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Task force members seek way forward in changing times

BY ROD BLACK

We live in a time of unprecedented change. Many people in our parishes would like the church to be a safe, unchanging place, but it is impossible to hide from the changing culture around us. So how do we engage the culture without becoming caught within it?

Members of the Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force attended a Leading the Church Through Change in a Changing Environment event in Halifax to acquire a little insight.

Mary Huycke and Daniel P. Smith, ordained ministers in the United Methodist Church, certified co-active leadership coaches working with church leaders across North America and respected authors believe that change comes when there is a renewal of individual hearts and minds within a congregation. They shared their insights during the three-day workshop sponsored by the Atlantic Canada Training Institute of Conciliation Services Canada. Archdeacon Pat Drummond, the Rev. Eileen Irish, the Rev. Bob LeBlanc and

I took part in the workshop at Mount Saint Vincent's University last May.

According to Huycke and Smith, parishes' have a life cycle: conception — someone is there for the people; birth — a need to be a church; performing stability — reaching out and creating infrastructure; protective maintenance — a need for discipline to keep momentum (without it the people ask "How can we attract people to maintain a building?" rather than "How can we achieve renewal and



ANA WATTS

Mothers' Union World Wide President Rosemary Kempzell (wrapped in quilt) was featured speaker at the MU national conference held at Mt. Allison University in May. Among the many gifts she received during the conference was a prayer quilt, made by MU members in the Parish of St. Mary's and Bartholomew's who were on hand to wrap her in it. At the right is Kathleen Snow, Canadian President of the Mothers' Union.

MU brought world to NB

BY ANA WATTS

It takes a national conference to instill an appreciation of the amazing impact Mothers' Union has on families and children throughout the world. Dozens of MU members from throughout

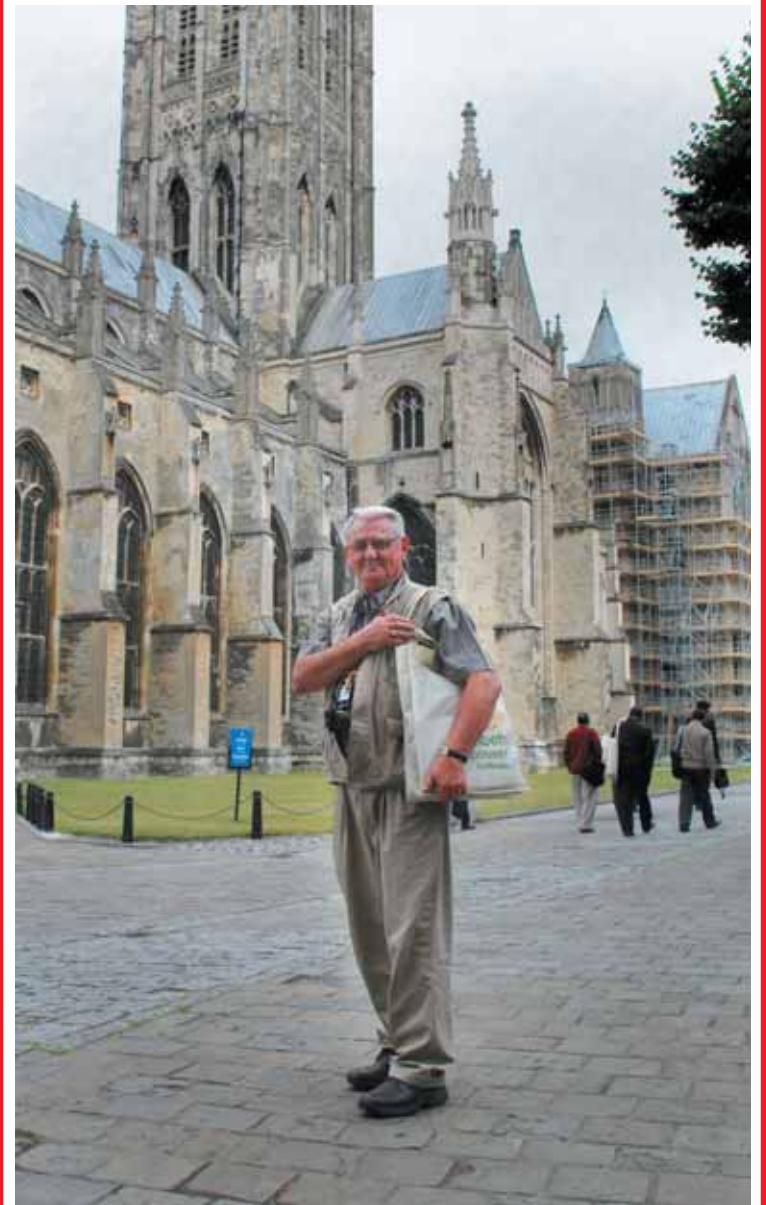
Canada had their eyes opened to this reality at the quadrennial National Conference held at Mt. Allison University in Sackville May 21-25.

At the opening conference session, Worldwide MU President Rosemary Kempzell

of London, England, debuted a DVD featuring the work of the Mothers' Union throughout the world. In quick succession a series of stunning photographs, accompanied by local voices,

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Bishop Claude Miller, standing outside Canterbury Cathedral, was among the 670 bishops of the world-wide Anglican Communion who met with the Archbishop of Canterbury at the 2008 Lambeth Conference. The conference, held every 10 years, ran July 16 through August 3 at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England. See story on page 3.

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Among the success stories, words of wisdom and smiling faces on the pages of the *New Brunswick Anglican* this month you will find all you need to know about the 15th annual *Journal* Appeal, plus an envelope in which to place your donation. The *Journal* Appeal is also the *New Brunswick Anglican* Appeal. Its proceeds are evenly split between the national paper and our diocesan publication and your generosity ensures the viability of both publications. Please send your contribution today, either in the envelope provided or by way of the Internet. Go to www.anglicanjournal.com and click on "Donate Now."

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FROM THE FRONT

MU often first on the ground in disaster situations

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eloquently told the stories of water conservation, family support, tree planting, soil conservation, parenting, small business development and myriad other MU programs in places like Africa, the Solomon Islands, the United Kingdom.

Mothers' Union members help grandmothers in Africa take care of their children's children who are orphaned by HIV/AIDS. In the Solomon Islands they help to rebuild homes destroyed by the great tsunami with primitive tools and willing hands. They help rebuild shattered lives with prayer and counseling.

Not all the MU projects are grand, however. Supplying mosquito netting in Africa costs little but has a huge impact in the fight against malaria.

"Mothers' Union is not just in the church, it is in the community," said Rosemary. We don't always need masses of money to make a difference; we have 132 years of faith in action to invest. We work in the United Kingdom, Canada and Australia as well as in places like Africa and South America. "We even have consultative status at the United Nations."

Mothers' Union challenges poverty, illiteracy and gender inequity. It fights for maternal health and against child mortality in the HIV/AIDS battle, and fights against economic systems that work against the people in developing countries.

"We have a small disaster relief fund, but we are often the first on the ground and can get to work immediately," said

Rosemary. These attributes were enormously effective following the recent disaster in Burma/Myanmar. "We can work fast because just a few executive members of MU are empowered to approve financial help immediately and it can be ratified later."

Rosemary's own vision for MU includes finding fresh ways to work wherever there is need, and to sustain the local and worldwide programs already in place. She wants to reach more people and add new members to the organization. She wants to take risks and learn from any failures, supported by the structures of Mothers' Union. "I also want us all to deepen our faith - our mission belongs to God."

Prayer is an enormous part of Mothers' Union (Rosemary was presented with a prayer quilt at the conference). Not only does it have its own prayer in support of its objects dedicated to "Christian care for families worldwide," it has a Wave of Prayer from and for Mothers' Union around the world. MU members throughout the world pray each day at noon. Specific days in the year are allocated to each diocese in turn and the prayers are focused on its work and needs.

"We are a global family," says Rosemary. "Midday prayers ensure that every hour of every day, as the noon-hour moves around the world, Mothers'

Union members pray for each other and their work."

Mothers' Union is a Christian organization with more than 3.6 million members in 78 countries worldwide. There are nearly 1,000 MU members in Canada. National administration moves throughout the country on a four-year basis. The national executive has been seated in the Diocese of Fredericton since January of 2005 with Kathleen Snow as president. At the quadrennial national meeting here in May a new executive, from mostly western Canadian dioceses, was elected and will assume office in January of 2009.

The backbone of Mother's Union is its worldwide network of grassroots volunteers committed to the support of marriage and family life. Mothers' Union also employs more than 300 paid workers around the world. These are women drawn from local dioceses, so they speak the language, understand the culture and customs and have first-hand experience of the problems their neighbours face. Mothers' Union workers provide vital leadership for efforts in the community. They enable people to gain essential skills, develop and encourage sustainable self-help projects, and run training seminars for local Mothers' Union members and the wider community.

In the Solomon Islands MU members help to rebuild homes destroyed by the great tsunami with primitive tools and willing hands. They help rebuild shattered lives with prayer and counseling.



Shera Harper, MU Parenting Program trainer from Guyana offered a workshop on the program itself at the MU National Conference held in Sackville in May. She also stayed on in Fredericton after the conference to train parenting program trainers from British Columbia and the Arctic.



Ginny McEwen, of the Parish of Riverview and a past-president of the Canadian Mothers' Union, offered a workshop on making baptismal banners at the MU National Conference at Mt. Allison University in May.

Healthy parishes have mission heart

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transformation?"); and finally crisis and confusion — a need for more money and/or people to prop up a stagnating institution.

Unhealthy congregations live out the cycle concerned for growth in the church verses witnessing to the faith; focusing on running the church rather than forming disciples; developing people-led rather than spirit-led congregations that participate in mission projects rather than have a mission. They fix things rather than create them.

Healthy congregations short-circuit this life cycle by: providing continuous spiritual formation; engaging in honourable, respectful, mutual and caring, relationships; and manifesting active concern for the temporal and spiritual well-being of others.

Healthy, unhealthy or anywhere in between, it is important for congregations to know where they are positioned.

