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## Diocesan Council briefs

Diocesan Council met at Christ Church (Parish) Church on Sept. 17.

### NEW SAINT JOHN MEMBER

The Rev. Greg McMullin was appointed a clergy member of council representing Saint John. The vacancy was created when the Rev. David Edwards, previously a clergy representative on council, was appointed Archdeacon of Saint John. Territorial archdeacons are automatically members of council.

### FORMER CHANCELLOR APPOINTED

Canon Charles Ferris, who recently stepped down as diocesan chancellor (legal official), was appointed a member of the Constitution and Canons Committee. As chancellor he spent several years working with the committee to update the diocesan constitution and its canons.

### DIOCESAN LEGISLATION ORGANIZED

Diocesan policies, regulations, guidelines and directives, commonly called *The Red Book*, will soon be called the *Diocesan Handbook*. Following several months of revision, a reorganized table of contents for the new document was proposed and adopted by council. The reorganized table of contents will also serve as a guide for future legislative creation and revision. This document is available on the diocesan website (<http://anglican.nb.ca>) and is most helpful to new clergy and wardens. Hard copies will be available to parishes without the Internet.

### INITIATIVES COORDINATED

The Diocesan Executive Committee will collect and coordinate the results produced by or through the shared ministry plan, the budget task force, the rural and/or struggling parishes task force, General Synod stewardship development, and Clergy Conferences. The executive committee will report this information to Diocesan Council before Diocesan Synod 2009 to be held at the Trade and Convention Centre in Saint John June 4-6.

## DEACONS ORDAINED



On Saturday afternoon, Sept. 20, Michael Caines (third from left), Dick Black (third from right) and Kevin Cross (second from right) were ordained deacons by Bishop Claude Miller at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton. Mr. Caines serves as assistant curate in the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, Mr. Black is a deacon-in-training in the Parish of Salisbury and Havelock and Mr. Cross is deacon-in-training in the Parish of McAdam. With the new deacons and bishop are Canon Elaine Hamilton (left), the bishop's chaplain, and Andrew Mathis (right), crucifer.

## Council reviews status of '07 synod resolutions

### BY ANA WATTS

Resolutions around pastoral conduct, marriage and sexuality, clean water, embryonic stem cell research and other diocesan concerns were sent to Diocesan Council for research and action following the 2007 synod. Looking toward Synod 2009 at the Trade and Convention Centre in Saint John June 4, 5 and 6, council reviewed the status of these resolutions at its September meeting in Fredericton.

### MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

Marriage and sexuality is a crucial issue in the Anglican Communion, and was discussed at length at the Lambeth Conference of Anglican bishops

worldwide held in England this summer. Bishop Claude Miller is committed to a "brutally honest" conversation on the topic in the diocese and is considering an approach. The General Synod Faith, Worship and Ministry committee is also developing processes for focus group conversations.

At press time the Fredericton chapter of Integrity Canada — a national network of local Integrity chapters, members, and friends working toward the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life and ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada — was planning a symposium for Oct. 18 at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton with expert presenters on the interpretation of Scripture, the

history of the same-sex relationship debate in the Anglican Communion, the psychology of sexuality and other related topics.

"This is a major hurdle and a serious conversation, but our resources are stretched to the limit," said Bishop Miller at council. "We have no people and no money with which to address this, but we are committed. We have to consider our resources when we pass resolutions."

### CODE OF PASTORAL CONDUCT

A clergy working-group appointed by the bishop and led by Dean Keith Joyce was appointed to review the fourth draft of a Code of Pastoral Conduct document originally presented to clergy for

consideration in August of 2006. The group had hoped to complete the task by the end of 2008, but is unlikely to meet that date. It will, however, have a report to present at the next meeting of council on Nov. 5.

