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Priest finds lost churches

Blog brings buildings back to life

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

SINCE the founding of the Diocese of Toronto in 1839, some 50 Anglican churches in the City of Toronto have disappeared—either torn down for new development or used for different purposes.

The Rev. David Harrison, the incumbent of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, writes a blog, *Lost Anglican Churches*, that brings these churches back to life with photographs and anecdotes.

Since 2012, Mr. Harrison has uncovered the histories of 25 of the missing churches and intends to explore the remaining 25 churches in the next year or so.

He says that while his blog is about local history, it is also about death and resurrection. Congregations develop, churches are built, then local demographics change and the church is no longer required. But churches often serve new purposes—as worship centres for other Christian denominations, or else their names (and sometimes their furnishings) find new life in the suburbs.

In fact, Mr. Harrison experienced this himself in his previous parish, St. Thomas, Brooklin. A fast-growing area, Brooklin needed a new Anglican church and one was built. The new building incorporated some of the furnishings from St. Clement, Riverdale, which closed in 2006.

“So there is a sense of continuity with the past,” Mr. Harrison says. “And we are about death and resurrection in our Christian journey, so that plays out in this story of lost Anglican churches.”

A historian by training, Mr. Harrison started investigating lost Anglican churches through his interest in St. Jude, Roncesvalles, where his grandfather was the rector and he was baptized.

Closed in the 1970s and later torn down, it had an interesting post-Anglican history: the church was used by other denominations, and the parish hall became a farmer's market and then a dance



The Rev. David Harrison stands in front of the former St. Margaret, Spadina, in Toronto. The church closed in 1909 and an art deco facade was added later. It is now a fabric store. At right is a photo of the former church (far right) in 1920. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON AND CITY OF TORONTO ARCHIVES.

rehearsal hall for the Mirvish theatrical productions. A new St. Jude's arose in Bramalea, and it inherited some of the older church's memorials and the font.

Mr. Harrison started the blog because he was looking for a new hobby. Working on his own time, he tracks down former Anglican churches through the diocesan archives, visits and photographs them, obtains archival images and posts the story on his blog. To date, the blog has received more than 7,000 visits.

Sometimes he finds the church still exists but is no longer used for worship. After it was closed in 1909, St. Margaret's at Queen Street and Spadina Avenue was given an art deco facade and is now a store crammed with fabrics.

“You can see some of the architectural details are still there inside and along the exterior side of the building, but I walked by Queen and Spadina almost my entire life and had no idea that that was an Anglican church,” he says.

Sometimes Mr. Harrison has to



do some sleuthing to find a church because it has disappeared. St. Barnabas, Halton, torn down in the 1970s, was described only as being on a corner at an intersection. However, Mr. Harrison found the site when he visited the locale and saw a building on one corner that was newer than the structures on the other corners.

In one case, even the land has disappeared. In 1911, St. Nicholas was built on Fisherman's Island, a sandbar that ran south from Cherry Beach. Church and island disappeared when the harbour area was filled in 1915.

Mr. Harrison is particularly in-

terested in churches that have gone to other denominations. He talks of Eastern and Russian Orthodox churches that fill the plain interior of an Anglican church with icons and colour. “The shell is still there but all this richness has been added and they're really quite spectacular,” he says.

In addition to Toronto's lost churches, there are another 126 lost churches outside the city. “That's a long-term project, if I ever decide to tackle it,” he says. “It's a retirement project.”

Lost Anglican Churches can be found at <http://lostanglicanchurches.wordpress.com/>.

Grants begin to flow

BY STUART MANN

WHEN the Rev. David Giffen arrived at the Church of the Transfiguration in Toronto three years ago, there were no children in the Sunday school. Today, there are about 14 on a Sunday, and sometimes as many as 20. Now that ministry is set to grow even more.

With the help of a \$52,000 grant from the diocese's Our Faith-Our Hope campaign, the church plans to hire a children's ministry coordinator. The person will introduce a new curriculum, mentor and train volunteers, and work with Mr. Giffen on creative ways to disciple the children.

“It wouldn't have been possible to do this without the grant,” says Mr. Giffen. “The congregation is over the moon.”

Over the next five years, the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign will give millions of dollars in grants to parishes and ministries in the diocese that want to “re-imagine church,” says Canon Paul Baston, chair the Our Faith-Our Hope Allocations Committee.

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First round of grants total \$593,398

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The money will be given for work in the following areas: leadership development, pioneering ministry, communicating in a wireless world, adaptive reuse of parish facilities and enabling parishes to become multi-staffed.

The Church of the Transfiguration was one of eight applicants who received funding from the campaign in the spring. The deadline for applications for the next round of grants is Sept. 15.

Canon Baston said he was impressed with the first batch of applications. "It was clear that the parishes had taken an effort to be innovative and creative, in terms of developing a proposal. It was interesting to see the thoughts they had about what they could do to re-imagine church and really make an effort to spread the life of Christ more broadly throughout the diocese."

In total, \$593,398 was given out in the first round of funding. Grants were given in every cate-



From left, Jeff Potter, Nicole Coates, the Rev. David Giffen, Giselle Trenaman and Becky Potter of the Church of the Transfiguration, Toronto, will hire a children's ministry coordinator with a grant from the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

gory except adapting parish facilities. The grants ranged in size from \$2,698 to assist a priest with professional development to \$361,200 to support a new church.

The Rev. Canon Kim Beard, the incumbent of St. Paul on the Hill, Pickering, says a \$13,000 grant that his parish received will help

his church better communicate with the world around it. "We've discovered that a lot of people first connect with St. Paul's by visiting our website, where they get a sense of our ministry and what's going on here. That's where they'll decide if they want to take the second step, which might be a

phone call or a visit."

He says St. Paul's will be using the money to update the church's audio-visual equipment and to create better online content, both to use during worship services and to share with the outside world. The church is investing \$22,376 of its own money to make this happen.

"We're living in a time when people are very connected and sophisticated, in terms of technology, so you have to have a presence on the Internet and it has to be good quality, which means you have to invest money in training and equipment," he says.

He is thankful that the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign decided to give grants for communication technology. "It's a great encouragement to have the diocese say, 'We think what you are doing is

good and here is a way to support it.' That financial gift is a real encouragement at the local level."

The first grants were not limited to parishes. Wycliffe College received \$75,000 to help launch a new program called the Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership. The one-year course will equip clergy with practical skills in the areas of community engagement and formation, missional thinking, preaching and worship and leadership development.

"We want the program to be at the leading edges of growth and discovery for church ministry in our day," says the Rev. Dr. Peter Robinson, professor of Proclamation, Worship and Ministry at Wycliffe.


He says the course, which draws heavily on practical experience and case-based learning, will become a "think tank" that will provide important resources for both the college and the diocese. "We pray that through its graduates, this program will encourage renewed Christian discipleship in our day, a renewed sense of mission among Anglicans in this diocese and a renewed momentum in church growth - parish by parish."

Canon Baston says the Allocations Committee is looking forward to the next round of applications. "We encourage parishes to make applications and we'll be delighted to consider them."

The job of the committee is to review the applications, based on the criteria for each category, then to forward its recommendation for funding to Diocesan Council, which makes the final decision. To read the guidelines for applications or to learn more about the grants, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.



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Phillip Miret (left) and his brother Daniel hold an envelope with their allowance contribution to Faithworks. Their gift prompted other family members and the congregation at St. Timothy, North Toronto, to give. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Brothers give to FaithWorks

BY SUSAN MCCULLOCH

DANIEL and Phillip Miret of St. Timothy, North Toronto, often wondered what they could do to help people in need. They were bombarded by television ads about starving children overseas, and they regularly saw people begging for spare change at the side of the road.

After hearing a FaithWorks speaker from The Bridge Prison Ministry, the boys' mother, Marion, realized the family could make a difference. "I have always struggled with the passage from Matthew's Gospel about the Judgement of the Nations, in which the righteous ask, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'"

She continues: "There are so many people in need and it's hard to know how to help. But after the presentation, I realized that the Church knows who is in need and how to help them. I talked to my family and suggested that we make a family gift to FaithWorks. As soon as I mentioned this, both boys ran to their rooms to collect their allowances. My husband

and I doubled the amount of their gift and the boys' grandmothers and other family members matched them again."

She asked her sons whether they would be comfortable having their pictures and story posted on St. Timothy's website and the diocese's Facebook page, to which Phillip responded: "If it will help other people to become aware, please share our story."

The boys' generosity continues to make an impact. "Once the word about Daniel and Phillip's leadership started to spread, the parish responded with abundance," says the Rev. Canon Greg Symmes, incumbent. As of mid-July, the church had already exceeded its FaithWorks goal for this year by more than \$1,000, with more gifts yet to come.

"I am deeply touched by the boys' generosity and grateful to their parents for teaching them that they could make a difference through FaithWorks to help change lives," says Canon Symmes.

