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## NOBODY IS WET ... YET



CATHY LASKEY

No one actually got wet on the kayak adventures during the Clergy Conference, but it wasn't for a lack of trying as the Rev. Allen Tapley and the Rev. Wandlyn Snelgrove demonstrate. Although exactly who is trying to dunk whom isn't clear.

## Anglican House closing permanently

BY ANA WATTS

The Church of England Institute, fondly known as Anglican House, will close permanently by the end of this calendar year. Archdeacon Stuart Allan, the 35<sup>th</sup> president of the institute founded in 1876, made the motion at its poorly attended annual meeting held on Monday, Sept. 8, in Saint John. He cited the 2008 economic downturn that led to a never-to-be-recovered loss of consumer base as a major factor in the decision to close one of the few surviving Anglican book rooms in Canada. The Diocesan Resource Centre, also housed in the Princess Street building, will be relocated.

"Technology has allowed the consumer to by-pass, as it were, the middle place, ordering books directly on line with delivery options," said Archdeacon Allan. "The stated intentions in the Act of Incorporation — and I paraphrase here — were the advancement of religion, kindly discourse among members, the provision of knowledge that

aligns with the tenets of the faith, and to provide innocent recreation.

"Many committed board members, managers and staff during its (Church of England Institute/Anglican House) lifetime ensured those principles were upheld and in doing so contributed to a remarkable history." However, he continued, discourses are no longer relegated to places conducive of respite, and learned discussions such as have occurred over the years within this house are now more often than not conducted over emails, phone calls and in coffee shops. New Age spirituality has found eager audiences, and they are in other places, not here, and we too must go to those places in order to enter into those discourses.

The bookstore has struggled for many years. In 2007 it invited Ten Thousand Villages into its space in order to partner in real ways with people in countries struggling with poverty and hardships — and to perhaps

encourage more traffic to the book store. It did, but it wasn't enough, and coupled with the economic downturn the following year, it had little effect. The appointment of manager Kevin Richardson in the fall of 2008 brought his experience, expertise and enthusiasm to the position, but even that was insufficient to turn the inexorable tide.

The store's last promotion was in May and in support of PWRDF, perhaps reaching out in an effort to relieve someone else's pain.

The condition of the venerable old building also provides a barrier to future ministry at Anglican House. "This house is aged and in disrepair. Mending and gluing and making do are no longer options," said Archdeacon Allan. "Our resources have dwindled and we are led to believe that God is leading us to consider different and innovative ways to go out into the world to spread the Good News. How that will look will be an Abraham Moment."

## Missionaries on the home front

BY ANA WATTS

Isabel Murphy and Paul Jeffries, two long-serving New Brunswick Anglican missionaries, are both travelling throughout the diocese until the end of this month.

Isabel has worked with Wycliffe Translators in Brazil as a teacher/translator since 1967. Along with other Wycliffe members in Brazil she has collaborated with more than 40 indigenous societies in language development projects like language analysis, literacy, translation of New Testaments and in some cases whole Bibles. Isabel has also taught anthropology in training courses in England, the USA and regularly in Brazil. She is always thrilled to visit groups and churches throughout the diocese to share what God has been doing in Brazil, her other home. To arrange a meeting with her contact her at <isabel\_murphy at sil.org> or 506-650-7473. And check out some of the amazing things she has done at <http://www.wycliffe.ca/wycliffe/> and on her lively blog



Isabel Murphy

<<http://isabelmurphy.blogspot.com>>.

The Rev. Canon Paul Jeffries, our missionary priest serving at Bishop McAllister School in Uganda is also in the diocese. He too would be delighted to speak to your group about his experiences and update his very successful mission. Contact him at <canon.jeffries at gmail.com>. And visit the school's website <<http://www.bishopmcallisteranglicanseminary.com>> to learn about the amazing growth of this once struggling, now thriving, institution.



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## DIOCESAN NEWS

## Report on Mothers' Union Worldwide Parenting Training in Guyana

BY CELIA DODDS AND  
KATHLEEN SNOW

A two-week training of coordinators and trainers for the Mothers' Union Worldwide Parenting Program took place in Guyana in mid-November of 2013. We were two of 17 facilitators who participated from West Indies, Argentina, Melanesia, Kenya, Guyana and of course Canada. Guyana, a small country between Venezuela and Brazil, was chosen for the training because it is the home of Sheran Harper, the chief worldwide trainer who presented parenting facilitators' workshops following our last two Canadian MU National Conferences. We only have eight trained facilitators in Canada and only five of them have conducted courses. This is a very small number for a country of our size, so it makes sense for Canada to have its own trainers of facilitators in order to expand this worthwhile program.

