



The Nicodemus Project one year later – **What has changed?**

BY JIM MORELL

It has been one year since delegates to our Diocesan Synod 2009 voted strongly in favour of what is secularly described as “transformational change.”

So, HAS anything changed?
Yes!

Reports to the Diocesan Council Administration Team tell us that many parishes have undertaken bold new initiatives that they hope will result in their spiritual, numerical and financial growth. As well, recent articles in the New Brunswick Anglican tell stories of the faith benefits of an outreach initiative to the homeless as well as the decision to become a tithing Christian.

Since we began our diocesan self-assessment process many years ago, parish leaders have maintained, “one size does not fit all.” They asked to be given direction and support, and lots of flexibility in deciding what needs to be done and how to do it. So that is the path that our Archbishop Claude Miller and Diocesan Council have followed. Their only expectation is that every parish will initiate a process that engages the whole congregation in an open discussion around the question: “Are we the individuals and the congregation, that God expects us to be?” There is great confidence that if our people are asked this question, the Holy Spirit will guide us in becoming better Christians and that will result in healthy, welcoming, growing and mission-focused parishes.

This is encouraging news! It has been 13 months since synod said we need a new set of priorities for our parishes and our diocese: to re-learn what it means to be Christian and Anglican; to prepare our leaders for a different future; to help our struggling parishes; and to evaluate the effectiveness of our governance structures and processes. We also agreed on the need for parish-level follow-up on the very successful stewardship conference and the teachings of Bishop Edward Salmon presented in the fall of 2009.

There are many positive signs that point to change and growth in Christ, but there are also signals that not everyone is convinced the Nicodemus Project is necessary or appropriate. This is not surprising. In any major project that encourages change there will always be those who argue or resist or want to keep things as they are. Even Jesus encountered sceptics and apathy when he spoke of the life-changing decisions that God longs for and expects of us.

In less than 12 months parish delegates will once again gather as Diocesan Synod. At that time the question will be asked: “What has changed? Are we, as individual Christians and as the Anglican Church, doing our part to become more like the people that God expects us to be?”

How will you answer that question?

Jim Morell is chair of the Administration Team of Diocesan Council.

Congregational Growth and Development Fund in the works

by David Edwards

In response to decisions of Diocesan Synod in 2009, the Parish Support and Development Team is working toward the initiation in a diocesan fund similar to the “Builders For Christ Fund” cre-

ated by Bishop Edward Salmon in the Diocese of South Carolina.

The fund is intended to encourage parishes, groups of parishes, deaneries or archdeaconries to undertake innovative, risk-taking projects that will lead

DRAWN TOGETHER AT GENERAL SYNOD



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In his reflection on General Synod on page 3, Archbishop Claude Miller laments his inability to express in words the positive spiritual understanding that General Synod was for him. He uses Psalm 133 to help him express his feelings: “How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!” Reports in the national media and received by the New Brunswick Anglican from our diocesan General Synod members (page 5) agree with Archbishop Miller’s assessment. Perhaps the mood of General Synod was affected in some small way by the intentional community-building efforts held during the first few days of the meeting. The activities ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, but they all drew the members of General Synod together. Here our youth member Emily Jacobs (centre) and lay member Bob Brittain enjoy one of the more ridiculous activities involving animal imitation.



Primate gives thanks for ‘life-giving partnership’ with Diocese of Fredericton

A letter from the Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, to the Most Rev. Claude Miller, Archbishop of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and Bishop of Fredericton, dated May 21, 2010.

Dear Claude,
Amid the business of preparing for General Synod and the conversations that are taking place at Church House around financial challenges and the need for restructuring, I feel compelled to pause and reflect and give thanks for the life-giving partnership that exists between the people of your diocese and the staff of the General Synod and our national partners.

I look forward to expressing my sentiments personally to you and your General Synod members in two weeks time. As you participate in debates, resolutions, and hear reports from committees, staff and partners alike, I hope that you will see first-hand the great care that is being taken, the great passion that is at work day-to-day, and the great love that we all share for our beloved church.

As is often the case in families, we are sometimes silent when we should speak the

simple but profound words that can convey the true depth of our love, respect and admiration for one another. In our case, working together to fulfill God’s mission as a church family, I want to be sure to say thank you for your generosity and the visionary and vital support you give to the ministries of the national church.

What we have accomplished in the last triennium — and what we will seek to accomplish in the next — would simply not be conceivable without your proportional gift in support of the work of the national church. On behalf of everyone at Church House, please accept my sincere gratitude to you and the people of the Diocese of Fredericton for your partnership in the gospel of Christ,

I am,
Sincerely yours,
+ Fred

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DIOCESAN NEWS

Anglican family dinner a taste of the Heavenly banquet

BY ANA WATTS

The Anglican family of the Diocese of Fredericton gathered at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Fredericton on Friday evening, May 7, in celebration and thanksgiving for the election of our Bishop Claude Miller as Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The ballroom was crowded with tables, the food and company delightful, the speakers thoughtful as well as light-hearted, the music sublime and the Companion Diocese of Ho was on the bishop's heart.

The evening began with a brief examination of Archbishop Miller's life as presented by Keith Dow of Kingston, who first met him as a technical engineer and property appraiser. Mr. Dow was impressed and amazed by his knowledge, thoroughness and expertise, not to mention his drawings and insight.

Mr. Dow also noted that only 15 years after his ordination to the priesthood, Archdeacon Miller was elected a bishop, and that during the last five of those years he had completed a doctoral degree. Impressive achievements to be sure. He also said that Claude Miller also continues to be Claude Miller — husband, father, grandfather, wood worker, fan of his grandsons' hockey teams, renovator of the Miller family home in Salmon Beach ... "as well as friend, counselor, mentor, chief executive officer and chief shepherd."



The diocese celebrated in thanksgiving for the election of our Bishop Claude Miller as Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada at a dinner in early May. The Millers did not want gifts on the occasions but asked any money that might be spent on them be sent to our Companion Diocese of Ho in Ghana. Dinner organizers were happy to oblige, but presented Sharon Miller with a bouquet of flowers as well.

The after dinner speaker was Archbishop Miller's predecessor in the diocese, retired Bishop Bill Hockin. He chose "Simply Anglican" as the title of his presentation. "People all over are hungry for simplicity because

the world is so complex," he said. "In the midst of that complexity we long for simplicity and the simple revolution has begun. Of course we know after a time of reformation comes simplicity, like Cramner's recognition

of two sacraments instead of seven, the preference to pray only through Jesus, rather than myriad saints. He even simplified the dress of the clergy.

"We are a church in need of focus and clarity ... of having

'confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope' (Burial of the Dead, BCP page 599).

Toward the end of his talk Bishop Hockin made reference to his wife Isabelle but called her Elizabeth by mistake. Although he apologized to his wife he was pleased with the laughter of the audience. "That's great," he said. "I had hoped there would be some humour in this."

Archbishop Miller and his wife Sharon refused to accept a gift in honour of this occasion, preferring instead that any money that might have been spent on one would go toward the needs of our Companion Diocese of Ho.

Archdeacon Patricia Drummond, organizer of the event assured the Millers that any money left from the proceeds of the dinner would indeed be directed to Ho, but she presented Mrs. Miller with a bouquet of flowers.

Diocesan Chancellor Clyde Spinney, master of ceremonies for the evening, also presented Bishop and Mrs. Hockin with a token of appreciation.

Music for the evening was coordinated by Christ Church Cathedral organist Willis Noble and featured classical guitarist Stephen Peacock and soprano Sally Dibblee.

Archbishop Miller brought the festivities to a close with thanks for the gift of servanthood. "And thanks for this celebration of an Anglican Family Dinner. It is a little taste here on earth of the banquet of Heaven."

Grass roots communications network under construction in diocese

One of the clear directives of the Rural and Struggling Parishes Task Force report to Diocesan Synod in 2009 was the establishment of a network of parish communications officers. The Diocesan Communications Committee has begun that building project. In late June an e-mail letter from committee chair Bill Turney asked rectors and/or wardens to seek out a parish volunteer to take on this important position.

"Today we live in an age where much information is transmitted electronically; therefore, a parish communications officer should have a computer, basic computer skills and online access," the letter said. It also promised regionally based workshops in the fall that will be tailored to meet the needs of the participants.

This diocese's communication tools are the monthly New Brunswick Anglican newspaper;

a weekly electronic newsletter; and the diocesan website <anglican.nb.ca>.

New Brunswick Anglicans who do not receive the newspaper should ask the rector or parish secretary to add their names to the parish list, which is the basis for subscriptions. Everyone is welcome to subscribe to E News through <http://anglican.nb.ca/e_news/>. Diocesan communications officer Ana Watts is available

to help with subscriptions to the newspaper and E News. Contact her at ana.watts@anglican.nb.ca or call 506/459-5358. She can also be of assistance to clergy and/or wardens who may not have received information on the appointment of parish communications officers.

Practical and profound, mun-

dane and momentous — communication in the church is all these things and goes in all directions. It is the conversation that helps to build the community and the kingdom. The Diocesan Communications Committee seeks to support that conversation in any way it can.

