



The Northland



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Letter from Bishop Tom Corston

Dear Northland Readers

It has been a “steep learning curve” since my consecration as the ninth Bishop of Moosonee. Having once been priest in the Diocese, I assumed I would know at least some things, but it was a long while ago and much has changed. One thing for certain is the wealth of files and materials left behind by our beloved Bishop Caleb Lawrence that are so very valuable to my learning and to the history of the Diocese. Also, since coming aboard, I have been ably assisted by The Reverend Edna Murdy who served as our Administrator following the Bishop’s retirement. While we are sorry to see Edna go, we do extend our best wishes to her as she enters into a well deserved retirement. The staff at the Synod Office have also been so helpful in seeing to it that the new Bishop is brought up to date on the various ministries and undertakings of the Diocesan administration. Indeed, the Diocese is fortunate to have such a well-working administrative team.

The Consecration on July 6th was an unforgettable moment, not only in my personal life, but in the life of the Diocese. I am indebted to those who assisted in so many ways to make it such a powerful and moving experience. The “Consecration Team” who worked for weeks leading up to the day were invaluable in their caring of the details. I am indebted to the local

parishes of the Timmins Cathedral parish, Schumacher and South Porcupine for all that was done by so many.

There was a moment in the consecration when I was very much aware that we were “encompassed about by so great a cloud of witnesses” when I felt the presence of family, and friends who have been part of this journey throughout my life. As I knelt before the Archbishop it was a most powerful moment. It reminded me of the words of my predecessor under whose authority and guidance I served in the Diocese, Bishop James Watton, who wrote in the “Northland” upon his election as Bishop; “...someone else’s love, sacrifice and devotion has brought me here

*Horden’s printer’s ink,
Newnham’s calloused
hands, Holmes’ western
air, Anderson’s homespun
quietude, Renison’s Irish
twinkle, Clarke’s
continuing spirit,
Robinson’s oriental
calm...(and I could add
Watton’s common-sense
intelligence and
Lawrence’s passionate
determination). They (were)
all there, each providing
the foundation on which I
must stand...and the light
by which I will see...and if
God be with us, who can
be against us?”*

Indeed, it is true and I am ever so thankful.

Since July I have been able to travel to some parts of

the Diocese. My first Confirmation was in Kashechewan on my first Sunday as Bishop when twenty-four candidates were presented by the community’s elders (along with 21 children to be baptized!). The following week saw

Knocking at the front door of St. Matthew’s Cathedral, Timmins



another thirty candidates presented in Mistissini and Waswanipi. A three-day visit to Chisasibi with the Archbishop and Edna Murdy saw the beginnings of a renewed vision for that large parish. Other visits have taken place to Val d'Or, Kirkland Lake, and Kapuskasing. As I write this letter, we are about to begin our annual Clericus when the clergy and Lay-leaders of the Diocese gather for prayer and learning. To be sure, as I begin this new ministry I am very much aware of the selfless ministry undertaken by the few clergy we have on the ground in Moosonee. I am in awe of them all and feel so humbled by their service.

Years ago Archbishop Renison very proudly displayed an old bookplate he had found in an English book store. It portrayed a tranquil, medieval pastoral scene and was entitled "Ye Happie Kingdom". Renison equated it to life in the Diocese of Moosonee and the scene was used on the Christmas cover of the "Northland" for over thirty years. Today the Diocese of Moosonee is a vastly different place with some far different and, some would agree, far more difficult struggles. Indeed, some might not see the Diocese at all anymore as "Ye Happie Kingdom". Perhaps so. Yet, on the other hand, wherever the Gospel is proclaimed and people worship Jesus as Lord, the kingdom is present. To be sure, difficulties surround us on every side, but there is also much good happening. True, the Church is no longer what it once was, but that simply opens up to us the opportunity to look at being the church and doing the church differently. Indeed, the Church might change and in some places, even disappear in the form it has historically been, but the Gospel of Jesus Christ is firm and "stands fast forever". There is much to do in this "happie kingdom". I pray you will share with me in this exciting endeavour as we begin this new ministry.

I am yours sincerely, in the ministry we share
Thomas A. Corston

Consecration of a Bishop

*Submitted by: Allison Cline-Dean
Sudbury, Ontario*

On 5 and 6 July 2010 all roads led to Timmins, ON. July 6th dawned hot and muggy with the humidex making it feel like 34C. The Roman Catholic Cathedral of St. Anthony of Padua was filled to capacity with over 400 people (some sitting in the balcony) all present to celebrate with and honour The Ven. Tom Corston as he was consecrated the ninth Anglican bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee.

All the bishops from the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario were present as was the Primate of Canada, The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, fresh from dining with the Queen in Toronto on the evening of 5 July. People travelled by car and bus from across the Dioceses of Moosonee and Algoma as well as drove from different parts of Canada to attend the consecration. There were clergy from British Columbia as well as Nova Scotia present. A busload of people travelled 14 hours by bus across the Diocese of Moosonee to attend the service and to greet Bishop Tom and Ruth, one passenger being 93 year old Fr. Samuel Hughboy who wanted to greet his new bishop. Bishop Tom and The Rev. Hughboy were ordained together in 1974.