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## DIOCESAN NEWS

## Third quarter report of parish mission and assessments — requests and actual

PARISH	MISSION OUTREACH			PARISH ASSESSMENT:				EMPLOYMENT ASSESSMENTS:			TOTAL ALL DEFICITS
	REQUEST	PAID	SHORT	PREV YRS	THIS YR	PAID	DEFICIT	PENSION	PAYROLL	OTHER	
Bathurst	8,541	8,541	0	0	7,839	7,839	0	0	0	0	0
Campbellton	5,292	5,292	0	0	4,014	4,014	0	30	0	0	30
Chatham	12,456	12,456	0	2,267	12,690	12,690	2,267	0	0	0	2,267
Dalhousie	2,367	2,367	0	1,350	2,025	2,025	1,350	0	0	0	1,350
Derby Blackville	9,558	9,558	0	0	8,577	8,577	0	0	0	0	0
Hardwicke	2,394	2,394	0	6,407	3,204	3,204	6,407	0	5,806	(37)	12,176
New Bandon	4,041	3,592	449	0	3,276	2,912	364	0	0	0	813
Newcastle & Nelson	8,019	3,744	4,276	0	7,488	6,657	832	487	3,403	88	9,084
Restigouche	1,251	1,251	0	0	1,584	1,584	0	0	0	0	0
Cathedral	27,099	12,044	15,055	0	27,630	12,280	15,350	0	0	0	30,405
Fredericton	40,077	32,923	7,154	0	31,725	30,815	910	0	0	0	8,064
Fredericton Junction	6,111	6,111	0	0	4,059	5,659	(1,600)	0	0	0	(1,600)
Gagetown	2,772	2,156	616	2,639	2,934	2,934	2,639	(20)	1,293	20	4,549
Maugerville	747	830	(83)	0	459	510	(51)	0	0	0	(134)
New Maryland	5,211	5,211	0	0	4,608	4,608	0	0	0	(0)	(0)
Oromocto	5,229	4,648	581	0	5,022	4,464	558	494	4,270	88	5,991
St Peters	5,103	0	5,103	0	5,292	0	5,292	0	0	0	10,395
St. Margarets	5,112	5,112	0	0	5,940	5,940	0	0	0	0	0
Bright	4,653	4,653	0	3,329	4,392	4,392	3,329	0	0	0	3,329
Cambridge Waterborough	2,574	0	2,574	0	2,205	2,205	0	0	0	0	2,574
Douglas Nashwaksis	18,297	4,066	14,231	0	18,315	4,070	14,245	0	0	0	28,476
Ludlow Blissfield	6,552	0	6,552	0	5,913	5,913	0	0	0	0	6,552
Marysville	7,137	1,586	5,551	0	4,050	900	3,150	0	0	0	8,701
Minto Chipman	5,571	3,095	2,476	0	5,481	1,967	3,514	(484)	(4,343)	0	1,163
St Mary York	7,569	7,569	0	0	7,470	7,470	0	0	0	(38)	(38)
Stanley	4,527	0	4,527	0	4,248	0	4,248	0	0	0	8,775
Carleton	11,070	2,460	8,610	0	9,585	2,130	7,455	0	0	0	16,065
Lancaster	10,449	5,805	4,644	0	11,556	11,556	0	0	0	0	4,644
Musquash	4,509	4,509	0	0	3,879	3,879	0	0	0	0	0
the Nerepis St John	17,010	17,010	0	0	15,480	15,480	0	(15)	0	0	(15)
Victoria	6,579	3,655	2,924	0	4,788	2,660	2,128	0	0	0	5,052
Campobello	1,944	1,944	0	0	1,971	1,971	0	(20)	(0)	20	(0)
Grand Manan	5,697	5,697	0	0	4,140	4,140	0	0	0	0	0
Mcadam	4,248	4,234	14	0	3,312	3,312	0	0	571	125	710
Pennfield	5,679	5,679	0	0	7,119	7,119	0	0	0	0	0
St Andrews	11,709	4,500	7,209	0	11,025	11,025	0	0	0	0	7,209
St David St Patrick	873	873	0	0	567	567	0	0	0	0	0
St George	5,634	3,550	2,084	15,624	5,859	0	21,483	0	0	(3)	23,564
St Stephen	7,236	7,236	0	0	9,846	9,846	0	0	0	19	19
Central Kings	2,772	2,464	308	0	3,069	2,728	341	442	3,842	66	4,998
Gondola Point	3,969	3,969	0	0	3,555	3,555	0	0	0	0	0
Hammond River	4,212	0	4,212	0	3,825	425	3,400	3,952	0	684	12,248
Hampton	8,721	5,407	3,314	0	8,532	5,344	3,188	0	504	0	7,006
Kingston	6,336	1,366	4,970	0	5,868	5,868	0	0	0	0	4,970
Quispamsis	5,877	0	5,877	9,768	7,326	2,442	14,652	(494)	171	(11)	20,195
Renforth	16,488	17,577	(1,089)	0	14,949	14,949	0	24	0	0	(1,065)
Rothsay	14,967	14,967	0	0	17,046	17,046	0	0	0	0	0
Sussex	12,726	12,726	0	0	13,887	13,887	0	0	0	0	0
Upham	2,214	1,968	246	5,488	3,528	3,136	5,880	288	2,679	66	9,159
Upper Kennebecasis	3,501	0	3,501	0	3,087	3,087	0	0	(0)	0	3,501
Waterford & St. Mark	9,090	9,090	0	0	7,983	7,983	0	0	835	0	835
Dorchester	1,332	0	1,332	2,400	900	0	3,300	0	0	0	4,632
Hillsborough	2,331	0	2,331	0	1,908	1,908	0	0	0	0	2,331
Kent	3,276	3,276	0	0	2,898	2,898	0	0	0	0	0
Moncton	15,066	13,392	1,674	0	12,870	11,440	1,430	0	0	0	3,104
Riverview	9,531	9,531	0	0	9,189	9,189	0	0	0	0	0
Sackville	8,343	5,700	2,643	0	8,118	8,118	0	0	0	0	2,643
Salisbury Havelock	3,762	3,762	0	9,775	3,825	3,825	9,775	0	0	0	9,775
Shediac	19,827	19,827	0	0	14,553	14,553	0	0	0	0	0
St Andrews, Sunnybrae	3,546	3,546	0	0	4,536	4,536	0	0	0	0	0
St Phillips	6,399	0	6,399	0	5,418	5,418	0	0	0	0	6,399
St. James Moncton	4,374	4,374	0	0	6,615	6,615	0	0	(0)	0	(0)
Westmorland	2,169	2,169	0	1,574	1,962	1,962	1,574	0	0	0	1,574
Coldbrook St Marys	9,009	9,009	0	0	9,459	9,459	0	0	0	0	0
East Saint John	5,544	4,928	616	0	3,798	3,798	0	0	0	0	616
Lakewood	8,802	8,802	0	0	5,814	5,814	0	0	(4)	30	26
Millidgeville	5,472	4,256	1,216	0	7,695	5,985	1,710	988	0	175	4,089
Portland	20,133	704	19,429	2,304	10,368	12,000	672	0	0	0	20,101
Saint John	9,549	4,244	5,305	0	13,698	13,698	0	(10)	0	40	5,335
Simonds	2,682	1,192	1,490	353	2,097	932	1,518	0	450	100	3,558
St Mark	11,025	9,532	1,493	2,850	7,893	6,824	3,919	0	0	0	5,411
St Martins Black Rvr	3,618	2,814	804	0	3,555	2,765	790	988	8,632	175	11,389
Andover	6,444	3,222	3,222	8,475	5,085	2,543	11,018	0	0	0	14,240
Canterbury	2,610	2,320	290	0	2,439	2,168	271	0	833	0	1,394
Denmark	855	855	0	0	2,736	2,736	0	0	(0)	(56)	(56)
Grand Falls	1,098	0	1,098	1,080	450	0	1,530	0	0	0	2,628
Madawaska	2,493	2,770	(277)	0	1,944	2,160	(216)	0	0	0	(493)
Prince William	6,381	3,000	3,381	3,192	4,104	3,192	4,104	0	(0)	0	7,485
Richmond	4,419	4,419	0	0	3,501	3,501	0	0	0	0	0
Tobique	5,301	3,534	1,767	0	4,338	2,892	1,446	0	(75)	75	3,213
Woodstock	10,350	1,150	9,200	0	10,206	1,134	9,072	0	0	0	18,272
Wicklow Wilmot Etal	11,583	11,583	0	0	10,188	10,188	0	0	0	0	0
<b>DIOCESAN TTLS</b>	<b>599,094</b>	<b>419,796</b>	<b>179,298</b>	<b>78,875</b>	<b>554,382</b>	<b>460,014</b>	<b>173,243</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>28,866</b>	<b>1,624</b>	<b>389,682</b>