All kinds of ministries eligible for grants

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to spiritual/numerical/financial growth for the making of disciples. The fund will be distributed as grants to groups with plans that meet these criteria.

The planning team has identified sound systems, musical instruments, puppet ministry materials, youth pastors, vehicles, Christian education materials, lunch programs for seniors/children, seniors clubs and family events as likely candidates for support, but it wants further input.

Are there projects that your parish or a group of parishes might seek to develop if funding were available?

Grants will range from a few hundred dollars to several thousands, depending upon the response in the diocese. If you have ideas you might wish to see funded in your area please contact me — (506) 634-1474, <david.edwards@anglican.nb.ca>.

The Ven. David Edwards is Archdeacon of Saint John and chair of the Parish Development Team of Diocesan Council.



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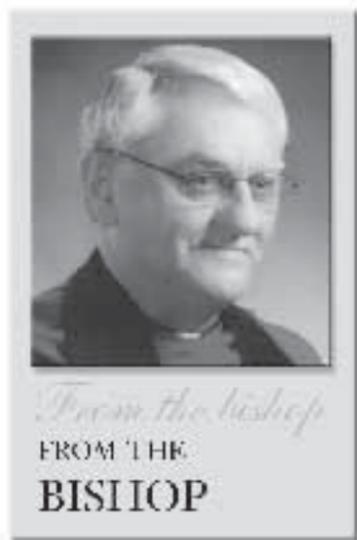
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

General Synod a time of hope and dreams

General Synod 2010, *Feeling the Winds of God - Charting a New Course*, was an extraordinary experience for a great majority of the delegates. As bishop and as diocesan delegate, I find myself at a loss for words that truly represent my experience. Whatever I might write will be deficient in my endeavors to truly create a spiritual understanding of what took place. The scripture verse from Psalm 133 seems helpful, though: "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" NRSV.

Kindred Anglicans from across our vast and diverse country — and indeed from around the world — in deep and meaningful conversation, listened for God's voice so that we might discern our place in God's mission. Those conversations and that listening enabled a renewed understanding of the necessity of our unity in that mission.

A great deal was accomplished as the task that was set before us was guided by worship, prayer, rejoicing, community building, patience, and witnessing to the love of God for his Church. The many resolutions debated covered a broad range of topics (available on Anglican.ca). Elections to the executive of General Synod, Council of General Synod



and standing committees were met with enthusiasm and hope for Dream the Church ... Vision 2019 — A Plan for the Anglican Church of Canada. The vision statement we hold before the Canadian Church for the ten-year plan is one of "A people seeking to know, love, and follow Jesus in serving God's mission."

Our ecumenical partners, while bringing greetings to synod, also shared something of their challenges and concerns for the Church in their contexts. We are not alone in our work. The once centrally established church finds itself functioning from the margins. It is only in the last couple of decades that

the church has begun to realize that it is at the margins where the real opportunity for mission exists. Most Christian expressions are facing challenges, not the least of which is: "How to do God's mission in a context of real or perceived change?" Depending on context, for some the change is too rapid and for others it is not fast enough. This was evident in our dialogue around the blessing of same gender unions.

Bishop Mark MacDonald, our Aboriginal bishop, made a number of significant statements that addressed growing secularism and change. He told us that in the Aboriginal understanding there is no secular — all is sacred. That is why our Aboriginal brothers and sisters found it too difficult to engage fully in our dialogue and debates around human sexuality. Their approach is much different when they deal with matters deemed sacred. There is much work to do if all voices are to be heard and taken seriously. He further reminded the synod that the "patience of the elders" for more than fifty years enabled the acceptance of our Anglican indigenous brothers and sisters as full participants in the life of the Anglican Church in Canada. Their presence, participation and wisdom were a great gift to our synod

deliberations.

I was delighted with the contributions made by our delegates and I know from our conversations that we share in a journey of hope filled with enthusiasm to follow Jesus in God's mission where all are invited to participate in a spirit of generosity.

General Synod 2010 was a fresh and welcomed breeze for the renewal of God's mission. Our diocese should be encouraged as we share a vision not dissimilar from that of our brothers and sisters across the wider Church — "A people seeking to know, love, and follow Jesus in serving God's mission, to become disciples for the proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ, to glory of God."

As we look forward to the benefits of summer and a change of pace — and sincerely in the love of Christ,



Archbishop Claude Miller is Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

- August 3 - Sept. 1 Clergy Conference
- Sept. 7 Bishop's Counsel
- Sept. 11 Retired Clergy/ Widows Afternoon Tea
- Sept. 18 Diocesan Council
- Sept. 19 Parish of Hampton 200th anniversary
- Sept. 21-26 Provincial Council
- Sept. 26 150th anniversary Town of Rothesay and St. Paul's church building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Revs. Valerie and Karman Hunt retired as priests-in-charge of the Parishes of Gagetown and Cambridge & Waterborough on June 28, 2010.

The Rev. George Eves is appointed priest-in-charge of the Parish of Gondola Point on a 4/6 day basis effective Sept. 1, 2010.

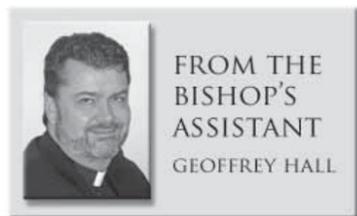
The Rev. Keith Howlett will retire on Sept. 1, 2010. He leaves the parishes of Oromocto and Maugerville.

Recapture the vision of the truth — You are the Church!

There is an anxiety that exists among the community of the Anglican faithful. It has to do with what happens when positions of professional ministry become vacant. As a Church, we have become very dependant on those whose life calling is ministry. To be sure, the model of church with which we are most familiar requires, at a minimum, one customarily referred to as priest to "do" the ministry. It seems God may be calling us to grow in understanding and return, at times, to something older and practical in our context.

Two characteristics emerge from a New Testament understanding of ministry. Ministry was performed by those who were "sent" and those who "served." Jesus embodied both (Luke 4:18-19 and Luke 22:27). The ones sent (apostles) were gifted with the authority to administer, pastor, teach, preach and preside and did so in the local church community. The creeds affirm the Anglican understanding of being a "one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church." The ones commissioned to serve (deacons) assisted, literally were called to wait on tables (Acts 6:1-6). Servant ministry is not well understood by the Church, evidence seen widely in efforts within the Church catholic to restore the order of deacon.

As the "disciples grew in number" the apostles (bishops)



delegated many of the duties of those who were sent, to others ordained as "priests." The priests performed many of the apostolic functions in the local community on behalf of bishops, a pattern that exists to this day in our own denomination. These local pastors/presbyters came to be ordained twice, once to the order of service — deacon, and once to one as leader and pastor — priest. I suppose, it seemed right to once again embody both characteristics of ministry in one person? The difficulty is that it's a unique individual indeed who can actually do it all!

"Clericalism" is defined as "a policy of supporting the power and influence of the clergy in political or secular matters." This notion assumes the real Church is the clergy and is supported, nurtured and promoted by both the lay and ordained. It perpetuates dependency on the clergy. Depending so heavily on those in clerical orders (bishops, priest and deacons) we've become a Church disabled when such a one is not available. For communities where a full-time stipend is no longer possible, we've opted for

a percentage-based ministry, paying for what we think we can afford. The difficulty is that God does not make people in halves or three-quarters.

For various reasons, many parishes find themselves without ordained leadership for significant periods of time. Some may not be able to enjoy the luxury again in the near future. The cry from the parish is "We're dying here! There's nobody to do the ministry. Send us a priest." Clericalism? Although we've become dependant on "the minister" to do the ministry, it might be high time we take a look at our model, as comfortable as we may have become with it, and determine if our understandings are healthy or even biblical.

Church father Ignatius of Antioch, who lived during the latter part of the first century, is recorded to have said, "Where the bishop is, there is the Church." What he meant, of course, is that where the bishop is, there is the Church "in its fullness." We've long since learned how to be the Church without the bishop present at every gathering of the community.

You are the Church. Whether bishop, priest, deacon or ordained to the order of the priesthood of all believers by way of baptism — you are the Church. In Christian community there are several traditional expectations and signs of a functioning community of believers. One is corporate worship — say-

ing our prayers together. Although the Holy Eucharist may be preferred by many, it is not the exclusive expression of worship in community. "Where two or three are gathered together, there I am in the midst," Jesus said. He didn't say "When two or three gather with a priest, I'm there with you."

Our predominant model is the minister doing the ministry. An Anglican way of being church requires sacramental ministry regularly if not frequently. It's not beyond most Christian Anglican people, individually or in a group, to open the Book of Common Prayer to page four and, watching the rubrics, read to page 15. One heart-felt and inspired testimony can out-measure the value of many professionally delivered sermons. It's biblical that under the guidance of the Holy Spirit we rise to the occasion of fulfilling, to the best of our ability, what God is calling us to be and to do. It's not what we're used to, easy, or even what we prefer and I'm not denying that every church needs leadership — but in challenging and changing times, it's going to be necessary to practice other ways of being "church." We the baptized need to recapture a vision of the truth — we are the Church.

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

Obituary

The Rev. Thomas Knox

The Rev. Thomas Knox of Clifton Royal on the Kingston Peninsula died on April 17.