Susan McCulloch is the FaithWorks Campaign manager. To make a secure, online donation to FaithWorks, visit www.faithworks.ca or contact Ms. McCulloch at 416-363-6021 or 1-800-668-8932, ext. 244 or email smcculloch@toronto.anglican.ca.

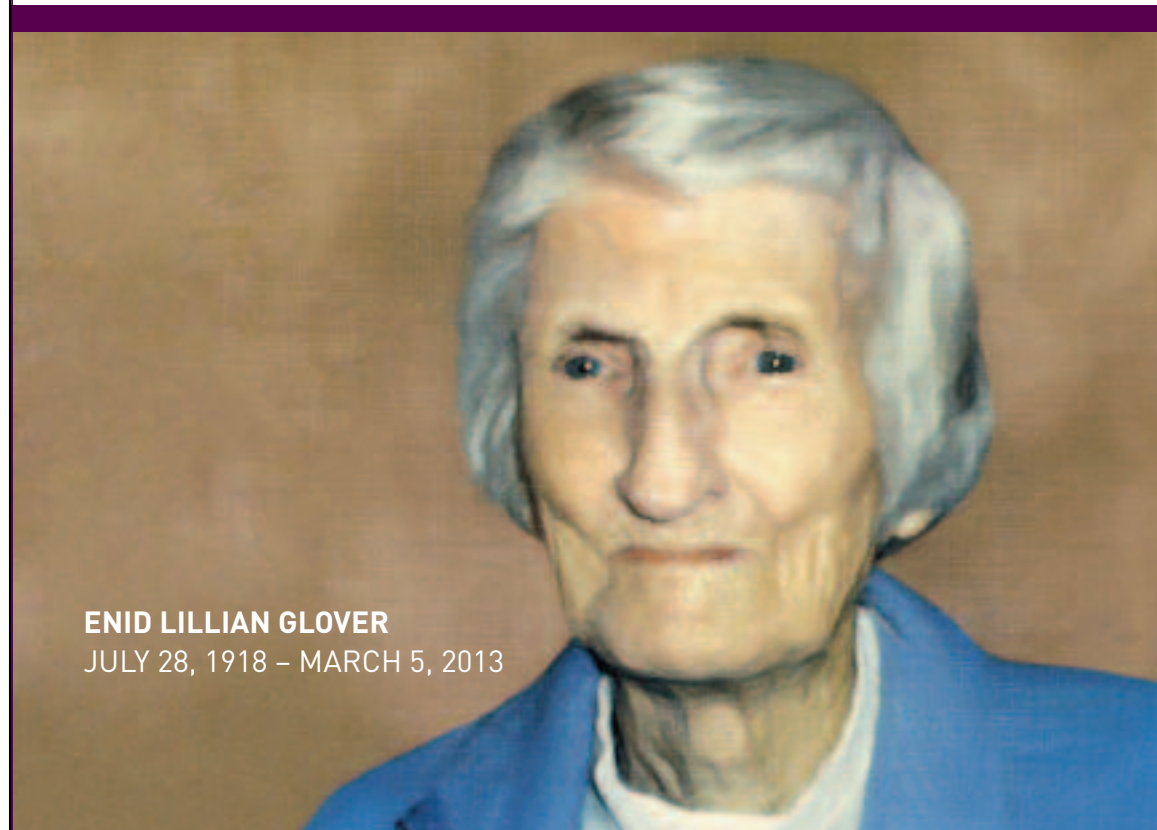
Sister Constance Murphy dies at 109

SISTER Constance Murphy, SSJD, died peacefully on Aug. 2 at the age of 109 at St. John's Convent in Toronto. Sister Constance Murphy joined the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in 1936 and two years later was sent to teach at the

Qu'Appelle Diocesan School in Regina, Sask. While there, she rose to the position of headmistress and returned to the Toronto convent in 1955. She was named administrator of the Church Home for the Aged in Toronto in 1958, a position she held

until 1972. At the age of 94, she published a book of her memoirs, *Other Little Ships*. She had been honoured for her work on many occasions. A requiem eucharist for her took place at St. James Cathedral on Aug. 10.

WITH HER GENEROUS LEGACY GIFT,
THE MINISTRIES THAT ENID GLOVER CARED
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ENID LILLIAN GLOVER

JULY 28, 1918 – MARCH 5, 2013

Enid Glover was a lifelong Anglican whose mother was the caretaker of the first St. George, Willowdale, a wooden church that was replaced in the 1920s. As a young girl, Enid and her family took a horse and buggy down Yonge Street to go to church. As an adult, she was an active member of the ACW and sang in the church choir there and later, at St. Patrick, Willowdale. After taking early retirement from Sears, Enid was busier than ever as a member of the Second Mile Club where she enjoyed square dancing, line dancing and needlecrafts. Her close friends, Ken and Ruth Loan, remember Enid as a woman whose faith allowed her to live each day to the fullest. "Although she was a reserved person, Enid truly cared about others and was a generous supporter of FaithWorks. She wanted to leave a legacy to ensure that those who needed her help would receive it for many years to come."

Enid's legacy gift to the FaithWorks Endowment Fund at The Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation will help ensure that the ministries she cared so deeply about will be funded in perpetuity.

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Annual review is useful



When my wife was contemplating retirement, she was anxious about whether she would regret the decision. In June of her last year of teaching, she looked over at me and exclaimed, "If I ever start to complain that I'm no longer teaching, just remind me about report cards!"

June is not "report card month" for me, but September is. It is diocesan office policy that each staff member participates in an annual performance review—and that includes all of the area bishops and me. Each staff person meets with his or her supervisor to assess how their work goals have been accomplished over the past year, what needs to be altered and what goals need to be set for the coming year. It is not the only time for feedback, of course, but it is an annual opportunity to review and plan.

I review the four area bishops, the chief administrative officer and the diocesan executive assistant. My own review is conducted by the chancellor and a retired bishop.

My review process begins with a questionnaire that is sent to a dozen people with whom I've worked over the past year: an area bishop, a diocesan bishop in the province, some parish clergy, a couple of churchwardens, a diocesan director, staff and consultants, and some lay members of Synod. (Some of the people are the same from year to year for continuity; others are new, to bring a fresh point of view.)

They are asked to respond to a series of questions based on the ordination vows of a bishop from the BAS service of Consecration of a Bishop. Here are the vows or promises a bishop makes:

- In the examination section, the bishop

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BY ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

promises to "boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ, enlightening the minds and stirring up the conscience of your people."

- As chief priest/pastor, the bishop promises to "encourage and support all baptized people in their gifts and ministries."
- The bishop promises, with fellow bishops, to share in the leadership of the Church throughout the world.
- The Prayer of Consecration of the Bishop prays that he/she will "increase your Church, renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love."
- The bishop promises to "show compassion to the poor and strangers and to defend those who have no help."

The reviewers are asked: a) How have they observed the archbishop engaged in this? b) What is he doing well? c) What changes might they suggest?

And finally, my review process asks the catch-all question: d) Do you have any other advice for the bishop that you would like to add?

At the same time, I prepare a document reviewing what I have done during the year, and it is eventually circulated to members of Diocesan Council, along with some priorities for my ministry for the coming year and my professional development plans.

The responses to the questionnaire are sent confidentially to the chancellor, who then shares them with the other reviewer. They summarize them and then meet together with me to discuss the feedback, recommendations

and goals. This then forms a reference point for the next year's "report card."

It is a useful process. It is not always easy, but it is certainly helpful. You get to see through others' eyes what you are doing. Just as importantly, you see what you are doing over a span of time so that the scope of your ministry comes into better perspective—it is not just one thing after another. It becomes a chance to identify opportunities for new learning and growth, to see patterns (good and bad) that have developed and to set directions not only on your own but within the context of the priorities of the diocesan Church.

And it's not only about ministry or work. My wife and I set aside a day while we're on holiday to talk about our relationship—what are the pinches that are annoying us, what are the course corrections needed, and where we can rejoice in the love we share. It builds up health.

Review is a natural and normative part of the Christian spiritual life, whether it is the daily examination of conscience before bed, the time of reflection before saying the confession at a Sunday liturgy, an intentional retreat or an annual "performance review." It is a time to give thanks, to make corrections, to set directions. It is part of the ongoing conversion process of "growing into full maturity in Christ" (see Ephesians 2 and 4) and mutual accountability in the body of Christ.

Ministry is a mutual relationship, where together we respond to God's invitation to join in God's mission of healing and redeeming the world in Christ, using the gifts, the opportunities and the responsibilities we have been given.

I welcome your comments, too, either directly to me by email, or a letter written confidentially and marked for forwarding to the chancellor's office—but please, only if they are not anonymous!



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We hold faith for others



Despite living in a culture and time that places a high value on individualism, we as Christians are called to know ourselves as part of the body of Christ. We are invited to see ourselves and our personal gifts as part of the larger community of God's people, for the good of all people. The classic scriptural description of this is found in 1 Corinthians, when Paul describes the body of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit: "To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good" (1 Cor 12:7). We readily identify the gifts of healing, wisdom or evangelism, but also included in the list is the gift of faith. Surely faith is expected of everyone who believes in God. Surely faith is not a gift just for some. Churches certainly give the impression that if you don't have faith, you don't belong.

