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Archbishop Miller to retire June 26, 2014

Archbishop Claude Miller will retire on his 70th birthday, June 26, 2014. National Church canons prohibit bishops to remain in office after age 70. When he made the announcement at the very end of the one-day synod held at Kingswood University in Sussex on Nov. 8, he called his past 10 years as diocesan bishop and more recently as metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, "A wonderful time in my life." The sustained standing ovation that followed this was in gratitude and celebration of his ministry. A synod to elect a coadjutor bishop for the diocese will be called for early May. The person elected at that time will assume the diocesan position upon Archbishop Miller's retirement the next month.

Archbishop Miller made the announcement holding an eagle feather in his left hand, something he did during his charge as well. It was a gift from Lt.-Gov. Graydon Nicholas. In Aboriginal culture the gift of an Eagle Feather is a great honor, a mark of distinction, and the person who speaks holding the eagle feather speaks the truth. The

subject of eagle feathers came up the previous day when Archbishop Miller delivered Bishop Mark MacDonald, our National Indigenous Anglican Bishop and a special guest of the synod, to Government House where the lieutenant governor had invited him for lunch. Archbishop Miller was touched by the spiritual meaning of the feather and wished in his heart he had one. As he left Government House he looked up into the blue sky and saw a bald eagle soaring over the St. John River. He admired its grace and strength for a moment and decided that encounter would "do" as his eagle feather. Later that afternoon the lieutenant governor took Bishop MacDonald to meet the archbishop at the Synod Office, and presented him with a real eagle feather of his own.

Synod observed Archbishop Miller's 25th anniversary of ordination to the diaconate among the significant milestones of many other clergy. He was called to ministry in middle age, following a successful career in structural engineering and real estate appraisal.

Synod defeats motion that could see lay delegates lose voting rights, passes new synod schedule, new approach to Shared Ministry Budget

BY ANA WATTS

At a one-day meeting in Sussex on Nov. 9, Diocesan Synod defeated a motion that would have seen parish lay delegates to synod unable to vote if their parish had not completed and filed all its annual returns. A new approach to the calculation of the Shared Ministry Budget, and diocesan representation at General Synod depend on statistics from these returns and of course the diocesan administration needs the information for its own planning and operations. Some parishes do not comply.

The Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls of Trinity Church, Saint John said he did not believe it was reasonable "to further the use of punitive measures in a diocese where many people in many parishes have great burdens." He suggested the diocesan administration should use other methods to encourage the timely filing of returns.

Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall, secretary of synod, the bishop's executive assistant and mover of the motion said many, many methods have been employed without success, the last synod asked Diocesan Council to

address the situation and the motion was the result.

Chuck Steeves of the Parish of Shediac suggested if the motion were restated in a positive way it might be more palatable to the house. With approval from the mover and seconder (Chancellor Clyde Spinney), the motion stated, in part: "Delegates are entitled to vote at a meeting of the Synod if their parish has completed and filed all Parish Forms."

Frank White of the Parish of Milledgeville brought up the issue of unfairness inherent in the motion, since it only penalizes the lay delegate, not the clergy,

who bear responsibility for the filing of the returns.

Because the motion deals with a section of the Diocesan Constitution that deals with the laity it was initially ruled that clergy could not be included in it and therefore would not lose their votes at synod. It was later decided, however, to add clergy and vote on a positively stated amended motion.

Since the motion would amend the Diocesan Constitution voting had to be done by house (clergy and laity) and a two-thirds majority in each house was required. Clergy

voted first, the motion was lost, and the laity did not vote.

When the motion was lost Archbishop Claude Miller made a heartfelt plea to those who do not submit their returns.

"In last two years we have done everything possible to encourage people to get their returns in. I don't understand why there is not compliance in every parish. If a parish cannot submit electronically it may send a paper copy to the office and it will be input there. I'm not sure what is happening. The things we do affect others in

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NATIONAL NEWS

New Chaplain General New Brunswick native



CPL. ANTHONY LAVIOLETTE, CFSU(O) IMAGING SERVICES

Brig. Gen. John Fletcher, an Anglican priest born in St. Stephen, New Brunswick and a military chaplain for more than 25 years, was installed as Chaplain General of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in September by the Chief of the Defence Staff, General Tom Lawson. The CAF has 220 chaplains in the regular force and 130 in the reserve, who come from 20 different Christian denominations; it also has Jewish and Muslim chaplains and its goal is to provide the diversity that exists in the nation. Diversity resonates with Padre Fletcher, the CAF's first openly gay chaplain general. He is proud to serve in the CAF because the military leadership makes provision for chaplaincy because it sees spiritual well-being as an integral dimension of soldier well-being and allows it to be wherever soldiers and their families are deployed.

Happy 90th birthday to Harold and Edith Nutter



PHOTO COURTESY OF AUDREY MARTIN

Congratulations from the people of the Diocese of Fredericton to Archbishop Harold Nutter, who celebrates his 90th birthday on Dec. 29, and his wife Edith, who turned 90 on Nov. 28. It is with great affection and very best wishes that we pray for your good health and God's blessings. In the photo above they are celebrating their 80th birthdays at Cathedral Memorial Hall in 2003. Archbishop Nutter served as Bishop of Fredericton from 1971-1989 and as Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada from 1980 - 1989. Two years ago he and Mrs. Nutter moved to Ontario to be near their daughter Patricia.

Evangelists-in-training commit to service



Archbishop Claude Miller, Dean of Formation Ruth Jarvis Coleman, and National Executive Director Shawn Branch stand behind the six evangelists-in-training who committed themselves to Threshold Ministries and The Rule of Life at a service at All Saints Church in East Saint John in late October. From left to right in the front row the trainees are: Mabel Brown, Inuvik; Carol-Anne Foty, Toronto; Britney Shaw, Saint John; Tri Truong, The Pas; Rob Pitman, Saint John; and Erick Hinton, Victoria. The trainees have gone back to their home towns to put what they have learned into practice. They will carry on with their work for God's Kingdom as part of Threshold Ministries.



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THE BISHOP'S PAGE

What to make of Christmas in 2013?

