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SERVING THE DIOCESE OF FREDERICTON

Council team tackles struggling parishes issue

BY JIM MORELL

Does your parish need information on children and youth ministry? Would some expert advice on property management, or financial planning or budgeting help to your vestry? Are you looking for ways to reach out to your community? The Diocesan Council's Parish Support and Development Team (PSDT) wants to develop a bank of knowledgeable people ready to help parishes address all these issues and others, like visioning and action planning, stewardship, spiritual growth and learning.

Toward that end, the PSDT is actively seeking the names of clergy and lay leaders from across the diocese that feel called to a ministry of support and facilitation for struggling parishes. Training and orientation sessions are planned. If you or someone you know has gifts in these areas and would be willing to volunteer time and talent in support of struggling parishes, you are invited to contact committee chair Hazel MacKenzie (Parish of Minto and Chipman) at 327-6726 or mhmack@nbnet.nb.ca.

In response to a motion passed at last year's diocesan synod, the Bishop and Diocesan Council are building a special committee to study and make recommendations on the ways

in which the diocese can best support struggling and rural parishes. That committee's report is expected at the next diocesan synod in 2009 — but many parishes need help now. At its December meeting PSDT members asked, "What can we do to help?"

They recently had some positive feedback from parishes that have used external facilitators to help them address some pressing needs. Based on these encouraging results, team members felt it would be helpful to have a bank of experts on call.

The average age in many New Brunswick congregations increases year after year while the number of young families in church on Sunday decreases. In many parishes funerals outnumber baptisms and confirmations, offerings don't keep up with operational costs, attendance at Bible studies and spiritual growth events isn't what it used to be, and as their buildings get older they are more expensive to operate. For many parishes the future seems pretty bleak, and vestries are simply holding on.

The fact is, all of our parishes are struggling in varying degrees, but those in rural areas seem to be facing the greatest challenges.

In 1st Corinthians Chapter 12 v 27 the Apostle Paul writes: "Now you are the body of Christ

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Bishop plans sabbatical leave

Bishop Claude Miller will spend Feb. 15 to May 15 on a sabbatical retreat.

"Learning is a life-long process and I encourage our clergy to take a sabbatical after five years in a ministry. I am five years into my episcopate now and am taking my own advice," says the bishop.

The diocese supports sabbatical leave for personal development and the pursuit of worthy scholarly interests in a cleric's area of ministry. The three-month leave may be taken in a community or retreat setting. It is available to those who have been priests for at least 10 years and have been incumbent in their

current parish/ministry for at least five years.

Accumulated continuing education funds can be used to support a sabbatical leave. Funds may also be available from the Diocesan Jubilee Fund for the Education of Clergy, from the priest's parish, and through the General Synod Continuing Education Plan. Allowable expenses include travel and living costs, tuition, books and relevant computer hardware and software.

Bishop Miller will fund his sabbatical leave with a General Synod Continuing Education Plan grant and available bursaries.



Archbishop Fred Hiltz (left), Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, spent the day with diocesan clergy in late November. The Primate answered questions that had been submitted in advance and participated in a frank discussion on the state of the Anglican Communion. The day ended with a public and joyful service of Holy Communion at St. Clement's in Dumfries. With the Primate are crucifer Emily Ingraham of St. Clement's and his principal secretary Archdeacon Paul Feheley.

Clergy and Primate discuss state of the Anglican Church

BY ANA WATTS

Diocese of Fredericton clergy and Archbishop Fred Hiltz discussed the state of the Anglican Communion in general and the Anglican Church in Canada in particular at a clergy day with the primate at St. Clement's Church in the Parish of Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury and Southhampton at the end of November.

His visit came close on the heels of the defection of two retired Canadian bishops from the Anglican Church of Canada. They relinquished their licenses to minister in the Anglican Church of Canada in order to become bishops in the Province of the Southern Cone under Archbishop Gregory Venables. The primate addressed the situation publicly in a pastoral he asked to be read in every Anglican Church across the country on Sunday Dec. 2. The

Council of General Synod had already issued a statement regretting the actions of the two Canadian bishops and affirming the inappropriateness of interventions in the Canadian church by bishops from other jurisdictions.

So the clergy day with the primate began with private but open discussion and ended with a public and joyful service of Holy Communion at St. Clement's in Dumfries with its panoramic view of the St. John River. This was Archbishop Fred Hiltz' first official visit to the Diocese of Fredericton since his election as primate at General Synod last July. He and his principal secretary Archdeacon Paul Feheley remained in the diocese for another day and traveled to Saint John with Bishop Claude Miller and his executive assistant Archdeacon Geoffrey Hall.

Archbishop Hiltz is the former Bishop of Nova Scotia

and Prince Edward Island, so is no stranger to New Brunswick or to Bishop Miller. Indeed, he holds our bishop as a dear friend and valuable colleague. At the beginning of the Communion service the primate said, "I thank God for Claude, he is a good man and filled with the Holy Spirit."

The primate's sermon was on the Gospel lesson from Luke for Reign of Christ the King Sunday. "Yesterday it was strange to hear that passage from the middle of the Passion as we approach the beginning of Advent, but it was appropriate," he said. "It confronted us with the fundamental truths about our relationship with Christ ... the penitent thief who had never been baptized and who had taken no vows, renounced Satan and every evil power with three words: 'Jesus, remember me.' With that he turned to Christ and accepted him as his Saviour

See **Christ Reigns** on page 2

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PARISH NEWS

Heather Carr's northern ACW adventures continue

This the second installment of a story begun in the December issue by National ACW past-president Heather Carr.

In Atlin the ACW hosted "Tea on the Tharane," a small surviving ship from the Gold Rush days now dry docked and in service to the community. ACW also hosted tea in Whitehorse where I had as many questions for them as they had for me. It was an overwhelming learning experience and I was thankful beyond words to have been invited.

From the Yukon I travelled to the Diocese of Caledonia, Terrace, B.C. where we held the ACW National Conference. The members of St. Mathew's Anglican Church ACW were our hosts and ACWs from the diocese assisted with all the plans and care.

The geography of Caledonia is similar to the Yukon; you travel for several hours to reach the next community and are surrounded by the beauty of the mountains. Again the main industries are forestry and tourism. The bishop gave us a very warm welcome, thanked us for accepting his invitation and spoke with great warmth of the ACW and its importance to the church and community.

