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Cathedral's gift comes with a twist

Box raises awareness of
human trafficking

BY STUART MANN

ST. James Cathedral gave Toronto a special present this summer. But it came with a twist.

During the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, a large gift box was installed on the grounds of the cathedral, located at the corner of King and Church streets, a busy downtown intersection.

Although pretty on the outside, the inside of the box told a much different story. Inside were testimonies and information about human trafficking.

About 1,000 people went through the box by the time the Games ended in mid-August.

"The response has been very positive," said Leah Watkiss, chair of the Working Group for the Safe Alliance to End Human Trafficking, one of the groups responsible for bringing the box to Toronto. "People are often shocked to learn that human trafficking is a problem here and it opens their eyes to it."

Ms. Watkiss described human trafficking as "the recruitment or movement of a person through deception or coercion for the purpose of exploitation." She said almost every industry has trafficked

workers in it.

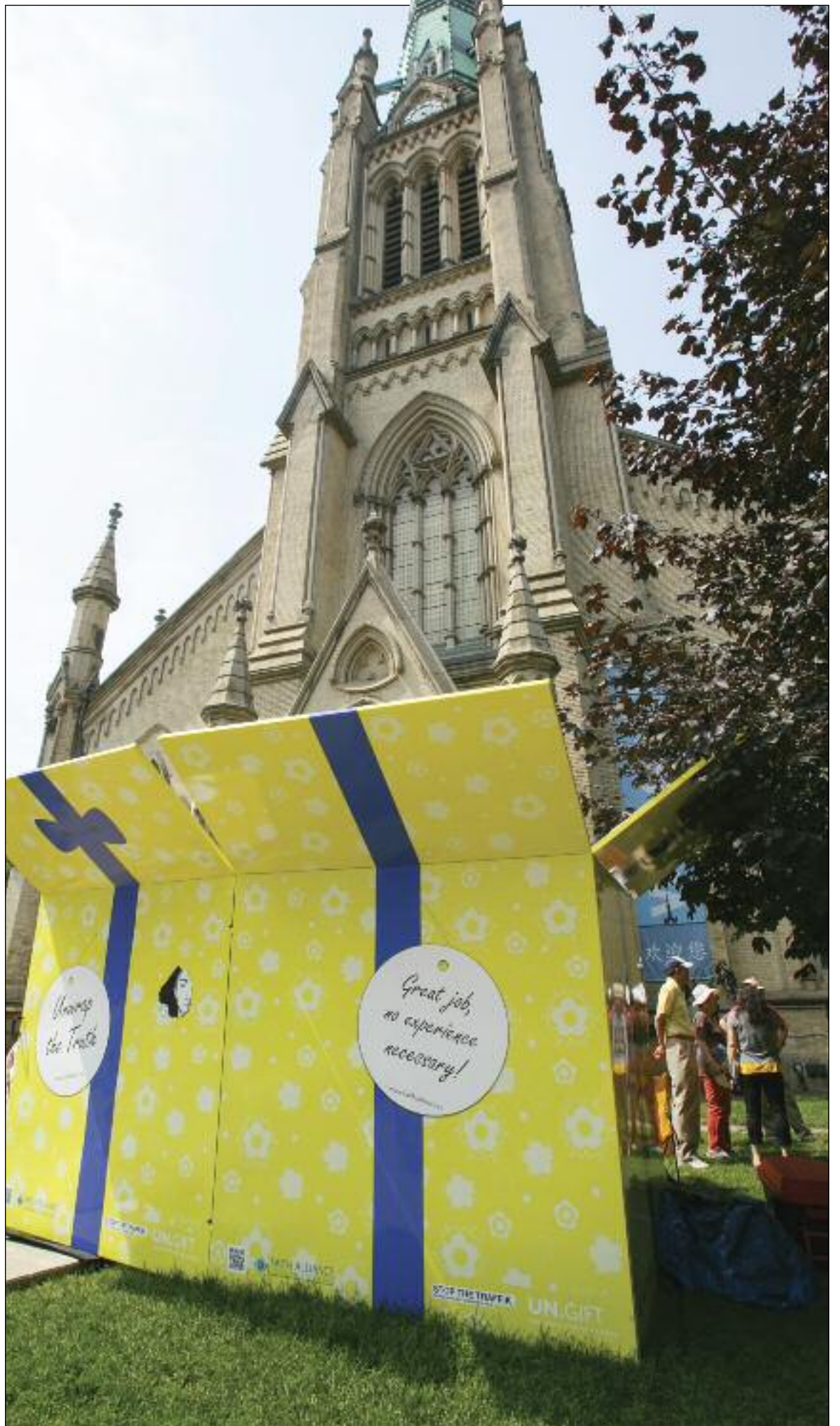
Visitors to the box were often shocked to learn that Ontario has the highest number of people being trafficked in the country. A recent report found 511 instances of trafficking from 2011 to 2013. Given the invisible nature of the crime, said Ms. Watkiss, that's just the tip of the iceberg.

Worldwide, 30 million people are being trafficked annually, more than at any point in human history. "When you hear the stories of people who have been trafficked, you can't help but be moved personally and feel the need to act," she said.

The box contained harrowing stories of people who were lured to Ontario with a promise of a better life, only to end up working seven days a week with little or no pay and no way of escape. A poster in the box explained that people are bought and sold for many reasons, including sexual exploitation, forced labour, street crime, domestic servitude or for the sale of organs.

Volunteers at the box asked visitors to sign a postcard to Premier Kathleen Wynne, calling for an action plan and funding to tackle trafficking in the province. Ontario

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Passers-by stop to look at the GIFT Box outside St. James Cathedral in Toronto. It is the first time the box has been in Canada. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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Stuart Mann, Editor

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Canon Falby remembered as wise, loving

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

THE prayers of a grateful church were offered at St. James Cathedral on July 8 in celebration of the life of Canon Dr. Robert Falby, chancellor emeritus of the Diocese of Toronto. Canon Falby died peacefully at his home in Toronto on June 8. He was 74.

A parishioner and lay canon of the cathedral, Canon Falby was active in the church locally, nationally and internationally. He served as chancellor of the diocese for 22 years, advising two diocesan bishops – Archbishop Terence Finlay and Archbishop Colin Johnson – on matters of canon law. He also served the Anglican Church of Canada as

deputy prolocutor and then prolocutor, the senior lay officer of General Synod, and consulted on many issues facing the global Anglican Communion.

Primate Fred Hiltz, who preached at the memorial service, recalled Canon Falby's unfailingly wise advice. "I was so grateful to have Robert at my side," he said in his sermon. "Clarity and charity were the hallmarks of his counsel to the Primate, the Synod and the Council of General Synod. It always moved us forward in good ways."

Archbishop Hiltz also spoke of Canon Falby as a deeply loving man devoted to his wife, children and grandchildren. "Robert loved much, and he was much loved,"



Clockwise from top left: Archbishop Fred Hiltz preaches at Canon Falby's memorial service; the Rev. Dr. Alison Falby, Canon Falby's daughter, receives condolences from the Rev. Canon Anthony Jemcott and Peter Davidson after the service; Canon Falby. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

he said.

Archbishop Colin Johnson, who presided at the service, said he thought it was a magnificent tribute to Canon Falby's life. "It said everything that Bob was: a man of deep faith, a man who loved music, loved people and loved the church, and that's what

the service actually represented," he said.

Archbishop Johnson also noted the suitability of the music used throughout the service. "Each of the hymns was extraordinarily appropriate for him, and the last motet, 'I saw a new heaven and a new earth,' summed up both his faith and our faith," he said, referring to a sung rendition of Revelation 21:1-4.

In addition to Canon Falby's

family, the service was attended by current and former bishops; the chancellors of the diocese, the national church and the U.S. Episcopal Church; diocesan and national church staff; and clergy and lay people from the diocese and beyond.

Those who wish to remember Canon Falby with a financial thanksgiving can donate to the Robert Falby Endowment for Aboriginal Ministry.

Diocesan foundation hires legacy giving officer

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

GILLIAN Doucet Campbell describes herself as "the sort who likes to be useful." When she saw the opportunity to be useful to a cause she loves, she jumped at the chance to help.

Ms. Doucet Campbell is the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foun-



Gillian Doucet Campbell

ation's new major and legacy giving officer, a position shared with the Anglican Church of Canada. She started on June 8 and will split her time evenly between the foundation and the national church.

"A legacy giving officer enables people to express their passion for a cause through their finances," says Ms. Doucet Campbell. This can include encouraging and helping donors with bequests in their wills, gifts of stock or securities, major cash gifts or endowments.

The Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation provides financial support for the diocese and its parishes. "Basically, we're developing the hope of the future, that the ministries of the diocese will remain vibrant and active," she says.

"Gillian comes on board as the first staff position for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation," says Peter Misiaszek, director of Stewardship Development for the diocese. "It's our hope that

with her addition, we will be able to increase the profile of the foundation, actively and energetically promote legacy giving and encourage donors across the diocese to support their parishes with legacy giving."

Ms. Doucet Campbell began her career as a therapist, but she soon realized her skills were pulling her in a different direction. "I have always been strong administratively and enjoy connecting with people and hearing their story. All these skills translated very well into fundraising," she says.

In addition to a Master's degree in counselling psychology, Ms. Doucet Campbell has completed a graduate certificate in fundraising and resource development. She has worked in fundraising "intentionally" for five years, and as part of other positions for several years before.

While fundraising comes with many joys and challenges, Ms. Doucet Campbell says she is most looking forward to "meeting people and learning how I can help them realize their financial giving goals."

Meanwhile, Ms. Doucet Campbell continues to enjoy the opportunity to unite her skill for fundraising with her passion for the church. "Being Anglican, I simply want to be of service where my head and heart are," she says. "I also want to be an example for my own children by supporting the important work of the church, using the skills and talents I have been given and enjoy using."



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Four churches in Toronto to amalgamate

Strong support to merge

BY STUART MANN

WHEN Sandra Lewis spoke to her fellow parishioners at St. David, Lawrence Avenue, about the possibility of amalgamating with three other churches in Toronto's west end, she was surprised by their responses. "They said, 'Yes, it's time to move on.'"

With an old building and a dwindling congregation, the parish had to act, said Ms. Lewis, who is the people's warden at her church. "Instead of pumping more money into our building, we'd rather put it into the mission of the church – to continue to spread the Gospel and win souls for Christ."

At a special vestry meeting in the spring, the church voted unanimously to merge with the other churches – Church of the Advent, Church of the Good Shepherd and St. John, Weston. All of them have agreed to amalgamate. "This decision is a God-send,"

said Kuinivia Seiloa, the people's warden at the Church of the Good Shepherd, which also voted unanimously to merge. "We'll accomplish way more stuff if we have more hands. We can take on new initiatives that serve the public and our parishioners. For me, that's exciting."

Dianne Izzard, the rector's warden at the Church of the Advent, echoed her comments. "I'm excited because the focus is going to turn from survival to ministry," she said. "In a small congregation, you're always concentrating on survival. But now we'll have more people and resources to do other things."

