



## Federal government invests in Camp Medley

BY ANA WATTS

Camp Medley will have a new staff house in time for the 2010 camping season, thanks to a \$236,000 investment from the Government of Canada's Economic Action Plan. The Hon. Keith Ashfield, Minister of state for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and Member of Parliament for Fredericton made the announcement at the Diocese of Fredericton Synod Office on Thursday, Oct. 8.

"This investment will benefit the surrounding communities of Camp Medley by providing accessible space for meetings and functions during the off-season, as well as improving the quality of facilities for campers," said Mr. Ashfield.

Archbishop Claude Miller was unable to attend the announcement, but in earlier conversations with ACOA he said, "When government and the community work together, wonderful things happen. Camp Medley has participated in the development and formation of generations of young New Brunswickers. In partnership with the federal government we will complete the refurbishment of the camp and

continue to nurture and support young people and the whole community for many generations to come."

Fund-raising team member Peter Graham of St. Paul's, Rothesay, thanked Mr. Ashfield and ACOA on behalf of Archbishop Miller. "The federal funds from ACOA are a tipping point for Camp Medley and will allow this project to continue uninterrupted."

Each year Camp Medley provides a well-rounded camp experience for young people from throughout New Brunswick beyond. Just over half of the campers who register each year are Anglican. The rest come from other denominations. Young people from inner city neighbourhoods who might otherwise never enjoy a camp experience, are sponsored by the camp as well as by many Anglican parishes.

The diocese is in the third phase of a capital campaign on behalf of both of its youth camps, Medley and Brookwood. Camp Brookwood has completed several of its necessary upgrades, but Camp Medley embarked on a complete renewal of its infrastructure. See "Kids with" on page 2



The federal government will invest \$236,000 in Camp Medley over the winter, and help the camp complete its refurbishment with the construction of a new staff house that will be ready to use during the 2010 camping season. The Hon. Keith Ashfield (right), Minister of state for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA) and Member of Parliament for Fredericton made the announcement at the Diocese of Fredericton Synod Office on Thursday, Oct. 8. Peter Graham of St. Paul's, Rothesay, thanked Mr. Ashfield and ACOA on behalf of Archbishop Claude Miller who was out of town.

## Joy in the Journey Shared Ministry in the Upper St. John River Valley

Following is a description of the process of developing a shared ministry for the Upper St. John River Valley, written by the parish clergy who facilitate the endeavour: the Rev. Deacon Fran Bedell, the Rev. Bonnie (Bonita) LeBlanc, the Rev. Bob LeBlanc and the Rev. Amanda Longmoore.

### IN THE BEGINNING ...

Bishop Claude Miller called a clergy team together and asked: "Is a shared ministry possible in this region? If it is, how could it happen, and what would it look like?" We thought it was possible and likened the process to weaving a cloth or making a patchwork quilt.

As we find our way, it looks like four clergy serving five parishes:

- the Rev. Deacon Fran Bedell, with a long-time ministry in Edmundston (Parish of Madawaska);
- the Rev. Amanda Longmoore, brought from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island to the Parish of the Tobique;
- the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc, moved

from the Parish of Kingston to the Parish of Andover;

- her husband, the Rev. Bob LeBlanc, moved from the Parish of Central Kings to Denmark, Madawaska and Grand Falls.

The bishop gave us the mandate to design a plan for shared ministry. We began that journey in May of this year. It is unique to this area. We are pioneers. We share a vision of re-connection with the diocese, with other communities within our cluster, and with wider communities.

### WHAT WE LOOK LIKE ...

In addition to four clergy in five parishes:

- we have 10 regularly used church buildings;
- we measure about 150 kilometres end-to-end, from Ed-

mundston to Perth-Andover.

- we cope with the issues and influences of our rural/agricultural/seasonal nature.

Conversation and commitment are the foundation of community, they strengthen, change and transform. Individuals and congregations come together to build a sense of community ... ours is a work in progress.

The first step of our journey toward shared ministry in this area was a two-day workshop with wardens, treasurers and the clergy. We provided a safe environment in which participants shared their concerns, joys, ideas and plans for the future. The results were amazing. The conversations and the environment freed our people to trust and move together with a common purpose. They take great comfort in the knowledge that their spiritual needs will be met in the places where they are accustomed to worshipping, and that a pastor is always available.

### HOW SHARED MINISTRY TAKES SHAPE ...

The success of shared ministry

depends on the willingness of participants to journey together, in response to God's leading, toward mission and ministry in this time and in this area. With that understanding, clergy and laity can move in new directions together and even find the courage to take creative risks.

In response to our first visioning day, with its emphasis on building a faith community, we instituted:

- Evening contemporary praise and worship services in two locations;
- Two coffee house evenings;
- Some shared worship services outside of the regular Sunday morning celebrations.

In response to our second visioning day, where the mind-set moved from survival to exploration mode with a new sense of commitment, we are planning:

- A hymn-sing with potluck, and various other musical events;
- A joint vestry retreat;
- To continue with shared worship services in the various communities outside of the regular Sunday morning celebrations. See "A clearer vision" on page 2



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## DIOCESAN NEWS

# Provincial Synod Briefs

Governance and leadership issues dominated the September meetings of the Synod and of the Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada in Gander, Newfoundland. A total of 73 delegates and 15 invited guests represented the seven dioceses of the province — Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island; Western Newfoundland, Central Newfoundland, and Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador.

## Archbishop

Of course of most significance in the Diocese of Fredericton was the election of our Bishop Claude Miller as Metropolitan of the Province of Canada.

## Work between sessions

Because Provincial Synod only meets once every three years, synod requested the Metropolitan to act, with the advice of the provincial executive, to establish a task force to identify ways in which the province and each of the dioceses may implement the deliberations of this synod on: internal governance; the relationship of Provincial Synod with General Synod and with the diocesan synods; and how they may address any arising civil legislative issues affecting the province or any of the dioceses.

## Governance working group

Bishop Dennis Drainville (Diocese of Quebec), Archdeacon Harry Huskins (Executive Officer, Province of Ontario and member of the Governance Working Group), and Prolocutor Alan Perry (Diocese of Montreal) offered reflections on the size of

General Synod. The Working Group is looking into the canons and the necessary changes in constitutional legislation required to reduce the size of General Synod and its Council, as well as the number of delegates from each diocese.

Provincial Synod later defeated a motion to reduce the size of diocesan delegations by two.