He was born and received his primary and secondary education in Saint John and enrolled in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942.

His post-secondary education took him to Quebec and England and he was ordained in Quebec City.

Much of his ministry was in the United States, mostly Maine, although he served as Regional Dean and Consultant in both the dioceses of Fredericton and Maine. He served summers in Highfield-Bagdad and Prince William.

He retired to Clifton Royal and was active in the surrounding parishes as an interim and holiday replacement. He was particularly active in St. Paul's (Rothesay), St. James (Broad Street), All Saints (East Saint John), Parish of Kingston, St. Augustine's (Quispamsis), St. Luke's (Gondola Point) and Trinity (Saint John).

His funeral was held at St. Paul's in Rothesay on April 21.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Diocesan ACW supports Buy-A-Net, Save-A-Life

BY ANA WATTS

Buy-A-Net, Save-A-Life — that's Debra Lefebvre's rallying cry, and it is the message she brought to the Diocesan ACW annual meeting in St. Andrews in early May. A nurse, mother and now founder and executive director of the Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group, Canada's first campaign aimed at malaria prevention, Debra is inspired by the women and children of Africa. "The struggle of one must be the struggle of all," she told the full house at All Saint's.

A \$7 donation to Buy-A-Net www.buyanet.ca enables the group to buy and distribute an insecticide-treated bed net to families in Uganda at no charge. The nets, made in Southeast Asia by a company with World Health Organization approval, cost about \$5 each and are distributed by Buy-A-Net partners like the Bwindi Community Hospital in the Anglican Diocese of Kinkiizi. Buy-A-Net uses \$1.20 from each \$7 donation to fund the distribution and education program. In the past, when nets were distributed by other organizations, they were used for things like fishing nets and wedding dresses because recipients didn't know what to do with them. The other 80¢ goes to Buy-A-Net administration with its two paid staff members.

"Bed nets stop the bite of infected mosquitoes because they are most active at night while people sleep," says Debra. "Malaria is a preventable and treatable disease that was eradi-



ANA WATTS

Debra Lefebvre (right) arrived at the ACW Diocesan Annual Meeting with a message of hope and samples of the nets that save the lives of women and children in Africa. Outgoing ACW president Joan Randall has taken a personal interest in the project and sold many nets in the diocese.

cated in North America by DDT, but half the people in the world — about 3.3 billion — are still vulnerable. And the most vulnerable are children and pregnant women in sub-Saharan Africa. Somewhere in Africa, a mother loses her child to malaria every 30 seconds."

As intolerable as the human cost of malaria is, so is the economic toll. The disease is not always fatal but it is often debilitating. Those who have it may be unable to work, and the productivity of those who do work is often compromised. It is an enormous strain on the health care system, children are often unable to attend school if a



ANA WATTS

A new executive was installed at the Diocesan ACW Annual Meeting in St. Andrews May 4 and 5. From left to right they are: Pauline Long of the Parish of Portland, Saint John, second vice-president; Patti Hoyt, Parish of Central Kings, Bloomfield, treasurer; Florence Joy Coleman, Parish of Fredericton, president; Joan Randall, Petiscodiac, past-president; Inez Estabrooks, Parish of Sackville, secretary; Glenna Geer, Parish of Hampton, first vice-president.

parent is unable to work because of the disease, even tourism and trade are compromised because of the threat of infection.

"There are tremendous social costs as well," says Debra. "Malaria erodes families, devastates communities and nations. When we fight malaria we also fight poverty and illiteracy. The death rate from malaria in villages with nets is reduced by 95 per cent!"

When ACW president Joan Randall learned of the Buy-A-Net program and made arrangements for Debra to speak to the ACW, she started a Buy-A-Net campaign of her own, encouraging her friends, fellow members of the Red Hat Society and others to donate the cost of a net. She handed \$434 to Debra at the meeting and assured her she was not finished yet. She also handed

over other cheques from the Diocesan ACW and individual branches that totaled \$2,640.

"This is a \$7 project," Joan told the gathered ACW members. "We can all make a difference."

Debra was moved to tears by the contributions and told Joan she was truly "Inspired by the power of one."



A healthy church, a healthy community, a healthy group

BY EVA MORTON

Clergy spouses from throughout the diocese met at Villa Madonna in Rothesay April 20 - 22 for our annual retreat and to focus on community. We enjoyed three community building sessions with Judith Davids of St. Stephen's University, a presentation by Heather Miller and the Rev. Jasmine Chandra on ways to help our Companion Diocese community in Ho, and time with Archbishop Claude Miller to discuss our own diocesan community.

Judith, who is a trained counsellor, rooted her teachings in the Nicodemus Project, specifi-

cally the ninth point in the Ten Marks of Healthy Parish: "We communicate positively and live in harmony with one another. We accept the Apostle Paul's guidance that we 'speak the truth in love.' Presuming good-will in others, we respect and see value in views that may differ from our own. We listen carefully and sympathetically to one another, and we regularly share information and ideas.

As members of a community, Judith told us we need to create 'safe places' for one another where we can tell our stories and be known and affirmed — a place where we can know our own goodness, notice goodness,

be moved by goodness, reveal our delight in another's goodness.

Judith's teaching and tools achieved their purpose. We all felt that our community was strengthened, and we all went away with practical tools to enable us to help strengthen our own parish communities.

Following Heather and Jasmine's stirring presentation on the episcopal visit to the Diocese of Ho in Ghana last fall, we made a \$100 donation to the corn mill project.

On Thursday morning we met with Archbishop Miller for Bible study and brainstorming. We appreciated the opportunity he provided for us to spend a time of refreshment and fellowship.

The Commission on the Diaconate
presents a
Service commemorating the
Setting aside of Mary Nameria Jacob
As Deaconess in the Church of God
Sunday afternoon
July 5
Kings Landing Historical Settlement
Trans Canada Highway West of Fredericton

ACW DIOCESAN QUIET DAY
At Camp Medley
10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8
With guest speaker
Liz Harding, Camp Medley Director
Bring a contribution to the pot-luck lunch
Along with your singing voices
and a musical instrument.
There will be a free will offering at the service
For Information or to register contact:
Glenna Geer, 832-5338
Most of all, come and enjoy the
fellowship of your ACW friends

GENERAL SYNOD REPORTS

The New Brunswick Anglican invited our members of General Synod to share some brief reflections. You can read them below. Archbishop Claude Miller's comments are contained in his letter on page 3.

BOB BRITTAIN
LAY MEMBER
PARISH OF LANCASTER

For me the highlight of General Synod was being part of such a large group of people (350 members) who were all enthusiastic about our church. The spirit of the gathering was positive throughout, the mood was set by our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, whose compassion and grace was evident in the way he addressed us and in the way he welcomed and interacted with our guests. It was obvious that he was fond of them, and they of him.

I was proud to be an Anglican as we celebrated 50 years of PWRDF work in the world where \$94 million dollars has been dispersed in relief projects. I was deeply moved by our prayer and worship times, by the young actors called Roots among the Rocks who dealt with the many ways people experience their faith, and by a presentation on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission dealing with the aftermath of residential schools.

I celebrated with our indigenous brothers and sisters on the creation of their own indigenous diocese within the Canadian Church and the appointment of a National Indigenous Bishop. The sexuality discussion group exercises were difficult for me but the result uplifted us all. While we did not agree on the issue, we did listen respectfully to each other and agreed to continue to talk.

General Synod is a nine-day endurance test with 12-hour days during which we attempted to absorb important information in order to make informed decisions. They left me exhausted, and yet by day nine I felt nothing but optimism and even euphoria at what had been accomplished and the mission that lay ahead.

I was blessed to share this experience with other members from our diocese who were totally committed to doing the work and engaging in the process and who were deeply sensitive to my feelings when we disagreed on some issues.

I am indebted to my parish and our Diocesan Synod for the opportunity to learn things that will influence my life.

Thank you Diocese of Fredericton and may God continue to bless our wonderful church.

PATRICIA DRUMMOND
CLERGY MEMBER
ARCHDEACON OF FREDERICTON
*To the members of Christ's body, to the branches of the vine,
To the church in faith assembled,
to her midst as gift and sign:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
With the healing of division,
With the ceaseless voice of prayer,
With the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare:
Come, Holy Spirit, come.*

So sang the members of General Synod on several occasions. And, I believe, the Spirit heard.

This was my first General Synod so I can't compare it first hand with others, but I have heard about them. In particular I have heard about the hurt and hatefulness, the antagonism and animosity experienced in the lengthy debates on same sex blessings.

This General Synod was different. The discussion was in groups of about 20, led by a trained moderator, and with the points recorded by an independent observer. We were all invited to express our point of view and the talk flowed around a circle.

Discussion in my group was quiet and respectful, although people were heard and there were many different views expressed. The discussion results were assembled and presented to synod the next day. There was a second discussion and eventually a statement was presented and passed in plenary.

A number of people prepared additional resolutions around the subject, but our own Archdeacon Vicars Hodge, who was the first to move his motion, offered to withdraw it if the others would do the same. They were all withdrawn.

The result caused a standing ovation as well as a document which affirms a passionate commitment to ongoing discernment and dialogue.