Bishop Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, said he was proud of the churches' decision to join forces. "These four congregations have all had a storied history in this part of Toronto but they have concluded that they will be much stronger to-



PITCHING IN

Natalie Case, left, and Winifred Coddett of St. John the Divine, Scarborough, work with Bryan Beauchamp of Grace Church on-the-Hill, Toronto, at the Habitat for Humanity build site on Brimley Road in Scarborough. Anglicans from across the diocese worked on the site over the summer. Earlier this year, the diocese gave Habitat for Humanity \$100,000 to help build 15 townhouses on the site. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of this year. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

gether than they will be apart. I think it speaks to their courage, vision and faith as they seek to respond as church in a challenging time in society."

A transition team comprised of Bishop Poole and representatives of the four churches will determine the new church's location. A decision was expected by the end

of August. The plan is to build a state-of-the-art church on one of the existing properties, to be paid for by the sale of the other three

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We are called to participate by voting



In the middle of summer, the Prime Minister called a federal election. Although not unexpected, we now find ourselves in the long campaign period to Oct. 19. It is a time of discernment for voters. We also frequently hear comments that politics and religion don't or should not mix! What is our role as Christians and Anglicans within our country of Canada in the midst of an election?

Jesus was clear that the kingdom of God was not synonymous with earthly kingdoms. When asked about paying taxes, he declared, "Pay unto Caesar what is Caesar's and unto God what is God's." Yet, we do participate in the nations of this world even as we are preparing ourselves for God's kingdom. When in exile, the people of Israel were instructed by Jeremiah to "seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare." We are to seek the welfare of the places where we live, to pray for them and to participate in seeking what will be good for all its citizens, for our own well-being is integrally tied to that of our communities'. We are to love our neighbour as ourselves – and remember that our neighbour is not just those who are like us. The story of the Good Samaritan subverts our assumptions about that neighbour and

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BY BISHOP LINDA NICHOLLS

calls us out of our comfort zones!

We are invited to discern which candidates will govern our country in ways that nurture and support all her citizens and that participate in justice and peace in the world. We do that by bringing our values and commitments, which are formed by our faith, to that discernment. Politics and faith cannot be separate, for we weigh our decisions in the light of our understanding of human nature, of the nature of God, of God's call to us and of a vision of community to be lived in justice and peace. Our faith does and ought to inform our choices, made for the good of all people. We are called to participate by voting, to share our voice in the discussions and debates, and to look past partisan loyalties to the needs of our country and the commitments offered by those standing for election.

As we approach this election, take time to consider your choices in light of our baptismal vows to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself; to strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being; to strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain and renew the life of the earth. We may well find

ourselves supporting different candidates or leaders in this discernment as we adjudicate the balance needed in these challenging times. Healthy discussion and debate is critical. Which candidates will help our communities and country fulfill these commitments for the good of all God's people?

Whichever party or people are elected, we are then called to pray for them. The responsibilities they carry are significant and need our support.

"LORD, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honour of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord" (BAS page 678).

"ALMIGHTY God, the fountain of all wisdom: Guide and direct, we humbly beseech thee, the minds of all those who are called at this time to elect fit persons to serve... Grant that in the exercise of their choice they may promote thy glory, and the welfare of this Dominion [or Province or Municipality]. And this we beg for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen" (BCP page 50).

Pray for the candidates, share in discussion and debate with an eye to our baptismal promises – and most importantly, vote on or before Oct. 19!



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How newcomers can give money



Lately it seems I have been preoccupied with the question of how the church can better respond to the challenge of welcoming newcomers. Specifically, I'm interested in how we can bring to a largely de-churched and secular crowd the question of giving. How can we engage with them so that we are a blessing to them on their faith journey and they are a blessing to us?

The topic of money or financial stewardship in the church has long been one that raises a sense of fear and trepidation in leaders. How can we raise a thorny issue without appearing to be money-grubbing or, even worse, turning them off going to church altogether? My sense is that we need to approach the issue head-on. I don't believe we can neglect conversations about money in the church; if we are truly interested in the well-being of congregants, we must connect with their whole being – and that includes their relationship with money. Of course, this reflects my own bias, as I speak about giving and generosity all the time. But if we neglect to discuss the importance of being giving-people, we fundamentally avoid a significant part of the Gospel message.

Once we have broached the issue of generosity with newcomers, we need to invite their participation. So how can people give their money?

Traditionally, this has been done by pass-

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BY PETER MISIASZEK

ing the plate: congregants make gifts using envelopes or cash, and the offering is brought to the front of the altar and a blessing is said. I'd like to move away from this practice with newcomers and strongly encourage using pre-authorized giving (PAG). As I have said many times before, PAG is good theology. It ensures that we give of our first fruits, that we be thoughtful and intentional about giving, and that it is done on a consistent basis. It acknowledges that the ministry of the church and God's very blessing continues, even when we are not physically present.

What amount should people give? For some, the ultimate example of giving is the tithe, and this gift amount is entirely reasonable. For the vast majority of us, however, it is unattainable in our present circumstances (and it has proven to be a conversation non-starter in my line of work). I have found that suggesting that newcomers – and all givers, for that matter – give the equivalent of an hour's pay to be very helpful. It is a proportional gift that is meaningful and real and often increases as we move through our working lives. The idea of giving 2.5 per cent is equally helpful to retirees.

Who should be invited to give? Just as all members of the congregation are invited to come to Christ's table, so too should every-

one be invited to give. While each of us has a different capacity to give, all should be given the opportunity; this includes children as well. If they see the example set by their parents, they might feel inclined to give. Let's not neglect our kids – someday they'll be the generation that sustains ministry.

Should I give of my net or gross income? Pray and ask God what to do. If God prompts you to give from the gross amount, go ahead and do it, trusting God with the results. If you are uneasy about this, begin giving from your net amount for a few months and see what happens. After a few months, if you experience God's creative care in your life, then begin to give from your gross income.

Talking about giving has its place. It doesn't need to preoccupy us, but it needs to be presented in its proper context. The Sunday Gospel reading lends itself on numerous occasions to the opportunity to discuss those things that are false idols. Lay-witnessing can be a powerful tool to help pew-mates understand that others are facing the same challenges in their lives. Newcomers want to hear that message too. They have come to our churches for a reason; something is missing in their lives. They are seeking spiritual balance and they want to learn more about what it is to be a Christian disciple. We have a wonderful opportunity to be examples of Christ's abounding generosity. Let's make an effort to share that same generosity with others.

Peter Misiaszek is the diocese's director of Stewardship Development.



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It is a new day for all of us

BY THE REV. RISCYLLA WALSH SHAW

In late May, people from all over the land made their way – by foot, rail, car, plane and in spirit – to Ottawa for the release of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools. To witness the seven national events of the TRC has been a journey of learning, deepening, wrestling and expanding in my heart and consciousness. More broadly, the revelation of the truth of our nation's past has wrought profound change in families, communities and our country. It is a new day for all of us.

Joining the throngs of people congregating for the Walk for Reconciliation in Ottawa were residential school survivors and their families, our National Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald, our Primate Fred Hiltz, many Anglicans and ecumenical partners from across the country, elders, infants, ordinary citizens and justice workers. Together we became a vibrant and turbulent river of hope streaming towards and engulfing our nation's capital.

As Canadians, we cannot stay the same after this. As a country, we have to grow in recognizing and respecting our First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. They are us.

Above the heads of hundreds of people amassed in Ottawa, the eagles arrived to accompany us on this mission for truth and reconciliation, bringing the message that we have work to do and are blessed by our Creator in this work. Strength, resiliency, respect and courage permeated the gathering-places: hotels, city hall, parks, restaurants and churches. People from more than 15 countries listened to the findings of the Commission. It was an irrefutable victory in the eyes of some; for others, another water-drop on the stone. For me, it was calling us into a new way of being Church together in Canada.

When considering where we go from here, I turn a listening ear and heart to some of my elders. From Commissioner Murray Sinclair: "We cannot permit discomfort to prevent us from doing the work of reconciliation. Reconciliation will not be easy. We share a future; we are bound together. The first important step to making it happen is to believe that reconciliation should happen. The beauty of it will ultimately fall upon our children's children."

Commissioner Marie Wilson challenges us to take inspiration from any of the stellar TRC Honorary Witnesses, people of prominence in our nation's culture and



About 250 people walk from Parliament and Dundas streets in Toronto to Queen's Park in the city's Walk for Reconciliation on May 31. Similar walks were held in communities across the country, including Ottawa. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

politics. She says, "Be provoked to consider, if they think it is important, I should too." Her deep conviction and commitment to reconciliation, which is an example of courage to us all, comes from her spiritual director's words early on in this TRC process. He reminded her that the root of the word "witness" comes from "martyr" – to face the risk of discomfort, fatigue, rejection, danger and outrage, and bear witness anyway. She says that in reconciliation, "we have to go far beyond our reach. A start is not a finish."

Chief Robert Joseph, one of the wise and courageous truth-tellers who initiated the TRC in Canada, moved the hearts of the gathered crowd with his kindness, his deep solidarity with the hurting, and his fierce commitment to social change and cultural respect in our country. He is a prophet for our times.

"We've never been to this moment before," he said. "In the last 17 years, there has been a narrative in this land that we've never heard before this publicly. What I'm hoping, as we develop this deeper understanding between ourselves, is that we will shift: we will elevate the conversations of reconciliation to engage more and more Canadians, as we speak our truth. Don't leave this gathering angry, broken, or indifferent. Commit to reconciliation with your family, your community, other families and other communi-



ties. For those of you who put your hands together, pray that Creator will have his hand on your heart and the hearts of others, and help us. We can never go back to the way things have been. There is a new promise in this land. All of us can be free, all of us can have hope, all children will have the opportunities to dream dreams. We don't have to change the world. We have to change ourselves. Find peace within. We need to embrace each other, then we can walk together. Create optimism in yourself so together we can lift each other up."

Archbishop Fred Hiltz, speaking on behalf of the churches who were partners in the residential schools, shared words of

apology, humility and gratitude. He spoke of wounds so deep that healing could not happen; of children, vulnerable and far from home, terribly abused and neglected; of the grace and generosity of teachers and others whose kindness offered respite from pain and humiliation. Then, in a move both courageous and spirit-filled, and in response to the recommendations of the TRC, he called all of us to recognize indigenous spiritual traditions in their own right.

The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw is the incumbent of Christ Church, Bolton, and an Ambassador of Reconciliation for the Diocese of Toronto.

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I begged God to help me

Garry Glowacki is the executive director of The Bridge, a prison ministry in Brampton that serves the Greater Toronto Area and beyond.

We provide unique, hands-on services to a distinct, at-risk, high-needs segment of society – prisoners. For 40 years we have facilitated a weekly spiritual support group within the Ontario Correctional Institute in Brampton. The group is one of the best attended and most popular institutional gatherings. Its weekly attendance averages 70 prisoners and 12 volunteers. Most importantly, we provide hands-on reintegration assistance to men returning to the community.

Our biggest accomplishment has been the opening of our community centre in downtown Brampton and the development of “Bridge to Work,” an employment readiness program for prisoners returning to Peel Region. Through our support and our community partners, 65 per cent of the men we have worked with this year are out of the shelter system and living in suitable housing. They are off welfare, relatively drug- and alcohol-free, and working within two to three months. It’s a powerful story of lives restored. We have also been active in a number of community projects, including creating murals for the United Way, Moore’s Suit Drive, World Homelessness Day and the Scotiabank Marathon.