A panel of four Province of Canada members of the national Governance Working Group — Dr. Randall Fairey, Cynthia Haines-Turner, Bishop Sue Moxley and Harry Huskins — discussed indigenous ministry, beginning with a historical overview and moving on to the challenges of creating new structures that would support the National Indigenous Bishop, possibly with indigenous dioceses. The question remained, however: How does this work within the tradition and the current structures?

## Renunciation of the Doctrine of Discovery

The Province of Canada passed a motion that asked the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada to repudiate and renounce the Doctrine of Discovery which grants title to newly "discovered" lands to the government whose subjects "discover" new territory. It has been primarily used to support decisions invalidating or ignoring aboriginal possession of land in favour of colonial or post-colonial governments.

## Primacy Task Force

Primacy Task Force members Edmund Laldin, Bishop Linda

Nicholls and Norah Bolton presented their work on the office and role of the Primate, including a review of the history of the primacy. Small groups discussed questions related to the primacy and the responses gathered were given to the task force to assist them in their work.

## Constitutions & Canons

Changes were made to these documents in order to set out clearly the purpose, rights, responsibilities and prerogatives of the Synod.

## Interfaith Committee

A motion to affirm and uphold the importance of interfaith dialogue by requesting the Metropolitan to appoint a resource person on interfaith dialogue, in consultation with the Provincial Executive, passed.

## Presentations

Professor Joanne Mercer of Queen's College, St John's, offered two presentations on the topic of "Why do we serve God?" They were based on the Book of Job.

Fiona Brownlee, communications officer for the Council of the North, reported on the important work of the council and gave thanks for the members' continued prayers and support.

## R&R

Members of Provincial Synod traveled by bus to Newtown for a tour, a traditional Newfoundland dinner and entertainment.

*With files from Jim Sweeney*

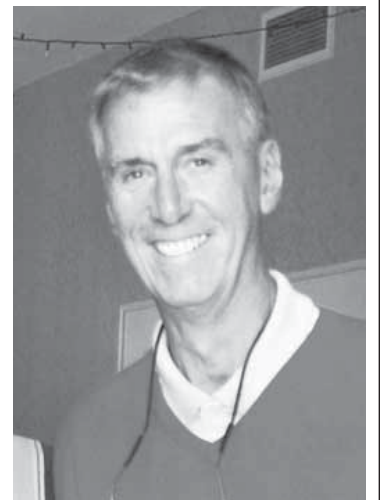
## DIOCESAN COUNCIL



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Brian Hudson (right), a professional engineer and project management professional, offered members of Diocesan Council a primer he called *Leading and Managing Change* at its inaugural meeting in Mactaquac on Sept. 18 and 19. Synod 2009 called for transformational change in the diocese. A certified trainer of the Prosci Change Management Process, Brian worships at St. Luke's, Gondola Point and is a new member of council. He is seen here during a lunch break with another new council member, Anna Caines (left) of the Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, and with Ted Quann of the Parish of Chatham, a returning member.

Jim Morell, a management consultant and long-time diocesan volunteer, offered the new Diocesan Council an overview of the work and consultation in the diocese that led to Synod 2009's call for transformational change, and led a process of discussion and consultation priorities, approach and visioning. As a result, terms of reference were struck for a group to initiate, monitor and evaluate the changes envisioned by Synod 2009 and to manage the process of change in the diocese.



## Kids with a good camp experience stand a better chance in life

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structure. New camper cabins and a large multi-purpose building with an industrial kitchen replaced the former "rustic" cabins and dining hall.

A dilapidated and inadequate staff house and nurse's quarters remain to be replaced. The new staff house will be built on the foundation of the old one. Architect Greg

Murdock of Murdock & Boyd is contributing his expertise to the design of the new building.

More than a thousand New Brunswick Anglicans, churches, church groups, corporations and foundations contributed \$1.1 million to the first two phases of the capital campaign and gave the diocese a strong foundation for phase three, said Mr. Graham,

who praised the efforts of former campaign coordinator Peter Irish of Saint John. "At this point we are not unlike the marathon runner who hits the wall at 18 miles."

The infusion of federal money has reenergized the diocesan effort to raise the necessary remaining funds, he continued.

"Archbishop Miller has a vi-

vision for Camp Medley, a vision that I share," said Mr. Graham. "We believe that kids with a good camp experience stand a better chance in life."

## A clearer vision of God's work

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with an emphasis on multi-generational participation.

As the length and breadth of our woven cloth grows ... as more colourful pieces are added to our patchwork quilt ... we see a clearer vision for God's work in this place. In one community, Sunday morning worship alternates between the Anglican and the United Church liturgies in the Anglican Church building. In another, Anglicans and Lutherans share child/youth programs and special community events. In an effort to practice good stewardship, we look for opportuni-

ties to share our resources and make better use of our facilities. A French Baptist congregation regularly worships in one of our buildings.

Our shared ministry is a work in progress offered to the glory of God. We will add many strands to our cloth, many pieces to our quilt. We intend to provide periodic updates through the *New Brunswick Anglican* as well as on our new Shared Ministry page, available soon on the diocesan website.

It is a joy and an honour to be participants in this endeavor.



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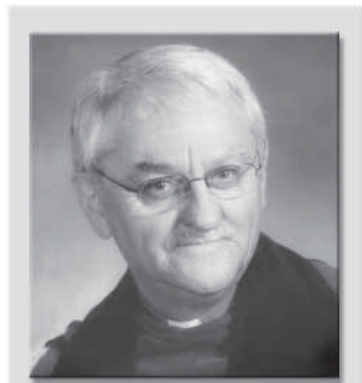
# Success measured by changes in parishes

ON OCT. 16 and 17, more than 200 clergy and lay leaders representing the majority of our parishes gathered in Sussex with Bishop Edward Salmon, a friend of our diocese from South Carolina. We were again grateful for his unselfish presence, vast experience and dry sense of humour. Bishop Salmon facilitated a "Conversation for a New Day" for our diocese in the area of Stewardship. It was indeed an encouraging, worthwhile and Spirit led event that left me particularly blessed.

I'm grateful to the Stewardship Team, the Parish of Sussex, and the many volunteers who made this event possible.

Our 2009 Synod recommended a strategy for transformational change. This event supports the vision of our Synod and encourages our clergy and lay leadership at the parish level as they set ministry and mission priorities in these challenging and changing times.