## Resolutions update

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## CLEAN WATER

Clean water as a sacred gift was on the agenda for a PWRDF diocesan meeting in October. The 2007 synod resolved and affirmed that water is a sacred gift that connects all life; that 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; and that fresh water is a sacred legacy, a public trust and a collective responsibility.

The synod further resolved the diocese would explore potential options for action in the promotion of clean water projects. The council Mission Outreach Team was given responsibility for this file in September of 2007. Bishop Miller told council "We do not inherit creation from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children."

## EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, the bishop's executive assistant and secretary of synod, called the topic of embryonic stem cell research a "passionate issue for some and way over the head of anyone I know."

A task force is in place to deal with the 2007 synod motion that called for the diocese to "repudiate any scientific research which involves the destruction of unborn human life at any stage of development, and prohibits any parish, congregation or other member organization of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton from contributing funds to, or supporting in any other way, any organization or group which contributes to or engages in embryonic stem cell research or any other endeavour which involves the destruction of unborn human life."

Bishop Miller asked Chancellor Clyde Spinney if synod could even receive resolutions it is powerless to act upon. Mr. Spinney replied that the motion/resolution was a prohibition, but it would be difficult to know what organizations are involved in the prohibited activities.

Archdeacon Vicars Hodge suggested the word "prohibit" be removed from the motion "so we don't issue a command we can't enforce."

Canon Fred Scott, diocesan treasurer, said the broad nature of the prohibition would make it difficult to tailor the church's investment strategy.

## THE BISHOP'S PAGE

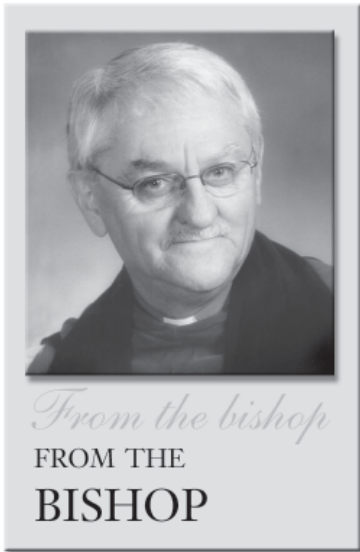
# We built the kingdom brick by brick

The golden days of autumn at Camp Medley provided a golden opportunity for me to enhance my relationship with those I have confirmed. I like to think it begins when I ask candidates for confirmation to write a letter to me explaining why they want to be confirmed.

We usually invite all those confirmed by me to a ReGathering in the spring, and until this year we were comfortable and well looked after at Canadian Forces Base Gagetown in Oromocto. A change in military regulations, however, precluded our regular spring gathering, so we rescheduled until fall and decided to use the warm and inviting new facilities of our own Camp Medley near the Village of Gagetown.

I say warm in a spiritual way. I don't believe anyone else has ever been brave enough to sleep in Medley's unheated cabins in early October. It was nippy the night of Oct. 4, but bundled in sleeping bags the young people kept warm. Well, their noses might have been cold, but that was it.

The new main hall, however, has the luxury of heat, hot showers, a professionally equipped kitchen and enough space for us to do whatever the 25 of us wanted to do. And we wanted to do a lot, thanks to George and Liz (George Porter, youth action director and Liz Harding, Christian education director). They planned



meaningful crafts, crazy games, Bible study, worship, music and lots of opportunities for all of us to get to know one another better, and to share some of the things about our lives that we are proud of, and a few we are not.

As one young man and I chatted he confessed to me he swears a lot at school. I told him I hadn't heard him swear during out time together and he replied he didn't swear at the ReGathering because no one else was swearing. He knows swearing is wrong, but at school everyone swears, and he is afraid to stop because then he might not fit in. I told him I would pray that he could find a way to stop swearing at school and perhaps to even become a good role model for others.

I was impressed by the honesty of the young people who spent 24 hours with me at Medley. Although I must say I also missed the company of newly confirmed adults this year. In the past, some of our adult participants were in their 70s, however they had to send their regrets this year.

In a way our time together at Medley this year was like a pilgrimage — young confirmed people with common experiences of instruction in their parishes and the support of their parents through the baptism covenant — embarked on yet another spiritual journey. I truly believe they were nurtured and grew in their faith walk and that this bodes well for our shared ministry and vision of the church.

Experiences like this equip and train our present and future leaders. If there is one down-side to the ReGathering, however, it is attendance. Every year I send an invitation to everyone I have confirmed. This year I sent 600. Only about 30 responded. Those who came clearly exhibit leadership qualities and the event is a blessing and a boon no matter how many participate, but I am concerned that so few do, and I wonder what it is that holds them back.

I learn as much as the young people do at the ReGathering, and I am thankful for all of it. It's a steep learning curve. One

of our activities was to make a brick. We cast and decorated concrete with beads to form Christian symbols — crosses, fish, flowers, hearts. Metaphorically, we built the kingdom.

During a drama event we had to introduce Jesus to others. Some introduced Jesus through mime, another introduced him with a Face Book profile.

To play a game we lined up chairs in pairs and put a paper wall between them so we could only see the person in front of us. With markers we drew on that wall of fear the things that prevent healthy relationships.

We accomplished a lot in a day and I thank God that Camp Medley's facilities are widely used in the off season by parishes and other groups in the diocese. I think the ReGathering there in early October made it clear the camp is ideal for family activities as well.