The theme for this year's conference was Christ Our Refuge; our focus was ACW and the future of the ACW in the North. Our guest speaker Fiona Brownlee, promotions coordinator with Council of The North, gave an impressive presentation on life in Northern Canada.

Christ reigns through spiritual giants

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and was prepared to give whatever of his life was left to the Lord."

Jesus then promised the penitent man "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

The penitent thief didn't know Christ was head of the church and would create a body to be known to the whole world, said the primate. He didn't know that Christ reigns over us even from the cross. "Even in the midst of our church, with all its struggle and turmoil, Jesus holds everything together. While we deliberate, God reigns. When we decide wisely, God reigns. When we decide foolishly, God reigns. When we decide selfishly, God reigns ... Jesus is the Lord, head of the body, shepherd of our souls."

The Primate named some famous spiritual giants through whom Christ reigned or reigns — Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Bishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, Archbishop Frank Griswold, presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in the

We adopted a yellow Celtic cross with a red maple leaf in the centre and ACW along the base of the cross as a new logo. A new hymn, "The Love of Jesus Calls Us," coordinates with the new motto of the same name.

We were unable to hold our election since our constitution did not permit acceptance of the name presented. I, however, resigned my position as national president and my vice, Marion Saunders of Toronto, stepped up. Ann Kilby from PEI remains as treasurer for one more year. We will hold an election next year for a new secretary, vice and treasurer. I remain as past president, national advisor and head of the nominating committee.

We will also spend this year improving the constitution.

On Saturday I made a presentation on my trip to the Yukon and introduced the idea of ACWs once again adopting the north as part of their mission work. This idea was met with much enthusiasm and ideas were documented for members to take back to their branches.

Terri Perril of the Diocese Western Newfoundland presented a talk entitled "ACW, An Aging Organization." She spoke candidly of how we need to attract younger women. She also spoke of our growth and how we got here. This tied in nicely with "Our History Our Heart," a video that Marni Crossley from Ottawa brought for us. It tells the history of ACW from 1885 to the present.

Our conference ended with a service of Holy Communion and a service of induction for

the new executive. Bishop Larry Robinson presided and the rector, the Rev. Ernest Buchanan, gave the homily.

From Terrace I went to the Nass and Prince Rupert and was once again overwhelmed at the distance between communities, the beauty of the land and the joy of the people.

I visited the cathedral in Prince Rupert and was presented with gifts and again was enthralled to find that the ACW is held in very high esteem for its contributions to church and family life. For many years the north was an important mission project for the WA/ACW, and I hope to be able to reopen that chapter of the ACW life. Bishop Claude Miller and I will be working on this project for the coming year.

I would be very happy to visit with ACW branches or deaneries to share my journeys to the north and my work with the national ACW board. We, as members of Anglican Church Women, have much to be thankful for and proud of. Our ministry is filled with achievements that have brought a quality of life to both the church and people that would otherwise have been lacking, but the journey for us is not over yet. It was an honor to serve these past eight years on the national board and to be your national president. Thank you for your support and prayers. I look forward to sharing with you my journey.

Heather Carr is past president of ACW Canada

Bank of facilitators initiative inspired by scripture and experience

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and each one of you is a part of it." He goes on to describe how individuals can contribute to the strength of that body according to his or her gifts — for example, as apostles, teachers, administrators, miracle workers and healers. Our decision to

develop the bank of expert facilitators was guided by this passage of scripture, and in response to the urgent needs expressed by many parishes. Please prayerfully consider

what expertise you can contribute to this initiative.

Jim Morell is a member of the Spiritual Development and Support Team.



DEADLINE
for copy and photo submissions to the New Brunswick Anglican is the first working day of the month previous to publication.

Credit for the photograph of the Primate that appeared on the front page of the November issue of the New Brunswick Anglican goes to Michael Hudson / General Synod Communications. Incorrect attribution appeared in that issue.



Heather Carr of Stanley, ACW national past president, chats with national treasurer Ann Kilby of PEI and new national president Marion Saunders of Toronto. They were all in Terrace, BC for the 2007 annual ACW national conference.



Yvonne Mersereau and Gloria Paul of Hoyt were recognized for the generosity of spirit they demonstrated in the operation of Pilgrim House retreat centre, their commitment to the environment and their tireless efforts in promoting peace on Earth.

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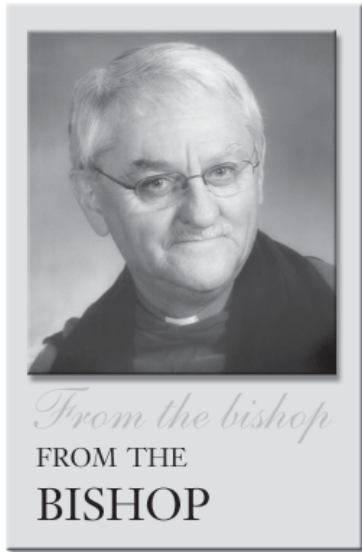
THE BISHOP'S PAGE

Let's resource our plan and steward our resources

Since Synod 2000 we have been working on a Shared Ministry Plan for our diocese. Now — after eight years of prayer, discussion, consultation, revision and even some gnashing of teeth — we know who we are and what we need to do in order to fulfill our mission “To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the making of disciples.”

Our Shared Ministry Plan ought to be seen as Christ-centred and a Spirit-filled structure, constructed on Biblical teaching on how Jesus viewed our relationship with God and our life in community, the Church. The willingness to share ministry leadership and responsibility, a commitment to growth, inter-generational ministry, partnership, financial responsibility, defines the mission task that is set before us in the context of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

We identified our priorities: the development of new models for shared ministry, the healing of our fractured relationships, the need to equip our leaders for changing ministry, and the need to resource our plan and steward our resources.



Our priorities are like the support posts in our homes and our churches — they uphold our mission and focus our vision. We see clearly now that “We are called by God to be a diocese of healthy, mission-focused, welcoming and growing parishes.”

I believe this is an inspired plan. I believe it will energize our own discipleship as well as make new disciples. When people see our Church as a Christ-centred, Spirit-filled community of people who support each other and even those they don't know, they

will be inspired to be a part of God's family.

