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Youth focus on poverty – and fun

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

MORE than 100 young Anglicans gathered at Seneca College's Newham campus in Toronto April 25–27 for a weekend of learning, fellowship and sharing of their vision for the church. This year's event focused on poverty, homelessness, and a Christian response to these problems.

"I found youth synod to be very enjoyable," says Sariana Sabbagh, 17, a member of St. James, Caledon East. "It was a great opportunity to just spend time with other young people and discuss an issue that's very relevant in today's society. At the same time, I found the event very spiritually refreshing."

Pre-synod events were held April 19 in Peterborough and Toronto, to prepare participants for youth synod discussions about poverty and homelessness. In Peterborough, young people led by

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Jennifer Hunter, left, Lindsey Marshall, Nicole Harewood and a friend share a happy moment at Youth Synod. For more photos, see pages 8-9.

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ACW elects new president

Seeks greater visibility, voice for women's group

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

AT their annual meeting on May 3, the Anglican Church Women in the Diocese of Toronto elected their new president, Anita Gittens of St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale, who will take over from Marion Saunders.

Ms. Gittens has been involved with the ACW at the parish level for seven years, including as president of the ACW at St. Paul the Apostle for the past four years. At the diocesan level, she has been a deanery representative for the

York-Credit Valley episcopal area and has served as executive vice-president for two years.

"I truly believe in worship, learning and service, which are part of our ACW purpose," says Ms. Gittens. "So my involvement with the ACW has been a wonderful opportunity to practice what I believe with like-minded women of faith."

She says she is looking forward to meeting women from across the diocese — "I am inspired by the dedication and commitment of our members across the Dio-



Anita Gittens

cese of Toronto" — as well as across the country, as she will have the opportunity to do at the National ACW Presidents' Conference taking place Sept. 18–21 in Kingston.

"We will all agree that over the years the role of women has changed," she says. "But recognizing that each woman is unique and has her own special talent, with the potential to make a valuable contribution to our women's ministry, there is a need

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Diocesan Centre to be renovated

BY STUART MANN

THE Diocesan Centre is undergoing a major renovation this summer. Improvements to the building, which is adjacent to St. James Cathedral's parish hall, will result in a more efficient use of space for staff and visitors and cost savings over the long term.

"The changes will really bring us into the 21st century in the way of doing business and ministry," says Brian Mills, the diocese's director of Planning and Development.

Renovations will take place from June to September. During that time, the Bishop's Office and Diocesan Centre staff will work in temporary quarters in the cathedral's parish hall. The telephone number for the Bishop's Office

and Diocesan Centre staff will remain unchanged throughout the renovation.

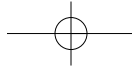
Mr. Mills says the building's systems have come to the end of their life and need to be replaced. The building was constructed in 1950 and was last refurbished 20 years ago. It also contains a small amount of asbestos which, although it poses no immediate health risk to staff and visitors, ought to be removed.

"It's a good time to do this work," he says. "It's easy to ignore a building; it's not until you change it that you realize how inefficient it was for accessibility and energy savings. Every building in our diocese should be revisited every 15 to 20 years."

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Garden rises from ashes of Mimico church

Congregation greeted with 'open arms' by neighbours

BY CHRIS SIMMILL

A page was turned in the 175-year-old saga of Christ Church, Mimico, as a spade broke the earth in a groundbreaking ceremony on May 4. A memorial garden has been designed for this historic churchyard, with benches, a beautiful wood pergola and meandering stone pathways to allow the community to relax and meditate.

The mother church for the south Etobicoke Lakeshore area was struck by two devastating fires in 2006. Structural damage from the second, more serious, fire left the building crippled and irreparable, resulting in its demolition that December. The devastated congregation was welcomed with open arms by St. James, Humber Bay on Parklawn Road, and has been worshipping there for the

past year and a half. It has made a commitment to restore and beautify Christ Church's now barren churchgrounds.

The groundbreaking, attended by almost 100 people from both parishes and the surrounding community, marks the end of 18 months of diligent planning on the part of Cemetery Board members who have worshipped at and care deeply about Christ Church. The board, led by Dorothy Wheeler, worked with PMA Landscape Architects throughout 2007 to develop a stunning plan that pays tribute to the church's historic legacy.

Bishop Philip Poole officiated at the sun-filled ceremony, assisted by the Rev. Canon Elizabeth Hardy and the Rev. Murray Henderson. They spoke about the importance of commemorating our ancestors. The oldest grave at Christ Church



Taking part in the groundbreaking are, from left, MPP Laurel Broten, the Rev. Murray Henderson, Dorothy Wheeler (with shovel), the Rev. Canon Elizabeth Hardy and Bishop Philip Poole. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

dates back to 1832 and the cemetery holds the graves of many of the founding leaders of the Mim-

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Lambeth news on websites

The Anglican and Anglican Journal will not be published in July and August, so readers can get the latest news on the Lambeth Conference from the Anglican Communion's official website, www.anglicancommunion.org. For a Canadian perspective, read Marites N. Sison's articles on the national church's website, www.anglican.ca.

New name, vision for rural group

The diocese's Rural Committee for Multi-Point Parishes has a

new name and new vision. The Rural Ministry Advocates is "dedicated to raising awareness of the joys and rewards of rural ministry as well as the challenges facing those who minister to parishioners in villages and small towns," says John Webster, chair. For further information, contact Mr. Webster at (705) 778-2529.

FLAME seeks missing banners

The Anglican men's group FLAME is seeking some missing banners as it prepares for its annual conference Oct. 17-19 at Jackson's Point Conference Centre. If you know the whereabouts of the banners, contact registrar Al Thompson at (905) 271-4095.

ACW elects president

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to find additional ways of touching the daily lives of women, providing fellowship, encouragement, and support to develop their faith, and in doing so, collectively strengthening the ministry of Anglican Church Women."

She says that some of the challenges the organization faces include "the impact of age on some of our members who may not be physically able to participate as they did previously; the closing of churches and the subsequent folding of church groups like the ACW; and members having too many other obligations. However, every challenge is also an opportunity for our members to continue the fellowship, support of each other and the ministry, albeit in different ways."

One of her goals as president will be to increase the visibility and voice of the ACW. "We are women of faith believing in our focus on worship, learning and service," she says. "We have done and continue to do fundraisers, dinners, rummage sales, bake sales, bazaars, Sunday Schools, Chancel, crafts, and needlework extremely well, but we are more. With the faith, fellowship, fun and friendship, there's a wealth of transferable skills that can position the ACW to play a unique role in building and keeping our churches together."

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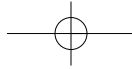
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Bishop's Company serves up treat

Record attendance for 47th annual fundraiser

BY STUART MANN

A record 450 people, including groups from 21 parishes, attended the Bishop's Company Dinner in Toronto on April 30.

The evening began with a reception at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, followed by dinner at the nearby Toronto Marriott Eaton Centre Hotel. Music was provided by a choir, the Marion Singers, and a bagpiper, the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Bice.

Funds from the dinner and silent auction will be used to help clergy and their families with emergency needs and to fund initiatives that are important to the bishop but are not provided for in the diocese's budget.

Dr. Samuel Lam and his wife, Ellen, were recognized as new life members of the Company. Life members are those who contribute more than \$25,000 on a cumulative basis to the Company. There are now 18 life members.

Bishop Colin Johnson said he was humbled by the large turnout and the generosity of those in attendance. "The bishop can't do anything without the people," he said. "It's humbling to see people support the work of the church and the mission of Jesus Christ."

Elizabeth Hill, chair of the Bishop's Company Dinner Committee, said the support from corporations and the parishes lifted the event to a new level of excellence. "It was awesome," she said. "A really fun and relaxing evening."

George Lewis, chair of the Bishop's Company, announced that another dinner will be held in Barrie on Oct. 9. "We hope that Anglicans from across the northern and central parts of our diocese will join us there," he said. A similar dinner was held in Peterborough last year, drawing 250 people.

He said the dinners are not only a way of raising funds for clergy and their families in need, but also a way of saying thanks for all the work they do. "The clergy of our diocese perform many roles for many people," he said. "They are our spiritual leaders and advi-

sors. They are counselors and sympathetic voices. They are providers of a gentle word in a time of need and are a calm presence during a period of uncertainty. By supporting the Bishop's Company Dinner, we are helping to provide assistance to our clergy, and, when necessary, their families, when it is their turn to rely upon the strengths of others."

Several current and retired bishops attended the dinner, including Bishop David Ashdown, bishop of the Diocese of Keewatin and chair of the national church's Council of the North. Also in attendance was Archdeacon Rafiq Farah, who recently celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. Archdeacon Farah, who attends St. Andrew, Scarborough, served for 40 years in the Diocese of Jerusalem and worked to protect human rights there.

Canadian broadcaster Valerie Pringle, who is a parishioner of Christ Church, Deer Park, was the guest speaker. She spoke about the five people whom she has interviewed who have made the greatest impression on her – June Callwood, Oscar Peterson, Leonard Cohen, Jean Vanier and Oprah Winfrey. They were all able to accept and transcend their own shortcomings and life's disadvantages, she said.

She quoted from Jean Vanier: "We may think that our greatest need is to be loved, but the even deeper, more universal need is our desire to belong. Do we have a vision of the world where people help one another – society that is a body and not a pyramid with a few on top with power and wealth and at the bottom the people who are disenfranchised and fragile?"

She concluded by saying: "What are these life lessons that these people have taught me? It's no great mystery. It's about curiosity and compassion and courage, honesty and diligence and empathy and humour. I think we're all looking for them; you just have to find the right teacher."



Seated at the head table are, from right, Bishop Colin Johnson, Valerie Pringle, the Rev. Canon Judy Rois, Archbishop Terence Finlay, George Lewis and his daughter, and Ellen Johnson. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Bursaries were presented during the evening. The William R. Kay Memorial Bursary, which helps with the costs of pursuing a theological education that will lead to ordination, went to Christopher Kelly and Ruthanne Ward. The George and Eileen Carey Bursary, given to Anglicans pursuing post-graduate theological studies, went to Sean Otto and Leonel Abaroa Bolona. The Terence & Alice Jean Finlay Bursary was awarded to Jordan Pinches and Joseph Andre Alain Brosseau. This bursary is given to two students, one each from Trinity and Wycliffe Colleges, who are engaged in studies that celebrate and enhance our understanding of the diversity of our church. The Kirubai Scholarship was awarded to Alison Falby. This is awarded to a Trinity College student who is actively pursuing ordination or is already ordained and who is studying in one of the following areas: liturgy, music, doctoral studies or programs aimed at strengthening parish team ministry.