The workshop pointed out that if a congregation wants to remain healthy, it must reclaim a mission heart. To do this takes time, and there will be difficulties, disagreements and challenges along the way. People may leave. A congregation that does not like where its parish is headed must be willing to seek a new way of being. These congregations must find a new vision and fulfill it. The people of the congregation must work together to create their future as a healthy, viable parish.

The last day of the workshop focused on the process of moving a parish from where it finds itself, to where it wants to be. Over the three days we acquired skills and ideas that should prove to be a helpful tool in guiding parishes in this diocese toward a healthier state of being.

The Rev. Roderick Black is rector of the Parish of Bathurst.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Bishop inspired by Lambeth conference

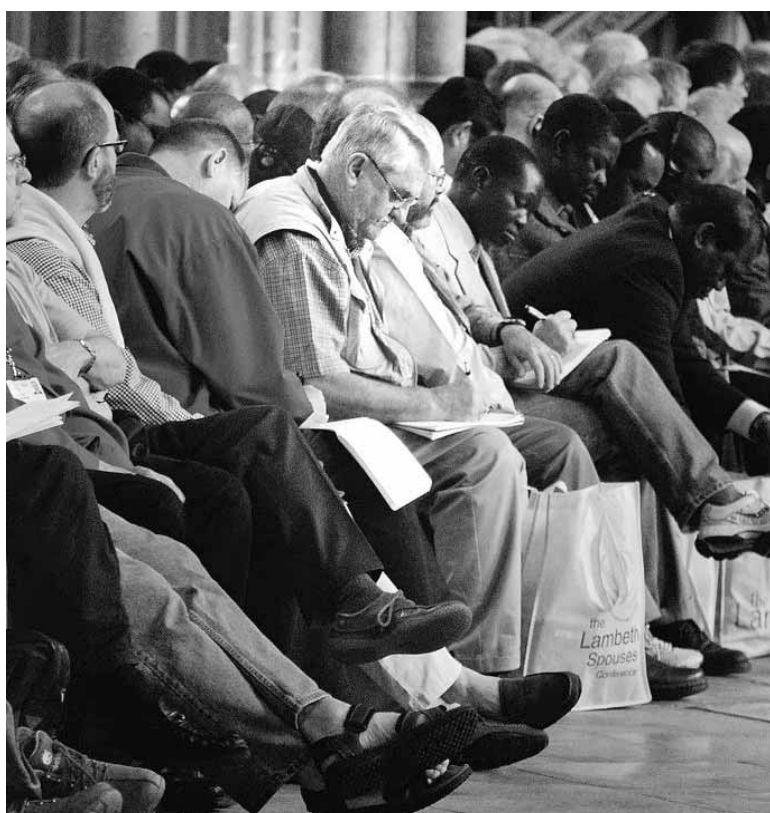
BY ANA WATTS

"There is no substitute for face to face, even when discussing difficult questions." Bishop Claude Miller came to that conclusion at the Lambeth Conference, a once-a-decade event hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury. "What a privilege to be the diocesan bishop at this time in the church's history, not only in our diocese but around the world."

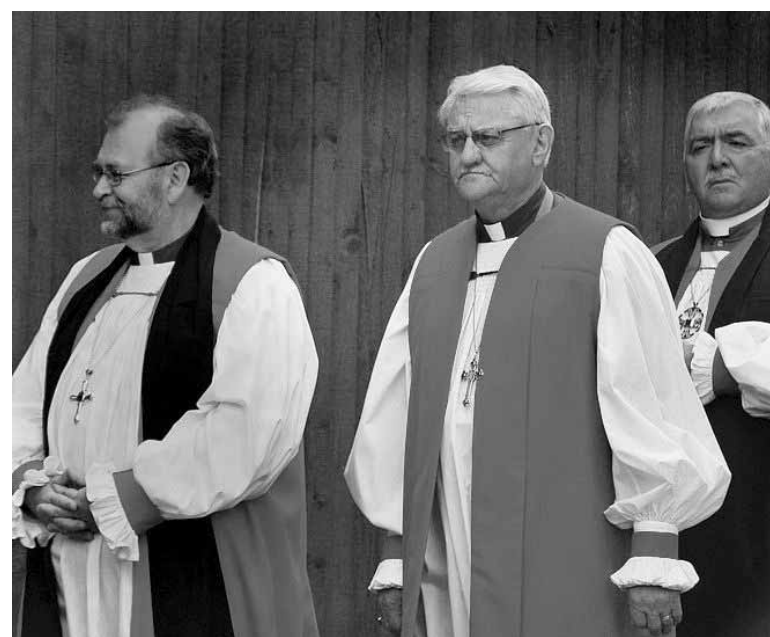
The bishops addressed social justice, the environment, poverty, ecumenism and issues around sexuality as they prayed, worshiped and studied. "There is so much going on and there is much good news. In particular the worship, Bible studies and the thoughts of the Archbishop (of Canterbury) have been a great joy. I have learned a great deal about world wide Anglicanism, amazing ... amazing. I have not encountered a soul that does not love the communion."

The 2008 Lambeth Conference was held at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England from July 16 until Aug. 3 and was attended by 670 bishops from around the world. Spouses of many of the bishops attended a parallel program. Sharon Miller particularly enjoyed a choral event.

The Anglican Journal that you received wrapped around your New Brunswick Anglican has detailed coverage of Lambeth and day-by-day coverage is available at www.anglicanjournal.com.



Photos by Jim Sweeney for the Anglican Journal



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Dick Black was appointed (theological) student-in-training to the **Parish of Salisbury and Havelock** on July 1. He is under the supervision of the Rev. Brent Ham of Riverview.

The **Rev. Captain David Edwards** was appointed **Archdeacon of Saint John** on August 1. He is priest and rector of the Parish of St. Mark, Saint John. Coallation this fall.

The **Ven. Stuart Allan**, archdeacon retired, was appointed interim priest-in-charge of the **Parish of Quispamsis** on Sept. 1.

Ms. Kym Vessey was appointed lay pastoral assistant in the **Parish of Quispamsis** under the Ven. Stuart Allan (interim priest) on Sept. 1

Mr. Kevin Cross (Episcopal Divinity School), **Mr. Michael Caines** (Wycliffe College) and **Mr. Dick Black** (Wycliffe College), were **ordained to the (transitional) diaconate** at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton on Saturday, Sept. 20.

TEMPORAL TRANSACTIONS

From time to time, at the request of the Diocesan Council or a parish corporation, the Bishop of Fredericton may grant approval for the purchase or sale of property within his jurisdiction. All these transactions require the consideration and recommendation of the Diocesan Property Committee under the authority of the Finance Committee, the approval of the bishop and the seal of the secretary of the synod.

Recent transactions will appear in the New Brunswick Anglican. A full list of transactions is available on line at <http://anglican.nb.ca/bishop/transactions/index.html>

RECENT TRANSACTIONS

Feb. 13, 2008
Parish of Shediac

To an agreement of purchase and sale of land by the Parish of Shediac to Gordon and Donna Tremble. Property located on the East side of Fourth Avenue, At Pointe-du-Chene, NB. Land known as Lot 07-2 and shown on Plan Number 3032 which was registered on October 7, 1959 in the Westmorland County Registry Office.

February 12, 2008
Parish of St. David and St. Patrick

To a deed transferring land upon sale (1/2 interest owned by Parish of St. David and St. Patrick and the United Church of Canada at Rollingdam), to John Paul Legace. The property is located along the eastern side of the Didgequash River near Elmsville, NB and was registered in 2007 at the Charlotte County Registry Office.

February 11, 2008
Parish of New Bandon

To a quit claim deed approving a transfer of land by the Parish of New Bandon to Stonehaven-New Bandon Union Cemetery Inc., Stonehaven.

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REPORT OF PARISH
MISSION & ASSESSMENTS
REPORT FOR
SECOND QUARTER 2008