The best part of my job is seeing men who had previously been written off as the “least of us” discover their own humanity and worth and becoming both the men they had hoped they could be and that God had intended them to be. The worst part is visiting men I had worked with who are in penitentiaries or, sadly, going to their funerals.

The one thing I’d like people to know about prisoners is that they are people too: they are our brothers, sisters, mothers and fathers and, but for the grace of God, we are not in jail with them. It’s important to understand that most people in jail are getting out at some point and they deserve the chance to work hard and to prove themselves.

In 1994, I had a secure and well-paying city job but was in the early stages of



Garry Glowacki outside The Bridge in Brampton. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

sobriety and felt unfulfilled. Because of my personal connections to Daisy Dunlop, the founder of The Bridge, I began as a volunteer but eventually became employed as the community worker here. I accepted the position for half the money I had been earning. I gave up a pension plan and health benefits for the chance to be challenged, possibly fulfilled, hopefully to make a difference, to honour my own sobriety and, frankly, to make amends for all the damage and hurt my previous life caused.

I was born on Dec. 24 in Toronto to Ukrainian parents. Because of my age, I entered public school early – at age 4 – and later skipped Grade 5, so I was young and immature when I entered high school at 12. I was always awkward and suffered from ADHD (attention deficit hyperactivity disorder), so I was always in trouble. I think that continues today. When I finally got somewhat grounded, I was married, had a beautiful daughter, acquired a horticulture diploma and was a very good landscaper for many years.

My faith journey began at a young age and was confusing and frightening from the beginning. My Mom used to take me to the local Ukrainian Catholic Church, where I attended catechism and Ukrainian classes. I eventually served as an altar boy, but because I didn’t speak Ukrainian very well I didn’t really understand the Mass. While my Mom dragged me to

church, my father always asked me what lies the priests had told me when I returned home. Hence my initial confusion. I was also very afraid because my Dad was violently abusive to both my Mom and I. I learned to lie and cheat in order to survive my home life, although I felt I was sinning.

At 12 I entered an all-boys Ukrainian Catholic high school. Because of the abuse at home, my immaturity and my lack of focus, school life was troubled. I acted out and received the strap so many times that eventually I felt God being beat out of me and that I was not worth saving or protecting. My Dad threw me out of the house at 15 and I became a frightened, confused and angry young street kid, which in the 1960s was a dangerous place for a young kid. Although my mother’s priest tried to reach out to me, I felt so alone, angry and in a dark place that I was very hard to reach.

At 16, I found drugs. Heroin became my solution to all my emotional, mental and spiritual troubles; I had a new god. As my addiction and drug lifestyle slowly took over my life, my spirit and soul darkened. I couldn’t see any way out and I couldn’t even pray. I had been married to a wonderful woman who didn’t understand the depth of my sickness; she suffered greatly trying to stand by me in the hell of my addiction. My life was that of a typical drug addict – lying, cheating, stealing, cursing a God who I couldn’t believe in for my mis-

erable life and the years spent in and out of mental institutions, re-hab centres and prisons.

Finally at 41 years of age, scarred and wounded from years of abuse and hard-core drug and alcohol use, and not wanting to live like that anymore, I fell to my knees and begged a God I was ashamed to be in front of to please help me. I have not used drugs or alcohol since shortly after that weeping, slobbering and humiliating ask.

My faith in God had taken many painful, confusing and angry paths to get to the strong, devoted and faithful place I am in now. I have no doubt that God saved my life, nor do I doubt that it is now my calling to walk with men like me as they struggle through their own hells and fight with their spiritual demons.

While my body is battered and bruised for many reasons, the pain is less, the dark memories have faded and now I have a life that is blessed with amazing people, pictures on all my walls from my many travels and an interesting but sometime draining job. More importantly, although I’ll never be rich, I can honestly say that I’m a good man, a good father and son, and that I will be a great grandfather. I have all I need and I’m able to pass my blessings on to those in need through prayer but mainly through well intentioned good works.

What would I like to be doing five years from now? I’ll be retired by then, and I’d like to be proud that I left The Bridge in a good place. I’d like to be doing something worthwhile and still contributing to the world, possibly in another country. Most importantly, I want to be the best darned grandfather ever!

Matthew is my favourite Gospel, as I believe he preaches valuing an internal spiritual transformation. The passage that most speaks to me is Matthew 25: 31-46, as it speaks directly to meeting the needs of the hungry, sick, and imprisoned. I have been all of those and know the depth and pain of those simple needs. I also know that the passage requires simple, caring and non-judgmental actions that usually get my hands dirty and that sometimes break but strengthen my heart.

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Bishop makes history in parade

Bishop Linda Nicholls, the area bishop of Trent-Durham, made history when she rode on St. Peter, Cobourg's float in the town's annual Canada Day Parade. While clergy have participated in the past, this was the first time a bishop took part.

Bishop Nicholls entered whole-heartedly into the spirit of the occasion by appearing in full regalia, including a red and white bishop's mitre and carrying her bishop's crook as she rode on the float. As she went by, one of the children watching the parade shouted, "There's a pope!"

"It was delightful to see families lining the streets, dressed in red and white, responding to our shouts of 'Happy Canada Day,'" said Bishop Nicholls after the parade. "The church shares with the whole community in seeking the well-being of our country, so I was pleased to join the people of St. Peter's on their float."

St Peter's is carrying out a six-year parish growth program, assisted by a Ministry Allocation Fund grant from the diocese. As part of the growth plan, the parish is increasing community awareness of its ministries, in part by participating in public events such as the parade.

The parish also had a booth at the Cobourg Waterfront Festival in July, and volunteers attended it all four days. Passersby showed interest in what the church was doing and some indicated that they would drop in for services through the summer.

Anglican, Lutheran churches amalgamate

St. Mark's Anglican Church and Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church in Midland signed a historic agreement on June 22 to amalgamate into one church: St. Mark's Anglican Lutheran Church.

Bishop Peter Fenty, area bishop of York-Simcoe, and the Rev. Wendell Grahlman, former pastor of Holy Cross Lutheran Church and the representative of the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCiC), participated in the occasion.

The amalgamation is the fruit of many years of parishioners and clergy getting to know and appreciate each other as denominations and as individuals. The seed was planted in 2001, when the Anglican Church of Canada and the ELCiC signed the Waterloo Agreement that brought the two denominations into full communion, allowing clergy to function in each other's churches.

The congregations grew closer through shared Advent and Lenten services, Vacation Bible School, youth groups, Bible study, convention attendance and many social occasions. Despite different historical backgrounds, structures and traditions, an appreciation grew that Anglicans and Lutherans have much in common.

Then came the time when Holy Cross had to acknowledge that it would have to seek a new



Bishop Linda Nicholls waves from St. Peter's float in Cobourg's Canada Day parade.



DIG IN

Parents and children from All Saints, Collingwood's Sunday school and Messy Church create shoes filled with flowers to celebrate Earth Sunday. The kids were taught about the care of creation and God's gift of the world to people. The shoes were put near the church's doors.

direction.

With an aging congregation and declining membership, there were no longer sufficient revenues to continue. Pastor Grahlman and the Rev. Catherine Barley, the incumbent of St. Mark's, talked and prayed together about the possibilities and challenges of merging.

Serious discussions took place among parishioners: What would the new church look like? Will we lose our identity? No one will forget the Sunday when both churches voted separately, almost unanimously, to become one body. And everyone was affected when treasured objects belonging to Holy Cross were brought to St. Mark's. All have found their place.

Over the following two years, with the encouragement of Bishop Fenty, the diocese and Bishop



ON HIS WAY

Alex Wiggins receives a \$1,000 bursary for his post-secondary education at All Saints, Whitby on June 28. Joining him are, from left, Millie Bell, Arleane Ralph, his mother Jan Wiggins, the Rev. Stephen Vail and Margaret McDavid. The church will also give \$600 to a student in the Mathare Valley slums in Nairobi, Kenya to cover housing, food, uniform, books and education for one year. It is the fourth year the church has given out student bursaries.

Michael Pryce of the ELCiC, a set of by-laws reflecting Anglican and Lutheran laws were developed. Ms Barley, with the assistance of the Rev. Rachel Dart, who had been interim pastor at Holy Cross, Pastor Grahlman and others, led this significant undertaking.

The work culminated in the signing of the official agreement and thanksgiving from a united congregation that the seed planted in 2001 has borne such welcome fruit.

By Elaine Nicholls

Orillia church undergoes roof repairs

One of the grand old ladies on Orillia's Peter Street is showing her age. St. James' Anglican Church is undergoing extensive roof work that includes replacing slates and installing copper-clad dormer windows for an estimated cost of \$322,276.

The church was built 1891 and since then has undergone many changes and much refurbishing. A devastating fire in 1905 resulted in the enlargement of the

west porch and north vestry and the addition of a choir room. The organ was restored and improved and a complete steam heating system, along with electrical lighting, was installed.

Following the winter of 2013, slate tiles from the steeple were found scattered on the ground. Charles A. Murray & Co. Limited, a master installer of slate roofs and a skilled copper smith, was consulted.

The company, which has worked on many heritage build-



Reimagining the Church in the Public Square

Provincial Synod Special Insert



Provincial Synod 2015

‘Our baptismal vows include a very public dimension’

Archbishop Colin Johnson

Thank you for learning more about the Ecclesiastical Province and Provincial Synod of Ontario. This insert will give you a brief overview of what we do as the Anglican Church beyond your diocese in this part of Ontario and Quebec.

I’ve been the Metropolitan of the Province, or senior bishop, for six years, chairing the triennial Synod, the twice-yearly Executive Council and the House of Bishops. Because of a closer alignment of civil and church boundaries than most of the other ecclesiastical provinces, we have taken a very active role in engaging with the civil government on a number of issues, ranging from policies on human rights regulations, water, heritage buildings, accessibility, and oversight of cemeteries, to advocacy for poverty reduction, social housing and chaplaincy services. We have developed a good rapport with our elected officials and civil servants, in cooperation with other major denominations, not only for our own benefit but to contribute to the well-being of the people of our province.

A key strategy has been to find ways of cooperating across diocesan boundaries to share resources and avoid duplication. Communications, training programs, theological education, human resources, financial management, and



Archbishop Colin Johnson. Photo - Michael Hudson.

legal expertise are areas of consultation. The Province’s bishops also consider together strategic issues facing the Church today and take considerable leadership in bringing these before the national House of Bishops.

The triennial Synod of the Province meets in Toronto this year, with the theme “Reimagining the Church in the Public Square.” The Anglican Church has always been engaged with its wider community, both formally in its connections with the civil leaders but also through our members who have served on countless boards, agencies and acts of service that have helped establish and maintain the well-being of our society. For a time we were a dominant, sometimes even dominating, voice. Recognizing the changes in our culture, we both voluntarily drew back, and sometimes were sidelined, in an attempt to accommodate the growing

multifaith complexity of our province. For a while, equal treatment of faith traditions was achieved by studiously ignoring religious views in public discussion. But that can’t be done. Religious values undergird and inform the very heart of how people of faith understand the world and our place in it. Our baptismal vows include a very public dimension: “Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? Will you strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being? Will you safeguard the integrity of creation and respect, maintain and renew the face of the Earth?”

