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SERVING THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

Episcopal office covered in bishop's absence

BY ANA WATTS

Bishop Bill Hockin provides episcopal oversight and Dean Keith Joyce is Bishop's Commissary during Bishop Claude Miller's Feb. 15 – May 15 sabbatical.

Any diocesan matters or inquiries should be brought to the attention of Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, the bishop's executive assistant, at the Synod Office in Fredericton. He will continue to deal with many issues, as he does during the bishop's many routine absences. He will forward inquiries requiring episcopal input or commissarial attention in keeping with diocesan canon 4.

"The bishop carefully planned for his absence so there are unlikely to be too many things that will need his attention," says Archdeacon Hall.

Bishop Miller is easily reached and can be back in the diocese within a few hours if necessary. With all the winter storms before he left, he said he was sorry he hadn't planned his sabbatical retreat in a more southerly location.

Bishop Hockin will be in the Synod Office weekly during Bishop Miller's absence. As commissary, Dean Joyce will be called upon to sign legal documents dealing with temporal matters such as deeds for land and real property.

Diocesan clergy, who have been priests for at least 10 years and have been incumbent in their current parish/ministry for at least five years, are encouraged to use sabbatical leave for personal development and the pursuit of worthy scholarly interests in their area of ministry.

SUMMER WILL COME



MATT HARDING

It was a long and snowy winter, but Easter is early this year and perhaps summer will follow suit. Early or late, however, summer will come and with it will come good times at camp, with lots of the kind of fun demonstrated by the Medley campers above and on page 5. With your New Brunswick Anglican again this March is a donation envelope to remind you that there is still lots of work to be done at camps Medley and Brookwood.

Task force seeks insight /input on struggling parish issue

BY ANA WATTS

Helpful ideas and opinions, gleaned from a series of consultation meetings organized by the Bishop's Task Force on rural and/or struggling parishes, will influence the recommendations and proposals contained in its final report to Bishop Claude Miller in March of 2009.

"Our mandate flows from a motion of Diocesan Synod in

2007 (see motion on page 2) and demands a functional report. We will ensure it contains understandable, practical and useful recommendations and we will avoid a one-size-fits-all approach," says Archdeacon Pat Drummond, the task force chair. "The objective is to help struggling parishes regain their health and strength so they can fully participate in our diocesan Shared Mission, 'To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for

the making of disciples.' God has called us to be a diocese of healthy, mission-focused, welcoming and growing parishes."

The archdeaconry consultations between March 31 and April 26 (see specific dates and locations on page 2) will heavily influence the task force findings and report. The bishop personally invited all parish clergy and issued a general invitation for four lay representatives from each

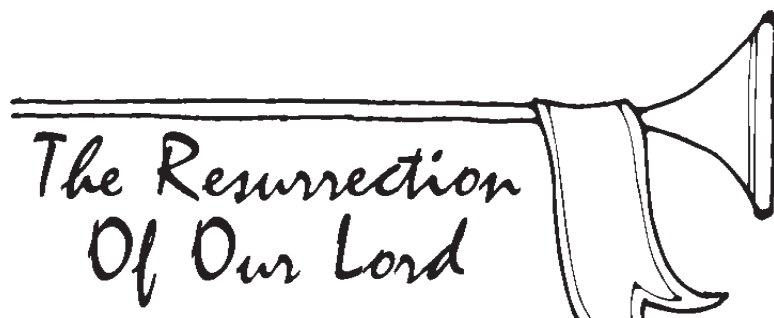
parish to attend the upcoming consultations in their areas. Key discussion questions, including "What makes a healthy parish?" will be sent to participants in advance of the consultations.

"People are also welcome to bring up issues not covered in the pre-circulated questions," says Archdeacon Drummond. "Those not able to attend the meetings are invited to write to the task force with questions of their own, to suggest other

issues for exploration or to offer solutions to some of the problems faced by rural and struggling parishes. We want to hear what is on people's hearts. No one wants to see churches close, but we know some congregations are getting worn down by the struggle to keep the doors open and the lights on."

Some parishes in the diocese have already come up with

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The Sabbath was over and it was almost daybreak on Sunday when Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. Suddenly a strong earthquake struck and the Lord's angel came down from Heaven. He rolled away the stone and sat on it. The angel looked as bright as lightning and his clothes were white as snow. The guards shook from fear and fell down, as though they were dead.

The angel said to the women, "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was nailed to a cross. He isn't here! God has raised him to life, just as Jesus said he would. Come, see the place where his body lay. Now hurry! Tell his disciples that he has been raised to life and is on his way to Galilee. Go there, and you will see him. That is what I came to tell you." Matthew 28:1-7.

Newspaper appreciates generosity of NB Anglicans

The New Brunswick Anglican share of the 2007 *Journal* Appeal is more than \$7,000, up significantly over the 2006 appeal share of just under \$5,000.

"The newspaper and diocese are very grateful for the generous contributions of New Brunswick Anglicans to this ministry," says editor Ana Watts. "Communication is vital to any community and the newspaper remains the most successful communication tool we have in our church community. The immediacy of electronic communications is invaluable for immediate and

focused communication and we use it with great success, but the newspaper offers the broadest scope and reaches the most people."

Donations to and expenses for the annual *Journal* Appeal are shared equally between the *Journal* and the diocesan papers. A total of 563 New Brunswick Anglicans donated \$18,962 to the appeal in 2007. The Diocese of Fredericton share was \$9,481 less \$2,064.61 in expenses for a net donation of 7,416.39.

"Donations to the *Journal* Appeal in 2007 totaled \$565,929 and were the second highest

since the appeal's inception in 1994," says Larry Gee, business manager for the *Anglican Journal*. "I am also pleased to report that we have exceeded \$5 million in donations since 1994. The total donation revenue returned to dioceses has exceeded \$2 million during that same period."