PARISH	MISSION OUTREACH			PARISH AS SESSMEN T			EMPLOYMENT AS'MENTS		TOTAL ALL DEFICITS
	REQUEST	PAID	SHORT	REQUIRED	PAID	DEFICIT	PAYROLL	OTHER	
Bathurst	5,694	5,694	0	5,226	5,226	0	0	0	0
Campbellton	3,528	3,528	0	2,676	2,676	0	0	0	0
Chatham	8,304	8,304	0	8,460	8,460	0	0	0	0
Dalhousie	1,578	1,578	0	1,350	1,350	0	0	0	0
Derby Blackville	6,372	6,372	0	5,718	5,718	0	0	0	0
Hardwicke	1,596	1,596	0	2,136	2,136	0	5,806	492	6,298
New Bandon	2,694	449	2,245	2,184	1,820	364	0	0	2,609
Newcastle & Nelson	5,346	2,853	2,493	4,992	4,992	0	(216)	0	2,277
Restigouche	834	834	0	1,056	1,056	0	0	0	0
Cathedral	18,066	12,044	6,022	18,420	12,280	6,140	0	0	12,162
Fredericton	26,718	26,718	0	21,150	21,150	0	(1,053)	0	(1,053)
Fredericton Junction	4,074	4,074	0	2,706	2,706	0	(0)	0	(0)
Gagetown	1,848	308	1,540	1,956	852	1,104	1,293	38	3,974
Maugerville	498	498	0	306	306	0	0	0	0
New Maryland	3,474	3,474	0	3,072	3,072	0	0	(0)	(0)
Oromocto	3,486	3,486	0	3,348	3,348	0	0	0	0
St Peters	3,402	0	3,402	3,528	0	3,528	0	0	6,930
St. Margarets	3,408	3,408	0	3,960	3,960	0	0	0	0
Bright	3,102	3,102	0	2,928	2,928	0	0	0	0
Cambridge Waterborough	1,716	0	1,716	1,470	1,470	0	(0)	0	1,716
Douglas Nashwaksis	12,198	0	12,198	12,210	0	12,210	0	0	24,408
Ludlow Blissfield	4,368	0	4,368	3,942	3,942	0	(0)	0	4,368
Marysville	4,758	1,586	3,172	2,700	900	1,800	(0)	0	4,972
Minto Chipman	3,714	3,095	619	3,654	1,967	1,687	4	98	2,408
St Mary York	5,046	5,046	0	4,980	4,980	0	0	0	0
Stanley	3,018	0	3,018	2,832	0	2,832	(0)	0	5,850
Carleton	7,380	2,460	4,920	6,390	2,130	4,260	0	0	9,180
Lancaster	6,966	5,805	1,161	7,704	7,704	0	0	0	1,161
Musquash	3,006	3,006	0	2,586	2,586	0	0	0	0
the Nerepis St John	11,340	11,340	0	10,320	10,320	0	0	0	0
Victoria	4,386	3,655	731	3,192	2,660	532	0	0	1,263
Campobello	1,296	1,296	0	1,314	1,314	0	(0)	0	(0)
Grand Manan	3,798	3,798	0	2,760	2,760	0	0	0	0
Mcadam	2,832	3,021	(189)	2,208	2,208	0	271	75	157
Pennfield	3,786	3,786	0	4,746	4,746	0	(0)	0	(0)
St Andrews	7,806	3,000	4,806	7,350	7,350	0	(1,000)	0	3,806
St David St Patrick	582	582	0	378	378	0	0	0	0
St George	3,756	2,520	1,236	3,906	0	3,906	(6)	0	5,136
St Stephen	4,824	4,824	0	6,564	6,564	0	(6)	19	13
Central Kings	1,848	1,540	308	2,046	1,705	341	3,842	508	4,998
Gondola Point	2,646	2,646	0	2,370	2,370	0	0	0	0
Hammond River	2,808	0	2,808	2,550	425	2,125	0	2,898	7,831
Hampton	5,814	2,907	2,907	5,688	2,844	2,844	(0)	0	5,751
Kingston	4,224	0	4,224	3,912	3,912	0	0	0	4,224
Quispamsis	3,918	0	3,918	4,884	0	4,884	0	0	8,802
Renforth	10,992	10,835	157	9,966	9,966	0	42	(12)	187
Rothsay	9,978	9,978	0	11,364	11,364	0	0	0	0
Sussex	8,484	8,484	0	9,258	9,258	0	0	0	0
Upham	1,476	1,476	0	2,352	2,352	0	0	0	0
Upper Kennebecasis	2,334	0	2,334	2,058	343	1,715	(234)	389	4,205
Waterford & St. Mark	6,060	5,050	1,010	5,322	4,435	887	5,005	605	7,506
Dorchester	888	0	888	600	0	600	0	0	1,488
Hillsborough	1,554	0	1,554	1,272	1,272	0	0	0	1,554
Kent	2,184	2,184	0	1,932	1,932	0	0	0	0
Moncton	10,044	8,370	1,674	8,580	7,150	1,430	0	0	3,104
Riverview	6,354	6,354	0	6,126	6,126	0	0	0	0
Sackville	5,562	3,800	1,762	5,412	5,412	0	0	0	1,762
Salisbury Havelock	2,508	2,508	0	2,550	2,550	0	263	0	263
Shediac	13,218	13,218	0	9,702	9,702	0	0	0	0
St Andrews, Sunnybrae	2,364	2,364	0	3,024	3,024	0	0	0	0
St Phillips	4,266	0	4,266	3,612	3,612	0	0	0	4,266
St. James Moncton	2,916	2,916	0	4,410	4,410	0	0	0	0
Westmorland	1,446	1,446	0	1,308	1,308	0	0	0	0
Coldbrook St Marys	6,006	6,006	0	6,306	6,306	0	(0)	0	(0)
East Saint John	3,696	3,696	0	2,532	2,532	0	0	0	0
Lakewood	5,868	5,868	0	3,876	3,876	0	38	0	38
Millidgeville	3,648	3,040	608	5,130	4,275	855	184	582	2,229
Portland	13,422	704	12,718	6,912	1,152	5,760	0	0	18,478
Saint John	6,366	4,244	2,122	9,132	7,610	1,522	(204)	(10)	3,430
Simonds	1,788	1,192	596	1,398	932	466	0	40	1,102
St Mark	7,350	6,355	995	5,262	4,550	712	0	0	1,708
St Martins Black Rvr	2,412	1,206	1,206	2,370	1,185	1,185	13,006	1,745	17,142
Andover	4,296	2,148	2,148	3,390	1,695	1,695	0	0	3,843
Canterbury	1,740	1,450	290	1,626	1,355	271	(1)	0	560
Denmark	570	570	0	1,824	1,824	0	(0)	0	(0)
Grand Falls	732	0	732	300	0	300	0	0	1,032
Madawaska	1,662	1,889	(227)	1,296	1,512	(216)	0	0	(443)
Prince William	4,254	3,000	1,254	2,736	3,192	(456)	(0)	0	798
Richmond	2,946	2,946	0	2,334	2,334	0	0	0	0
Tobique	3,534	2,945	589	2,892	2,410	482	(0)	275	1,346
Woodstock	6,900	1,150	5,750	6,804	1,134	5,670	0	625	12,045
Wicklow Wilmot Etal	7,722	7,722	0	6,792	6,792	0	0	0	0
DIOCESAN TTLS	399,396	289,347	110,049	369,588	298,153	71,435	27,034	8,363	216,882

Cheerful, generous priest put his money where his heart was ... the church

The Rev. Royden Ferris put his money where his heart was — the church.

When the confirmed bachelor, inveterate traveller and master humourist died last winter he left more than \$40,000 to the Pickett Scovil Fund that assists clergy (mostly retired) and their widows to pay dental, medical and other similar expenses not covered by their medical plan. He also left \$64,000 to the Diocese of Fredericton to use as it sees fit. When the rest of his bequests and any expenses are paid, the residue of his estate will also come to the diocese.

These gifts to the church are generous indeed and certainly appreciated by the diocesan administration, but according to treasurer Canon Fred Scott, the gift is far more valuable than the amount.

"He did a good thing. He made a very positive statement and is a fine role-model for all the rest of us," says Canon Scott. "He was generous all his life, and was especially supportive of Camp Medley.

Roy Ferris was born in Saint John in 1935 and began his ordained ministry in the Parish of Cambridge and Waterborough in 1965. He went on to serve in the parishes of Bright, Gagetown, Canning and Chipman, Stanley, St. James (Saint John) and Campobello. He retired in 2000.

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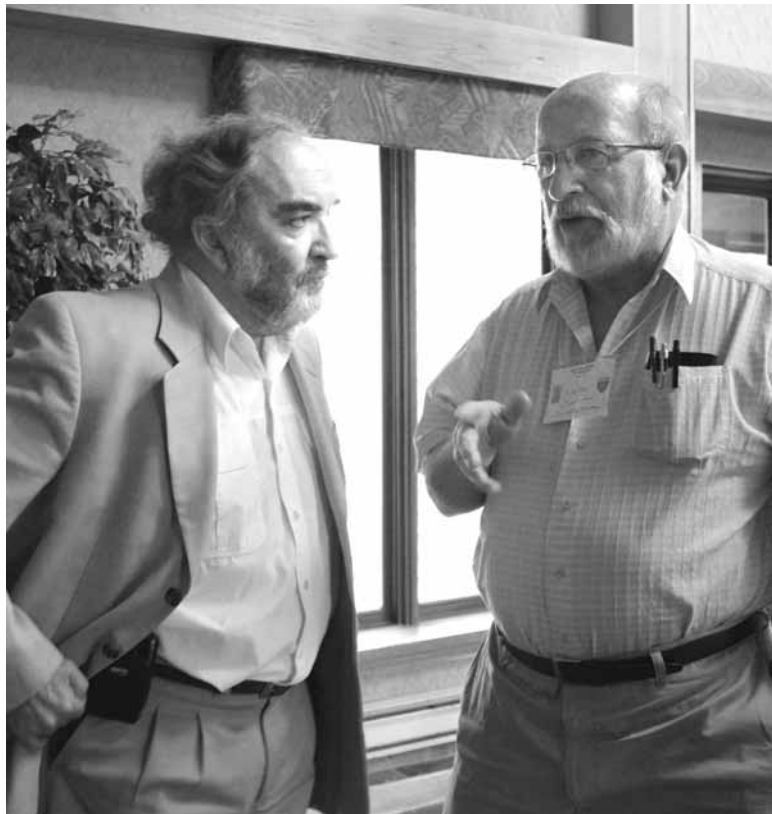
Diocesan editors must be honest and courageous

BY ANA WATTS

Editors of Canadian diocesan newspapers should be faithful to and honest with their readers. That was the message delivered by three experts to members of the Anglican Editors Association (AEA) gathered in Fredericton for their annual conference in June.

Michael Higgins, president and vice-chancellor of St. Thomas University and author of several books, including *The Muted Voice: Religion and the Media*, said all religious journalists should be skeptical but not cynical. They need to be curious, credible and their investigations must not be compromised. "Free expression and access to information keep Canada free. Sometimes readers and publishers forget that. Journalists are a threat to those who seek to hide the truth," he said, with a nod to the bishops who covered-up sexual abuse by priests. "The bishops who didn't handle that properly should be fired," he said.

As a result of that kind of suppression of truth, fewer than one person in five believes what s/he reads in newspapers, said the renowned Merton scholar, academic and journalist in his own right. He also gave the editors some contradictory advice: "How is it possible to be a believer in the 21st century? First of all, we shouldn't be ashamed of our religion, although we should be ashamed of it too. When we are ashamed of our religion we are less likely to idolize it. If we idolize something we think it provides all the answers. We become



DAVID WATTS

Dr. Michael Higgins, left, president of St. Thomas University and renowned author and journalist, was a keynote speaker at the Anglican Editors Association Conference held in Fredericton in June. He is seen here talking to the Rev. Canon Neville Cheeseman, a member of the diocesan Communications Committee.

fundamentalists. But religion is not a replacement for God. At its best, religion is holistic and integrating. Every aspect of our lives pertains to faith."

He also told an anecdote that illustrated the value of the media to religion. A TVO panel show featured atheists and believers who conversed in a sane and civilized way. A Dr. Robert Buckman on the atheist panel said: "You know, if we had met people like you growing up,

we wouldn't be having this conversation." Higgins said both panels were enlightened and many stereotypes were shattered with that one program.

David Folster challenged the Anglican editors' visions of their publications as newspapers. A long-time journalist turned social historian/author with a concern for ethical journalistic standards, he reviewed the Canadian

diocesan newspapers and came away with an overwhelming impression that "the Anglican Church of Canada is doing well in the 21st century.

