church of the Resurrection in the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John will begin on April 1, thanks to a low interest loan and a loan guarantee from the diocese.

At a meeting in early December, the finance committee unanimously passed a motion to invest \$350,000 in the church construction at 4.5 per cent interest and guarantee a \$500,000 loan (\$360,000 long-term, \$160,000 short term) from the Bank of Nova Scotia. The diocese will use funds in its 3.5 million dollar share of the Diocesan Consolidated Investment Fund. The balance of the \$22 million fund belongs to parishes.

"We are delighted with this opportunity to invest in our own church," says Bishop Claude Miller. "We have been behind this project since the beginning. I would recommend, perhaps even challenge parishes with outside investments to take advantage of these kinds of opportunities. The money invested in our church is of much greater value than the money invested in the stock market."

According to finance committee chair Murry Arnott, his committee was looking for ways to invest in the church rather than the general market. "We have a safe investment at 4.5 per cent and we are able to support a vibrant parish."

The Parish of the Nerepis and St. John is the result of a successful amalgamation of the former parishes of Grand Bay, Greenwich, Ketepec and Westfield in 2003. Each parish owned aging churches and rectories that together consumed more than \$50,000 worth of heat and lights in a single year.

"We estimate energy costs for our new building will not exceed

\$15,000 per year," says Andrew Logan, churchwarden and chair of the Church of the Resurrection building committee. "We will also save substantially on insurance, snow removal, lawn care and maintenance costs. Maintenance costs for the older buildings were overwhelming all of us."

Bishop Miller, as executive assistant to Bishop Bill Hockin, worked with the original parishes over several years as they explored ways to manage their unmanageable expenses yet remain a faith community with vibrant ministries. Once the people got to know each other, through community-building events and services, they decided amalgamation was the best solution to their financial problems and offered wonderful opportunities for mission and ministry.

Once the new parish was established, most of the old church buildings were deconsecrated and sold. The church in Grand Bay was retained as a parish centre with offices and meeting spaces. St. Paul's in Oak Point was retained for worship in the farthest reaches of the parish. Most of the people, however, worship at River Valley Middle School and are very anxious to have a place to call home.

"We pay about \$370 each week to rent the school and the costs to keep the parish centre open are significant too," says Archdeacon Vicars Hodge, rector of the parish. "As inadequate as these facilities are, their operating costs total at least as much as we would pay in a new facility. That is why I am so grateful for the glad-hearted partnership we have within the diocesan family. The financial investment is just one more step in our cooperation and collaboration. Our relationship with the wider church in the

See Loan on page 2.



Above, the Ven. Vicars Hodge, rector of the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, celebrates the arrival of heavy equipment to prepare the site for spring construction of the Church of the Resurrection. Below is an artist's concept of the new worship centre. Construction of the building begins the first of April and could be ready for occupancy by Advent of this year — Christmas for sure.



## Affordable housing replaces church hall

Affordable housing for non-elderly low-income people is often difficult to find. An agreement among Saint John Non-Profit Housing (SJNPH), Bishop Claude Miller, the Diocese of Fredericton and the Parish of St. James in south-end Saint John will soon make it a bit easier.

A four-unit, one-bedroom apartment building is under construction on the former site of the St. James church hall in Saint John. The hall was torn down in the summer of 2006 and the parish ceased to function in 2005.



In late November, Saint John Non-Profit Housing began construction of a four-unit apartment building to house non-elderly singles on the site of the former St. James church hall. A provincial government Affordable Rental Program grant helps to keep the costs down.

### INSIDE



The Rev. Bonita LeBlanc recently attended a conference celebrating the 30th anniversary of the ordination of women in Canada. See page 2.

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## COMMENTARY

## Conference an opportunity to care, share and celebrate

BY BONNIE LEBLANC

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in Canada was celebrated by 70 clergy women at the Sorrento Centre in British Columbia in November. OASIS 2006: Fire on the Deep Water; Fire in the Deepest Heart was a beautiful haven for sharing, caring and celebrating our common identity. We were inspired, challenged, affirmed; we were renewed, equipped and honoured.

Each and every aspect of the conference was a treasure. We openly shared stories about our journeys of faith leading to ordination, and experiences in priesthood.

The Rev. Dr. Wendy Fletcher – principal, dean and professor of church history at the Vancouver School of Theology – set the tone for the conference with her sermon “Celebration of the Church’s New Day.” Bishop Ann Tottenham inspired us with our identity as priests and as women. The Rev. Canon Alice Medcof of the International Anglican Women’s Network made a lasting impression with her insight into the international perspective of Anglican women.

Bishop Victoria Matthews challenged and encouraged us to rekindle our passion for ministry. The Rev. Margaret Waterchief spoke from the heart and stirred our hearts when she honoured those who have led the way; and the Rev. Canon Dr. Linda Nicholls,

(National Church) addressed the national perspective of women in ministry.

We renewed our baptismal and ordination vows at the glorious closing celebration at St. Paul’s Cathedral in Kamloops, where the recently ordained Deborah Rivet of Calgary preached a very personal, inspirational sermon. Our worship was enhanced by First Nations drumming and the altar frontal was our living prayer blanket. We made it at the conference with squares of fabric that tell our personal stories. Mine was from one of my first clergy shirts – a very bright, pretty silky shirt passed on to me by the Rev. Eileen Irish, my mentor.

Selecting the workshops was a task in itself because they all sounded so interesting and helpful. Who would have thought that a clergy gathering would have a session led by the Rev. Susan Hutchinson that included tips for clericals that rock?

We managed to find time for fun as well, and believe me, we enjoyed some great entertainers.

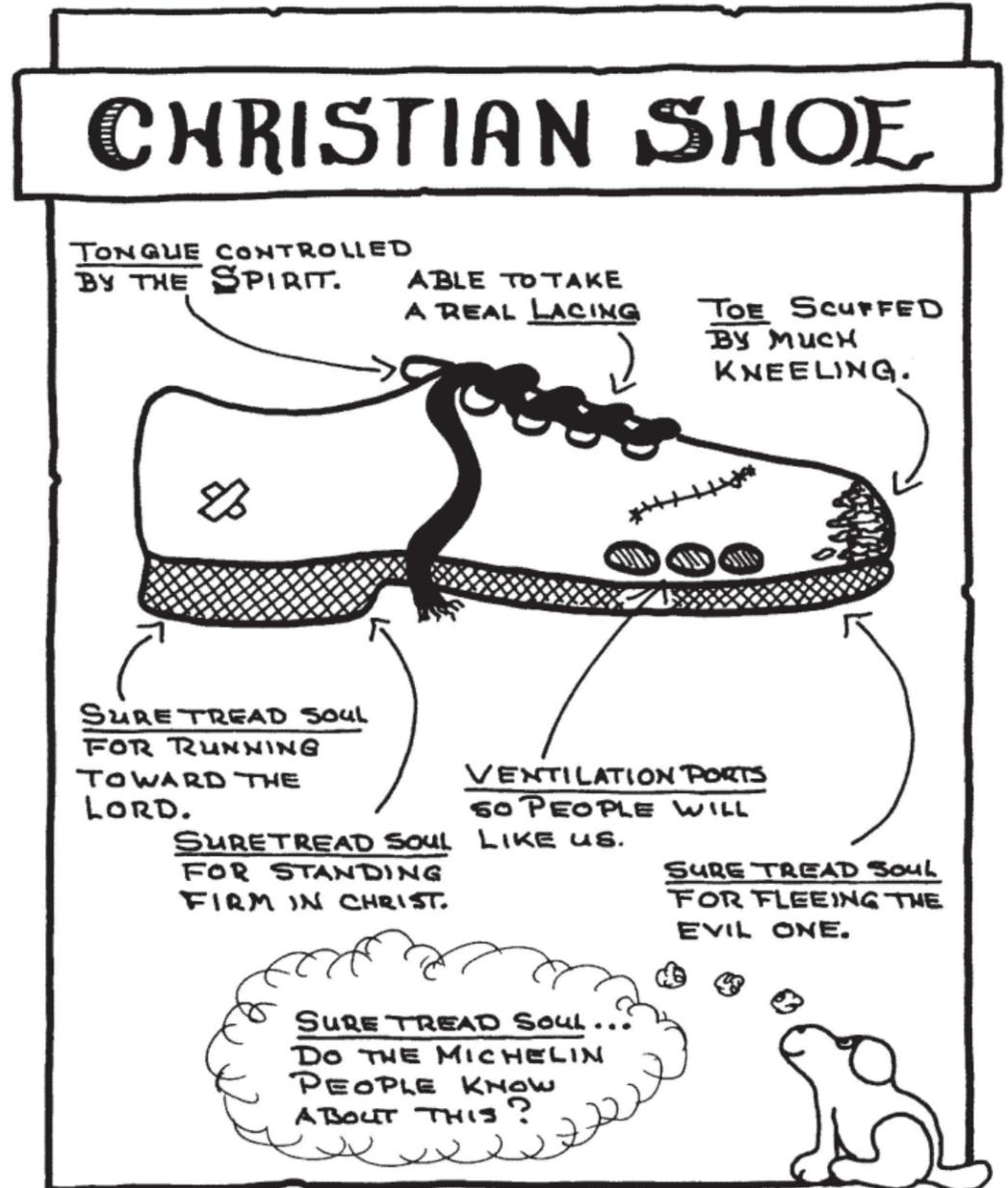
We also renewed old friendships and formed new, lasting relationships.