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COMMENTARY

Book explores questions of Biblical interpretation and authority

Quick Review of Donn Morgan
Fighting with the Bible: Why Scripture Divides US and How It Can Bring Us Together
(New York: Seabury Books, 2007)

BY GEORGE PORTER

Perhaps the traditional openness of Anglicans to differing perspectives is both a strength and a source of difficulty. The current straining of ties occasioned by significant differences within the Anglican Communion often refers to questions of Biblical interpretation and authority. Donn Morgan, president and dean of Old Testament at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, addresses this dimension of our situation in this book.

Morgan's approach is to affirm that essentially the Christian community ought to be a place where differences are understood and appreciated. Through a process of dialogue they can be transformed into a diversity to be embraced and celebrated. This dialogue must include not only discussions with one another but we must engage in dialogue with our scriptures as well.

In these Biblical writings, he argues,

one finds no monochromatic view of God, the human situation or ethics. Instead one finds a wide variety of understandings and approaches, conditioned by contexts: e.g. history, setting, community and theological need. Morgan contends that these differences are not accidental but form the diversity intentionally built into the scriptures by both divine and human compilers.

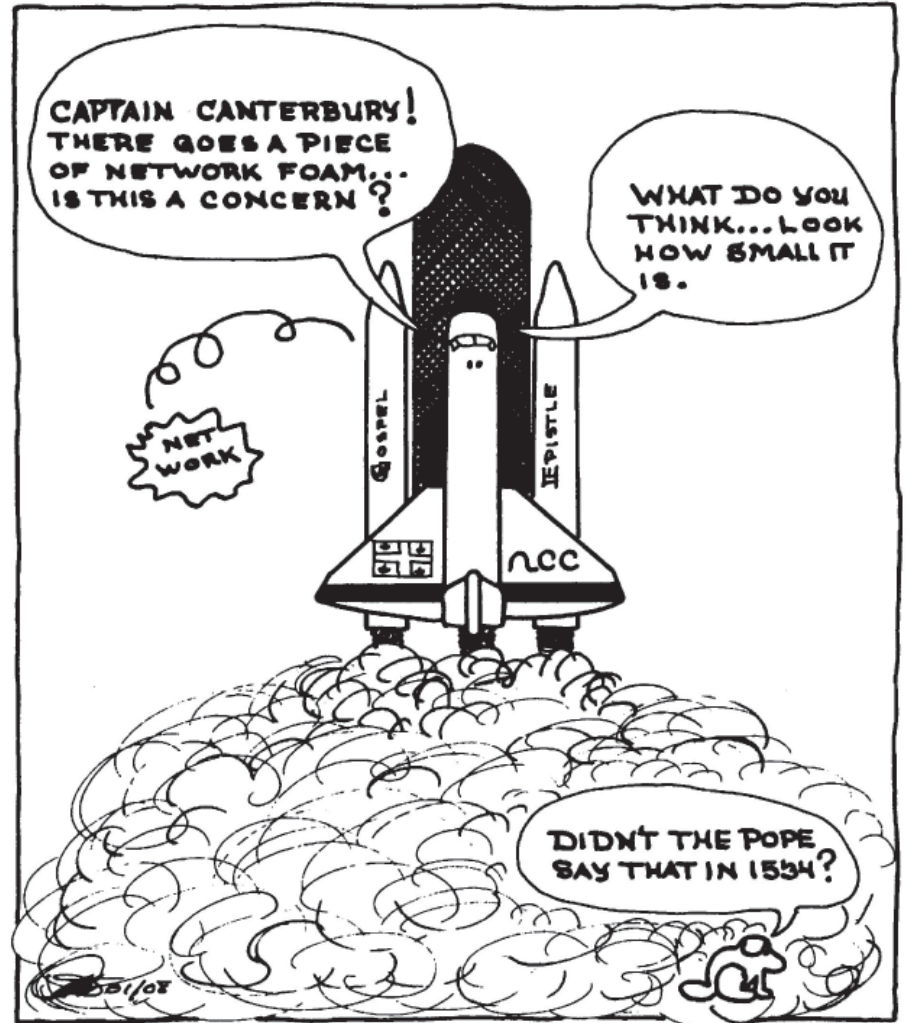
The book is short (only 126 pages including study guide) but also compact. Though a reader might get bogged down in some of the technical details of his dating, reading and interpretation of scripture – focusing specifically on the Hebrew scriptures – his basic argument is easily followed and well reasoned.

A possible weakness in the book could be that he does not clearly address ideas of how different is too different. This may well be, however, part of the continuing process of discernment and direction.

This is certainly a book well worth reading by everyone concerned with the place and authority of the biblical scriptures and diversity within the ongoing discernment of the future of our communion.

DOG MATTICKS

by Doug Patstone



Diocesan-wide struggling parish consultations scheduled March 31 through April 26

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creative ways to alleviate these struggles. In the northern part of the province the parishes of Campbellton, Dalhousie and Restigouche share one part-time priest. In the Miramichi area one priest and one Church Army captain cover the parishes of Newcastle, Nelson and Hardwicke. Three Kings County parishes – Upper Kennebecasis, Central Kings and Upham – share two clergy.

Creative partnerships abound up and down the St. John River Valley. The Parish of Madawaska (Edmundston) shares a deacon with the United Church congregation in that city and they worship together. Bishop Claude Miller once described the interim ministry of the Rev. Ellen Curtis in the parishes of The Tobique and Denmark as: “a profitable co-operation for the proclamation of the gospel in pastoral and

sacramental ministry.” This new way to approach shared ministry offers both parishes, which want to remain independent, an opportunity to achieve this status.

In the Parish of Canterbury, Benton and Kirkland the bishop licensed a lay evangelist to visit and to conduct services three Sundays each month.

In the lower St. John River Valley the relatively new Parish of the Nerepis and St. John is the successful amalgamation of four struggling parishes.

Although the consultations are key to the final task force report, demographic and other relevant statistics as well as background information on previous population shifts will be studied and considered.

The recent urbanization of North American society has certainly had a major impact on rural ministry so we will try to determine what human and financial resources struggling rural parishes may need to continue in ministry. The task force members also have a long reading list that includes the best available publications related to “turning around” ministry in rural and struggling parishes.