Christmas, Christmas, Christmas ... what to make of Christmas in the early years of the 21st Century? In reality, whatever the time of year, we find ourselves amid the ghosts of Christmas past, present and future. But our hearts, like the characters of Dickens' A Christmas Carol, are especially stirred at this time of year. It's because of the possibility of leaving the thoughts of darkness, despair, sadness and death behind and finding renewed hope that leads to personal and corporate rebirth and new life.

I have fond memories of our Christmases as a family and as a child growing up in the country. We anticipated welcoming the first snowfall, an event we wished would happen while we attended the midnight service. Then we could walk home together, listening to the crunch of freshly fallen snow that glittered like diamonds in the light of the Christmas lights that lovingly adorned our neighbours' houses.

Our Christmases always lived up to our expectations. Even with limited resources my parents always managed to provide the true spirit of Christmas. It's



FROM THE BISHOP

difficult to differentiate or look back at any particular Christmas as outstanding. The memory of my boyhood Christmases is more of a collection of experiences that sum up this early reality. However, there is one Christmas experience that stirs my heart every year at this time.

When I was in my early teens I spent a great deal of time with my best neighbourhood friend. He was a few years older than me so at times it was difficult for me to keep up. A few days before Christmas, Frank and I visited an older lady who lived close by at the end of a very long lane. She lived in a huge home and had been recently widowed. I cannot remember why we were making this visit, but after making the trek through a blanket of early snow she welcomed us into her kitchen, made cozy and warm by the heat of the wood range. Part of her greeting was to offer us a peppermint from her

pantry and after a few moments she invited us into the living room to see her Christmas tree. Frank and I were both horrified ... our widowed neighbour had Christmas tinsel and ornaments draped over a very large Easter lily. This was to be her Christmas tree?

Christmas trees and greeting cards found their beginnings in Dickens' time ... symbols and traditions borrowed from other contexts and adapted to form new traditions. Our widowed friend was not allowed to begin a new tradition by decorating an Easter lily. Two teens, one always a step or two behind, would see to that! After leaving her house, collecting an axe, we went deep into the farm wood lot, cut down a balsam fir, brought it to her, and decorated it before the day was over.

Dickens' may have finished this story with the three of us sitting around this beautiful tree singing carols. If that happened, I fail to remember. However, I have never forgotten those few hours of neighbourly life, warmth, love and joy. Scrooge was the embodiment of darkness that marginalized the victims of industry and commerce, and,

just as winter is followed by spring and the renewal of life, so too Scrooge's cold heart was restored to the innocent goodwill of neighbours bringing God's love in times of loneliness and despair.

Down through the years I have thought about that special day. Who is to know? Perhaps our widowed lady next door had it right. She had decorated an Easter lily, the symbol of hope in the resurrection brought to us by God's love made manifest in the birth of the Christ Child in a stable on that cold night so long ago. The true spirit of all Christmases.

May you always find the blessings of God in the spirit of Christmas past, present and future that restores your soul to new life in Him.

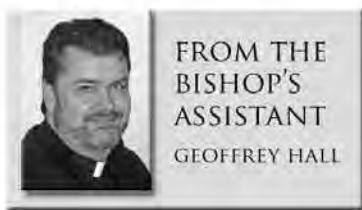
Archbishop Claude Miller is Bishop of Fredericton and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

Take to heart the message we profess to celebrate

For a growing number of people God is just too far away to be taken seriously. As Christmas approaches, the manger scenes emerge along with the Christmas trees, the holly and the ivy and many of us settle in to take in all of what stirs the sentimental Christmas we've come to know and love. For others, however, the trappings are only a symbol of what a world once believed. Christmas is a time for spiked punches, office parties and a day or two off. The gifts are common, but the symbolism has been long forgotten, if it was ever known.

How often do our own traditions and interpretations of those same traditions actually become a barrier? When does the all-too-familiar become a roadblock to the call of the baptized to witness to the good news of the Gospel and the coming to earth of its Saviour?

The manger we picture is in an isolated stable, far away from the hospitality of hearth or home. It gives us a quaint image, possibly describes what we secretly want to believe about Jesus' coming. Seldom do we consider, or reconsider, the extent to which that scene should relate what is



FROM THE BISHOP'S ASSISTANT GEOFFREY HALL

most significant about Christian faith. "No room at the inn" signals the rejection of Mary, without a second thought, by the homeland of her betrothed. In fact, any respected citizen of Bethlehem would have been privileged, in fact duty-bound, to provide shelter to a member of the house and lineage of David that night.

The manger to which St. Luke refers is more likely in the back room of a Palestinian house where animals were regularly brought to feed and spend the night. The hay would have been the natural place to lay a newborn. Even if the guest room (the inn) was full, which is likely with what we're told about the census, Joseph and Mary probably spent the night in the main part of their host's home. Kenneth Baily in his article "The Manger and the Inn" says: "Even if [Joseph] has never been there before he can appear suddenly at the home of a distant cousin, recite his genealogy, and he is

among friends. Joseph had only to say, "I am Joseph, son of Jacob, son of Matthan, son of Eleazar, the son of Eliud," and the immediate response must have been, "You are welcome. What can we do for you?"

When Jesus came into the world, he was God coming closer to humanity than he had ever come before. What if the well-known images painted on both store window and Christmas card are, in fact, leading us farther away from the core message? It's necessary for us all to cut away the clutter, to see again what is at the heart of it all — the coming of Jesus. We need to be deeply conscious of what that means to how we are before a world that increasingly perceives God to be so far, far away.

[As Archdeacon Richard McConnell would say, "Here comes the cup of cold water!"]

How do we communicate that closeness of God? A good start would be the way in which we treat one another. As church father Tertullian is reported to have said, "See how these Christians love one another." It seems our Christian communities are too often fraught with infighting and an all too obvious lack

of respect and civility that would literally curl one's hair. I know it does mine. I've had parish folk visit with me at the Synod Office, rise from the chair and with a raised voice wag a finger in my face in an attempt to prove that I don't understand what it means to be them. Indeed, I don't. We have parishes where two congregations are literally at war with one another, incapable of being in one another's presence let alone share ministry. We expect someone to perform miracles for us when we are disinclined towards so much as lifting a finger ourselves. An enormously ineffective witness to say the least. How can it be that we, of all people, act as if God is too far away to be taken seriously? What's wrong with us? We are.