For more photos from the Bishop's Company Dinner, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.



Broadcaster Valerie Pringle shares moments from her career.



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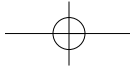
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Next stop: Lambeth



Last November, Archbishop Rowan Williams hosted a dinner at Lambeth Palace for the Compass Rose Society, chaired by our own Bishop Philip Poole. We dined in the same room where the first Lambeth Conference convened.

Someone has said that the Anglican Communion was born in crisis. Whatever the merits of that assessment, it is certainly true that the Lambeth Conference was. What has become a once-every-10-years gathering of the Anglican bishops from across the world began at the suggestion of a Canadian bishop and by the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1867.

In September of 1867, 76 of 144 diocesan bishops from England, Ireland, Scotland, the USA and the "colonies" met for just four days to discuss problems facing the expanding Anglican Communion, the new issues of missionary dioceses and cultural differences, and especially the consequences of the decision by the Privy Council concerning the notorious Bishop Colenso of Natal, South Africa.

Toronto was represented by Coadjutor Bishop Alexander Bethune, who was elected early enough to go because Bishop John Strachan was too elderly to make the trip (he was in his 90th year!) and the diocesan administration was becoming onerous even for the indefatigable Strachan.

Back to Bishop Colenso. He had been deposed from his bishopric by the Archbishop of Cape Town and the bishops of Southern Africa for heresy. The Privy Council in London, on appeal, overturned his deposition and restored him to the cathedral and diocese, but another bishop had already been consecrated to replace him. The schism lasted for a number of years, and for a while Natal had two cathedrals. Much of what Bishop

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BY BISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

Colenso taught that so alarmed the church fathers at the time has become commonly accepted today by most Anglicans.

A quick reading of the resolutions of the various Lambeth Conferences reveals mixed results. Some have long lasting import while others show how much the minds of the bishops have completely reversed, even over the period of a single decade.

And protests about the conference are nothing new. They were evident from the first. The Archbishop of York refused to attend, believing that such a conference would inevitably gain a status that was inappropriate to the Anglican ethos and governance. Many of the bishops of his province stayed away, too. The Dean of Westminster Abbey refused permission for the Abbey to be used for the closing service, "giving as his reasons the partial character of the assembly, uncertainty as to the effect of its measures and 'the presence of prelates not belonging to our Church'" (i.e., the Church of England.)

This year, the Archbishop of Canterbury has invited the 880 bishops of the Communion and their spouses to this decade's conference where we will deal with equally fraught issues, and homosexuality is only one of the presenting issues. They will not be "solved" by this conference. That is not its purpose. That is not within its power. As the Archbishop of Canterbury reminds us, "The Lambeth Conference has no constitution or formal powers; it is not a formal Synod or Council of the bishops of the Communion."

The issues being dealt with are emotionally charged, culturally complicated and theologically complex. They will not be "fixed" by a resolution, but we will discern the Spir-

it's movement for our churches through careful listening, prayerful conversations and respectful accommodation.

In his letter of invitation Dr. Williams writes, "The Conference is an occasion when the Archbishop of Canterbury exercises his privilege of calling his colleagues together, not to legislate but to discover and define something more about our common identity through prayer, listening to God's Word and shared reflection. It is an occasion to rediscover the reality of the Church itself as a worldwide community united by the call and grace of Christ."

Elsewhere, Dr. Williams added: "The Conference has never been a lawmaking body in the strict sense and it wasn't designed to be one: every local Anglican province around the world has its own independent system of church law and there is no supreme court. But there was already in 1867 a deep concern to find ways short of passing formal laws that would make sure that Anglicans around the world acted in a responsible way towards each other and stayed faithful to the common inheritance of biblical and doctrinal faith. This is as much a challenge now as it was then. But the very fact of the Conference shows that we have always been willing to look for such ways of setting our common life on a firm basis so that we can act and serve more effectively in our world."

The theme of Lambeth 2008 is "Equipping Bishops to Fulfil Their Leadership Role in God's Mission," with the goal that all delegates will:

- be restored and refreshed spiritually;
- gain deeper knowledge of each other;
- become more aware of the spiritual and physical resources God has given them to meet missionary challenges in different parts of the world;

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Try a change of prayer



When you pray, how do you address God? So asked Archdeacon Michael Patterson at the recent York-Credit Valley Area Ministry Day. The topic for the day was "Passionate Spirituality."

I did not have a ready answer to his question, even though I routinely begin each day in prayer as part of my personal spiritual discipline. I also offer prayers at various points throughout the day. To paraphrase an old TV commercial, "A day without prayer is like a day without sunshine!"

Prayer, that intimate communication with God, has been the bedrock of my faith and a source of strength, clarity and comfort since my parents first taught me as a child. Prayer comes from a place deep within me. It is such a habitual and normal part of my life that I could not answer Michael's question instantly. How do I address God? I don't know. I just do. So I have begun to take notice of how I start my prayers.

Christians have long understood the three-fold nature of God, using words such as Father, Son and Holy Spirit; Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier; Mother, Saviour, Sustainer. Those words seek to describe the Triune God, the Holy Trinity. Without doubt, the doctrine of the trinity is among the most challenging we have and the most difficult to articulate. But clumsy as our attempts at language may be, we have for the most part a

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BY BISHOP PHILIP POOLE

common understanding of the three-in-one nature of God.

Most of us, I suspect, have a preference for the way we address God, reflecting perhaps our view of the world. Folks who begin prayer with "Almighty God" or "Gracious and loving God" may place an importance on the care of creation and the ecology.

God as Father/Mother or Creator speaks to some degree of the awesome and transcendent nature of God, as the source of all that is.

Folks who begin prayer with "Dear Jesus" may have a world-view that expresses a passion for social justice, healing, the care of others and a commitment to discipleship. Some parishes reflect that emphasis on the incarnation, God in the midst of us.

Folks who begin prayer with "Come, Holy Spirit, Come" may emphasize the mystical nature of God, willing to explore different forms of prayer, and expressing attentiveness to the movement of God, the Lord, the giver of life in their midst. Some parishes have a focus on the Holy Spirit which often manifests itself in charismatic music, speaking in tongues and an emphasis on healing ministry.

Interestingly, what is useful to one can be offensive to another, and what is normative to one may seem lacking to another, but gratefully our God is more than willing to

hear the voices of all without limitation. Generally I believe we need to take great care before passing judgment on another person's spiritual relationship to God.

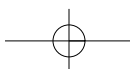
So, as I began to reflect on how I address God, I found that I seem to begin my prayers with either, "Gracious and loving God" or "Dear Jesus." I realize that I often do not name the Holy Spirit in my prayers except when I am using one or other of the prayer books. There is no particular reason for me not to address God the Holy Spirit; I just don't. So, I have tried to "change it up," as they say. Lately, I have consciously tried to begin my prayers addressing the Holy Spirit. It is a little awkward, but I will grow into it.

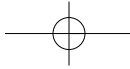
If prayer changes and shapes people—and I believe it does—I anticipate praying to the Holy Spirit will affect me in some way. I look forward to seeing what happens. As a minimum, it has already broadened my prayer life and helped me to be Trinitarian in my outlook.

I invite you to consider doing the same thing. If you are a "Dear Jesus" sort of person, why not make an effort to begin your prayers with "Come, Holy Spirit?" If you are a "Holy Spirit" person, why not start your prayers with "Almighty God?"

God, the Blessed Trinity, invites us to explore the breadth and depth of God. It is a marvelous adventure, and it may be that our prayer life will help us in that journey.

Thanks for the insight, Michael.





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COMMENT

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Careful what you say

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

BY LAURA WALTON-CLOUSTON

Little eyes are watching, little ears are listening, young minds are learning. For many months I have written about the joys of children's ministry and the church's opportunity to welcome children and their families into a warm church community. But unfortunately, we often forget or ignore that some actions in the adult church community can negatively impact our little ones. Not every aspect of church life builds a strong foundation for the next generation. Those of us in children's ministry need to be aware of this so we can circumvent situations that are not for little eyes, ears and youthful minds.

Over the last few months I have become aware of how detrimental church politics can be in the Christian development of our children. While sitting on boards and committees at all levels of our church, I've seen and heard adults say and do things to promote their personal church politics. The words spoken aren't always the Gospel we should be proclaiming. The sad thing is that children often hear these things, either by being at the gathering, through gossip or during discussions at home.

We as the church need to be aware. What are we handing down to our children and their families? Are we creating experiences for them that are of God's message or our message? Are we promoting our politics or God's plan?

As a family counselor, I can say with experience that children need honesty, but not all the gory details. As children's ministry workers and church families, we should teach children the tools that will give them the ability to learn, discern and decide as they grow older. We need to teach them about respect for each other, and how to listen, discuss and be open to other opinions. We need



to teach them the Gospel by example. This means we do not talk behind others' backs or complain without helping or act disrespectfully toward others. It is not okay for us to do these things and then expect our children not to learn from what they see and experience through us.

I continue to experience situations where both clergy and laity expose children and youth to bitter theological battles that the young people neither understand nor need to be part of. I have watched congregations gossip, complain, show disrespect and attack others in front of young people and then question why these young people grow up and say the church is hypocritical. I experience people putting forth their personal agendas and church politics without first assessing who is listening and learning from their words and actions.

Is it okay that our children and youth see

us argue, fight and carry on? No. We are here as church communities to support, discuss and debate — but in healthy and caring ways, and in appropriate circumstances and surroundings. Young children do not need to be in the middle of adult arguments.

As a warm, welcoming church community, please remember that little eyes are watching, little ears are listening and young minds are learning. We have a great opportunity to live the Gospel and lead by example. Lead with grace, teach with intelligence and guide with a gentle and loving hand. God will lead these young people into the future as grounded, loving, compassionate youth who will build a greater church because of the strong foundation we have helped them build through living the Gospel in our day-to-day actions.

Laura Walton-Clouston is the diocese's Children's Ministry Network Coordinator.