We are indeed blessed. And may those blessings stay with you through Advent as we await the coming of the Christ child into our lives.

Claude Miller is Bishop of Fredericton.

## PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

Bishop Claude Miller had knee replacement surgery in early November. At press time he intended to resume regular duties by Dec. 9.

Your prayers for Bishop Miller are welcome and appreciated.

## APPOINTMENTS

**Mr. William (Bill) Turney** was appointed chair of the diocesan Communications Committee for a three-year term on Sept. 16.

**The Rev. Terence Chandra** was appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Simonds (half-time) for a two-year term on Oct. 1.

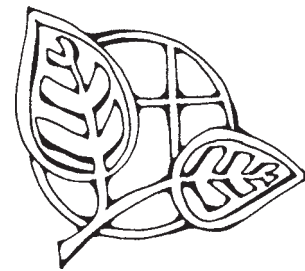
**Mr. Julian Dickson, QC,** was appointed Vice-chancellor of the diocese on Oct. 19.

**The Ven. Geoffrey Hall,** executive assistant to Bishop Claude Miller, was appointed Archdeacon of Fredericton on Oct. 19.

## CHATHAM CONFIRMATION



On Sept. 21, Bishop Miller visited the Parish of Chatham in Miramichi for a Service of Confirmation and Reception. There were six confirmation candidates and one person was received during the service held at St. Paul's church. A light lunch, prepared by the A.C.W. and ladies of the parish, followed the service. Left to right in the photo above are: (front) Mitchell Godfrey, Justin Robb and Brady Allison; (middle) Laura Ketch, Phillip Rody, Nancy Rody and Opal Colleen Voht. Behind them are the rector Gordon Thompson, youth pastor Christopher Ketch and Bishop Miller.



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## ARCHIVES CORNER

## RNS can boast the only antiphonal chapel in the diocese

An intriguing article in *The Diocesan News* (forerunner of the *New Brunswick Anglican*) called the memorial chapel at Rothesay Netherwood School (it was then Rothesay Collegiate School) an "Antiphonal Chapel," the only one of its kind in this diocese. This is because the five rows of pews (originally in three different lengths) on each side of the nave face each other rather than the altar as in most churches. Also, the pew behind is raised above the level of the pew in front of it and "the master's stalls (also raised) are at the west end of the chapel facing the chancel." *The Diocesan News* noted that having the pews face each other is "reminiscent of the monastic arrangement for antiphonal singing."

On an unseasonably warm Oct. 26 in 1922, John A. Richardson, Third Bishop of Fredericton, laid the cornerstone (containing a newspaper of the day, coins etc.) for the long awaited memorial building to honour the RCS "Old Boys" who made the supreme sacrifice in World War I and to accommodate the school's growth. Plans for the memorial building were prepared by F. DeLancey Robinson (of New York but with local roots) as consulting architect and G. Ernest Fairweather as associate architect. Joseph Henderson of Rothesay was the contractor.

The chapel occupied the upper floor at the front of the building. At the back on the same floor was housing for students and the matron. Directly below the 30 by 56 foot chapel, and of virtually the same dimensions, was the dining hall with a kitchen and food storage areas nearby.

The building cost \$60,353.42 in total and was the first red brick building to grace the Rothesay Netherwood campus. Construction was made possible by a \$48,000 loan from the Diocesan Synod that had purchased RCS in 1908.

"The dining hall, kitchen and adjoining rooms were completed during summer vacation" [1923] and immediately put into use while the chapel was completed during the term. On Dec. 20, 1923, the chapel was officially opened. The bishop celebrated Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and His Lordship preached at the 11 a.m. service, during which the bronze memorial tablet (with 25 names) was unveiled by Capt. J.H.A.L. Fairweather.

This chapel was lovingly furnished with many memorial gifts — stalls, stained glass windows, memorial plaque, original reheros and others — all reminders of lost loved ones.

One unique item that is not a memorial is the pipe organ in the gallery. It was donated by Dr. W.R. Turnbull to commemorate the secondary school education received by his four sons at RCS.



Sources: This article is pieced together from several sources: RCS histories & yearbooks in Rothesay Collegiate collection (PANB); various Synod Journals (1920s) and "An Antiphonal Chapel" in the *Diocesan News*, June-July 1956.

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## ACW

## National ACW board secures primate's support

BY HEATHER CARR

The 2008 Anglican Church Womens National Conference was held at the beautiful Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston Ontario in September. The theme was Alive in the Spirit. We were definitely women Alive in the Spirit during our meetings, devotions, services and fellowship.

Bishop George Bruce opened our Conference with Holy Communion and shared his experience of Lambeth.

Our president Marion Saunders told us our new primate is dedicated to the work of Anglican Church Women and to the national executive. Archbishop Fred Hiltz has given us what we need to continue to grow. As Bishop of NS/PEI Bishop he used his influence to help us receive an invitation to send our president to Council of General Synod once is a triennium to deliver a report on the Ministry of ACW. Recently, as primate, he invited our

national president to visit with him and the result is his support to our continued national ministry. These assurances allow the national board to continue to grow in strength and be a strong voice for all ACWs.

Greetings were brought to the Conference from Kathleen Snow, national president of Mothers Union, who assured us that MUs across Canada were praying for our meetings. She also reminded us that this would be her last year to attend the conference as her term ends in January. We wish her well and our prayers go with her on her journey.

Danielle McNeil Hession, national president for the Catholic Women's League brought greetings and a short message. Carol Know brought greetings and a short message from International Anglican Church Women. She also gave a short presentation on their work and ministry nationally and internationally. We also shared

in a beautiful prayer walk with Carol on Sunday morning.

The ecclesiastical provincial meetings were held on Friday and gave diocesan presidents the opportunity to share with each other the work being done in each diocese, to exchange ideas and seek support from each other.

Each year during the conference we draw diocesan names as prayer partners. In the coming year the Diocese of Fredericton will pray for the Diocese of Algoma.