This Christmas, might we expect to encourage one another with a new level of sincerity and take to heart the message that we say we celebrate? God comes near. Jesus is indeed Emmanuel, God with us.

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

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

Dec. 8
Christ Church
(Parish) Church *

Dec. 15
Christ Church Cathedral

Dec. 24
Christ Church Cathedral

Dec 25
Christ Church Cathedral

Jan. 1
Christ Church Cathedral

Jan 11
Christ Church Cathedral
Ordination

* Denotes Confirmation

Motions

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other parishes. Without proper statistics we jeopardize our representation at General Synod. This motion came when our backs were against the wall. We want to help people fully understand the implications of non-compliance. Take responsibility as delegates to encourage compliance. If you run into trouble, talk to your archdeacon, it is his or her responsibility to make sure the information is filed. I would hope from here on that we would be a little more sensitive to each other. There is nothing to be gained from treating each other unfairly. If we want to be part of the body, there are responsibilities to go with it. I pray we take this seriously so we will be and will be known as members of one body."

The Parish Returns motion was only one of six motions before synod. In total four were won, one was lost and one was withdrawn.

A motion to allow for a synod at least every third year instead of every second; a motion to refer a new fair, equitable and transparent approach to the support of the shared ministry budget to Diocesan Council; a motion to convene an electoral synod in May of 2014 (see "Archbishop Miller to Retire" on page 1), and a motion to send greetings to Archbishop Harold Nutter and his wife Edith on their 90th birthdays were all passed.

A motion to reaffirm a previous resolution on marriage in response to General Synod's intention to change the Marriage Canon to allow for the marriage of same sex couples, was withdrawn.

DIOCESAN SYNOD

Approaching the great hour of the Aboriginal church

FROM A SERMON BY BISHOP MARK MACDONALD

“First Nations community churches are growing and we are approaching the great hour of the Aboriginal church,” Bishop Mark MacDonald told Synod 2013 in Sussex. The National Indigenous Anglican Bishop was special guest of Synod and preached at the morning Eucharist.

He began his sermon with a story of a future bishop of Quebec out in Lake Superior in a great canoe paddled by Ojibwe men. Trappers and clergy were also on the trip. They were well out in the lake when a storm came up. The trappers cursed and the clergy said the rosary. The Ojibwe, not associated with any church, stopped paddling, crossed their paddles over their laps and began to sing. “It was as if a giant hand pushed the storm aside,” said Bishop MacDonald. “The Ojibwe took up their paddles again as if nothing had happened. The foundation of our ministry is the insight that God precedes us where we go. God did not get off the boat with Columbus, God was already here.”

There are those in this world who question the trustworthiness of the written word of God, but the fact is, the word of God doesn't need people to believe it, it is true, he continued. The living word of God in creation and history and the written word of God is one of the great relationships in our lives as Christians.

“We are in a church now that shows who the paddlers are, we are in a time of renewal. We often think of our church as

bringing something to people that don't have it. But it is really our job to reveal to them the presence of God that is already in their lives.”

He ended his sermon with another story he learned when he was Bishop of Alaska.

Bishop Peter Trimble Rowe, the first Episcopal bishop of Alaska (1895-1942) recounted his first encounter in the interior of Alaska at Saguenay Flats. He built a boat, went down the Yukon and was stunned to find indigenous people there reading Morning and Evening Prayer in their skin huts before they went to hunt caribou. Once they had had a priest but he was Canadian and was forced to leave when Alaska was sold to the United States. They only had a deacon when he encountered them.

“In indigenous ministry our clergy have been important, but not as important as native catechists and layreaders,” said Bishop MacDonald. “It is they who have insight into our life. The people in the interior of Alaska knew they could encounter God in their skin huts as well as they could in a beautiful Church. So we are trying to mobilize an army of catechists and layreaders to help people in difficult situations. It's about helping families find hope and health and healing. This day calls us to have the courage to believe that God is working in every human heart, so your contact may be a moment of saving grace, for you, for them, and the church.”



Highlights of the archbishop's charge, Synod 2013

Find the complete document at http://anglican.nb.ca/synod/2013/121109_bishops_charge.pdf

In the light of the Archdeaconry Report recommendations and discussions over the last eighteen months, I worked with Dr. Nancy Mathis on a new vision statement for the Diocese. “To radiate the hope of God as an unfettered, missional diocese.” To be a missional presence, again, I borrow from the Anglican Communion statement. “Mission is the creating, reconciling and transforming action of God, flowing from the community of love found in the Trinity, made known to all humanity in the person of Jesus, and entrusted to the faithful

action and witness of the people of God who, in the power of the Spirit, are a sign, foretaste and instrument of the reign of God. (Adapted from a statement of the Commission on Mission of the National Council of Churches in Australia.)

Many people are asking what has been done as a consequence of the Commission reports thus far at the parish and archdeaconry level? Here is a summary of some of what has and is taking place:

- There are active conversation between several parish clusters in the Archdeaconry of Fredericton as to how they might collaboratively share in Mission by working together.
- The parishes of Musquash and Nerepis St. John are sharing the

Rector of Musquash in the area of Youth Ministry and Mission.

- Four parishes in the Archdeaconry of Kingston Kennebecasis are sharing a full time Youth Worker.
- Four parishes in Moncton, while sharing ministry before the Archdeaconry Commissions began their work, are continuing on their quest for a shared vision for the future.
- The Tri-Parish shared ministry in East Saint John continues in the four congregation collaboration for a shared vision for the future.
- Conversations are beginning to take place in the city of Miramichi to discuss the future for their four congregations.
- The Parishes of Carlton and Victoria were amalgamated and are endeavoring to seek ways to preserve an Anglican presence in

the Lower West side of Saint John by the possibility of re-purposing their physical infra-structure for worship and social outreach.

- The Parishes on the Restigouche are seeking to amalgamate to aid in their quest for a mission vision to serve the Anglican presence in their three communities and the greater region.
- The Parish of the Tobique has developed a joint ministry with the United Church of Canada.
- The Parish of Denmark is working closely with their Lutheran neighbour in the area of worship.