Our present facilitators have found it difficult to promote and expand our parenting program because people assume it is only for parents who have problems, they would be embarrassed to share their own parenting experiences, they don't have time to commit to two-hour sessions once a week for six or eight weeks. But facilitators who have led Parents Supporting Parents courses have found participants very willing to share their ideas, strategies, skills and problems with others because they feel they are not alone and that everyone is the same boat. We have lots of fun activities, laughs, lively discussions on diverse topics and the sessions fly.

We hope MU members in this diocese will promote the program at both the diocesan and branch level, in their churches and even make community centres aware of their existence. They may even be able to identify people in the community who would be good parenting facilitators. They don't have to be MU members, churchgoers or even Christian. In Guyana we met a Muslim facilitator who had led a very successful course in her children's school. And we would be happy to travel anywhere in the province to offer a four or five day workshop to train a group of eight or more participants.

The course we attended in Guyana was divided into two sections, the facilitators attended coordinators' training during the first week. A coordinator's job is to communicate, inform, mobilize, encourage and support (emotionally and financially) the facilitators in her diocese or local area. She helps the program run harmoniously and efficiently, reports to her bishop, MU diocesan and/or provincial steering committees, other relevant clergy, and to Mary Sumner House, the Mothers' Union worldwide headquarters in London, England. However, she may not train or evaluate evaluators, only the trainer is qualified to do that.

Nine facilitators stayed on for a second week for an intense, demanding, train-the-trainer's course. The program's very high standards were evident in this course that included a 15-minute practicum that each facilitator had to pass. And a pass is not automatic by any stretch of



Kathleen Snow (third from the left, standing) and Celia Dodds (centre standing) attended Mothers' Union Worldwide Parenting Training on the east coast of Guyana last November. In the photo above during a bus trip to New Amsterdam they gathered with several nearby MU branches.

the imagination. In fact, two of the nine who took the course did not. Thankfully neither of us was one of them. We had a special graduation ceremony for all the coordinators with the present and in-coming bishop of the diocese, the minister for families, and the Guyana MU diocesan president.

There was little time for relaxation during our trainings but on one outing we crossed the wide Berbice River to New Amsterdam where we met three MU branches all wearing their unique garb and enjoyed home made meat pies. We also observed a parenting course being facilitated in the village of Hope-town. Half our group watched the first hour of training while

the rest of us explored the village's two shops. We switched for the next hour.

On another afternoon we went on a city tour/shopping trip in Georgetown that included a visit to St. George's Cathedral, the tallest wooden structure in the world, as well as a trip to the market, the gold emporium, the Demarara River and Molasses Terminal and the beach.

Celia Dodds of Vancouver was Canadian President of Mothers' Union when she and Kathleen Snow of Fredericton, a past Canadian President attended the training in Guyana. Celia can be reached at 2144 MacKay Avenue, North Vancouver, BC V7P 2M7 or [cmdodds@shaw.ca](mailto:cmdodds@shaw.ca). Kathleen's coordinates are 13 Eco Terra Drive, Fredericton, NB E3A 0A2 or [kmsnow@mac.com](mailto:kmsnow@mac.com).



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Kathleen Snow (far right sitting) and Celia Dodds (far right standing) attend the main graduation ceremony for the coordinators. In front is Bishop Cornell Jerome Moss.

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## THE BISHOP'S PAGE

# Let us be gracious to one another

This is my first article as your Diocesan Bishop and I want to thank you all for the support I continue to receive as you welcome me into my new role. We face a long road ahead, but with God's help we will see the old renewed and the new established.

During my tenure we are going to ask a great deal of each other. My first request is that you hold me in your prayers, not only in church on Sunday, but also in your private devotions. It is my promise that will hold every parish and all who minister there in prayer on a regular basis. It is only through prayer that we can begin to discern God's will for us as we move forward.

Bishop Claude has often said to me that in his time as bishop over the past 11 years he felt the grace of God upholding him in his ministry. I found it hard to understand what he meant as



I presumed it was always the case. But ever since my election I have had a profound sense of the peace of God in my heart. I am sure that grace is in large part due to the prayers you offer for me. Thank you.