As a young priest, I expected that to be true. Over the years, however, I have come to see that faith can be and is a gift—a gift for others and a gift given to the whole commu-

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BY BISHOP LINDA NICHOLLS

nity as a sign and witness. For some individuals, faith is that solid, unmovable foundation. However, I have encountered many who spend a lifetime living with a faith that ebbs and flows, that is challenged and renewed, crushed and resurrected. In their darkest times, faith in God seems to be an impossibility that can drive them away from the church family. But we can also be the place to gently hold that faith for them in love and prayer and welcome them wherever they are with God.

I was reminded of this poignantly in a book I read this past summer, *A Good Home*, written by Cynthia Reyes, an Anglican in our diocese. Cynthia tells her life story through the framework of the houses in which she has lived in Jamaica and Canada, speaking with gentle warmth and honesty about her family and her journey. She is deeply appreciative of the faith of her parents and grand-

parents—that firm, rock-solid faith that sustained them through hardships and joy. And she is equally honest about her own wrestling with faith, even while she finds strength in the faith of others in her family and her church community. This faith is deeply tested by an accident that leaves her in chronic pain. There are no simple solutions, only living with uncertainties and holding on in hope. Cynthia writes compellingly about trusting the faith community to be faith for her for a time.

What difference would it make to our church communities to know that we hold faith for those who, for whatever reason, are unable in this moment to hold it for themselves—those who grieve, or struggle with depression, or live with illness or pain, or are still wrestling with God in that liminal space between certainty and hope. If we knew ourselves to be that holding place for faith, trusting the gift in our midst, maybe others, like Cynthia, would find a home where faith can be nurtured and grown and we would dispel the notion that church is not for those with questions or struggles.

Clean water for Pikangikum

IF you or your parish would like to get involved in providing clean water and sewage disposal facilities to people living in Pikangikum, northern Ontario (see outreach conference story on this page), contact Bishop Mark MacDonald,

the national indigenous bishop, at mmacdonald@national.anglican.ca or call 416-924-9192. The PWRDF has made a \$100,000 commitment to this project. To help the PWRDF reach its goal, six churches in the Diocese of Toronto and

one in Winnipeg have raised more than \$36,000. The six churches in the Diocese of Toronto are All Saints, Kingsway; Trinity, Aurora; St. David, Orillia; St. James, Orillia; St. Thomas, Brooklin; and All Saints, King City. "Every dollar do-

nated to PWRDF and marked 'Pikangikum' goes to this extremely important work," says the Rev. Martha Tatarnic, the incumbent of St. David, Orillia, and a member of a group led by Bishop MacDonald.

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Start with a strategy



Have you been thinking that your church should get on Facebook? Are

you wondering whether you should resurrect the blog you used to write for your parish or start tweeting instead? Does that guy from the 10 o'clock service keep asking when the parish will start posting sermons on YouTube?

Great. You have started thinking about how your church can take advantage of the remarkable array of communication tools available these days. Now I invite you to turn off your computer, tablet or smartphone, because effective communication does not start with the creation of a Facebook page or with upgrades to your website.

It starts with a communications strategy, a document that outlines whom you are trying to reach, why you want to reach them, and what you want to say to them. Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, and blogs—like newsletters, church signs, and posters—are just tools. They can help you get where you are going, but you won't know where you are going until you can confidently answer the following questions:

1. Who are your audiences? Who are the groups of people that your church is trying to reach? What do you know about them? What are their preferred ways of communicating?

When the Rev. Ryan Sim was asked

SOCIAL MEDIA

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

to plant a church in Ajax, his first step was to research his audience. He found that most live a commuting lifestyle, have little free time, and are not churchgoers. Based on this information, he chose to reach out to them with a mobile app that offers courses on topics like parenting and relationships. Check it out at <http://www.redeemthecommuter.com/>.

2. What are your goals? Why do you want to communicate with the audiences you identified? What results are you hoping for? Do you want people to become a part of your Messy Church community? Join your social justice and advocacy efforts? Talk to each other?

Members of the House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver, Colorado, a church plant of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, would probably laugh at the idea of a communications strategy. But their use of communication tools shows that they do, in fact, keep their goals in mind. For example, they have both a public Facebook page and a closed Facebook group. One helps them meet the goal of connecting with seekers, while the other provides a safe online space for members. If you would like to see the pastor's presentation on the congregation's use of social media, Google "Nadia Bolz-Weber social media."

3. What are your messages? What do you

want to say to your audiences? How would you word the information you want them to have? Your messages will be different for different audiences.

Have a look at the Twitter feeds for St. Philip, Etobicoke (@stphilip-schurch), and St. Thomas, Huron Street (@stthomastoronto). There is no doubt that their main message is: "We invite you to our church." Redeem the Commute's Twitter feed (@redeemcommute), on the other hand, conveys the message: "This is a place to get information and ask questions."

Having clear answers to these three questions will make it much easier to decide what tools to use for communicating (Facebook page? e-newsletter?) and how to use them (also known as tactics). I will discuss tools and tactics in future columns.

If you are looking for more in-depth information about why and how to do social media in church, be sure to pick up a copy of Meredith Gould's new book *Social Media Gospel: Sharing the Good News in New Ways*. Ms. Gould is a respected voice on church social media and the founder of a weekly ecumenical Twitter-based chat about the topic (#chsocm). My copy of her book is on its way from Amazon as I write this.

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THE STEWARD

BY PETER MISIASZEK

Ten reasons to give

In an earlier article, I outlined 10 common objections that I have encountered for why people don't give. Most of the excuses originate out a sense of scarcity of resources as opposed to abundance. Giving is presented as an afterthought, as something to be engaged in after everything else has been taken care of.

If we were to turn this mindset of scarcity on its head, we would encounter all kinds of reasons why people should give—and give up front, before everything else takes priority. As a stewardship educator, I am convinced that people want to give. They cannot help but see the ministry taking place in their midst and the need to resource programs and parish activities. Yet they hold back out of fear, inadequacy, lack of information or misunderstanding. Some see the church like any other charity and avoid giving back to God what is God's in the first place.

A theology of abundance is one where we recognize the giftedness in others and the awesome potential to do ministry through the church. In his book, *From Scarcity to Abundance: A Complete Guide to Parish Stewardship*, the Rev. David Ponting reflects on this bounty: "In John 10:10, Jesus declares, 'I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' Jesus teaches us that the proverbial cup is not half empty or even half full, but overflowing."

We are overflowing in riches, yet many of us persist in the belief that we will never have enough. As a result, insecurity becomes the norm. To help us overcome this tendency, here are 10 reasons why we should make giving a way of life:

1. We have already received the free gift of life and its accompanying benefits.
2. We have a need to give thanks.
3. Giving is a way we live out our baptismal promises.
4. Giving imitates God's love for us.
5. It feels good to give.
6. It is a privilege to be asked.
7. Giving allows us to share our giftedness and feel connected to a bigger cause.
8. In giving, we also receive. We recognize more fully the needs of others, experience humility and avert our tendency toward materialism.
9. Giving transforms lives and makes the world and our experience in it better.
10. The church, as a vehicle for ministry, needs our support.

In all that we do to encourage generosity, it is important to avoid using guilt as a motivator. Guilt will never inspire joyful giving and is completely contrary to Gospel values. Scripture abounds with stories about blessings received, generous acts committed, joyful service to others and meals and celebrations of thanksgiving. All of this is done in the context of giving freely, abundantly and graciously. This is the example that Jesus himself gave us.

Ultimately it is grace, patiently nurtured, that leads to generosity. By developing a culture of stewardship in our parishes—day in and day out, year after year—we can begin to view giving through a completely different lens.

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

LETTERS

Funeral practices

As a retired cleric with too much time on his hands, I've decided to offer some observations and suggestions regarding current funeral practices. My main concern is the proliferation of what we call "eulogies." It seems there is a trend to have eulogies at every funeral, the more the better.

On occasion, I have heard an excellent remembrance, but more often than not they are too long and better suited to a different venue—perhaps at the reception. Hearing golf and fishing stories doesn't quite fit the bill.

Social scientists have shown that our No. 1 fear is public speaking, and yet we insist on putting people, many of whom are already stressed with grief, on the spot. Too often, I have had to finish someone's piece because they are unable to continue.

More care needs to be taken when inviting speakers: Perhaps we could ask, "If you are comfortable with the idea, would you speak at...?"

In offering pastoral ministry at the time of death, I have appreciated the note in the BAS that says "the funeral belongs to the family." Unfortunately, without clerical direction, things can easily go off the rails.

Another practical point to consider, when dealing with multiple speakers, is

the issue of redundancy and time. (How many times do we need to list the person's life history and employment record?)