Without resources however, even an inspired plan is just a lot of good ideas. We must resource our plan and steward our resources in order for it (and us) to accomplish what we believe God wants us to do in this time and place.

Our resources are our time, talents and treasure and we commonly contribute them through our tithes, free-will offerings and fundraising efforts.

I call upon you to pray for a renewed commitment to offer your time, talent and treasures to resource our Shared Ministry Plan for the future of our corporate life. God calls us to new life in him. Our plan challenges all of us to reconsider the many blessings God has given us and to glorify him in return by offering our time, talent and treasure at a new level of commitment.

If you believe God is calling us to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, if you believe we are called by God to be a diocese of healthy, mission-focused, welcoming and growing parishes, you will want to help move our plan forward. A tithe is the Biblical

standard, fundraising is a theology of asking, but the free-will offering is a sacrificial celebration. Free-will offering is the foundation for considering a “planned gift.”

I recall a story of a married couple that longed for a child but was unable to conceive for many years. That couple was eventually blessed. To thank God for their child they made a free-will offering to their church. It in no way affected their weekly offerings; it was a gift in celebration.

I challenge all to count the blessings of life and to consider celebrating God's daily generosity by re-examining our level of response in thanksgiving — our Shared Ministry Plan depends on your support. We are reminded that we can never out-give God.

With every blessing,



The Rt. Rev. Dr. Claude Miller is Bishop of Fredericton.

PRINCIPAL ENGAGEMENTS

Jan. 3
Bishop's Counsel

Jan. 9-10
Atlantic School
of Theology

Jan. 12
Diocesan Council
Doaktown
(Parish of
Ludlow and Blissfield)

Jan. 13
Parish of McAdam

Jan. 17-18 Consecration
Diocese of Quebec

Jan. 27-31
Deanery of
Kingston and the Kennebecasis

Feb. 15 until May 15
sabbatical retreat from

CONFIRMATION IN NEWCASTLE



Bishop Claude Miller confirmed 10 candidates at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Newcastle / Miramichi on Nov. 11. Liz Harding our Christian Education Director was also in attendance. In the photo above are from left to right are: Daniel Hierlihy, Jessica White, Alex White, Jonathan Hierlihy, Bronson Matchett, Ben Berger, Bishop Miller, Jenna Stewart, Mary Berger, the Rev. Richard Steeves, Rebecca Taylor and Leslie-Ann Clark.

Obituary

The Rev. Leslie (Les) Petrie

1933-2007

The Rev. Leslie (Les) Petrie of Hampton died on Dec. 4, 2007.

He was born St. Thomas, Ontario 1933, the son of the late Albert and Mary Anne (Crew) Petrie. He grew up in Windsor, Ontario where his railway worker father and stay-at-home mother worshipped at St. Mark's Anglican Church. He was heavily involved in church life from a very early age.

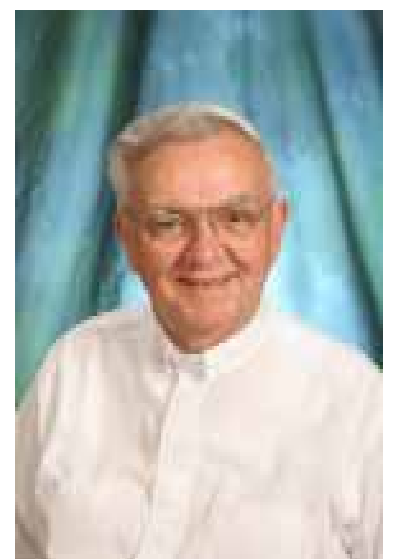
He attended J. E. Benson Public School from 1939 until 1947 and W. D. Lowe Vocational School from 1947 until 1951. He engaged in office work.

On Dec. 3, 1960, Les married Margaret Lilian Rauchwerk. They had three children, David (1963), Deborah (1965) and Michael (1970).

Les earned a Diploma in Theology from Huron College on May 3, 1969, was ordained a deacon on May 15 and appointed to the Parish of Restigouche on June 1. He was ordained a priest by Archbishop A.H. O'Neill on May 7, 1970.

He served as rector in Restigouche until 1987 when he was appointed rector of Ketepec and Grand Bay. In December of 1993 he was appointed rector of the Parish of Tobique. He retired from there in 1998.

An obituary in the Telegraph-Journal described Les as a man who loved to laugh, have fun and visit with his parishioners.



His wife Margaret described him as a “happy Christian” who loved life.

“So many people don't think they can be happy when they're Christians, that you're supposed to be serious and sombre all the time. But Les loved to laugh. He had a beautiful singing voice, he loved his Lord and he loved his family and he loved the work he did.”

He and Margaret were involved in Marriage Encounter, a marriage enrichment program. He is survived by his wife and their three children.

His funeral was held from St. Paul's Church in Hampton on Saturday, Dec. 10.

A living document . . . a tool for life

A narrative budget is a living document and a valuable tool for life. This Diocesan Narrative Budget connects our resources to our ministries, honours your offerings and, we hope, inspires your imagination.

On these pages we tell the stories of our mission — To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the making of disciples. We reveal the value of our efforts and programs, analyze our spending and articulate the true value of what we do. This information is especially useful when we look at our support of spiritual development and stewardship, where the value of the work is not necessarily reflected in the dollar value assigned to the support of these programs.

Our Diocesan Council uses a team approach to support our mission. Like

sections in an orchestra, the teams work in concert as stewards of our resources and advocates for our parishes and young people. They ensure programs are in place to support our spiritual development, mission outreach and administration as well as our bishop. Because ideas and initiatives are not as easily divided as numbers, partial costs for some things are assigned to several teams. Rather than an inefficient duplication of efforts, these overlaps indicate careful attention to the holistic nature of our church.

We accomplish a lot with our modest budget thanks to your volunteer efforts. New Brunswick Anglicans who love their God, their Church and their neighbours give generously of their time and talents as well as their treasure.

Thank you.

ADMINISTRATION

The Diocesan Council Administration Team ensures the Body of Christ is well nourished and equipped to proclaim the Gospel for the making of disciples. Our efforts are not always obvious, but the impact of our work is felt throughout the diocese every day of the year.