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- develop greater understanding and appreciation of life together in the Anglican Communion;
- address conflict;
- discover a new level of trust in common service to God;
- gain greater understanding of the contribution Anglicanism can make to the worldwide church and the world.

This year's conference is not designed to enact resolutions but to share "our experience of living out God's mission. It is a place where we may be renewed for effective ministry. And it is a place where we can try and get more clarity about the limits of our diversity and the means of deepening our Communion, so we can speak together with conviction and clarity to the world."

The conference proper begins on July 17 with a three-day retreat in Canterbury led by the Archbishop, and the ordinary conference schedule begins on July 21. Every morning begins with a Bible Study based on the "I am..." sayings of Jesus in John's Gospel. Workshops, seminars and presentations on a huge range of topics are offered for self selection in mid afternoon. Evenings are reserved for presentations, speakers, and various informal and formal events for discussion and fellowship. The spouses follow the same basic agenda. It all takes place on the campus of the University of Kent in Canterbury.

Topics include evangelism and mission, Millennial Development Goals, HIV/AIDS, the covenant proposal, the Communion Listening Process, social justice, the environment, biblical interpretation, ecumenism, and multi-faith engagement. More information is available on the internet at www.lambeth-conference.org.

Please pray for us and for our church that we might faithfully witness to the mission of Christ to his world in this time.

Letter

Primates' Meetings

I don't think that Bishop Eliott needs to worry too much about the Primates' Meetings having any role as an "instrument of unity" (Bishop's Opinion, April). Some of the Primates themselves are doing their best to undermine any influence it might have. At least five of them have turned their backs on Lambeth. Surely they would not be hypocritical enough subsequently to show their faces at the Primates' gathering. A depleted group would have no standing as representative of our worldwide communion.

The Very Rev. Duncan Abraham Toronto

Come away and rest a while

I am able to take four weeks of holiday in the summer, and I try to spend a couple of days with family and friends between Christmas and New Year's. Mondays, though, are my favourite days. Our daughter is at school, my wife is at work, the cat is outside, the coffee pot is full, and I can play my Leonard Cohen CD as loud as I like. I have the whole house to myself: it is quite a gift. But there is a part of me that longs for a different kind of solitude and quietness. That is what an annual retreat is about.

I think it was in 1991 that I went on my first retreat. It was at Loyola House in Guelph. I walked through the doors of the retreat house and was met with—no, confronted with—something I had never heard before. I stood in the foyer and tried to listen. I peered down the hallway, looked in the lounge and opened the door of the chapel. It was everywhere, just hanging in the air, almost tangible—inescapable silence.

I had been in places where there was an atmosphere of quiet. But what I encountered, and continue to enjoy at places like Loyola House, is the silence. The meals are silent and the rooms are silent. There is no talking and very little eye contact with the other retreatants. We do not smile at one another as we pass in the hallway. There are no telephones, laptops, radios or televisions. This is not a time to catch up on some reading or get a whole bunch of sermons written. This

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BY THE REV. MICHAEL CALDERWOOD

is a retreat, an intentional time set apart to pray and be more attentive to the presence of God in daily life.

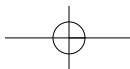
I was talking with a woman at the local curling club who seemed intrigued that I would subject myself to five days of silence every year. She asked, "But what do you do all day?" I have been on three-day retreats and a 40-day retreat, and I have to admit it is difficult to describe. But I can say that for me, being on retreat is not really about "doing" anything. It is, in fact, a freedom from that compulsion to "do" and "keep busy." It is a freedom from the habit of filling our minds and hearts with all sorts of stuff. This is one of the gifts that silence offers us. It is not the same as "recharging my batteries." It is more about remembering, deepening that intimacy between me and the One whom I love, making those small but important adjustments in our spiritual lives. A retreat is about coming into that one thing that is needful, about being with God in a particular way. It is about putting into practice what the prophets say about being still, learning to walk humbly and "in returning and rest we shall be saved."

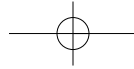
Retreats are not "all about me," though.

This time set apart spills over into other parts of my life. I find myself looking at my role as a husband and father differently. Retreats help me in my leadership as a pastor. I will read the scriptures differently, aware of elements in the sacred story that I otherwise may overlook. I might even find myself more patient and loving with others, having experienced the gift of God's love and patience with me while sitting quietly in the chapel in Guelph. I find myself living more deeply in that sense of gratitude, compassion and joy. I find myself listening to my wife and daughters differently, sometimes open to what the Spirit is saying in the midst of ordinary conversations.

I know it can be hard to find time to go on a retreat. Our work schedules as lay people may not allow such time. As clergy, sometimes we convince ourselves that we are too busy. But Jesus calls all of us away from crowds, into a secluded place, to rest awhile. On that first Easter morning in Matthew's gospel, Jesus calls his disciples to go to Galilee. Galilee is where they first met; it is a quiet place, a place where they could sit and rest beside the sea. Maybe this is what a retreat is: that protected time, away from the crowds, to hear once again the voice of the One who calls us.

The Rev. Michael Calderwood is the incumbent of St. Paul, Brighton.





Move brings new challenge for church

Parish seeks niche in competitive field

BY STUART MANN

ST. Christopher's has a new home, a new sense of purpose – and a new challenge.

For years, the Chinese congregation worshipped at a church which was located in a predominantly Jewish neighbourhood in North York. While they liked the building, they longed to be nearer the Chinese community they wished to serve.

Their dream came true in February, when they moved into their new home, the former church of St. Gabriel's in Richmond Hill. The new location put them near a large Chinese population. About 100,000 Chinese people live in Richmond Hill and nearby Markham.

The new location, however, has meant a bit more competition than they're used to. St. Christopher's is close to four large Chinese churches, including Richmond Hill Chinese Community Church, which draws 4,000 people on a Sunday.

The Rev. Canon Matthias Der, incumbent of St. Christopher's, is taking the competition in his stride. He says there is still plenty of opportunity in this crowded mission field. "There are a lot of Chinese churches around, but of the general Chinese population, only about five per cent go to church, so the ground is fertile to do a lot of things."

He says St. Christopher's offers some attractive alternatives to the big churches. "They are Protestant evangelical churches, so hopefully our way of worship, our ethos, will provide an alternative for people.

And not everyone likes to go to a big church. Some people like to go to a small church where they know the people and the priest and have a sense of community."

For the time being, he and his congregation are trying to find their place in the community. "We need to find our niche – find who we are and how we do things in this community. We need to find the best way to serve the people here."

The church held a yard sale in May to get to know its neighbours, with all proceeds donated to local food banks. They're exploring the possibility of holding Tai Chi classes, plus a mission in the fall. Canon Der has joined the Richmond Hill mayor's organizing committee for the Chinese New Year's festivities.

Their efforts to make inroads in the community seem to be working. Almost since their first service on March 2, new people have been coming through the door. "We have also welcomed Chinese people who have Anglican roots, and when they see a Chinese Anglican parish starting up here, they're quite excited about that and they join us. There are also some new people who are seeking faith and families who have come and stayed."

Some of the newcomers are not Chinese, so the church offers a service in English in a portable on the property at the same time as a service in Chinese in the main building.

The growth has meant that the church is already thinking about expanding. In the meantime,



Archbishop Paul Kwong, Primate of Hong Kong and Macau, meets a young parishioner at St. Christopher, Richmond Hill, on May 11 during a visit to the diocese. Archbishop Kwong also preached at a service at All Saints, Markham, right, that celebrated the life of the late Rev. Dr. Florence Li Tim-Oi, the first woman ordained in the Anglican Communion.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

they're holding a fundraising campaign and are fixing up the existing building. "We're feeling quite good, and we're encouraged by the decision we've made, with the help of the diocese, to move to this location," says Canon Der.

The church has also kept a foot in North York. While they were at their former location, they started the St. Christopher's Centre at Leslie and Finch, an area with a growing Chinese population. The Centre will remain open, making St. Christopher's a two-point parish.

Last year, St. Christopher's Centre officially became one of the owner churches in this tri-congregational church building, where another Anglican parish, St. Cyprian's, and Iona Presbyterian, are the two other partners.



Outreach conference set for October

Activities planned for youth

HOW can I interest more people in my parish in outreach? What have other parishes done that works? How can I learn more about issues I care about? How do we nurture leaders?

If questions like these interest you, mark Saturday, Oct. 4, on your calendar now. It's the date of the diocese's annual Outreach Networking Conference, and this year's event promises to be better than ever. Everyone interested in outreach and social justice issues is welcome. This year's theme is "Inspiring Equality."

The conference kicks off with a keynote speech by Christian economist Armine Yalnizyan, an outstanding public speaker and an expert on Canada's growing gap between the rich and the poor. Ms. Yalnizyan is the research director of the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto.

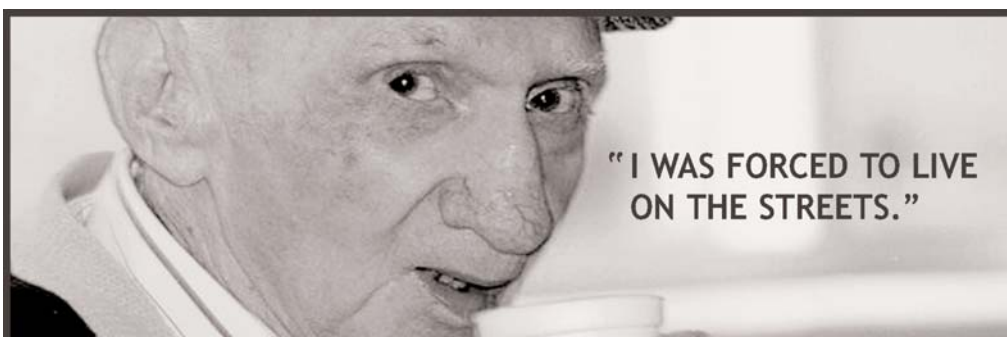
Workshops will cover a range of topics, including how to revitalize one's parish outreach, the spirituality of Christian outreach, refugee concerns, Ontario's poverty reduction movement, housing issues, and ministry amongst

people with HIV/AIDS. New workshop leaders this year include Bishop Linda Nicholls, MPP Cheri DiNovo, the Rev. Nicola Skinner, and Heather Steeves.