Our Synod recognized that stewardship is a priority. But as Bishop Salmon said "Stewardship is boring. What's exciting



From the bishop  
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BISHOP

is being engaged by the vision of the Gospel."

Many of us have heard and read that a genuine conversion to stewardship means seeing everything differently — with new eyes and the knowledge that everything we have comes from God. Everything we have is a gift from God to be cared for responsibly and shared generously with others. Our sharing generously will enable a generous response to bring

"Good News" to God's people both near and far.

THE SUCCESS OF THIS conversation depends on how our learning is translated at the parish level. We are enormously grateful for the generosity of those who have gone before; their efforts, to a very large extent, laid the foundation for what we have today and what we will have in the future. We pray that leadership at the parish level, and the response of every member, will serve to herald in that New Day where God's mission is embraced anew. It is my prayer that this event is helping our parishioners to visualize, to see their gifts of time, talent and treasure as serving God's mission call, and encouraging them to serve in a new and exciting reality.

I want to extend my thanks for the tremendous response to this diocesan initiative. Outside of synods, it was the largest diocesan meeting we have ever held. Please be assured of my prayerful support as we, as God's flock, reflect on the words of Bishop Salmon and listen for

the voice of the Good Shepherd to guide and direct us.

The Advent Season of preparation is upon us. May our hearts be open to receive his love and serve him from our abundant blessings. We have such a great deal for which to be thankful.

In anticipation of Christ coming,

Find a story on the event on our diocesan website

<http://anglican.nb.ca>.

Click on the Front Page Archives link on the lower left side of the page and then click on the Oct. 20 link. A full report will also be in the December issue of *The New Brunswick Anglican*.

## The importance of Anglican identity and formation

THE archdeaconry discussion groups at Diocesan Synod 2009 articulated our need to recapture our identity as Christians and Anglicans, a need highlighted in the report from the Task Force on Rural and/or Struggling Parishes. Our need to know exactly who we are — why we do what we do, and why we do "it" the way we do — is vital as we strive to proclaim the Gospel for the making of disciples in a radically changing world and culture.

At the Clergy Conference in August, our speaker Ed White of the Alban Institute told us: "Transformation is not so much about finding new ways to be the Church as it is about finding ways to recapture and live the values we once had."

Living the Anglican Christian faith in an ever-changing culture and society is challenging business indeed.

The need for knowledge of what it means to "be Anglican" points to a responsibility and a task of the Anglican Body of Christ to which we haven't attended well in the recent past. The identified need among us may mean that we haven't done a satisfactory job at our "formation" as Anglican Christians.

Formation refers to how we are molded and shaped to live the Christian life, not just an academic thinking exercise. Although learning is a component of formation, formation is as much about the heart as the head. Studying Anglicanism, or the Christian Faith for that matter, doesn't necessar-



ily mean that any "Anglican formation" has taken place. Formation happens when one experiences the application and living out of the head knowledge. One who has been "formed" in the Anglican faith understands the Anglican "It."

What is special and unique about the Anglican approach to living the Christian Faith? Lots! So how have we Anglicans let this slip?

One way was to confuse "Christian education" with "formation." Progress toward Christian education is made when one is engaged in formation, but not necessarily vice-versa. Some time ago we decided as a Church that the place for our children during worship is in the church hall where they engage in Christian education — Sunday school. As a result, several generations of young people missed one of the most essential elements of growing up Anglican — formation.

At the same time we also isolated and excluded our key nurturing members in order to provide that education. So their teachers missed an essential component of their own Christian nurture — corporate worship. Spiritually unfed in worship, teachers burn out at an alarming rate.

Christian education may happen in the church hall, but formation happens in the community of the faithful. One of the most important places, if not the only place this can happen, is in worship. I know clergy who have closed Sunday schools during worship in order to recapture the family time absolutely necessary for the health and well being of the community of faith. More often than not, these churches have realized a very positive result — a healthy church!

Our younger members come to the sacrament of confirmation — the preparation for which we've also come to regard as just a "learning event" — with little, if any, experience of what it means to be part of the worshipping family of God.

In our diocese confirmation most often happens in early adolescence, along with all their physical and psychological changes. We urge them to take personal responsibility for their faith at a time when worship is a strange and unfamiliar and they feel no sense of belonging. It's no wonder we never see many of them again.

Our identity as Anglican Christians begins with baptism and God's call through

that sign. Although a topic for another time, we've also successfully allowed our practices around it to slip into a cute Sunday ritual for infants.

That's not what Holy Baptism is about at all! The emphasis and preparation for infant baptism needs to be around those who make life promises on behalf of the new member who is unable to speak for him or herself. Preparation for baptism gets little, if any, attention in many of our parishes.

So it's no wonder we've forgotten who we are. We miss our tradition's built-in opportunities for renewal (formation) on an all too consistent basis. Making headway toward renewing our sense of Anglican Christian identity might well begin with a renewal of Anglican baptismal discipline.

Formation is a life long process. It never stops, but it certainly does need to start. The Anglican version of that begins with the experience of a corporate church, a family. Anglican Christian formation includes elements of Christian education but is much, much more. If it is our goal to have a Church and a new generation to whom we can pass it, we'll need to come to grips with the fundamental differences between Christian education and Christian formation.

*The Ven. Geoffrey Hall is currently Executive Assistant to the Bishop of Fredericton, Secretary of the Synod, Diocesan Archdeacon and Territorial Archdeacon of Fredericton.*

### PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

November 2-6  
House of Bishops

November 7  
Diocesan Council

November 8  
Parish of St. Peter \*

November 24  
Bishop's Counsel

\*Denotes Confirmation

### APPOINTMENTS

**The Rev. Peter Davids**, an Episcopal priest from the State of Maine, is appointed to ministry and pastoral oversight as interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Campbell, effective Oct. 4, 2009.

**The Rev. Canon Howard Anningson** was appointed rector of the Parish of Victoria, effective Oct. 19. He also continues as rector of the Parish of Carleton.

**The Rev. Robert Salloum** is appointed associated priest, in concert with the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson, in the parishes of Victoria and Carleton. His appointment is effective Jan. 1, 2010.