So this year we will look at the theological background to our call to engage in the welfare of our society. We will hear politicians’ take on it. We will explore ministries that are actively involved in direct service, policy development and advocacy. We will learn how the seven dioceses engage in their own setting. And we will pray for our neighbourhoods to God who “by your holy prophet taught your ancient people to pray for the welfare of the cities in which they lived” (BAS p. 690).

Archbishop Colin Johnson is the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. He is the bishop of the dioceses of Toronto and Moosonee.



The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario includes the dioceses of:

- Moosonee
- Algoma
- Huron
- Niagara
- Toronto
- Ontario
- Ottawa

Triennial Provincial Synod: what is it exactly?

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OPCOTE

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SHARING IDEAS AND RESOURCES

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ADVOCACY & REGULATION

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Looking forward

Rev. Canon Rob Towler

Much like diocesan synods, Provincial Synod gathers to review what we have already done

and look forward to what more we are called to do.

Much of our work is to continue ...

- facilitating a sharing of resources and ideas, for the benefit of our dioceses, so those engaged in specific ministries in their diocese can benefit from the experiences of others.
- overseeing the Advisory Committee of Postulants

for Ordination, as part of the discernment process for those feeling called to ordained ministry.

- supporting and promoting the work of OPCOTE (the Ontario Provincial Commission of Theological Education), which gathers representatives from around the province who are engaged in theological education.

- working with the provincial secretariat, a small body with representatives from each of the political parties in the legislature, who engage in issues of justice and to help them stay connected with the grassroots.

Provincial Synod also serves as a forum for delegates to reflect on where we focus our time and

energy over the next three years.

With its theme of “Reimagining the Church in the Public Square,” synod will have no shortage of ideas and conversations as to where we believe the Spirit is calling us to go.

The Rev. Canon Rob Towler is Prolocutor of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario

Priorities:

Provincial Synod prepares to set agenda for next three years

Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins

The Provincial Synod meets every three years. The work done between those sessions is guided by the priorities set by the Synod and its Council. From 2012 to 2015, those priorities were:

1 Advocacy

Social Advocacy
Housing and child poverty have been our key areas of focus. We have continued our long-standing work of building relationships in the area of social advocacy with government and other groups working to better our society. Our partner in this has been the Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), to which we provide one of our largest funding grants. We are represented on this coalition of more than 20 Christian churches and faith groups by Murray MacAdam.

Government Relations
Decisions made by the Ontario government and its agencies touch the lives of our parishes and ministries every day. Wherever possible, our discussions with government have been done in collaboration with the Lutheran, Roman Catholic and United churches in the Province. Examples of these

discussions with government include:

- the Ontario Human Rights Commission and its re-writing of its policies on creed and conflict rights;
- the government’s reorganization of cemeteries and the creation of the new Bereavement Authority of Ontario and our representation on it;
- the Ontario Heritage Trust and how its policies affect our buildings and what we can do with them;
- the new College of Psychotherapists and how much control it will have over what our clergy and laity do in our pastoral work;
- on-going conversations with all three political parties about other matters of concern to Anglicans in Ontario.

2 Education & Vocations

Our Commission on Theological Education (OPCOTE) brings together representatives of our theological colleges, dioceses and bishops and enables them to work collaboratively to improve the quality of

theological education in Ontario. The commission has donated more than \$350,000 to our colleges over the last three years from money contributed by our dioceses.

We are continuing to help our dioceses in their work of encouraging Anglicans to undertake new lay and ordained ministry. The national church’s Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination (ACPO) plays a central role in this. ACPO enables those studying for ordination and trained assessors to come together for weekend discernment sessions that provide the candidates, dioceses and bishops with guidance about these potential ordained ministries.

These ACPO sessions take place once a year in the rest of Canada, but our Provincial Synod provides \$12,000 of funding to enable these to take place twice a year in Ontario. This is our single largest program expense.

3 Sharing of Resources

There are seven dioceses in our Province and every day they deal with many of the same opportunities and problems. Our Provincial



“Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 3:13-14

Synod helps them work together on many of these so that they are more effective in what they are doing and can lower the costs involved.

Over the last three years, we have:

- brought our bishops and senior diocesan staff together to talk about and plan this kind of cooperation;
- brought our diocesan human resources staff together to discuss how best to help each other in their work and to discuss this with lawyers who specialize in this

field. As a result, our smaller dioceses that cannot afford their own human resources staff can now consult with the fulltime experts working in our larger dioceses;

- brought the senior diocesan staff together twice a year to talk about new ideas that are working to strengthen and develop our ministries and solutions to the common problems they are facing.

The Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins is Executive Officer, The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

COMMUNICATIONS better sharing of resources



Rev. Canon Andrew Chisholm

The Provincial Task Group on Communications was asked to consult with the individual dioceses, and then consider and make recommendations on matters such as:

- the future of our diocesan newspapers and the potential for developing shared regional newspapers;
- social media policy;
- public relations.

The task group has met three times. The members are:
Algoma: Kelly Baetz, Huron: Rob Towler, Moosonee: Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Niagara: Bill Mous, Ontario: Mark Hauser, Ottawa: Stephanie Boyd, Toronto: Stuart Mann, Chair: Andy Chisholm.

The complete report and other documents can be found on the Provincial Synod Website at <http://province-ontario.anglican.ca/communications.htm>.

Anti-spam legislation

We discussed new federal anti-spam legislation and circulated in our interim report a document previously shared with the House of Bishops on this matter. Canada’s Anti-Spam Legislation (CASL) requires all organizations that send “commercial electronic messages (CEM)” to obtain either express or implied consent of the recipient. The legislation is not of significant concern as most messages our churches send do not fall into the CEM category, but advertising for an event or selling a product or service would normally fall within the definition of a CEM. Many free electronic newsletter services are available to help meet these requirements of the legislation, with MailChimp being among the most popular and used by many faith groups, like the Anglican Church of Canada and KAIROS for their monthly communications.

Social media policy
We spent considerable time

on social media policy. We discussed best practices as well success stories in our dioceses. Some dioceses and bishops are active in social media (Algoma, Moosonee, Niagara, Ontario, Toronto), some dioceses and bishops make almost no use of social media (Huron, Ottawa). A summary is below. There are a number of social media policies for dioceses available online. We found the Toronto policy for Synod Office staff to be helpful as well as the Diocese of Bath and Wells guidelines for parishes and individuals. These are posted on Provincial Synod website communications page.

We also provided a summary of what each of the dioceses were doing in using social media.

The Rev. Canon Andrew Chisholm is Communications, Honorary Clerical Secretary, and Web Manager for Provincial Synod.

HIGHLIGHTS DID YOU KNOW:

Moosonee

Our last Provincial Synod session reorganized the Diocese of Moosonee. This has been very successful, bringing renewed vitality to its mission and ministry along with financial stability.

Theological Education

Our seven theological colleges work together with our dioceses to provide some of the best lay and ordained education and training in the world, through our Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education (OPCOTE).

Ordination Discernment

Some of the hardest decisions in our Christian life have to be made by those who feel called to the ordained ministry and the dioceses and bishops who have to decide who should be ordained and become members of our clergy. Our Provincial Synod makes its largest single funding grant to the Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination (ACPO), which plays a key role in this discernment.

Human Rights

Our Provincial Synod has taken the lead for the Anglican, Roman Catholic and United churches in discussions with the Ontario Human Rights Commissions in its first re-writing of its Policy on Creed and the Accommodation of Religious Observances since the policy was put into place in 1996. The Anglican Church in Ontario was one of the key movers in pressing for the establishment of the Human Rights Commission in 1961.

Heritage Buildings

Our Provincial Synod is in discussions with the Ontario Heritage Trust about its policies and their effect on our buildings. The Christian churches are the second largest holder of heritage-designated properties in Ontario. We are working jointly with the Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and United churches in these discussions that seek to preserve our heritage buildings for generations to come, while at the same time enabling us to adapt them to better ministry uses such as Out of the Cold, youth ministry, elder support and other programs.

STREET TALK: what does ‘Reimagining the Church in the Public Square’ look like to you?



“I envision a church engaged with the culture and context that it finds itself in. We need to join where God is already at work in the world. We serve the world God loves. We don’t hide from it.”

— The Rev. Jon Martin (Diocese of Ottawa) [Not a delegate to Provincial Synod]



“I see the church’s community expanding to include whole neighbourhoods and the church’s building as a foundation all people associate with acceptance and belonging.”

— Erica Howes (Diocese of Ottawa) [Not a delegate to Provincial Synod]



“As Anglicans in a non-Anglican world, the language of church can sometimes be overwhelming for non-Anglicans and non-Christians. A revisiting process doesn’t have to involve changing our parishes but rather how our identity and message are received by others. This will keep the church centered on ministry, clear and focussed liturgies, and prayerful communication.”

— Meg Stewart (Diocese of Ottawa) [Not a delegate to Provincial Synod]



“Although it seems somewhat heretical coming from someone who has worked for the Anglican Church all of his life, I think that reimagining the church in our culture today requires us to come forward with what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ first and foremost - and only then a member of the Anglican Church”

— David Embury (Diocese of Huron), Lay Member



“I don’t think there is one answer to the question. It is going to depend on the circumstances that present themselves. Each situation is unique and may /will change depending on the issues in each parish and diocese. We need to be open to the Holy Spirit to see what that looks like. Some may close and others may thrive. I fear that some may see it only their way and not be open to the changes required.”

— Canon David Ricketts (Diocese of Niagara), Lay Member

Triennial Provincial Synod

What it does and how you can get involved

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How to Get Involved and Contact Information

You can get involved in the Provincial Synod by speaking to your delegate about what you think our priorities should be as we move forward. You are welcome to contact any of the officers of Synod about matters of concern to you. For inter-governmental affairs, we recommend contacting the Ven. Dr. Harry Huskins, who does the bulk of that work on our behalf.

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MEETING INFORMATION

The Provincial Synod will meet for its 35th session In Toronto from Wednesday, Oct. 14 to Friday, Oct. 16. The session will be held at St. Paul's, Bloor Street in Toronto. Registration will take place from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 13.

The election of the Metropolitan (Archbishop) will take place on the Wednesday morning, with an installation service on the Thursday night.

The business sessions will include an update on the success of the reorganization of the Diocese of Moosonee and debate over what the priorities should be for the Synod's work in the next three years.

Further information on registration, accommodation and the agenda can be found on the Provincial website: <http://province-ontario.anglican.ca>.

HISTORY

The Ontario Provincial Synod was created in 1912 when the old Province of Canada was divided in two, becoming the present day ecclesiastical provinces of Ontario and Canada. The old Province had come into being in 1861 and included the dioceses of Toronto, Huron and Ontario, along with Montreal and Quebec. The dioceses of Fredericton and Nova Scotia joined a few years later. The dioceses of Niagara (1875), Ottawa (1896), and Algoma (1873) were added later when they were created. The Diocese of Moosonee was transferred from the Province of Rupert's Land to Ontario in 1935.