Important Synod 2007 directives concerning budget allocation models and communications issues are Administration Team responsibilities.

In consultation with the bishop, we struck a task force to review and recommend effective processes to be used in the allocation of our Shared Ministry budget. The finance committee can expect a report this spring.

Through advice and advocacy, an emerging communications committee will help ensure effective communication of the mission of the Anglican Church in New Brunswick.

Although administration expenditures frequently fall under the purview of committees like finance and human resources, the Administration Team is responsible for the co-ordination of basic diocesan operations as foundational as the on-going amendment of regulations and policies, as imperative as payroll administration and investment management, as vital as effective communication and the development of safe church initiatives, as routine as planning synods and managing records.

EPISCOPAL

Our bishop is an outward and visible sign of our church. He is especially concerned with the witness, worship and wellness of us, here in his diocese. He also plays two important roles at the National Church level, as a member of the House of Bishops and of the Council of General Synod (CoGS). In 2008, when he and the other bishops of the Anglican Communion meet with the Archbishop of Canterbury in Lambeth, he will also take his place on the world stage.

The Council Episcopal Team exists to support our bishop here in the diocese. Despite his national and international commitments, he still spends at least 60 per cent of his time visiting parishes — meeting and talking with his people. He is a champion of clergy development and the Episcopal Team is proud to contribute to that effort. We take on the planning of educational and

enlightening clergy days and clergy conferences designed to foster and maintain positive relationships.

Our bishop is closely involved in the discernment process of those called to ministry and supports them in their post-ordination training. He has fostered the development of the vocational diaconate and appoints and supports hospital chaplains.

This year (2008), Bishop Miller's particular focus is clergy and clergy family wellness as we seek ways in which our diocese can support the demanding call to parish ministry in these challenging times. His own sabbatical from mid-February through mid-April is a reflection of his commitment to that wellness.

Clearly the work of the Episcopal office and team are vital components in our holistic vision of diocesan ministry.



Wardens Day 2007 at Camp Medley

The Diocese of Fredericton numerical budget for 2008 is on the diocesan web site: go to <http://anglican.nb.ca> click the "Admin" button then select Finance Committee in the drop-down menu.

Our Shared Ministry

The diocesan budget



Bishop Matthias Kwabla Medadues-Badohu of our Companion Diocese presented a quilt to Bishop Claude Miller for this diocese during an exchange visit to the Cathedral in June.

PARISH DEVELOPMENT

Parishes are the engines of mission and the Parish Development and Support Team is the fuel that drives those engines. In response to Synod 2007, one of our priorities in 2008 is to address the needs of rural and struggling parishes (see related story on page 1). We are in the process of identifying, developing and funding programs designed to address the issues these parishes face.

The Anglican House/Diocesan Resource Centre in Saint John also falls under our purview. These resources are of vital support to parishes and, until recently, relied heavily on diocesan funding. A new partnership with Ten Thousand Villages not only opens doors to many exciting new cultural and

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Like most people in the church, members of the Stewardship and Financial Development Team struggle to define stewardship as it relates to financial development. The discussion of money in the same breath as spiritual awareness and development can seem a bit too pragmatic. To borrow a term from the 1990s, we need a "paradigm shift."

Treasure, like its partners time and talent, is about attitude, not affluence. Money is not a

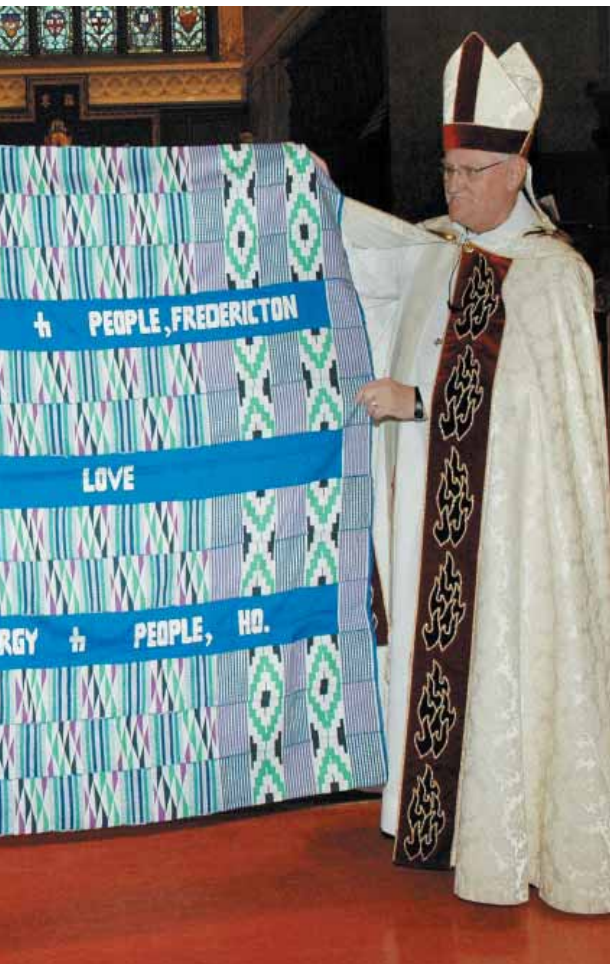
MISSION AND OUTREACH

The Mission and Outreach team of Diocesan Council offers support and encouragement to many of the ministries in our diocese, including the high-profile Companion Diocese relationship. Our diocese began an exciting journey of friendship and understanding with the Diocese of Ho in Ghana, Africa, in 2007. Bishop Matthias Kwabla Medadues-Badohu visited us last June and our Bishop Claude Miller will visit Ho following the Lambeth conference this coming July.

Messages of thanks and appreciation from the ministries under our purview are an encouragement

Mission for 2008

Set in narrative form



Dioceses of Ho in Ghana presented this hand-woven banner as gifts at the 2007 Synod opening service at Christ Church Cathedral.

MENT & SUPPORT

retail opportunities, it enhances the financial security of the business. Feedback from our 2007 Warden's Day speaks volumes about the value of this annual event. Gerald McConaghy of Rothesay said it was: "excellent, particularly the time that we spent sharing with one another the positive things that are going on in our parishes. I came away with ideas to use and a positive feeling that parishes are filled with dedicated people with ideas, enthusiasm and a commitment to Christian service. It is through events like Wardens Day, particularly in a relaxed setting like Camp Medley, that we can form a community and learn from one another."