There were lighter moments — my favourite occurred at a service at St. Paul's Church. A layreader began the first lesson: "A reading from First Kings— There was no rain in the land." Synod burst into laughter because it had rained on and off since we arrived. After that reading the skies brightened and there was indeed no more rain!

PETER IRISH
ANGLICAN FOUNDATION

I attended General Synod this time as staff not as a delegate and I have to say — this was the best General Synod I have ever attended, and I have attended more than a few. Our Primate in his closing remarks described this synod as "Grace-filled and Spirit-led." It showed in the general good mood of the synod, but mostly in the gentleness with an air of listening that I observed as delegates from all positions on the same-sex issue discussed human sexuality in small groups. Gone was the animosity and politics that I saw at previous sessions, as "Anglicans" sat down to discern, not legislate, a way forward.

I feel the statement that was produced at the end of the discussion accurately described where we were in the sexuality discernment process at this synod and the motions to



Archdeacon Patricia Drummond, third from the right in the back row, asked a passer-by to take a photo of most of the people from the Diocese of Fredericton who were at General Synod. They are, left to right, front row: Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, Archbishop Claude Miller's executive assistant and a clergy member of synod; Sharon Miller, the Archbishop's wife and a guest of synod; Archdeacons Vicars Hodge and David Edwards, clergy members of synod; and Shara Golden, a lay member of synod. Back row: Archbishop Miller, a House of Bishops member of synod; Ron Stevenson, chancellor of General Synod; Ted Quann, Rob Marsh and Emily Jacobs, lay members of synod; Archdeacon Drummond; Bob Brittain, lay member of synod; and Peter Irish, board member of the Anglican Foundation attending synod as a member of General Synod staff.

distribute the statement and continue the discernment process will lead us gently forward.

None of this was an accident but had much to do with the leadership provided by our Primate. He set the tone and expectations in his opening remarks, gently led us through the synod with grace, listening and a touch of humour and sent us on our way as he said in his closing remarks, "Feeling the winds of God, lifting our sails and charting a new course." The Anglican Church of Canada is in good hands and I look forward with excitement in my work on the Communication and Information Resources Committee of the Council of General Synod (COGS) over the next triennium.

This was Ron Stevenson's last General Synod as chancellor and he was presented with a gift in appreciation for his years of dedicated service. Having Ron at synod was like having a talking Library of Congress at your disposal. There would be a heated debate taking place on the floor of the synod and more than once Ron would be called upon to make a ruling. In his gentle way Ron might say, "Mr. Chairman, your statement may not be entirely accurate," and proceed to recite the original 1998 motion and it's intent, the subsequent revisions in 2001 and 2004 along with his ruling. Ron is an amazing individual, who has represented the Diocese of Fredericton extremely well over the years and we wish him well in whatever retirement this is.

On another note, many of you know that I am a Board Member of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. Just prior to General Synod, I attended the board meeting and annual meeting of the Anglican Foundation of Canada. I just wanted to let you know that

we were again able to provide a grant of \$4,000 to the Diocese of Fredericton School of Church Music. Just as exciting was a presentation at General Synod by "Roots Among the Rocks." This group of young people is sharing their faith through story telling as they tour the country. The Anglican Foundation also sponsored this youth initiative.

EMILY JACOBS
YOUTH MEMBER
PARISH OF FREDERICTON

General Synod was, for me, a very interesting nine days to say the least. I experienced the diversity of our Church throughout the country, something that I have had little opportunity to do before. This resulted in something like culture shock for me. However, there was certainly also great encouragement, learning and lots of fun. Through the discussions that took place between people of very different contexts, I left with a real appreciation for the National Church, a more open perspective, and many new friends.

With the adoption of Vision 2019 come many possibilities for our Church as we begin to focus once again on God's mission. This long-needed perspective change was received with much enthusiasm. Personally I was also encouraged by youth initiatives at the national level. This includes the movement to view younger people not as a separate class requiring special attention, but as full and equal members of Christ's Church right now. My hope is that we can follow through with the priorities outlined in the report and become even more relevant to the world around us.

I would like to thank my fellow Diocese of Fredericton members for all the mentoring they gave me during this brand new experience,

and I am grateful I was given the chance to participate in this positive synod.

RON STEVENSON
CHANCELLOR

It has been said that when one Anglican changes a light bulb three others form a Society to Preserve the Old Bulb. Not so at General Synod 2010. In the positive tone that prevailed many light bulbs were changed. A vision of our role in God's mission for the next nine years was adopted. The size of the synod's council was reduced by about one-third even though it means not all dioceses are represented on the council.

The synod took the first step toward a new formula for determining how many lay and clergy members dioceses should elect to General Synod. The places of the National Indigenous Bishop, the Council of Indigenous Peoples and the Sacred Circles were enshrined in a Canon. And after three discussion group sessions on issues of human sexuality the synod affirmed a Sexual Discernment statement and asked that it be sent to all bishops for local distribution. ([www.http://www.anglican.ca/gsynod2010](http://www.anglican.ca/gsynod2010) —> At Synod).

Once again the synod requested all dioceses and others to engage in theological and scriptural study of human sexuality in the coming three years in conversation with gay and lesbian voices, and with the full range of theological opinion in the Canadian Church. That plea has been made before but has been largely ignored in this diocese. Perhaps this time we will respond.

*Ron Stevenson retires as
Chancellor of General Synod
on Sept. 30, 2010.*

PARISH PHOTOS

Parish of Stanley carries on carrying on



The heritage rectory is ready and waiting for a new rector and family

The Anglican Parish of Stanley has been without a rector for more than a year, but the parishioners, with the support and help of the Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton, the interim priest-in-charge, are as active as ever.

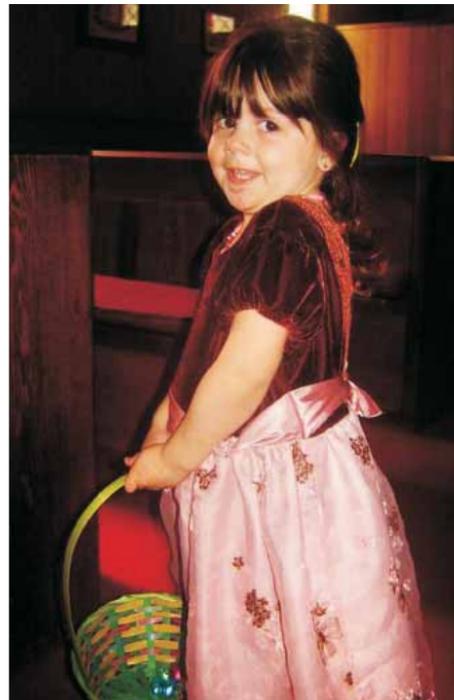
Canon Hamilton came for a summer and has stayed on, and her dedication to the parish is appreciated and commended by everyone, especially the vestry members who organized and participated in a Rectory Frolic. That venture saw the heritage residence redecorated and remodeled in preparation for the new priest the parish seeks.

That vestry was installed by Canon Hamilton in March. In the photo on the top left they are Jody Rae in front; Bill Moss, Richard Spacek, Sandy Savage, Paul Humble, Anne Wetherilt and Debbie MacKinnon in the front row; Kirk MacDonald, Barb MacDonald, Carol Wilson and Hoda Martin in the second row; and Jason Humble and Bill Smith in the back row.

Easter Sunday was also Bring-a-Friend Sunday in the Parish of Stanley and the congregation doubled! After the service the annual ham breakfast — including eggs and all the other essentials, with home made doughnuts thrown in for good measure — was a great time of fellowship for the entire community (photo above left).

A free will offering amounted to \$400 and was contributed to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. And as if all that were not enough, there was an Easter egg hunt for the children too!

Other recent activities in Stanley include the annual Memorial Hymn Sing. Parishioners and others paid \$10 to request a hymn to be sung in memory of a loved one. Canon Hamilton announced the hymns and also offered commentary on their origins and history.



Mothers' Union Silver Anniversary

On Mothering Sunday, March 14, the All Saints Marysville Branch of the Mothers' Union celebrated its 25th anniversary. Branch leader Yvonne Lyons, who joined the branch four years after it was established, presented 25-year certificates and roses to three charter members, Edith Holland, Mavis Jones and Donelda Kolijn.

The presentations were made in the context of a Holy Communion and Mothering Sunday service in which all branch members participated.

Then Mothers' Union Diocesan vice-president Glenna Porter admitted Wendy Banks, Patricia Ferris (since deceased), Edith Holland, Mavis Jones, Donelda Kolijn, Marlene Mercer, Karen McKay, Diane Miner, Judy Nicholson and Linda Thornton.

Donna Ward joined in October of 1988, followed by



Pat Arnold, Yvonne Lyons and Adele Knox in October of 1989. Sheila Staples and Heather Flinn joined in March of 1990 and the last member to join was Janet Doucet in March of 1998.

Marysville is very pleased that four of its previous members — Adele Knox, Karen McKay, Linda Thornton and Donna Ward — are active at the St. Marys York branch.

The present small but active group of seven members — Pat Arnold (indoor member), Wendy Banks, Edith Holland, Mavis Jones, Donelda Kolijn, Yvonne Lyons and Sheila Staples — is grateful to the rector of Marysville, the Rev. Canon John Cathcart, for his willingness and cooperation in the work of Mothers' Union.