**The Rev. Chris Hayes** is appointed rector of the Parish of Quispamsis, effective Jan. 15, 2010.

### RESOURCES FOR ANGLICAN IDENTITY & FORMATION

Directive 2.1 Baptismal Discipline - Diocese of Fredericton

[http://anglican.nb.ca/legislation/directives/initiation/baptism/request-kit/request\\_for\\_baptism\\_pamphlet\\_print\\_order.pdf](http://anglican.nb.ca/legislation/directives/initiation/baptism/request-kit/request_for_baptism_pamphlet_print_order.pdf)

Custom Designing the Catechumenate for your Parish - Anglican Church of Canada  
<http://www.anglican.ca/faith/worship/catechumenate/documents/CustomDesigningtheCatechumenateforYourParish.pdf>

Rites of Initiation - Anglican Church of Canada  
<http://www.anglican.ca/faith/worship/catechumenate/index.htm>

Archdeacon Hall's article is available on-line at <http://sites.google.com/site/hallweizer/articles/anglican-identity-and-formation>



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

# Bishop confirms 14 in Upper Kennebecasis



BY MARYLOU WIGGINS

The Parish of Upper Kennebecasis was pleased to present 14 candidates for confirmation to Archbishop Claude Miller on Sept. 30. The service was held at the Church of the Ascension, Lower Norton Shore Road in Hampton, with Archbishop Miller officiating. He was assisted by the Rev. Wally Collett, interim priest-in-charge of the parish, and special guest, the Rev. Canon George Akerley.

The church was filled with families, Godparents, friends and visitors. Music for the occasion was provided by our organist Carolyn Lisson and special guest musicians the Gowans.

Following the Confirmation service a reception was held in Medley Hall. It truly was a time of celebration.

On the following Sunday morning the Church of the Ascension was filled again for the special celebration of 'First Communion' for all candidates and their families. During this service the parish ACW members presented a Bible to each newly confirmed member.

All 14 candidates and the present clergy are seen in the photo at the left following their confirmation. They are left to right in the front row: Bridget Smith, William Parks, Samantha Armstrong, Jocelyn Pitcher, Nevan Nyenhuis, Marcus Smith, and Chris Smith. In the second row are Michaela Smith, Devin Crawford, Richard Pitcher, Ethan Nyenhuis. In the back row are Mr. Collett, Donald Mason, Archbishop Miller, Joseph Graham, Jackson Chamberlain, Beverly Floyd, and Canon Akerley.

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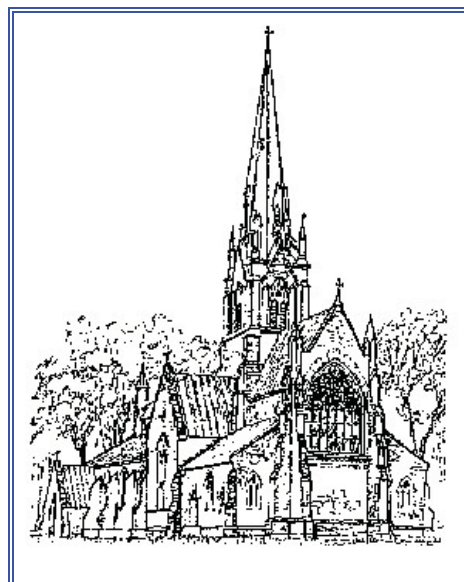
*Choir*

**Dr Willis Noble**

*Organist and Choirmaster*

**Dr Sharon Pond**

*Associate Organist*



■ While the Cathedral lighting gradually brightens, the Choir's procession is not a direct movement to the chancel, and music is sung from other locations in the Cathedral.

■ The readings from Scripture and these elements of music, some sung by the choir and others by the congregation, speak of the foretelling of the coming of Christ.

More information: [office@christchurchcathedral.com](mailto:office@christchurchcathedral.com) 450-8500

**ALL WELCOME!**



## MU sleep-over and camp-fire at Medley

BY DEANNA MORRISON

The 24 members who attended the Diocese of Fredericton Mothers' Union (MU) meeting at Camp Medley on Sept. 25 and 26 studied about Zipporah, Bathsheba and Sarah — the women behind Moses, David and Abraham. The Rev. Leo Martin of Hampton, the MU chaplain, planned the Saturday afternoon program and the discussion was "spirited." So spirited that poor Abraham didn't get much coverage.

The weekend meeting began on Friday evening. After everyone arrived our resource coordinator, Dianne Phillips, encouraged us to share what we do with our gifts and talents in our spare time. This was a great way for us to learn more about our MU sisters. It was also an opportunity for each of us to think about how we use our skills and talents to serve others.

The 13 of us who slept over in the cabins planned a campfire on Friday evening, but it was

so cold outside and so nice and warm inside, that we decided to stay in.

We were pleasantly surprised with a miniature campfire in a frying pan. Pieces of wood, some tin foil and a candle in the centre made it just right for roasting marshmallows.

We ended the evening with a snack and chat fest, while we listened to guitar music and singing. It was all provided by one of the three members' husbands who joined us at camp to prepare tasty meals and snacks for us.

On Saturday morning Adele Knox, our diocesan president, facilitated a meeting with 24 members in attendance.

Following the Bible study on Saturday afternoon we wrapped-up our weekend meeting with a cosy service in Camp Medley's chapel. Before the service we wrote the names of loved ones in need of prayer on a list and gave it to Leo, who included prayers for them in the service.