Young Anglicans will take part in their own activities through a program being organized by Christian Harvey, Andrea Brandt, Jenny Salisbury, and Matthew Carter, young Anglicans involved in youth ministry. It won't be all work, either: the St. John's Youth Players will stage a short performance. Worship and time to meet people from other parishes are also included.

The conference takes place on Oct. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Holy Trinity School, 11300 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill. There is a \$20 conference fee (\$10 for students and unemployed persons).

Please mark the date now and find out who else from your parish is interested in taking part. Further details and registration are posted on the conference website, www.toronto.anglican.ca/outreachconference.ca.



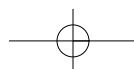
"I WAS FORCED TO LIVE ON THE STREETS."

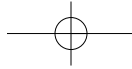
Jack — who's now 78 years old — was a former probation officer and clergyman. He was homeless for five years. He was forced to live on the streets because of health reasons and not enough income to maintain housing. Living at LOFT Community Services' St. Anne's Place has been the turning point of Jack's life during his senior years. He now has a place to call home and staff care that enables him to live a life with dignity and hope.

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Journey leads to food bank

Volunteer gives time, skills for those in need

BY NANCY DEVINE

WHEN Bonnie Kuehl isn't busy running her successful scientific consulting firm, she is working at The Compass, a food bank and drop-in centre located on Lakeshore Road in Mississauga.

The Compass operates three days a week out of a former submarine sandwich shop. It was created by churches that joined together to combat poverty and help those who needed a supportive, non-threatening community. It provides classes in English as a Second Language, as well as an informal coffee time.

The churches help stock the pantry shelves and provide volunteers who give emotional, spiritual and prayerful support to people, regardless of their nationality or religious belief.

Ms. Kuehl's own faith journey has helped her work in this ecumenical setting. When she was growing up in northern Ontario, she began attending a United Church because there wasn't a Baptist church in the community. She also lived in Scotland for two years, and attended services in the Church of Scotland. For the

past 10 years, she has been attending St. Bride, in Clarkson.

"Working with The Compass has helped us all make new friends in new churches and congregations," she says. "It has a lot to do with breaking down some of the barriers we set up for ourselves."

She says people are often surprised to find that there is a food bank in what looks like a fairly affluent area. Many people, she adds, don't understand that poverty can sneak up on a family.

"When we were in Scotland, my husband and I were students, and even though I was working, there was never enough money until the end of the month. We were routinely in overdraft. More often than not, in some really desperate times, I would go to get the mail and there would be a cheque from my mother. Not something I had asked for, but something she just felt like sending. I believe that God finds a way to provide. Now, I am at a point in my life that I can do something for someone else, and that is what I need to do."

The work she does with The Compass is Christian outreach. She says while the organization doesn't hide its church base, it al-



Bonnie Kuehl, right, and volunteer fill a food basket at The Compass.

so doesn't bash people with the Bible. "It is our aim to love them into the kingdom," she says. "They see that you are willing to share what you have and they respond to that. We don't force our beliefs on anyone, but we do ask if we can pray for them. We ask them specifically what we can pray for, and then we are intentional about doing it."

She says one man visiting The Compass said he wasn't interested in anything churches had to say anymore. He did not hesitate, however, in joining a Bible study discussion.

Her work with The Compass has also enriched her work with outreach at St. Bride's. Outreach projects are routinely prayed for during the Prayers of the People, and there is money in the parish budget specifically for local, national and international outreach programs.

"Even if we can only give a project a small amount of money one year, we also commit to praying for that organization for specific help," she says. "When we do that as a congregation, it makes us more aware of the needs. It also helps inform people about where their money is going. From my perspective, we are seeing giving improve, especially to our prayer partners. God will provide, but you have to name your needs."

Teen siblings help others

Charity work started at early age

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

IT'S no exaggeration to say that Brooke and Jordyn Harrison are two remarkable teenagers. From an early age, this sister and brother, who attend Trinity, Aurora, have been driving forces in helping others.

Jordyn, the older sibling, got involved when he was 11. One day, he picked up a book called Chicken Soup for the Pre-teen Soul and read about an American girl, also 11, who was working with foster children.

He learned that when foster children change homes, they often carry their belongings in a garbage bag. The girl had started collecting donated bags for them, and the project caught Jordyn's imagination — especially because the girl was the same age as him.

"I was able to put myself in the children's shoes, and I felt like



Brooke Harrison, second from left, and Jordyn Harrison, second from right, join fellow members of the Philip Aziz Youth Advisory Council. With them is Gene Mack, a board member of the centre and a former CFL player.

something needed to be done, it was so close to me," he says.

Finding out that the same need existed in York region, he asked his mother if he could help out by asking friends and family for bags.

Because of severe asthma, says his mother, Gina Harrison, Jordyn faced many restrictions on his activities. "How was I supposed to say no when there are so many other things you have to say no to?" she adds, with a laugh.

Now, seven years later, Jordyn's Kids for Kids charity has snowballed into a mammoth undertaking. Some 5,000 bags have passed through the Harrisons' house on their way to 21 of Ontario's 50 Children's Aid Societies. Each bag contains a toy and a book and is labelled with a card bearing the child's name and a message: "Never give up. You can do anything that you set your mind to."

Brooke Harrison was six when

she undertook her first philanthropic project. A younger cousin had leukemia and appeared to be getting worse. "Being the patient six-year-old I was, I decided the doctors weren't doing their job and I was taking matters into my own hands," she says.

She began collecting recipes from friends and family so she could sell them and give the doctors more money.

It took two years, but the project was a runaway success, resulting in a book of recipes that sold for \$10 each, raising money for three research fellowships for childhood leukemia.

A second book of recipes, produced when Brooke was 11, raised an additional \$50,000 for research.

Today, Brooke is 14 and has a new initiative on her hands. When she was being confirmed last year, she was required to take on a community outreach project. Through a family friend, she heard about the Philip Aziz Centre, a hospice for people with AIDS and terminal illness.

The hospice has a program for children who are either terminally ill or have a terminally ill family member, and Brooke decided to raise money to send these children to summer camp.

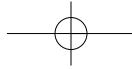
First, she made and sold bracelets that raised, she says, "a couple of thousand dollars." After this, she and Jordyn, along with four friends, formed the Philip Aziz Youth Advisory Council so they could generate more ideas for raising money for the children. Together, the council members held a successful Christmas toy drive and then began planning a fundraising golf tournament that will take place in May. The tournament is supported by corporate sponsors and Brooke has received an \$800 bursary from Trinity Church for the camp.

Although Jordyn and Brooke identified particular incidents that caused them to get involved in philanthropic work at such a young age, the significant impulse seems to come from their environment.

Gina Harrison says her own mother, a parishioner at St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ont., has always been involved in various charitable organizations.

And, she adds, "It seems to be something we do as a family. If someone is in need of something, we rally together and try and help that person. It's the way we were raised."





Youth Synod 2008

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON AND YOUTH SYNOD MEMBERS

Youth have their say

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Christian Harvey toured a youth shelter, met a housing resource officer and visited a church drop-in program. The Toronto group visited All Saints Church-Community Centre, met the incumbent, the Rev. Canon Jeannie Loughrey, and some of the clients, toured the neighbourhood, and visited nearby lunch programs.

The goal of the pre-synod events was to help young people understand the realities faced by those living in poverty and teach them to “recognize the individual as an individual, as a person with a name, a face, and a history as opposed to just a recipient in a line-up who is there for a handout,” says the Rev. Matthew McMillan, assistant curate at St. Timothy, Agincourt, who was one of the organizers of youth synod.

At youth synod itself, Saturday was devoted to small group discussions about the motions and voting. The motions pertained to topics like service, radical hospitality, housing and homelessness, and promoting awareness of these issues. Young people like

Ms. Sabbagh valued the opportunity to express their views. “I love debate,” she says. “I love giving my own opinion on something, making my own opinions clear. I appreciated the chance for youth to really express how they felt about an important situation.

“I feel a lot of the time youth are overlooked or their opinions are not considered as important. However, I think they should be equally, if not more important, because their opinions and actions are what the future of the church depends on.”

Another participant, Karimah Clarke, 17, from St. Timothy, Agincourt, says she’d like to learn more about specific actions young people can take to help those who live in poverty. “Maybe next year, we could have a workshop on how to put some of our motions into action,” she says. “For example, if we say we are going to help a homeless person, how do we actually go about doing it?”

On Saturday evening, participants visited with bishops Colin Johnson, Philip Poole, George Elliott, and Patrick Yu. They

watched the movie *Juno* and enjoyed music and dancing. On Sunday morning, participants reviewed the motions voted on the previous day and discerned actions they can take in their own parishes. They also wrote letters to their MPs as part of a national Anglican-Lutheran campaign advocating for affordable housing solutions. Youth synod concluded with a Eucharist on Sunday afternoon.

“I’d say this was one of our best events in terms of the maturity level of the participants,” says Mr. McMillan. “They were all very keenly interested in the activities and were engaged, and they all appreciated and enjoyed the opportunities with the bishops.”

Motions approved

THE following are two of the six motions passed.

Radical Hospitality

Whereas Jesus dwelt with outcasts and sinners and cast out demons;

Whereas we are called to offer radical hospitality to even the least among us;

Be it resolved that all Youth Synod delegates can practice radical hospitality by spending a reasonable amount of safe and scheduled time befriending a homeless person with your family.

Housing and Homelessness

Whereas a home is a place for nur-

ture body, mind, and spirit, for building relationships, offering hospitality, being sheltered from the cold, from isolation, and danger;

Whereas housing that is safe, affordable, and secure is an absolute requirement for creating a home;

Whereas we recognize that homelessness is more than the lack of a roof over your head during the winter months;

Whereas Jesus has prepared a place for us in God’s home, modeling for us the need to do so for those longing for a home;

Be it resolved that the delegates of Youth Synod will join the Anglican-Lutheran Action on Poverty and Homelessness by writing letters to their MPs, MPPs, and municipal councillors urging all levels of government to take immediate steps to eradicate poverty.



Filling a vase illustrates how we should fill our lives – by making sure the most important things are in our lives first. Participants looked at their own lives and how they filled their time, and where working for social justice should fit in.



Young people strike a pose during a team-building session at Youth Synod.



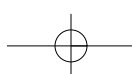
Youth Synod leaders take a break.