"They are good news publications, and they portray a dependable, conscientious, stable institution in a world of tremendous technological, ideological, attitudinal, and institutional change. Inherently, the papers offer a high degree of comfort, and that's not at all a bad thing," he said. But he went on to wonder why our publications take the form of newspapers when most, on the basis of content, could be published as newsletters.

"I assume it's because of relative cost that you've stuck with the newspaper format. Or does it betray a yearning really to be a newspaper? Perhaps even one that presents good news and bad news both?"

Ron Stevenson, chancellor of General Synod and former New Brunswick Court of Queen's Bench Justice, suggested the diocesan editor members of the association had embraced the secular media mantra that "bad news sells and good news doesn't." The result is reports on the litigation and schism elements of the same-sex blessings issue when "only a very few Anglicans hold these extreme positions," he said.

Even Leanne Larmondon, out-going editor of the national *Anglican Journal* newspaper and a staunch defender of editorial independence for religious newspapers, had a few parting words for the Anglican editors. "Remain true and faithful

to your readers," she said.

All three major speakers said they believe in the future of newspapers despite burgeoning electronic and wireless communication opportunities. As newspapers survived radio and cinema, and all these media survived television, they believe as each new media comes along, society makes room for it.

The Anglican Editors Association includes editors and staff of diocesan papers and the editor and staff of the *Anglican Journal*. It meets annually for professional development, to discuss issues affecting their newspapers and to engage in professional development. At this conference Philip Lee of the St. Thomas University School of Journalism individually critiqued the diocesan papers. The editors also participated in workshops on typography and the layout program InDesign that is quickly replacing the former industry favourites of PageMaker and Quark.

The diocesan newspapers are actually a section of the *Anglican Journal* and are mailed out with the national paper in their own respective dioceses. This relationship, with its economies of scale (the newspapers are printed by the same company), also contributes to the viability of the print media in the Anglican Church in Canada.

The 2008 meeting of the AEA was held at the Holiday Inn Fredericton, on the headpond of the St. John River created by the Mactaquac Dam. The 2009 meeting will be held in or near Victoria, BC.

ACW DIOCESAN EXECUTIVE INSTALLED



BETTY ADAMS

"The Love of Jesus Calls Us"



Members of the 2008 – 2009 ACW Diocesan Executive were sworn in at the Annual Diocesan Meeting held at St. George's Church in Saint John West on May 7. Left to right they are Patti Hoyt, treasurer; Inez Estabrooks, secretary; Sybil Slade, vice-president; and Joan Randall, president. The Anglican Parish of the Nerepis and St. John in the Deanery of Lancaster hosted the meeting. Because that parish's new church, the Church of the Resurrection, is under construction, the facilities at St. George's were made available through the kindness of the Rev. Canon Howard Annington and the people of the Parish of Carleton.

GOOD NEWS

Experienced advocate appointed to CFB board

The Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies of Upham was appointed to the board of the **Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFB)** by Archbishop Fred Hiltz, our Primate, last June.

Ms. Lucas-Jefferies is recently a parish priest and a long-time champion of human rights and social justice. The Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of Canadian church-based agencies working to end hunger in developing countries by increasing and deepening the involvement of Canadians in its efforts.

Ms. Lucas-Jefferies was appointed through the Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), which joined the CFB last June.



Lucas-Jefferies

PWRDF Executive Director Cheryl Curtis is confident that the Anglican Church will be well

represented by Ms. Lucas-Jefferies'. "She is a highly qualified and articulate representative with a deep passion for the work of PWRDF and global justice issues."

She assumes her board position in a time of crisis. Food prices have risen dramatically in the last few months and millions of people living on the edge of poverty can no longer afford to eat. Her broad range of experience will be of great value to the CFB. She has a long history with PWRDF as a member of the board and the executive committee, is a past social justice coordinator for the Diocese of Fredericton, has served as consultant and educator to train health care

workers on Alzheimer's disease and has offered numerous workshops on HIV and AIDS in Africa and across Canada. She is also a registered nurse and served as a technical co-operant with the Canadian Co-operative Association, working in Soweto, South Africa.

"The Foodgrains Bank strives to end hunger by supporting partnerships and activities overseas, influencing necessary changes in public policies, and deepening the involvement of Canadians," says Ms. Lucas-Jefferies. "As Canadians with so much and as Christians who love our neighbours, we must all do our part to feed the hungry. I am honoured with an appointment

to the board of an agency committed to ending hunger in a practical way. Not only does it manage the procurement and supply of food commodities, it engages in public policy and education activities related to hunger and food security."

PWRDF staff member Naba Gurung of Toronto was also appointed to the CFB board. He and Ms. Lucas-Jefferies will serve three-year terms.

Find more information on PWRDF at

<www.pwrdf.org> and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank at <www.foodgrainsbank.ca>.

Youth ministry worker enters politics to better serve his community and Lord

BY ANA WATTS

Donnie Snook lives to honour, serve and love God. "At least that's what I strive to do," says the popular director of the Saint John Inner City Youth Ministry and new member of Saint John Common Council. "Out of that devotion and service to God comes a love for neighbours – for others – as Jesus says in the first and second commandments. I seek to do that, I strive to do that, and sometimes I am successful. I hope this new opportunity on council will help me be a servant leader in the fashion of Jesus."

In 2004 Donnie ran unsuccessfully for council. His goal was to raise neighbourhood issues especially related to children, youth and poverty. "I didn't win, but I did spotlight the issues and met a lot of people." He was invited to sit on committees and boards like PRO Kids, which promotes positive recreational activities like music lessons and sports. He also became involved with Vibrant Communities, an anti-poverty leadership round table with representatives from government, business and non-profit sectors. It exists to implement poverty reduction



Donnie Snook

strategies in the Saint John area. These appointments made his voice stronger. "It's one thing to work every day in a high level of poverty neighbourhood, but on these committees I had an opportunity to give input and had an even greater opportunity to learn – I worked with experts who had actually achieved things around poverty reduction."

The experience reinforced his opinion that council needed more people connected at the neighbourhood level to work on issues like affordable housing, social development and social issues. The city's change to ward representation also worked to help him focus his energies on the poorer communities he serves. So he ran again in the May election on a platform calling for more youth programming, community policing, poverty reduction, open and transparent government, and development that creates vibrant and inclusive communities. He also

wants to see more public consultation on the budget and citizen priorities. He got the most votes of all the candidates in his ward, which is represented by two councillors.

His ward three is the most diverse in the city. It includes some poor neighbourhoods in the east end, the south end peninsula, the north end, and the lower west side. It also includes the areas of greatest potential – the south end waterfront that is ripe for development, all of the uptown's prosperous retail and business properties, as well as Harbour Station, and the north of Union development including a new justice complex.

One of his first acts on council was to introduce safer communities and neighbourhoods legislation, or SCAN. It gives the police the actual authority to evict people involved in the illegal activity and landlords can be held accountable for renting to people who choose to sell drugs, run prostitution rings or any illegal activity that disrupts a neighbourhood. It requires the city to set up a special investigations unit to receive, investigate and confirm confidential complaints.

Donnie's years in the South End showed him what crime can do to a neighbourhood and he has seen the police unable to effectively deal with the problem. He recognizes the concerns over civil rights the legislation raises, but he also knows the effect such legislation has on criminal activity in other communities.

"I don't have all the answers," Donnie admits. The legislation may not be a cure all, but it will have an effect criminal activity. Right now it seems like nothing can be done about it."

Donnie's second act on council paved the way for the city to give grants to Habitat for Humanity and other social housing groups to cover the costs of their building permits as well as water and sewer hook-up charges.

The Saint John Inner City Youth Ministry started as the Chicken Noodle Club, a hot lunch ministry for school children at St. James Church in the South End. That ministry survived the closure of the church and now operates out of the St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church next door. The lunch ministry expanded over the years and is now present in all of the city's four wards and boasts

partnerships with other churches and businesses, but remains strongest in the south end.

Since the demise of St. James, the Inner City Youth Ministry operates from an office at Trinity Church in uptown Saint John. "Well, we keep our files there," says Donnie, "but our mode of operation now is cell phone and car." In winter he keeps boxes full of mittens in the trunk and drives around the schools at recess and lunchtime. Children with no mittens recognize his car, he pops his trunk, and they get their mittens and go back to their games with warm hands.

The myriad Inner City Youth Ministry programs dwell in several buildings throughout the city and it is getting more and more difficult to do mission work in the south end. When schools and churches amalgamate they come together in the better buildings, which are seldom in the poorer areas of town where much of the mission work resides.

"I think we are eventually going to lose St. John the Baptist too. It's not until these buildings and institutions are gone that you realize how much important mission work is done in them," says Donnie.

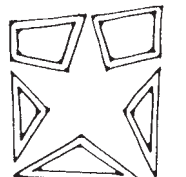
On Common Council, however, he may get early warning of such events and perhaps be able to influence some decisions in favour of the people and neighbourhoods in greatest need.

PRISM WORKSHOP

A total of five leaders and 25 participants attended the Prevention and Response Involving Sexual Misconduct (PRISM) workshop held in the Parish of Grand Manan on June 7. These sessions are critical and required training for clergy, diocesan and parish officers and staff. The Revs. Bonnie and Bob LeBlanc of Kingston and Upper Kennebecasis respectively, the Rev. Bill Morton of St. Stephen and the Rev. Dana Dean of Grand Manan led the workshop with Canon Charles Ferris, former chancellor of the diocese.



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MORE GOOD NEWS

A Journey of Love and Friendship

BY BONNIE HUNT

SOME PEOPLE CALLED MY journey commendable, honourable, noble. I thought of it more as supportive, sacrificial, and long!

It began in October of 2005 when I participated in the Run for the Cure fundraiser for breast cancer with my dear friend Liz Harding, diocesan director for Christian education. I worked with her at the time. I wore a white supporter shirt, she wore a pink survivor one. At times during the event we were both moved to tears and I was reminded of two other women in my life who had faced the painful battle with breast cancer – my aunt, who lost, and a mentor from my early teens who wears a pink survivor shirt today.