Diane Cole, past diocesan president for Ontario wrote a beautiful song for our conference entitled "Alive in The Spirit."

Our Chaplain for the conference and coming year, the Rev. Canon Thora Wade-Rowe, led us through several spiritually fulfilling services that truly gave us a feeling that we were alive in the spirit. Each message she delivered assured us that we were spiritual women on a journey for God.



National ACW board members elected a new executive at a recent meeting in Kingston, Ontario. Above are, left to right, are past treasurer Ann Kilby of Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island, treasurer Adelaide Sullivan Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, president Marion Saunders of Toronto, vice-president Terri Parrill of Western Newfoundland and Labrador, past president Heather Carr of Fredericton and secretary Anita Gittend of Toronto.

Saturday afternoon we took a break from our meetings and had a boat tour of the Thousand Islands. We also toured the city of Kingston with a short stop at

the Cathedral. Saturday evening we enjoyed a candlelit service of Holy Eucharist and installed our new national executive. (See the photo above.)



## NEWS &amp; EVENTS

# Happy Birthdays

*Alice Fletcher*



In early fall the people of Trinity Church, Sussex, joined with family and friends to celebrate the 100th birthday of Alice Fletcher. She's an organist, poet and writer. In 2007 she wrote her memoirs and presented a copy to each member of her family.

Alice was active in the Guild, ACW and Bible study. She continues to write, do puzzles (crosswork and Sudoku), read, play checkers and visit with her family and friends. She has five children, 14 grandchildren (among them Lt. Col. the Rev. Canon John Fletcher, formerly of this diocese) and 21 great-grandchildren. She received many birthday greetings, including those from Bishop Claude Miller, Premier Shawn Graham, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

*Margaret Watson*



Margaret Watson, a long time parishioner of St. George's Anglican Church in McAdam, woke on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday to find her home surrounded by 90 pink flamingos and equally colourful balloons.

Her granddaughter and young friends had to get up pretty early in the morning to arrange this display of affection.

Margaret's three daughters — Sandra, Shirley and Cathy — and other family members joined here at an open house celebration at St. George's Church hall.

## Christmas blessings for a seafarer

The Saint John Seafarer's Mission distributes boxes and bags of thoughtful and useful items from mid-December through mid-January. Financial contributions are also welcome. For information contact Beverley at seaf@nb.aibn.com or (506) 635-1731.



During a service of Choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton on Oct. 19, former vice-chancellor of the diocese Clyde Spinney, QC (right) was installed as chancellor and Julian Dickson (second from left) was installed as vice-chancellor. The Rev. Capt. David Edwards (third from left) was installed as a canon of the cathedral and collated Archdeacon of Saint John, Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall (second from the right), the bishop's executive assistant, was collated Archdeacon of Fredericton. With them following the service are Dean Keith Joyce (left), Bishop Miller, centre, and Canon Elaine Hamilton, bishop's chaplain.

## Chancellors, archdeacons installed and collated during Cathedral Choral Evensong service

BY ANA WATTS

At a choral Evensong at Christ Church Cathedral on Oct. 19, Clyde Spinney, Q.C. and Julian Dickson, Q.C., both of Fredericton, were installed as chancellor and vice-chancellor, respectively, of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton. The Rev. Capt. David Edwards, rector of St. Mark's (Stone) Church in Saint John, was installed as a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral and named Archdeacon of Saint John. Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, executive assistant to Bishop Claude Miller, was named Archdeacon of Fredericton and adds the duties of this territorial position to his diocesan responsibilities.

Mr. Spinney served as vice-chancellor under Charles Ferris from 2001. Together they

facilitated the adoption of the new *Anglican Church Act, 2003* and participated in the Canon revision project. Clearly he brings a vast knowledge of Canon Law to this office.

In secular life he is Assistant Deputy Attorney General, Legal Services for the Province of New Brunswick.

A cradle Anglican, brought up in St. John's, Oromocto, he was confirmed by Bishop Harry O'Neil in 1962. During a communion service in 1981 he experienced a re-birth of his faith as an adult and since then has been an active member of Christ Church (Parish) Church in Fredericton.

He is married to Elizabeth (Fawcett) Spinney and they have three children in their twenties, Matthew, Gillian and Peter. Clyde enjoys reading golf,

billiards, hunting, fishing and carpentry and looks forward to retirement in a few years when he will have time to pursue these interests as well as more time to devote to his duties as chancellor.

Mr. Dickson is a member of the Cox & Palmer law firm in Fredericton. He specializes in commercial litigation and family law. Son of the Honourable Mr. Justice David M. Dickson, he comes by his affinity for the law naturally. He was introduced to the Anglican Church in 1991 by his late wife and faithfully attends the 8 a.m. service at Christ Church Cathedral. He is also a member of Bishop and Chapter there.

"I was flattered to be asked to serve as vice-chancellor," says Mr. Dickson. "I have some time to commit to this office. If I ever

gain the knowledge of canon law of Charles Ferris on Clyde Spinney, I will be most satisfied and gratified."

Mr. Dickson likes to cook and entertain, and he loves his English springer spaniel Elizabeth (Betsy).

Archdeacon Edwards is a Church Army captain and was principal at Taylor College of Evangelism, the Church Army's college in Saint John.

Archdeacon Hall was rector in what is now the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John in the lower St. John River valley and Archdeacon of St. Andrews before his appointment as the bishop's executive assistant.

Find a longer version of this story under Front Page Archives at <http://anglican.nb.ca>.

## Bazaar events



Christ Church  
(Parish) Church  
ACW Christmas Bazaar  
Saturday, Nov. 15  
Corner of Charlotte &  
Westmorland Streets in  
Fredericton  
Featuring Café au Bazaar  
Beginning at 1:30

Ladies' Guild Christmas  
Bazaar  
Saint James Lakewood  
Saint John  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Nov. 22  
Sandwiches, tea, and  
sweets \$4  
Tables of crafts, home  
baking and new-to-you  
items

St Mary's (York) Bazaar &  
Chicken Pattie Tea  
780 McAvoy St.,  
Fredericton  
11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Saturday, Nov. 29  
Top quality home baking,  
crafts, knitting  
The \$7 meal includes  
strawberry shortcake



## COMMENTARY

## This month it's WOW! The Christmas CDs just have to wait

Even though the desire to spread Jesus Christ's Gospel through music is what guides many Christian music companies, the Christmas retail market is a powerful force and Christian get pulled into the "holiday time of year" vortex defined, I am sorry to say, as the 10 weeks before Christmas.