A group of archivists and historians is also preparing a brief history of the ways in which the diocese has responded to the plight of struggling parishes from its 18th-century beginnings to the present.

“We are confident that as we

read, research, and listen to Anglicans across the province, the Holy Spirit will guide us to produce a helpful final document,” says Archdeacon Drummond. “We want to help parishes continue to thrive. This task force is charged with no other business to ensure we are able to devote our time and effort to this important task.”

Written submissions to the task force should be sent to Jim Morell of Fredericton, <jamorell@nbnnet.nb.ca.> Please put Struggling Parishes in the subject line.

Hard copies may be sent to Mr. Jim Morell
7 Shamrock Terrace
Fredericton
E3B 2S4.

This resolution from the 2007 Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton

- Be it resolved that this Diocesan Synod respectfully request the Bishop:
- appoint a committee to deal with the question how best to continue this Synod's historic commitment to rural and struggling parishes;
 - charge this body to undertake a wide-ranging diocesan consultation with rural and struggling parishes on his behalf, in order to gain the best knowledge possible of their circumstances, hopes, aspirations, and needs;
 - charge this body to draw up recommendations or proposals about how best to continue this commitment as soon as possible after this consultation, including cost estimates and suggestions as to where the monies might be found to cover costs; and
 - ensure that this body is charged with no other business, so that its members can devote themselves to this good work.

Struggling Churches Consultations

St. Andrews March 31, 7 p.m. Christ Church Pennfield	Woodstock April 12, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (lunch provided)
Chatham April 2, 7 p.m. St. Andrew's, Newcastle April 9, 7 p.m. St. Mary's, Dalhousie.	Saint John Saturday, April 19, 8:30 a.m. (breakfast), 9:30 a.m. (meeting), St. Mary and St. Bartholomew
Kingston and the Kennebecasis April 10, 7:30 p.m. Trinity, Sussex	Moncton Tuesday, April 22, 7 p.m. St. Andrew's hall, Petitcodiac
Fredericton and York April 10, 7 p.m. St. Peter's, Springhill	Woodstock April 26, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. (lunch provided) St. Clement's, Prince William,



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DIOCESAN NEWS

Parish support for 2007 Diocesan Shared Ministry Budget

PARISH	MISSION OUTREACH REQUES			PARISH ASSESSMEN			TOTAL
	REQUEST	PAID	SHORT	REQUIRED	PAID	DEFICIT	SHORTFALL
Bathurst	11,388	11,388	0	10,452	10,452	0	0
Campbellton	7,056	7,056	0	5,352	5,352	0	0
Chatham	16,608	16,608	0	16,920	16,920	0	0
Dalhousie	3,156	3,156	0	2,700	2,700	0	0
Derby Blackville	12,744	12,744	0	11,436	11,436	0	0
Hardwicke	3,192	1,064	2,128	4,272	2,136	2,136	4,264
New Bandon	5,388	5,388	0	4,368	4,368	0	0
Newcastle & Nelson	10,692	6,216	4,476	9,984	9,984	0	4,476
Restigouche	1,668	1,668	0	2,112	2,112	0	0
Cathedral	36,132	36,132	0	36,840	36,840	0	0
Fredericton	53,436	53,436	0	42,300	42,300	0	0
Fredericton Junction	8,148	8,148	0	5,412	5,412	0	0
Gagetown	3,696	3,696	0	3,912	3,912	0	0
Maugerville	996	996	0	612	612	0	0
New Maryland	6,948	6,948	0	6,144	6,144	0	0
Oromocto	6,972	6,972	0	6,696	6,696	0	0
St Peters	6,804	6,804	0	7,056	7,056	0	0
St. Margarets	6,816	6,816	0	7,920	7,920	0	0
Bright	6,204	4,136	2,068	5,856	3,992	1,865	3,933
Cambridge Waterborough	3,432	1,000	2,432	2,940	2,940	0	2,432
Douglas Nashwaksis	24,396	24,396	0	24,420	24,420	0	0
Ludlow Blissfield	8,736	5,096	3,640	7,884	7,884	0	3,640
Marysville	9,516	9,516	0	5,400	5,400	0	0
Minto Chipman	7,428	8,584	(1,156)	7,308	7,308	0	(1,156)
St Mary York	10,092	7,569	2,523	9,960	9,960	0	2,523
Stanley	6,036	5,020	1,016	5,664	5,664	(0)	1,016
Carleton	14,760	14,760	0	12,780	12,780	0	0
Lancaster	13,932	13,932	0	15,408	15,408	0	0
Musquash	6,012	6,012	0	5,172	5,172	0	0
the Nerepis St John	22,680	22,680	0	20,640	20,640	0	0
Victoria	8,772	8,772	0	6,384	6,384	0	0
Campobello	2,592	2,592	0	2,628	2,628	0	0
Grand Manan	7,596	7,596	0	5,520	5,520	0	0
Mcadam	5,664	5,664	0	4,416	4,416	0	0
Pennfield	7,572	7,572	0	9,492	9,492	0	0
St Andrews	15,612	0	15,612	14,700	14,700	0	15,612
St David St Patrick	1,164	1,164	0	756	756	0	0
St George	7,512	1,200	6,312	7,812	0	7,812	14,124
St Stephen	9,648	9,648	0	13,128	13,128	0	0
Central Kings	3,696	185	3,511	4,092	4,092	0	3,511
Gondola Point	5,292	5,292	0	4,740	4,740	0	0
Hammond River	5,616	5,616	0	5,100	5,100	0	0
Hampton	11,628	11,633	(5)	11,376	11,808	(432)	(437)
Johnston	1,100	1,100	0	0	0	0	0
Kingston	8,448	2,485	5,963	7,824	7,824	0	5,963
Quispamsis	7,836	0	7,836	9,768	4,884	4,884	12,720
Renforth	21,984	17,321	4,663	19,932	19,932	0	4,663
Rothsay	19,956	19,956	0	22,728	22,728	0	0
Sussex	16,968	16,968	0	18,516	18,516	0	0
Upham	2,952	470	2,482	4,704	3,136	1,568	4,050
Upper Kennebecasis	4,668	4,279	389	4,116	4,116	0	389
Waterford & St. Mark	12,120	12,120	0	10,644	10,644	0	0
Dorchester	1,776	0	1,776	1,200	0	1,200	2,976
Hillsborough	3,108	2,400	708	2,544	2,544	0	708
Kent	4,368	4,368	0	3,864	3,864	0	0
Moncton	20,088	20,088	0	17,160	17,160	0	0
Riverview	12,708	12,708	0	12,252	12,252	0	0
Sackville	11,124	7,961	3,163	10,824	10,824	0	3,163
Salisbury Havelock	5,016	0	5,016	5,100	0	5,100	10,116
Shediac	26,436	26,436	0	19,404	19,404	0	0
St Andrews, Sunnybrae	4,728	4,728	0	6,048	6,048	0	0
St Philips	8,532	2,000	6,532	7,224	7,224	0	6,532
St. James Moncton	5,832	5,832	0	8,820	8,820	0	0
Westmorland	2,892	2,892	0	2,616	2,616	0	0
Coldbrook St Marys	12,012	12,012	0	12,612	12,612	0	0
East Saint John	7,392	7,392	0	5,064	5,064	0	0
Lakewood	11,736	11,736	0	7,752	7,752	0	0
Millidgeville	7,296	7,296	0	10,260	10,260	0	0
Portland	26,844	6,711	20,133	13,824	11,520	2,304	22,437
Saint John	12,732	12,732	0	18,264	18,264	0	0
Simonds	3,576	2,384	1,192	2,796	2,443	353	1,545
St Mark	14,700	12,710	1,990	10,524	9,099	1,425	3,415
St Martins Black Rvr	4,824	4,824	0	4,740	4,740	0	0
Andover	8,592	4,536	4,056	6,780	3,390	3,390	7,446
Canterbury	3,480	3,480	0	3,252	3,252	0	0
Denmark	1,140	1,140	0	3,648	3,648	0	0
Grand Falls	1,464	0	1,464	600	120	480	1,944
Madawaska	3,324	3,328	(4)	2,592	2,592	0	(4)
Prince William	8,508	3,545	4,963	5,472	2,280	3,192	8,155
Richmond	5,892	5,892	0	4,668	4,668	0	0
Tobique	7,068	7,068	0	5,784	5,784	0	0
Woodstock	13,800	13,800	0	13,608	13,608	0	0
Wicklow Wilmot Etal	15,444	15,444	0	13,584	13,584	0	0
DIOCESAN TTLS	799,892	685,013	114,879	739,176	703,900	35,276	150,155