Liz shared her fight with the breast cancer beast with me a few months before the run. I thought it was cool that as her hair grew in after her chemotherapy she decided to grow it long enough to donate it to make a wig. She wanted to do it so another woman could have a real hair wig, like one she wore during treatment. She said the wig gave her confidence to face the days during her recovery.

It was during the 2005 Run for the Cure (we walked), among the thousands of supporters and survivors, that I decided I wanted to join Liz in giving confidence and hope to another woman.

As we prepared to sign-up with Wig-Makers we discovered they don't make adult wigs with "processed" hair. We were all about growing our hair for three years and making the sacrifice,

but were we up to the challenge of all that time without hair colour?

We looked for wig makers who weren't quite so fussy and found Locks for Love, a non-profit group that makes hairpieces for children. They were happy to take processed hair as long as it was not bleached. We were thrilled and climbed on board!

In the fall of 2007, after two long years of growing our hair, it was longer than we could handle comfortably and we were both going crazy. Even though it was long enough to cut and donate the required 10 inches, we couldn't do it. We had another friend growing her hair and she was away until the spring. We had another friend had joined us later in the game and her hair wasn't long enough. So we persevered through yet another winter.

Finally, on May 13, 2008, Liz, our friend Valerie Archibald and I did it. We got our hair cut. We gathered at the salon where Liz has had her hair done for ages (beginning long before her cancer diagnosis) in a small town in Massachusetts called Rockport. Our other friend wants to grow her hair even longer so she didn't join us.

After we had done the deed we learned, much to our surprise, that two more of our friends also cut their hair that week. So in the end we had five ponytails to donate to Locks for Love, which is very good because it takes eight to make one hairpiece for a child.

It was a very moving time for Liz and me. We thought about the last three years — how our friendship has grown, and the support that we give each other.

In the spring Liz also celebrated five years cancer-free. Her oncologist told her it would be a miracle if she made it five years without a recurrence – so we thank God for miracles.

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Above: Diocesan Christian Education director Liz Harding, left, and Bonnie Hunt look and feel like "new women" with their hair newly cut and styled.

Below: Liz Harding, (left) and her friends Valerie Archibald (centre) and Bonnie Hunt grew their hair for two years in order to have enough to donate to Locks for Love to be made into wigs for children in cancer treatment. Each small braid was a huge commitment of time, energy and patience freely and gladly given.



Council of the North and "Amazing Grace" ... A match made in Heaven

BY FIONA BROWNLEE

It's not every day you can give yourself a Christmas gift, build community in your own church and help a parish priest in a Cree community in northern Saskatchewan fight youth despair and suicide. It's also difficult to imagine that for a song you can help an Arctic family in Winnipeg to deal with a family medical emergency and find a cleric who can pray with them in their own language. But you can do all that today.

The Amazing Grace project calls upon all Canadian Anglicans to sing the hymn "Amazing Grace" on Sunday, Nov. 23. We can sing it during our church services, or at another event planned for that day, or we can host an Amazing

Grace community party, even invite a harpist, a banjo player or some liturgical dancers to join us.

Where we sing and who sings with us is limited only by our imagination. The main thing is to do it on Nov. 23, in the knowledge that we do not sing alone.

Now, if we video tape our performance and send that video to the national office of the Anglican Church of Canada by Dec. 1, the tapes will be edited into one big, amazing "Amazing Grace" video and put up on the web for all to enjoy by Christmas!

Lots of parishes and other church groups have already done that and you can see their offerings already at <<http://www2.anglican.ca/amazinggrace/>>.

And how does the singing

and the taping help our Anglican brothers and sisters in the Council of the North? Well, it doesn't, directly – but if everyone who sings donates just a Toonie, it will help more than you can imagine. (Some folks aren't getting hung-up on the Toonie thing, they're donating paper money and even cheques!)

The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, the Archdeaconry of Labrador and nine dioceses constitute The Council of the North <www.anglican.ca/cn>. These Anglicans live in the most isolated places in the country and their travel costs are astronomical. Most of their funding comes from the General Synod budget, making this a ministry of the whole church by the whole church. The challenges of providing

sacramental and pastoral ministry to these isolated communities is difficult at the best of times, but in times like these it is nearly impossible.

To think that Anglicans from coast to coast to coast will sing "Amazing Grace" on the same Sunday and that most of us will be contributing towards the ministry of the Council of the North, is almost overwhelming.

Our "Amazing Grace" gifts of money, prayer and support will enable us to dream of ways to do ministry that have not been possible for many years. Those dreams include the wherewithal to gather young leaders to imagine the future of the church in their area, increase lay and clergy training, and to actually pay some of the clergy who work so hard in such isolated areas.

There will be more dreaming and more implementing as time goes on.

Supporting Council of the North ministry is a fabulous way to celebrate and share amazing grace. This project is about lifting our voices together in song, expressing our faith in Christ, and celebrating a common life and witness. It's simple, it's powerful and will forever remind us of the amazing power of God's love and grace in our lives.

Megwetch. Huy'ch'q'u. Ekosi. Naqurmiik — that's "thank you" in Ojibway, Cowichon, Cree and Inuit.



ARCHIVES CORNER

The evolution of our Diocesan Archives, 1988 – 2008

Most of our readers know that the Diocesan Archives are under the custody of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB) in Fredericton — but they may not know how this happened.

More than 20 years ago, the members of the Diocesan Archives Committee — Marion Beyea, Charles Ferris, Gregg Finley, Connie Hill and Archdeacon Alexander Craig — faced the problem of an “archives room” in the Cathedral Memorial Hall. It was too small to hold the archives records and the Bishop Medley Library, too hot and dry to properly preserve them, and security was lacking. In short, it was inadequate by professional archives standards.

The Archives Committee proposed to solve the problem by transferring the records to the Provincial Archives, as had already been done in parts of Saskatchewan and Alberta. The proposal was accepted by the executive of the synod, a contract was drawn up and signed in September 1988 by then Bishop, now Archbishop Harold Nutter for the Diocese of Fredericton and Marion Beyea, Provincial Archivist, for PANB. In return for an annual fee, the Provincial Archives agreed to take custody of the Diocesan Archives and to provide archival services including long-term storage, preservation, cataloguing (arranging and describing) and reference service. Ownership of the records still resided with the diocese; PANB would only manage their care and use.

Both the signees had a strong interest in the Diocesan Archives. Ms. Beyea had served as General Synod Archivist in Toronto from 1975 through 1978 before returning to her native province. Throughout the 1980s, she served on the Diocesan Archives Committee and guided work programs at the Diocesan Archives.



Twila Buttmer (left) of the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick (PANB) has had responsibility for the Diocese of Fredericton Archives since 1989. Archbishop Harold Nutter (right) signed the 1988 contract with PANB on behalf of the diocese. They are seen among the diocesan documents stored in the PANB's temperature and humidity controlled repository. The diocesan documents are available for research six days a week.

For his part, Archbishop Nutter had been instrumental in establishing the Diocesan Archives formally in the archives room in the cathedral hall 1963 and encouraging parishes to bring in their historic records. The abiding interests of Ms. Beyea and Archbishop Nutter continue to this day.

PANB records show that on Oct. 4, 1988, approximately 30 metres of mostly parish records (some already processed and accessible but most not) were loaded on a truck and moved “up the hill” to the Provincial Archives building on the UNB campus. No fanfare greeted the transfer. A brief announcement called “The Diocesan Archives,” written by retiring Archivist Canon William Draper, appeared on page eight of the January 1989 issue of the *New Brunswick Anglican*. The value of having records properly stored in a climate-controlled archives and cared for

professionally was quickly realized and appreciated. In December of 1989 another 10 metres of Anglican records were transferred. They were Bishop O’Neil’s papers and had been stored in the bishop’s garage.

St. Stephen was the first parish to transfer its records directly to PANB under the new arrangement. On Sept. 26, 1989 the parish sent 90 cm. of records that included 39 bound volumes.

To ensure that the diocese would not treat the records as “out of sight, out of mind,” the committee members agreed that it was critical that the position of Diocesan Archivist be continued even though an archivist at PANB would actually carry out most of the basic archives work of arranging and describing records, responding to inquiries and helping researchers.

The Diocesan Archivist promotes an understanding and appreciation of the rich history

of the diocese and its parishes, makes contacts in regard to historical records, photos and other documents that should be transferred to the archives, and explains the role and services of the archives.

The Diocesan Archives Committee meets two or three times a year to give oversight and direction to the archives program. Both the Diocesan Archivist and the PANB staff member provide reports on their activities to the committee.

Appointed by Bishop Lemmon, retired educator Harvey Malmberg was the first Diocesan Archivist after the transfer. Liasing with the diocese was an important part of his role — he helped plan the Church History Workshops and assisted in the archives where his most important work was to establish useful databases. He faithfully indexed *The Diocesan News* and the *New Brunswick Anglican* through 2001. He also transcribed into the computer all consecrations, deconsecrations and dedications listed in Synod Journals from 1845 through 1995.

In those early years, we worked hard to gain control of the records of the parishes and make them easily accessible for research. When Harvey retired after 10 years as Diocesan Archivist he was succeeded in 2001 by another retired educator, Frank Morehouse. With many completed finding aids from which to work, Frank’s approach was different from Harvey’s. Early on, a senior cleric said that he had no idea that the Diocesan Archives was located in the Provincial Archives and Frank decided that we should concentrate more on putting our message out there and getting records into the archives.

In Frank’s time the archives and the archivists have become more visible through this monthly “Archives Corner” in

the *New Brunswick Anglican*. We attend activities of the diocese and parishes, have created new Parish Registers and, perhaps most importantly of all, have completed the Church Photography Project which illustrates and documents all the churches in the diocese.

To date two PANB staff members have managed the Diocesan Archives. Rob Gilmore was the initial “Anglican Archivist” at PANB and Twila Buttmer succeeded him a year later.

The archivist’s work includes issuing certificates to Anglicans as needed; providing copies of records and basic historical searches for parishioners, clergy and researchers as requested; selecting records for transfer and microfilming; encouraging and guiding research; arranging and describing records; overseeing short term or summer projects in Anglican records; and reminding parishes to transfer appropriate records.