I was honoured to represent the Diocese of Fredericton at this conference. I encourage the women in this diocese discerning ordained orders to “speak your stories and tell your truths.”

*The Rev Bonita LeBlanc is rector of the Parish of Kingston.*

DOG MATTICKS

by Doug Patstone



## Loan and loan guarantee remove barriers to construction

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diocese has been a great help since the beginning. We worked closely with the Rev. David Kierstead, chair of the diocesan property committee, on the design of the building. He was a tremendous help, and of course when the design was complete and we took the plans to his committee for approval, there was no problem because they helped to draw them!”

In order to finance the building, furniture and fixtures, the new parish invested the resources of the original parishes, including the proceeds from the property sales and other fundraising initiatives, for a total of about \$760,000. It also launched a five-year capital campaign that raised cash and pledges totaling \$640,000.

It was two-thirds of the way to its \$2 million goal.

With that kind of down payment, most families and institutions would be greeted with open arms in any bank’s mortgage department. Churches, however, are not welcome at all.

“Banks don’t mortgage

churches because they would never want to be seen foreclosing on a church,” says Mr. Arnott. “We all know that churches don’t go bankrupt, they always pay their debts, but they still won’t mortgage churches.”

So the parish continues to gather in the school for Sunday services and compete for the limited space in the parish centre. “Our choir had to practice off-site for an entire season because there just wasn’t room for them and all the other groups,” says Archdeacon Hodge.

“Without the loan and the loan guarantee from the diocese, we wouldn’t be able to build now,” says Mr. Logan. “And if and when we were able to build, it would probably be a much smaller building that wouldn’t really meet our needs.”

“A scaled down building would scale down our vision,” says Archdeacon Hodge. “Now, thanks to the generous ruling by the finance committee, all the barriers are out of the way.”

Heavy equipment moved on the building site in December and over the winter will carve three

level areas from the hill overlooking the St. John River, one area for the church, two areas for parking. Building construction

will begin the first of April.

“Our people have been incredibly faithful during this journey,” says the archdeacon.

“We will worship and celebrate in our own Church of the Resurrection by Advent of this year — Christmas for sure.”



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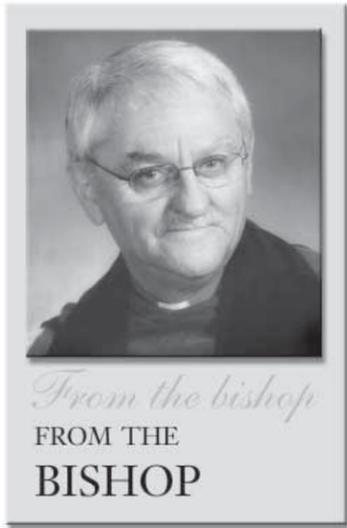
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# God's love revealed in Epiphany moments

As I lift my gaze from Chaleur I know that soon the colder temperatures will turn the salt water to a frozen mass that stretches to the Gaspé. It is mid-December as I write this. We are closing up the cottage, giving way to yet another season change.

We are also in the midst of Advent, a new liturgical season and year. It's almost Christmas, but by the time you read this Epiphany will be past. Commercial creatures will be reckoning profit and loss, decorations will be down and stored, rectors and treasurers will be encouraging parish organizations to prepare their annual reports and calculating whether or not the Christmas offering paid the deficit, and wondering how to manage the increased costs of heating oil or insurance.

It is all predictable. Predictability is good or bad, positive or negative and we are usually conditioned to accept the result. Air travel and air terminal experiences are somewhat less predictable



and consequently give rise to the unexpected. Recently, on returning home from Toronto, I was surprised to learn that even though I had purchased my ticket weeks before my trip, I had been bumped because the airline had over booked the flight. I have since learned this is something that is done on a regular basis. The ticket agent was understanding but could offer little help until boarding time. Turning away, my

thought of calling home was interrupted by the outstretched hand of a fellow priest who was also returning to Fredericton.

"Hi Bishop ... wonderful to see you!" he said.

I delivered my tale of woe flavoured with plenty of "poor-me." My friend listened and, without hesitation, asked if I would accept his seat as he could stay over in my stead. The unexpected inconvenience was unexpectedly graced by the gift of self-giving.

The message of the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany seasons is that a promise is fulfilled. The prophetic message is realized and will be realized yet again. "Thou long expected" came and will come again. God so loved the world that he gave ... and continues to give. But a gift is not a gift until it is received. Acceptance requires a heart that is open and conditioned to recognize God's grace in all things. We seldom recognize God's grace in the predictable events in our lives, our Christmas giving, our meetings, our programs, and

church financing. Why is that?

While the message of Advent is to be prepared for the unexpected "breaking-in" of God's love, it is realized in the Epiphany moments in our lives, even those encountered in an airport terminal.

May the promised, yet unexpected, manifestation of God's love in the form and person of the Christ-child be your "eternal promise unexpected."



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Claude Miller is bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Jan. 17  
Diocesan Council
- Jan. 28  
10:30 a.m.  
Christ Church (Parish) Church \*  
2 p.m.  
St. Thomas University  
Installation of  
Dr. Michael Higgins
- Feb. 6  
Bishop's Counsel
- Feb. 11-15  
Deanery of Lancaster visitation
- Feb. 22-25  
Financial Management and  
Development Committee  
Toronto

\*Denotes Confirmation

APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Paul Ranson was appointed assistant curate in the Parish of Fredericton (Christ Church Parish Church), effective Jan. 1, 2007.