Grace has its root in the Greek word for gift. Grace is a gift we do not deserve and the best example is the new life we receive because of Jesus' death

*My main purpose here is to call upon us all to be gracious to each other — me to you, you to me, and to our communities, as we give to others what they do not deserve.*

on the cross. That gift, that grace, permeates our life in Christ.

As I reflect on my life I see much I do not deserve — family, friends, a safe place to live, freedom from hunger and war. I also see many of our brothers and sisters without these things. What did I do to deserve the things I have?

Nothing. They are gifts from God.

Why do others not have them? I do not know. I am sure

it is nothing they have done, nor is it due to God's random action. Perhaps I will expand upon this in a future article.

My main purpose here is to call upon us all to be gracious to each other — me to you, you to me, and to our communities, as we give to others what they do not deserve.

If we, as the Church of God, are not agents of his grace in the world then we have nothing much to offer, because his message is built upon that foundation. We must be different if we are going to make a difference.

+ David

David Edwards is Diocesan Bishop of Fredericton.

## PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

Will resume in November

# Take to heart the message we profess to celebrate

It's literally been decades since we've heard someone say the ministry of the baptized is the foundation upon which the Church is built. And during those same decades we've continued to be, for the most part, a Church assuming that "the ministry" is a clerical affair. It's not unusual to hear that someone who is ordained has "gone into the Church." The reality, of course, is "the going" happened much earlier, quite possibly during the years of their infancy. No matter how much we talk about the ministry of the whole people of God, there's no real evidence that much has changed. The "Minister," as referenced in the Book of Common Prayer, we all know means the ordained priest.

Baptism continues to be an add-on to our Sunday gathering, scheduled only when necessary and especially when convenient for the families of the baptized. There may be a few minutes before the service to let folks know where to stand in order that they are where they need to be when water gets splashed. We all ogle the baby and get warm fuzzies during the walk to the sanctuary, smiling either outwardly or to ourselves when the verdict comes in on whether there is unquenchable crying or heavenly peacefulness during the whole ordeal. This, for a good majority of us, is what baptism is all about. It's a sad reality for an act of the church gathered that is



FROM THE BISHOP'S ASSISTANT  
GEOFFREY HALL

central to its very faith.

Baptism is actually about the beginning of living as part of the organic body we call the Church. It about regeneration, cleansing, communion and resurrection to be sure, but its also about family and being part of it. Baptism is about living life according to a specific set of values that govern a unique way of seeing the world. Baptism is about joining in on Church — the in-breaking of the Kingdom of God, the transformation and redemption of the whole world, and lives lived for God — life as God intended it to be. Baptism is about life — abundant life.

The Covenant?

A journey which requires a lifetime of living as part of a Kingdom people:

- To continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.
- To persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord.
- To proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.
- To seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself.

- To strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being.
  - To strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth.
- (*The Book of Alternative Services*, page 159)

Few seem to be aware that our last General Synod made an important addition to the covenant affirmed and reaffirmed at the time of Holy Baptism according to the Book of Alternative Services. Yes, being green is not just a mother earth movement. It's part of the commitment of Christian baptism.

For several decades, and with varying degrees of success, exemplary efforts have been made to revive the understanding and the role of baptism in the life of the faithful. One of the most important of these efforts is the encouragement of church communities to take the sacrament seriously and to consistently emphasize preparation prior to baptism for all those involved — a revival of the catechumenate.

The cate-what?

Exactly my point. If entry into the family of God is to be a significant event it needs to become so in what we do, not just in what we say. In order for a catechumenate to exist we need to recapture the truth that baptism belongs to the church, not only to those being baptized.

Festivals of baptism are routinely scheduled in advance. We become consistent in our messages and our teaching about baptism. When a baptism doesn't take place, the community engages in a rite of the reaffirmation of the vows of baptism just the same. We move toward putting baptism front and center four or more times each year, whether we need it or not! How ingenious.

Taking baptism seriously has an almost miraculous effect

on Christian community. The emphasis on baptism — not just for our infant member additions — as we all live intentionally into the vows that define and identify us, significantly changes the conversation about how the Holy Spirit of God renews the life of our fellowship.

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall is the outgoing Executive Assistant to the Bishop and Dean of Fredericton.