In my eyes, the most important impediment comes when the focus is taken away from the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the message of resurrection hope. By the time of the homily, folks are turned-off and tuned-out.

We have turned the Christian celebration of new life through death into an endurance ordeal designed to make more and more people avoid church funerals. Whatever the diocesan guidelines concerning eulogies, I suggest we need an actual rule setting limits and offering options.

The more I think about it, the more I am convinced my Irish ancestors got it right the first time: have a wake, have a party and use it as the occasion to tell all the stories.

*The Rev. Canon Timothy Foley
Port Hope*

Thanks from the Arctic

May I say what a pleasure it is to receive *The Anglican* from month to month. Having grown up in Toronto's north end, it is always good to reconnect with the faithful in Toronto, including the people of my "home" parish.

I was especially touched by two articles in the April issue: one by my good friend Canon Greg Physick as he looked back

over a year of grief for his beloved wife, and the second by Bishop Philip Poole on his recent hospital experience. Both brought me to a halt as my family and I were watching my wife's last hours in our little hospital.

Bishop Poole's testimony—that when life had changed so drastically for his relative, faith in our Lord and the love of family remained—greatly encouraged us. We saw the same belief remain alive and strong in a body and life that was betrayed by illness.

Canon Greg's reminder of Easter's hope, poured into lives that were soon to be overwhelmed and grieved, told us what we could begin to expect as we faced a darkness of change and the need to find a new normal. Obviously, I haven't found that new normal yet, but Canon Greg's reminder of St. Augustine's words have buoyed me, as have the prayers and support I have received both within my own diocesan family (the Arctic) and from members of the Diocese of Toronto.

Thank you for these articles, and many thanks to all who have gently cared for, and lifted up in prayer, my family. Like Bishop Poole, who prayed for the many sung and unsung heroes of hospital life, I find myself remembering with affection the many who made Nowyah's final days comfortable for her. I pray for them. God bless them, and you, all.

*The Rev. Canon Paul Williams
Rankin Inlet, Nunavut*

Caribbean Chorale of Toronto
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Church service to be held at
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Clean water

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The group is called Pimatisiwin Nipi (Living Water) and has four goals: advocacy, education, partnership and strategic giving. "It is our hope that this initial project—

a truly pioneering undertaking—will lead to ongoing partnerships between our national network, PWRDF and our First Nations communities," says Ms. Tatarnic.

Church plants garden for community

One spring Sunday, as parishioners came out of the Fenelon Falls Baptist church, they were puzzled by a crowd of adults and children outside St. James Anglican Church across the road.

A few of them wandered over to see what was going on and found they were witnessing the blessing of Fenelon Falls' first community garden.

For several years, parishioners at St. James had looked at a large piece of land between the church and the rectory and had dreamed of putting in a garden. This year, with the help of a \$5,000 Reach grant from the diocese, the dream became a reality.

The church constructed 16 raised beds that are being planted by various people from the community—people who have no land, special needs high school students, senior citizens, altar guild members and parishioners.

The beds in the St. James Community Garden are rented out for \$20, and the church supplies the soil and tools. It has also installed giant water tanks that collect water from the church's roof.

The coordinator of the garden is Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, a parishioner who is also the biblical scholar for the deanery of Victoria-Haliburton. She went around the community to gather donations of compost and topsoil from local businesses, and rallied volunteers to set up the beds.

Dr. Keesmaat, who runs an organic cattle farm, is also holding a series of workshops to talk about the various aspects of organic garden practices, including enhancing the soil and companion planting. The Rev. Susan



Gary Sedore (left), who looks after one of the plots at the St. James Community Garden in Fenelon Falls, shows the garden to Melony and Duff McAndrews after church in early June. The garden is cared for by a variety of people in the town. The church supplies the soil and tools, and water is collected as it runs off the church's roof.

Spicer, the incumbent of St. James', says the community garden has been greeted with great enthusiasm in the town and in the parish. "When we had a public meeting, people were very enthusiastic about the idea. They could see the potential and wanted to be part of this new initiative."

The garden beds are a glorious mix. One bed contains nothing but gourds. Another has bean trellises. There are tomatoes and herbs, and some people are planting a mix of vegetables and flowers.



ON DISPLAY

Shannon Quigley (centre) discusses her exhibit, Gothic Revival: Medieval vs. Modern, with visitors in the Archives and Museum of St. James Cathedral, Toronto. The exhibit, held in the spring, examined why the Victorian era—known for emphasizing progress—brought about a revival of medieval architecture. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

"It's lovely to look out on," says Ms. Spicer. "I wake up every morning and go look out at the garden."

By Carolyn Purden

Church gives scholarships to students

Two high school students who graduated this past spring were each given scholarships of \$1,000 by All Saints, Whitby, for their continuing education. Xiwen Yin of Ajax will continue her education in Waterloo this September in mechanical engineering and mechatronics. Stephen Stoddart of Whitby will attend the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, to take a program in business technology. The students were presented with their scholarships at the church on June 2, with their families, friends and the congregation present. Funds for the scholar-



Xiwen Yin and Stephen Stoddart receive \$1,000 scholarships from All Saints, Whitby. They are standing with the Rev. Stephen Vail, incumbent, and supporters.

ships were gathered from donated pennies and other coins, as well as proceeds from a dried soup sale. The scholarship committee is currently collecting pennies as well as other change in the church's "penny jars" for next year's scholarships. This is the second year for this outreach ministry, and the church is pleased to give a helping hand.

By Margaret McDavid

Music director celebrates 50 years

Cake, coffee and a bagpiper were the order of the day on April 28 as the congregation of St. Peter, Erindale, celebrated music director Clement Carelse's 50th anniversary of playing the organ at

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Clement Carelse, music director at St. Peter, Erindale, cuts the cake to mark his 50th anniversary playing the organ. PHOTO BY JAMES BECKWITH

Director of Music, St. Mark's, Port Hope

Historic St. Mark's Anglican Church in Port Hope invites applications for the position of Organist/Director of Music. St. Mark's offers a strong musical tradition, a beautiful heritage building, a supportive environment, 15 rank Gabriel Kney organ and small but enthusiastic and committed Junior and Senior choirs. Time commitment is ten-twelve hours/week. Salary at RCCO scale.

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Our special guests this year will be a Metro Toronto police officer and horse from the Mounted Unit.



The Rev. Canon Andrew Sheldon leads a Godly Play workshop at the Trent-Durham Area Day of Celebration on April 13 at St. Peter, Cobourg. PHOTO BY CLIFF HOPE



NEW CHAPEL

Bishop Philip Poole makes the sign of the cross in the centre of the Peace Chapel at St. John the Baptist, Dixie, Mississauga. The bishop consecrated the new chapel on June 23. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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church services. One Sunday morning in 1963 in Cape Town, South Africa, an Anglican priest and music director were detained by the police at the prison where they regularly held early morning church services for political prisoners of South Africa's apartheid government. With no one available to play at the church service, a young and talented 12-year-old Clement, who was taking piano lessons but had no experience at the organ, stepped up to play the organ for the first time. He went on to do extensive studies in the organ and choral conducting. In addition to serving as director of music at St. Peter's, Mr. Carelse founded and still directs the Toronto-based choir Schola Ecclesiam.

By Thomas Alloway

Baptism may be a first for diocese

Jasmine El Bardeesy was possibly the first person in the diocese to be baptized using the new "creation care" question in the bap-

tismal covenant. During her baptism at St. Stephen-in-the-Fields, Toronto, in July, the celebrant asked, "Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?" and the congregation responded, "I will, with God's help." General Synod approved the addition of the question at its meeting in early July, and the Rev. Maggie Helwig, the priest-in-charge of St. Stephen's, included it in Jasmine's baptismal service the following Sunday. "Her family was very excited about her being the first official Anglican eco-warrior," said Ms. Helwig. "It fits in well with some of the greening of the city we've been trying to do lately, especially putting in community garden plots around the church."

By Staff

Trent-Durham Anglicans discover 'hidden treasure'

People from many places gathered at St. Peter, Cobourg, on

April 13 for Trent-Durham's Area Day of Celebration. They were treated to inspiring worship, excellent workshops by gifted leaders and a scrumptious lunch.

This year's theme was "Hidden Treasure: Discovering God's Kingdom." The various workshops focussed on how Anglicans can discover the hidden treasure of God's kingdom in places ranging from scripture and prayer to books, movies and the faces of the poor. Workshops included "Christians Against Poverty," "Godly Play," "Taking a Closer Look at the Parables" and "How to Pray with an Anglican Rosary." A program for children was also available.