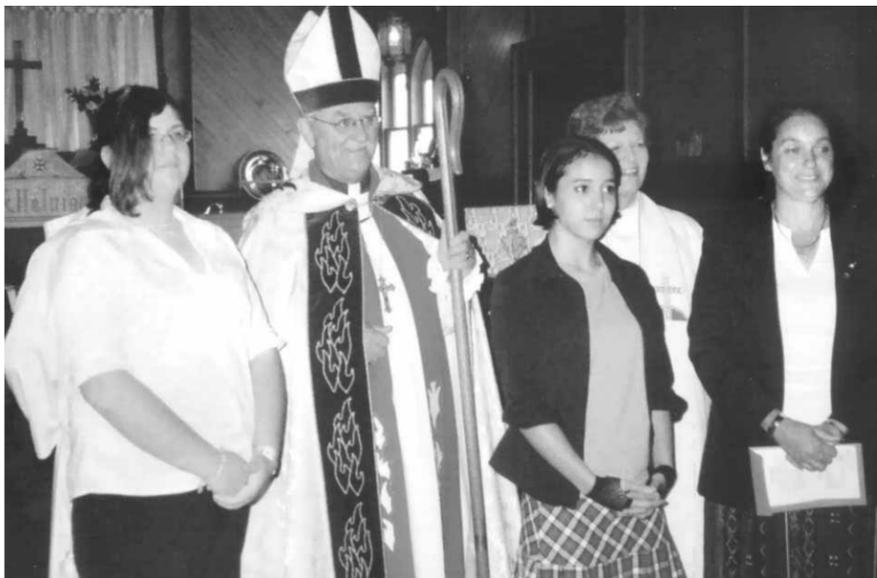
The Rev. Terence Chandra's appointment as assistant curate in the Parish of Woodstock (training curacy) is extended to May 31, 2007.

CONFIRMATIONS



Above: During a visit to the Parish of Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury and Southhampton, Bishop Claude Miller (centre) confirmed Tracy Pike and Annie Fitton (on the left) and received Denise Gorham into the church(right). They are seen here following the service with the Rev. Elaine Hamilton, rector.

Below: At Christ Church in the Parish of New Bandon Bishop Miller confirmed Emily Knowles (on his left) and Zoe Scott (on his right) and received Sharon Taber (far right). They are seen here following the service with the Ven. Patricia Drummond, rector.



ANNIVERSARY

Bishop Claude Miller offers the departing blessing at the 185th anniversary service at St George's Church in west Saint John on Nov. 6 To his right in the photo is the current incumbent at St Georges, the Rev. Howard Anningson. The service was graced with the presence of Lt.-Gov. Herménégilde Chiasson, who spoke on being the kind of church that made a difference in a community.



BYRON THOMAS

ANDOVER WALKERS



People from the Parish of Andover raised nearly \$1,200 in support of the Bishop's Walk for AIDS Relief last fall. This information appeared in the November issue of the New Brunswick Anglican, but with the wrong photo. The people above are the real walkers. The New Brunswick Anglican regrets the mix-up.

**BUDGET SUPPORT**

## Parish support for Mission Outreach and Assessment

In December, the diocese's narrative budget appeared in this newspaper. The charts here

indicate parish support for the work described in the narrative budget. These figures are

accurate to Nov. 20, 2006. Some parishes put a real push on as the year-end approaches and

may well have met their diocesan commitments by Dec. 31. Others may not. For up-to-the-minute figures, contact your rector or parish treasurer.

The New Brunswick Anglican will publish quarterly budget-support statements throughout 2007.