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# Camp Medley Playing Field re

BY ANA WATTS

**F**RED SCOTT had a special place in his heart for Camp Medley. In honour of his faith in the Christian camping experience and the integrity of the campsite itself, Archbishop Claude Miller dedicated the camp's playing field to the glory of God and in loving memory of Fred on Saturday, June 7. Refreshments, fresh air and sunshine were served.

Liz Harding, former full-time director of the camp, travelled from Massachusetts for the event and said: "Fred took deep pleasure in seeing the children have a wonderful and spiritual experience at camp. I will always be grateful to him for all he did to support the camp and ministry here."

Archbishop Claude Miller acknowledged the new beach volleyball court built with memorial donations on Fred's behalf. He also presented Fred's widow Nancy with a posthumous Diocesan Award of Merit in recognition of his long and dedicated service to the diocese.

In thanking the diocese for the honours to his father, Fred's younger son Matthew said his father was passionate about children, life-long activity and the camp.

Known to one and all as Fred, he was in fact Leeman Frank Scott. He served this diocese as treasurer for 27 years until his untimely and sudden death on Sept. 30, 2011. He was also an honorary lay canon, one of only three people in the diocese to be so especially honoured.

Camp Medley, on the shores of the St. John River at Upper Gagetown, has welcomed young people for more than 50 years and is part of the spiritual history of many an influential New Brunswick Anglican, including Archbishop Miller. Not only does it offer an outstanding camp experience in the fresh air and (most days) sunshine, its rustic chapel and gentle leaders have inspired, confirmed and strengthened the spiritual lives of many. In the past 10 years it has undergone substantial upgrading and renovation, first with the replacement of camper cabins. Later came a modern dining hall/activity building with upgraded washroom and shower facilities. The latest addition to the complex is a complete re-build of the old staff house into a structure that makes the lives of the camp director and assistant, as well as chaplains and nurses, reasonably comfortable.



Memorial donations for Camp M



Part of the Camp Medley

## Bishop's Awards of Merit Camp Medley Style



Archbishop Claude Miller presented Bishop's Awards of Merit to faithful friends and supporters of Camp Medley on the day the playing field was dedicated to the late Canon Fred Scott. In the photo on the top left his widow, Nancy Scott, accepts a posthumous award in his name. Clockwise from there are Clare Box, Ann Pinell, and Art Arnburg.

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# renamed for Canon Fred Scott



Medley in Fred's name funded this new beach volleyball court.



playing field renamed The Fred Scott Memorial Field.

otos by Ana Watts



Fred's sons, Matthew on the left and Mark on the right, with their mother Nancy following the unveiling of the plaque that renames the camp field.



Former camp director, who traveled from Massachusetts, said she would always be grateful to Fred for all he did to support the camp and its ministry.



A crowd gathers for the dedication on the deck between the dining hall in the background and the staff house behind the camera.



# Meet two new members of Synod Office staff

## *Ben is a humble, handy, gifted guy*

Ben Bourque is a humble guy, at least according to Diocesan Treasurer Irene Adams, his boss. Already the Financial and Administrative Assistant has helped develop the Shared Ministry Budget model for 2015 and completed an account analysis on the parish assessment and shared ministry budgets. The latter was partly to assist in the annual audit, but mainly it was to ensure all parish payments are duly and properly recorded in the right months, with the proper credits.

"That's a very big job," says Irene. "Ben's analysis went back several years and has resulted in an assurance that our records are now consistent with those of the parishes.

But Ben humbly maintains it is all just part of the job. With credentials in accounting, payroll and business administration he's well qualified to do a lot of big jobs. Developing budget models and major account analysis and reconciliation are among them, but one of his most value-added day to day tasks is payroll and ensuring that the process runs smoothly. Diocesan staff and clergy, including the many lay people who work in parishes



across the province would agree. Accounts payable, deposits and general bookkeeping are also on his regular to-do list.

"A big part of my job is also keeping parishes up-to-date with statements," says Ben. "When something is happening, when something is going to change, or if the dollar figure on a parish account is out by any amount, I want to be able to give the parishes plenty of advance warning of upcoming changes." And lest you think the only account he really has to worry about is the parish's Shared Ministry portion, think again. Statements are also required for payroll assessments

and the interest from the parish investment accounts.