CAKES FOR A CAUSE



MARYLOU WIGGINS

Organizing a pancake supper isn't always a piece of cake, but sometimes a piece of cake is the best part of it! Laura Stockdale made sure everyone got a generous piece at the pancake supper held by the Church of the Ascension ACW in the Medley parish hall in Apohaqui. The Hearts to Haiti fundraiser resulted in \$1,300 for PWRDF. Everyone in the parish, including the young people, got involved with the project and the Rev. Wally Collett and his wife Iris were a great help too. The food was plentiful, the hall was cheerfully decorated and the fellowship was fabulous.

DIOCESAN PHOTOS

LE TOUR DE PWRDF IN NEW BRUNSWICK



LeTour de PWRDF was the icing on the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund's 50th anniversary cake. Suzanne Rumsey, the fund's public engagement coordinator, set out from General Synod in Halifax on June 9 to raise awareness and funds for PWRDF. One of her early stops was in Springhill, Nova Scotia, where the 1958 mine disaster was the impetus for creating the fund. In New Brunswick she stopped in Moncton, Sussex, Rothesay, Fredericton, Woodstock, Perth-Andover and Edmundston. At Cathedral Memorial Hall in Fredericton friends, family, PWRDF supporters and members of the cathedral missions committee (as seen in the photo on the left) greeted her. A planned bicycle parade and picnic on the lawn were rained out, but the picnic food was enjoyed in the hall just the same. Along her 1600 km. route, she encouraged people to give directly to PWRDF through their parishes or via the PWRDF website – pwrdf.org – look for the LeTour de PWRDF logo.

YOUTH CAMPING 2010

IF YOU BUILD IT ... THEY WILL COME



CAMP BROOKWOOD HAS A WONDERFUL NEW PLAY-STRUCTURE IN PLACE FOR THIS SUMMER. TERRY UNDERHILL, DAVID EDWARDS AND MATTHEW LUNN ASSEMBLED IT. CHARLES AND ALLY GREEN AND MACKENZIE PHILLIPS GAVE IT A TEST RUN.



CAMP MEDLEY BOASTS A COMPLETELY REFURBISHED (YOU MIGHT EVEN SAY TRANSFORMED) STAFF HOUSE AND ADMINISTRATION BUILDING. IT WAS OPENED AND DEDICATED ON JUNE 19. CAMPERS LAUREN MULLALY OF SAINT JOHN AND CHANDLER SCOTT OF HAMPTON CUT THE RIBBON.



DIOCESAN NEWS

Synods – easy as 1, 2, 3 – General, Provincial, Diocesan

In conversation a while ago, I mentioned to a friend that I was going to General Synod in Halifax in early June. "Oh, really," he said, "but why in Halifax? Isn't Synod usually in New Brunswick?" This led me to think that there was room for an article on our three different synods.

General Synod normally takes place every three years. It is a gathering of representative members of the Anglican Church of Canada (bishops, priests and lay people) from coast to coast. At these triennial meetings decisions are made about our activities and policies as a national church. The place of meeting moves from synod to synod. It was held in Winnipeg in 2007.

Halifax was the venue this year for a couple of reasons — our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, is from Nova Sco-



tia (he was elected at General Synod in Winnipeg) and the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island is celebrating 300 years of continuous Anglican worship this year. There was a celebration of that anniversary — "A Journey Just Begun 1710-2010" — on 6 June to enable members of General Synod to participate in the celebration.

At our last Diocesan Synod in June 2009, delegates elected four clergy, four lay people and one youth delegate to represent us at General Synod. In between General Synods the Council of General Synod (CoGS), whose membership is elected at General Synod, and its various committees meet to conduct business and ensure

that decisions made by General Synod are acted upon.

Provincial Synod is a gathering of representatives of an Ecclesiastical Province. There are four Ecclesiastical Provinces in the Anglican Church of Canada, each one is a group of dioceses under the leadership of an archbishop, who is elected from the province's bishops and called the Metropolitan. From west to east, these provinces are British Columbia, Rupert's Land, Ontario and Canada. The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada includes the dioceses of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, Western Newfoundland, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Fredericton, Quebec and Montreal.

Like General Synod, Provincial Synod also meets every three years in order to provide opportunities for fellowship, discussion, and co-operation in the mission of the Church

in our area. An important area of interest for each Provincial Synod is theological education within its jurisdiction. As with General Synod, delegates are elected at our diocesan synod and meetings are held in different areas of the Ecclesiastical Province. At the last such meeting in Gander, Newfoundland, in September of 2009, our diocesan Bishop Claude Miller was elected Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada so he is now an archbishop. It was this event that we celebrated at the dinner held in Fredericton at the beginning of May (there is a story on page 2). The Provincial Council, whose members were elected at Provincial Synod, meets between

Provincial Synods. Diocesan Synod is a gathering of our bishop and clergy as well as lay representatives from each parish elected at their respective annual meetings. Diocesan Synods are usually held every

two years but may be held more often, and certainly are held whenever it is necessary to elect a new bishop.

Diocesan Synod may be held in any area of the province that has facilities able to manage more than 300 people. Overnight accommodation is also required if the synod meets for more than one day.

Between Diocesan Synods our Diocesan Council, a mixture of appointed and elected individuals, meets to conduct the business of Diocesan Synod and to try to ensure that the motions passed are acted upon.

If you have questions about things Anglican, feel free to ask Archdeacon Drummond at <patd@nb.sympatico.ca>. She will answer anonymously!

Pat Drummond is a former diocesan Director of Christian Education and a retired parish priest as well as the Archdeacon of Fredericton.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Charlie Weston, a long-time worshiper at All Saints, Loch Lomond in Saint John, attends choir practice every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock without fail. His perfect attendance record is outstanding for a man in his 80s and perhaps even astonishing since he isn't a member of the choir! "The very first thing he does as he enters the church is he kneels to pray," says Iris Collett, organist and choir director. "Then he goes to the front where the choir members are practicing their music. He says he cherishes the fellowship of the choir and organist and even more he loves the music and the singing." During one of his Sunday morning visits, Charlie asked Iris how long it took her to be learn to play music the way she does. "Would you believe 50 years?" she answered.



Charlie believed. He continues to come to church at 9 o'clock each Sunday morning to listen to the music and the singing. Like the organist and choir members, he enjoys the practice and the fellowship immensely.

HEALING AT ST. MARGARET'S



The Rev. Dr. Jack Sheffield and Anne Marie Sheffield of Deep River Ministries, San Antonio, Texas, offered Growing in Kingdom Service, A School of Spiritual Healing program, at St. Margaret's Church in Fredericton in May. The event was sponsored by the Order of St. Luke and organized by Betty Gayley. In the photo above are, left to right, Mrs. Gayley, Dr. and Mrs. Sheffield, and the Rev. Canon Jon Lownds, rector of St. Margaret's.

CHECKING-UP ON THE MARCO POLO



Members of the Guild of St. Joseph from St. George's, Carleton on the west side of Saint John recently checked on the progress of the replica of the Marco Polo with its chief advocate Barry Ogden, on the right of the photo.

Benefit concert for McAllister College

The people of Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton recently sent \$1,000 to Canon Paul Jeffries at Bishop McAllister College in Uganda. It is earmarked to pay for window frames for the new Eagle's Nest student dormitory.

The money was raised through ticket sales and donations at a country gospel concert at the Cathedral in May that included Paul's

cousin, John Jeffries, and his band, Classic Country. Other musical guests were Gerry Flowers, Barb Prosser Winder, Amy Yerxa, and the Ville Girls.

Canon Jeffries is principal of Bishop McAllister College in the Diocese of Ankole, Uganda, a thriving co-educational secondary school with hundreds of boarding students, including AIDS

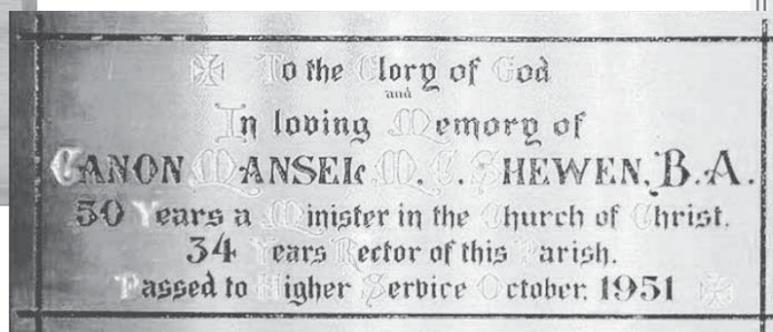
orphans, many of whom are supported by the people of the Diocese of Fredericton.

The Missions Committee of Christ Church Cathedral would like to thank the musicians for donating their time and members of the Anglican community who attended and supported the fundraising concert. The 2011 concert is already set for May 14. Mark your calendars!