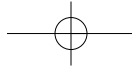


Murray MacAdam, the diocese’s consultant for Social Justice and Advocacy, speaks during a discussion on poverty and homelessness.



Matthew Carter of St. Andrew, Scarborough, speaks during the Bishop’s Discussion while Will Patrick, Peggy Saunders and Gina Yhip wait their turn.





FEATURES



Bishop Colin Johnson and participants enjoy the team-building activities.

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Ian McDougall, left, and Chris Williams of the St. John's Players act out a scene from a play that looks at homelessness and poverty issues.



Kate Driver, Gina Yhip, Taylor Esch and Ainsley Munro enjoy a happy moment.

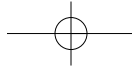


Youth synod members vote on a motion during the Bishop's Discussion.



A reflective moment during the closing eucharist.





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PARISH NEWS

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Parish welcomes new incumbent

St. George, Pickering Village, in Ajax, opened a new chapter in its life as it welcomed its new incumbent, the Rev. Suren Yoganathan, with a formal induction service on May 25. Mr. Yoganathan, a graduate of Wycliffe College, has a keen interest in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, as well as a strong belief in community service. During his last appointment, in the Parish of Lloydtown, he established a food bank and a chapter of Adult Children of Alcoholics. He has also been an active participant in the Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce. He was named "Citizen of the Year" for King City for his work in responding to the tsunami and Katrina disasters.

College hosts 30 Hour Famine

The classrooms of Wycliffe College were turned into makeshift dormitories for 73 youth and 20 youth leaders on April 11, in support of "The 30 Hour Famine," a fundraising initiative of World Vision. The event was a joint effort that involved seven churches, including St. James, Humber Bay; Christ Church, Mimico; St. Aidan, Toronto; the Church of the Resurrection; St. Margaret, New Toronto; and St. Cuthbert, Leaside; as well as Rosedale United Church.

Krista Dowdeswell, who is the youth leader at St. James, Humber Bay, and a Wycliffe doctoral student, along with her husband, Chris Dowdeswell, and Peter Patterson, a member of the parish, enlisted the help of Wycliffe College as the host site.

Wycliffe provided space for the event and offered a wind-up lunch to end the kids' 30 hours of self-imposed fasting. Several Wycliffe students and faculty members helped Ms. Dowdeswell and other youth leaders organize an evening of fun, learning and overnight classroom camping. On Friday night, a Christian rock group called "Inkblot" entertained the

youth. The rest of the event consisted of group sessions and activities that were designed to heighten awareness about the plight of children in many parts of the developing world.

By all reports, the event provided "tons of fun" and a wealth of learning for the teens. The group raised more than \$11,850, which World Vision will apply toward famine relief for children.

Reader celebrates 50 years of ministry

Last year was a year of celebrations for Clarke Mayhew, a member of the Parish of Cavan-Manners. Mr. Mayhew celebrated his 65th birthday and his 40th wedding anniversary. On Oct. 28, Mr. Mayhew's family and friends, as well as about 100 people from St. Thomas, Millbrook, and Christ Church, Baileboro, gathered to celebrate his 50th anniversary as a lay reader.

Mr. Mayhew's ministry began in the community of Maynooth, Ontario, where he was a server. In 1957, at the age of 15, he answered a call to the ministry of lay reader. He and his wife Betty have served St. Thomas, Millbrook, for the past 40 years. Mr. Mayhew, who is a retired industrial arts teacher, acts as lay minister, fills in for the incumbent as needed, and has served for 13 years as both people's and rector's warden. He also volunteers his skills in woodworking and property maintenance.

Mr. Mayhew is the founding member of the Millbrook Food Bank and continues to be an active participant. In 2004, he received the Bishop's Award for Faithful Service.

The preachers at the celebratory service were the Rev. Elizabeth Green, incumbent, and her father, the Rev. Floyd Green. They reminded the congregation that the saints of the past were servants to the people of their day, and Mr. Mayhew is a great example of ministry carried out by everyday saints.



Krista Dowdeswell, centre, registers young people at a 30 Hour Famine at Wycliffe College on April 12. About 70 youth from seven Anglican and United churches took part, raising \$11,850 to feed hungry children.

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The Rev. Suren Yoganathan



Clarke Mayhew (second from left) celebrates 50 years of lay ministry with three generations of clergy. From left to right: the Rev. Canon Susan Sheen, the Rev. Canon Walter Dyer, and the Rev. Elizabeth Green.

Young people create art for Lent

The kids and young people of St. George, Willowdale, journeyed through Lent with a special art project, which they began on the first Sunday of Lent. They created panels for the windows at the entrance to the church, depicting scenes from the life of Jesus, including his baptism, selection of disciples, time spent with children, and his healing ministry, as well as his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, crucifixion and resurrection.

The kids also created table models of symbols of Maundy Thursday, the crucifixion and the resurrection scenes. "As we reflected on what we had done, children from my class marveled at what a short period of time Jesus spent on earth and how much he accomplished in that time," says Janet Kirk, lay pastoral associate at the church. "We thought it would have been really cool to have sat with Jesus and asked our questions. The kids were also profoundly saddened that it was necessary for Jesus to die, and they questioned the reason he was betrayed and the manner of his horrible death. We talked about the fact that it is our job to take over the work the disciples began so long ago."

On Good Friday, the kids and young people dramatically recreated events of Maundy Thursday



Children from St. George's, Willowdale, work on their Lenten art project.

and Good Friday, followed by a time of fellowship in the Claude Secrett Hall. The youth spent time reflecting on their spiritual journey and planned dramatic readings for Easter Day.

Northern communities receive supplies

In the past year, All Saints', Collingwood, has developed a network of partnerships that benefits the northern communities of Bear Skin Lake, Sandy Lake, Webequie, Wapekeka, King Fisher Lake, Fort Severn, Cat Lake, Sachigo Lake, and Summer Beaver.

The ACW, with Natalie Wheatstone as president, spearheads the project. The first step is carried out by Mary Ratensperger, a community nurse for Health Canada, who works with First Nations and Inuit people. She contacts nurses and churches in the northern communities to find out their communities' needs and then relays this information to the ACW.

This year in April, three sewing machines and a record number of 101 boxes, filled with winter clothing, knitting and sewing supplies,

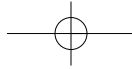
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PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrims, most of them members of St. Peter's, Cobourg, pose with Jerusalem in the background. The 33 people were on an 11-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land, visiting Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, the Golan Heights, Bethlehem, Jericho, and Jerusalem. The tour was organized by the Rev. Claire Wade, associate priest at St. Peter's, with assistance from Peter Brotherhood. "The pilgrimage made everything that I had read in the Bible real," says one participant. "We took turns reading the appropriate Bible verses as we were on our pilgrimage. They are no longer words on a page."





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The Rev. Jenny Andison of St. Paul, Bloor Street, makes a point in the Passion for Planting workshop.



The Rev. Dr. Duke Viperman demonstrates a warm greeting in the Passion for Evangelism workshop.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Area shows passion

BY ANGELA EMERSON

IGNORING a sudden TTC strike, more than 50 people from 21 parishes in York-Credit Valley gathered on April 26 for a day of lively discussions and workshops on passionate spirituality. Indeed, passionate spirituality was there in abundance.

Bishop Philip Poole and the Rev. Jeffrey Kennedy welcomed the participants, both lay and clergy, many of whom began gathering in the Etobicoke community centre as early as 8 a.m.

Archdeacon Michael Patterson of the Diocese of Niagara gave the keynote address, "Passionate Spirituality: an Anglican Oxymoron?" He spoke of the need for Anglicans to learn to articulate their faith, and to create healthy environments where the Spirit can grow so that people will say, "I want to be here. I want more of this."

During the day, participants chose two out of five workshops to attend. The choice was difficult, as all five workshops were inviting, appealing, and relevant to today's church.

"Passion for Evangelism" was led by the Rev. Dr. Duke Viperman, incumbent of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, and chair of the diocese's Church Plant Working Group. He spoke of the need for Anglicans to enthusiastically take words and deeds out into the world to inspire in others a passion for following Jesus.

"Passion for Justice" was led by the Rev. Canon Jeannie Loughrey, incumbent of All Saints, Sherbourne Street, where for many years there has been an outreach to the poor, the homeless, the isolated, the marginalized, the dispossessed, sex trade workers and people with mental health issues. "There is no area of life where you cannot work for justice," she said.

In "Passion for Children's Ministry," the Rev. Amy Crawford of the United Church explored ways of honouring the rich spirituality of children—how to be in community with them, how to enable them to discover God's grace, and how to bring new life to ministry with them. She is currently journeying with the children of All Saints, Kingsway.

"Passion for Stewardship," by the Rev. Canon Peter Walker of St. Peter, Cobourg, explored the Biblical vision of stewardship as caring for God's manifold gifts. He explained that good stewardship is so much more than simply fundraising; when people catch the Christian vision of stewardship as relating to all creation, individuals and communities give of themselves in very costly and generous ways.

"Passion for Planting" by the Rev. Jenny Andison of St. Paul, Bloor Street, taught how to reach out to various groups of people, including the unchurched, the lapsed, the indifferent, the seekers, and even those who are hostile to the church. She believes passionately that there are ways of bringing the light of Christ to all of these people, but the road to one group is not necessarily the road to another.

Enthusiastic, friendly and passionate conversation filled the dining hall during lunch. The day concluded with a panel discussion on "Becoming a Passionate Church," moderated by the Rev.



Archdeacon Michael Patterson of the Diocese of Niagara gives the keynote address, "Passionate Spirituality: An Anglican Oxymoron."

Allan Budzin, incumbent of St. Phillip, Etobicoke. On the panel were Archbishop Terence Finlay, Canon Donna Hunter, the Rev. Michelle Childs and Garcia Robinson, all of whom shared their visions of how we, as members of the Body of Christ, become a pas-

sionate church. All participants were greatly enriched by this day and left with a greater awareness of their passion for God and the church, and how to share that passion with others.

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were shipped north. Community contributors included Wal-Mart, which donated two sewing machines, and Holiday Inn, which contributed eight boxes of quilts and bedding. Christ Church, Batteau, and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Thornbury, contributed clothing and financial support. St Paul's also contributed a sewing machine.