For the past 10 years we have been wrestling with a question, how is an Anglican presence to be maintained across the Province of New Brunswick for the benefit of God's mission in

the world? This conversation has been conducted in different ways over many years such as The Rural and Struggling Parishes Report and most recently the Reports of the Archdeaconry Commissions. It has taken a great deal of time and effort but I sense that there is now a greater degree of clarity about what we face. One of the guiding principles of the Commissions was the idea that we face a “wicked problem.” A problem for which there is no obvious “one off” solution, but rather one having multiple possible answers, which are often local in nature. Consequently the Archdeaconry Commissions were set up with a broad mandate in order that they each could be flexible in responding to the issues in their region.

PROVINCIAL NEWS

Some Provincial Council presenters and guests “virtual” participants



In the screen on the left, a presenter at Provincial Council participates from a remote location.

This fall's meeting of the Provincial Council of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada held in Corner Brook was ground-breaking for two reasons. The first was that it was quite bit smaller than in the past as the Provincial Synod meeting in Montreal last September reduced the size of the council by a third. The second was the council had a number of its presenters and guests join the meeting electronically via Skype.

Theme for the meeting was Bearing New Fruit, it flowed naturally from the last theme of Pruning the Vine and the major work was to follow the work of synod with concrete actions.

The dioceses were asked to look at ways to work more closely together. The first step was to form them into groups — Quebec (Montreal and Quebec); Maritime (Nova Scotia/Prince Edward Island and Fredericton); and Newfoundland (Western, Central and Eastern/Labrador). During the next year each group will hold at least one joint mission-minded activity aimed at developing the marks of mission. Executive officers and/or related staff of all seven dioceses will gather within their geographical clusters and/or provincially to share current work and relationships and investigate potential areas of sharing. They will report to the Provincial Executive before the next provincial synod.

Council will not meet face-to-face in 2014 but carry on its work through video-conference. Dioceses are asked to acquire the appropriate technology or enter into agreements with agencies that have it to share in order to facilitate this.

Mark Dunwoody of Montreal proposed a youth leadership Train-the-Trainer event June



At a recent meeting of Provincial Council in Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Archbishop Claude Miller presented the first Province of Canada Award of Merit to the Ven. Alan Perry in recognition of his years of dedicated service as member, clerical secretary, prolocutor and member of the governance working group.

2014. Participants would go back to their dioceses and run training events in the summer or fall of 2014 for youth leaders in their dioceses. Part of the cost for this event will be gleaned from the savings resulting from remote meeting.

The Rev. Darren McCartney spoke about the difficulties of training clergy and lay leadership in the North and his vision for an ongoing training program for the Diocese of the Arctic and answered questions via Skype. As a result, in conjunction with the provincial executive and the theological training institutions within the province, options for South-North/North-South theo-

logical training will be explored and a report prepared for the next Provincial Council.

Diocese of Fredericton's 12-12-12 Post-Ordination Program was recommended for implementation in the province in cooperation with the provincial executive and one or more of the three Anglican theological colleges/schools located here.

To better understand the wider church within Canada, the council approved a plan to have a pilot project of parish-to-parish sharing with a parish or other Anglican community within the jurisdiction of the Council of the North. It may include, among other things,

shared social networking, liturgy, prayer through prayer cycles and youth gatherings as well as face-to-face meetings and gatherings.

There was a panel to discuss “Safe Church” with Mike Thornhill, vice-president for Eastern Canada of Ecclesiastical Insurance, Jarvis deCondé (on speakerphone) and Jack Walsworth (via Skype). Jack noted that over the past decade there has been an increasingly negative public perception toward all churches and we need to implement policies and safeguards as a way of regaining trust. Safe Church is a set of policies, standards, procedures and forms to assist in this. Jarvis emphasized the need to implement procedures to create and maintain safe spaces and reduce the likelihood of abuse and misconduct and that this is non-negotiable. We also need to find the best way to get there. As a result of the discussion the province adopted a Provincial Safe Church Regulation, including a Revised Provincial Misconduct Policy and a Revised Provincial Privacy Policy. The policy only applies to provincial events but the documents are recommended to all dioceses as best practices.

The meetings were not all work; there was plenty of opportunity for worship and great meals hosted at three local parishes. During supper on Friday, Prolocutor Margaret Jennix read a citation from the Metropolitan, Archbishop Claude Miller, who presented the first Province of Canada Award of Merit to the Ven. Alan Perry for his years of dedicated service as member, clerical secretary, prolocutor and member of the governance working group. At Super Saturday Council expressed its thanks and best wishes to Bishops Sue Moxley and Cy Pitman on their upcoming retirements, for their leadership and contributions to Synod and Council over the years.

Find details on the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada on-line at :

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A Blessed Advent and Merry Christmas from the Diocesan Communications Committee



PARISH NEWS

St. Peter's Church, Fredericton, celebrates 175 years of continuous worship and witness

On Oct. 26 St. Peter's Anglican Church in Fredericton celebrated 175 years of continuous worship and witness with a banquet featuring several local dignitaries, including Lt.-Gov. Graydon Nicholas. The oldest church building in the greater Fredericton area that has been in continuous use since its opening in 1838 is Georgian in design and unique in this area. It sits on the banks of the St. John River among pseudo-acacia trees and surrounded by a venerable cemetery. In recent years both the church and cemetery have been recognized by the City of Fredericton as architecturally unique, historically important and culturally significant. Canadian

hero of the war of 1812, Captain Charles Rainsford and his wife Deborah were active members of the congregation and lie buried in the cemetery. As do members of the local black community who built St. Peter's. That makes this pretty little churchyard the only instance of white and black integrated burial dating from the 19th century in the greater Fredericton area and perhaps in all of New Brunswick. Earlier in October Captain Charles Rainsford and his brother Bradford, both heroes of the War of 1812, were recognized by the placing of two commemorative plaques on their graves – an initiative of the War of 1812 Veteran Recognition Project.



Keynote speaker Lt.-Gov. Graydon Nicholas.