ARCHIVES CORNER

LONG-SERVING PRIESTS IN THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON – PART 3

No.	Priest	Parish/Church	Years	Dates
81	The Rev. Thomas Hartin	Canterbury	28	1851 - 1879
82	The Rev. James Neales	Gagetown	28	1858 - 1886
83	Archdeacon Arthur Selwyn Coster	Fredericton	29	1939 - 1968
84	The Rev. James White Millidge	St. David's	29	1879 - 1908
85	The Rev. Ferdinand Joseph LeRoy	Lancaster	30	1925 - 1955
86	The Rev. George Coster	Fredericton	30	1829 - 1859
87	Archdeacon Edmund Hailstone	Christ Church, St. Stephen	31	1925 - 1956
88	Archdeacon Hiram Alfred Cody	St. James, Saint John	32	1910 - 1942
89	Canon Cecil Jeffries Markham	Rothsay	32	1932 - 1964
90	Archdeacon Harry Quinn	St. Luke's, Saint John	32	1958 - 1990
91	Canon George Goodridge Roberts	Parish Church, Fredericton	32	1873 - 1905
92	Canon Allan Wilmot Daniel	Rothsay	32	1895 - 1927
93	The Rev. George S. Schofield	Simonds	32	1859 - 1891
94	Archdeacon Harry C. Quinn	St. Luke's, Portland	32	1958 - 1990
95	The Rev. Elwood Duncan MacQueen	Bright	33	1927 - 1960
96	Archdeacon John Francis Nantalais Jones	St. Andrews	33	1961 - 1994
97	The Rev. Elias Scovil	Kingston	33	1808 - 1841
98	Archdeacon William Percy Haigh	Carleton	34	1932 - 1966
99	Canon Mansel Murray Crewe Shewen	Sussex	34	1915 - 1949
100	The Rev. William Elias Scovil	Kingston	34	1841 - 1875
101	The Rev. David Wetmore Pickett	Greenwich	34	1861 - 1895
102	The Rev. George M. Armstrong	Stone Church, Saint John	35	1852 - 1887
103	The Rev. Frederick Dibblee	Woodstock	35	1791 - 1826
104	Canon William Charles Vincent Martin	St. Mary's, Saint John	35	1929 - 1964
105	The Rev. William Henry Samson	St. George's, Carleton	35	1890 - 1925
106	The Rev. S. J. Hanford	Upham	35	1861 - 1896
107	The Rev. David Walter Blackall	Parish of St. David's	36	1908 - 1944
108	Archdeacon Obadiah Samuel Newham	Christ Church, St. Stephen	37	1888 - 1925
109	The Rev. Robert Philip McKim	St. Luke's, Portland	38	1895 - 1933
110	Archdeacon John James Alexander	St. George's, Moncton	38	1828 - 1966
111	The Rev. W. E. Harrison	St. Luke's, Portland	39	1836 - 1875
112	The Rev. Abraham Wood	Cambridge and Waterborough	40	1821 - 1861
113	The Rev. Jerome Alley	St. Andrews	41	1818 - 1859
114	Canon Nicolo Franchetti	Madawaska	41	1922 - 1963
115	Canon William Edward Hart	Norton and Springfield	41	1937 - 1978
116	Canon John Vernon Young	Mission Church, Saint John	41	1915 - 1956
117	The Rev. S. D. Street	Woodstock	41	1829 - 1870
118	Canon Thomas Hubert Drillen	New Bandon	42	1944 - 1986
119	The Rev. William Quintard Ketchum	St. Andrews	42	1859 - 1901
120	The Rev. Oliver Arnold	Sussex and Studholm	42	1792 - 1834



COLUMNS

Tithing is not about money, it is a spiritual discipline

BY DAVID BARRETT

There is no question that tithing is a four-letter word in the Anglican Church. I grew up in an affluent Anglican parish in this diocese and never heard the word. I'm sure I read the word from time-to-time but never gave it any thought. Then, in my last year of seminary at Wycliffe College in Toronto, I heard a sermon preached about tithing by Fr. Tim Foley in the Church of the Redeemer. I was immediately convicted that it was what I should be doing. I calculated how much money I had to live on and I gave 10 per cent of that to the church each week and I have never looked back.

The important thing about



Faith & Thanksgiving a message from the Diocesan Stewardship Team

tithing is that it is not about dollars and cents, it is a spiritual discipline. We give 10 per

cent, whatever that may be, out of our love for God and our recognition that EVERYTHING we have comes from God and we are giving back to him only a small portion of what he has given to us.

Is tithing easy?

Not at first, but once we start tithing, it is automatic — the money goes in the church envelope and is not given another thought because it belongs to God. I know when our children were small and we had only one income, money was often very tight, but my wife and I continued to tithe and we never went without anything that we needed.

Today all five members of my family are tithers.

I work tithing into every

sermon possible, reminding the congregation of how much ministry could be done if everyone tithed. A parishioner once told me that he was tired of hearing about tithing and asked when I would stop preaching about it. I replied, "When everyone starts tithing, I'll stop talking about it."

I am often asked if a person should tithe their gross or net income. My reply to that question is always, "Yes." That is up to you, work that out between you and God; if you want to know what I do, I will tell you — gross income!

Another comment I often get from people is that their tithe includes what they give to their church building fund, memorial fund, the Cancer Society,

the Heart Fund, and to other charities. I disagree. What we put in our regular, weekly offering envelope is our tithe; what we give for anything else is our offerings. Our tithe we owe to God.

If you think you can't afford to tithe, work into it gradually — increase your offering a little bit each year until you reach 10 per cent, and make sure that if you miss a Sunday you double up your offering the next week. We need to put our trust in God and move forward, realizing that tithing is indeed a spiritual discipline and remembering that God loves a cheerful giver.

The Ven. David Barrett is rector of the Parish of Sussex and archdeacon of Kingston and the Kennebecasis.

Pieces of Real Heart from Sanctus Real surprisingly very good

Just in time for summer comes a really great album from the band Sanctus Real. This band has been together for over a decade, and has enjoyed significant radio play from consistently successful songs over the years. This time around, the album *Pieces of a Real Heart* goes beyond a group of great songs to become a truly wonderful album.

I don't know what it is about this group, but I have never really enjoyed it. The musicianship has always been fine, the songwriting quite good sometimes, but something about it just didn't click with me, so I admit I have not been a constant fan. Perhaps it was this that compelled me to review the album anyway, knowing that you can't always choose your favourites.

I am thankful that I took a listen — the sound is quite



refined, and it makes for a great disc to put on with the car (or van) windows down, and the music a little higher in volume than usual!

But this album is on heavy rotation with me, not because it sounds nice, and not because the songwriting is better than average, but because of things that are harder to explain. In digging a little deeper to learn more about the process of "birthing" this disc, I came across this, written by the band's lead singer Matt Hammitt: "Pieces of a Real Heart



was a fitting title and concept — written from a piece of our band's collective heart. There is definitely a continuing maturity in the content, as we get older." [from the band's blog site]. I feel this maturity shines through in the integrity of the music, in ways that cannot easily be described in words.

When the band sings about forgiveness in the successful first single from the album (it's called *Forgiven*, oddly enough), it carries more weight than when other groups simply remind us that Jesus forgives.



Consider these lines: "My mistakes are running through my head / And I relive my days in the middle of the night / And I struggle with my pain, wrestle with my pride ..." For members of a band that has been together for more than 10 years (quite a feat these days), most of whom are married with children, these can be tough words to write.

There are some other great works on the album. These

standout tracks include, "The Way the World Turns," "Keep My Heart Alive," and "Dear Heart," a song that questions the spiritual wisdom of following one's emotions, which aren't always pushing us to do the best thing. On tour, a guy dressed in a deer suit carrying a latex heart balloon dances around the stage during this song; yes, he's a "deer heart!"

Musically, the songs vary in style and orchestrations; there are many different sounds here, and the production on the disc is excellent. These are songs that are well written, for they convey a mature, intelligent, faithful message in a package that is lots of fun to sing along with. I'm glad to have been able to review this album, and will continue to enjoy listening to it. *The Rev. Chris Hayes is a musician and the rector of the Parish of Quispamsis.*

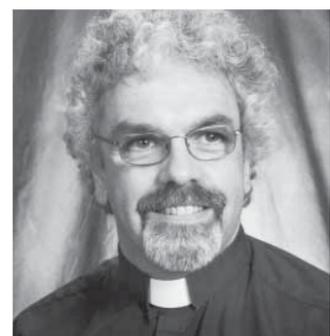
Kingdom lessons from the swamp — where survival can come with a great cost

BY DAVID EDWARDS

I recently watched a TV show in which a man guided a group through a swamp area and taught them survival skills along the way. At one point the party stopped next to an old gnarled tree root. The guide explained that inside it was a water-filled edible sponge that was ideal for people lost in the area to eat.

He went on to explain a problem associated with getting this bounty. Apparently a type of snapping turtle likes to live in these root structures and the only way to find out if one is home is to put your hand inside the hole in the base of the tree. The turtle, by the way, could take off part of the hand with one snap.

Anyway, the intrepid hero proceeded to put his hand into the darkness. He suddenly leaped backwards clutching his bleeding hand. Much to my,



Archdeacons Report

and everyone else's, surprise, he made four more attempts before he was finally able to grab his food. To be honest, it did not look very tasty, but perhaps to a lost traveler it was welcome nectar.