The day began with a talk by Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, entitled "A Romp through the Bible." She took us through a fascinating look at the Biblical story. She did this from the perspective of the hidden treasures by which the salvation story was passed from generation to generation. Dr. Keesmaat pointed out that this often happened through unexpected people like women, children, and Gen-



FRESH AIR

A group from St. James Cathedral, Toronto, gathers for a Rogation Sunday worship service in the park beside the cathedral on May 5. Parishioners and clergy gather in the park each spring for a service of prayers and readings for stewardship of the environment. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



ROCK ON

Jason Smith (left) and Joao Vitor Felicio of We the Redeemed, a worship rock band, play for youth at St. George, Pickering Village, on June 1. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



CONFIRMED

Bishop Patrick Yu confirmed four members St. Aidan, Toronto, on May 5. Joining him are, front row from left, Nicholas Sabatini, Grace Rockett, Michaela Budd and Valerie Sabatini. In the back row, from left, are the Rev. Lucy Reid and servers Spencer Leefe, James Dashwood and Aimee Delavigne.

tiles. She concluded by saying that the reign of God continues to grow through ordinary people, in our daily lives as we strive to be faithful to God. She encouraged us to be captivated by God's kingdom and the vision of who God calls us to be.

A highlight of the event was the musical leadership of Wine Before Breakfast, a worship group that is part of the campus ministry at the University of Toronto. "It is great to know people regularly get together to share ideas," said lead singer Deb Whalen about the day.

It was not only the leaders who found the Area Day of Celebration to be an uplifting experience. "Both of my workshops were very

interesting and there was awesome participation in both groups," said Jackie Lake of St. George, Newcastle

Roger Eastmond, a churchwarden at St. John, Port Whitby, found the day very informative. "There were so many creative and applicable ideas shared," he said, "I am glad I came."

Following a presentation by the children about what they learned about God's hidden treasure, Bishop Linda Nicholls concluded the event with these remarks: "The kingdom is here, the kingdom is now. We all have a part to play in being and living the kingdom of God. Alleluia! Christ is risen!"

By the Rev. Stephen Vail

Vicar's wedding dance goes viral ①

UNITED KINGDOM – After pronouncing Gary and Tracy Richardson husband and wife in her parish church, the Rev. Kate Bottley led the congregation in a flash mob dance. The three-minute video of the event, to the tune “Everybody Dance Now,” soon had 300,000

Internet views and topped the BBC's list of videos. Ms. Bottley said the idea came up a couple of months earlier as the service at St. Mary and St. Martin in Blyth, Nottinghamshire, took shape. “I asked if there was anything special they wanted to include and Tracy joked they should have a flash mob. I said, ‘Why not?’” The couple had no church connection when they approached Ms. Bottley about the wedding. They’ve now been attending the church for six months and are members of the congregation. *Anglicans Online*

Cathedral serves deaf children ②

EGYPT – When the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, visited Cairo earlier this summer, a group of deaf children led morning prayers at All Saints Cathedral in sign language. “Deaf children come and stay with us and in this way we can involve them in the church programs,” said the Rev. Faraj Hanna, priest-in-charge of the Church for the Deaf, a ministry of the cathedral.



Meetings are held with parents so they can learn sign language. The program is multi-faith, and the church works hard to change attitudes that see deafness as a punishment from God. As well as the children's program, the ministry includes teacher training and community-based rehabilitation programs. In May, the Primate, Bishop Mounier Hanna Anis, confirmed 10 youths, nine of them deaf, after a three month catechetical class. The Church in Egypt is also working on a project to translate the Bible into sign language.

Anglican Communion News Service

Nation has first home-grown bishop ③

BOTSWANA – A five-hour celebration marked the enthronement and consecration of

Botswana's fifth bishop, the Rt. Rev. Metlahayolhe Rawlings Beleme. Bishop Beleme is the first Botswana-born bishop to lead the diocese since it was formed in 1972. Thousands of Christians attended the service at the Holy Cross Cathedral in the African country's capital, Gaborone. The Primate of Central Africa, Archbishop Alberta Chama, presided. After the consecration, a member of the congregation dressed in traditional clothing presented a poem in the Setswana language, to the applause of those gathered.

Anglican Communion News Service

Services planned for cardboard cathedral ④

NEW ZEALAND – A \$5.3 million cardboard cathedral in Christchurch, New Zealand, was

scheduled to open for worship in late August. The temporary Anglican cathedral, which should last 50 years, was designed by Japanese architect Shigeru Ban. It incorporates 98 beams encased in cardboard. It was scheduled to open in February but construction and design delays resulted in the late August date. The controversial structure, supported by Bishop Victoria Matthews, formerly of Toronto and Edmonton dioceses, was erected to serve as a replacement for Christchurch Cathedral, which was severely damaged in the 2011 earthquake.

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Mission explores needs of seafarers ⑤

UNITED KINGDOM – The Mission to Seafarers, which has staff and volunteers in 260 ports in 72

countries, has started an effort to consult with major companies in the shipping industry about the needs of seafarers and their families around the world. The five-year program will involve listening to the shipping industry and helping to deliver better services for seafarers. The Rev. Andrew Wright, general secretary of the Mission to Seafarers, says the economic downturn has caused great strain on the industry and the lives of seafarers. *Anglican Communion News Service*

Church offers iBooks to tell its stories ⑥

UNITED STATES – The newest form of communication for The Episcopal Church is called “Wayfarer,” a free iBooks application that can also be viewed through the church's website. Wayfarer “allows us to go a little deeper and tell longer, compelling stories through multimedia,” said Mike Collins, a spokesperson for the communications office. The format is ideal for stories that don't fit into short news items. Recent features included a sustainable society developed by nuns in New York state, and a California community of worship and music. Future plans include iBooks on post-Katrina relief work in Louisiana, a monk's story from Massachusetts, and a seminarian's life at Yale university. *Anglican Communion News Service*

Anglicans receive Jubilee Medal

The following Anglicans in the Diocese of Toronto have received the Diamond Jubilee Medal, commemorating the 60th year of Her Majesty's reign as Queen of Canada, which began on Feb. 6, 1952. The medal is a way for Canada to honour the Queen for her service to this country. At the same time, it serves to honour significant contributions and achievements by Canadians.

Clarke Mayhew

St. Thomas, Millbrook

Clarke Mayhew received the Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his work for the church and the community. Mr. Mayhew has been a lay reader for 55 years, starting at the age of 15 at Holy Trinity, Maynooth, before moving to Millbrook. Since then, he has held almost every volunteer position at St. Thomas. He was a public school industrial

arts teacher for Peterborough County until his retirement, and has been a Millbrook Food Share facilitator since its inception 10 years ago. Mr. Mayhew is an active member of J.B. Hall Masonic Lodge, and has organized annual road cleanups for many years.

Bette Harpur

Christ Church, Campbellford

Bette Harpur is an honorary member of the Girl Guides of Canada with 45 years of service. She has held several positions on the advisory board at Christ Church. She sings in the choir and volunteers with the local School Breakfast Club program. She also volunteers at the local foodbank and has been on its board of directors for the last three years. She has a long and varied association with Habitat for Humanity Northumberland and is currently serving on both the selection and family membership committees. As a member of the Trent Hills Grannies for Africa, she endeavours to educate others about the AIDS crisis in Africa and raises funds in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

John Hayter

St. George, Allandale, Barrie

John Hayter is the recipient of both the Golden and Diamond

Jubilee medals. As a volunteer, he has served his fellow citizens in many ways over the years, from hospice worker to Canadian vice-chancellor of an international charitable organization. He served the people of Ontario and Canada for over half a century as a career army officer. He is also a recipient of the Ontario Volunteer Service Award.

Dr. Robert Stephens

Christ Church, Campbellford

“Dr. Bob,” as he is known to his friends and colleagues, has spent a lifetime devoted to medical outreach ministry. He has spent time caring for Canada's aboriginal people. He served a decade in the Belgian Congo, during which time he established a hospital. He was the executive director of EMAS (Education, Medical Aid and Service), which sends medical teams to developing nations, offering clinics and teaching medical techniques to local medical personnel. He was the executive director of the Christian Medical and Dental Association. He was also the chair of the board of the Medical Committee of Health Partners International of Canada, an organization that partners with Canada's pharmaceutical industry to send medicines to developing countries. He is a founding member of Hospice Northumberland and serves on

its board of directors. Dr. Stephens has served as the people's warden at Christ Church; he has also been a youth mentor and led two youth missions to Cuba. In addition, he has organized and led two outreach missions to Africa in recent years.

The Rev. Orville Endicott

St. James Cathedral, Toronto

The Rev. Orville Endicott, an honorary assistant at St. James Cathedral for 27 years, received the Diamond Jubilee Medal for his work on behalf of people with disabilities.

William Hullah

Church of the Ascension, Don Mills

William Hullah was awarded the Diamond Jubilee Medal for his vision and dedicated volunteer work in overseeing the Community Share Food Bank in Don Mills, Toronto. In late 2003, he led a small committee which founded the foodbank, establishing it as a registered charity. He has tirelessly and compassionately served as president of the foodbank since its inception, bringing his extensive knowledge as a microbiologist and food industry executive to the role. Last year, the Community Share Food Bank served about 21,000 food units.