The focus of the old Province's work was its Domestic and Foreign Mission Society and its Woman's Auxiliary. With the establishment of the General Synod in 1893 and the transfer to it of this work, much of the reason for the old Province's existence was lost. The dioceses in the civil Province of Ontario wanted to re-focus their efforts on social reform work at the legislature in Toronto but, understandably, the dioceses in Quebec and the Maritimes were not very interested in this. This tension led to the division of the old Province in 1912. Bishop James Sweeny summed this up in his Charge to the 1914 Toronto Synod: "The formation of the Provincial Synod of Ontario has made it possible for us to deal more effectively as respecting the Church in this Province."

ELECTION OF THE METROPOLITAN

The Metropolitan is the senior bishop of the Province and carries the title of Archbishop. The Metropolitan is the president of the Provincial Synod, its Provincial Council, and of the Ontario House of Bishops, and presides at the election of other bishops. Canon II of the Province's constitution establishes a six-year term for the Office of Metropolitan, and only diocesan bishops are eligible for election.

Our present Metropolitan is Archbishop Colin Johnson. Canon II provides that a present Metropolitan may be nominated for re-election by any member of the Synod. The election is by a secret ballot in two orders with the bishops and clergy voting together in one order and the laity in the other. A majority in both orders is needed for an election.

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PARTNERSHIP

Marshall Schuchert (left), a representative from Na-Me-Res, a native men's residence, the Rev. Gus Constantinides, interim priest-in-charge of St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, and parishioner Robert Longsworth clasp hands outside the church. Na-Me-Res has begun to use the church for evening art classes and other outreach activities.



Bishop Linda Nicholls presides at Redeemer, Ajax's first confirmation service.

Parish news

Continued from Page 8

ings, carried out an investigation and reported that although the underlying framework was in good shape, the wires holding the slates were rusting and breaking.

In July, scaffolding 32 metres high was erected and work began on installing new slates and replacing dormer windows. New lighting will also be added to the steeple. The work is expected to be completed by October.

St. James' has been lovingly maintained over the years through generous donations from the congregation. Money for the steeple lighting had already been donated; now the congregation is fundraising for the roof repairs.

Rare church celebrates anniversary

St. Cyprian, Toronto, located at 1080 Finch Ave. E., will mark its 50th anniversary on Sept. 13, with Bishop Patrick Yu, area-bishop of York-Scarborough, officiating at a service of celebration at 10:30 a.m. The service and an anniversary luncheon will be the culmination of several special events held during the year.

St. Cyprian's started in 1965 in a portable building that quickly became too small to accommodate the growing congregation. A decision was made to share a building with another denomination.

In 1969, St. Cyprian's became the first Anglican congregation to join in the construction of a building with two other churches, Hillcrest United and Iona Presbyterian. Together they formed the first "tri-congregational building" in Canada, with separate worship areas for each parish.

The "Tri. Church" was more than a building to house three

parishes. It became the centre of an alliance between three congregations. During the initial years, there were combined groups, such as the "Tri. Church Women," a joint Sunday School, a youth group, and joint choirs for special events and occasions.

As parish demographics changed over the years, the United Church parish closed. However, three separate congregations are still worshipping in this multi-purpose building that serves the local community.

Innovative Ajax ministry needs support

Redeemer is a new Anglican church meeting in Ajax. Its first outreach began in 2012 with the launch of Redeem the Commute, a mobile app and website with courses for busy commuters. A small group from this online community began to meet in person and became the launch team for a new bi-weekly worship service.

Redeemer's "Family Room" service launched in September 2014, so named because all ages worship together in one room, as one church family. The unique approach was a direct result of missional listening that revealed many young, commuting families had been separated all week, and reserved weekends for time with their children.

The service is led by the Rev. Ryan Sim and designed to engage and challenge all ages at once. For example, as children listen to an interactive and engaging Bible story, adults read the text on screen. During the sermon, children are assigned a thematic craft or LEGO project while they listen, which they are encouraged to bring forward during the offering. Families leave with resources to help them discuss and learn all week, and adults can access more in-depth teaching through Redeem the Commute.

This new church is reaching

children, parents, grandparents, and others who love the vibrant atmosphere of intentionally all-ages worship. Several families say their children excitedly anticipate church all week, and this summer the church celebrated its fourth baptism.

Many families who attend have little or no church background, are struggling financially, and have never been busier. Redeemer's work is supported by Our Faith-Our Hope and needs the help of committed Christians who will generously serve and support this ministry. The church is asking for volunteers, of any age, to consider joining the team who set up and lead each service. To learn more, contact the church or make a gift, visit www.redeemerajax.ca.

Residential schools exhibit ready to travel

All Saints' Anglican Cathedral, the see of the Diocese of Edmonton, will be the next stop for "Truth and Reconciliation: A Special Exhibit on the Legacy of the Residential Schools." The historical display of texts and photographs, at St. James Cathedral in Toronto until Sept. 12, is being offered on loan to other venues for unspecified periods of time.

The collection carries forward the spirit of rapprochement between indigenous and non-indigenous Canadians embodied by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's final report delivered on June 2. Its five sections – In the Beginning, Truth, Apology, Healing and Reconciliation – has taken thousands of Toronto viewers through 262 years of the Anglican Church's sometimes troubled relations with Canada's indigenous peoples, from 1753 to the present day.

Its curator wants it to do the same for people in other parts of Canada. "We'll need a couple of weeks to pack up the exhibit into sections and then we'll send it by



GREETINGS

Sandy Richmond (right), a firefighter at the Blackdown Cadet Training Centre at Canadian Forces Base Borden, meets Brigadier-General John Fletcher, Chaplain General of the Canadian Armed Forces. Brigadier-General Fletcher was at the centre to review a graduation parade of cadets who were attending a three-week course. Mr. Richmond is a member of St. Thomas, Shanty Bay and the chair of the diocese's Chaplaincy Committee. Brigadier-General Fletcher is an Anglican priest and the head chaplain of Canada's military. PHOTO BY CADET SERGEANT MARCUS PICOV-AIDA

courier to Bishop Jane Alexander in Edmonton," said Nancy Mallett, St. James' archivist and exhibits committee chair. "We'll be including the texts and pictures but not the artifacts," she said. The Edmonton exhibit will likely open in October.

Exhibitors are free to include or exclude items as they see fit and to adapt the exhibit, which covers five triple-sided display towers, to the room they have available. "We're hoping that other exhibitors will add their own material and related photos and artifacts. That will enrich the exhibit and make it more meaningful and interesting locally," said Ms. Mallett.

For information on borrowing

the exhibit, contact Nancy Mallett at 416-364-7865, ext. 233 or archives@stjamescathedral.on.ca. *From the Anglican Journal*

Churches asked to ring bells for Queen

The Monarchist League of Canada is asking churches across the country to ring their bells or hold a special service of thanksgiving on Sept. 9 or the following Sunday to mark the day that Queen's Elizabeth's reign exceeds that of Queen Victoria, making her the longest reigning monarch of Canada in the modern historical era. Churches are being asked to ring their bells at 12:15 p.m. on Sept. 9.

BRIEFLY

Deacon honoured for helping homeless

The Rev. Christian Harvey, a deacon at St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, has been named one of Peterborough's 20 most influential people. Mr. Harvey was cited for his work with The Warming Room, an emergency overnight shelter that operates seven nights a week throughout the winter.

Mr. Harvey rallied volunteers and worked with the Health Unit and the Canadian Mental Health Association to get the Warming Room off the ground, then with agencies such as 4cast and the city for continued support.

The Warming Room was operating out of two different locations on different nights until this year, when it stayed at Murray Street Baptist Church. The shelter is a partnership between Murray Street Baptist Church and St. John the Evangelist.

The City of Peterborough announced recently that it will commit major funding to the shelter program over the next three years to complement a homelessness strategy that's aimed at finding residents permanent housing, which is Mr. Harvey's ultimate goal.

Outreach conference set for Oct. 17

Dr. Alex Himelfarb, former Clerk of the Privy Council and co-editor of the book *Tax is Not a Four-Letter Word*, will be the keynote speaker at the diocese's annual Outreach and Advocacy Conference, held on Oct. 17 at Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill. Dr. Himelfarb will be discussing society's responsibility to maintain social programs that support all of its members.

Conference attendees will be able to attend interactive workshops on a number of key social justice issues such as reconciliation with First Nations, environmental responsibility, and the connection between spirituality and issues of social justice. The day will close with a time of worship and fellowship.

Cost for the conference is \$25 per person (\$10 for students and the unemployed) and includes



JOYFUL

Proud Anglican Mary-Lou Harrison celebrates in the Pride parade as it travels down Yonge Street in downtown Toronto on June 28. At right, Anglicans march with banner. Enthusiastic crowds attended the annual event despite rain and cooler than usual weather. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

lunch and childcare. To register online, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca. For more information, contact Ryan Weston, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant, at rweston@toronto.anglican.ca or 416-363-6021 ext. 240.

Grief program opens this fall

Trinity Church, Streetsville is hosting its third Streetsville COPING program this fall, offering support to people mourning the death of a loved one.

COPING provides a safe place for people to mourn, says Patricia Wood, who leads the initiative. Volunteers are trained to facilitate and offer hospitality, ensuring that everyone who walks through the door feels comfortable and cared for.

The current group, starting in



September and running for eight weeks, will comprise eight adults. Although the program is hosted by a church, it is not a religious program. People from all walks are welcome. For more information, phone 905-826-1901 ext. 231 or email coping@trinitystreetsville.org.

Historic cemetery gains more land

St. John the Baptist (Dixie) Anglican Church and St. John's Dixie Cemetery celebrated the acquisition of new land in May. The land will increase the eastern boundary of the historic

cemetery, meaning that new families, and families who currently have loved ones resting at the cemetery, will have more options.

Bishop Philip Poole, the area bishop of York-Credit Valley, presided at the ceremony. At its conclusion, 50 white doves were released as a symbolic gesture.

St. John's Dixie Cemetery, opened in 1816, comprises almost 10 acres of picturesque green space at the northeast corner of Dundas Street East and Cawthra Roads in Mississauga. For the last 30 years, it has offered cremation services and facilities for all faiths.

OUR FAITH
OUR HOPE

In this series, we look at how the diocese's Our Faith-Our Hope campaign is helping individuals and parishes re-imagine the church. To date, the campaign has raised \$41 million.

Grant helps work in North

A \$500,000 grant from the Diocese of Toronto's Our Faith-Our Hope campaign will provide for regional gatherings in Canada where travel costs are high and local funds are short.

The grant was made last year to the Council of the North and the national church's Indigenous Ministries department. Plans for how the money will be spent were announced in May.

The Council of the North is made up of nine dioceses, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and the Archdeaconry of Labrador. They are in sparsely populated areas such as the Arctic, Yukon, and the northern and central interiors of seven provinces.

Through this gift, members of the Council of the North and of more southern communities where there is a large indigenous presence will be able to apply for funds to hold or attend regional gatherings.

The regional gatherings will support the work of indigenous and non-indigenous non-stipendiary priests, deacons, catechists and other recognized lay leaders in indigenous and non-indigenous communities. Gatherings will centre on the healing power of the Gospels and will be individually designed to suit the needs of the ministers in their areas.