In order to explain what the Kingdom of Heaven is like, Jesus told a similar story about a merchant's search for pearls (Matthew 13: 45). When the merchant found a pearl of great value he sold all he had in order to buy it.

Jesus makes the point that the Kingdom is so important it is worth any sacrifice in order to obtain it. We as the church are responsible to herald the good news of the Kingdom. But to be honest, we (and I do not mean just the Anglican Church) have not done this well. The average person does not regard obtaining of the Kingdom as important, and I think that is largely because it is not evident in everyday life.

How can we show the Kingdom?

Well, first we have to recognize the Kingdom is not only about some future event when God will finally establish his rule on earth and all believers will live eternally in the presence of God. That is an important element, but if we only concentrate on this one aspect, we lose a lot of the message.

To become a follower of Jesus — a Kingdom person — is not an easy task. Just like tak-

ing the sponge was a challenge for the swamp guide, so is following Jesus a challenge for us.

We soon discover we must put ourselves after others, and then there is the challenge of living like Kingdom people together in the church. That means forgiving each other, putting up with each other, loving each other, being concerned for the people who have yet to be convinced of the Kingdom, and caring for the creation of which God has made us stewards.

All of these things make a difference, but the last two are the ones we tend to do least well. If we value the Kingdom enough to be willing to give up all that we have to enter it, then surely we want others to enjoy the benefits of it as well. God's values of justice, beauty and peace wrapped together in love could make a tremendous difference to our communities — our villages, towns and cit-

ies — but we often keep these benefits buried in ourselves and in our churches.

As our diocese moves toward change we must ask searching questions of ourselves. Are we willing to make the sacrifices necessary to obtain the riches of the Kingdom for ourselves and our province? These riches are very different from the obsessions of our present age, but they are signs of the age to come. So are we willing to keep reaching into the hole in the root of the tree, no matter what the turtle does?

The Ven. David Edwards is Archdeacon of Saint John. The seven territorial archdeacons of the diocese take turns writing for the New Brunswick Anglican each month.

INTERCESSIONS

JULY

¶ 1: Parish of East Saint John, the Rev. Canon Edward Coleman, priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 2: Parish of Fredericton, the Rev. Anthony Arza-Kwaw, the Rev. Garth Maxwell, associate priest, the Rev. Deacon Joyce Perry.
 ¶ 3: Parish of Fredericton Junction, (open incumbency), Bishop George Lemmon, interim priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 4: PRAY for The Church of Pakistan United, the Rt. Rev. Samuel Azariah, Moderator, Church of Pakistan & Bishop of Raiwind. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Agbozune Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, Rural Dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow - St. Luke's, the Rev. Susan Titterington, the Rev. Deacon Marion Schaffer, Esau Schaffer & family, and lay ministry team, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, Bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 5: Parish of Gagetown, (open incumbency). PWRDF co-ordinator Anne Walling.
 ¶ 6: Parish of Gondola Point, the Rev. George Eves, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Justice Richardson Komla Macarphuy, seminarian.
 ¶ 7: Parish of Grand Manan, the Rev. Dana Dean. Ana Watts, Editor, New Brunswick Anglican.
 ¶ 8: Parish of Hammond River, the Rev. Peter Gillies. Diocese of Ho, Brother Clemence Ahun, diocesan catechist.
 ¶ 9: Parish of Hampton, the Rev. Leo Martin.
 ¶ 10: Parish of Hardwicke, the Ven. Richard Steeves, priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 11: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, the Most Rev. James Simon Ayong, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea & Bishop of Aipo Rongo. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Worawora Deanery the Rev. Charles A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, the Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher, Diocesan Administrative Officer, Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee, the Right Reverend Larry Robertson, Bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 12: Parish of Kent, (open incumbency) the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks, interim priest-in-charge. The Rev. Dr. R. Lee Whitney (retired).
 ¶ 13: Parish of Kingston (open incumbency), the Rev. Arthur Gregg, interim priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, Sister Joyce Agbefu, diocesan catechist.
 ¶ 14: Parish of Lakewood, the Rev. Ellen Curtis. Capt. Rob Marsh, Janet Edwards. Staff of Taylor College.
 ¶ 15: Parish of Lancaster, the Rev. Chris McMullen. Diocese of Ho, Brother Felix Atta Boakye (in training), diocesan catechist.
 ¶ 16: Parish of Ludlow & Blissfield, the Rev. Andrew Fraser.
 ¶ 17: Parish of McAdam (open incumbency).

¶ 18: PRAY for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, the Rt. Rev. Edward Pacyaya Malecdan, Prime Bishop elect of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Cathedral Deanery, the Very Rev. Simon K Abler, Dean of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Pattie Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate, Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 19: Parish of Madawaska (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry), the Rev. Bob LeBlanc, priest-in-charge, the Rev. Deacon Fran Bedell. The Rev. Canon George Akerley (retired).
 ¶ 20: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. Canon John Cathcart. Diocese of Ho, Mrs Christiana Asamoah, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 21: Parishes of Maugerville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett. The Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, interim chaplain, Rothesay Netherwood School.
 ¶ 22: Parish of Millidgeville, the Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate, the Rev. Canon Brian Campion, the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistants. Diocese of Ho, Mr. William Agbalenyo, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 23: Parish of Minto & Chipman, the Rev. Philip Pain.
 ¶ 24: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk.
 ¶ 25: PRAY for L'Église Episcopale du Rwanda, the Most Rev. Emmanuel Musaba Kolinzi, Archbishop of Rwanda & Bishop of Kigali. 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 Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, PWRDF representative, Diocesan ACW President Gloria Hockley, and all ACW members, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 26: Parish of Musquash (open incumbency), Capt. Rob Marsh interim. The Rev. Canon Stuart Allan (retired).
 ¶ 27: Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, the Ven. Vicars Hodge, the Rev. Michael Caines, assistant curate, the Rev. Deacon Eleanor Dryden. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Hope Fiebor, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 28: Parish of New Bandon, (open incumbency) the Rev. Rod Black, interim. The Rev. Jane Arnott (retired).
 ¶ 29: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Ven. Richard Steeves. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Joseph Dzanka, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 30: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Canon Bruce McKenna.
 ¶ 31: Parish of Pennfield, the Rev. Canon Keith Osborne.

AUGUST

¶ 1: PRAY for The Scottish Episcopal Church, the Most Rev. David Robert Chillingworth, Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church & Bishop of St. Andrews, Dunkld & Dunblane. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate

Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Agbozune Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, rural dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, those retired from the diocese - 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, the Rt. Rev. Larry Roberson, Bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 2: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Eileen Irish. The Rev. Robert. J. Barry (retired).
 ¶ 3: Parish of Prince William, the Rev. Kevin Borthwick. Diocese of Ho, Mr Gabriel Agbodo, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 4: Parish of Quispamsis, the Rev. Chris Hayes, the Rev. Canon Stuart Allen, honorary assistant. The Ven. Malcolm Berry, military chaplain.
 ¶ 5: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney, the Rev. Canon Ed Coleman, pastoral assistant. Diocese of Ho, Mr. Aloysius Genya, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 6: Parish of Restigouche, (open incumbency).
 ¶ 7: Parish of Richmond, (open incumbency).
 ¶ 8: PRAY for the Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN) as it gathers the voices and lifts up the concerns of indigenous minority Anglicans who are living in their own lands. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Worawora Deanery the Rev. Father Charles A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-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, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 9: Parish of Riverview, the Rev. Brent Ham. Mr. Robert Brittain, Diocesan Ecumenical Officer.
 ¶ 10: Parish of Rothesay, the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove, the Rev. Jasmine Chandra assistant curate. Diocese of Ho, Mr Godwin Dumavor, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 11: Parish of St. Andrews, the Rev. Canon John Matheson. The Rev. Ken Brown (retired).
 ¶ 12: Parishes of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, (open incumbency), the Rev. Wendy Amos-Binks, supervising priest. Diocese of Ho, Mr Daniel K Atikor, parochial catechist.
 ¶ 13: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, the Rev. Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 14: Parish of St. George, the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid.
 ¶ 15: PRAY for The Church of South India (United) South Kerala - (South India), the Rt. Rev. John Wilson Gladstone. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Cathedral Dean-

ery, the Very Rev. Simon K. Abler, Dean of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Diocese of Yukon, Whitehorse - Parish of 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, Anne Bernard, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 16: Parish of St. James, Moncton, (open incumbency). The Rev. Eric Caldwell (retired).
 ¶ 17: Parish of Saint John, the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls, the Rev. Deacon Constance Soulikias-Whittaker, honorary assistant. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Kwasi Oteng Boampong, bishop's chaplain.
 ¶ 18: Parish of St. Margaret's, the Rev. Canon Jon Lownds, the Rev. John Harvey, honorary assistant. The Rev. Canon Brian Campion (retired).
 ¶ 19: Parish of St. Mark (Stone) Church, the Ven. Capt David Edwards. Diocese of Ho, the Very Rev. Simon Kofi Ablorh, Dean of St. George's Cathedral, Ho.
 ¶ 20: Parish of St. Martin's & Black River, the Rev. Gerald Laskey, priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 21: Parish of St. Mary's (York), the Rev. Ian Wetmore.
 ¶ 22: PRAY for The Anglican Church of Southern Africa, the Most Rev. Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Archbishop of Cape-town. 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 Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Fort Nelson - St. Mary Magdalene, Toad River, Alaska Highway mile 150-506, the Rev. Deacon Don Thompson, Lana Thompson and family, Glen Gough, Jeanie Arvor, Mark Tudor, licensed lay ministers, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, 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. Canon Neville Cheeseman (retired).
 ¶ 24: Parish of St. Philip's, (open incumbency). Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Lawrence Danny Amenuvor, priest-in-charge, Penyi.
 ¶ 25: Parish of St. Stephen, the Rev. William Morton. The Rev. Barry Cohen-Thorley (retired).
 ¶ 26: Parish of Salisbury & Havelock, the Rev. Dick Black. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. George Dartey Asiamah, rural dean and priest-in-charge, Agbozume.
 ¶ 27: Parish of Shediac, the Ven. Richard McConnell.
 ¶ 28: Parish of Simonds, the Rev. Terence Chandra, priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 29: PRAY for Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America, the Most Rev. Gregory James Venables, Presiding Bishop of the Southern Cone & Bishop of Argentina. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Agbozune Deanery, the Rev. Canon George D. Asiamah, Rural Dean, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu.