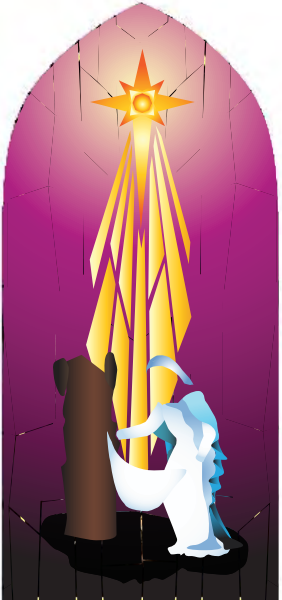


Fredericton-Lincoln MLA Brian Macdonald brought a birthday gift.

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Head table guests included, left to right, Lt.-Gov. Nicholas; the Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb, rector of St. Peter's; Dr. Linda Hebb; Councillor David Kelly and Mrs. Kim Kelly.



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PARISH NEWS

Zealand Church ... Restored, revived and paying the bills

BY ANA WATTS

St. Paul's Church in Zealand rests on a new foundation and has refurbished footings. Updated wiring, a new electric forced-air furnace, new concrete front and vestry steps as well as a wheelchair ramp are all on their way, and when all is said and done, the parking area may even be paved. This beloved 147-year-old country church has everything it needs to remain the spiritual home of its 35-or-so faithful worshippers. What it doesn't have is any oil in the ground or any external debt, although it must reimburse its rectory fund for the \$75,000 advanced last spring to help clean up the nearly 700 litres of furnace oil that leaked into the basement soil beneath the church. It was dubbed a "catastrophic" leak and the estimate for environmental remediation alone was \$275,000. In the frenzy of last April the parish applied for and was granted a loan guarantee from the Diocese of Fredericton.

In late October, while the church was moved on to its new foundation, Warden Eugene Price and his committee (responsible for dealing with the actual oil spill and remediation of the site) had pretty much completed its final report for the Department of Environment. "The oil is gone," said Mr. Price. "We have done that testing and there is no oil present at the site, so that is definitely a relief for sure. The cost was about \$150,000, certainly less than estimated. Once we have the church completely installed on the new footings and we get good reports on some air testing in the basement, we will be able to submit the report to Environment and I am confident in the results."

He is also confident the entire project will be fully paid for when all is said and done. There are two major reasons the parish may be able to complete the entire clean-up and refurbishment without great debt. First, the \$300,000 estimate was high.

The final tally will be more like \$200,000. But that still would have left the church in debt. It was the generosity of the people and churches in New Brunswick and beyond — Anglican and otherwise — that made the difference.

"We have received more than \$60,000 in donations and they are still coming in," says warden Laurie Burt. "I can't tell you how grateful we are for this generous support from our friends and from people we don't even know."

Once the work began on the church the to-do list grew quickly. "It cost about \$65,000 for the new foundation and to move the church into position," says Frank Morehouse who recently retired as parish treasurer after 40 years of service. "But in order to put the church back in place, we had to bring it up to code with new wiring, a new heating system (\$9,000), repaired sills (\$4,500) ... So we can't thank people enough for their donations. And they are still coming in. Some people held their donations until they were sure the church could be refurbished and put back into service. These later donations will help to pay for the new concrete steps and ramps — the church is higher off the ground than it once was — so they all need to be replaced. And it would be wonderful to be able to pave the parking area for stable footing."

The small congregation contributed to the project too through personal donations and fundraisers. One bake sale brought in \$1,200, there was a successful book sale and another one is being contemplated, and right now there are tickets available for a pantry basket. "There's enough stuff in that basket to furnish a kitchen at Base Gagetown," says Mr. Burt.

"This project was a major undertaking for a parish as small as ours," says Mr. Morehouse. "It was the generosity of the people and churches who made donations that eased our financial burden. We are grateful."



ANA WATTS

In order to clean up a catastrophic furnace oil leak in the basement of St. Paul's, Zealand, in the Parish of Bright, the church had to be lifted off its foundation, the contaminated earth removed and new footings put in place. In the photo above all that work is done and crews are preparing to slide the church onto the new footings on the I-beams already set in place.



ANA WATTS

Among those on hand to watch the church moved back into place were faithful parishioners (left to right) Hugh Crouse, Vona Thomas, Andrew Jones, Norma Gene Jones, Flora Burt, Patsy Jewett, Paul Jewett and Peter Morehouse.

Below on the left:

The church is within inches of its destination. The new foundation was about 15 feet farther back from the old one, so the contractor had to re-set the I beams to move it back that far.

On the right:

The top of the concrete footings needed to be smooth and even so there would be no pressure points on the new footings that were installed as part of the refurbishment of the church. Once the work began the entire building had to be brought up to code.



MU & ACW

Diocesan Mothers' Union has banner year

BY SUSAN COLPITTS-JUDD

This has been a very special year in the lives of Canadian Mothers' Union members as we celebrated 125 years of active history in the life of the Church across the country. At a Diocesan Council meeting held in Hampton in March, Joanne Fitzpatrick (Branch Leader of St. Mary and St. Bartholomew's in Saint John) showed us her design for a commemorative banner her group wished to make to honour this milestone anniversary. The beautiful banner was quilted over a two week period and was dedicated and blessed on April 21 at its home church. It was proudly displayed in the banner parade at the annual diocesan rally which was held on April 27 at St. Paul's in Hampton. The theme for the gathering was "The Seeds We Sow Help Us Grow – Celebrating 125 Years of MU Canada".

A highlight of the rally was Elaine Robichaud's presentation of the evolution of MU in this country from 1888 to the present. Our national banner dates back to the first Diocesan Council formed in 1909 and it is still in use, with plans to retire it to its origin in the Diocese of Ruperts Land. Branches continued to thrive in Canada during the world wars, but there was a formal split from the Worldwide MU in the late 1960's over the is-



Joanne Fitzpatrick at the rally in Hampton with the commemorative banner.

sue of allowing divorced women to join the group, which Canada supported.

The Worldwide Council in 1973 finally unveiled a new vision for MU members in which any baptized Christian (male or female) could be enrolled as

a member and the aim and five objects we still abide by were accepted. Elspeth Newton became president of the re-established Canadian Council with 30 branches still intact.