| PARISH              | MISSION OUTREACH |                |                | PARISH ASSESSMENT |                |                |                | 2005           | Ttl Asmnt     | DEFICITS IN EMPLOYMENT ASSESSMENT |               |              |                | TOTAL ALL DEFICITS |
|---------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------|
|                     | REQUEST          | PAID           | SHORT          | PREV. YR          | THIS YEA       | PAID           | DEFICIT        |                |               | PARISH                            | PENSION       | BONUS        | CHARGE         |                    |
| Bathurst            | 10,439           | 10,439         | 0              | 0                 | 9,581          | 9,581          | 0              | 0              | (57)          | 57                                | 263           | 0            | (263)          |                    |
| Campbellton         | 6,468            | 3,207          | 3,261          | 0                 | 4,906          | 1,784          | 3,122          | 3,122          | 2,996         | 135                               | 99            | 113          | 9,725          |                    |
| Chatham             | 15,224           | 13,840         | 1,384          | 1,974             | 15,510         | 12,211         | 3,299          | 5,273          | 451           | 55                                | 7,660         | 38           | 14,861         |                    |
| Dalhousie           | 2,893            | 1,315          | 1,578          | 5,496             | 2,475          | 1,125          | 1,350          | 6,846          | 0             | 0                                 | 581           | 0            | 9,005          |                    |
| Derby/Blackville    | 11,682           | 4,707          | 6,976          | 0                 | 10,483         | 10,483         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (363)         | 0            | 6,612          |                    |
| Hardwicke           | 2,926            | 0              | 2,926          | 7,728             | 3,916          | 0              | 3,916          | 11,664         | 716           | 2,116                             | 5,859         | 1,142        | 24,402         |                    |
| New Bandon          | 4,939            | 2,449          | 2,490          | 0                 | 4,004          | 3,640          | 364            | 364            | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 2,747          |                    |
| Newcastle/Nelso     | 9,801            | 4,685          | 5,116          | 0                 | 9,152          | 9,152          | 0              | 0              | 433           | 50                                | 0             | 37.5         | 4,805          |                    |
| Restigouche         | 1,529            | 1,390          | 139            | 0                 | 1,936          | 1,760          | 176            | 176            | 0             | 0                                 | 581           | 0            | 764            |                    |
| Cathedral           | 33,121           | 33,121         | 0              | 0                 | 33,770         | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (1,708)       | 0            | (1,816)        |                    |
| Fredericton         | 48,963           | 46,289         | 2,694          | 0                 | 38,775         | 35,357         | 3,400          | 3,400          | 0             | 0                                 | 247           | 0            | 6,341          |                    |
| Fredericton Jct.    | 7,469            | 7,469          | 0              | 8,079             | 4,961          | 5,361          | (400)          | 7,679          | 0             | 180                               | 0             | 0            | 7,859          |                    |
| Gagetown            | 3,388            | 0              | 3,388          | 4,302             | 3,586          | 0              | 3,586          | 7,888          | 7,403         | 1,140                             | 9,344         | 328          | 29,491         |                    |
| Maugerville         | 913              | 913            | 0              | 0                 | 561            | 561            | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| New Maryland        | 6,369            | 6,369          | 0              | 0                 | 5,632          | 5,632          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (215)         | 0            | (215)          |                    |
| Oromocto            | 6,391            | 5,810          | 581            | 0                 | 6,138          | 5,580          | 558            | 558            | 428           | 50                                | 3,875         | 38           | 5,530          |                    |
| St. Peters          | 6,237            | 0              | 6,237          | 0                 | 6,468          | 0              | 6,468          | 6,468          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 12,542         |                    |
| St. Margarets       | 6,248            | 6,248          | 0              | 0                 | 7,260          | 7,260          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (216)         | 0            | (216)          |                    |
| Bright              | 5,687            | 4,136          | 1,551          | 0                 | 5,368          | 3,904          | 1,464          | 1,464          | -385          | 0                                 | (4,278)       | 0            | (1,698)        |                    |
| Cambridge/Water     | 3,146            | 0              | 3,146          | 0                 | 2,695          | 2,450          | 245            | 245            | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 3,146          |                    |
| Douglas/Nashwa      | 22,363           | 2,033          | 20,330         | 0                 | 22,385         | 12,210         | 10,175         | 10,175         | 458           | 58                                | 12,047        | 38           | 43,132         |                    |
| Ludlow/Blissfield   | 8,008            | 8,008          | 0              | 10,428            | 7,227          | 7,227          | 0              | 10,428         | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 9,935          |                    |
| Marysville          | 8,723            | 8,723          | 0              | 0                 | 4,950          | 4,950          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (339)         | 0            | (339)          |                    |
| Minto/Chipman       | 6,809            | 6,190          | 619            | 2,156             | 6,699          | 6,090          | 609            | 2,765          | 0             | 50                                | 1,929         | 19           | 5,169          |                    |
| St. Mary York       | 9,251            | 8,410          | 841            | 0                 | 9,130          | 8,300          | 830            | 830            | 422           | 55                                | 4,074         | 38           | 6,260          |                    |
| Stanley             | 5,533            | 0              | 5,533          | 0                 | 5,192          | 0              | 5,192          | 5,192          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 10,575         |                    |
| Carleton            | 13,530           | 13,530         | 0              | 0                 | 11,715         | 11,715         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (366)         | 0            | (366)          |                    |
| Lancaster           | 12,771           | 3,291          | 9,480          | 0                 | 14,124         | 14,124         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 9,480          |                    |
| Musquash            | 5,511            | 51,511         | 0              | 0                 | 4,741          | 4,741          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (129)         | 0            | (129)          |                    |
| Nerepis/St. John    | 20,790           | 20,790         | 0              | 0                 | 18,920         | 18,920         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | (25)         | (25)           |                    |
| Victoria            | 8,041            | 7,310          | 731            | 0                 | 5,852          | 5,320          | 532            | 0              | 532           | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 1,263          |                    |
| Campobello          | 2,376            | 2,891          | 0              | 0                 | 2,409          | 2,722          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 30                                | 1,968         | 0            | 1,100          |                    |
| Grand Manan         | 6,963            | 6,963          | 0              | 0                 | 5,060          | -3,876         | 8,936          | 8,936          | 0             | 0                                 | 106           | 0            | 9,042          |                    |
| McAdam              | 5,192            | 5,057          | 135            | 0                 | 4,048          | 4,048          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 135            |                    |
| Pennfield           | 6,941            | 6,941          | 0              | 0                 | 8,701          | 8,701          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (155)         | 0            | (155)          |                    |
| St. Andrews         | 14,311           | 14,311         | 0              | 0                 | 13,475         | 13,475         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 89            | 0            | 89             |                    |
| St. David/St. Patri | 1,067            | 1,164          | (97)           | 0                 | 693            | 756            | (63)           | (63)           | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | (160)          |                    |
| St. George          | 6,886            | 0              | 6,886          | 9,048             | 7,161          | 0              | 7,161          | 16,209         | 2,050         | 250                               | 6,328         | 188          | 31,911         |                    |
| St. Stephen         | 8,844            | 8,844          | 0              | 0                 | 12,034         | 12,034         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (199)         | 0            | (199)          |                    |
| Central Kings       | 3,388            | 120            | 3,268          | 0                 | 3,751          | 3,751          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 3,268          |                    |
| Gondola Point       | 4,851            | 4,411          | 440            | 461               | 4,345          | 3,949          | 396            | 857            | 0             | 0                                 | 249           | 0            | 1,442          |                    |
| Hammond River       | 5,148            | 235            | 4,913          | 0                 | 4,675          | 376            | 4,299          | 4,299          | 3,996         | 192                               | 0             | 150          | 13,273         |                    |
| Hampton             | 10,659           | 0              | 10,659         | 0                 | 10,428         | 0              | 10,428         | 10,428         | 0             | 350                               | 0             | 0            | 21,245         |                    |
| Johnston            | 0                | 0              | 0              | 240               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 240            |                    |
| Kingston            | 7,744            | 3,805          | 3,939          | 0                 | 7,172          | 7,172          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 3,724          |                    |
| Quispamsis          | 7,183            | 0              | 7,183          | 5,796             | 8,954          | 5,796          | 3,158          | 8,954          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 15,969         |                    |
| RCS-Netherwo        | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| Renforth            | 20,152           | 15,272         | 4,880          | 0                 | 18,271         | 18,271         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 4,516          |                    |
| Rothsay             | 18,293           | 18,293         | 0              | 0                 | 20,834         | 20,834         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (84)          | 0            | (84)           |                    |
| Sussex              | 15,554           | 15,554         | 0              | 0                 | 16,973         | 16,972         | 1              | 1              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| Upham               | 2,706            | 0              | 2,076          | 0                 | 4,312          | 784            | 3,528          | 3,528          | 428           | 50                                | 3,928         | 38           | 10,678         |                    |
| Upper Kennebec      | 4,279            | 200            | 4,079          | 0                 | 3,773          | 0              | 3,773          | 3,773          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 7,840          |                    |
| Waterford/St. Mar   | 11,110           | 11,110         | 0              | 0                 | 9,757          | 9,957          | (200)          | (200)          | 0             | 0                                 | (315)         | 0            | (515)          |                    |
| Dorchester          | 1,628            | 0              | 1,628          | 0                 | 1,100          | 0              | 1,100          | 1,100          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 2,728          |                    |
| Hillsborough        | 2,849            | 0              | 2,849          | 0                 | 2,332          | 2,332          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 2,736          |                    |
| Kent                | 4,004            | 4,004          | 0              | 0                 | 3,542          | 3,542          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| Moncton             | 18,414           | 16,740         | 1,674          | 0                 | 15,730         | 14,300         | 1,430          | 1,430          | 0             | 0                                 | 183           | 0            | 3,278          |                    |
| Riverview           | 11,649           | 11,649         | 0              | 0                 | 11,231         | 11,231         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (373)         | 0            | (373)          |                    |
| Sackville           | 10,197           | 6,751          | 3,446          | 0                 | 9,922          | 9,922          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 3,446          |                    |
| Salisbury/Havelo    | 4,598            | 418            | 4,180          | 4,175             | 4,675          | 425            | 4,250          | 8,245          | 1,320         | 150                               | 4,002         | 113          | 18,190         |                    |
| Shediac             | 24,233           | 24,233         | 0              | 0                 | 17,787         | 17,787         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (332)         | 0            | (332)          |                    |
| St. Andrews S'br    | 4,334            | 4,334          | 0              | 0                 | 5,544          | 5,544          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (113)         | 0            | (113)          |                    |
| St. Philips         | 7,821            | 0              | 7,821          | 0                 | 6,622          | 6,622          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 7,821          |                    |
| St. James (Monct    | 5,346            | 8,360          | (3,014)        | 5,352             | 8,085          | 12,650         | (4,565)        | 787            | 398           | (36)                              | 1,201         | 0            | (664)          |                    |
| Westmorland         | 2,651            | 0              | 2,651          | 4,528             | 2,398          | 2,428          | 0              | 4,498          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 7,149          |                    |
| Cldbk St Marys      | 11,011           | 11,011         | 0              | 0                 | 11,561         | 11,561         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (901)         | 0            | (901)          |                    |
| East Saint John     | 6,776            | 6,776          | 0              | 0                 | 4,624          | 4,624          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| Lakewood            | 10,758           | 10,758         | 0              | 0                 | 7,106          | 7,106          | 0              | 0              | 378           | (378)                             | (1,689)       | 13           | (1,701)        |                    |
| Millidgeville       | 6,688            | 6,080          | 608            | 0                 | 9,405          | 8,550          | 855            | 855            | 428           | 50                                | 0             | 38           | 1,978          |                    |
| Portland            | 24,607           | 24,607         | 0              | 0                 | 12,672         | 12,672         | 0              | 0              | 208           | 0                                 | 703           | 19           | 930            |                    |
| Saint John          | 11,671           | 11,671         | 0              | 0                 | 16,742         | 16,742         | 0              | 0              | (433)         | (70)                              | 175           | 0            | (328)          |                    |
| Simonds             | 3,278            | 3,278          | 0              | 0                 | 2,563          | 2,563          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 700                               | 789           | 0            | 1,489          |                    |
| St. James           | 0                | 0              | 0              | 0                 | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| St. Mark            | 13,475           | 11,650         | 1,825          | 2,156             | 9,647          | 8,341          | 1,306          | 3,462          | 0             | 0                                 | 2             | 0            | 5,289          |                    |
| St. Martins/Black   | 4,422            | 0              | 4,422          | 4,669             | 4,345          | 7,191          | -2,846         | 1,824          | 0             | 0                                 | 415           | 0            | 6,411          |                    |
| Andover             | 7,876            | 2,148          | 5,728          | 2,068             | 6,215          | 1,130          | 5,085          | 7,153          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 12,578         |                    |
| Canterbury          | 3,190            | 3,190          | 0              | 0                 | 2,981          | 2,981          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (1)           | 0            | (1)            |                    |
| Denmark             | 1,045            | 1,045          | 0              | 0                 | 3,344          | 3,344          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 66            | 0            | 66             |                    |
| Grand Falls         | 1,342            | 0              | 1,342          | 1,574             | 550            | 0              | 550            | 2,124          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 3,466          |                    |
| Madawaska           | 3,047            | 3,047          | 0              | 0                 | 2,376          | 2,376          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 0              |                    |
| Prince William      | 7,799            | 0              | 7,799          | 0                 | 5,016          | 0              | 5016           | 5016           | 0             | 0                                 | (150)         | 0            | 12,665         |                    |
| Richmond            | 5,401            | 5,400          | 1              | 0                 | 4,279          | 4,279          | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (113)         | 0            | (112)          |                    |
| Tobique             | 6,479            | 6,649          | (170)          | 0                 | 5,302          | 5,302          | 0              | 0              | (585)         | (75)                              | (100)         | (56)         | (986)          |                    |
| Woodstock           | 12,650           | 4,600          | 8,050          | 0                 | 12,474         | 7,938          | 4,536          | 4,536          | 0             | 0                                 | 0             | 0            | 12,198         |                    |
| Wicklow Wilmot E    | 14,157           | 14,157         | 0              | 0                 | 12,452         | 12,452         | 0              | 0              | 0             | 0                                 | (220)         | 0            | (220)          |                    |
| <b>DIOCESAN TOT</b> | <b>732,226</b>   | <b>553,908</b> | <b>178,318</b> | <b>80,230</b>     | <b>677,578</b> | <b>574,900</b> | <b>102,678</b> | <b>182,908</b> | <b>20,148</b> | <b>4,727</b>                      | <b>50,345</b> | <b>2,162</b> | <b>438,608</b> |                    |