Parishioners from All Saints donated Sunday School supplies and clothing and sorted and packed all the boxes. Manitoulin Transport from Gore Bay and Wasaya Airlines from Thunder Bay made sure that all 101 boxes and the sewing machines arrived safely at their destinations.

Says the Rev. Heather Stacey of All Saints: "This is a wonderful program and a wonderful thing to be part of. We hope it will keep growing."

Exhibit remembers those who fought

St. Barnabas, Chester, is planning a Special Memorial Service on Nov. 9 as part of their 150th celebrations this year. The event will feature an exhibition of artifacts collected by members of the congregation based on the names from the church's many memorial plaques and dedications for those who fought in past world conflicts. Using the Canadian National Archives and newspaper

clippings available on the Internet, they have uncovered more than 90 enlistment or casualty records. They are hoping that with the assistance of the wider community, they will be able to discover more information on the 60 remaining names.

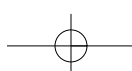
If you wish to participate in this project, either to find out more information on a relative or particular individual, or to offer additional details to the project, contact Sheila Cram of the 150th Anniversary Committee at (416) 461-8644. For more information about St. Barnabas, Chester, and the 150th Anniversary Events, visit the website at www.stbarnabas-toronto.com.

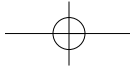


A FIRST

Bishop Linda Nicholls, second from right, shares a smile with the Rev. Ruth Knapp and the servers from Christ Church, Campbellford, on April 13, at the induction service for Ms. Knapp. It was Bishop Nicholls' first induction in the diocese.

What's happening in your church this summer? Send information and photos to editor@toronto.anglican.ca, and we will publish them in the fall.





Abandoned child soldiers seek forgiveness, healing

BY DARYL STOGRYN

I did terrible things to my country and my people. I know how many people I have killed. I know when I started killing. When you go so deep into shedding blood like this, it makes you insane. Ordinary psychological counseling cannot help; only Jesus has enough power to change you from this."

And so began my conversations with Joshua, formerly known as "General Butt Naked" in the 14-year war in Liberia. (He got his title by charging into battle naked, except for his shoes and gun.) If anyone had told me that I would someday be spending two days meeting former child soldiers in the war-torn country of Liberia, I would have said they were crazy. But here I was, sitting side by side with one of the most infamous legends of the civil war, a man who was responsible for leading young warriors into battle and responsible for more than 20,000 deaths.

Now a follower of Jesus and committed to "repairing what harm" he can, Joshua is surrounded by former fighters, some of whom he fought against, all of whom are desperate to share their story and seek forgiveness and healing.

There is the former "General Allen," recruited at 14 and forced to eat the hearts of his victims to gain strength — and developing a taste for them. "After the war, I was restless. I was not happy unless I could see blood. I used to watch people kill animals for food, just so I could see the blood. I did not know what war was until I was in it — at the front."

Another former fighter says, "After the war I went into hiding. I had not had a bath for over three years, or changed my clothes. Joshua found me hiding in the graveyard. He said I did not have to live like this. He took me to church. I smelled so bad, but this old woman came right up to me at the door and hugged me. She said, 'Welcome home.' That changed me. I thank God for my



Daryl Stogryn talks to a former child soldier in Liberia.

life this day."

Two days of hearing the stories of how these men were recruited, brutalized and turned into killers was by far one of the

most intense and emotionally draining things I have ever experienced. These men, now in their late 20s and older, were robbed of their childhoods and thrust in-

to war. When the war was over, they were abandoned. A former boy commander summed it up: "When I was ready to kill for you, or do evil things for you, I had all the support I needed. But now that I want to do good things and be a good person, where are the good people to support me?"

It's a good question, and difficult to answer. However, I do know that Youth For Christ-Liberia is very active in working with people like Joshua to help them re-integrate former child fighters into society — a society that does not want them.

Please pray for Liberia and for those trying to make a difference there.

From Feb. 8-23, an adult team from St. Paul's, Brighton, and staff from Northumberland Youth For Christ, lived and worked in Ghana for the benefit of the people there. Two team members, including Daryl Stogryn, traveled to Liberia to learn about Youth For Christ's ministry to former child soldiers.

Forum pushes for action on poverty

Toronto, Niagara groups attend

BY MURRAY MACADAM

ENCOURAGED by the provincial government's commitment to reduce poverty, Anglicans are adding their voices to a growing campaign to lift up people trapped in poverty through a clear, measurable anti-poverty program.

Twenty Anglicans from the dioceses of Toronto and Niagara were among 110 people of faith who packed a Queen's Park forum on April 16 to learn how Quebec rallied citizens and organizations to support an anti-poverty law, and to hear from the Hon. Deb Matthews, chair of the government's Cabinet Committee on Poverty Reduction. The Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition, an Ontario-wide anti-poverty group, sponsored the forum.

Rabbi Shalom Schachter opened the forum with a powerful call to conscience, urging participants to realize that liberation has both a

communal and a personal element. "Our neighbours are created in the divine image," he noted.

Ian Renaud-Lauze, from the Collective for a Quebec Without Poverty, outlined that province's success in mobilizing people across a wide spectrum of society in favour of an anti-poverty action program. The province has passed an Act to Combat Poverty and Social Exclusion, although Mr. Renaud-Lauze admitted that much remains to be done to lift up Quebec's poor.

"We are going in the right direction," Ms. Matthews told the forum, citing a 27 per cent increase for a single mother with two children, since her government took power in 2003. She also cited increased funds for student nutrition, the government's new dental plan for the working poor, and funds to repair social housing.

"All of us have to have a shared vision of what kind of Ontario we



Anglicans attending the forum are, from left: Colleen Sym, the Rev. Claire Goodrich-Dyer, Sue Ann Elite, Ted Glover, Maggie Helwig, Murray MacAdam, Derek Stapleton, Susan Curran, Ruth Schembri, Louise Briggs, Gail Turner and Ann Rice. Not shown: The Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon, the Rev. Canon Gerald Loweth and Elizabeth Loweth, and Lee Creal.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

want to live in," she said. "We're all in this together. How do we create opportunities for people? It's not going to be as simple as raising the minimum wage and raising social assistance rates." The government's anti-poverty plan, she said, will focus on children first.

New Democratic MPPs Michael Prue and Cheri DiNovo urged the government to take steps now to lift up the poor, arguing that the poor can't wait. Mr. Prue urged participants to step up their efforts as Ontario faces a slowing economy. "If anyone suffers from a

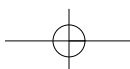
worsening economy, it's the poor."

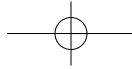
"It was clear from the comments made by Minister Matthews and the response to them that we cannot become complacent now that the government is moving ahead with a poverty reduction strategy," said Colleen Sym, social justice coordinator for the Diocese of Niagara. "In fact, it may be more important than ever for us all to continue working together to ensure that true structural changes occur that address poverty in our communities."



The Hon. Deb Matthews

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VOLUNTEERS HONOURED

Volunteers in West Toronto and Etobicoke deaneries were honoured by Bishop Philip Poole on April 29 at All Saints, Kingsway. The evening celebrated the efforts of those active in local food banks, Out of the Cold programs, meal programs, advocacy work, and other efforts to build communities of hope and compassion. Above are the volunteers and at right is Maggie Helwig, who works to encourage outreach efforts in the deaneries.

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Diocesan Centre to be more friendly to the environment

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Here are some of the highlights of the refurbishment:

- The Anglican Church Women's office, currently located on the third floor, will be moved to the first floor to provide easier access to the sidewalk and parking lot for ACW members and their guests.
 - The area bishops' offices for York-Credit Valley and York-Scarborough will be relocated from their current locations at the Church of the Atonement and St. Paul's, L'Amoreaux, respectively, to the third floor of the Diocesan Centre. This is being done out of consideration for more effective staffing and achieving the budget reduction targets set by synod.
 - Departments will be grouped according to their work. "The groups that need to be together to serve parishes more effectively will be together," says Mr. Mills.
 - The entire second floor will be used for meeting space, with rooms capable of holding 25 or more people.
 - The reception area will be reconfigured, making it more welcoming for visitors and more secure for staff.
- The refurbishment will make the building more environmentally friendly. All the light fixtures and insulation will adhere to the

highest green standards. Even the office furnishings will be built from environmentally friendly materials.

When the refurbishment is complete, the bishops' offices and departments will be located on the following levels:

Lower level: Archives, Stewardship Development, Ministry Resources, Custodian.

First floor: Reception, Anglican Church Women, Communications and Social Justice and Advocacy, Chaplaincy, Office Services and Information Technology.

Second floor: Meeting rooms.

Third floor: bishops' offices, Administration, Finance and Secretary of Synod offices, Planning and Development, Human Resources.

The outside of the building will not be changed, maintaining the historic look of the building, says Mr. Mills.

The changes to the building reflect the diocese's move toward greater efficiency. Last May, synod voted to reduce the diocesan budget by \$700,000 in 2008-2009. As a result, staffing and work have been reconfigured to reduce expenditures.

The renovations will cost \$1.6 million, funded from the diocese's Ministry Allocation Fund. Synod first earmarked these funds in 2005 and Diocesan Council approved the detailed plan in April.

Parishes can energize their volunteers

Conference seeks to 'unleash lay ministry'

BY STUART MANN

SHARON Jones admits she is really good at doing laundry and ironing, but it's not something she wants to do every day. Similarly, volunteers in parishes may be doing one thing while yearning to do something else, she says.

"Just because we're good at something doesn't mean we're called to do it," says Ms. Jones, chair of lay volunteer ministry at St. Thomas, Brooklin. "Maybe there's something I could be really good at and I feel called to do. But how am I going to do it if there isn't a program or people to help me?"

For those in that predicament, help is on the way. An upcoming workshop, Energizing Volunteers, will help churches empower their volunteers – and be transformed in the process. The workshop, held Oct. 24-25 at St. George, Pickering, will be led by Suzanne Law-

son and Marilyn MacKenzie, two leaders in the field of volunteer administration.

Ms. Jones and four others from her parish attended last year's workshop. She says the experience helped her church get its priorities in order. "The conference helped us determine what we're really good at and to give thanks for that, and to take what we have and improve on it. We're kind of reorganizing our children's and youth ministry, down to job descriptions, how we're going to implement the training program, and how we recruit and recognize these people – everything from a commissioning service to a barbecue as a way of saying thanks."