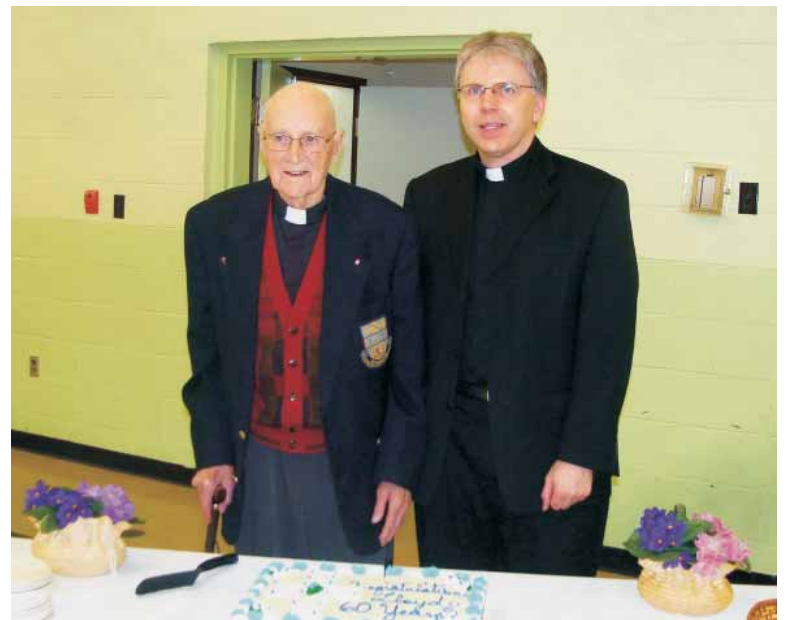
AROUND THE DIOCESE

POPULAR TRINITY TOUR



GOSS

Last summer David Goss – renowned Saint John storyteller, history buff and member of the congregation at Trinity Church – offered Walk 'n Talk tours in the uptown area. He included the stunning Trinity, which backs modestly on Charlotte Street and fronts extravagantly on Germain Street, in one of his popular programs. The group shown here also toured the nearby Masonic Lodge and the Union Club. They ended the lovely evening with ice cream served in the Bennett Room at Trinity. Each person paid \$5 for the experience and all the proceeds were donated to Trinity's renovation fund.



Last May the Rev. Lloyd MacFarlane celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate with his parish family in Sussex. He is seen here with the Ven. David Barrett, the rector, as he prepares to cut his cake.



Last June the Rev. Canon Basil Buckland celebrated the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood with his Parish of Sussex family as well as his four children. His daughters Ann and Joan helped him cut his cake.

Sussex celebrations

By David Barrett

Last spring the people of Trinity Church, Sussex celebrated significant ordination milestones with two dear friends. In May it was the Rev. Lloyd MacFarlane's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the diaconate. In June it was the Rev. Canon Basil Buckland's 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Bishop Morehead ordained Mr. MacFarlane a deacon in Christ Church Cathedral on May 22, 1949. For the 10 years previous, he served as a Church Army officer, he was commissioned on Oct. 1, 1939. Mr. MacFarlane spent most of his ordained ministry in Ontario, but did eventually return to New Brunswick. He retired from the Parish of Campbellton and settled in Havelock. He later moved to Sussex. We wish Lloyd many years of good health!

Bishop Moorhead ordained Canon Buckland a priest at Christ Church Cathedral on June 7, 1939. On June 4 this year the occasion was marked by a special celebration at Trinity. Among his many well-wishers were members of the Parishes of Waterford and St. Mark, his last parish. They actually can-

celled their 11 a.m. service for the special occasion! Also present were clergy, friends and former parishioners from Gagetown, Wickham, Rothesay, Saint John, St. Martins, and Cambridge Narrows.

Archbishop Harold Nutter and his wife, Edith celebrated the special occasion along with Canon Buckland's four children, Dick and Ann from Calgary, Roger from Montreal, and Joan from Bedford, NS.

Canon Buckland spent his entire ministry in the Diocese of Fredericton, serving in the Parishes of Westmorland, Cambridge and Waterborough, Greenwich, Bathurst, Gagetown, and Waterford and St. Mark.

Until just a few years ago, Canon Buckland continued to assist with services in the Parish of Sussex when needed. He enjoys good health and looks forward to celebrating his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday this month (November).

*The Ven. David Barrett is rector of th Parish Sussex and Archdeacon of Kingston and Kennebecasis.*



ACW members journey through faith, hope and love

BY CLARA PIRIE

The Rev. Amanda Longmoore, rector of the Parish of Tobique, led Woodstock Deanery ACW members on a journey of faith, hope and love when she spoke to us at our annual meeting at Camp Brookwood in September. She divided us up into small groups and gave us questions to discuss among our ourselves, and later we had an opportunity to share our findings with the larger group.

First she asked what is faith, and in what do we have faith. The second question was what is hope and where do we see it in

our parishes. Finally she asked us what is love and how can we, as a Church, grow in love.

The responses were very interesting and enlightening.

Our day began with Holy Eucharist in St. Andrew's Chapel at Brookwood with the Rev. Douglas Painter (Wicklow, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen) as celebrant. The Rev. Chris Hayes (Richmond) assisted and preached on the theme of the meeting – The Whole Armor of God. He also spoke to us briefly on the camping season at Brookwood.

The business meeting followed a warm welcome to the 48 members, special guests

and clergy present. Among the special guests were members of the ACW diocesan executive: Joan Randall, president; Florence Joy Clements, vice-president; and Sybil Slade, who looks after the Book of Remembrance.

Archdeacon Walter Williams of Woodstock greeted out members before our afternoon session. Representatives of Anglican Housealso joined us for the day.

The offering and all the proceeds from the Camp Brookwood table were donated to Camp Brookwood.

*Clara Pirie is president of the Deanery of Woodstock ACW.*



## COLUMNS

# 'I fear that reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated'

## *The life and times of the Rev. Edward Shuttleworth Medley*

Archbishop John Medley's name still reverberates in this diocese and his interest in, and talent for, both music and church architecture are hardly news to anyone. His youngest child, Edward Shuttleworth Medley, followed closely in his father's footsteps as far as these two areas are concerned. He is the focus of this article.

Edward was born August 27, 1838 to John Medley, Vicar of Exeter, and Christiana Bacon Medley. Like his four siblings, Charles, John Bacon, Spenser and Cana, Edward came to New Brunswick with his father in 1845. Their mother died in May 1842; his father later married Margaret Hudson, but that was not until June 1863.

When Edward was 15, the Bishop sent him to London, England to study architecture for three years with the renowned Gothic architect, William Butterfield (one of the Christ Church Cathedral's two architects.) London may also have been the source of Edward's musical training, for F.W. Vroom's little biography notes that Edward was a "talented composer," organist and choirmaster. And in the Rev. William Jaffrey's account of the consecration of Holy Trinity Church in Lower St. Mary's in 1848, he notes Edward was a gifted singer. He wrote: "Edward and [his sister] Cana Medley possessed voices of rare tone and quality"

### ARCHIVES CORNER

When he returned to NB in 1856, Edward studied in Fredericton, first at the Collegiate Grammar School and then at King's College (now UNB), where he earned a Bachelor's degree (B.A.) in 1862. On May 31, 1863, he was ordained as deacon and appointed a curate in St. Stephen to help the aging rector, the Rev. Skiffington Thomson. His appointment was timely for on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, when extensive renovations were nearly complete, the church burned down. Because of his architectural skills, the young deacon submitted architectural plans — which he had "made ... with my own hands in order to save expense" — to the St. Stephen Vestry. Although his plans were accepted, the vestry insisted on wood as the building material instead of brick, which Medley preferred.