NCIAL DEVELOPMENT

substitute for spiritual growth, but a fulfilling companion on the journey toward generosity. The mandate of the Stewardship and Financial Development team is to introduce people and parishes to stewardship programs as pragmatic as they are philosophical, and planned giving vehicles that can turn modest investments into generous gifts. Like life, stewardship is a heaping measure of responsibility with incalculable rewards.

OUTREACH

to us, and illustrate the progress we and they have made. A hospital chaplain recently wrote: "The members of my support group and I are so encouraged to know that the diocese has in place an active means by which to support and encourage us in our work. It makes us feel a part of a larger family." Nancy Wiggins of the Parish Nurse ministry said support for her group fuels their efforts as well. Our Mission and Outreach Team approach is respectful of the autonomy of diocesan ministries. We actively monitor their progress and successes and offer our support in every possible way.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The Spiritual Development Team of Diocesan Council fosters and encourages this foundational tenet of the Church. Over the past three years the diocesan curacy program has enhanced parish ministries while the recently ordained grew into their calling with the help of meaningful experiences and devoted mentors. A vocational diaconate program enables those called to this servant ministry to accomplish great things in simple humility and some of our parishes are the richer for it. The annual Clergy College offers outstanding continuing education opportunities at

reasonable cost and within the diocese. It is also an exercise in community building. Through the Spiritual Development Team, the diocese supports a cluster of spiritually oriented ministries — including Companioned Spiritual Formation, the Diocesan Choir School and Mothers' Union — that meet the spiritual needs of our varied constituents through programs and conferences. Because the program and conference participants pay the lion's share of their costs through registration fees, the diocese receives a monumental return for a very modest investment.

YOUTH

Young people continue to be a priority in this diocese — concern for their continued connection to the church consistently rates high in discussions and consultations. **George Porter**, our youth action coordinator, and **Liz Harding**, our Christian education director, both work diligently throughout the diocese. Recognizing that parishes are the keys to ministry, they consult, coordinate and support young people and the adults who work with and for them. Either George or Liz (and sometimes both) try to accompany the bishop to confirmation services and they follow-up with The reGathering - a spring retreat experience for the newly confirmed. Recently, after observing the youth and leaders at Manna for the day, a mother told us she had "caught a vision" for how important and delightful ministries with

youth can be. She was inspired to volunteer to work with youth in her home congregation. **George and Liz** insist that they do not engage in youth ministry, they actually seek to identify ways to equip young people in ministry. They celebrate the diversity of ages in the church and look for new ways to engage everyone in worship and mission. They aim to equip more adults and youth as leaders. They seek to nurture and mentor bodies and souls of all ages through diocesan, regional and parish events, as well as participation in the larger picture of what God is doing in the church. Diocesan camps, Manna, TEC, Rhema, Christian Education Conference, InnerCity Youth Ministry, SoulRush, and Spiritual Spa are just some of the many programs and activities they have on tap. The nbay.ca website is the place to go for the latest up-dates!

How our budget is funded

Parish Mission Outreach Donations \$717,200 (43%)
 Parish Assessment \$706,600 (42%)
 Interest on Endowments and Other Funds \$158,750 (10%)
 Donations and Miscellaneous Income \$88,600 (5%)
 Parish contributions for 2007 were frozen at the 2006 level in anticipation of a new and more equitable parish contribution plan. The new plan was sent for further study and presentation at Synod 2009. Diocesan Council had no choice but to again freeze the parish budget support amounts at the 2006 levels. Bishop Miller, however, has asked parishes to consider supporting the budget by 2% over that amount.

The Budget at a Glance

Our ministry allocations:
 Youth Action \$236,677 (14%)
 Mission Outreach \$388,341 (23%)
 Spiritual Formation \$244,101 (15%)
 Episcopal Ministry \$240,924 (14%)
 Parish Development & Support 305,336 (18%)
 Stewardship & Financial Development \$32,521 (2%)
 Human Resources and Administration (unallocated)
Total \$1,671,971



The lives of young people change quickly and often. Our Diocesan Canon for youth and director of Youth Action is sometimes privileged to participate in some of these milestones. He was able to be with Caryn and Mark Gunter from Christ Church Cathedral when they were granted Masters degrees from the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton last May.

COLUMNS

Archives Corner

Celebrating 55 years of Anglican news in the Diocese of Fredericton

For the past 55 years, the Diocese of Fredericton has been blessed with a regular monthly newspaper. We now often take this blessing for granted – but this form of communication had been sadly lacking in the Diocese, after the demise of the 19th century newspapers. To address this situation, the 1952 Synod meeting resolved that a committee (the Rev. Messrs. W.E. Hart, E.V. Martin and C.J. Markham) would “make full inquiry into the matter of establishing a diocesan magazine.” This Committee acted quickly and produced an eight page sample newspaper, a “Specimen Copy” called **The Diocesan News** (The Church Periodical for the Diocese of Fredericton), which was circulated at the 1953 Synod meetings. With Synod’s approval, the first “real” issue of **The Diocesan News** appeared in October 1953, with the Rev. C.J. Markham of Rothesay as editor (supported by a Board of Management), and looking remarkably like the sample issue. Subscriptions were \$1.00 a year (in advance.)

The Rev. C.J. Markham continued to edit **The Diocesan News** until the January 1977 issue! When he resigned, Bishop Nutter wrote “Far too few people in the diocese realize the heavy responsibility which has been carried by the editor and the dedication which has enabled him to work countless hours so that this diocese might have a paper which has been an excellent means of communication.”

With Markham’s resignation, the paper was re-organized, with a new editor, The Rev. Ted Eaton, and a reconstituted

Board of Management. Other changes saw the editorial office moved to Fredericton, the format altered slightly and distribution shifted to the parishes to place the paper in the hands of more people. In April 1977, the paper reappeared as **The New Brunswick Anglican** (with the by-line: In essentials – Unity; In Non-Essentials – Liberty; In all things – Charity). Canon Eaton continued at the helm of the paper until 1988 and was succeeded by the Rev. Tom Corston (until 1991).

The NB Anglican’s current editor, Ana Watts, began her work with the January 1992 issue.