As I write this in October, mentioning some significant Christmas offerings already out there is about as far as I am willing to go. Watch for Noel offerings from Casting Crowns, Amy Grant, Faith Hill, Third Day, Reliant K (from last year, and it's a great disc), Barlowgirl, Sixpence None the Richer, and duo Shane and Shane.



Spend some time as you look for a Christmas disc. Just because you like a group doesn't mean you'll like their Christmas music. Decide in advance what you want — simple, straightforward renditions of well-known music and carols that maintain traditional melodies, harmonies, and texts? A new interpretation of text or melody? Or something

completely different — new, freshly written music based on the themes of Christmas.

A bit of online research can tell you a great deal about an artist's CD, and staff members wherever you buy music can help too. Many stores have listening centres so you can actually hear the music before you buy it. And I will do my bit next month and review three Christmas CDs.

Now to an actual review for this month: October usually features the release of the top-



selling Christian CD of the year. Since 1998 that has been the latest installment of the WOW Hits collection — think Christian Contemporary Music's Greatest Hits.

WOW Hits 2009 features 30 of the top songs out there (and not just in terms of sales), plus 3 bonus tunes. It is a compilation in every sense of the word; many different styles and artists are featured from pop, rap, and rock to hard rock, worship, and acoustic. If you are reluctant to spend much money on music and/or unfamiliar artists, this two-CD collection is great way to sample a lot at once.

Some of the groups I have reviewed this past year are on

this year's CD, including Leeland, Third Day, Needtobreathe and David Crowder\*Band. You'll also find Natalie Grant, Switchfoot, Hawk Nelson, and many others.

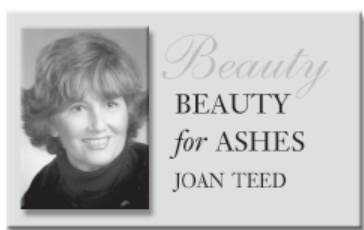
If you are searching for a CD to give as a gift, and you don't know just what the recipient likes, this is a great choice. I pick it up every year. Even though I know a lot of the music I still usually find a hidden gem. Find out more on line — [www.wowonline.com](http://www.wowonline.com).

And I'll meet you back here next month with Christmas reviews.

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

## God speaks through dreams veiled in mystery since the dawn of time

*In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men, in slumberings upon the bed; then he openeth the ears of men and sealeth their instruction. That he may withdraw man from his purpose and hide pride from man.*  
Job 33:15-17.



in its gross materialism, laughed at dreams. So they echoed the edict of the multitude to crucify the Spirit and let the flesh (the robber Barabbas) live.

It is very interesting to study our dreams and figure out the message of the symbols. Some may simply tell us we ate too much spicy food before bedtime, or imbibed too much wine. But there are dreams of a different quality, called lucid dreams, in which the dreamer may be aware he or she is dreaming within the dream, therefore remembering it better. And these dreams seem to be in technicolour, bolder, brighter, as if someone is trying to get our attention. They also may repeat, but are never exactly the same.

As in nature, no two dreams are alike. In *The Varieties of Religious Experiences*,

physician and philosopher William James says these dreams are potentially prophetic. Carl Jung, Swiss psychiatrist and founder of analytical psychology based his practice on them. He deduced that dreams fall into groupings that form universal archetypes and have worldwide meaning that are not necessarily related to culture or faith belief.

The prophets and those who stood nearest the fountain of universal knowledge used dreams with more frequency than any other form of divination. Usually temporal and profane, like the prophesy of an auspicious time for battle, many of them "saw" a loved one's death, or, like Joan of Arc, were warned of their own.

Cicero wrote "if the gods love men they will certainly disclose their purpose to them in sleep." Plato concurred. He said dreams were divine manifestations to the soul in sleep, similar to the faculties of waking thought transfer (clairvoyance), and foreshadowing visions of future events (pre-cognition).

Some believe that science will prove these abilities are built into the DNA. In *The Unknown* by French astronomer and author Camille Flammarion said that unimpeded by time or space — "these phenomena prove that the soul exists, and that it is endowed with faculties unknown at present." We simply do not understand all the workings of the brain and thought.

Spiritual intelligence can only intrude itself when the human will is suspended, or passive to external states. All dreams contain an element of warning or prescience; some more than others, but many of us tend to be blind to this communion. There is no reason man should not grasp coming events earlier since the spiritual body is in the futuristic lead, but we do not cultivate inner sight as we do outer senses. Jung says the unconscious is not concerned merely with putting right those things that have gone wrong in us. It aims at our well-being in the fullest possible sense; its goal is nothing less than our complete personal development, the

creative unfolding of our potentialities that are contained in our ground plan or destiny. This means not just healing but wholeness. So for Jung, unlike Freud, the unconscious is not just a bundle of instincts centering on hunger, sex, and survival. It also contains the secret of life's meaning. What a blessing!

Rumi, a 13th-century Persian poet, Islamic jurist and theologian said: *The breeze at dawn has secrets to tell you./ Don't go back to sleep./ You must ask for what you really want./ Don't go back to sleep./ People are going back and forth across the doorsill where the two worlds touch./ The door is round and open./ Don't go back to sleep.*

But we do go back to sleep and, for a while, peer through the doorway between the worlds — and we see the Light behind the shadows.