Between 1973 and the Centennial Conference in 1988 the

number of branches increased to 85, with several Diocesan Councils established. National conferences were convened every four years and the Diocese of Fredericton held the national chair from 2004 to 2008 with Kathleen Snow as President.

Diocese of Fredericton MU branches became active beginning in 1980 and our Diocesan Council was formed in 1981, with annual rallies beginning that year as well. Our diocesan banner was commissioned in 1983 and was dedicated in 1985 by Bishop Harold Nutter. Our current enrolment is 133 members in 11 branches in the Diocese.

The MU branch at Christ Church Cathedral held a Eucharist on Sept. 14 to celebrate the 125th anniversary and members from all branches were invited to attend. The key message delivered by the Rev. Michael Caines, Diocesan MU Chaplain, was that trust begins and ends with the cross and that believing this will guide us on the path that God has chosen for us.

After the service concluded, five members with many years of dedicated service to MU told us of the powerful impact that MU has had in their lives. Ginny McEwen was instrumental in bringing MU to this diocese and has served at all levels including National President

in 1992. Alice Kennedy was the first Canadian to serve on the Action and Outreach Committee at Mary Sumner House in the UK, Kathleen Snow is a past national president, Adele Knox is a past diocesan president and Lilian Ketch, current diocesan president. She was also national recording secretary from 2004 to 2008.

The newest initiative of the Mothers' Union in this diocese is the facilitation of the MU parenting course, which is changing lives all over the world. As Kathleen shared with the group when she spoke: think of a flower and how it needs nourishment, water and light to grow. Over the past 125 years Mothers' Union has helped us to bloom as we reach out in faith, set examples, uphold one another and mirror God's life. She stressed the need to make sure to keep the joy in the work of the Mothers' Union and to accept that the small impact you make could have consequences far bigger than you could ever imagine. "Christian care for families worldwide", the familiar logo of the Mothers' Union, encourages us all to believe that its God-centered work will carry on for generations to come.

Susan Colpitts-Judd is Diocese of Fredericton MU press secretary.

ACW members embrace the cross both literally and figuratively

"Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" was theme of the day on Oct. 17 when 32 ACW delegates gathered for the Fredericton/York Deanery meeting hosted at St. Thomas Church, Stanley. It began with Holy Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Lidvald Haugen-Stand, priest-in-charge and Donna Moss, layreader. The Rev. Dr. Brian Spence, regional dean, delivered an inspiring message in keeping with the theme.

President Betty Adams welcomed everyone and emphasized the need for members of the parishes to get involved. Her appeal was successful as both the position of vice-president and the keeper of the Book of Remembrance positions were filled. Carol Wilson welcomed all on behalf of the Parish of Stanley, St. Mary's York replied with an invitation to attend the 2014 annual.



Theme of the ACW deanery meeting in Stanley recently was "Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." At the end of the afternoon Stanley ACW President Carol Wilson invited each person to accept a "holding cross" made by a Stanley parish artisan. They are designed to be a source of comfort to anyone who puts their faith in the cross.

The treasurer's report showed a balance, \$300 that was voted toward Paul Jefferies' stipend.

The morning offering was sent to the Parish of Bright and the lunch collection went to the

Stanley food bank.

Farraline Place director Judy O'Donnell spoke glowingly of the support she gets from ACW.

Kevin from Anglican House did a brisk business in books and gifts.

A hymn-sing accompanied by Ann Wetherilt on the piano and Annette Price on the guitar was held in the church after lunch.

Maxine Fullarton of Stanley gave the devotion address, We All Have Crosses. In Mark 8:34 Jesus said, "Whoever wished to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." Crosses may be physical, spiritual or psychological. Christ prayed that his cross of suffering might be lifted from him and we too should pray and never give up, even though we can't grasp the mystery behind the suffering.

Embracing the cross with the help of God's grace is quite different from nobly trying our best to accept a cross without grace. Those who embrace a cross through grace find themselves depending on God more and more each day. They themselves become more and more like Jesus. Small wooden crosses to

fit in the palm of the hand and crafted by a Stanley parishioner were distributed.

The Rev. Dr. Ross Hebb, guest speaker, offered a wonderful presentation on First World War letters written home. He has amassed a wealth of information on Maritime service personnel from the era, a great deal is learned of life at home as well as of their experiences and ordeals so far from home.

It was apparent that the church played an important role in the lives of these families and today many churches still call the roll of service men and women who lost their lives.

At the end of the afternoon Mrs. Wilson invited each person to accept a "holding cross" made by a Stanley parish artisan in keeping with the theme of the day.

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ACW & PARISH NEWS

Women of faith, courage, come to the water

BY GLENNA GEER

In early October women of faith and courage from across Canada gathered in Halifax, Nova Scotia, near the water, to be inspired by the ACW national conference with the apt theme — Come to the Water: Women of Faith, Women of Courage. As president of the Diocese of Fredericton ACW I was privileged to be among them. And we were all inspired in many ways. The theme reflected on our need to cleanse and refresh Anglican Church Women to carry on our ministry with faith, courage, and conviction; we were energized and inspired with spiritual renewal.

The Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham, Nova Scotia Board Chaplain, was conference facilitator. She brought extensive experience as a rector, pastor, consultant, mediator, circle practitioner, conflict coach, and facilitator to the task. She presented us with an overview of Ecclesiastical Province structure. A good map and even better explanation made this most informative. Then we looked at the social



Diocesan ACW president Glenna Geer, right, attended the ACW national meeting in Halifax in the fall. Here she is with National ACW President Terri Parrill, left and National Mothers' Union President Margaret de Carvalho, centre, in All Saints' Cathedral.

action water focus as it relates to the Ecclesiastical provinces. This is a concern for all of us.
CBC personality Olga

Milosevich moderated a panel discussion "Women of Faith, Women of Courage: Witnesses of the Christian Message in the

Marketplace." The four diverse panelists gave their life stories as they pertained to our theme.
The tour to Mahone Bay

and Lunenburg was inspiring in different ways. The scenery, especially the three churches in Mahone Bay looking across the water, is magnificent. As is the exquisite church in Lunenburg, restored following a devastating fire on Halloween night in 2001. Firefighters heroically saved the altar and some of the pews. Many of the stained glass windows were lost, but have been restored, some with the original pieces of glass. Even the \$500,000 pipe organ is restored. We enjoyed the service and were invited to renew our baptismal vows.