Christ Church was not the first New Brunswick church designed\* by Edward, but it was the "largest and most ambitious" and the one with which he is most frequently linked. (\*G. Finley lists the churches which Medley designed: i.e. All Saints, McKeen's Corner; St. Mary the Virgin, New Maryland; St. Paul's, Zealand; All Saints, Maguadavic; and Church of the Ascension, Apohaqui.)



In a letter to Charlotte County MLA A.H. Gillmor, dated May 6, 1865, Edward Medley talks of the "great personal difficulty I have had to contend with in raising the new Church at St. Stephen." Not only had he drawn the plans, he had also given \$2,000 toward construction costs (providing all seats were free) and "imported the stained glass from England at my own expense." He asks Mr. Gillmor to use his influence to "relieve us of the duties."

Edward erected the striking five-panel east window in memory of his mother, Christiana Bacon Medley. A window in the chancel's side wall is in memory of Edward's first wife.

On Sept. 29, 1864, Bishop Medley consecrated the new church and also ordained Edward Medley as priest. Upon

the death of the elderly Mr. Thomson a year later, Edward Medley became rector of St. Stephen.

In 1867, ill health forced Edward Medley back to England to recuperate. Imagine the surprise of his family when the (Saint John) *Morning Telegraph* of Sept. 19, 1867 announced: "Intelligence has been received of the death in England of Rev. Edward Medley s/o Bishop of Fredericton. He went to England some time ago for his health." His brother, the Rev. Charles Medley's response appeared a week later:

"Having noticed in your paper of last week that Rev. Edward Medley, my brother, died in London, I should feel obliged, I should feel obliged to you if you would kindly contradict this obituary notice as I have heard by the English mail that he is still alive and much improved in health. How the mistake has arisen, I cannot tell."

Medley returned to serve in the church he built in St. Stephen until early 1872. Problems in the parish led to the creation of a second parish (Trinity Parish) in St. Stephen in 1871 and Edward accepted a position with Norwich Cathedral in England. He left New Brunswick in February of 1872. He continued to work until just before his death in May 1910.

Edward Medley was married twice but had no children. In 1863 he married Alice Coster, daughter of Archdeacon Coster.

She died in March 1873. In 1879, he married Katherine M. Hansell of Norwich, who survived him.

An architectural gem, and recognized as an historic site in 1999, Edward Medley's beautiful Christ Church still stands much as he built it — just minus the huge tower which was torn off by the Saxby Gale in 1869. It was not re-constructed.

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Special thanks to archivist Janice Cook (PANB) for pointing out this letter.

Note that *Christ Church, St. Stephen* is the feature photo for April in the 2010 *Canadian Anglican Church Calendar*.

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## Needtobreathe has the inside track with The Outsiders

Needtobreathe continues to grow in recognition, musical ability, and comfort as a popular Christian band on a secular label, as they sing to a world that embraces spirituality, but doesn't always know what that means. This group stands out in some ways and their music continues to gain a wider audience. Heck, when you come from a town named Possum Kingdom, in South Carolina, you already stand out!

Their website <[www.needtobreathe.net](http://www.needtobreathe.net)> declares "Outsiders," Needtobreathe's latest album "seamlessly blends ambient, arena-ready soundscapes with a decidedly Southern sensibility." What that sounds like is hard to describe in words, but having listened to the album constantly for the last six weeks, I concur completely. You will not find subversive, hard-to-decipher lyrics here; just honest, forthright thoughts about life, God, love, and the world.

The music certainly has a southern edge, partly due to the excellent use of harmonica, banjo, and intentionally mistuned pianos. Sometimes I hear



echoes of the band Third Day, another southern rock Christian band.

You can usually judge how much I like an album by the number of friends I share it with, and I've told a whole lot of people about "Outsiders" and I usually point them to the title track, which has a wonderful introduction, and an anthem-like chorus that will stay in your head for days. (I had to suppress the urge to keep from shouting — "we are the Outsiders!!!" — while I was at my favourite coffee shop). The album's simple yet great theme — Christians are sometimes social outsiders but that's OK, still be strong — is evident on a number of tracks. "Lay 'Em Down" is a great foot stomp, hand-clappin', singalong that echoes this theme. "Hurricane" has an alt-rock tinge to it, and



begs to be heard live. "Stones Under Rushing Water" is a beautiful love song — simple and direct, without implying more than the words speak.

What makes this band special for me, and reminds me in a very distinct way of U2, is the way in which the musicians in Needtobreathe play together. Mention is often made of the fact the band writes and develops songs together, and that the writing and music almost always come together. "Through Smoke," for example, came after a session of fooling around together with a toy piano — nobody went away to write it. This sense of shared musicianship is most noticeable on a video for the title song, where the band sat together in a circle in a small, carpeted room. While they play together they all look around,



listening and communicating with their eyes as well as their music. "In the zone" might be a phrase to describe this rather rare moment in which musicians are in sync with each other at such a deep a level. The members of this band just seem as though they are supposed to be together — which in my mind is a very good thing. Give this album a listen; it is well worth it!

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



... from the archdeacons

## Going south ... but looking up

The closure of St. James Broad Street in the South End of Saint John was greeted with sadness by the people who worshipped there and many others, including me. Having been the Eucharistic minister there during the time when Captain Rod Brantfrancis was the pastor, I had a great deal of affection for the people and the building. Today the old church stands empty on its lot with most of its furnishings and its fine "tracker" organ removed to the Church of the Resurrection in Grand Bay-Westfield.

The events around the closure of St. James are not only about a building, but also cause us to reflect upon the nature of our Anglican polity. How are we, as the church, serving the geographical area known as the South End of Saint John? It is part of the peninsula designated by "Vital Signs" as an area of extreme poverty, one of five in the Port City. What that means is 43 per cent of the households in the area have an annual income of less than \$10,000. We also know, however, that 22 per cent of the population in the district is under the age of 18.

This type of information led the Saint John clericus to begin to ask questions about the nature of ministry that might be appropriate for the South End, and how best it might be delivered. The discussions we have had thus far have been stimulating and focused upon the mission of the church in this deanery. One of the fundamental questions is: "How can we and the people of the South End work together to enhance the ministry already taking place there?" It is not merely the programs happening on the ground — such as Inner City Youth Ministry, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year — but also the work of other denominations.