Appointments

The Rev. Keith Osborne is again appointed Regional Dean of St. Andrews. This appointment is for a one-year term, March 1 of this year through Feb. 28, 2009. Mr. Osborne is rector of the Parish of Pennfield.

Julian A. G. Dickson, Q.C. of Fredericton was appointed Vice Chancellor to the Diocese of Fredericton on Feb. 1. He replaces Clyde Spinney who became Chancellor upon the retirement of Charles Ferris. Mr. Dickson is a member of the law firm Cox & Palmer and Cox, Fredericton. A service of installation for both Mr. Spinney and Mr. Dickson will be held at Christ Church Cathedral at a later date.

Obituary Royden K. Ferris 1935-2008

The Rev. Royden Kenneth Ferris died at Kennebec Manor Nursing Home in Saint John on Jan. 25. Born in Saint John in 1935 he graduated from Saint John High School in 1956. He was granted a B.A. from King's College in Halifax in 1961 and an L.Th. in 1964. He served as a layreader in the Parish of Cambridge and Waterborough from 1964 until 1965 and was ordained a deacon on May 30, 1965 at St. Paul's in Saint John. He was then appointed to Cambridge and Waterborough.

Archbishop Henry O'Neil ordained him a priest at St. Paul's in Rothesay on May 29, 1966 and he was appointed to the Parish of Bright later that year. He went on to serve in the parishes of Gagetown, Canning and Chipman, Stanley, St. James (Saint John) and Campobello.

He retired on Oct. 31, 2000.

Although he left no family to mourn him, his kind and cheerful demeanour ensured he has many friends who do. There was a private interment service in Saint John.

Dean bursary 20th anniversary

Philip Martin, son of the Rev. Leo and Debra Martin of Hampton, was awarded the 2007 Mabel C. Dean Memorial Bursary. Applications for the 2008 20th anniversary award will be accepted at the Synod Office until March 31.

The \$1,000 bursary was established in memory of Mabel C. Dean who held many offices in the W.A. (forerunner of the ACW) at both the parish and diocesan levels. As a mother and school teacher, Mrs. Dean had a keen interest in the education of youth and often expressed a desire to be able to help young people to further their studies. In celebration of the bursary's 20th anniversary it is hoped that the committee will be able to provide some special assistance in addition to the regular award.

Applications are available as an administrative download from the Diocesan Website at <http://anglican.nb.ca> (Admin/Financial Assistance) or from the Synod Office. Children of diocesan clergy (active or retired) pursuing post-secondary education are eligible. Applications must be received at the Synod Office, 115 Church Street in Fredericton, E3B 4C8 by March 31, 2008.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

If you can't beat 'em, join 'em

Archdeacon Walter Williams and the Rev. Douglas Painter (aka Pastor Painter), rectors of the parishes of Woodstock and Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen (WWPA for short) fret about church and Sunday school attendance. It seems that as soon as hockey season comes up, attendance goes down. When the season finally ends they expect attendance to go up again, but it doesn't happen. After a long absence the young people and even their parents often find it difficult to return. So the two rectors decided to meet the kids where they were – on the ice.

“We felt it was important to support our young people in their interests,” says Archdeacon Williams. “Sports are an important and valuable part of our children's lives. Sports keep them physically active, encourage teamwork, and all kinds of good things.”

They also felt it was important to get to know the young people who were on the ice when others were in Sunday school, so they established the Woodstock vs. WWPA Hockey Challenge. Each parish mounted a team and everyone was welcome to play.