The mandate for the regional gatherings is as follows: to draw church leadership together for renewal and healing; to focus on those doing unpaid ministry, either lay or ordained; to encourage youth to participate; to focus on renewal of local communities and emergence of new ministries; to address the concerns and joys of the local church, honouring the traditions and culture of the particular regions; and to provide adequate time for rest, recreation, fellowship and fun during each event.

Churches to amalgamate

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churches. The transition team is being facilitated by Heather McGregor, a member of the diocese's Reconfiguration Team.

Bishop Poole said historical elements from all four churches will be incorporated into the new building. Worship and outreach from the four churches will also be incorporated as much as possible into the life of the new parish. "We'll do our very best to provide an Anglican presence in that

whole area."

He said the amalgamation has the potential to create a large, vibrant Anglican church. "What we've learned is that you don't program your way into critical mass, you critical mass your way into programming. If you've got enough people, enough hands on deck, you can do an awful lot of things. Bigger is not better but it's different and it gives you the capacity to accomplish more. If it all

comes together, it will become one of the larger churches in the diocese."

Cynthia Rouse, a churchwarden at St. John, Weston, said she is looking forward to the day when all the congregations will be together in their new church. "The way I see it, our church is closing but it is magically turning into a butterfly. We'll be at a new location with a new name. I'm looking forward to that."



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New initiatives planned for Communion

Award, decade put focus on discipleship

BY STUART MANN

A symposium on mission and church growth, held in Toronto on June 22, heard about two new initiatives for the Anglican Communion.

The first is the creation of an award that recognizes and supports innovative youth work in the fields of evangelism and discipleship. Up to \$20,000 will be given to an individual or team that is involved in an “emerging initiative” with youth in those areas.

“We’ve noticed that in many places, people have the creativity and innovation but they don’t have the resources to carry out their work, so we’re hoping this award will help them do that,” said the Rev. Robert Sihubwa, a priest and youth worker in Lusaka, Zambia, and a member of Anglican Witness, a group that supports evangelism and church growth in the Anglican Communion.

The award will also honour an



The Rev. Robert Sihubwa describes a new award for youth work. At right, participants take part in small group discussions at the symposium. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

individual or team that has achieved success with a youth program in evangelism or discipleship. The person or a representative of the team will be flown to the next meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Lusaka in 2016 to make a presentation about their work.

“We want them to share their story, and that can go out across the Communion so that others



can learn from it,” said Mr. Sihubwa, who came up with the idea for the award.

He said the award will give youth work and youth in general a higher profile in the Communion. “I think it will give a lot of people encouragement that the

church is recognizing young people and putting their work more and more on the agenda.”

An announcement about the award is expected to be made in fall.

The symposium, which was held at St. Paul, Bloor Street, also heard that Anglican Witness is proposing that the Anglican Communion adopt a 10-year period of “intentional discipleship.” The group is drafting a paper that will be sent to the Anglican Consultative Council, which is expected to vote on the proposal when it meets in Lusaka in 2016.

“Every season has its own needs, and this is the time that we need to revisit the whole idea of discipleship,” said Bishop Moon Hing Ng, bishop of West Malaysia and chair of Anglican Witness. He described discipleship as “basic Christian life. It’s not a course or a module or a certificate. It’s the life of a person. A disciple must be able to know the Gospel and articulate it; to know the scriptures and feed themselves from them; to know how to pray to the point that he or she can hear from God; to serve God with no expectation of return; and to see the needs of others that will spur us into social concern.”

The symposium was held after three days of meetings by Anglican Witness in Niagara Falls. Anglican Witness, which is made up of clergy and lay people from

around the Communion, was formed in 2010 at the request of the Anglican Consultative Council and has met in different parts of the globe. Since its inception until recently, the group was chaired by Bishop Patrick Yu, the area bishop of York-Scarborough in the Diocese of Toronto.

Bishop Ng praised Bishop Yu’s leadership, saying that under his direction the group has accomplished a number of things, including the creation of a webpage and Facebook page to share information and resources throughout the Communion.

During the symposium, Bishop Ng spoke about the challenges of evangelism and church growth in the Communion and the work of the discipleship in West Malaysia. Mr. Sihubwa spoke about youth work in Zambia. Mark Oxbrow spoke about the work of Faith2Share, which fosters discipleship around the world, and Archbishop Johnson spoke about missional direction and initiatives in the Diocese of Toronto. After all four talks, those in attendance broke into small groups to learn more from the speakers.

The symposium was attended by members of Anglican Witness from the United Kingdom, Canada, Malaysia, Kenya, South Africa, Pakistan, Nigeria, Zambia and Peru. Bishops and clergy from the Diocese of Toronto also attended.

WORLD BRIEFS

Pope lauded for stand on climate change

SOUTH AFRICA – Archbishop Thabo Makgoba of South Africa says Pope Francis’s recent encyclical on climate change is a historic, ground-breaking statement. Archbishop Makgoba, who chairs the Anglican Communion Environmental Network, said Africans are already feeling the impact of climate change, with severe droughts and storms hurting the most vulnerable people. In Namibia, where seven in 10 people depend on the livestock industry, a state of emergency has been declared and the government is pressing farmers to sell their cattle. “The values of dignity and fairness are at the heart of how we respond to the crisis,” he said. “How we look after the environment is at its core about how we value our fellow human beings.” *Anglican Communion News Service*

Photos break stereotypes about homelessness

UNITED STATES – The Rev. Lydia Bailey, a deacon at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleve-

land, Ohio, has been taking pictures of homeless people as she has served as volunteer co-ordinator at the Lakeside Men’s Shelter, the largest in Ohio. She put together an exhibit of her photographs and the men’s stories, told in their own words. The collection of 45 portraits has travelled extensively and helped break stereotypes of homeless people. “These portraits can be empowering to those who feel largely invisible, who feel lost living in a shelter and on the street,” says Ms. Bailey. *Anglican Communion News Service*

Archbishop asks for prayers for South Sudan

UNITED KINGDOM – It only became an independent state four years ago, but South Sudan has been embroiled in constant violence, causing suffering for the people, many of whom have become refugees. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has called for prayers for an end to hostilities, so peace can take root. “I pray and strongly call for both sides to recognize the need to sheath their swords, meet on middle ground and begin to walk the path of reconciliation,” he says.

Money earmarked for racial justice

UNITED STATES – The General Convention of the Episcopal

Church has reordered its spending priorities and earmarked \$2 million towards the work of racial justice and reconciliation in the next three years. The effort is a response to police shootings of unarmed black men, suspicious fires at black churches, the murders of nine church-goers at a Bible study in June, and issues of economic justice. “The decision must be seen as the start of a movement Jesus is calling us into,” says a spokesperson. “The movement for racial justice and reconciliation – that is what every Episcopalian must engage in.” *Anglican Communion News Service*

Churches honoured for role in Ebola crisis

LIBERIA – The government has honoured the Liberian Council of Churches with the distinction of Commander, Order of the Star of Africa, for its efforts during the Ebola outbreak. The churches helped raise awareness, provided food and material relief, offered medical supplies, and operated health centres. The churches also provided a witness of prayer, and inspiration to those who were suffering and in fear of the epidemic. *Anglican Communion News Service*

Mothers’ Union calls for ad restrictions

UNITED KINGDOM – The Mothers’ Union of the Church of Eng-

land is asking Parliament to restrict advertising aimed at children. In their campaign, called Bye Buy Childhood, the women’s group is pressing for responsible and appropriate marketing

to children and their parents. The group is re-issuing a guide for parents called Labelled for Life.

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Church serves migrant farm workers

Men accept invitation to worship

BY STUART MANN

THE Rev. Christopher Greaves used to see the small yellow bus arrive in downtown Bowmanville on Friday or Saturday evening. The bus brought migrant farm workers into town so they could do their banking or shopping.

Mr. Greaves, who is the incumbent of St. John, Bowmanville, often tried to welcome them, but his lack of Spanish made it difficult. Most of the men were from Mexico and spoke little English. "I'd say 'Hola' and that I'm the pastor of the Iglesia Anglicana, but that's as far as I got," he says.

He contacted the Rev. Canon Ted McCollum, an Anglican priest who leads a ministry to migrant farm workers in Beaverton, Ont., and was put in touch with the Migrant Workers Network. The group provides support and advocacy for about 17,000 workers in Ontario each year, most of them from Mexico and the Caribbean. There are about 300 workers at the farms and greenhouses around Bowmanville.



St. John's parishioners and migrant workers enjoy a softball game in Ajax during the Pan Am Games.

Mr. Greaves joined the network as a representative of the Bowmanville Ministerial Association. He attended a number of meetings and learned that the same men often came back year after year, working from June to October on local farms.

The group was looking for a venue to hold a welcome event for the men in June. The event would not only welcome the men but would provide them with information about local health services. Mr. Greaves offered to host it at St. John's.

Working with Mr. Greaves was the local Baptist pastor, Gordon Belyea, an avid cyclist. They learned that the workers needed transportation, and that having bicycles would be a great advantage for them. They asked their parishioners and handed out flyers at the town's street festival, seeking donated bikes.

"In one month, we picked up about 30 bicycles from all over, including Oshawa, Courtice, Bowmanville, Newtownville and Newcastle, most of which have been repaired and given away," he says.

The welcome event was held at St. John's on June 6 and about 16 workers attended. At the event, Mr. Greaves met workers from Jamaica and Barbados and found that a number of them were practicing Christians. They expressed an interest in coming to church, so the next week they were given rides to an ecumenical service in Bowmanville. About 10 of the workers have continued to come to church each Sunday, getting rides from members of the congregation.

"We've really enjoyed the contact we've had with these fellows," says Mr. Greaves. "They've asked for prayers and we've prayed for them. They've joined our church family in worship on Sunday. One man plays piano before and after church with great gusto. If there

is some reason they can't come, we understand and keep in contact with them throughout the week."

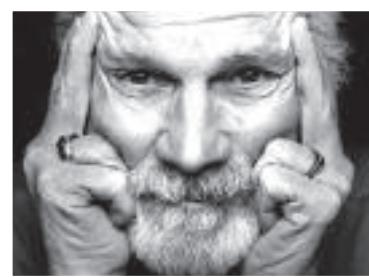
The church has held lunches and barbecues for the men and even taken them to a softball game at the Pan Am Games. Some of the men are mechanically minded and help to repair the donated bikes after the Sunday worship service.

In the fall, the men will be working Sundays, so the church is thinking of holding a Caribbean-style service on Saturday evening. The church would also like to hold a harvest celebration in late September or early October to thank the men for all their work. The men invited the church to a party they are hosting at one of the farms.

Mr. Greaves says his congregation has been energized by the new relationships. "In the last 10 years we've led teams on mission trips overseas, but here is the world coming to us. It's been good for our congregation to engage in local mission as Jesus' disciples. We have been blessed to move beyond our normal boundaries and grow as a community of compassion, social justice and hope, and to deepen our understanding of the command to love God with all we've got and love your neighbour as yourself."

FALL LECTURES AT ST. JAMES CATHEDRAL

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CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA with Dr. Ron Kydd and Mr. James Liu

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 | TIME TBA

Join St. James Cathedral for a talk on Christianity in China with Associate Professor of Church History at Tyndale Seminary, Dr. Kydd, and the Cathedral's Lay Pastoral Associate for Mandarin Ministry, Mr. Liu.