These publications have proven far more successful than their 19th century predecessors. On Sept. 9, 1850, Bishop Medley’s Journal announced that: “A new Church paper, called **The New Brunswick Churchman** was printed, to be issued monthly – being the official organ of the Church in the Diocese.”

Little is known about the **Churchman** – except that it was published in Fredericton by James Hogg and had a short life span, probably only seven issues; two partial issues (February 1851 and October 1851) are included in the Medley Journal.

Interestingly, on Sept. 25, 1850 (just a few days after the first **Churchman**), the first issue of **The Church Witness** was published in Saint John. A weekly paper, its goal was to “vindicate and maintain Evangelical Christianity.” Edited by the Rev. Messrs. J.W.D. Gray (Trinity Church, Saint John) and J.R. Ruel, the **Witness** continued until 1868.



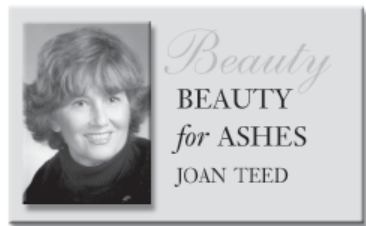
A Sussex newspaper, **The Diocesan Magazine**, truly but briefly, mirrored the diocese because it carried submitted news from each Deanery. Twelve issues were produced between January 1890 and January 1891.

Sources: Bishop Medley Journal (Annals of the See of Fredericton, 1845-1892); J. Russell Harper, Historical Directory of New Brunswick Newspapers and Periodicals, Synod Journals, 1952, 1953.

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Love . . . we all need it, no matter how old we are

No man is an island, entire of itself . . . every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. John Donne



Strong social relationships strengthen the immune system, extend life, speed recovery from surgery, and reduce the risks of depression and anxiety disorders. In short: love is good for you.

Children need the loving safety of secure attachment and bonding in at least one primary relationship, usually the mother. King Solomon knew about attachment bonding. In his wisdom he realized the real mother would give up her child to save it.

Developmental psychologist Mary Ainsworth researched children’s confidence by introducing a stranger and then removing mother from the scene. Children with “secure attachment” were

upset when their mothers left, showed delight and sought comfort on her return, then settled back to play. A third of the children, however, had one of two types of insecure attachment. Some of them did not seem to care much when mother came and went but they actually were distressed, and tried to manage on their own. This is “avoidant attachment.” Others were anxious and clingy, extremely upset when separated from their mothers and sometimes resisted their efforts to comfort them – resistant attachment.

Attachment theory also works with adults. Which of

the following statements best describes you in romantic relationships?

- I find it relatively easy to get close to others and am comfortable depending on them and having them depend on me.
• I am somewhat uncomfortable being close to others; I find it difficult to trust them completely, difficult to allow myself to depend on them.
• I find that others are reluctant to get as close as I would like. I often worry that my partner doesn’t really love me or won’t want to stay with me. I want to merge completely with another person, and this desire sometimes scares people away.

These correspond to secure, avoidant, and resistant attachment patterns. Our internal working models learned from childhood tend to

be life long but can change. Secure, well-adjusted adults enjoy happier relationships, lower rates of divorce.

So how do our attachment patterns evolve with age?

Apparently, as we move away from parents toward peers and then to romantic partnerships, we look for people we like to be around (proximity maintenance), for people we hate to leave (separation distress), and for people we turn to when upset (safe haven/secure base). “For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.” Mark 10:7

But what about romance? As the stages of attachment grow, so may physicals bond grow into more than friendship. Romantic love releases the oxytocin hormone and creates a powerful

connection, like an addiction. However, “true” love of eternal passion is a Hollywood figment that science says is biologically impossible. I see some people in counseling who have the idea that if the romance has subsided they must move on to another “better” relationship.

The romance always goes down in partnership, as work and companionship go up. If a partner moves on, he/she is a perpetual oxytocin junky and may never grow up. For a steady couple “in love,” the passionate and companionate mix with commitment. Jean-Paul Sartre said, “Hell is other people.” But I say, so is Heaven. And St Valentine’s Day is coming right up.

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Let's hope we resemble our Heavenly father

BY JIM IRVINE

I prefer community eateries. Regulars know where the coffee pot is. They head for the coffee, greeting the waitress and clerk as they reach for their mugs. Names are exchanged, a sure sign of routine and seats as personal as pews are gained.

Not long ago I witnessed the morning rite at Fanjoy's in Jemseg. Arriving for breakfast before an early service, I was enjoying my first cup of java for the day as a couple of regulars arrived. Shortly after they claimed the booth in front of me, a third regular arrived and joined them. I could see that these men were religious in their morning ritual.

As my eggs and bacon and home made toast were placed before me I heard one of the men comment to the others, "Bill's daughters... look a lot like their Dad."

"Yup," remarked one, as he took a mouthful of coffee and nodded in agreement.

"They sure do," said the other as he motioned to slide his cap further on his head. Agreement struck, they told the waitress behind the counter that they'd have their "usual."

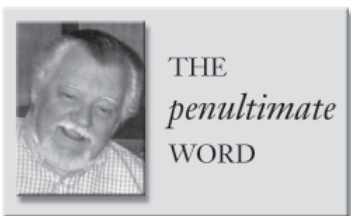
This was an innocent comment about Bill and his daughters. No judgment was expressed; no tone of criticism was detected. And they agreed. Bill and his daughters resembled each other. I chewed on the exchange as I enjoyed my eggs.

Same has been said of me and my Dad. If you saw me, you'd have a sense of what Theo looked like. Some would see it in the bridge of the nose while others saw a likeness in the set of the jaw or the line of the brow or perhaps the widow's peak hairline. "Chip off the old block," is echoed in many conversations when a common timber is recognized.

When we are particularly critical sometimes we're reminded that apples don't fall far from the tree.

Regardless, common timber is recognized from one generation to another. And if the recognition is thin in the face, it is often copied in the gestures and mannerisms that are impossible to deny and follow a life time.

It seemed to me that chips fell regularly in Joseph's carpentry shop. An axe chewed pieces of wood that were fashioned by plane and lathe in the hands of a journeyman carpenter. Jesus would have begun by playing in the shavings and chips. Later he would have helped clean up the shop and later still he would have learned to plane rough pieces under the



watchful eye of Joseph. As the days grew into months and years Jesus resembled Joseph in subtle ways recognized by patrons of the shop.