## ARCHIVES &amp; REVIEW

## Archives Corner

## Ring the bell for Christmas and all the year through

There are several churches in Nashwaaksis (now part of Fredericton), but only one, St. John's Anglican on Main Street, with a belfry and a bell. This treasure has an interesting history.

In the 1800s, there was no bridge across the St. John River. Three ferries carried people and goods back and forth. The uppermost ferry ran from the end of Ferry Avenue, down the Nashwaaksis River, across the St. John River to the bottom of Smythe Street.

At first there was a treadle ferry, with a horse faithfully running the works. Sometime before 1860 a side-wheel steam ferry replaced the treadle ferry. This ferry had a bell, which was used to signal the engine man that people and carriages were loaded and ready.

This ferry sometimes ran at night. A lantern marked the sandbar at the mouth of the Nashwaaksis. The family of the late Harold Staples kept a lamp lit in front of a red windowpane upstairs, as a landmark. For this Mr. Staples got free ferry service. Others paid: 4¢ for an individual, 8¢ for a one-horse hitch, 16¢ for a two-horse hitch.



In the 1880s or 1890s, a bridge was built and shortly after that the ferry ceased operations. It is not known where the bell spent the next 20 or 30 years.

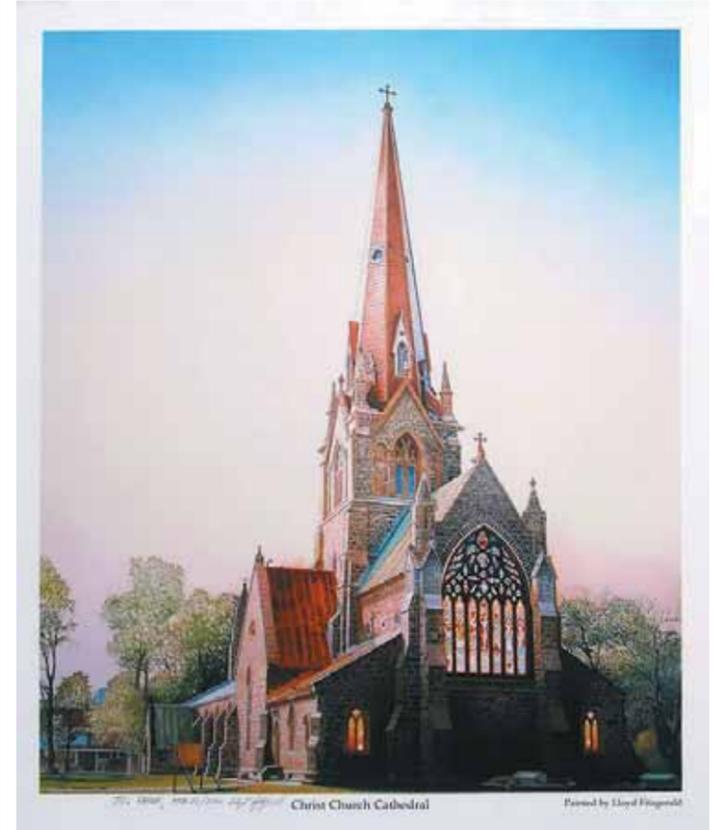
Some time between 1915 and 1918, a man engaged the MacFarlane Wagon Factory, Nashwaaksis, to do some work on the wheels of his wagon. As he could not pay cash for the work, he bartered a bell. Mr. W.L. MacFarlane hung this bell in his factory and used it to ring the engineer (who was in the engine room) to shut the engine off when the belt or some of the machinery needed to be repaired.

In 1932, the MacFarlane Company surrendered its charter. The family wanted to preserve the bell and just up the road was a belfry with nothing in it. So they donated this much-traveled bell to St. John's Church, where it is still appreciated and used by the parish. It certainly chimed at Christmas to announce the birth of Jesus. Whether you hear it with your ears or in your heart, we hope you get the message — that your Christmas was full of peace and joy that will stay with you throughout this New Year.

**Source: Dr. Beverley J. Schneider** wrote "Ring the Bell" for St. John's Church in 1976. It is used here with the author's permission.

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## A must-read for those who minister with and to youth and young adults

Hungry Souls, Holy Companions:  
*Mentoring a New Generation of Christians*  
(Harrisburg: Morehouse Publishing, 2006)  
by Patricia Hendricks

Available in paperback through Anglican House, about \$20

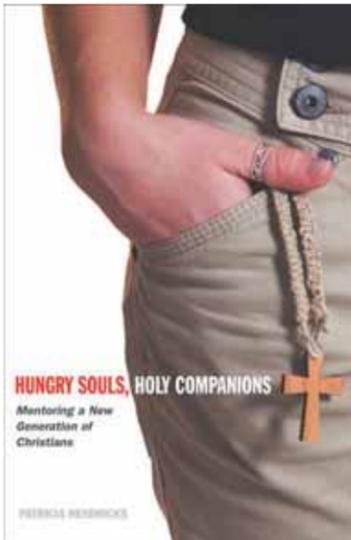
REVIEWED BY GEORGE PORTER

If it were written in the early part of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Ecclesiastes might well say: "Of the making of youth ministry books there is no end." Some, however, stand out as 'must-reads' for anyone interested in ministry to and with youth and young adults today.