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will address the conference via Skype



Alberta church destroyed by fire ①

Anglicans in Morinville, Alta., woke on Sunday, June 16, to news that their beloved St. Andrew's church had been destroyed by fire overnight. "It's very sad for all the people who put their love into this place. There are a lot of memories here," said the Rev. Ron Horst, St. Andrew's rector. He added that he awoke to the Lord's voice saying, "I am always with you. Don't be afraid," followed by a phone call informing him that the church had burned. Local RCMP deemed the origins of the fire suspicious. Several community churches, among them a Dutch Christian Reformed church, have offered worship space to the congregation, which has been temporarily worshipping with Emmanuel Anglican Church in Gibbons since the fire.

The Messenger

Walk raises funds for restoration ②

Recent repair work on the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Saskatoon has cost \$1 million, but much more remains to be done. Bishop Tom Morgan was inspired to start a walk-a-thon fundraiser to help with the effort. From May 13 to 18, he and Bishop David Irving of the Diocese of Saskatoon, Neil Doell, John Wickett, Pat Loveridge, the Rev. Alex Parsons and Alex's dog, Puddles, walked 140 km from the Cathedral of St. Alban's in Prince Albert to the cathedral in Saskatoon. Pledges for the walk totalled more than \$56,000.

The Saskatchewan Anglican

With love from Halton Hills ③

On May 22, almost 2,500 pounds (146 boxes) of gifts were shipped from three small churches in Halton Hills, Ont., to three isolated communities in Nunavut and Nunavik. The outreach project



began in 2009 when Connie Karlsson, a parishioner at St. Paul, Norval, heard that there was a desperate need in those communities for babies and children to have warm clothing and other essential items. Since that time, 6,481 pounds of clothes, household items and food have been shipped via Air Inuit. The Halton Hills churches aim to enable the communities to be self-sustaining. They also intend to build relationships and partnerships to support local and national educational and employment opportunities for the Inuit people.

Niagara Anglican

Church covered with quilts ④

Trinity Church, Cornwall, in the Diocese of Ottawa, was transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour April 19-20 as it welcomed Quilts on the Seaway, a quilt show put on by the Cornwall Quilters Guild. The church hall was decorated with 36 hanging quilts, and vendors from as far

away as Brockville and Ottawa sold quilt-related items. "Our 200-year-old church had every pew draped with more than 140 wonderful quilts," said Sharon Magee, the show's coordinator and a member of the church. "The sight was truly arresting. The sun coming through the stained glass windows above the quilts was wonderful to see." More than 650 people visited the exhibition, and the church sold food and refreshments.

Crosstalk

Cathedral plans for tourists ⑤

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City is embarking on an ambitious, multi-pronged plan that will open its doors wider to the millions of tourists who come to the historic city every year, hoping to generate more funds for mission and ministry.

About 4.5 million tourists visit the city each year, but only about 145,000 find their way to the 200-year old Anglican cathedral. The

plan centres on the creation of a permanent museum exhibit inside the cathedral. "The King's Treasures" will display several gifts given by King George III for the cathedral's dedication in 1804, which have been kept locked away.

For the first time, tourists will be asked to pay to visit the cathedral, a common practice in many European cathedrals. Tours and multilingual audio guides will be offered. Visitors who indicate they are coming to the cathedral to pray will not be asked to pay. Donations left in a large chest near the door currently amount to about \$8,500 annually.

"Our challenge is to make this place known as a church, as a cathedral, and make sure its mission is known," says Guy-laine Caron, chair of the cathedral steering committee. "It won't be a revenue-making machine. It's still a cathedral. The dream is to try to combine the two but stay respectful of the mission of this place."

The Gazette

Parish hit by oil spill ⑥

The Parish of Bright in the Diocese of Fredericton is struggling to recover from a catastrophic oil spill in April that occurred when a hole in a filter allowed oil from a nearly full 700-litre oil tank to seep into the basement of St. Paul's church in Zeeland. The church will need to be moved to excavate the contaminated soil, with cost estimates at about \$275,000. The church's insurance policy excluded coverage due to rust and corrosion. In a written appeal, the Rev. Debra Edmonson asked people to keep the parish in their thoughts and prayers. She said the community has already stepped up to help raise funds. Financial contributions are greatly needed and appreciated, she added. Donations can be made directly to: The Anglican Parish of Bright, c/o The Treasurer, 33 Alban St., New Maryland, New Brunswick, E3C 1E4.

The New Brunswick Anglican

Penny rolls stretch length of nave ⑦

When the Bank of Canada announced that it would be phasing out the penny, the Rev. Sandra Tilley, the incumbent of St. John the Evangelist in Topsail, Conception Bay South, Newfoundland, had an idea. She challenged the congregation to pool all their pennies and give them to the PWRDF. A small table with a large glass jar was placed in the foyer of the church. The response was overwhelming: it was filled several times, enough to make 442 rolls of pennies. At the service on April 21, the children of the church laid out the rolls in the centre aisle; they stretched from the steps below the chancel to the front door—the complete length of the nave. "While some people might lament the demise of the penny, we here at St. John the Evangelist are proud of everyone's efforts to utilize ours while they are still redeemable," said Louise Smith.

Anglican Life

Art puts face on inmates' lives

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

THE Bridge Prison Ministry showcased a large exhibition of art by current and former criminal offenders. The exhibit was intended to reveal the humanity of prison inmates to the general public.

Entitled *Art from the Inside Out*, the work was displayed at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), which is located in Brampton's old jail and courthouse. The show featured 60 pieces—drawings, textiles, paintings and sculptures—that were created by adult and youth offenders in 10 correctional facilities across the province.

"We're trying to help people regain their soul and spirit and humanity," said Garry Glowacki, executive director of The Bridge.

"These are our brothers and sisters, our aunts and uncles. These are humans in jail."

Partly funded by FaithWorks, the annual outreach appeal of the Diocese of Toronto, The Bridge helps ex-offenders to reintegrate into the community. It also reaches out to the community, especially through art.

Initially, the Region of Peel asked The Bridge to run a program that removed graffiti and replaced it with art. Then PAMA, which is around the corner from The Bridge's community centre, asked The Bridge to provide a mural for its post-renovation opening. It seemed a natural next step for PAMA to co-host an art exhibit with The Bridge.

For the PAMA show, Mr. Glowacki contacted the artists

and received their permission to exhibit and sell their work. They will receive part of the proceeds, while the rest will go toward the purchase of art supplies.

The opening reception attracted about 175 people, including some of the artists, three police officers and a contingent from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto. "The PAMA curator said it was probably the best opening they've had," said Mr. Gowacki.

Another example of The Bridge's outreach through art occurred with the death of a young Brampton boy who was recently shot through his townhouse window. The boy's school, Winston Churchill Public School, created an event to honour him, and The Bridge painted 24-inch by 48-inch canvasses bearing the school's



Artist Wayne Forest, a former prisoner, stands in front of his work at the opening of *Art from the Inside Out*. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

three founding principals, then invited students to paint something to express their feelings.

The six-panel mural, *Change the World*, now hangs in the school's hallways.

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email hpaukov@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the November issue is October 1. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar, at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Worship

SEPT. 15 – Christ Church, Holland Landing, 110 Peter St., invites all to a special service of celebration and Holy Communion to mark its 170 years of service in the community. Archbishop Colin Johnson will preside. For more details, visit www.christchurchholland-landing.ca or call 905-853-7623.

SEPT. 29 – Join St. Peter, 188 Carlton St., Toronto, for a Jazz Eucharist at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Tim Elliott will preach and celebrate, and his jazz band will perform. Call 416-924-1891 or visit www.stpeter-carlton.ca.

SEPT. 29 – Choral Evensong at St. Olave, Swansea, 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto, with Schola Ecclesiam, a 28-voice choir devoted to authentic performance of church music, at 4 p.m. Followed by Peach Tea and a talk with Clem Carelse about the works of composer Benjamin Britten. Contributions appreciated. For more details, call 416-769-5686 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

Sales

OCT. 19 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill, will hold its fall rummage sale from 9 a.m. until noon. A large selection of clothes, household items, linens, books, games, toys, jewellery, and much more. For more information, call 905-889-5931.

NOV. 2 – St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Balmoral Dr., Bramalea, will

hold its annual Christmas Bazaar. Call 905-793-8020.

NOV. 9 – Christmas Bazaar at the Church of Our Saviour, 1 Laurettide Dr., Don Mills, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baking, jams, preserves, soups, knitted items, gingerbread house raffle and hostess baskets raffle. For more information, call 416-385-1805.

NOV. 9 – “A ‘Faire’ to Remember,” a unique craft sale and bazaar at St. Peter, Erindale, 1745 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knitted and sewn goods, baking, preserves, jewellery, Christmas crafts and decorations, wood-working, silent auction, food, music and more. Free admission. Donations of non-perishable food for the Deacon's Cupboard food bank are welcome. For more information, call 905-828-2095.

NOV. 16 – Christmas Fair at Christ the King, 475 Rathburn Rd., Etobicoke, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Jewellery and accessories, baking and deli table, antiques and collectibles, crafts, Christmas décor, and more. Call 416-621-3630.