It was an opportunity for the congregations to get reacquainted with the youth as well as an opportunity for the church to encourage the busy young people to set aside some time for their own spiritual growth.

Following the game players and spectators alike attended a banquet with special guest speaker Fr. Bill Brennan, a member of the Flying Fathers hockey team. “Church, family and community make us who we are,” said Fr. Brennan. “We need a healthy balance of all these things



Above: Victorious WWPA team. Centre photo below, Fr. Bill Brennan of the Flying Fathers, the Rev. Doug Painter and Archdeacon Walter Williams with the challenge trophy.



A REAL CHRISTMAS DINNER

BY BETH HICKS

On Christmas Day 2007, for the fourth year in a row, the people of St. Mark's in St. George served Christmas dinner to the community. The tradition began when the rector (and my sister), the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid challenged the congregation. She said “It is easy for us to give someone a Christmas dinner when it is not on Christmas Day, but can we give up our personal Christmas Day and share it with others?”



Obviously the answer was yes.

Dinner is served to anyone who comes to the church hall.

The first year (2004), 58 people came together to prepare and eat the meal. Each successive year the number of people involved has grown. On Christmas 2007 126 people enjoyed the meal together, plus the church put together 10 meals for people who were shut-in and unable to attend.

The wonderful thing about this dinner is that it is a community project. There is no charge for the dinner and the entire project is financed by donations of food and money. Among the sponsors for the 2007 dinner are Ganong's, Blossoming Faith, the Town of Saint George, the Charlotte County Credit Union/Black's Harbour, the local churches and people from the entire community. It is a community Christmas Dinner in every sense of the word.

ORDINATION



Bishop Claude Miller ordained Jasmine (Shantz) Chandra a deacon at St. Luke's in Woodstock on January 20. In the group photo above are left to right Archdeacon Walter Williams, William Shants, Jasmine, Bishop CLaude Miller, Barbara Shantz and the Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton. The inset photo is the Rev. Jasmine Chandra with her husband the Rev. Terence Chandra, priest-in-charge of the parish of Andover.

YOUTH CAMPING

Here comes summer!

A note from Peter Irish, the perennial, popular and persistent chair of the Faith for a Lifetime campaign

Oops! Take care of the envelope I so carefully tucked in your March NB Anglican again this year.

Yes it's me again asking for your support for *Building Faith for a Lifetime*, the capital campaign that is changing the lives of the young people in our diocese and province.

As of Dec. 31, 2007, our campaign total -- made up of cash donations and pledges -- is \$619,597.34.

That means in 2007, the campaign raised more than \$143,172.05 in donations and approximately \$3,800 in renewed pledges. And that total does not include the \$100,000 loan we received from the Anglican Foundation.

The total cash the campaign has received to the end of 2007 is made up of cash donations, payments on pledges and loans. The actual total cash the campaign has raised as of Dec. 31 is \$642,025.21; \$414,703.84 in donations, \$127,321.37 in payments on pledges and a cheque from the Anglican Foundation for \$100,000 in the form of a 20 year loan. Of that total, \$284,830.58 was raised in 2007.

The Campaign Summary of Donations & Payments by Donor Type gives you a graphic representation of the cash received by donor type. The \$100,000 Anglican Foundation Loan is not included in this graphic representation.

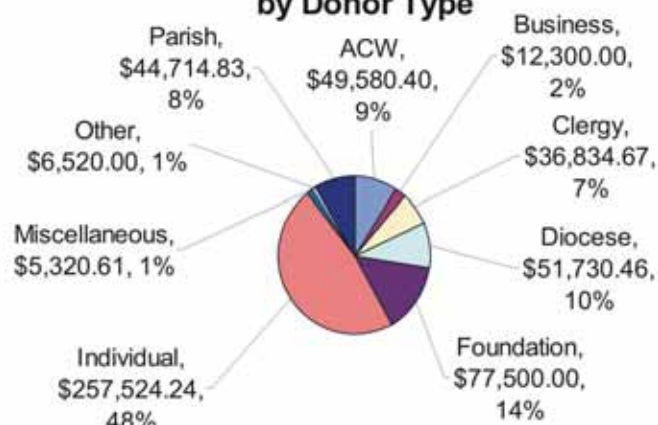
The cash received is made up of a total of 1517 individual gifts. The Histogram of Cash Received shows in graphic form, the number of gifts received in each gift category. The \$100,000 Anglican Foundation Loan is not included in this graphic representation.

So, take a minute to look at the graphs, take as long as you want to look at the pictures of kids at Camp Medley last summer. Then, while you're still smiling because camp looks like so much fun and you have never seen anyone wear a ballgown in a swimming pool before (see page 1), and because you know the kids are getting a healthy dose of spirituality at camp too -- please write a cheque and put it in the envelope that came in this newspaper.

I'll thank you, the kids will thank you, and so will Camp Medley Director Liz Harding. If you want to know about all the exciting features and programs this summer, check out her column on the next page.

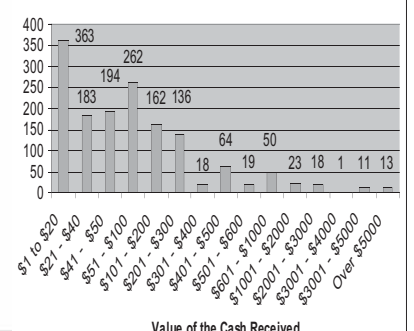


Campaign Summary of Donations & Payments by Donor Type



PHOTOS BY MATT HARDING

Histogram of Cash Received



COLUMNS

New programs, new opportunities for fun at Camp Medley this summer

After an exceptionally cold and snowy winter, it may be difficult to think of summer camp, but plans are already underway to make this year's season a fun, safe, exciting and challenging time for children and teens. The camp brochure includes a new program -- a leadership week for teenagers. It will provide opportunities for teens to learn more about their own personal skills and how to use their abilities to lead in any role, whether out front or quietly behind the scenes. It will be a time for them to celebrate their own unique selves. This program will run twice during the summer and will include a mixture of old and new activities.