Bishop Sue Moxley was celebrant for our final Eucharist at All Saints' Cathedral. Cathy Lee preached. The offering was sent to the Council of the North.

Following the service the national executive officers were installed: Delorie Walsh, president; Susan Kinney, vice-president; Kay Short, secretary; Joanna Muzyka, treasurer.

Our diocesan ACW will pray for the Diocesan ACW in Saskatchewan for the next year. The Diocese of Toronto will pray for us.

CHANGE OPENS NEW DOORS



Outdoor worship and a picnic in the tranquil setting of St. James The Less Church of Taycreek proved to be the perfect way to adapt to necessary change. Structural problems in the 116-year-old wooden building made it unsafe for use. Moving worship to the churchyard awakened interest in family members with loved ones buried in the adjoining cemetery. Plans are being discussed to try the same form of worship in other churches of the Anglican Parish of Stanley.



New priest and family in Gagetown, Cambridge & Waterborough

People of the parishes of Gagetown and Cambridge & Waterborough celebrated the new ministry of the Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover on Oct. 6. She and her family — sons William and Peter and husband the Rev. Lt. (N) John Hounsell-Drover, chaplain with 2RCR — posed on the church steps following the service. Ms. Hounsell-Drover was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland in 2001. In 2009 she was appointed rector at St. John the Evangelist in Lower Sackville, Nova Scotia. She and her family moved to the Oromocto area last summer. She looks forward to the challenge of working full-time in two parishes. Her approach to ministry can be summarized by the refrain of the Jane Manton Marshall hymn "You Call Us, Lord, to Be: Thus chosen now, O Lord, we ask for faith in your unfailing grace to make us equal to the task."

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE



Christ Church, Campbellton, was the scene of an impressive Remembrance Service on Nov. 3, 2013. About 15 Legion members, including veterans, were in attendance for Holy Communion. Following the presentation of the flags the congregation sang all the verses of O Canada. "We will remember them" and "In Flanders Fields" were recited. Soup and sandwiches were served after the service. Another Christ Church Centennial event.

ARCHIVES CORNER

Christmas at St. Luke's Church, Woodstock

Then and Now



There are a lot of traditions associated with Christmas and it is remarkable that the decorations used at St. Luke's in approximately 1920 and in 1990 are strikingly similar.

*Members of the Diocesan Archives Committee extend to all readers of **The Archives Corner** our very best wishes for a happy and blessed Christmas.*



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The Anglican Diocesan Archives is always looking for pictures of long-gone churches.

There are even a few special ones, with their dates of consecration) on a wish-list:

- The Church of the Heavenly Rest, Bocabec (Oct. 31, 1920)
- The Church of the Annunciation of Our Lady, Beaconsfield, Nov. 2, 1898. Electronic copies would be fine. Contact either archivist at the contact information at the addresses above.

Always winter but never Christmas? Of course not!

The first tongue of winter is creeping across the landscape and I have been thinking about C.S. Lewis who died 50 years ago in November. On cold days my mind goes to Narnia, where the Wicked Witch of the North told Lucy it would be "always winter, but never Christmas." A hopeless place. Yet in those fantastic forests of Lewis' imagination was the rumour of a hope — Aslan would return, spring would come.

Unlike the cold of Narnia, the winds of western secularized society do not always feel unpleasant. In fact they are often a



David Edwards

comfort as we seek to navigate the landscape where, for many, there is no Christmas. We dull hopelessness by surrounding ourselves with good things.

We live in an amazing world, the cruel uncertainties of life a hundred years ago are merely the stuff of history books. No more are we in the place of a 95-year-old friend of mine who lost both parents in the first year of her life to the Spanish Flu. For many of us the relative certainty

of life can make it feel as if it is Christmas every day.

Yet behind that apparent brashness there are questions about the real values of life.

Since January of this year, 35 Atheist "churches" have sprung up across the UK. They sing songs, have times of silent reflection and there is what we would call a sermon. When atheists are asked why they go, many respond they are looking for community. This takes us into the world of Lewis again.

Community is an intangible but somehow the need for it is set in what the atheist evangelist

Richard Dawkins would call our memes, cultural characteristics passed down through the generations. In one way the message in Lewis's Narnia Chronicles is: Look beyond what you see to find what really is lurking there in all its reality. Rumour.

"Ah, but —," I hear you say "are people really asking about such things, seeking to look further than the material? We don't see it."

Recently a member of the clergy in this diocese was invited to attend a pretty high-powered conference for young leaders in Atlantic Canada. The majority professed to be Christian. When he came back

he said he had many opportunities to respond to people's questions about spiritual matters.

There is a sense, to use Lewis's image, that Aslan is out there, but what does that mean and how do we begin to ask questions about him? I want to suggest we create places where these issues can be raised. What does that look like? I do not have the space here to begin to explore the subject and many of you will know better than I. If you are interested Google this http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Third_place. It is time to help people come home for Christmas.

C O L U M N

Two great new seasonal releases, one pop/rock, one choral

My annual “End-of-Pentecost Season Dilemma” is upon me ... what music to review for Advent and Christmas? With the need of music companies to sell as many units of their music as possible in this digital age, Advent as its own season is mostly lost when it comes to new releases of music at this time of year. And since music is extremely personal, especially at this time of year, I am going to do what I have done in previous years — review two new releases, one choral and the other pop/rock. In an ideal world, everyone would find something interesting in both projects.

Into the Silent Night is a Christmas EP with five tracks from the popular group For King and Country. It’s a rather interesting group because its members pay significant attention to details within their music, so there is a lot to listen



to. This is more than just chords and melodies set to a beat, it features two well-known Christmas songs, and two written by the band. It’s a nice mix. “Angels We Have Heard On High” is particular well done in this genre. The title track is very listener-friendly, and likely to have many singing its chorus to their significant others during a romantic walk through the snow. “Little Drummer Boy” is the standout track, for it is a notoriously hard song to do well without being overly stereotypical (read: “Cheesy”). From my experience, only Jars of Clay has done it better (on 1995’s *Christmas Songs*). It may



only be 18 minutes long, but this Australian duo has come up with a seasonal winner.