The Rev. Canon Peter Walker, incumbent of St. Peter's, Cobourg, says the workshop addresses one of the core needs of any parish. "We don't lack people; we just don't have any way of stewarding their gifts," he says. "This workshop



Marilyn MacKenzie and Suzanne Lawson listen to participants during last year's workshop. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

gives a method, an approach and an understanding. It talks about not just finding the volunteers but training and caring for them."

As a result of last year's work-

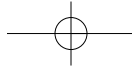
shop, St. Peter's recruited a coordinator for lay volunteers. "As a way to unleash lay ministry, I thought the conference was marvelous," he says.

Heather Steeves, the diocese's consultant in volunteer management, says the workshop will help parish leaders find the right person for the right position at the right time. "It takes some planning and there is a body of knowledge to help you know how to do that," she says. "At the end of the day, clergy and laity will not only know all the pieces to doing that, they will have a plan that's tailor-made for their parish, so when they go home they can begin implementing it the next day."

She says energized volunteers can transform a church. "Involving volunteers in their areas of gifting energizes not only the volunteer but also the church. As they work where God has gifted them and God continues to work in their lives, it can be transformational, and that's what we're going after in the workshop. That's what we would like to see happen in churches. We want to change it from being a drag to find the right people for the right tasks, to being a joy."

For more information, contact Heather Steeves at hsteeves@toronto.anglican.ca.





LOOKING AHEAD

Items for Looking Ahead should be emailed to hpaukov@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the September issue is July 21. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website. Visit www.toronto.anglican.ca, click Calendar, then click Submit an Event.

Services

JUNE 1 – St. John, Cookstown, is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the founding of the Cemetery Board at 11:15 a.m. The guest speaker will be the Rev. Canon Judy Rois, who was the incumbent from 1987 to 1991. Refreshments will be served after the service. Everyone welcome, especially those who have loved ones buried in the cemetery. The church is located at 29 Church St. E. For more information, call (705) 458-1801 or (705) 458-1835.

JUNE 1 – St. Paul, L'Amoreaux, will mark the 60th anniversary of the Rev. Gordon Byce's ordination to the priesthood and his 44 years of service as an honorary assistant at St. Paul's, during a service of evensong at 6 p.m. with Bishop Linda Nicholls. For more information, call (416) 499-1545.

Meetings/Lectures

JUNE 10 – Church of the Redeemer, 162 Bloor Street W., Toronto, explores the first five books of the Bible in an engaging series that blends storytelling, lectures and music. The series continues with Numbers, with the Rev. Andrew Federle, assistant curate, 7-9 p.m. Admission is free, but participants must register by June 6 by calling (416) 922-4948, or visiting www.theredeemer.ca -> News/Information. A community meal will be served from 6 to 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall, for a suggested donation of \$8 per person.

JUNE 14 & 15 – St. Leonard, 25 Wanless Ave., Toronto, will hold its Centennial Homecoming Cele-

brations. All are invited to join in celebrating the parish's 100th year. For more information, call (416) 485-7278 or email stleonards.toronto@rogers.com.

JULY 29 – Patronal Festival at St. Olave, Swansea. Evensong for St. Olave's Day at 6 p.m., followed by barbecue. Bring your friends and neighbours. For more details, call (416) 769-5686 or visit www.stolaves.ca.

OCT. 17 & 18 – The Bishop's Committee on Prayer will hold its biennial Prayer Conference at St. John, York Mills, in Toronto, from 6 p.m. on Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday. The keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Harry Robinson. Each participant may take part in two workshops. Special rate for first-time participants. For further information, contact Carol Anne and John Foxy, at (416) 767-0253.

OCT. 17, 18, 19 – The 2008 FLAME conference will take place at Jackson's Point Conference Centre. The speaker will be the Rt. Rev. Eddie Marsh, former bishop of Central Newfoundland. Saturday night entertainment by Beyond the Veil worship band. The fee for first-time participants is \$125. For more information, contact registrar Al Thompson at (905) 271-4095 or visit www.toronto.flameconference.ca/a_home.htm.

Sales

JUNE 7 – Yard sale, barbecue, bake sale, and much more, at St. Crispin, 77 Craiglee Dr., Scarborough, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call (416) 267-7932.

JUNE 21 – Church of the Resurrection, 1100 Woodbine Ave., Toronto, is holding a June Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Outdoor yard sale, plants & BBQ, home baking, books, jewellery and tea room (sandwich plate) with strawberry shortcake for dessert. For information, call (416) 425-8383.

Music/Drama

JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26 – Thursday Organ Recitals at 12:10 p.m. at St.



NEW DEACONS

Bishops and clergy join Bishop Colin Johnson and newly ordained transitional deacons after the Ordination to the Sacred Order of Deacons service at St. James' Cathedral on May 3. The new deacons are, from left, the Rev. Christine Watt, the Rev. Ruthanne Ward, the Rev. Simon Bell, the Rev. Stephen Kern, the Rev. Rylan Montgomery, and the Rev. Donald Shields.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Ven. Paul Feheley, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Chad, April 1.
- The Rev. David Adams, Honorary Assistant, St. George, Barrie, April 10.
- The Very Rev. John Van Nostrand Wright, Honorary Assistant, St. Simon-the-Apostle, April 10.
- The Rev. Lisa Wang, Associate Priest, St. James Cathedral, May 1.
- The Rev. Diana McHardy, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Lloydtown, May 1.
- The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, Incumbent, Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, June 1.
- The Rev. Warren Leibovitch, Incumbent, St. Paul, Lindsay, Sept. 1.

Ordinations

The following people were ordained to the Transitional Diaconate on May 4 and have been appointed as Assistant Curates in their respective parishes:

- Mr. Simon Bell, Ascension, Port Perry
- Mr. Rylan Montgomery, St. James Cathedral
- Ms. Ruthanne Ward, St. Mary, Richmond Hill
- Ms. Christine Watt, Trinity East
- Mr. Donald Shields, Grace Church, Markham
- Mr. Stephen Kern, Trinity Church, Aurora

The following people were ordained Vocational Deacons on April 27:

- Ms. Beverley Yvonne Harvey
- Ms. Aleda Faye Wylie

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):

- Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton)
- Parish of Lakefield
- St. James the Apostle, Brampton
- Parish of Coldwater-Medonte
- St. John, Weston
- St. John the Baptist (Dixie)
- Ascension, Don Mills
- St. Peter's, Scarborough
- Parish of Lloydtown

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee Receiving Names

(via Area Bishop):

- Parish of Orillia South (York-Simcoe)
- St. Mark, Midland

Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing

(not receiving names):

- St. Timothy, North Toronto (York-Scarborough)

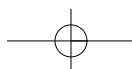
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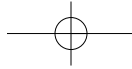
- The Rev. Margaret Morewood died on April 6, 2008. She served in the Diocese of Saskatoon as lay deaconess to the bishop in two parishes in the 1960s. Deacon Morewood joined the Diocese of Toronto in 1991, when she was ordained to the diaconate. She served at St. John the Baptist, Lakefield, until declining health required her retirement. The funeral service for Deacon Morewood was held at St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, on April 9, 2008.



SPRING CLEANUP

St. Cuthbert, Leaside, helped care for the environment and the community with its second annual Community Cleanup on April 19. Joined by people from the neighbourhood, 28 parishioners collected bags of garbage along a section of the Bayview Extension in Toronto.





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READING THE BIBLE
 BY THE REV. CANON DON BEATTY

Early church holds lessons for us

As we continue our dialogue about the scriptures, let us look at Luke. Paul calls him the beloved physician (Col.4: 14). He authored the gospel which bears his name and the Acts of the Apostles. He was converted to Christianity by Paul about AD 52 in Antioch and was with Paul for most of the second and third missionary journeys, and again during his trip to Rome. In Acts 16:10, we see the beginning of the "we" passages, suggesting that Luke was now an eyewitness with Paul on his mission trips.

Luke is the only Gentile writer in the New Testament, and his Gospel presents a very human, compassionate side of Jesus. He uses the Greek names for many of the places in the Holy Land, like Gennesaret for the Sea of Galilee and Calvary for Golgotha. He appeals little to Jewish history.

believers there who had been converted by Philip (Acts 8:17). Again, those present felt the power of the Holy Spirit.

Then we see Peter at the House of Cornelius, a Gentile, and the Holy Spirit is again present in power (Acts 10:44). Luke also records the story of Paul in Ephesus; he lays hands on the 12 men there, and they too receive this power of the Spirit (Acts 19:6).

Luke is demonstrating the growth of the church from Jerusalem to Samaria and eventually into the rest of the Roman Empire. The Holy Spirit is active and directing the work of this early church in the first century, as the Spirit has throughout history.

The Acts of the Apostles covers a period of 35 years of early church history. It is divided into two parts. From AD 30 to 45 we see the church in Jerusalem; AD 45 to 65 is the record of the mission church operating out of Syrian-Antioch and spreading throughout the Roman Empire. The followers were first called Christian in Syrian-Antioch (Acts 11:26).

Peter is the main character in the first part of this story. He was the leader of this small Jewish sect, called the "followers of the Way." Paul appears briefly in Chapter 8 at the stoning of Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Again, Paul is present during the persecution of the church in Chapter 9. He takes this persecution to Damascus and, along the way, has his conversion experience as he meets the risen Christ. From Chapter 13 to the end of Acts, Paul is the main figure.

Luke appears to be a historian as well as a physician. His dating of events is very precise. He establishes the birth of Jesus in six different ways. He addresses his two books to Theophilus, although we have no idea who this may be. The word in Greek means Lover of God, and in the Gospel he calls him "Most Excellent." Thus, he may have been a high-ranking Roman official.

Only Luke contains the birth story of Jesus, including the trip to Bethlehem, the birth of Jesus in a cave, and the shepherds coming to the manger. He also records the birth of John the Baptist. These birth stories are meant to be compared. John is only the forerunner; Jesus is the Messiah.

Luke shows us Jesus as a teacher, recording some 29 parables. Matthew has 20 parables and Mark has only eight. John has none. It is Luke who gives us those most familiar and loved stories such as the Good Samaritan and the Prodigal Son.