NOV. 23 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill, will hold its Festival of Christmas from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hand-made gifts, decorations, bake sale, raffle, and festive luncheon. For more information, call 905-889-5931.

NOV. 23 – Holly Berry Fair at St. Luke, East York, 904 Coxwell Ave. at Cosburn, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tea room, crafts, knitted goods, baking, quilt raffle, books, Christmas items, attic treasures. Call 416-421-6878, ext. 21.

Fundraisers

SEPT. 28 – Join the Cavan Hills Country Run, hosted by St. John, Ida, and help support Home-



TRANSITION

The churchwardens' badges of office, keys and wands are passed from St. Patrick, Willowdale, to St. John, Willowdale, during a service celebrating the ministries of the two churches on July 7. St. Patrick's closed at the end of June and the building became the new home for St. John, Willowdale. Taking part in the transition are Bishop Patrick Yu, St. Patrick's churchwardens John Chandler and June Holstead, and St. John's churchwardens John Wong and Timothy Tong. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

grown Homes, Peterborough, and Millbrook Food Share. 10K run, 10K walk, or 4K run/walk. For more information, visit <http://stjohnsida.com/> or www.runningroom.com.

OCT. 18-19 – St. Barnabas, Chester, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto, will hold its annual art show and sale, with more than 20 local artists. Visit <http://www.st-barnabas-toronto.com/>.

OCT. 25 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill, presents, a “Peppertree Klassics” Women's Fashion Show, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and door prizes available. The cost is \$10. Tickets at the

church Sundays from Sept. 15, or call 905-881-0588 from Sept. 22.

OCT. 26 – Divine Diva Night at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough, featuring the Toronto Firefighter Calendar Boys and Elvis. Tickets are \$40 each. Light supper, dessert, cash bar, silent and live auction. Proceeds to St. Dunstan's and toward pancreatic cancer research at Princess Margaret Hospital. Call 416-283-1844.

NOV. 2 – All are invited to a fundraising dinner in support of Emily's House Children's Hospice at St. Cuthbert, Leaside, 1399 Bayview Ave., Toronto, at 6:30 p.m.

Roast beef and apple crisp. The guest speaker will be Rauni Salmi-nen, executive director of the Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care. Tickets are \$40. Call 416-485-0329.

Music

SEPT. 27, OCT. 3 – Lunchtime Chamber Music at Christ Church, Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St., Toronto, Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. Sept. 27, Trio Estonia, with violin, piano and cello; Oct. 3, Mehdi Ghazi on piano. Admission free; donations welcome. For more information, visit www.christchurchdeer-park.org.

Pledges reach \$41 million

Money flowing back to parishes

BY STUART MANN

AS of June, \$41 million had been pledged to the diocese's Our

Faith-Our Hope campaign, which supports parish ministry, diocesan ministries and church work in other parts of Canada.

About \$5.5 million has been returned to the parishes, and more will be sent out over the next five years as pledges are fulfilled. “We're getting a really good response from people who continue to send in their funds very diligently,” says Peter Misiaszek, the diocese's director of Stewardship

Development.

If the campaign reaches its goal of \$50 million, \$17 million will be returned to the parishes, \$28 million will be made available as grants to help re-imagine church, and a further \$5 million will be given to others beyond the diocese.

Mr. Misiaszek thanks all those who have given to the campaign. “Every gift is vital and precious, and we are grateful for every con-

tribution that people have been able to make.”

In an effort to reach the campaign's goal of \$50 million, Stewardship Development is asking those who have already fulfilled their pledge to continue giving for another year or two. “We've had a very positive response to this initiative,” says Mr. Misiaszek. “People recognize the investment in ministry and they are supporting it.”

Stewardship Development is also asking Anglicans to consider leaving a financial gift to their parish church or the diocese and its ministries in their will. Two large gifts have already been made to FaithWorks.

In a letter to campaign supporters, Archbishop Colin Johnson said a legacy gift or bequest “will build on the solid foundations laid for us by generations past. A legacy will ensure that the good work that the people of God in this diocese do today will continue strong for the next generations.”

For more information on the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign or leaving a gift in your will, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca, or contact Peter Misiaszek at pmisiaszek@toronto.anglican.ca.

Anglicans organize MPP meetings

ANGLICANS involved in food-banks, Out of the Cold services and other survival programs know that times remain as tough as ever for low-income Canadians. That's why the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy committee is organizing delegations of Anglicans to meet with their local MPPs this fall to call for action to address poverty and issues of affordability. All Anglicans are invited to take part in this non-partisan initiative. No prior experience in lobbying is needed, and information will be provided about the issues. Meeting dates have not yet been set. Anglicans are encouraged to take part and to invite others from their parish who might be interested. For more information, contact Murray MacAdam, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant, at 1-800-668-8932 or 416-363-6021, ext.240, or mmacadam@toronto.anglican.ca.

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155th Regular Session of the Synod Notice of Meeting

To the clergy and lay members of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto

The Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, has called all Synod members in the Diocese of Toronto to assemble at the Doubletree by Hilton-Toronto Airport in Toronto for the 155th Regular Session of Synod starting on the morning of Friday, November 29, 2013 and ending at mid-day on Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Diocesan Council will approve the Agenda for Synod at its September 26, 2013 meeting. Therefore, all agenda items must be received by September 13, 2013 for consideration. For updates on Synod, visit the diocesan website at www.toronto.anglican.ca/synod.

For more information, contact Pamela Boisvert, Assistant Secretary of Synod, at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca, or call 416-363-6021, ext. 231 or 1-800-668-8932, ext. 231.



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READING THE BIBLE

BY THE REV. CANON DON BEATTY

Judges lead 12 tribes

After the death of Joshua, who had led the Israelites into the Promised Land, we enter the era of Judges. This era lasted about 200 years. The area in and around Canaan was made up of some large city-states and a number of tribes or clans scattered throughout the countryside. Israel had 12 such tribes. The tribal leaders were referred to as "judges," which could be translated as "chieftains." These judges exercised some judicial authority, but mostly they were military leaders. The Book of Judges lists 12 such leaders.

The recurring theme throughout Judges is sin, punishment, repentance and redemption. A tribe would turn away from worshipping God, usually through intermarriage. When Hebrew men married outside their clan, they often worshipped the gods of their non-Hebrew wives. As they fell away from God, Yahweh would allow them to be conquered by their enemy. They would cry out for relief. God would raise up a military leader to free them from their bondage, and peace would reign in the land for a time.

These scrimmages were usually confined to one or two tribes, and the judge would lead this group into warfare. Judges were chosen by God. They were often charismatic—that is, filled with the Holy Spirit—and would lead the people back to worshipping the God of the Hebrews.

Let's look at the two most popular of these judges. Deborah, the only woman listed, was from the tribe of Ephraim. Her fight was against the Canaanites. She was called by God to help her people. She sent General Barak to lead some soldiers from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun. General Barak insisted that Deborah, who was the one with God's charisma, must ride with him. His army was successful and the soldiers of the Canaanites were destroyed with the help of God. Meanwhile, Sisera, the Canaanite general, escaped. He took refuge with a Kenite (non-Hebrew) woman, who killed him in his sleep. Thus two women were

responsible for the success of the Israelites over these Canaanites. The Song of Deborah (Judges 5) was a victory hymn recalling these deeds. It may be the oldest written text in the Hebrew Bible.

Probably the most popular judge in this book was Samson, from the tribe of Dan (Judges 13-16). Samson was not a military leader. He was the traditional legendary strongman. He was born under unique circumstances. His mother was barren until she became pregnant with Samson. Several of the matriarchs in the Hebrew Bible were barren before giving birth to a special child. He was born a Nazirite—no alcohol or cutting of his hair.

Samson had unusual strength. His one weakness was Philistine women. He had several encounters with the Philistines, but never led an army. He was a one-man show.

After his betrayal by Delilah, who cut his hair, he was imprisoned by the Philistines and put into slavery. They brought him to their temple during a religious festival. Having regained his strength, he managed to bring the temple down upon his enemies.

The only time the Hebrew tribes were united in Judges was in a civil war—the 11 tribes against the tribe of Benjamin, who had killed a wife of one of the Levites. The 11 tribes actually united and almost obliterated the small tribe of Benjamin (Judges 19-21). King Saul came from this tribe, as we will see in a future column.

The Book of Judges moves in a slow progression towards the need for a king. The only way they could survive as a nation was to be united under a monarch. The final authors of this part of the Tanakh have a kind of love-hate feeling about monarchy. We will look more closely at the reasons for this dichotomy in future articles as we continue this saga from the Tanakh.