Patricia Hendricks has authored just such a gem in this new book on the growing role of spiritual direction and mentoring in this field.

As executive director of Christos Center of Spiritual Formation in St. Paul, Minnesota, she has tapped into the spiritual hunger of emerging generations and been able to correlate this phenomenon with a clear understanding of current cultural realities. In a readable and relatively short book she managed to distil into a concise presentation a good deal of information about youth today and the importance of intentional relationships among members of different generations.

The first two chapters avoid bogging down in lengthy discussions of postmodernism and instead discuss the socio-



cultural and psycho-spiritual situation of young people between 13 and 19, as well as young adults in their twenties. She demonstrates how changes in both intellectual and pop cultures reflect — and even give rise to — increasing spiritual hunger.

She indicates how former models of youth ministry — with their emphasis on numbers, entertainment and fast-paced action — no longer meet the needs of younger people who increasingly seek more spiritual depth and reality.

Hendricks writes: "People who work with youth as well as

youth themselves, clearly stated that program-driven, highly structured, entertainment-oriented youth ministry just doesn't bring young people the depth they desire" (80).

These people more often seek the intimacy of smaller community groups, the slower paces of ancient forms of spiritual practices and liturgy, and quieter forms of contemplation. Relationships form the fulcrum of this emerging scene ("for healthy spiritual and human development, we need each other"), and personal authenticity and integrity are the keys to these relationships ("we need each other to be real" (72)).

Also unlike former youth ministry models, which often dealt with youth in isolation from the older generation and the parish as a whole, the approach Hendricks describes calls for the integration of generations within a setting of the whole people of God. Beginning with the assumption that God is already at work in the lives of young people, the aim is to guide and equip them for their quests to know God, hear God and follow God in their lives.

The language of companionship emphasizes the reality that we are on a journey together as fellow travelers — a reality that

demands that the spiritual and life experiences of young people be taken seriously. One teen said that she valued "an opportunity to discover [her] faith for [her]self instead of just having it handed to [her]" (90).

In some detail Hendricks outlines the roles and tools of spiritual companions in young lives. Leadership and role modeling do not exhaust these roles. The kind of involvement with youth essential for deep and lasting growth needs to be vulnerable and transparent, allow young people to see both the struggles older people have negotiated and those they still face. The former offers hope in the midst of the fearful processes of adolescent changes involved in becoming adults. The latter provides opportunities to learn firsthand how to negotiate the challenges of adult life.

*Hungry Souls, Holy Companions* is not intended to be a 'how to' book, but that doesn't keep it from being practical. Tools discussed include prayer, biblical reading, discernment, spiritual pilgrimage and mission, as well as the witness of both living and telling our stories of encounter with God and God's world.

Worship and mission go hand in hand for young people, and both need to involve them in significant participation. Involvement in the life of the church and any other

dimension of spirituality must be experiential; among emerging generations neither is a spectator sport.

For those concerned about youth ministries in this diocese, pages 76 and 77 are of special interest. In them Hendricks briefly describes our experience of the Youth Consultation II at St. Mark's Church in St. George during March of 2004. One could wish that she had been there to experience the youth-initiated time of confession and reconciliation among generations.

She draws attention, however, to the reality that the frustrations and hopes expressed by the more than 60 participants in that consultation are very much in line with those of young people throughout the western world.

This book is a must-read for the circle of people who are already involved in ministry among emerging generations, as well as for those contemplating such ministries. As Anglicans our circle includes most of us who make promises to the newly baptized — promises we reaffirm when they are confirmed — to "do all that we can to support these persons in their lives in Christ."

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## COLUMNS

# We need to recognize and then break down our prejudices

I recently watched a television program in which a high school was endeavoring to renew broken relationships among its student population. This high school was no different from any other that we may encounter. As I watched students and teachers break down barriers and prejudices, I was deeply moved by the experience. Students who would not normally hang out together found themselves in small groups answering questions and saying: "If you really new me, you would know..."

At first the responses were superficial, but as the day progressed more and more students shared some of the deepest fears and difficulties they had ever experienced. They began to look each other straight in the eye and realized that whether they were male or female, black, white or Asian, gay or straight, they were more alike than different.

They began to learn that many of them shared similar



challenges, only for different reasons. I was moved to tears when teachers and guidance counselors apologized for having caused any young person embarrassment or to feel devalued in class.

At the close of the day, all the participants were asked to identify themselves by certain actions which discriminated against them. It clearly shocked them to find out that the people who had been discriminated against and those who had instigated the discrimination shared some of the same experiences.

Stereotypical ideas about race, wealth, poverty and sexuality were challenged and broken down just through people telling their own stories. These young people

accomplished immense personal growth in just that one day.

This whole experience got me thinking about how we Christians can be vehicles of discrimination, hurt and pain. When I think about Jesus' ministry, I see him constantly breaking down barriers and prejudices. He ate with known sinners, a tax collector, and women of ill repute.

Sometimes I think that we rarely understand the magnitude of Jesus' intentional challenge to discrimination. It was not any easier to go against the crowd in Jesus' time than it is today. I ask myself "When was the last time I challenged my own prejudices, or stood up for someone", especially if it is a fellow Christian who is using hurtful language or expressing a prejudice.

Most of the young people in the high school featured on the television program did not experience physical violence. They were hurt by words – words used in haste,

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without thought and without the intention to be mean. They were hurt by being passed over by a group or by individuals.

In Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan a man was robbed and people passed by him on the other side of the road. It clearly teaches us that we should never bypass someone.

In the book of James we are told that "The tongue is sharper than a two edged sword." Are our own tongues sharp? Do we think about the words we use? Do we wonder if

they might be offensive to someone, even if they are words we often hear used by others?

A young man murdered in cold blood on a hillside in Wyoming was a victim of hate and discrimination. After his death his father said he did not realize the hurtful arrows that his son had to deal with on a daily basis. They were a result of people's words and attitudes.

Many of the young people in the high school talked about words used against them because of their race, gender, academic struggles and much more. Can we, as Christians, make a difference in this world by challenging ourselves to be honest about our prejudices and striving to break them down?

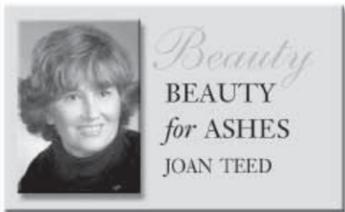
I think we can. Let's choose to start this new year of 2007 doing just that. Let's recognize that violence does not need to be physical; it can be emotional and verbal, but it hurts just the same.

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# We were designed to live forth God's love without shame and fear

*Our capacity to make peace with another person and with the world depends very much on our capacity to make peace with ourselves.*

Thich Nhat Hanh



parts acceptable. But the remaining parts are not exorcised, so I suffer with a festering well of guilt coming from the unsavoury traits which poison me with self-disgust and self-hatred. In searching for self-forgiveness, I search for wholeness and a united identity.

Perhaps we cannot trust good things to be genuine or think that they will last. Even worse, perhaps we believe we do not deserve good things. It may even feel risky to seek something that feels undeserved, or that we may lose. There is terror in genuinely accepting our human imperfections and letting go of the terrible double standard by which we measure only ourselves. So we may live in an inwardly directed tyranny.