*Joan Teed is a vocational chaplain as well as a social worker and counsellor in private practice.*

## Inclusivity and via media among Anglicanism's greatest assets

Dear editor,  
*Pray that none will be offended if I make the Christian religion an inn where all are received joyously, rather than a cottage where some few friends of the family are to be received.*  
Richard Hooker, commemorated Nov. 2, BCP

During a tour of churches in Montreal last August, I and two friends made our way eventually to Christ Church Cathedral — a fascinating building on the same plan as our cathedral in Fredericton. After touring the building, and noticing that one of the

stained glass windows is a twin to one in Wilmot United Church in Fredericton, I was about to go out the west door (which faces East!) when I noticed the "gay" banner on the wall, and over it a printed notice that used the quotation that precedes this commentary to explain why the banner was there.

Having heard of Richard Hooker, I was mightily impressed that he agreed with me! Isn't one always chuffed a bit to find oneself in highly esteemed company?

I have always felt that among Anglicanism's greatest

assets were its inclusivity and its middle way (via media) — two characteristics that are currently under attack. And so on returning home, I Googled until I did find some entries for the quote, and you can imagine my disappointment on discovering that the quote cannot be found in Hooker's work. Sometimes someone uses a quotation or fact, others then use it, and it gradually becomes accepted. But does the fact that Hooker cannot be shown to have written the words have any real effect on their aptness? I don't think so; and the fact that many people

accepted them as from Hooker indicates that they may not be far from his thinking.

And then I wondered if something like that may apply to biblical interpretation. All sorts of people read Scripture and commentaries on them, and often accept as authentic ideas that are someone's interpretations. Sometimes at Anglican meetings people use what I think of as "biblical bullets," a sort of "Bang! You're dead." approach. Snippets of Scripture replace calm reflection. I would hope that as the current controversies in the Anglican

Church continue, we might return to a state of Anglican civility, and listen more carefully to what scholars, scientists, and theologians can tell us about Scripture; and then as we approach Advent II we can "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life..." Surely it is time to stop the shooting, and begin again the study of Scripture.

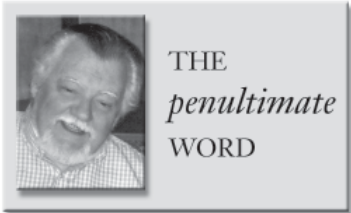
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Fredericton



# Wheat — staff of life, the bread of Heaven

BY JIM IRVINE

*Christ is the Morning Star, who, when the night of this world is past, brings to His saints the promise of the light of life and opens everlasting day. St. Bede*



Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry opened the doors of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St. Cuthbert of Durham to thousands that might never have peered into the holy precincts of the Norman structure. Foundations are laid by a generation with an eye to the future that cannot possibly comprehend its end. These foundations were laid in 1093 and the hinges of a thousand years have witnessed the passage of the faithful and curious, the intransigent and the penitent, the pious and the profane.

The growing cult of Cuthbert — the seventh century Lindisfarne saint — strained the embrace of earlier foundations protecting the object of devotion for the faithful making a pilgrimage.

Cuthbert died 400 years earlier and had conceived a mortal aversion to women in his lifetime. The false witness of a daughter of the King of the Picts slandered the saint. The lady herself accused him with the view of averting suspicion in a personal indiscretion. Cuthbert's innocence defended, his absolution was granted on condition that no woman should ever after be allowed to come near him!

Apparently forgiveness knew no bounds. In consequence of this, no woman was allowed to enter a church dedicated to Cuthbert. Hurt and angry, perhaps understood, his fury expanded to misogyny — intolerance that would surface again in 1333. Queen Philippa, accompanying her Plantagenet husband on his way north to fight the Scots, was invited to leave the cathedral to avoid upsetting the saint — albeit posthumously.

Wills softened with the addition of a "Lady Chapel" — intended for the use of women. Abortive attempts were made to erect a chapel at the eastern end of the building, but the foundations kept collapsing. Some — males — interpreted this as a sign that Cuthbert objected to the presence of women so close to his tomb. With the completion of the Galilee Chapel women were granted entry in company with the remains of the Venerable Bede of Yarrow.

The presence of Cuthbert and Bede, of Benedictine monks and women provide both strengths and weaknesses blazing a trail of

cultic observance and gracious fidelity. Early generations impact later communities in alarming and unexpected ways. Intransigence by one is transformed by the compassion of another: mortal, fallible and haughty disciples of a Saviour who knew these fierce qualities well.

The image is seen in the wheat bearing the same name.

Durham is the hardest of all wheats. Its high protein content and gluten strength make it the choice for spaghetti and other pasta products. The wheat contributes vitamins thiamine, riboflavin, and niacin and we refer to it as the staff of life. It supports us, nourishes us, strengthens us — and becomes the vehicle for the Bread of Heaven without which Jesus reminds us, we will surely die.

I find the spaghetti image especially helpful. It is so common and easily visualized. Not many cupboards are without a packet of Durham wheat spaghetti. It is enduring and enjoys a long shelf life. Refrigeration isn't required and (as long as it is kept dry) it will last a very long time. It is a staple and can nourish and strengthen us; but uncooked, it is brittle.

Cuthbert, brittle in his seventh century pronouncement, found an echo in his unwavering admirers tenacious in advancing the saint's intolerance of women for over half a millennium. Brittle qualities of previous hurts and fears are extended and camouflaged as certitude.

The Yarrow monk knew a certainty unclouded by indignity of defamation: "Christ is the Morning Star," he wrote.

Bede's course took a bearing outside himself and beyond his defenses. He traveled by a Light who, "when the night of this world is past, brings to His saints the promise of the light of life and opens everlasting day."

He sets before us a metaphorical bowlful of Durham wheat cooked and appetizing to the palate of historic prince bishops and devout pilgrims alike. It may even have been served in the refectory of Hogwarts School. Nothing compromised; he offers us a hardy meal to satisfy the deepest hunger, reaching beyond the fragile certitudes of a brittle moment.