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

PRAYER CYCLE

FOR OCTOBER

1. St. John, Cookstown
2. St. John, East Orangeville
3. St. Luke, Rosemont
4. St. Paul, Coulson's Hill
5. St. Peter, Churchill
6. Trinity Church, Bradford
7. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
8. David Busby Street Centre (FaithWorks)
9. Bishop's Committee on Healing
10. The Dam Youth Drop-In Centre, Mississauga (FaithWorks)
11. Diocese's Communications Department

12. Clergy Programs of the Diocese (Momentum and Fresh Start)
13. Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto
14. Durham and Northumberland Deanery
15. Chaplaincy to the Newmarket Courthouse
16. Parish Administrative Assistants
17. St. Martin, Courtice
19. St. George, (Clarke) Newcastle
20. Chapel of St. George, Gore's Landing
21. Flemingdon Park Ministry (FaithWorks)
22. St. George, Grafton
23. St. John, Bowmanville
24. St. John, Harwood
25. St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope
26. St. Mark, Port Hope

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Canon Betty Jordan, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Roche's Point, and St. Paul, Jersey (Keswick), May 1.
- The Rev. Andrea Budgley, Honorary Assistant, St. Stephen-in-the-Fields, Toronto, June 12.
- The Rev. Catherine Sider, Hamilton, Associate Priest, Grace Church on-the-Hill, Toronto, July 1.

- The Rev. Dudley Walker, Honorary Assistant, St. George, Grafton, July 2.
- The Rev. Dr. Grant Schwartz, Honorary Assistant, All Saints, Whitby, July 14.
- The Rev. Stephen Blackmore (Algoma), Incumbent, St. Matthew, Islington, Toronto, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid, Priest-in-Charge, St. Elizabeth, Aug. 11, in addition to her ongoing appointment as Incumbent at St. Peter, Erindale.
- Mr. Bill Mok, Senior Lay Pastoral Associate, St. Elizabeth, Aug. 11.
- The Rev. Claire Goodrich Dyer, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Christ Church, Scarborough, Aug. 11.
- The Rev. Beverley Williams, Associate Priest, Trinity East (Little Trinity), Toronto, Aug. 15.
- The Rev. Canon J. Mark Tiller (Niagara), Incumbent, St. James, Caledon East, Aug. 15.
- The Rev. Andrew Federle, Associate Priest, St. Clement, Eglinton, Toronto, Sept. 1.
- The Rev. Mark Kinghan, Incumbent, St. George on Yonge, Toronto, Sept. 1.
- The Ven. Douglas Michael (Johannesburg), Incumbent, All Saints, Collingwood, Oct. 1.

Vacant Incumbencies

Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Ven. Peter Fenty.

First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation (not yet receiving names):

- Christ Memorial Church, Osawa
- Holy Spirit, Dixie North, Mississauga
- St. George on-the-Hill, Toronto
- St. David, Lawrence Ave.
- Parish of Roche's Point
- St. Mary, Richmond Hill
- St. Matthew, Oriole
- Christ Church, Scarborough
- St. Peter, Scarborough

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee Receiving Names (via Area Bishop):

- Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River (Trent-Durham)
- Holy Family, Heart Lake (York-Credit Valley)

Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing (not receiving names):
None

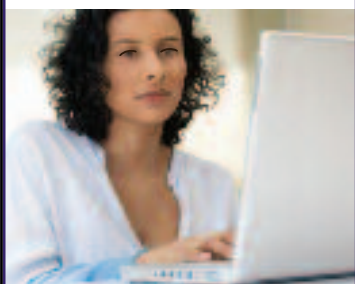
Retirement

- The Rev. Lyn Youll Marshall has retired. Her last Sunday at Trinity East (Little Trinity), Toronto, was July 28.

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Video urges advocacy for poor

DVDs available for parishes

BY BOB BETTSON

In a new video, Anglicans are being asked to look beyond charity to the larger issues of poverty and homelessness.

Turning the Tide: From Charity to Advocacy in Ontario is available on the diocese's YouTube channel and on DVD. Directed by Tim Harry and produced by Murray MacAdam, it features homeless people, poverty activists, clergy and politicians. It comes with a users' guide to help parishes discuss the issues raised. The video is narrated by Judy Maddren, a former CBC journalist and member of the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto.

At the launch of the video in Toronto on June 26, Archbishop Colin Johnson said Anglicans need to work on poverty issues with other denominations and faith groups as much as possible to build coalitions. "Don't give up," he said. "And don't become cynical. We are not just taxpayers: we are citizens."

During a panel discussion, Murray MacAdam, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant, said disasters like the recent floods in Alberta not only



The Rev. David Opheim calls for a higher minimum wage and fairer taxation during a panel discussion at the launch of the video *Turning the Tide: From Charity to Advocacy in Ontario*, at the Church of the Redeemer in Toronto. Joining him on the panel are Sharon Norman and *Toronto Star* columnist Carol Goar (far right). PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

bring out popular support but prompt government aid. "Everyone springs into action," he said, yet poverty becomes accepted as a routine part of life. "How can we reconcile this with the call of our faith to take the message of Jesus seriously, to care for the marginalized and to act in response?"

The video is an attempt to help parishes move beyond existing charitable efforts, which are much needed, to address changes needed to provide better housing, so-

cial assistance and job creation. Political advocacy can work, said Mr. MacAdam, noting the success of the interfaith coalition that helped stop a casino in downtown Toronto.

Toronto Star columnist Carol Goar congratulated the diocese for capturing, in 18 minutes of video, what she has been trying to tell people for the last decade in her column. Ms. Goar started writing about poverty issues after a lengthy reporting career. She said that when churches support those suffering from poverty and

homelessness, they remind people not to lose heart.

"When my spirit flags, I look to you for strength," she said, noting that advocacy works best when tied to a concrete measure such as a \$100 increase in social assistance rates to cover increased food costs.

That was underlined by Sharon Norman, a poverty activist interviewed in the video, who was part of the panel. She talked about the "Put Food in the Budget" campaign, which calls on the provincial government to raise social as-

sistance rates so people can purchase more food and rely less on stopgaps like food banks and free meal programs.

"Hundreds of thousands of people are going hungry in Ontario because of systemic poverty," said Ms. Norman. It isn't only the homeless and those on social assistance who are going hungry, she said, but also seniors and students. "I didn't think it could happen to me," she said. "You may think it can't happen to you. We want justice, not charity." The campaign is calling for an immediate \$100-a-month increase in social assistance rates across the province to provide more money for groceries.

All Saints, Toronto, runs a program to teach people how to bake bread. The Rev. David Opheim, incumbent, said that All Saints is able to make a difference because it is present with people in the midst of life on the street. "Poverty is everyone's business," he said. "Poverty is not a choice." He noted that the real solution is a living wage, more jobs and a fairer taxation system, which would involve higher taxes for corporations and high wage earners.

Mr. Opheim said the time for study and consultation is over. "We don't need more consultation. There are already all kinds of reports and recommendations."

To borrow a DVD version of the video, contact Mr. MacAdam at mmacadam@toronto.anglican.ca. The video can also be viewed on the diocese's YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/tordio135.

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Outreach conference leads to action

BY MURRAY MACADAM

"THIS little spark ignited at the 2011 outreach conference—and to-day, here we are! It's exciting."

The Rev. Martha Tatarnic's enthusiasm is understandable. Thanks to a partnership with PWRDF, a fledgling water project inspired by Bishop Mark MacDonald has developed into an initiative that will provide about 70 people living in 10 homes in Pikangikum, northern Ontario, with clean water and sewage dis-

posal facilities. Every sign of hope counts in this First Nations community, which is marked by deep poverty and a high suicide rate.

In the months ahead, the water project will expand to include education, jobs, skills training, advocacy and partnerships with local First Nations people. "We don't want it to be just about raising money," says Ms. Tatarnic, the incumbent of St. David, Orillia.

The germ for the project was planted by Bishop MacDonald at the diocese's annual Outreach Networking Conference, and it illustrates how this event goes well beyond talking about the issues facing society to taking action in response.

This year's conference takes place on Oct. 5 at Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill. The conference offers a unique opportunity to meet and worship with Anglicans who share the same values, to be challenged by a dynamic keynote speaker, and to learn practical skills to take back to the parish.

The theme is "Where is the Spirit Leading?" and the conference will provide a range of workshops showing how God is calling Anglicans to work in bold ways to fashion a new kind of world. Workshops will cover First Na-

tions issues (including an update on the water project), solidarity with people in poverty, climate change, spirituality and social justice, and many other topics. Presenters include Bishop MacDonald, Brian Walsh and the Rev. Maggie Helwig.

The keynote speaker will be Keren Elumir, a member of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, who will outline how her church is reaching out to its neighbours to build new connections.

All interested Anglicans are invited to attend the conference, not only people currently involved with parish outreach and advocacy ministry. A special program for young Anglicans (ages 14 to 20) will be led by Christian Harvey, youth social justice coordinator for Trent-Durham. About 150 Anglicans are expected to attend.

Workshops are limited to 30 people, so participants should register early. Free child care is provided.

The conference fee is \$25 (\$10 for students and the unemployed) and it includes lunch. The conference takes place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Holy Trinity School is located at 11300 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. To register, visit, www.toronto.anglican.ca/outreachconference.

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