In 20 years at PANB, many records from the synod, Bishops Harry O’Neil and Nutter, the Church of England Institute and many parishes have been transferred and processed so that the Diocesan Archives now comprises a comprehensive historical record including some records from each bishop, deanery, parish and synod. In fact, the extent of the archives has quadrupled since 1988. Many of these documents have been processed and stored in PANB’s temperature and humidity controlled repository and they are available for research six days a week.

The “Archives Corner” is prepared by archivists, Twila Buttmer (twila.buttmer@gnb.ca or 506-453-4306) and Frank Morehouse (frankm@nbnet.nb.ca or 506-459-3637). Feel free to contact them with questions and comments.

LETTER

Writer exhorts us not to miss opportunities to share Christ

Dear Editor:

Recently I was at a Task Force on Rural and Struggling Parishes meeting that was collecting information about the condition of churches in the area. The assembly was presented with three questions:

- What good things are happening?
- What are your needs?
- What’s your message to the task force?

The various parish representatives talked about the work their communities were doing. There’s a lot of effort going into arranging social events, fund-raisers and

the like. From what I could see, the active parishioners are a very strong group. There’s good cooperation between parishes and work being done with other denominations.

There was discussion about their struggling financial situations:

- There were too many empty pews and too few givers;
- And there is a shortage of clergy;
- The age demographic shows a lack of young people active in the churches.

I could not clearly see what the message to the task force was.

This is only one person’s view of things, mine. I am only a penny in a jar that I’m sad to see is not full. In spite of the energy being spent on great work within the churches, are

we missing the one most fundamental thing? That is to hold Christ in our hearts every minute of every day. I think that far too many Christians let opportunities to talk about Jesus slide by. Has complacency let us Christians become too quiet? Will we talk about how we feel about Jesus or who’s going to bring the potato salad?

I can’t say with any certainty why an individual, that is a Christian, would hesitate to talk about Jesus. I speculate that it could be fear, fear of criticism, fear of being singled out, fear of being called a Bible thumper. The Spirit cannot live in the same house as fear. Look at the persecution that the early Christians went through. They faced death to admit they were Christians

and we are afraid of a little social pressure. Stand up for Christ’s sake. If being a Christian was easy it wouldn’t be worth it.

Jesus spoke to thousands of people to get, perhaps, only a hundred or so faithful followers. Should we as Christians be any less diligent? There are so many things that we can be doing different. Parents could bring their children to church on Sunday instead of the sporting event. There are six other days to do that. We can talk to our neighbours next door and invite them to a church service or function. Tell them why you’re excited about Jesus. Show, every day, that you are proud to be a Christian.

I am not, by any stretch of the imagination, a Bible

scholar. I know only that the Bible tells us how to handle any of life’s situations. Many of his teachings contradict human nature. I guess that for many, this is too difficult. But God did give us free will, the power to choose. Every day we have the power to choose between chaos and peace. Will we let our hearts be filled with anger and resentment or will we allow the spirit of the Lord to work within and around us?

I wish that I could physically share the peace and freedom that the Spirit of Christ has given me. But there are no shortcuts. Each person must find it and experience it for themselves.

God bless all who read this.

Terry Miller
Saint John

COMING EVENTS

Symposium features expert facilitators

The bishop of Fredericton, the chancellor of General Synod and a clinical psychologist are among the facilitators who will contribute to a symposium on Anglican ministry to gays and lesbians in Fredericton on Oct. 18.

Organized by Integrity Fredericton, part of a national network of organizations and friends working toward the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life of the Anglican Church of Canada, this fall symposium is in response to Bishop Claude Miller's challenge to the 2007 Diocesan Synod: "It is time the people of this diocese address matters of sexuality in a meaningful, sincere and adult manner."

Bishop Claude Miller will

offer the diocesan view of sexuality; Chancellor Ron Stevenson will review the history of sexuality issues in the Anglican Church of Canada. Dr. Sandra Byers, who leads the University of New Brunswick (UNB) human sexuality research group, will address the psychology of sexuality.

The Rev. Andrew Asbil, incumbent of Church of the Redeemer in downtown Toronto, will explore sexuality and scripture. His church is known for its progressive stance on social issues, especially gay rights. The Rev. Keith Howlett, rector of the Parish of Oromocto and a member of Integrity Fredericton, will speak on sexuality and pastoral care.

Each presenter will talk for about 45 minutes and answer questions for a further 15 minutes. The Rev. David Staples, president of Integrity Fredericton, will wrap-up the day.

The symposium will be held in the Alumni Memorial Building at 13 Bailey Drive on the UNB Fredericton campus and begins at 9 a.m. A \$25 registration fee includes morning coffee and lunch. Cheques, payable to Integrity Fredericton, should be sent to the registrar — David Watts, 773 Glengarry Place, Fredericton, E3B 5Z8 — by Oct. 8. Further information is available from the Rev. David Staples in Fredericton, <davidstaples@rogers.com> or 454-9712.

Invite someone 'Back to Church' on Oct. 19

BY BRUCE MCKENNA

On Sunday Oct. 19 many Anglican churches in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton area will be hosting Back to Church Sunday. Back to Church Sunday is an opportunity for parishioners to invite a family member, friend or colleague who is currently not going to any church to the church that they love.

The idea is very simple: parishioners are given an invitation card to give to the person they invite to church, and most importantly are asked to pray about who they might ask. When they receive a positive response, they pray for the person or family and offer them Christian hospitality. This would involve sitting with them and, if needed, helping them in following the liturgy. It would

involve staying with them after church over coffee and introducing them to people. It could mean offering a drive if one is needed.

Vestry coordinates all the activities for Back to Church Sunday so that guests feel welcomed and are involved in the worship and fellowship of the Parish. Everyone in the parish is invited to pray for Back to Church Sunday in public worship and in their daily personal devotions.

Back to Church Sunday originated in England about five years ago. On Back to Church Sunday 2007, people in 2000 churches invited 20,000 friends.

Last November the Archdeaconry of Fredericton clergy decided to investigate having Back to Church Sunday. A committee composed of the

Revs. John Cathcart, Bruce McKenna and Ian Wetmore developed a detailed process that included an information package that was presented by the rector to parish vestries. Each vestry decided if they would like to participate in Back to Church Sunday.

Please pray for the Back to Church Sunday to be held in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton on Sunday Oct. 19, that many people will say "Yes" to their invitation and that God may be worshiped and glorified.

For additional information please contact the committee members and/or Google **Back to Church Sunday**.

The Rev. Bruce McKenna is rector of the Parish of New Maryland

Clean water rights and youth programs high on PWRDF meeting agenda

Simon Chambers, the newly appointed Youth Director with National Primates World Relief and Development Fund, will join parish PWRDF representatives, clergy and others interested in the mission and ministry of the fund at a one-day workshop in Sussex on Oct. 28.

"Simon has the latest information on Just Generation, the PWRDF youth initiative, and is up-to-date on all the latest youth materials," says our PWRDF diocesan representative Betty McNamara.

The issue of clean drinking

water is also an important agenda item, in the light of the 2007 synod water resolution that affirms:

- water is a sacred gift that connects all life;
- access to clean water is a basic human right;
- the value of Earth's fresh water to the common good takes priority over any possible commercial value;
- fresh water is a sacred legacy, a public trust and a collective responsibility; and
- the Diocese will explore potential options for action in

the promotion of clean water projects.

Also on the agenda are the Canadian Food Grains Bank, the 2009 PWRDF 50th anniversary, and the need for new members of the diocesan PWRDF committee.

Everyone is welcome and lunch will be provided. Register on-line at <http://anglican.nb.ca/register/> or call Betty at 506-327-6524 by Oct. 15. Late registrations are also welcome, but lunches and materials for those participants are not guaranteed.

Wardens Day on Nov. 8 a time to listen, learn and share

Being a church warden can be a challenge, even in the best of times. It seems to be an even greater challenge these days as many of our parishes struggle with weakening attendance, increased expenses and fewer dollars to support ministry.

The Parish Support and Development Committee of Diocesan Council invites wardens to come together for a day of listening, learning and

discussion on these very topics on Saturday, Nov. 8 at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton.

Participant evaluations consistently confirm the value of this event. This year's program begins at 10 a.m. with an address by Bishop Claude Miller entitled "Lo, I Am Making All Things New."

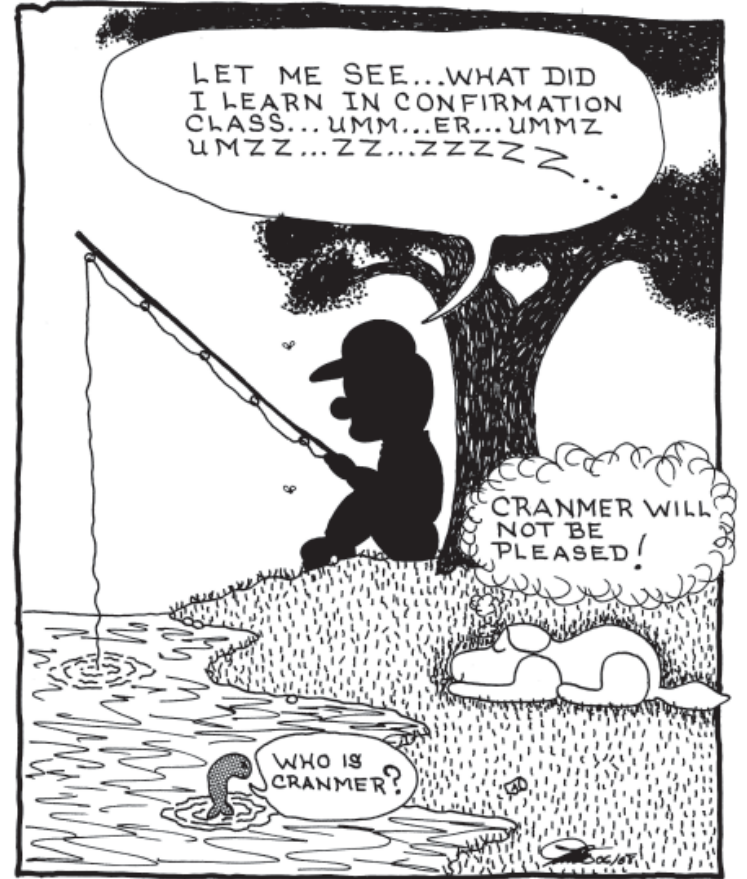
Jim Chandra of Fredericton will discuss the impact of New

Brunswick demographics on church attendance, youth programs and parish finances. A discussion time will follow each presentation.