In the regular camp experience we will be offering



new activities like nature and drama programs and a daily newspaper.

Staff application forms are available on the diocesan website <http://anglican.nb.ca> and applications arrive on my desk daily. It is exciting to see that not only are previous staff members reapplying, but new people are looking to work in a Christian camp community where we strive to accept every child and adult as an individual.

We are in the process of launching a new website (there

will be a link on the diocesan site) to serve the needs of Camp Medley. It will be packed with lots of camp photos, including ones of the facilities as they are changed and upgraded. We will also post photos of this year's camps as soon as they start. You will even have some interactive opportunities, so explore the site and have fun.

A team of volunteers will soon be contacting parishes throughout the diocese requesting the opportunity for a group to come and give a presentation about who we are and what camp has to offer young people throughout the diocese. Each visit will also be an opportunity to ask questions and sign your children up for a fun and exciting week or more.

The best way to see all the wonderful improvements at Camp Medley is to join us on June 1 between 2 and 5 o'clock. Check out the awesome new showers, the amazing kitchen and the cool cabins. Find out more about our summer programs and get a little taste of camp. Bring a picnic and enjoy it down by the St. John River. This event is open to

anyone interested in Camp Medley, even if you are not sending a child to camp. Everyone is truly welcome and we hope to see you there.

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Camp Medley Open House
June 1
2-5 p.m.
Everyone is welcome!

New Needtobreathe CD — fun, faithful and on fire!

Needtobreathe
The Heat (2007)

RE-F-R-E-S-H-I-N-G!!!! That's the word most often used to describe this great group's latest album. The end of 2007 brought many things, including the second album by Needtobreathe entitled *The Heat*. Brothers Bo and Bear Rinehart, who hail from Possum Kingdom, South Carolina, head the group. They are sons of a minister of the Assembly of God Church.

Why is this music so refreshing? First of all, this is a band that loves music, loves to record, and loves to travel on tour -- which it does most of the year through the United Kingdom, Canada and the U.S. Needtobreathe has opened for Train, Jars of Clay and Collective Soul.



The band members also love to have fun, as anyone can see in their music videos. Check out *Signature of Divine* (YAHWEH) for a prime example of that fun! Their music sounds a bit different, too. It is not that they use strange instruments, or sing strange-sounding melodies -- the opposite is closer to the truth -- but they seem to go about things differently. Bear Rinehart explains, "Because Bo learned to play in such a completely different way, he does some weird things on the guitar. He picks up rather than



down, which is really bizarre. That's a big part of our sound -- two guitars, doing things differently, but working together the whole time."

Needtobreathe music exudes freedom. The band is signed to Atlantic Records, quite a feat for a group that is so up front with its Christian faith. Unlike some other bands that label themselves as

Christian bands, and who seem to want to change the world with one song, this band's faith comes through in the music without such weighty or pressing concern. Group members speak their faith clearly, especially in songs like *Washed in the Water*. They don't expect the listener to be "converted" by their music though; they leave that up to God.

This four-man group has created an album of wide-ranging instrumentation with many flavours to touch your music palette. Acoustic and electric guitars, pianos and keyboards, a horn-line, harmonica, and even a 19th-century pump organ are given space in these tracks. Echoes of the Deep South are heard on this album, and anyone who is a fan of Third Day, Bon Jovi, or

even U2 will find something enjoyable. Ed Roland, front man and writer for Collective Soul, co-produced it and his own genius for memorable melodies shines through. *Movin' On* is a great tune that will stick with anyone who hears it. Another song that feels like "comfort music" is *Again*, especially with the acoustic guitar elements.

If you're looking for music that is plain fun to hear, of good-quality, and without the "wagging finger preaching" that some Christian music comes with, Needtobreathe's *The Heat* is a sure thing -- great songs, by great musicians, having a grand time doing what God enables them to do!

The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician as well as rector of the Parish of Richmond.

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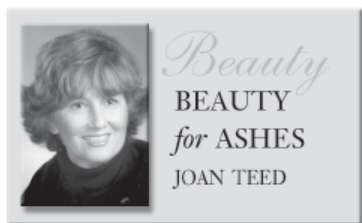
Virtue is its own reward. Aristotle

Virtue is the art of the whole life. Philo of Alexandria

I was taught to care profoundly for my reputation, moral fiber and integrity and was expected to be observant and respectful of the needs of others. I passively accepted what I was taught.

Young people aren't necessarily as compliant these days. They question authority, seek individuation, depth and authenticity of character -- but, is that is what they find?

Emile Durkheim, the father of sociology, said freedom from social ties correlates with suicide and a condition he called "anomie" -- a society with no clear rules, norms, or standards for values and virtues. Modern sociological research strongly supports



him. Some constraint is good for us. Absolute freedom is not.

Our society is based on consumption, the drive for personal preference, individual fulfillment and instant gratification.

Ben Franklin articulated a much more pervasive concept. Like the ancients, he said that acting against your self-interest is in your self-interest. Quite a paradox, and certainly different from today's tendency

toward messages like: humble people lack self-esteem; chastity is another sexual dysfunction; virtue is not so much its own reward as a condition needing therapeutic intervention.

The result is our values need the shaking of total turn-around -- conversion.

According to M. Scott Peck: "The Lie is that we are here on earth to be comfortable, happy and fulfilled. The truth is our finest moments are most likely to occur when we are feeling deeply uncomfortable, unhappy, or unfulfilled." It is then, propelled by our discomfort, we are apt to step out of our well-trod ruts to search for truer answers, maybe even for God. We may flounder -- perhaps even as spectacularly as Britney Spears -- but perhaps when we

recover we may shift our path in a more noble direction, toward a more spiritual life of personal healing and change, with repentance and/or conversion.