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Canon Jim Irvine makes his home in Fredericton

## INTERCESSIONS

NOVEMBER

¶ 23: PRAY for the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury) The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain - (Spain) The Rt. Rev. Carlos López-Lozano. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Rev. Peter Williams & Barbara Williams, the Rev. Mary Battaja associate priest on leave, Lino Battaja & family, Ellen Zimmerman licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 24: Parish of St. Peter, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb. The Rev. David Titus (on leave).

¶ 25: Parish of St. Philip's, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick.

¶ 26: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. William Morton. The Rev. John Tremblay (retired).

¶ 27: Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, (open incumbency)

¶ 28: Parish of Shediac, the Ven. Richard McConnell.

¶ 29: Parish of Simonds, (open incumbency), the Rev. Alan Reynolds, priest-in-charge.

¶ 30: Advent I - Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. PRAY for Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury). 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. David Terwilliger, Lisa Terwilliger & family, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our

bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

DECEMBER

¶ 1: Parish of Stanley, the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls. The Rev. George Trentowsky (retired).

¶ 2: Parish of Sussex, the Ven. David Barrett.

¶ 3: Parish of the Tobique, (open incumbency). The Rev. Donald Trivett (retired).

¶ 4: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, priest-in-charge.

¶ 5: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis & Johnston, the Rev. Canon George Akerley, priest-in-charge.

¶ 6: Parish of Victoria, the Rev. Canon David Kierstead.

¶ 7: Kolhapur - (North India) The Rt. Rev. Bathuel Ramchandra Tiwade. Council of the North, Diocese of Saskatchewan, the

Rt. Rev. Anthony Burton, the Rt. Rev. Charles Arthurson. 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.

¶ 8: Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley. Ana Watts, editor, New Brunswick Anglican.

¶ 9: Parish of Westmorland, the Rev. Kevin Stockall, priest-in-charge.

¶ 10: Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel & Aberdeen, the Rev. Douglas Painter. The Rev. Dr. R. Lee Whitney (retired).

¶ 11: Parish of Woodstock, the

Ven. Walter Williams.

¶ 12: Parish of Andover (open incumbency).

¶ 13: Parish of Bathurst, the Rev. Roderick Black.

¶ 14: Kumi - (Uganda) The Rt. Rev. Thomas Edison Irigei. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross, St. Saviour's, the Rev. David Pritchard, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing, Teslin - St. Philips, the

Archbishop Terry Buckle and the ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 15: Parish of Bright, (open incumbency) Canon John Sharpe, interim priest-in-charge. Church Army, Capt. Rob Marsh, Janet Edwards. Staff of Taylor College.

¶ 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. Canon George Akerley (retired).

¶ 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: Lagos - (Province of Lagos, Nigeria) the Most Rev. Ephraim Adebola Ademowo. 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.

## Looking for an African adventure A spiritual stirring?

The Companion Diocese Committee seeks two people who would like to spend six months or a year in the Diocese of Ho, in Ghana, Africa.

A few years ago Michael (now the Rev.) and Anna Caines spent several months at the Bishop McAllister School in Uganda with the Rev. Canon Paul Jefferies, who began his African life as a teacher in our first companion diocese of Recife in Kenya. Mike and Anna taught academic and music classes — they even supplied some instruments — and Michael put his back into several building projects.

If you have faith and skills to share and the time to make a difference, this is a golden opportunity. Planning expertise is available through the Volunteers in Mission program of the National Church.

Learn more about the Companion Diocese program at <http://anglican.nb.ca> (find the link on the right hand side menu). It has a link to the Diocese of Ho, or you can go to that site directly — <http://www.dioceseofho.org/ourdiocese.htm>.

For even more information, contact Heather Miller, the chair of the Companion Diocese Committee (506) 832-7876 or millerc@nbnet.nb.ca.

## Being what you ought to be so you can be doing what ought to be done

Is the theme of the 9th Miramichi Men's Conference

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## YOUTH

## RHEMA WEEKEND



Kurt Frank, Val Phinney, Daniel Meister and Andrew Phinney lead the 42 people who came together from around the diocese for Rhema 2008 at Camp Beulah near Brown's Flat. Sponsored under the oversight of Teens Encounter Christ, Rhema is a weekend event for those who have already attended a

TEC Weekend or who are beyond the upper age range for TEC. They gather and explore together more of what it means to follow Jesus and minister in our world. The theme this year focused on the biblical image of being the Bride of Christ.

I'm curious, George ...

## How do I read the Bible contextually? [Part the Last]

Perhaps the most difficult part of this whole matter of context stems from the often unappreciated reality that all reading of the Bible happens in our own unique contexts. Cultural, historical, social, economic and autobiographical factors all contribute to the unique context within which each of us reads and interprets our scriptures.

While there is no possibility of an a-contextual reading, we can be alert to how these various influences affect our reading of the scriptures. Sometimes this is positive. Sometimes these help us make sense of what we're reading. At other times they limit our understanding and keep us from seeing what is actually being said.

In *The Gospel in a Pluralist Society*, Bishop Leslie Newbigin argues that listening to the voices of other cultures can help us become aware of shaping forces at work in our reading.



This awareness in turn helps open us to hearing God speak through these writings in ways that may go beyond, or even revise, our contextual limitations.

Isn't the essential point of all this that in our reading we are enabled to hear God speak? Jesus said that his followers would, like sheep, recognise and respond to the voice of their shepherd, recognise and follow the voice of God.

Writing to Timothy, Paul spoke of how the scriptures were 'breathed out by God' [/theopneustos], so that through the ministry of the Holy Spirit in our lives,

these writings would be 'able to make [us] wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus ... [and prove] useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that all God's people may be thoroughly equipped for every good work' [TNIV].

At various times we speak of the biblical scriptures as 'God's word written.' Whether we use the language of being, becoming or containing the word of God, we are saying that these writings are essential to our spiritual lives. They are

frequently spoken of as food by which we grow spiritually. Martin Luther called them the cradle in which the living word of God is birthed.

In the end, the truly important part of reading the scriptures contextually is how, as we do so, they in effect become part of the very context in which we seek to hear God and out of which we seek to follow Christ in our lives.

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

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

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