To help a client see his/her situation with better perspective and objectivity, I may ask, "How would another sympathetic person see this situation?" Often the pain we suffer is vastly disproportionate to the crime. Self-forgiveness is the starting point for a clear ethical life kept as free from hypocrisy as is humanly possible. A person stuck in the muck of self-doubt

and condemnation leads a more selfish, less productive life than does a less selfish person because of the self-protection surrounding secrets. We hide in a self-protected bubble. Acceptance of self and accountability are requirements for self-respect and responsibility.

This does not mean we neglect responsibility for our real crimes or misdemeanours or even abdicate our conscience when it tells us we sin. But if we hold ourselves to account for things beyond our control, or hold on to things and cannot let go of the guilt after the necessary lessons are learned and corrections made, we are less rather than more able to lead a responsible life.

To heal the conflict against the inner-self we must work with our inner voices. (Don't deny that you talk to yourself and even answer yourself, we all do and we're all just fine.) There is a myth that we have a single voice, but we actually have many attitudes on any given subject – some are more noble or more murderous than others.

We each have a child mind and a parent mind, the former has needs and the latter gives everything away. In fact, there is a whole committee in there. One part of us is the 'Should Monster' who is a real robber. It offers advice freely, tells us how to live, that we are inadequate, can never be enough, do enough, says that we "should" do this, that or the

other thing. It is the source of pervasive, inwardly directed shame and tyranny. Outwardly people with 'Should Monsters' can be the kindest and most generous of friends because they have a double standard. They believe we deserve a break but they do not.

When I ran group work in the hospital psychiatry unit, we banned the 'should' word, called it "shoulding on yourself." Awareness of this problem is an important part of the solution to this problem and helps us to reduce the negative habit. There are many other similar negative thought monsters – The Cynic, The Defeatist, The Skeptic, The Pouter, The Avoider. They are all learned from dysfunctional, vulnerable family systems.

We need a replacement to dislodge these monsters. We all need new chairs or decision makers at the head of our monster committees. Our new bosses can bully away the negative messages and take charge with positive ones.

A good New Year's resolution could be to root out two or three old negative beliefs about yourself that you would really like to change. List them in one column of a journal page and in the opposite column list the replacement belief you would prefer. Then practice your new beliefs one at a time. Every time a negative idea from the first column comes to mind, find a corresponding positive idea from the other column and make a serious effort to

live up to the new, positive ideology.

When we try to change, others may sabotage our efforts and exert pressure in an effort to send us back to our old, comfortable ways. That is because they know how to push our buttons and control us in those old ways.

Often we even sabotage ourselves, we give away our personal power, take care of everyone else before we take care of ourselves. We push our own guilt buttons.

Imagine a world in which we all shone forth with power emanating from within, exactly as God intended us to do. We were designed and gifted to live forth His love without the disguises arising from shame and the defences of fear. In reality, however, we have to work on self-forgiveness. We need to decide we will no longer hold ourselves hostage to messages of burden from the past. Then we will live and love well in Christ Jesus.

Have a happy and blessed 2007.

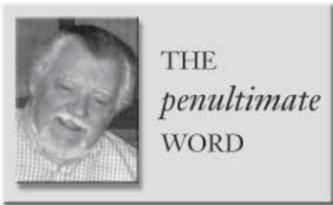
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# Benefits of the vision and ministry of Henry

BY JIM IRVINE

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*



I met him five years later, when I screwed up the courage to tell him I felt called to Holy Orders. Harold Nutter, my dean and mentor, made the introductions. I have to tell you my audience with the bishop was encouraging and pastoral from the beginning. Over the years we discovered a mutual respect, our conversations were direct and amicable. I have heard of exceptions, but they aren't mine. His stewardship of enabling my studies included his inviting the widow of Charles F. Todd of St. Stephen to establish a scholarship to honour her husband and benefit me.

Such vision and initiative were extended throughout the diocese. In 1957 many parishes were without a full-time priest. Insufficient resources demanded this. The stewardship of the loaf-ward demanded that everyone would be able to access the Lord's Table and share in a feast intended for us all. The financial exigencies of the late 50s aside, Henry's acumen challenged empty parishes to reach further than they had previously, as he challenged established parishes to share their largesse with those struggling with a burden. They rose to the challenge and he encouraged us all in this. Anticipation and hope began to take on shape. As vocations were sought, Medley Hall was begun and layreaders, who assisted by traveling to empty parishes, were encouraged to undertake a course of study. The lamps burned bright and late at the Church of England Institute on Princess Street in Saint John as senior priests gave instruction to men who would enter Holy Orders and empty parishes and full-time ministry.

The stewardship of our "loaf-ward" seemed to know no bounds.

We have all benefited from the vision and ministry of Henry. No parish was empty when he laid his hands on me and I stood a deacon in the Church of God. That was among the last of his episcopal acts before he retired. Each generation benefits from the sacrifice and effort of the one that went before. May ours not be a selfish witness to the provision that encouraged us. Loaf-ward indeed!

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*Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton*

There was more in the air than frost. Anticipation and hope moderated the chill afternoon as a winter sun cast lengthening shadows of a procession entering the cathedral. Breath in frosty clouds of mitred bishops in sweeping copes marked the approach of Alexander Henry O'Neil – to be consecrated a Bishop in the Church of God. The date was Jan. 25, 1957. The occasion: the Conversion of St. Paul.

That was 50 years ago this month. The Archbishop of Québec, Philip Carrington, presided at the consecration and installation. The new Lord Bishop of Fredericton emerged, taking the first of countless steps into his diocese. We would not be the same for the steps he took.

The scene is remarkably different from Jesus' interruption of Saul's journey to Damascus. But the difference is more in the details than in the substance.

Both men, I'm sure, knew their minds and each was capable in his respective areas of expertise. Hebrew scholars both, their defence of the faith was clear and measurable: Saul by his apologia against the growing Christian sect in defence of the Torah; Henry by his academic presidency of Huron College and later by his direction of the Canadian Bible Society. Their established pattern of faithful behaviour was admired and applauded, and was soon to be interrupted by Jesus himself and forever reshaped – like clay on a potter's wheel.

As Philip laid hands on Henry, other episcopal hands joined his. In their touch – known in the church from the beginning – clay was moulded and a new bishop stood: Alexander Henry, Lord Bishop of Fredericton.

Our word "lord" comes from the Old English *hlaford*, or loaf-ward – he who guarded the bread supply and was expected to share it. This could not have been lost on the junior bishop. His stewardship of the bread supply – indeed the Bread of Life – would become a hallmark of his episcopacy.

The darkness of the January afternoon that greeted Henry demanded a light that would enlighten every soul now in his care. His episcopacy was not a disappointment.

## INTERCESSIONS

JANUARY

- ¶ 21: Pray for Madhya Kerala - (South India) the Rt. Rev. Thomas Samuel. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Church of the Northern Apostles, the Ven. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard), the Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family, Mal Malloch licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 22: Parish of Madawaska. (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry) the Rev. Fran Bedell, deacon-in-charge.
- ¶ 23: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. John Cathcart.
- ¶ 24: Parishes of Maugerville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett.
- ¶ 25: Parish of Millidgeville, the Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate, the Rev. Canon Brian Campion and the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistants.
- ¶ 26: Parish of Minto & Chipman, (open incumbency). Michael Caines, Wycliffe.
- ¶ 27: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk.
- ¶ 28: Pray for Makurdi, Province of Abuja, Nigeria, The Rt. Rev. Nathan Nyitar Inyom. Diocese of Yukon, Mayo - St. Mary with St. Mark, the Rev. Susan Titterington, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 29: Parish of Musquash, the Rev. Bonnie Baird.
- ¶ 30: Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, the Ven. Vicars Hodge, the Rev. Paul Ranson, assistant curate, the Ven. Arthur Gregg, honorary assistant.
- ¶ 31: Parish of New Bandon, the

Ven. Patricia Drummond.