It was as the carpenter's son that Jesus came to the Jordan and approached John. The child who played amongst the shavings and chips now revealed a new timber as his cousin baptized those who responded to his proclamation of the approaching Kingdom of God. While we have no pictorial record of the occasion, countless paintings and statues interpret the scene for us.

We commemorate the event in January and miss the revelation of the Messianic moment for our dispute on Jesus' placement in the river. Whether in the shallows or in the deep, we argue like disciples who were there and who would recognize the bridge of the nose, or the set of the jaw or the line of the brow.

The evangelists eclipse the obvious. "This is my Son," they record, "in whom I am well pleased." That pleasure was enhanced in a life lived fully, reflecting the character of his father. Jesus who taught us to address his father as Abba ... Daddy ... Papa ... disclosed the character of God not limited to a kindly face or white beard. No Santa Claus icon here! The imagined lap on which we might climb provides us more with a source of loving acceptance and security in our most hesitant of days. Human attributes pinned on God dissolve as we discover the character concealed beneath beard, arm and lap. The character of Jesus, as a chip off the old block reveals the greater timber from which his is hewn... the character of forgiveness, and compassion, of acceptance and unperturbed love.

It seems clear to me that by our baptism we might look for the shavings and chips that fall about us as we declare that we are children of God. And as children, begin to look for the character that is revealed in each of us that is attributable to our heavenly father. So that regulars in the most pedestrian of places might comment as did those patrons of Fanjoy's: "They look like their Dad, don't you think?"

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INTERCESSIONS

JANUARY

¶ 20: Pray for the Anglican Church of Kenya the Most Rev. Benjamin M. P. Nzimbi Archbishop of Kenya & Bishop of All Saints Cathedral Diocese. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Mayo-St. Mary with St. Mark the Rev. Susan Titterington and the lay ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 21: Parish of Madawaska (St. John the Baptist Anglican/St. Paul's United shared ministry) the Rev. Fran Bedell, deacon-in-charge. The Rev. Donald Routledge (on leave).

¶ 22: Parish of Marysville, the Rev. Canon John Cathcart.

¶ 23: Parishes of Maugerville & Oromocto, the Rev. Keith Howlett. Canon Fred Scott, diocesan treasurer & Synod Office staff.

¶ 24: Parish of Millidgeville, the Rev. Canon Alvin Westgate, the Rev. Canon Brian Campion, and the Rev. Paul McCracken, honorary assistants.

¶ 25: Parish of Minto & Chipman, the Rev. Philip Pain. Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan.

¶ 26: Parish of Moncton, the Rev. Chris VanBuskirk.

¶ 27: Pray for the Church of Bangladesh the Rt. Rev. Michael S. Baroi Moderator Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Dhaka. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Pelly Crossing - St. James the Lord's Brother, Deacon Walter Majola & Olga Majola, Betty Joe licensed lay minister, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our Bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 28: Parish of Musquash, (open Incumbency). Canon Dr. R.B. Smith (retired).

¶ 29: Parish of the Nerepis and St. John, the Ven. Vicars Hodge.

¶ 30: Parish of New Bandon, the Ven. Patricia Drummond. Canon Tom Smith (retired).

¶ 31: Parishes of Newcastle & Nelson, the Rev. Richard Steeves.

FEBRUARY

¶ 1: Parish of New Maryland, the Rev. Bruce McKenna. Kevin Frankland, Atlantic School of Theology.

¶ 2: Parish of Pennfield, the Rev. Keith Osborne.

¶ 3: Pray for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil the Most Rev. Mauricio José Araújo de Andrade Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Brasilia. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Council of the North Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador the Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman, the Ven. Jennifer Gosse, clergy and people, Winter Meeting of the Council of the North. Diocese of Yukon, Dawson City - St. Paul's, Moosehide - St. Barnabas, the Klondike Creeks, the Dempster Highway, the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, the Rev. Deacon Percy Henry, the Ven. Ken Snider honorary assistant, and Aldene Snider, Mabel Henry, Shirley Pennell, and Betty Davidson licensed lay ministers, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 4: Parish of Portland, the Rev. Eileen Irish. Donald Snook, director, Saint John Inner City Youth Ministry.

¶ 5: Parish of Prince William, the Rev. Canon Elaine Hamilton.

¶ 6: Parish of Quispamsis, the Rev. John Tremblay. The Rev. Ted Spencer (retired).

¶ 7: Parish of Renforth, the Rev. Eric Phinney, the Rev. Ed Coleman assistant.

¶ 8: Parish of Restigouche, the Rev. Arnold Godsoe, Priest-in-charge. Michael Caines, Wycliffe.

¶ 9: Parish of Richmond, the Rev. Christopher Hayes.

¶ 10: Pray for the Anglican

Church of Burundi the Most Rev. Bernard Ntahoturi Archbishop of the Province of Burundi & Bishop of Matana. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, Old Crow - St. Luke's, the Rev. Susan Titterington, the Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family, lay ministry team, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 11: Parish of Riverview, the Rev. Brent Ham. Mr. Clyde Spinney, Q.C., Diocesan Chancellor.

¶ 12: Parish of Rothesay, the Rev. Canon Albert Snelgrove.

¶ 13: Andrews, Canon John Matheson. The Rev. David Staples.

¶ 14: Parish of St. Andrew's, Sunny Brae with Hillsborough & Riverside, the Rev. Robert Salloum.

¶ 15: Parish of St. David & St. Patrick, Canon John Matheson, priest-in-charge. Jen Bourque, Montreal Diocesan.

¶ 16: Parish of St. George, the Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid.

¶ Frederick J. Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Diocese of Ho, the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu. Diocese of Yukon, the Rev. Deacon Sarah Usher Diocesan Administrative Officer, Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee, Archbishop Terry Buckle, Blanche and family. Claude, our bishop, William, George and Harold, retired bishops, and their families.

¶ 18: Parish of St. James, Moncton, the Rev. Donald Hamilton priest-in-charge. Canon Ron Stevenson, Chancellor to the Anglican Church of Canada.

¶ 19: Parish of Saint John, the Ven. Stuart Allen, the Rev. George Trentowsky, honorary assistant, the Rev. Constance Soulikas-Whittaker, deacon.