That pretty well took care of the financial aspect of Ben's job over the summer, but now that things are relatively back to normal at the Synod Office, Ben (with Irene's help and encouragement) is going deeper and deeper into the corporate side of things. Not only will that make him much more valuable as an employee, but it will also ensure that more than one person knows and understands the financial systems and strategies.

The administrative side of his job is just as — uh — interesting. Ben arrived at the office at the

beginning of the great exodus. Phyllis Cathcart, the bishop's secretary and the public face in the office and on the telephone, retired. Ana Watts, the communications officer, who was supposed to retire (but didn't, quite), went on holidays instead. Archbishop Claude Miller retired, took on the role of Episcopal Administrator, was out of the office with that business and also took holidays. Bishop-elect David Edwards was very busy winding down his planned giving position and gearing up for his upcoming consecration, and oh yes, he too took holidays. As did Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, who left Synod staff the end of August to become Dean. That left Ben and Irene to manage the Synod office. Ben answered the phone, greeted visitors, helped Archdeacon Hall with bulletins for special services, prepared letters as necessary and answered general inquiries. "Mostly it was a matter of finding the right contact," says Ben in his modest way.

And all the while he was getting to know the diocesan webpage [Anglican.nb.ca](http://Anglican.nb.ca). Archdeacon Hall built the website from scratch long before he came to the Synod Office in 2003. He has

a particular aptitude for things technical, and has brought the office (sometimes kicking and screaming) into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. It is he who coached staff and came to their rescue when things went sideways. That work must still be done and he is no longer in the Synod Office to do it. Since Ben, like so many of his generation, grew up on the Internet, he has the skills necessary to fill that position too. At the end of the summer he was managing the diocesan databases and their backups, and preparing for a lot more work to trickle in.

So Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Ben Bourque is a busy young man, and with his IT coaching responsibilities it is likely he gets a few frantic calls and e-mails after hours too. But his out-of-office priorities are his wife Jenna and their 18-month-old son Levi. And if he finds some free time after mowing the lawn and his other chores, he will sit down with his guitar to sing, or write a song, or even to write a story.

Capable, willing, cheerful, well rounded and humble — that's Ben — a man of many gifts, and grateful for every one.

## *Have job (for six months or so) — will travel far and wide*

At first glance Cheryl Jacobs, Bishop David Edwards' secretary, appeared an unlikely candidate for the position. Instead of courses in word processing and office administration, her resume includes Bachelor's and Master's of Science degrees with a major in computer science. On the other hand, however, she was the ideal candidate — a cradle Anglican who has been active in the church all her life, serves on vestries, boards and committees with energy and enthusiasm, and shares the love of Christ with passion and grace.

"The six month term was ideal for me too," says Cheryl.

At the time of this interview it is very early in Bishop Edwards' episcopacy. He has only just begun to analyze, prioritize and set a course for the diocese, and he has yet to appoint an executive assistant. The results of his deliberations and the expertise and experience of his executive assistant will influence the secretary's job description. In order to manage the diocese with such a limited complement,



staff members need not only the skills to accomplish their primary duties, but some extra ones as well. Human resource, information technology, data base management, statisti-

cal analysis, diplomatic, travel planning and myriad other skills are often handy and sometimes essential. The six-month secretary's term gives the bishop time to completely review the

position in light of the executive assistant's skills and future diocesan requirements.

In the meantime, Cheryl offers some useful expertise in IT business analysis and process

improvement that should help streamline diocesan administrative practices. And once the six months is over, well, Cheryl plans to travel. After many years raising children, teaching at the university level and serving as a project manager/IT business analyst, she is re-grouping. "I have two daughters, one in California, the other in New Zealand, and Peter and I would like to visit them." They don't need to make such extravagant arrangements to visit their son who lives in Saint John.

With less than a day-and-a-half on the job, Cheryl had mastered the telephone and data management systems and cheerfully greeted several visitors to the Synod Office. The cheerful greeting part of the job comes naturally.

**Staff photos and stories by  
Ana Watts**



C O L U M N

# House Of Heroes teases with new EP - *Smoke*

In this part of the world Christian Music is alive and well in the pop/rock format. That was evident in the success of the East/West Music Festival in Shediac the end of June. Many of the groups there, headliners and openers alike, fit the adult contemporary, rock/pop, or country/gospel mold. A couple stood out — Fireflight! — but in large part, the groups fit the expected form. So I am going to talk about a group that offered a different sound. House of Heroes.