The Acts of the Apostles is the story of the early church – beginning in Jerusalem following the ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit – and how it reached out into the Roman Empire. It is centred on four Pentecostal experiences. We see the first Pentecost in Chapter 2, when the Holy Spirit fell upon all the members of that early church. There were 120 in number. This is significant. It required 120 men to form a self-governing synagogue. The power of the Holy Spirit came upon each person present and empowered him or her for the work of the ministry.

The next experience was in Samaria when Peter and John go down and lay hands on the

Luke and Acts tell the story of that young church as it moved from being a tiny Jewish sect into a worldwide, primarily Gentile existence. This church straddled both worlds. Luke records these events for us very vividly with a sense of excitement and urgency.

I believe the future of our church in the 21st century lies in discovering what life in the early church was all about and applying this learning today. It is not about trying to copy it. Rather, it is about learning what it means to redefine ourselves in light of the message about Jesus of Nazareth, and learning to live in expectation and knowing the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives today.

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PRAYER CYCLE

- FOR JULY**
1. St. Aidan, Toronto
 2. St. Andrew's Japanese Congregation
 3. St. Barnabas, Chester
 4. St. Columba and All Hallows
 5. St. David's, Donlands
 6. College View Supportive Housing Service (LOFT)
 7. St. John, Chinese
 8. St. John the Baptist, Norway
 9. St. Luke, East York
 10. St. Matthew, First Avenue
 11. St. Monica
 12. St. Saviour, Toronto
 13. North Peel Deanery
 14. Christ Church, Bolton
 15. Christ Church, Brampton
 16. Holy Family, Heart Lake, Brampton
 17. St. James, Caledon East
 18. St. James the Apostle, Brampton
 19. St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea
 20. Dunn Avenue Supportive Housing Service
 21. St. Jude, Bramalea North

22. Trinity, Campbell's Cross
23. Church of the Advent
24. Good Shepherd, Weston
25. St. Chad's, Toronto
26. St. Hilda, Fairbank
27. Toronto West Deanery
28. St. John, West Toronto
29. St. Mark and Calvary
30. St. Martin in-the-Fields
31. St. Olave, Swansea

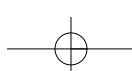
- FOR AUGUST**
1. St. Paul, Runnymede
 2. All Saints, Sherbourne St.
 3. St. James Deanery
 4. Holy Trinity, Trinity Square
 5. Redeemer
 6. San Lorenzo Ruiz (Toronto)
 7. St. Andrew by-the-Lake
 8. St. Bartholomew
 9. St. Paul, Bloor Street
 10. John Gibson House (LOFT)
 11. St. Peter, Carlton St.
 12. St. Simon-the-Apostle

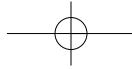
SOCIAL JUSTICE PRAYER CYCLE

- JULY 6** – St. John, Weston, and its Thursday night community suppers.
- JULY 13** – St. John, York Mills, and its support of Flemingdon Park Ministry, the Make Poverty History campaign and its fair trade initiatives.
- JULY 20** – San Lorenzo, Toronto, and its annual Caravan of Hope, bringing supplies to the needy in El Salvador.
- JULY 27** – St. Margaret, New Toronto, and its monthly community dinners, participation in the Out of the Cold program, support of refugees, youth outreach, rehab ministry, food cupboard and nursing initiative.
- AUG. 3** – St. Mark and Calvary,

- Toronto, and its support and advocacy for the Monaco Place affordable housing project.
- AUG. 10** – St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, and its participation in a weekly meal program for the homeless and marginally housed.
- AUG. 17** – St. Matthew, Islington, and its outreach and building projects in Bolivia, its food bank, hosting of an Out of the Cold program, and the outreach ministries of the St. Anne's and St. Martha's groups.
- AUG. 24** – St. Matthew the Apostle, Toronto, and its monthly community clothing sale and AIDS education and advocacy initiatives.
- AUG. 31** – St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, and its Beeton Cup-

- board and involvement in Out of the Cold.
- SEPT. 7** – St. Paul, Bloor Street, and its support of Jacaranda Farm in northern Nigeria, Habitat for Humanity, and its partnership with the Toronto City Mission.
- SEPT. 14** – St. Peter, Cobourg, and its support of the ecumenical NeighbourLink outreach services, including a weekly supper program, school breakfast clubs and reading programs.
- SEPT. 21** – St. Peter, Erindale, and its Deacon's Cupboard, parish nursing initiative, and the work of its Steering Committee on Refugees.
- SEPT. 28** – St. Peter, Oshawa, and its food bank.





Priest lives close to the land

Farmer has passion for ecology

BY HENRIETA PAUKOV

At the beginning of her ordained ministry, when she was a parish priest in Caledon East, the Rev. Cathy Miller was given some advice on connecting with her parishioners. "A friend who is a priest in this diocese told me that I should watch hockey games, so that I would have something to talk about with my parishioners," recalls Ms. Miller, who is now priest-in-charge for the Parish of Creemore. "I said, 'Well, in Caledon, that means that I should learn about farming.'"

She knew nothing about the subject, so she started helping out at a nearby farm. "It was a great way to keep fit and a great stress reliever, because the work is so physical," she says. "I really got hooked." She now lives on a 96-acre farm, where she raises cattle, pigs and poultry. "I find it works, because churches slow down in the summer when farming really picks up," she says. "I'm really busy on the farm from around April until August, so things are manic for a couple of months while churches are still going. Once church life slows down in June, I find my life a bit more manageable again."

Her work on the farm is about much more than just finding common ground with her parishioners — it is part of her life-long concern about the Earth and the way it is used and abused by humanity. "I have a big passion about

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Our Lives features inspiring stories of the clergy and laypeople among us. This month, The Anglican talks to the Rev. Cathy Miller.

food," she says. "It's so meaningful for me, as an Anglican priest, because our central unitive symbol is the gathering on Sunday morning around a ritual meal. I think that when you gather around for a ritual meal, you can't help but think about the implications of your eating. For me, the whole farming thing is about justice around food issues."

On her farm, justice means that she supports the local economy by buying local products, even if that means that she technically cannot call some of her own products organic. "I don't want to use feed that's organic that I buy from the Kingston area — I'd rather support my local feed mill that happens to not be organic," she says. "So there are some things that I do organically and some things where I'm just committed to the local scene."

She says that Christians have been remiss in not challenging the dominant economic system that has been so devastating to the environment and to communities. "They just closed the last peach canning factory in Ontario a month or so ago," she says. "Now we are importing peaches from China. The footprint that is created just to get food on our table is huge. Oftentimes, the reason these things happen is because the regulations of Agriculture Canada make it impossible for small operators to oper-

ate. They are just so overregulated. This is true of abattoirs, this is true of anything small.

"The Canadian agricultural policy promotes large-scale industrial farming, and it's decimated rural communities, because they were based on small family farms. And the church knows this because so often it is the churches in the small communities that are struggling because everybody has moved to the city."

In January 2007, in an effort to address the environmental issues in her own community, she started a group called the Clearview Eco-Action Network (CLEAN). "I put a note in the paper that said that I was interested in working with a group of people who were interested in environmental action as well as spirituality, because for me that's a big piece," she says. "I started off calling it the St. Luke's Centre for Eco-Spirituality and Justice, but after our first meeting, the name got changed and became more secularized, because by and large the people who came were not church people."

The CLEAN group, now about 20 members strong, has accomplished a lot in a year and a half. One of their first projects was a contest in the local schools to encourage kids to think of ways that the municipality could be eco-friendly and save money. Then they held a "slo-food feast" — slo standing for seasonal, local, organic — celebrating the local agricultural economy and building environmental awareness. "We had a fabulous speaker, as well as some great music," says Ms. Miller. "It was a really great event." They have held solstice and equinox services to help people make the connection between Christian beliefs and what's going on in the natural world.

Other initiatives include educating people about pesticide use. "The province is planning to ban pesticides for esthetic purposes, and people need to understand why," says Ms. Miller. "We are also working with the municipality on waste diversion — they are just going to get a green box program started in Simcoe County. We have a market stall in the Creemore market to promote sustainable lifestyle choices." They are also thinking about establishing a "100-mile store."

Ms. Miller recently completed the coursework for her D. Min. in theology and ecology. "That's been very rich," she says. "When I did my M. Div., it was all about redemption and salvation, so it has been a real joy to think about creation and a theology of creation, and to really come to understand how a theology of redemption fits within a theology of creation, not the other way around. The whole thing, as far as I'm concerned, is healthier and makes way more sense that way."

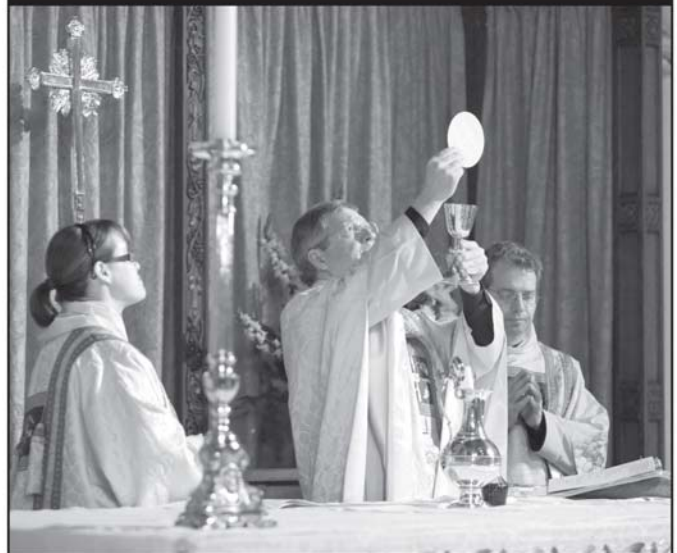
She says that a spiritual approach is needed if people's attitudes and actions are to be transformed for a more sustain-

able way of living. "I think that the transformation that has to occur is huge," she says. "Every decision that we make as human beings — whether or not we are going to drive our car or walk, whether or not we are going to buy a gas guzzling car or a hybrid, what we buy in the grocery store — makes a difference. I think that we all have to start thinking that way, and I don't think that's going to happen without a conversion experience. So that brings in the realm of the spirit and this is the role that I think churches are called to play in this: encourage people to buy less, encourage people to know the implications of what their shopping dollars are used for."

"We believe that God created the world, so surely that means that we have a responsibility to ensure that it's cared for in a way that is good not only for ourselves but for future generations."

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