In 1998 Martin Seligman founded positive psychology to focus on strengths and virtues. He and Chris Peterson developed a list of strengths and virtues from all major religions and cultures, then grouped them in six broad common families:

- Wisdom -- curiosity, love of learning, judgment, ingenuity, emotional intelligence and perspective;
- Courage -- valour, perseverance and integrity;
- Humanity -- love and kindness;
- Justice -- citizenship, fairness and leadership;
- Temperance -- self-control,

prudence and humility;

- Transcendence (the ability to forge connections to something larger than the yourself) -- appreciation of beauty and excellence, gratitude, hope, spirituality, forgiveness, humor and zest.

(Take your own strengths test - www.authentic happiness.org).

There is plenty of evidence for an Original Virtue underlying Original Sin. It is the knowledge of a central chamber of the soul, blazing with the light of divine love and wisdom. Let us pray the generations that follow ours find that chamber, experience that conversion.

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The child becomes the father of the man

BY JIM IRVINE

Luke the Evangelist proclaims an Annunciation gospel of hope and redemption. Accounts of Jesus' birth and his death are penned by him. His witness begins well before the arrival of Joseph and Mary in Bethlehem, in time for the Imperial census. He continues to trace the redeeming acts of God through to the Passion, and beyond.

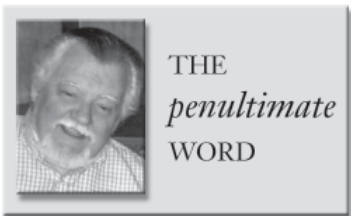
Tradition attributes more than a written account to Luke. Tradition places him early in the unfolding drama with paint brush and easel. The icon known as Our Lady of Czestochowa is attributed to him. It is popularly known as the *Black Madonna* and is found in Poland, not far from the ancient city of Kraków. A framed copy hangs in my living room.

In the city of Kraków, at the Katedra Wawelska, beads slip through fingers, faithfully polishing wooden orbs rehearsing Gabriel's greeting "*Mary... Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you...*" The proximity of Grace and the satanic ovens of the infamous internment camp besmirching the city remind us of the paradox of the Incarnation. Into the very midst of the contradictions of our lives John tells us that the Word took on flesh and dwelt among us. Grace and truth reveal God's glory where we would otherwise only see hatred and deception.

Seiger Köder's Stations of the Cross, *The Folly of God*, traces Jesus' last steps from his sentencing in Pilate's Hall to his disposition in Joseph's sepulcher. The depictions include *Maternal Womb*, a touching and reflective representation of the Pieta. Mary cradles the body of her son, lifeless in her arms.

As a Nazi soldier, Köder was captured by the Allies. After his release following the war he studied fine art in Austria. In the sixties he answered a late vocation to Holy Orders and was ordained a priest in 1971. His brush reveals an integrated faith. The redemptive initiative of God touches the despair of felons on Golgotha, and we witness the covenant of Jeremiah's foretelling. "*Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you...*"

Beginning with the Cross of Jesus, tangible intention allows beads to slip deftly past thumb and forefinger and echo Luke's words placed on Gabriel's lips. Pausing to recall Jesus' prayer taught to his disciples, intention continues until at last the familiar medallion is in hand.



Creedal affirmations rehearsed, the beads return always to the Cross. Beginning and ending, is the Cross.

My past association with the tactile discipline of the rosary was influenced by the prejudice that surrounded me. I recognized the beads. But they were kept at a distance.

"Have you noticed the contrast?" I was asked. A stranger put the question to me one day as I examined a rosary at Anglican House in Saint John. Noticing the beads in my hands, he pressed his point, insinuating himself into my space and thoughts. "The medallion," he asked, "have you detected its paradox?" Confused, I asked him to explain.

"Most people think that this is a Marian prayer," he told me. "That couldn't be further from the truth. This is a Christological prayer. All of the prayers touch on Jesus."

He went on, "Besides the Creed - we say the Creed when we come to it - have you noticed what is on the medallion?" I confessed that I hadn't. I took a careful look.

"See, one side is the Madonna and Child. On the obverse is the Pieta. It's interesting. Do you see the paradox?" I didn't. And I told him so.

"Mary never ages, but Jesus does!"

He took a coin out of his pocket and held it between his thumb and forefinger.

"Imagine this coin spinning between my fingers ... the image blurring as the coin spins. Think of the medallion like that. As it spins, the blurring images merge and Mary remains ever young. Three decades of aging is not seen in her but it is obvious with Jesus. At once Jesus is newly born ... newly crucified ... and the two merge."

"The Child becomes the father of the Man," I added.

"Exactly," he said, and pocketed his coin.

Jesus' birth leads to his death and his death on the Cross is the purpose of his birth. Redemptive love is witnessed at his beginning and his ending - an Alpha and Omega - not to be forgotten as carols are sung in the darkened days of December or the lengthening days of spring.

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INTERCESSIONS

MARCH

¶ 21: Parish of Canterbury, the Rev. Terence Chandra, priest-in-charge. Michael Caines, Wycliffe.

¶ 22: Parish of Carleton, the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson.

¶ 23: The Resurrection of Christ

Easter Day

If ye be risen with Christ, seek the things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene, Toad River, Alaska Highway mile 150-506, the Rev. Dawn MacDonald and the Rev. Neville Crichlow, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 24: Parish of Central Kings, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, priests-in-charge. The Rev. Jane Arnott (retired).

¶ 25: Parish of Chatham, the Rev. Gordon Thompson.

¶ 26: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Isabel Cutler parish nurse, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistant. The Rev. Robert B. Barry (retired).

¶ 27: Parish of Coldbrook & St. Mary's, the Rev. Gregory McMullin.

¶ 28: Parish of Dalhousie, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, priest-in-charge. Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan.

¶ 29: Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls, the Rev. Ellen Curtis.

¶ 30: Pray for the Church of England the Most Rev. Rowan Douglas Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Watson Lake - St. John the Baptist, Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek - St. Aidan, Dease Lake, Glenora, the Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric

Dame & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 31: Parish of Derby & Blackville, the Rev. Douglas Barrett. The Rev. Robert J. Barry (retired).

APRIL

¶ 1: Parish of Dorchester & Sackville, the Rev. Kevin Stockall.