Family and parish celebrate with rector

by Georgie Keith

On a beautiful fall day the people of the Parish of Sussex went by bus and car to Fredericton to show their love for their rector at the Choral Evensong Service for his installation as Canon of Christ Church Cathedral and collation as Archdeacon of Kingston and Kennebecasis.

Supported by his wife, Alexandra, and children, Hannah, Elizabeth and Rachel, the Rev. David Barrett proceeded to the chancel steps to be installed as a canon. The service continued and he returned to the chancel steps for his collation as the archdeacon. He donned his cope and looked stunning.

Following the service light refreshments were served in the Cathedral Memorial Hall. The wonderful music in the Cathedral, the reading of the



lessons by his daughters, Elizabeth and Rachel, the atmosphere and surroundings in the Cathedral and the presence of family, friends,

neighbours and church family made for a very special day for our Archdeacon Barrett. *Georgie Keith is warden in the parish of Sussex.*

YOUTH

I'm curious, George ...

What do you think of The Golden Compass?

(Part 1)

I'm reluctant to write about a movie that will be released after this is written, but the storm of controversy which has arisen seems to call for a preliminary comment. My views on how well the movie makers take Philip Pullman's complicated story to screen will have to wait.

The film version of *The Golden Compass* is based on the first book of Pullman's *His Dark Materials* novels. Three novels and a novella have been released. A long-promised fourth book has yet to be written. Several years ago the story was adapted for stage in the author's native England.

The dilemma posed by the movie revolves around Pullman's avowed atheism. He refers to himself as a "Prayer Book atheist," having grown up in a clerical family and developed a lasting love for the language of both the King James Version of the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer. The imaginary world he creates overlaps our world but is based on his reading of Milton's *Paradise Lost*, which Pullman interprets along the lines of William Blake. In his version, the Genesis story of the fall is seen as a positive step for humankind. In this Gnostic-like mythology the Authority, who is not really the creator, has grown old and out-of-control of the world, and eventually dies. The church is depicted as the agency of 'evil'.



This would not cause quite the stir were it not for the fact that the books (and presumably the movie) are marketed primarily toward children. Pullman himself says that preadolescent children probably would not grasp the story, but that hasn't stopped many from reading the books.

There is always a tendency for some Christian people to panic about anything which calls our beliefs and traditions into question. As with anything of this nature, parents will want to exercise discretion and be as informed as possible in order to interact with what their children are reading and seeing. I would, however, strongly caution against making this one more "cause" – one more thing to be "against." Especially beware of swallowing hook, line and sinker the stuff flying around Internet circles.

Pullman is an excellent author, and the books are outstanding from a literary perspective. When the stage version appeared the Archbishop of Canterbury encouraged people to see it and to try to hear the challenges Pullman presented to organized religion. He also noted those

significant places where he departs from what Christians actually believe. This is, after all, a work of fiction. The Authority has more to do with the god of organized religion than the Biblical story. The church depicted is, as the Archbishop noted, "without redemption" and "entirely about control," which is disturbingly like the real church in its worst moments. Jesus plays no part in the story so far, though Pullman (who admires him) speculates that he may appear in the fourth novel as one equally opposed to institutionalized religion.

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

A Curious Correction

A transcription error in the last paragraph of the November Curious George column (*The God Delusion*) changed the meaning of the text. It should have read: "Perhaps the most important challenge is when he argues that we ought not to be telling young people what to believe or think as how to think and how to discern what they believe. While I would not agree with everything he says in this regard, this is something we should pick up on. If we did there would be less *disillusionment* with God among young people when they are confronted with the need to know what and why they believe."

HIGHEST SCOUTING AWARD



Christian Machin (Parish of Rothesay) received the Chief Scout Award from Lieutenant-Governor Herménégilde Chiasson at the Legislature Building in Fredericton. The Chief Scout Award, inaugurated in 1973 by then Governor General of Canada Roland Michener, is the highest award a Scout can earn in Canada. Christian also participated in Manna that day. He took time out from the diocesan youth event for 11 to 15-year-olds to receive his award.

Youth and campus ministries discernment day highlights a couple of obvious issues

Two things seemed to emerge quite clearly during a youth ministries discernment day held in Fredericton on Dec. 1: there is a need to provide further networking opportunities for diocesan youth leaders; and it is necessary to follow through with the call from two past Youth Consultations to explore ways to engage youth in worship.

People involved in ministries with young people around the diocese braved snowy weather to attend the

initial youth ministries discernment day on the UNB Fredericton campus.

Youth Action Director George Porter invited them to gather for a day of prayer, dialogue and feedback concerning directions and focus in diocesan youth and campus ministries for the next two years.

In the coming weeks George and Christian Education Director/Camp Medley Director Liz Harding, will process all the information gleaned from that day.

PUPPET FUN IN GAGETOWN



Cathedral Puppeteers, Katie Dunn and Warren Macaulay and the children of Gagetown had great fun at the annual public puppet presentation on the meaning of Christmas. The show is followed by a party for the puppeteers hosted by Clare and Leith Box.

GEORGE'S

RECOMMENDED RESOURCES

Pete Greig, *God on Mute: Engaging the Silence of Unanswered Prayer* (Ventura: Regal books, 2007) Many people face the reality of prayers that seem to go unanswered, wrestle with questions of evil in God's world and live through periods of spiritual 'dryness' – when God seems silent. There are lots of attempted answers out there but Pete Grieg's approach is very honest and meaty.

Carol Howard Merritt, *Tribal Church: Ministering to the Missing Generation* (Herndon: Alban Institute, 2007) Geared toward those who minister with young adults, this book describes a healthy whole-church approach to youth ministry. Highly recommended reading for those who work with any age group in their parish.

University Chaplaincy news for 2007-2008

The Rev. Canon George M. Porter, D.Phil., Anglican Chaplain for UNB-F and St. Thomas University is on campus and available to students, faculty or staff and is on campus most Tuesdays. The Campus Ministry office is currently located on the lower floor in the UNB Alumni

Memorial Building, but plans for a move are in the works, so watch this space for further news. In the meantime, George can always be reached by phone 459-1801, or email george.porter@anglican.nb.ca.



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