Turn your attention now to the Amadeus Choir of Germany, one of the most respected and enduring European choral groups in existence today. Do not be afraid of the album’s title: *Weihnachtliche Chormusik [Christmas Choral Music]: Unto Us a Child Is Born*. First out in 2010, it is organized chronologically, beginning with Mary and Joseph’s journey to Bethlehem (the title track is “The Pilgrim”).



Advent-themed music continues, and builds anticipation of the Holy Night, as Mary is venerated in song, as is the commemoration of the birth of Christ. The album ends on Twelfth Night, the climax of the Christmas Season, with “The Twelve Days of Christmas.”

This remarkable album is sung mostly in German, but we also hear tracks offered in Spanish, French, English, and even Swedish. Not being a linguistic expert, I cannot comment on the quality of the language an-

nunciation, but I can report that the choir sings very succinctly and lyrically throughout the album. Though German choirs, I am told, are not well known for their emotive outpourings, this album conveys very well the themes of the texts. “To Hear the Angels Sing,” “Stille Nacht” (Silent Night), and “A Hymn to the Virgin” are standout pieces. This project will be on constantly around me over the next few weeks.

Both albums are available from iTunes, and other digital sellers. *Into the Silent Night* is also available at the Lighthouse in Fredericton.

Enjoy these treasures of the Advent and Christmas seasons!

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

Farraline Gala and Auction



Auctioneers Hank Williams and Charles Wright and their tempting wares.



Judy O'Donnell of Farraline Place enjoys the music by David Nielson (fiddle) and Wayne MacNeil (guitar).



Barber shoppers Maple Syrup John Piercy (tenor), Shawn Bower (lead), Neil Colwell (bass) and Chris Thorne (baritone) serenade the crowd of more than 150.



More music, music, music — Tom Fetter on piano and vocals with his sons Chris on saxophone and Nat on drums.

Lots more photos and information on Farraline Place at <http://www.farralineplace.com/>

YOUNG AT HEART

Confirmation class descends on Fredericton for food, fun, music and, oh yeah, some church stuff

BY CHRIS HAYES

In the parish of Salisbury and Havelock a small class of confirmation candidates has been at work since early May, learning about the Christian faith, its Anglican expression, and the role each one of them plays in living that faith in our world. The four of them gather each week for about 90 minutes, and explore Christianity in some challenging and (perhaps) unorthodox ways. Using the *re:form series* <http://reform.wearesparkhouse.org/>, they have worn each others' shoes, built towers with toothpicks and marshmallows, and trusted each other to lead them around a crowded room blindfolded!

On Oct. 4 we took a trip together to Fredericton to further experience the expression of Christian faith beyond our own familiar church and community settings. The first stop was Christ Church Cathedral, where verger emeritus Hank Williams led them on a very thorough tour of the wonderful church, explaining everything from the eagle-shaped lectern to the ghost stories about Mrs. Medley. A highlight was the climb into the tower, where the kids and we enthusiastic accompanying adults signed our names. They joined ranks with names dating back to 1913 and perhaps before. Many thanks to Mr. Williams, who was a hit with the kids,

and brought history alive for them. He is a gift.

One absolute necessity on a field trip with kids is FOOD! We moved up the hill to Montana's restaurant where we enjoyed supper together. What a treat to see the kids eating together. (Ministry secret I've learned over the years — you can really see how kids feel about each other when they eat together). It was a time of hearty laughter, hearty food and stomachs were full by the end of the meal. The poor food didn't stand a chance.

Finally, we moved across the river, to Sunset Church. Here, in a very different setting from most Anglican traditions, we were able to see that churches come in all different sizes, shapes, and styles. We were there to attend a Christian music concert, and to experience worship in a new way. Four bands in one night — what a treat! Newcomers to the scene Everfound were the surprise hit of the night. Other openers included The Neverclaim and Citizen's Way, all of whom led up to the headliner, Sanctus Real. Blessings abounded that night, and we left with many experiences, stories, and thoughts to share.

Trips such as these can be defining moments in the life of members of a Confirmation class. I am blessed by these inquisitive and excited minds each week, and now they have a stand-out common experi-

ence in which to consider in their own walks of faith. I only hope our Archbishop Chalde Miller is ready for the questions these four might ask him at the Confirmation service! Each of these kids has a family that is committed to their efforts here, and they have all been a great help in enabling us to do all that we do together. What a wonderful time, and what a wonderful group to work with!

The Rev. Chris Hayes is rector of Salisbury and Havelock.



Looks like Stephen Hayes and Matthew Watkins (above) and Hera MacKrel and Sarah Hayes (below) only ordered dessert at Montana's. Sweet.



Verger emeritus Hank Williams of Christ Church Cathedral knows all the building's history, ghosts, secrets and knows how to tell a good story too. He's in the back on the left, and Chris Hayes is on the right. In front are the students, Stephen Hayes, Matthew Watkins, Hera MacKrel (purple shirt) and Sarah Hayes.



Then there was the four-band nightcap.

Presents that endure



If you decide to include the Church or other charitable organization in your will, your "present" will be a gift that endures far into the future.

Everyone needs to have a will! A will directs the use of the accumulated fruits of your lifetime to provide for your loved ones as you see fit, rather than as the government determines. A will allows you to ease the transition of your passing for those who survive you. Moreover, a will is fully revocable while you live—you retain control and can easily make revisions should your circumstances change.

If you currently have a will, you can easily add a codicil providing for a bequest to your Parish, the Diocese or to General Synod. If you don't have a will, this is the time to prepare one. It's neither difficult nor expensive.

A bequest to the Church brings a tax benefit, too. At your death, your estate is entitled to a donation receipt for the full value of your bequest, providing a significant tax credit on your final tax return.

To explore the full range of gift planning tools available, contact

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