Andrew Logan of the Parish of Nerepis and St. John will speak on parishes sharing the future and former chancellor Canon Charles Ferris will offer an update on diocesan legislation around new rules and regulations.

DOG MATTICKS

by Doug Patstone



Find encouragement and education with Emmaus Road

Emmaus Road, sponsored by Anglican Essentials NB, is a Parish day designed to encourage people in their faith and equip them for sharing the Good News.

Emmaus Road, based on Luke 24:13-36, will follow the account of the two discouraged disciples who are walking away from the cross of Christ to Emmaus. Jesus walks and talks with them but they are kept from recognizing him. Then, 'beginning with Moses and the prophets Jesus explained to them what was said in all the scriptures concerning himself.' They come to Emmaus and Jesus acts as if he will continue his journey but the disciples convince him to stay with them for the night. In the breaking of the bread, at the right time, they recognize Jesus and then exclaim 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us upon the road and opened the scriptures to us?' In the dark of night they immediately return to Jerusalem to share their good news with the apostles and

those gathered with them, 'It is true! The Lord has risen...'

We live in a time of discouragement for Christians and yet, often unknown to us, Jesus comes alongside us. Emmaus Road desires to rekindle the joy of our faith so that our hearts burn within us as we look at this Bible passage for inspiration. It also seeks to equip participants so that they can in appropriate ways share the Good News that Jesus Christ is alive!

Time for discussion in small groups will be an important component of Emmaus Road. We will sing God's praises, enjoy fellowship over snacks and meals. Emmaus Road will conclude with Holy Communion.

Emmaus Road is being offered as a ministry to parishes or clusters of parishes that would like to invite the team of four leaders. To make an invitation or receive further information please contact Ruby Ranson at ransonrd@live.ca or the Rev. Bruce McKenna at holytrinity@nb.aibn.com



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Saturday, Nov. 15
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Streets in Fredericton
Featuring Café au Bazaar
Beginning at 12:30

COLUMNS

Camp co-operation historic event and resounding success

Sunday, June 29, 2008 will go down in history as the day the staff members of Camps Brookwood and Medley joined forces to enhance the youth camping experience throughout this diocese. It was the beginning of a three-day staff training session that helped us to get to know each other, not as people from two camps but as people called to the same ministry in different locations.

We began our time together on Sunday evening with get-to-know-you activities led by the leadership teams of both camps and the evening ended with worship. As we started our summer we brought before God anything that was troubling us or might stand in the way of our serving him fully. We wrote prayers of confession and then accepted



forgiveness as we remembered our baptism.

We began and ended each subsequent day with worship.

Each morning we also engaged in team building challenge activities. Some of them were fun and others were frustrating, but they all taught us about ourselves and what it means to be a team member. We learned how to work cooperatively.

We explored what it is like to live in community, to exercise positive discipline techniques, to accept and to celebrate differences. And we

paid very close attention to training aimed at keeping our campers, and our selves, safe.

We even learned how to help a homesick camper. That exercise was fun as well as informative.

These are just a few of the many topics we explored and skills we learned that enabled us to run fun and exciting camps this summer.

Our three days together at the beginning of summer were truly a wonderful time. Thank you to Youth Action Director George Porter, Camp Brookwood director Jasmine Chandra and our teams for making this training event such a success. It was a blessed time and one that we hope to repeat each year.

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Even the camp directors participated in the team-building exercises during the three-day Medley/Brookwood staff training session. Here Medley director Liz Harding (left) helps Brookwood director Jasmine Chandra to make her individual face mask. The topics explored were all geared to enabling staff members to run fun and exciting summer camps.

Revelation shows a more powerful Third Day than ever

Third Day has enjoyed a lengthy career as a Christian rock band (17 years and counting), being likened at times to Nickelback or even Bon Jovi. Through many albums, live DVD concerts, and special collections, many people have come to know Third Day's guitar-driven sound, and also their brutally honest, faith-based lyrics.

Revelation is the latest studio album from this hard working, constantly touring, and always growing band. It is much more, however, than simply the latest Third Day disc. This aptly named album shows a new Third Day, with band members who have gone through some significant changes in the past two years,



yet remain true to their calling as faithful witnesses through their music, touring, and living.

The most notable changes are the leaving of Brad Avery and the acquisition of experienced new producer Howard Benson. The band was also recently featured on the cover of *Billboard Magazine*, the first Christian band ever to appear in this prominent industry spotlight.

Musically, the Atlanta Georgia band's southern-influenced rock shines as

brightly as ever. But there are some new elements not recently present in their work. You may notice this album is *loud*, recalling past projects like the mid-90s *Come Together* album. Great melodies abound and there is some appreciable vocal work. Thicker instrumentations serve to fill out the sound. It all makes this album fuller, more polished, and more orchestrated than some recent projects. Clearly more time was spent writing, recording, and mixing this record.

Inspired partly by a trip to Salvation Mountain, California (www.salvationmountain.us), this strong album features a current (in early August, at least) #1 song in "Call My Name." Also, take note of some soaring vocal efforts on "Run to You,"

great guitar riffs and grooves on "Other Side," "Caught Up in Yourself," and "Ready." If that's not enough, the title track features some of Third Day's honest, vulnerable lyric writing. A band as commercially successful as this could easily skip writing such lines as "Give me revelation, 'cause I haven't got a clue ..."

Third Day has long supported Habitat for Humanity worldwide. Members spend some time each year working directly with Habitat projects, and they have once again put their energy where their intentions say they do. The tour to support *Revelation* began earlier this summer as part of a 29-date project called the "Music Builds Tour." It includes Third Day, Jars of

Clay, Switchfoot, and Robert Randolph and the Family Band. It all winds up in October -- sad to say, the closest venues to NB are in New York State and New Jersey. The proceeds from these events go to Habitat for Humanity in support home-building projects around the world.

As far as I am concerned, this is the strongest Third Day project in several years. Songs can stick in your head very easily, and they are good songs, with a strong emphasis on faith, knowledge of God in the world, and of the love of God. It is well worth a listen!

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

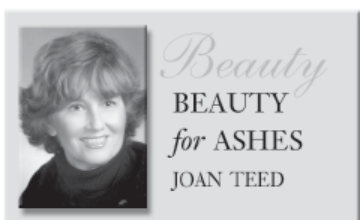
Beauty provokes awe and the impulse to worship

One of the first stages of spiritual growth and conversion is the awareness of God in beauty.

Our primitive ancestors knew that beauty manifests the supernatural, imbues luminosity, evokes mystery and a power beyond the human. The sight of beauty provokes awe, fire in the blood, ecstasy and the need for a response ... the impulse to worship.

This power and energy beyond the rational and beyond our control awakens, surprises and calls us from outside time. Indeed, the worshiping impulse radiates from all cultures of the world, from times before history -- before the written word.

Around 15,000 BC -- that's long before the Celts -- the people of Lescaux, France decorated their huge deep



caves as sacred female interior spaces. Phallic male images decorated their entrances. It was more than acknowledgement of nature's cycle, because entranced shamen sought divinity, pondered cause and effect, and were awe-struck by stampedes of thousands of bison.

The ancient pre-Celts set huge standing stones -- in an amazingly straight magnetic line called a lay-line -- all across Europe. On the Orkney Islands, I stood in the direct center of a stone circle marked with black chalk and felt a

buzz in my feet, like energy. Many of these stone circles are built at the junction of water and land, recognized by many cultures as places of change or the meeting of the spiritual and temporal worlds. The holy wells in Ireland are places of prayer where clouties (pieces of cloth representing prayer) are tied to the trees surrounding them. Prayers are placed in the stones at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. In Brazil flowers are sent out to sea, and complex symbols are found at street corners.

In New Zealand I found an amazing land feature unexplained by science and held in awe by the Maori. The Maori are a deeply spirit filled, creative and clever people, who also decorate caves with female symbols.

Ayers Rock in Australia has

aboriginal rock paintings and the Aboriginals call the magnetic energy of the land "song lines" because they can hear the music.

Sedona, a place of power and grandeur near the Grand Canyon, is recognized for healing power and people visit its spas for spiritual energy. A lake near the southern Alps that has no outlet to the sea has a tide which rises and falls a foot every five minutes -- a heartbeat for the country.

Beauty manifests God, no matter what the language. The Celtic priest John O'Donohue, author of *Divine Beauty: The Invisible Embrace*, said "The world is the body of God." We arouse and express the Holy Spirit within ourselves using beauty, dance, music and laughter. We awaken beauty and make God present in the world.

Conversion can come suddenly or grow slowly. God can get our attention through the awe we find in nature, or through his comfort when we are suffering.

God's presence in beauty is a gift and a responsibility. We must respect our companions in the world and care for the beautiful earth on which we reside. Oh my, how we are failing.

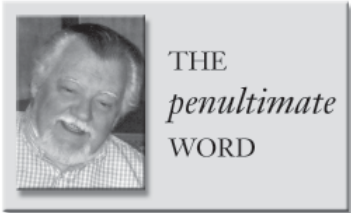
Perhaps John O'Donohue can inspire us again: "Glory be to God for dappled things ... All things counter, original, spare, strange ... He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change. Praise him."

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Michaelmas daisy, a trophy for the marathon of life

BY JIM IRVINE

Who in the multitude of thy Saints hast compassed us about with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. *Book of Common Prayer* page 81



prejudice — as each one greets you, dear reader. They number in such profusion that we might think them a cloud, or perhaps a fog that gently envelopes us!

Moistened in the fog of faith we are reminded of our baptism and our incorporation into a fellowship. Some know that fellowship as the Body of Christ. For those who find creedal expression helpful, the Communion of Saints provides a sense of clarity.

But beyond the comfort is the encouragement.