This group has been around for 13 years and counting and anyone with discerning ear knows this is an A-list outfit. Each member is an excellent



musician in his own right and they never hide for the sake of an accessible sound. And the sound they achieve is amazing, something you might get if you threw the raw, unbridled energy of Switchfoot, the cerebral lyrical and emotive qualities of U2, and the zany circus-show aspects of Arcade Fire into a blender to make a smoothie. Not only would it have a rich flavour to explode your senses, but it



would leave you wanting a much larger cup. I know because I listen to House of Heroes albums time after time after time and continue to hear new things.

The group's latest stand-alone project is *Smoke* — a six-song EP to fill the gap while they work on a concept album

financed through IndieGogo crowd funding.

The songs on *Smoke* don't always hold together as a project, except they all follow the theme that all people need God in their lives, which is pretty darned basic, that's for sure.

Lead singer and writer Tim Skipper writes — "Hey, let's get this one thing right/No one is saved without love, grace and light,/Alone, we are the worst kind of gods,/Slaves to a selfish hear that always wants./"

The band's musical chops are in full view, especially the guitar work on "A Fire Only We Know," which might remind some of the Beatles' "Here Comes the Sun." The song "Wake Up Scream-

ing" might make for a single, though HOH has never been too concerned with charting or numerical success, which they have achieved in both Christian and secular markets. Let's face it — good music is good music.

*Smoke* is a stellar six-song package that any fan of House of Heroes will treasure. It is also a great way to sample the band's music, and perhaps to get a taste of what faith-based music in today's markets can be like. It is not in your face, but it doesn't hide its messages of our need for God in the shadows. It is practical living wrapped in an incredible musical package.

Next month: A new U2 album!

P A R I S H N E W S

## Fond Farewells



PATTY FLEMMING

On the Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton's last official day as priest-in-charge of the Parish of St. Margaret's in Fredericton, her daughter Ann Hamilton presented her with a bouquet of roses on behalf of a grateful parish. In this her second retirement, Elaine is free to travel with her husband.



MARK FRANKLIN

The congregations of the Anglican Parish of Restigouche (Robinsonville, Campbellton and Dalhousie) bid farewell to the Rev. Michael O'Hara and his wife Sheila this summer. They moved to Miramichi where he is priest-in-charge of the Parishes of Nelson and Miramichi. With the O'Hara's above is warden Walter Thompson.



FRANK MOREHOUSE

## St. John the Evangelist, Waterford Celebrates 150th Anniversary

At 10:30 on Sunday morning, August 24, St. John the Evangelist church in Waterford was filled to overflowing with a congregation of present and past members as well as friends

from the community. They gathered to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the church by Bishop Medley in August of 1864. Many of those present dressed in period

costume and the hymns and music reflected what would have been sung and heard in those days. The Rev. Allen Tapley, rector, conducted the service, Bishop-elect David Edwards preached and many lay people participated as well. Following the service the congregation moved on to the Waterford Community Centre to peruse displays and information chronicling the history of the church's history and to enjoy an amazing meal. An entire roasted pig was served with salads, rolls and, of course, anniversary cake. St. John the Evangelist is a beautiful place of worship set on a hillside in the picturesque village of Waterford and has seen countless baptisms, weddings, funerals, and gatherings. Renovated many times, the building is in excellent repair. The wardens, anniversary committee and the entire congregation are grateful to everyone who helped in any way to make this celebration a blessing to those who attended.



BARB FANJOY

Dianne McKay and Murray Hawkes (the oldest living member of St. John's congregation) embraced the spirit of the event by wearing period costumes to the service and taking an after the service stroll through the churchyard.

### Roast Beef Dinner and Bake Sale

St. George's - St. Jude's Church  
100 Watson Street, Saint John West  
Saturday, Oct. 18    Sittings at 4 p.m. and 5 p.m.  
\$12 for adults    \$8 for children under 12

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## YOUNG &amp; YOUNG AT HEART



If you have ever asked one of the questions above, you're not alone! Across the country, there are lots of volunteer and part-time youth workers who don't feel fully equipped for their vital ministry roles. As a church, we share passion for working with young people. But how, without heading away to seminary, will any of us gain the skills to do it better? In many dioceses across our church, we turn to our part-time youth workers and rely on them as youth experts. But how often do we resource and equip them to truly be ministry experts? In response to these concerns, the National Youth Initiatives Team, in collaboration with the Ask & Imagine youth theology program at Huron University College, Faculty of Theology, created Trailblazing ([trailblazing.anglican.ca](http://trailblazing.anglican.ca)). It's a new online theological formation and leadership

development program for youth leaders. It's Canadian and it's Anglican, developed by Anglican youth leaders and theologians.