THE INCARNATION IN ART with Dr. Anne Thackray

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2 | TIME TBA

Join St. James Cathedral and art historian Dr. Thackray for an Advent lecture on the incarnation in art. Watch the Cathedral's website for times and details.



Clockwise from top left: Cuban-born Papito Wilson, a Canadian rower in the Parapan Am Games, carries a torch down Christie Street in Toronto before the start of a festival to celebrate the summer solstice and Central and South American culture; members of Nativity, Malvern enjoy a community festival at the church; banners outside St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON AND ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

Anglicans help out at Games

BY STUART MANN
AND MARTHA HOLMEN

AFTER this summer, the Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan will never take water for granted.

Canon Kinghan, the incumbent of St. George on Yonge in north Toronto, handed out cups of water outside St. James Cathedral and the Rogers Centre during the

opening and closing ceremonies of the Pan Am Games.

"It's amazing how much a cup of water means to people when they're really thirsty," he says, adding that there was a spiritual element to the moment. "People needed water to quench their thirst, but there was also this Biblical image of quenching the spiritual thirst. We may not have had

a conversation about it, but something happened in that moment. It was also a chance for them to see that the church isn't just a building."

Canon Kinghan was part of a small army of Anglicans across the diocese who volunteered to

help out during the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games, either at churches, community events or the sporting venues themselves.

For many, it was a chance to be the church at the games. "The church needs to be out in the community," says Canon Kinghan, who wore his clerical collar while volunteering. "The whole idea of missional ministry isn't a theory – it's something we've got to put into practice."

Several parishes kicked off the games with community festivals and viewing parties for the opening ceremonies on July 10. St. Bride, Clarkson hosted a PanAmazing Community Fiesta, which featured sports, games, crafts and a barbecue outside on the church grounds.

In downtown Toronto, Little Trinity hosted a picnic in the park, with screens set up in the sanctuary to watch the opening ceremonies. In the late afternoon and evenings, the parish offered quiet conversation and prayer in the sanctuary, as well as refreshments, Wi-Fi and conversation in the parish hall.

Further east, Nativity, Malvern welcomed neighbours to "Catch the Flame" featuring a barbecue, bouncy castle, face painting and games. For the first two weeks of the games, the in-house chef at St. Paul, Bloor Street prepared \$10 Pan Am lunch specials three days a week.

On Fridays during the games, St. James Cathedral celebrated its midday Eucharist in both English and Spanish. The cathedral also showed the men's gold medal soccer game.

The cathedral also raised social justice issues during the games. Inside was a special exhibit on the legacy of Indian residential schools, and outside was the GIFT Box, to raise awareness of human trafficking. A water stand hosted by the Salvation Army was set up outside the cathedral.

"I'm so glad we didn't miss this opportunity," says the Rev. Simon Davis, the assistant curate at the cathedral. "There are tons of visitors to our city, we're right in the centre of it, so let's use that to make a difference. It's been great."

Box first used in London

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lags behind other provinces such as British Columbia, Alberta and Manitoba, all of which have plans in place.

Visitors were also asked to watch for signs of trafficking and call the Toronto Human Trafficking Hotline at 416-597-8808 if they saw anything suspicious. Signs include a person who doesn't have control of his or her own money; a person who doesn't have legal documents or identification; a person who has little or no access to their

earnings; or a person who is injured by being controlled or assaulted.

The first GIFT Box, as it is called, was used at the London Olympics in 2012. Since then, similar boxes have been installed in five countries, drawing 50,000 people. Toronto's GIFT Box was the first in Canada. The box was designed by art students at OCAD University, and a local construction company donated the materials. About 100 volunteers staffed it.

"The cathedral has been fantastic," said Ms. Watkiss in an interview in July. "We were hoping that they would give us a spot on the lawn but they've gone above and beyond that in terms of helping support us. They're always there if we need anything. It's been a real pleasure."

She hoped the box would be used in other places after the Games. She said her group would consider using it at a church and other places of worship.



From left, Justine Lee, Leah Watkiss and Kristin Strong from Faith Alliance to End Human Trafficking stand inside the GIFT Box. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

LOOKING AHEAD

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the October issue is Sept. 3. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Worship & Music

SEPT. 8 - Concert at 7 p.m. performed by more than 80 members of the Trelawny Male Choir in their only Toronto appearance. Sacred, secular and classical pieces promoting Cornish music and culture. At St. Olave, 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto. Admission is \$20 for tickets bought before Aug. 28 and \$25 for tickets bought afterwards. Call 416-698-0336 or email bjgardner@sympatico.ca for tickets.

OCT. 24 - Gemini Pan Groove presents "Pan in Harmony" at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and includes soup and dessert followed by the concert. Call 416-283-1844. Gemini Pan Groove is a program that uses the steel pan as a medium for community development and as a foundation to advance the art form.

NOV. 11-14 - The Canterbury Players present Avenue Q, a musical, at 8 p.m. at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Tickets are \$25. All seats reserved. For audiences 14 years and above. Call 416-283-1844. VISA accepted.

Anniversary & Barbecue

AUG. 29 - Community family barbecue, all welcome, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., St. Athanasius, 10 Westmount Dr. N., Orillia.

SEPT. 13 & OCT. 17 - St. John, Blackstock is celebrating its 175th anniversary. On Sept. 13 there will be a cemetery service, includ-

ing a guided tour by historian Paul Arculus, at 2:30 p.m. at 3791 Edgerton Rd. On Oct. 17 there will be an anniversary fall tea from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with entertainment at noon by the Suburbanaires, a senior men's choir.

SEPT. 20, NOV. 22 & DEC. 20 - St. Hilda, Fairbank is celebrating its 125th anniversary. Bishop Peter Fenty will preach at a service on Sept. 20 at 10 a.m. Archbishop Colin Johnson will preach at a service on Nov. 22 at 10 a.m. Bishop Philip Poole will preach at a service at 10 a.m. on Dec. 20. All are welcome. The church is located at 2353 Dufferin St., Toronto.

Sales

OCT. 17 - Fall rummage sale, 8:30 a.m. until noon, Grace Church, 19 Parkway Ave., Markham. Bargains galore on clothing, linen, household goods, books and more. Call 905-294-3184

NOV. 7 - St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Balmoral Dr., Brampton, is holding its bazaar from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. It will include raffle, bake table, tea room and more. Call 905-793-8020.

NOV. 7 - Craft sale and bazaar at St. Peter, Erindale, 3041 Mississauga Rd., Mississauga, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knitted and sewn goods, baked goods and jams, jewellery and more. Free admission but donations of non-perishable food for the Deacon's Cupboard food bank are greatly appreciated.

NOV. 14 - Christmas bazaar and luncheon from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grace Church, 19 Parkway Ave., Markham. Antiques, collectables, baking, knitting, sewing, preserves and more. Lunch will be served. Call 905-294-3184.

NOV. 14 - Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering, 882 Kingston Rd. Bake table, Caribbean delicacies, crafts, jewellery, books and silent auction.



DAY TOGETHER

Parish administrators take part in a retreat day at St. John's Convent in Toronto on June 5. Thirty-six people from different denominations attended the retreat, which focused on spirituality and relationships. Talks included 'Where are you in the story as a parish administrator?' and 'Finding your purpose in the chaos.' They also watched a film that gave insights into some of the challenges faced by church staff. The day included worship and a Eucharist and lunch with the Sisters of St. John the Divine. A small group was formed to plan future events. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Youth ministry doesn't need to be frightening

YOUTH MINISTRY

BY THE
REV. JORDAN WELLINGTON

I serve as the committee chair of the Archbishop's Youth Ministry Committee (AYMC). It is a great privilege to have been afforded this opportunity to speak about youth ministry and briefly share what the AYMC is all about.

Youth ministry is often a frightening venture, but this does not need to be the case. Nevertheless, there are times when I see a parallel between the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) and youth ministry.

For many of us, this parable is a familiar passage. Despite having been given no instructions, the slaves know what to do once their master leaves. Using their own imaginations and energy, the first two multiply the wealth for their own delight and blessing, as well as the master's. Alternatively, the third slave neglects the opportunity and does nothing other than bury the tal-

ent in the ground. In the end, he is punished severely for his inactivity.

The third slave allows his view of the master and his personal preferences to blind himself from the generosity entrusted to him. His interpretation of the situation keeps him fearful and constricted, to the point that he neglects or perhaps rejects the master's graciously given opportunity.

Why? Perhaps it is fear – fear of the unknown and fear of sacrificing our personal preferences for an image of church that is different from what we are accustomed to. In the end, what we think about God and do in response to the trust imparted to us is not trivial. We have real

choices and power, with genuine consequences resulting from the ways we use our freedom to serve God in the church.

Over the past year, there have been many developments in the AYMC. We have established a clear mission statement, developed five core principles, and created a yearly cycle of events and programs connected to a yearly theme.

It is our hope that our theme, programs, and events will foster and encourage participants to explore and pursue a deeper understanding of their relationships with one another, their communities, the Anglican Communion, and most importantly, Jesus Christ. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

The Rev. Jordan Wellington is the associate priest of St. John, Willowdale. He can be reached at revjordanwellington@gmail.com.

Anglicans donate after wildfires

ANGLICANS gave nearly \$35,000 to support those who were evacuated because of forest fires this summer in northern Saskatchewan and to assist those whose homes and possessions went up in flames.

"Thank you and thanks be to God for the support, prayers and donations of Canadian Anglicans as our province and our diocese have faced some of the worst wildfires in our history," said Bishop Michael Hawkins of the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund made a \$15,000 solidarity grant to the Prince Albert Grand Council for its work in supporting evacuees. The Anglican Foundation gave \$5,000 of emergency support that was also spent through the efforts of the Grand Council. The Anglican Church of Canada made a \$5,000 donation and that has been followed by other gifts, large and small, from people across the country. Anglicans and Roman Catholics and the communities of The Pas, Flin Flon and Opaskwayak Cree Nation gathered

an entire trailer load of supplies for those who were displaced by the fires.

Thanks to those gifts, the Diocese of Saskatchewan was able to purchase more than \$1,100 in water, support evacuees in Ah-tahkakoop and Little Red, pay for clergy travel to visit elders, help with some extra needs of evacuees in Cold Lake and make sure that they had some necessities to make the seven-hour trip back home to La Ronge. The remainder of funds will be distributed to assist those who lost their homes and belongings in the fires.

"The presence of Jesus in the crisis this summer was especially evident in the selfless service of firefighters and community leaders, in the efforts of volunteers, in the gratitude of evacuees and in the prayers and donations of the church," said Bishop Hawkins. "We are so grateful for your generosity and for your standing with us in our time of crisis. May God continue to draw us together and strengthen us as we serve him."



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READING THE BIBLE

BY THE REV. CANON DON BEATTY

Paul preaches in Europe

In my last column, Paul and Silas were in Troas, where they met Luke, who, along with Timothy, became part of the mission team. In reading the Acts of the Apostles, we see the beginning of the “we” passages in Acts 16:10. Now Luke was an eye-witness.