In addition to all of this there is a sense of the Holy Spirit going ahead of us. The level of excitement generated amongst the clergy and Greater Chapter is something I have never experienced before during my ministry. It is the intention of the deanery to see the ministry in the South End have knock on effects throughout the area as parishes become involved and learn skills to enable them in their mission.

One of the issues we have faced is the question: "What is appropriate ministry in the area?" To that end we invited Greg Paul from the Sanctuary



in Toronto to help us to think through some of the matters we face. The Sanctuary is a long established ministry to people on or near the streets. It is more than a drop-in centre or a flop house, it is church with a congregation of often unconventional Christians.

Greg has written two books about the work of the Sanctuary, one called *God in the Alley* and the other *The Twenty Piece Shuffle*. As a clericus we have spent the last few month reading the latter book to help our thinking and as I write this we are looking forward to Greg's visit in October.

Across our deanery, diocese and in fact the western world, we face challenges which strike at the very heart of our existence as a church. We must not reassure ourselves that it is impossible for the church in the west to disappear. That is not true. It has happened before. From the time of Jesus until its final demise in the 14th century (fragments still remain for example in Egypt and Ethiopia), a church stretched from Syria all the way to Tibet, into Africa and down into India. Its members would find it impossible to believe that it has vanished, but it has.

We have to learn the lessons of our past in order to be effective in the present. One reason for the failure of the African/Asian church was its decision to turn in on itself. Mission became less of a priority. To discover more about this fascinating subject read Philip Jenkins's book *Lost History of Christianity*.

Back to ourselves in our time. We have to look in all directions: past, present and future, to discover where God is leading his church. The challenge is to see how God is leading us into a new day.

*The Ven. David Edwards is rector of St. John's Stone Church and archdeacon of Saint John.*

### November

¶ 21: Parish of St. Mary's (York), the Rev. Ian Wetmore.

¶ 22: Virginia - Wau - (Sudan) The Rt. Rev. Henry Cuir Riak. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Agbozone Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, Rural Dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from the diocese - the Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall, the Rev. Dorothy Thorpe, the Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard, the Rev. Don Sax & the Rev. Deacon Lee Sax, the Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM, the Ven. Ken & Aldene Snider, the Rev. Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 23: Parish of St. Peter, the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb. The Rev. John Cooper (on leave).

¶ 24: Parish of St. Philip's, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick. Diocese of Ho, Rev. Fr. Charles Anum Tetteh, priest-in-charge, Worawora Deanery.

¶ 25: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. William Morton. The Rev. Canon Wally Corey (retired).

¶ 26: Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, the Rev. Dick Black. Diocese of Ho, Justice Richardson Komla Macarphuy, seminarian.

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

¶ 28: Parish of Simonds, the Rev. Terence Chandra, priest-in-charge.

¶ 29: 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. West Texas - (Province VII, USA), the Rt. Rev. Gary Lillibridge, Suffragan Bishop of West Texas - the Rt. Rev. David Mitchell Reed. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Worawora Deanery the Rev. Father Charels A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from the diocese - the Rev. Canon David & Alice Kalles, the Ven. John &

Deacon Carol Tyrell, the Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson, the Very Rev. Peter Williams & Barbara Williams, Marion Carroll, the Rev. Mary & Lino Battaja, Edith Josie, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 30: Parish of Stanley, (open incumbency) the Rev. Elaine Hamilton, interim priest-in-charge. The Rev. Dr. Barry Craig (on leave).

### December

¶ 1: Parish of Sussex, the Ven. David Barrett. Diocese of Ho, Bro. Clemence Ahun, diocesan catechist.

¶ 2: Parish of the Tobique, the Rev. Amanda Longmoore, priest-in-charge. The Rev. Patricia Craig, chaplain, Saint John Hospitals.

¶ 3: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Sr. Joyce Agbefu, diocesan catechist.

¶ 4: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis & Johnston the Rev. Wally Collett, interim priest-in-charge.

¶ 5: Parish of Victoria, the Rev. Canon Howard Annington.

¶ 6: Western Mexico - (Mexico) The Rt. Rev. Lino Rodriguez Amaero. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate Anglican Church of Canada. Council of the North, Diocese of Saskatchewan, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Burton, the Rt. Rev. Charles Arthurson. Diocese of Ho, Cathedral Deanery, the Very Rev. Simon K Abler, Dean of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Christ Church Cathedral, the Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy, the Rev. David Pritchard & family, the Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll & family, Licensed lay ministers-in-training Gaya Tiedeman, Beverley Whitehouse, Elsa Cheeseman, Anne Bernard. Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 7: Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley. The Ven. Thomas Crowther

(retired).

¶ 8: Parish of Westmorland, the Rev. Kevin Stockall, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Br. Felix Atta Boakye (in training), diocesan catechist.

¶ 9: Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel & Aberdeen, the Rev. Douglas Painter.

¶ 10: Parish of Woodstock, the Ven. Walter Williams. Diocese of Ho, Mrs. Christina Asamah, parochial catechist.

¶ 11: Parish of Andover, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc, priest-in-charge.

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

¶ 13: Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) The Rt. Rev. Gary Weatherill. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Kpando Deanery, the Rev. Canon Joseph K. Bentum, Rural Dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene, Toad River, Alaska Highway mile 150-506, the Rev. Dawn MacDonald and the Rev. Neville Critchlow; the Rev. Deacon Don Thompson, Lana Thompson and family, Glen Gough, licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 14: Parish of Bright, (open incumbency) the Rev. Canon John Sharpe, interim priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deacon Debra Edmondson. The Rev. Terry Doncaster (on leave).

¶ 15: Parish of Cambridge & Waterborough, the Rev. Valerie Hunt & the Rev. Karman Hunt, priests-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Mr. William Agbaleny, parochial catechist.

¶ 16: Parish of Campbellton, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe. Major John Organ, chaplain, St. Luke's Chapel, CFB Gagetown.

¶ 17: Parish of Campobello, (open incumbency) The Rev. Peter Davids, interim priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Hope Fiebor, parochial catechist.

¶ 18: Parish of Canterbury, (open incumbency).