"Many youth workers are dedicated volunteers," says Trailblazing coordinator Andrew Stephens-Rennie of Vancouver. "And yet they don't necessarily have much youth ministry formation beyond their own experience of youth group. We're very fortunate if they have a degree in education, or a diploma as a child and youth worker in a secular setting." Very few leaders have theological training, even though the task of youth ministry is to work with families and congregations to provide young people with Christian formation that will help them to navigate their spiritual lives and life choices.

Trailblazing fills some of those gaps by providing an accessible, easy-to-use, do-at-

you-own-pace kind of training for youth leaders. Through a collection of on-line learning modules (on computer or tablet), learners can explore subjects like Introduction to Theology, Worldview and the Gospel, Building Community, Faith and Film, Theology and Music, The power of Story, Youth Ministry Basics, Mission and Formation and many others.

Each module takes between two and three hours to work through and each one builds on the other to form a thorough, theologically rigorous and engaging series of lessons. Online forums allow learners to interact with each other through conversation and reflection on the module content. Videos, articles, animations and interactive content all serve to help youth leaders learn and connect with

the material. Trailblazing challenges learners to think about why they do what they do, so they can choose the right tool for the job.

Judy Steers, program director of Ask & Imagine and Trailblazing, says, "Until we know how to think and reflect on our ministries, until we develop skills in theological reflection, we will just be doing program for the sake of program." Often youth workers search online for the latest 'grab and go' idea for cool youth meetings. Rarely do these sources equip them to engage young people in the ways of navigating the world where faith and real life intersect.

Trailblazing gives youth leaders tools for the job — tools that can be applied to many situations. In the same

way that a woodworker doesn't grab one type of saw to do several jobs, Trailblazing aspires to fill youth leaders' toolboxes, give them skills and confidence to know what's in their toolbox and how to use it.

A \$75 annual subscription provides access to ALL current and future modules for a 365-day period. The price is set to make the program sustainable, while being absolutely accessible and affordable to part-time or volunteer leaders and their parishes.

See a sample module at [www.trailblazing.anglican.ca](http://www.trailblazing.anglican.ca) Watch a video about the project, read what other youth leaders have said about it, and register/purchase the subscription.

"I love working with youth in my congregation but sometimes I feel like I don't know what I'm doing."

"How do I get training as a youth leader?"

"I want to put more spiritual content in our youth program in ways that the kids can relate to."

"Can I get more in-depth formation as a youth ministry leader without going away to take expensive courses?"

"The young people I work with ask so many great and profound questions — but I have no clue how to respond."

## Clergy can have fun — and ice cream — too

BY ROSE STEEVES

It was one happy group of clergy who ventured out on the Kennebecasis River in kayaks on the free Tuesday afternoon of the annual Clergy Conference held at Rothesay Netherwood School from August 25-27. The water was calm and peaceful at Osprey Adventures in Hampton. Staff fitted us with life jackets and suitable kayaks. Some of us got singles, others doubles, but we all were delighted by the scenery when we were out on the river — water fowl, big trees reflected in the still water, songbirds singing in the treetops.

Half the fun of the afternoon was in getting there. On the way in our van we listened to an interesting version of a psalm sung by Buddywasname and the Other Fellers, a comedy trio from Newfoundland and Labrador. It might not have been suitable for a church service but it was sure fun to listen to and there was lots of laughter.

We started out on our adventure with 10 clergy but strangely



enough one — the Rev. John Paul Westin — disappeared. He managed to get off course and we thought we had lost him but fortunately he rejoined us as we returned to the dock.

When everyone was back on shore we all stood with our paddles forming crosses — give

clergy 2 sticks and what else would they make? This has become an annual tradition for Clergy Kayakers.

Everyone enjoyed the day and before we headed back to RNS we made a stop at Kredl's Market for some delicious ice cream, a fitting reward for a fine

afternoon. Then we started back to the conference, listening to more of Buddywasname and the Other Fellers.

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