Quietly — perhaps silently — these purple-vested angels follow us throughout the race that is set before us. I

remember taking that route as I raced toward a procedure at the Saint John Regional Hospital. Following my heart attack when I was 58, I was scheduled for an angioplasty. That race was in the winter when snow banked the highway and I looked out the back window of the ambulance that transports patients daily from the DECH. But I recalled the Michaelmas daisies and was heartened by their cheering me on in this race.

Others run other races, also filled with anticipation and anxiety. Some trips find us more preoccupied than others as we follow asphalt paths that tie us to our roots. But whatever the concern, the tenacious presence of the asters gives a sense of courage that helps us in our resolve.

Rejoicing in their fellowship, we run the race with patience.

The harvest is not in the short-lived bouquets of cut Michaelmas daisies. Vases need not be sought to confine the brave autumn blooms. The reward we seek is not in the capture of these plants clutched in hand — but in the crown of glory that fadeth not away. It is a new trophy, contrary to the competitive spirit of our age. This is not a trophy slung around a neck with laurels framing the brow of the victor. This is a trophy that we yearn to share with others, who run with us a marathon of life.

The sentiment is expressed in the Proper Preface appointed for the occasion. While the words are fleeting and quickly forgotten, we do well to look about us and see what a wonderful witness continues to compass us about along our path.

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Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton

INTERCESSIONS

SEPTEMBER

¶ 14: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Tanzania Ruaha — (Tanzania) (vacant). Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Church of the Northern Apostles, the Ven. Dr Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard), the Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 15: Parish of Bright, (open incumbency) the Ven. John Sharpe interim priest-in-charge. The Rev. Lloyd McFarlane (retired).

¶ 16: Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough, the Rev. Valerie Hunt & the Rev. Karman Hunt, priests-in-charge.

¶ 17: Parish of Campbellton, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe. The Rev. Reg McKinnon (on leave).

¶ 18: Parish of Campobello, (open incumbency) the Rev. Brenda McKnight, interim priest-in-charge.

¶ 19: Parish of Canterbury (open incumbency).

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

¶ 21: PRAY for The Church of the Province of Uganda The Most Rev. Henry Luke Orombi, Archbishop of Uganda & and Bishop of Kampala. Diocese of Ho, the Rt Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Mayo - St. Mary with St. Mark, the Rev. Susan Titterington and the lay ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 22: Parish of Central Kings, the Rev. Robert LeBlanc, priest-in-charge. The Rev. Brenda McKnight (retired).

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

¶ 24: Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Keith Joyce, Isabel Cutler parish nurse, the Ven. Geoffrey Hall, honorary assistant. The Ven. Karl

McLean (on leave), Archdeacon to Anglican Military Ordinariate of Canada.

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

¶ 26: Parish of Dalhousie, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, priest-in-charge.

¶ 27: Parishes of Denmark and Grand Falls (open incumbency).

¶ 28: PRAY for The Episcopal Church in the USA, the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias

Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Pelly Crossing - St. James the Lord's Brother; Betty Joe, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 29: Parish of Derby & Blackville, the Rev. Douglas Barrett. Betty McNamara, PWRDF co-ordinator.

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

OCTOBER

¶ 1: Parish of Douglas & Nashwaaksis, the Rev. Canon William MacMullin. The Rev. Dr. David Mercer (on leave).

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

¶ 3: Parish of Fredericton, the Rev. Anthony Arza-Kwaw, the Rev. Paul Ranson, assistant curate, the Rev. Joyce Perry, deacon.

¶ 4: Parish of Fredericton Junction (open incumbency).

¶ 5: PRAY for The Church in Wales, the Most Rev. Dr. Barry Cennydd Morgan, Archbishop of Wales & Bishop of Llandaff Llandaff - (Wales), the Rt Rev. David Yeoman. Council of the North, Diocese of Athabasca, the Most Rev. John Clarke and synod office staff. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Dawson City - St. Paul's, 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, and Aldene Snider, Mabel Henry, Shirley Pennell, and Betty Davidson, licensed lay ministers, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 6: Parish of Gagetown, the Rev. Valerie Hunt & the Rev. Karman Hunt, priests-in-charge. Archbishop Harold Nutter (retired).

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

¶ Dana Dean. The Rev. David Plumer (retired).

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

¶ 10: Parish of Hampton, the Rev. Leo Martin.

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

¶ 12: PRAY for The Church of the Province of West Africa, the Most Rev Justice Ofei Akrofi, Archbishop of West Africa & Bishop of Accra. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. 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.

¶ 13: Parish of Kent, the Rev. John Pearce, priest-in-charge.

The Rev. Dr. George Porter, director of youth action.

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

¶ 15: Parish of Lakewood, the Rev. Ellen Curtis. The Rev. Ronald Rippin (retired).

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

¶ 17: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. Andrew Fraser.

¶ 18: Parish of McAdam, (open incumbency), the Rev. Canon Robert Smith, priest-in-charge.

The diocesan intercessions are also available on-line at <http://anglican.nb.ca> — under "Prayer."

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YOUTH

Generation 2008 empowers, renews and equips

For diocesan youth action director George Porter, Generation 2008 was a long-time dream come true. For more than 20 years — since the days when he was in a similar position in the Diocese of Brandon — George has dreamed of and advocated for a national gathering of Canadian Anglican youth workers. Generation 2008: Empower, Renew, Equip—fulfilled that dream in a big way as youth leaders from most of the dioceses across Canada gathered at Huron University College in London, Ontario in June.

“Generation 2008 was an opportunity for young people and youth workers to worship together, form networking relationships, and engage in their own version of ‘godly playing,’” says George. “It was also a tremendous learning experience. Participants not only learned from each other, they learned from leading international youth leaders.”

James White with Princeton Youth Ministries Forum and author of *Practicing Discernment with Youth* was primary speaker for the event. Other speakers and presenters included Reggie Blount, youth ministry professor at Garrett

Evangelical (Episcopal) Theological Seminary in Illinois; Mark Macdonald, National Aboriginal Bishop for the Anglican Church of Canada; and Lisa-Calderone-Stewart from Milwaukee, Wisconsin — author of *Changing Lives: Transformational Ministry and Today’s Teens*.

“For nearly a week this very diverse group of people formed an intentional, temporary community of respect, dialogue and sharing — one which more than one person suggested could be a model for other aspects of church life — before dispersing back to their ministries feeling refreshed, challenged and supported in a new way,” says George, who has been part of the planning of Generation 2008 from its inception.

Members of the diocesan delegation were: Christian Education director Liz Harding, the Rev. Paul Ranson of Christ Church Parish Church, and Adam O’Brien, assistant director of Camp Medley and Wycliffe student. Also attending from the diocese was Christopher Ketch, youth pastor from the Parish of Chatham.

“We met up with Capt Bonnie Hunt, formerly from



The Diocese of Fredericton was well represented at the recent Generation 2008, the national gathering of Canadian Anglican youth workers in London, Ontario. From left to right they are Christopher Ketch, Chatham youth pastor sponsored by his parish; Adam O’Brien, Camp Medley assistant director and Wycliffe College student; Capt. Bonnie Hunt, National Youth Initiatives task force and former Fredericton youth leader; Liz Harding, director of Camp Medley and diocesan Christian education; George Porter, Diocesan Youth Action Director and National Youth Initiatives task force; and Paul Ranson, assistant curate and youth leader at Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton.

this diocese, who is also a member of the youth initiatives task force,” says George. “Feel free to ask these

participants about their experience.”

Our Primate, Fred Hiltz, and several other Bishops

were present for much, if not all, of the Generation 2008 experience.

I’m Curious, George... What do you think of *The Shack*?

I’ve had more questions asked about this book than anything since *The Da Vinci Code*. Though William P. Young wrote the book in 2007, it really hit the market in a big way at the beginning of this summer, so I decided to take a copy along on my holiday travels.

Basically the novel is the story of a father who loses his youngest daughter in a horrible, and sadly very realistic, kidnapping and murder scenario. Subsequently, he receives an invitation from God to spend a weekend in the very same old mountain shack where the last traces of his daughter were found.

I have mixed reactions to the book. I am not convinced that it is the great literature that several reviewers have claimed. It is slow moving and, at least initially, difficult to get into. Despite some williamesque qualities, I wouldn’t put it on the level of Charles Williams’ novels.

Furthermore, it fits into an unfortunate and irritating trend among contemporary Christian



authors to link the book to a ‘crusade’ (you can find out about it through links at the end) rather than allowing it to stand on its own as literature.

Having said that, there are some really intriguing aspects that make it a good and worthwhile read.

Without wanting to give the story away, I found the depiction of God is not only surprising but refreshing and delightful — not unlike some contemporary portrayals in films. This alone is so well done that I want to read it again.

The author boldly and realistically tackles what we call “the problem of evil” (or more accurately, what C. S. Lewis called “the problem of pain”). There are various ways of expressing this, but basically it goes something

like: “How can God be both powerful and good while at the same time permitting horrific suffering and evil in the world?” While I don’t fully agree with his conclusions, it is one of the better things I’ve read in some time about this dilemma.

The book is likely what Leonard Sweet might call “abductive.” The surprises catch the reader off guard and allow some pretty good theology to get through our defences as well as the deafness that often comes with familiar or pat answers.

I plan to read it again and recommend it to others.

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

What are you and the other young people in your parish up to?

You could be an inspiration for others!

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Fun for young and old alike in Hampton

BY EMILY DESROCHES

June was an exciting month for young and old alike at St. Paul’s in Hampton. Geoffrey Oram and Richard Gill won our first ever Amazing Race (special mention to senior warden John Cochrane and Mariah Robichaud).

There were Amazing Race sites all over Hampton with off-the-wall events like eating raw fish, digging for plastic play animals to fill Noah’s Ark, and feeding someone some pancakes while blindfolded — and all the sites had activities based on Biblical clues. The entire church was involved; people cooked, were site leaders, organized events and participated in the race.

There were twelve teams of two plus one driver; each team had one adult and one youth member.

As you can tell, this event certainly couldn’t have been what it was without the help of many dedicated individuals. As the winners were crowned we all looked forward to an equally successful event next year.

During June all of the youth members also participated in a junior/senior youth service. Readings, prayers, music and other aspects of the service were taken over by middle and high school students. The youth praise band and even some unexpected guest puppets also played a big part.

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

emergent