¶ 2: Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, the Rev. Canon William MacMullin. The Ven. Malcolm Berry, Military Chaplain.

¶ 3: Parish of East Saint John, the Rev. Canon Edward Coleman, priest-in-charge.

¶ 4: Parish of Fredericton, the Rev. Anthony Arza-Kwaw, the Rev. Paul Ranson assistant curate, the Rev. Joyce Perry, deacon. Kevin Frankland, Atlantic School of Theology.

¶ 5: Parish of Fredericton Junction, open incumbency.

¶ 6: Pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui Hong Kong Island (Hong Kong) the Most Rev. Paul Kwong. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Council of the North Diocese of Quebec, Archbishop Bruce Stavert, people and clergy. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross, St. Saviour's, the Rev. David Pritchard, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing, Teslin - St. Philips, the Ministry Team and Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 7: Parish of Gagetown, the Rev. Valerie Hunt & the Rev. Karman Hunt, priests-in-charge. The Rev. Patrick Blagrave (retired).

¶ 8: Parish of Gondola Point, the Rev. George Eves.

¶ 9: Parish of Grand Manan, the Rev. Dana Dean. The Rev. Ken Brown (retired).

¶ 10: Parish of Hammond River, the Rev. Peter Gillies.

¶ 11: Parish of Hampton, the Rev. Leo Martin. Michael Caines, Wycliffe.

¶ 12: Parish of Hardwicke, the Rev. Richard Steeves, priest-in-charge.

¶ 13: Pray for the Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean the Most Rev. Gerald James (Ian) Ernest Archbishop, Province of the Indian Ocean & Bishop of Mauritius. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, communities of Carmacks, Keno, Faro and Ross River, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 14: Parish of Kent, the Rev. John Pearce, priest-in-charge. The Rev. Canon Basil Buckland (retired).

¶ 15: Parish of Kingston, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc.

¶ 16: Parish of Lakewood, open Incumbency. The Rev. Eric Caldwell, retired.

¶ 17: Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen.

¶ 18: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. Andrew Fraser. Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan.

¶ 19: Parish of McAdam, open incumbency, the Rev. Eric Caldwell priest-in-charge.

¶ 20: Pray for the Church of Ireland the Most Rev. Alan Edwin Thomas Harper, Primate of All Ireland & Archbishop of Armagh. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Atlin - St. Martin, the Rev. Deacon Vera Kirkwood and family, Dorothy Odian licensed lay minister & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

Diocesan intercessions can also be found at <http://anglican.nb.ca> Click on Prayer.

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YOUTH



- * Where do people doing youth ministry in our diocese get good training?
- * How can we connect with others doing similar ministry?
 - * How do we understand and practice youth ministry in a Canadian Anglican context?
- * As a parish youth worker, who will help me learn to do my job well?
 - * Where can I find the latest research, writing, visions and ideas about youth ministry?
- * How do we make our youth ministry relevant in the 21st century?
 - * As an experienced youth minister, how do I deepen my knowledge and skills?
 - * Where can I meet with other Canadian Anglicans who do ministry with youth?

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I'm curious, George ...

How do you use the term 'emergent'?

[Part 1]

When I am trying to understand processes of change in how we think about spirituality and express being church, I find that images drawn from the science of emergence are more helpful than others I've come upon. To oversimplify, emergence affirms that what is coming to be is in process of emerging from what has been.

Anglican Christians have a reputation for not liking change when it comes to their faith, particularly their experience of 'church'. Likely several jokes come to mind even reading these words. We recognise the humour because there is some underlying truth. Change is hard for many people to deal with, but change is nevertheless an inherent part of anything alive. If the church is not alive, then I don't see how it can be the community of faith and mission that I think Jesus envisioned. If we, as the church, are alive, we *will* see change.

When I speak to parishes about changes particularly in



the way we 'do church', I ask people some simple questions about how the church has changed within their lifetime. I also do a sort of quiz by asking if they can identify from a list of a few things something that has *never been forbidden* in the church: e.g. burning candles, celebrating Christmas, wearing coloured vestments, playing the organ, etc. The trick is that *all these things* we take for granted, along with a good many others, were at some point not allowed in church.

I also ask people to think of how they view change. If we use metaphors like travelling down a path, whatever we pass needs to be left behind in the past. Likewise the same is true if we think of climbing a mountain. One of the reasons why change is so frightening

is that it can mean the past has to be left behind if we're to move forward. Sometimes it can leave people feeling that what they did and experienced in the past was somehow 'wrong' and we've got to get it 'right' now.

If we draw our metaphors from emergence, however, what is past is honoured as the source of what is emerging. As a tree ages, the new growth rings build on the ones before. New life emerges out of what has been. The old wood wasn't 'wrong' nor is it 'left behind'. Paradoxically the tree is the same even while it is different.

To be a healthy, living community of worship and mission, can we begin to see ourselves as both 'ancient and [post]modern', *celebrating* and *drawing nurture from* both what has been and what is emerging?

The Rev. Dr. George Porter is diocesan Canon for Youth, director of youth action, and chaplain to UNB and STU. Contact him at: george.porter@anglican.nb.ca

SOULRUSH!



Last spring youth from across the northern part of the province came together in Miramichi for the first Soulrush, but this experience isn't just for the north, you know! Young people between 12-years-old and grade 12 (as well as their leaders) are invited to share the hospitality of Miramichi.

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Keepin' Current

Weaving Threads of Solidarity

Students from many traditions will gather at Weaving Threads of Solidarity, the national conference of the Student Christian Movement of Canada (SMoC), May 4-11 in Nova Scotia. SCMoC is a student-led social justice movement engaging the prophetic teachings of the revolutionary Jesus. The conference focus is global

solidarity from a spiritual perspective and commitment to challenging, faith-sharing and world-changing action. Examine how to relate to sisters and brothers around the world, learn how to show support and not be paralyzed and overwhelmed, and how to find those things which unite us so that "all may be one." Info: 1-877-674-3842 info@scmcanada.org.

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Info on seminar content -- bethfellingner@alphacanada.org.

"Remember now the Creator
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