¶ 19: Parish of Carleton, the Rev. Canon Howard Annington. *Intercessions on-line under PRAYER at anglican.nb.ca*

### ST. ANDREWS DEANERY ACW



EVA MORTON

Members of the St. Andrews Deanery ACW met on Saturday, Sept. 19 in St. Stephen. Guest speaker Mary Smith shared some of her experiences with Rose & Thorne Ministries, before she and her husband, the Rev. Bob Smith, left for Uganda in late September. They support and mentor a variety of ministries around the world, currently in Malaysia, Zambia, the Philippines as well as in Uganda. The ACW members also performed a skit, Dr. Periwinkle, Psychiatrist. The stars were Jean Groom, Shirley Matheson, and Joan O'Neill.



## YOUTH

# Youth group + newsboys = fantastic road trip!



BY CHRIS HAYES

Say the words “road trip” and the cheering from your youth group may leave your ears ringing. Mention a road trip that involves four Christian rock bands at Harbour Station in Saint John, and your head might ring right off! And so it was, a group of 10 fine people from the parishes of Woodstock and Richmone set off in two fine vehicles down the highway to Saint John on the afternoon of Oct. 8. One stop for supper, several for convenience stores, and innumerable text messages later, we arrived at Harbour Station.

We had Bread of Stone (with a modern rock sound) to start, then Me In Motion (pop rock), Seventh Day Slumber (hard rock), and finally — the newsboys! (Attention Mr. Spell Checker, no caps for these guys.)

With a musical career that spans almost 25 years, the newsboys are in the midst of a kind of experiment. Their front man, Peter Furler, recently decided to focus on writing, producing and his family. Enter Michael Tait, former lead singer of the band dc talk, (take note of that one too Mr. Spell Checker) who

agreed to do the tour with the remaining newsboys.

While initially it was odd to hear the newsboy songs in a new voice, the band worked well together and made the audience feel involved and valued.

Bread of Stone really stood out too and should soon be a household name.

At the end of the concert we hung around to meet musicians and get autographed T-shirts and posters. On the drive home we talked about what impressed us. Some of us thought that what the band members said about themselves, their lives, and God in them both, made as much impact as a cool light show. I was reminded of the powerful witness, ministry — and therefore responsibility — of Christian musicians to their audiences.

About 1 a.m. we dropped off tired but happy young people at their homes, with “visions of newsboys dancing in their heads.”

Okay, maybe that’s a bit much, but they were thinking about the concert, and I feel this shared experience made our youth group stronger.

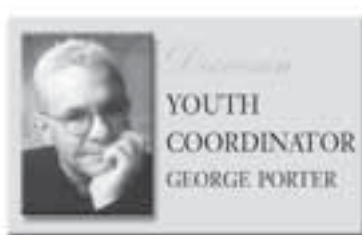
*The Rev. Chris Hayes is rector of Richmond.*

## I’m curious, George ... Why do we ‘hang out in the fringes of God’?

Donald Miller is a good writer. More importantly, he is a really good story-teller. I knew that when I read *Blue Like Jazz*. Even when I don’t agree with him theologically, I still like reading his writing because he combines humour with a disarming honesty that makes his stories refreshing and alive.

His new book, *A million Miles in a Thousand Years*, is like that, too. It’s his story about how life is made up of the stories we tell and live, and how our spirituality fits into that story-telling process. When I was reading it, a phrase stuck in my mind, and I can’t seem to get it out. Talking about the difficult life and questions of a friend, he wrote: “She hung out in the fringes of God for a while ...” (p116)

That got me thinking about times when I have “hung out in the fringes of God.” It also made me think of how many people I know — especially young people, because I work mostly with them — are doing the same thing. Why do we do that and



how do we get to this place in our spiritual lives? Maybe more importantly, what do we do about it?

There are lots of thoughts swimming around in my head, but no one answer seems to emerge. Like most realities in our spiritual lives, this doesn’t seem to have a simple answer — at least not one that I know. I do know that for me, I usually find myself here when I’ve become careless, preoccupied and running on automatic.

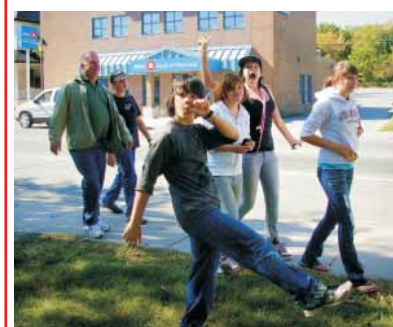
One biblical writer says that we need to approach our spiritual lives like runners preparing for a race and to keep our eyes focused on Jesus. That’s easy to do for a while, but when the rest of life presses in, the training schedule slacks off and vision gets distorted. People younger than me also live

complicated lives with work, school, sports, family and many other things that need to be juggled. I guess it’s easy to see why our relationship with God gets squeezed into the increasingly smaller gaps in our lives.

What goes right along with that is that it seems to be then that I keep trying to run alone. If I don’t have time for God, I also don’t seem to have time for God’s people. I fool myself into thinking that I can run on just fine by myself.

I — we — can do that for a while, but we were never meant to be solo long-distance runners. One of the important things about being part of a community of believers is that we run together. It isn’t just the invisible communion of the saints who’ve gone on before us who cheer us on. The communion of the saints is also flesh and blood, living brothers and sisters in Christ who train with us, encouraging us to move from the fringes deeper into the heart of God.

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



## Soulrush ... Everyone’s welcome at the party!

Young people from several northern parishes came together in Miramichi on Saturday, Oct. 3 for Soulrush III. The theme of this diocesan youth event for young people age 12 through grade 12 was Thy Kingdom Come. They made new friends, ate great food and had a blast. Youth Action Director George Porter, borrowing a phrase from Tony Campolo, spoke about how the Kingdom of God is a party. Drawing on some parables from the Gospel of Luke, where Jesus talks about the kingdom of God being like the celebration when lost things are found,

they looked at how precious people are to God and how God will stop at nothing to get people ‘home’ again.

Everyone is invited to this party/celebration, even if the disciples seemed to be very good at keeping people — children, lepers, short tax collectors — away from Jesus. He wants the party to be open to even unlikely guests.

It was a great day together, and we hope that young people from other parts of the diocese will come north next time. Plans are already underway for Soulrush IV — something completely different.

Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth (CLAY)

from across the country will meet in London, Ontario next August. Plan to be there! Contact George Porter for information <george.porter@anglican.nb.ca>.

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

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