After leaving Troas, Paul had a vision (from the Holy Spirit) of a man from Macedonia calling him to come over and help the people there. The team travelled across the Aegean Sea to Neapolis. From there they went to Philippi, a major centre in Macedonia. Here the Gospel was preached for the first time in Europe. We date this event to about 52 CE.

There was no synagogue in Philippi, so the Jews met at a riverbank. Paul preached to them about the coming of their Messiah, Jesus, who was crucified and rose from the dead. A number were converted, including Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, a sign of the wealthy class. Paul and his team stayed with Lydia for a time in Philippi.

Next we meet a slave girl who followed Paul, shouting out that he was a servant of the most high God. This became rather distracting and Paul cast out the demons within her. However, these demons enabled her to tell fortunes, and with this power gone, her owner complained to the authorities and soon Paul and Silas were in jail.

In jail, Paul and Silas were singing hymns and praying, when around about midnight a violent earthquake shook open the jailhouse doors. The jailor was about to commit suicide when Paul called out to him, “No one has left the prison.” The jailor realized that these men were special and he took them home, where Paul preached the Gospel. The jailor and his whole household were baptized. This is one of the few passages where a whole household is baptized, suggesting the possible inclusion of children. Thus, the three sections of society were included in Paul’s mission: the wealthy class represented by Lydia, the lower-class slave girl, and the solid middle class represented by the jailor and his family. The Gospel of Jesus reached out to all levels of society.

Paul and Silas were released by the magistrate in Philippi and, after a short visit with Ly-

dia, they moved on to Thessalonica. Luke seems to have stayed in Philippi, for the “we” passages end here and begin again in Acts 20:5, when Paul came back to Philippi during his third missionary journey.

Thessalonica was the capital of Macedonia. Here Paul, as was his custom, preached at the synagogue, with some success. A number of Jews, God-fearers and some prominent women were converted.

From Thessalonica, the team moved to Berea, and again Paul preached in the local synagogue with some success, until some Jews from Thessalonica came to Berea and stirred up the people. Paul fled, leaving behind Timothy and Silas to build up the church there.

Paul travelled to Athens, the centre of Greek culture. Most of the Athenians took great delight in discussing and debating the latest religious and philosophical thoughts. Paul would get a good hearing here.

Again, Paul went to the local synagogue and preached with some success. But it was in the marketplace that he impressed the local philosophers of the day. They even invited him to the Areopagus, which was the meeting place for the philosophers. It was here that they decided all religious and moral issues, and it was somewhat of an honour to be invited to address the philosophers in Athens.

Paul began by complimenting them on their religious nature, especially pointing out the altar to the “unknown god.” He said, “It is this God I wish to proclaim unto you.” This is the God who created the heavens and the earth, he continued. He is the Lord of all and does not dwell in temples made by human hands. He gave us life and breath. He made from one man all nations so that humans may inhabit the whole earth. This God is very close to us and wants us to reach out to Him. “In Him we live and move and have our being.” This last sentence was a direct quote from one of their ancient poets, Epimenides, who lived about 600 BCE.

Paul went on to talk about Jesus, the man God raised from the dead. At this point he lost his audience. The Greek mind could not accept the resurrection of a body. They believed in the eter-

PRAYER CYCLE

FOR SEPTEMBER

1. Trinity Church, Barrie
2. North House Shelter, North Durham Region
- Ann Watson, program coordinator
3. Philp Aziz Centre - the Rev. Rauni Salminen, executive director
4. Samaritan House Community Ministries, Simcoe County - Kerry Ploughman, executive director
5. The Postulants of the Diocese
6. Archbishop's Youth Ministry Team
7. All school chaplains
8. All teachers and students
9. Bishop Strachan School
10. Havergal College School
11. Holy Trinity School, Richmond Hill
12. Royal St. George's College School
13. Downsview Youth Covenant
14. The Order of the Holy Cross
15. Lakefield College School
16. St. Clement's School
17. Kingsway College School
18. Trinity College School, Port Hope
19. St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, Community Outreach Ministries (FaithWorks)

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Mary Lewis, Honorary Assistant, St. Clement, Eglinton, June 28.
- The Rev. Canon John Read, Honorary Assistant, St. Clement, Eglinton, June 28.
- The Rev. Canon Kate Merri-man, Honorary Assistant, St. James Cathedral, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Wendy Moore, Priest-in-Charge, Prince of Peace, Wasaga Beach, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Canon Richard Tanner, Priest-in-Charge, St. Michael the Archangel, Toronto, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Esther Deng, Associate Priest, St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville, Sept. 1.
- The Rev. Connie Philipson (Diocese of Niagara), Incumbent, the Parish of North Essa, Sept. 15.
- The Rev. Beth Benson, Priest-in-Charge of the newly amalgamated parishes of: Church of the Advent; St. John, Weston; St. David, Lawrence Avenue; and the Good Shepherd, Mount Dennis, Oct. 5.
- The Rev. Johnathan Turtle, Assistant Curate of the newly amalgamated parishes of: Church of the Advent; St.

John, Weston; St. David, Lawrence Avenue; and the Good Shepherd, Mount Dennis, Oct. 5.

- The Most Rev. Terence Finlay, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Kingsway, Sept. 1.
- The Rev. Gloria Master, Interim Priest-in-Charge, the Parish of Belmont, Sept. 1.
- The Rev. Jeffrey Kennedy, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Olave, Swansea, Sept. 20.
- The Rev. Joyce Barnett, Incumbent, St. Matthias, Bellwoods, Oct. 1.
- The Rev. Gus Constantinides, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, July 1.
- The Rev. Terry Noble, Associate Priest, St. Luke, Peterborough, July 1.
- The Rev. Scott Schellenberger (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada), Associate Priest, St. Luke, Peterborough, July 1.
- The Rev. Gabriel Opoku-Ware, Priest-in-Charge, Ghanaian Anglican Church of Toronto, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Mary Bell-Plouffe, Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke, Peterborough, July 1.
- The Rev. William Watson, Honorary Assistant, St. James Cathedral, March 3.

- The Rev. Jo-Anne Billinger, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, King City, July 1.
- The Rev. Canon Jennifer Gosse, Interim Priest-in-Charge, the Parish of North Essa, July 1.
- The Rev. James Halmanson, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Peter, Cobourg, July 1.
- The Rev. Daniel Brereton, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. John the Baptist, Dixie, July 1.
- The Rev. Pam Trondson, Incumbent, Christ Church, Scarborough, July 1.
- The Rev. Canon Millie Hope, Honorary Assistant, St. Peter, Scarborough, May 17.
- The Rev. Carol Friesen, Associate Priest, St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville, June 15.
- The Rev. Don Downer, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Mark Anglican-Lutheran, Midland, July 1.
- The Rev. Sandra Seaborn, Associate Priest, St. Paul, Bloor Street, Aug. 16.
- The Rev. Canon Eric Beresford, Theologian in Residence, Trinity, Aurora, May 1.
- The Rev. Canon Barbara Hammond, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Margaret of Scotland, Barrie, May 11.

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CANADA BRIEFS

Churches seek autonomous bishop

KAMLOOPS – By an overwhelming vote in favour, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior's (APCI) assembly has chosen to elect future bishops to be autonomous and work without direct oversight of the metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of B.C. and Yukon. If approved by Provincial Synod in September, any new bishop would hold episcopal charge over the APCI. The APCI is currently governed by an assembly consisting of First Nations delegates, lay delegates from each parish, youth delegates and clergy. The metropolitan exercises direct episcopal oversight of the territory, assisted by a suffragan bishop who has administrative and episcopal responsibilities but no jurisdictional functions. The territory was formed in 2001 after the Diocese of Cariboo ceased to function in

order to enter into a process of reconciliation with First Nations people due to abuse at Indian residential schools.

New Metropolitan addresses Synod

FREDERICTON – The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada (EPC) convened from June 25-28. The theme of the Synod – “If I have not love I am nothing” – was introduced in Archbishop Percy Coffin's inaugural address as Metropolitan during the opening Eucharist.

“If the church has a mission at all, it is to manifest the deeds of Jesus,” he said. “The church has to reach out to the displaced, the periphery, to the new missionary frontiers of the contemporary world. The mission of Jesus is one of making the culture of the Good Samaritan our own, feeling as our own the pain of the oppressed, getting close to them and freeing them. Without this commitment, all religiousness is false. As St. Paul says, ‘If I have not love I am nothing.’ Ours is a time to leave behind the shallow waters of maintaining the institution and launch out into the deep waters of evangelization.”

In Motion

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- The Rev. Keith Todd, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. David, Donlands and St. Andrew, Japanese, June 1.
- The Rev. Canon Betty Jordan, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Church of Our Saviour, Toronto, June 14.

Ordinations

- The Rev. Christopher Polilin Dangpilen was ordained a priest at St. Simon-the-Apostle, Toronto, on May 23.

Vacant Incumbencies

Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Diocesan Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Conliffe, mconliffe@toronto.anglican.ca.

- St. James Cathedral

Trent Durham

- Lakefield College School
- St. John, Peterborough
- St. Mark, Port Hope
- Newcastle & Orono

York – Credit Valley

- St. Olave, Toronto
- St. John the Baptist, Dixie, Mississauga

York – Scarborough

- St. Timothy, North Toronto

York – Simcoe

- St. Margaret of Scotland, Barrie
- All Saints, King City
- St. Mark, Midland
- Trinity, Aurora - Associate Priest

Retirements and Conclusions

- The Rev. Canon Dennis Dolloff has retired. His last Sunday at the Church of Our Saviour, Toronto, was May 24.

- The Rev. Brian Youngward OHC has announced his retirement. His last Sunday at St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, will be Dec. 27.
- The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison concluded his ministry at St. John the Baptist, Dixie, on June 28. He has taken up an appointment in the Diocese of Montreal.
- The Rev. Canon Andrew Sheldon concluded his ministry at All Saints, Kingsway, on July 5.

Deaths

- The Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Bothwell died on June 23. Ordained in the Diocese of Toronto in 1947, he was Assistant Curate at St. James Cathedral and then Incumbent of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto. He was for a time Anglican Chaplain on the University of Toronto campus. He also exercised ministry in the Diocese of Montreal and the Roman Catholic Church. From 1988 and in retirement he served in a number of parishes in the Diocese of Toronto, including St. Paul, Newmarket, St. Timothy, Newmarket, the Parish of Lloydtown, Trinity, Campbell's Cross and St. James, Caledon East. A requiem Eucharist took place at St. John, East Orangeville, on July 18.
- The Rev. Bruce Barnett-Cowan died on July 1. Ordained in 1978 in the Diocese of Quebec, he transferred to the Diocese of Toronto in 1993 from the Diocese of Brandon. He was Incumbent of St. Paul, Runnymede, Toronto, from 1993 to 2003, after which he served as Interim Priest-in-Charge in several parishes. His funeral took place on July 6 at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto.

Paul moves to Corinth

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nal soul, but not the body. But some believed! Paul soon left Athens and moved to Corinth, his longest stay during his second journey and the beginning

of his written work. Next month we will examine this mission and his two letters to the Thessalonians, his first written letters. Enjoy the dialogue.

The Rev. Canon Don Beatty is the honorary assistant at St. Luke, Dixie South, Mississauga.



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