- February
- ¶ 1: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Rev. Richard Steeves.
- ¶ 2: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Bruce McKenna. Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan.
- ¶ 3: Parish of Pennfield, the Rev. Keith Osborne.
- ¶ 4: Pray for Marathwada, North India. Diocese of Yukon, Pelly Crossing - St. James the Lord's Brother, Deacon Walter Majola & Olga Majola, Betty Joe licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 5: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Eileen Irish.
- ¶ 6: Parish of Prince William, the Rev. Elaine Hamilton.
- ¶ 7: Parish of Quispamsis, the Rev. John Tremblay.
- ¶ 8: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney, the Rev. Canon Ed Coleman, assistant curate.
- ¶ 9: Parish of Restigouche, (open incumbency). Kevin Frankland, Atlantic School of Theology.
- ¶ 10: Parish of Richmond, the Rev. Christopher Hayes.
- ¶ 11: Pray for Masindi-Kitara, Uganda, The Rt. Rev. Stanley Ntagali. Diocese of Yukon, Dawson City - St. Paul, Moosehide - St. Barnabas, the Klondike Creeks, the Dempster Highway, the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, the Rev. Deacon Percy Henry, the Ven. Ken Snider honorary assistant, Mabel Henry & Shirley Pennell, licensed lay ministers, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 12: Parish of Riverview, (open

incumbency).

- ¶ 13: Parish of Rothesay, Canon Albert Snelgrove. .
- ¶ 14: Parish of St. Andrews, Canon John Matheson.
- ¶ 15: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, the Rev. Robert Salloum.
- ¶ 16: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge. Michael Caines, Wycliffe.
- ¶ 17: Parish of St. George, the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid.
- ¶ 18: PRAY for Mbaise, Province of Owerri, Nigeria, The Rt. Rev. Bright Joseph Egemasi Ogu. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow - St. Luke's, the Rev. Susan Titterington, the Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family, lay ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
- ¶ 19: Parish of St. James, Moncton, (open incumbency).
- ¶ 20: Parish of Saint John, the Ven. Stuart Allen, the Rev. George Trentowsky, honorary assistant, the Rev. Constance Soulikas-Whittaker.
- ¶ 21: Parish of St. Margaret's, Canon Jon Lownds, the Rev. John Harvey, honorary assistant.
- ¶ 22: Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, the Rev. Capt. David Edwards.
- ¶ 23: Parish of St. Martin's & Black River, (open incumbency). Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan.
- ¶ 24: Parish of St. Mary's (York), the Rev. Ian Wetmore.

*Diocesan intercessions are available on-line at <http://anglican.nb.ca>. Click on "prayer".*

### FIRST DRILLEN AWARD



In honour of the late Canon Hubie Drillen, founder of the Guild of St. Joseph, guilds from across the diocese established the annual Drillen Award for a student or students preparing for ordained ministry or mission work, to be directors of Christian education or youth ministry, or studying church music. The first \$200 prize was awarded to Susan Salo of the Parish of Lakewood. Ms. Salo is completing her coursework for a Bachelor of Theology Degree at the University of Winnipeg. She also serves as honorary assistant in the Parish of Lakewood under her program mentor the Rev. Canon Douglas Patstone. Left to right above are Canon Patstone, Ms. Salo, Dwight Stuart who is secretary of the Lakewood Guild of St. Joseph and presented the cheque on behalf of all the guilds in the province.

### Attention UNB (F) & STU faculty, staff and students

Tuesday

on-campus celebrations of

Holy Communion

resume Jan. 9 at noon

Edwin Jacob Chapel,

Sir Howard Douglas Hall

(Old Arts Building).

For further information

contact the

Rev. George M. Porter,  
D.Phil.

Most Tuesdays he is in his

Campus Ministry Office in

the UNB Alumni Building

from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**Please note that Fredericton  
area Anglican churches**

**also welcome you  
to their services.**

YOUTH

Matthew E. Whiteway Brown recently presented Bishop Claude Miller with a slide show he created including his Camp Brookwood experiences and memories.



Matthew E. Whiteway Brown

Matthew speaks often about how important his Brookwood camping experience is in his life. It played a major role in encouraging and shaping his relationship with God.

He continues to be consistently and passionately involved in the life of his parish in Woodstock and in the life of the diocese.

*Who can tell what God has in store for those who come to our camps? It's not too early to begin planning for a life-changing experience for yourself or someone you love at Camp Brookwood, Camp Medley or Choir School this summer!*

MORE MANNA FUN



The paper game was among the highlights at Manna '06 at Christ Church (Parish) Church in November.

Rhema Weekend

January 19-21

St. Mark's  
in St. George

Our focus

How do we live our lives with Jesus everyday?

For young people who have attended T.E.C

Or are 22 years old or older.

Registrations available online at

www.tecnb.net

Registrar Val Phinney

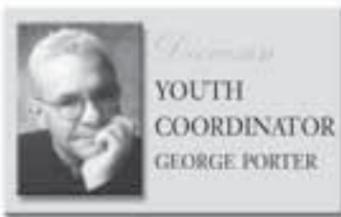
Deadline January 12

*I'm curious, George ...*

How do you deal with differences of beliefs among Christians?

Last month I wrote that when I am dealing with differences of belief among Christians, I try to keep in mind that people really can love God while disagreeing about doctrines, issues or directions. I also said that that doesn't mean that *beliefs* are unimportant, just that we need to keep them in perspective if we're going to deal with differences among us.

The second thing that I think is really crucial is knowing what we really believe and why. Children generally soak up ideas and basic beliefs from families and others in their environment. Mature faith is more thoughtful, considered and deliberate. One of the key growth tasks during adolescence is to move from unconsciously absorbing beliefs toward consciously



making our beliefs our own. Part of preparation for confirmation is to move along this sometimes confusing and difficult — but vital — path.

It's also fundamental to the process of dealing with differences to become clear in ourselves about what we believe is essential and what we hold more loosely. All our beliefs are not on par. Some beliefs are clearer in scripture, the creeds and tradition. Some things don't appear to change significantly through the centuries (e.g. belief that Jesus is Lord). Other things aren't as

clear or vary over time and place (e.g. beliefs about what will happen in the 'end times'). On some things we adopt a stance; others things we hold with open hands.

I prefer to say 'adopting a stance' rather than 'taking a stand'. A wrestler who adopts a stance is more flexible in making adjustments demanded by changing circumstances or understandings; one who takes a stand can more easily be knocked off balance. None of us has the degree of omniscience required to hold 'the whole truth and nothing but the truth.' If I take a stand on something that I later become convinced is in error, everything else I believe can be cast into doubt. If I adopt a stance, however, I can adapt in some areas without losing balance and without my whole structure of belief crashing down.

Approaching differences from this perspective doesn't make us inflexible or intolerant. Generally those things are symptomatic of insecurity. Fear tends to dominate when we haven't done the hard work of thinking through the *whats* and *whys* of our own beliefs. Those who are confident in their essential beliefs are actually freer to listen to, and interact with, others in an atmosphere of respect.

That atmosphere is the third thing I consider critical in the process of engaging differences, but that's for next time.

*The Rev. Dr. George Porter is diocesan Canon for Youth and director of youth action.*

“Remember now the Creator in the days of your youth...” —Ecclesiastes 12:1

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The reGathering 2k7

25 hours for people confirmed by Bishop Claude Miller

At CFB Gagetown April 13-14

(from 1 p.m. Saturday to 2 p.m. Sunday)

For more info & pre-registration contact elizabeth.harding@anglican.nb.ca