Diocese of Yukon, Watson Lake - St. John the Baptist, Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek - St. Aidan, Dease Lake, Glenora, Tim Liverton, licensed lay minister, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, 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. Wally Collett (retired).
 ¶ 31: Parish of Sussex, the Ven. David Barrett. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Joseph Kingsley Bentum, rural dean and priest-in-charge, Kpando.

SEPTEMBER

¶ 1: Parish of the Tobique, the Rev. Amanda Longmoore, priest-in-charge. The Rev. John Cooper (on leave).
 ¶ 2: Parish of Upham, the Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Prosper Francis Kwame Deh, assistant curate, Kpando.
 ¶ 3: Parish of Upper Kennebecasis & Johnston, the Rev. Wally Collett, interim priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 4: Parish of Victoria, the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson, the Rev. Rob Salloum associate Priest.
 ¶ 5: PRAY for The Episcopal Church of the Sudan, the Most Rev. Daniel Deng Bul Yak, Archbishop of the Episcopal Church of the Sudan & Bishop of Juba. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, Worawora Deanery the Rev. Charles A. Tetteh, priest-in-charge, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Meduadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Carcross, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing, St. Saviour's, The Rev. David Pritchard & family, Teslin - St. Philips, the Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the ministry team, the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, bishop-elect, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.
 ¶ 6: Parish of Waterford & St. Mark, the Rev. Allen Tapley. The Rev. Canon Wally Corey (retired).
 ¶ 7: Parish of Westmorland, the Rev. Kevin Canon Stockall, priest-in-charge. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Joseph Wilson Kwame Hayibor, assistant curate, Ho.
 ¶ 8: Parish of Wicklow, Wilmott, Peel & Aberdeen, the Rev. Douglas Painter. The Rev. Dr. Barry Craig (on leave).
 ¶ 9: Parish of Woodstock, the Ven. Walter Williams. Diocese of Ho, the Rev. Redeemer Ametefe Semevor Assistant Curate, Worawora.
 ¶ 10: Parish of Andover, the Rev. Bonnie LeBlanc, priest-in-charge.
 ¶ 11: Parish of Bathurst, the Rev. Roderick Black. Blanche and family. Claude, our archbishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families. charge, Worawora Deanery.
 ¶ 18: Parish of Carleton, the Rev. Canon Howard Anningson, the Rev. Rob Salloum Associate Priest.

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YOUTH

I'm curious, George ... What do you think about the spirituality of **Lost**? [Episode 3]

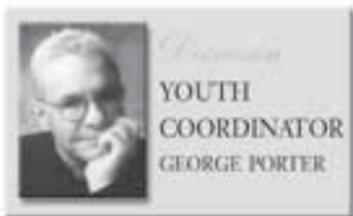
'Challenging the meaning of life is the truest expression of the state of being human.' [Viktor Frankl]

It feels a bit odd to write about *Lost* since by the time this appears in print the series will be over. Presumably at least some of the mysteries are resolved and many of us are already wondering what's next on the event horizon. Still, there is such richness in the series that I doubt that the final episode will really mark the end.

I noted last time that extremely powerful spirituality threads run through the story, and that this doesn't allow for an easy compartmentalization of life, but encourages the quest to find a spirituality that actually connects to the realities of our lives.

The heartbeat at the centre of *Lost* is the longing for wholeness – which, coincidentally, is the most literal meaning of the biblical word for salvation. This becomes even more important than being rescued and getting off the island. Oceanic Flight 815, at least in island time, breaks apart. The lives of the principle characters are broken, not just in the crash, but already in the previous lives they bring with them. The complex interweaving of spirituality, science, art, history and philosophy further indicate the search for a unifying theory of reality.

Key to this craving for wholeness is the drive to find meaning in the events and circumstances of life on the island, in the actions of other people, as well as in resolving the brokenness of past lives. Why? and What does this mean? and What's the purpose? are repeated questions that drive the characters on in search of wholeness – or perhaps more accurately what Viktor Frankl termed a "human's search for meaning."



As such, salvation is seen to be more than "going to Heaven when you die." It is not principally a question of life after death. Rather it is a search to find and to live life before death. Jesus said something about coming to give life and to give it more abundantly. Just as the *Lost* characters search for meaning to bring their lives together in wholeness, we all yearn to find, or create, meaning.

Like Paul, however, the *Lost* writers take the quest beyond the salvation of individuals. They ask the bigger questions of meaning in the universe – in all of what the apostles called "groaning creation." They ask questions of justice, science, philosophy and spirituality that look toward the bigger picture and the interrelatedness of all that is.

Even if, at the moment, our experience echoes U2's lament and we "still haven't found what we're looking for," this is the process of being "saved," of living as participants in the process of "new creation" and the process of being restored to wholeness – a wholeness, a salvation, toward which God is moving, even though most of the process is through slow and unseen ways. In that process – and in the God of that process – we are invited to find hope.

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

PUPPETEERS GO TO BELIZE AND BACK

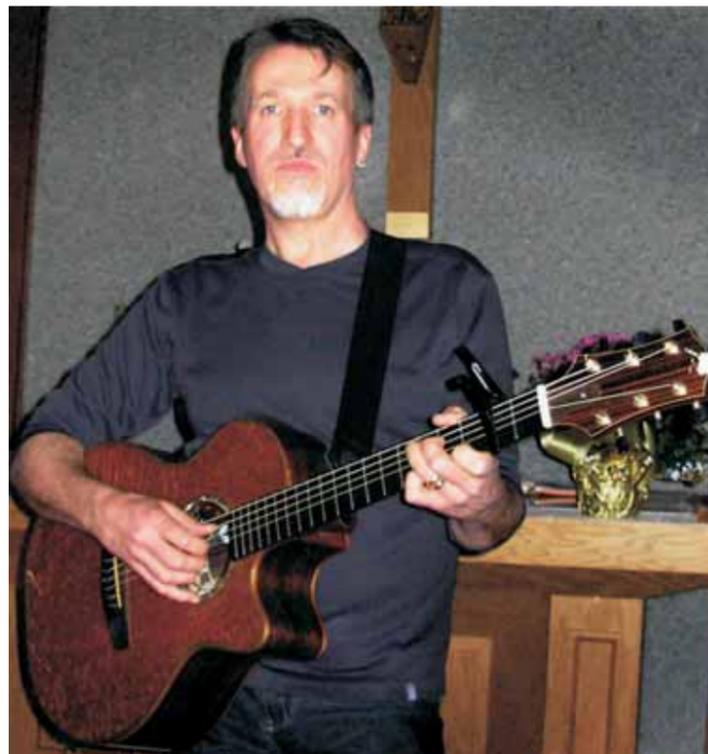


Cody McKay of St. Peter's Parish, Fredericton and Alyssa Hayter of Christ Church Parish Church, Fredericton reported on a recent Cathedral Puppeteer mission trip to Belize to the Cathedral congregation. Their presentation was illustrated by great photographs like the one on the right here.



STEVE BELL... ENTERTAINING AND ENGAGING WITH INTEGRITY

Multiple Juno Award winning musician Steve Bell recently made another tour through the Maritimes. Combining artistic excellence with personal stories and integrity, Steve's performances engage those who hear him in dialogue and worship. They are challenged to think of God in refreshing ways and to engage traditional worship formats from new perspectives. Steve is involved in St. Benedict's Table, an Anglican Fresh Expressions gathering in Winnipeg and we are looking to bring him to this diocese for a worship conference.



GREAT JOB FOR GREAT CAUSE

Members of the youth group at the Church of the Resurrection gained an inkling of insight into hunger during their participation in the World Vision 30-Hour Famine. They also learned a bit about building shelters and grinding grain, some of the jobs children in third-world countries do. But mostly they learned what they can do today to help some of the hundreds of thousands of children who go to bed hungry every night. They raised more than \$2,000 for World Vision outreach ministries. Great job guys!



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