Photograph Submitted By: Ruth Cluley

The service was awe-inspiring, joyous, and humbling all at the same time, seamlessly combining the English, French, and Aboriginal cultures of the diocese as well as traditional and contemporary language, symbols, and music. Although everyone was hot with clergy melting under their robes, the enthusiasm for what was

going to happen was palpable. St. Anthony's was decorated simply but beautifully with flowers at the altar given by Bishop-elect Tom and Ruth in thanksgiving for those family and friends who had been part of Tom's journey and who were now resting in the nearer presence of God. Everyone waited with bated breath for the service to start with the colourful procession of crucifers, acolytes, choirs, layreaders from several dioceses, First Nations chiefs, archbishops, bishops, clergy and various members of clergy executive. Three choirs processed into the cathedral and then stopped by while Bishop-elect Tom was smudged by his cousin, Chief Keith Corston of the Chapleau Cree First Nation at the cathedral entrance. While the smudging was occurring, Dr. Jan Buley chanted "Jesus A Nahetotaetanome tsehmano'ee'tovatsemenoto" "Naneehoove meo'o" from the Cheyenne "A First Nations' Prayer" by John Heap of Birds. This was further acknowledgement of Bishop-elect Tom's role as a senior aboriginal priest and the first elected as bishop within the Diocese of Moosonee.

The Most Rev. Colin Johnston, Metropolitan of Ontario, conducted the service assisted by many people, both clergy and laity. A new music setting for the Eucharist, entitled "The Moosonee Service" was composed by Dr. David Buley and dedicated to Bishop Tom for this occasion. The choirs of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Timmins, St. Paul's, South Porcupine, and the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, under the direction of Dr. David Buley, joined together for the first time that morning to rehearse the music and then sing the Eucharistic setting and other anthems during the service.

The first reading was read in French by Mr. Armand Robert of Foleyet, the second in English by Mr. Edward Trevors of Nova Scotia, and Deacon Gladys Matoush of Mistassini, PQ read the gospel in Cree. The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews of Algoma delivered a thought-provoking homily which contained bits of humour (Why can't Anglicans play chess? Because they don't know the difference

between a bishop and a king!), detailed his insights gleaned from being a bishop for just a year (in his words: "summed up in five minutes"), provided encouragement to Bishop-elect Tom, and gave thanks for both their wives, Fawna and Ruth, whom he called "godly women" who had the insights to bring both Bishop Stephen and Bishop-elect Tom down to earth when they tended towards having swollen heads.



Submitted by: Ruth Cluley

Bishop-elect Tom was presented for examination by family and friends (including a long-time family friend and United Church minister, Rev. Dr. Murray Arnill). Several bishops took turns asking the questions to which Bishop-elect Tom responded calmly but with confidence. After the examination was completed, the consecration and vesting took place. Bishop Tom looked great in his purple cassock and carried off his cope and mitre with dignity and grace, in spite of the heat.

After the Eucharistic service the clergy, choirs, and congregation processed down the block to St. Matthew's Cathedral to install Bishop Tom in his *cathedra*. It was impressive to see the procession but also to see the police stopping all the traffic and warning drivers that they could be in for a 30 minute wait due to everyone having to return to St. Anthony's. St. Matthew's was simply but beautifully decorated with the flowers on the reardos given by Bishop Tom and his family to the glory of God and in loving memory of various family members. At St. Matthew's Cathedral, it was

standing room only as people waited for the new bishop to bang on the door three times. Bishop Tom was warned not to hit the doors too hard as neither crozier nor doors would survive hard knocks. Once he was seated in his throne at the front of St. Matthew's the short installation service took place after which everyone recessed out and back to St. Anthony's for the reception.

Bishop Tom was presented with several gifts at the reception including a hand-carved travelling crozier created and given by his sister and her husband, Mr. & Mrs. Wil Wolski. He also acknowledged the many gifts including the bishop's ring, cross, and vestments given by family, friends, and congregations. It was at this point that Bishop Tom introduced The Rev. Samuel Hughboy to those present as well as acknowledged the distance that many people had travelled to be attend the service.



*Presentation of hand-carved travelling crozier by:
the Bishop's sister, Erin Wolski*

Bishop Tom, since his consecration, has been busy travelling throughout his vast diocese. There are 26 active Anglican parishes with many non-stipendiary clergy and 8,500 parishioners. The diocese, with its see located in Timmins, extends to Geraldton in the west, as far east as Mistissini, PQ, north to Kashechewan and Chisasibi on the coasts of

James Bay and Hudson Bay, and south to Chapleau and Gogama.

In a homily preached on 5 September 2010 at the Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury, Bishop Tom acknowledged both the joys and the concerns of ministry undertaken in this diocese and asked for prayers for both the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee and for himself as he attempts to build up the diocese and be chief pastor to all within his "cure". Further, Bishop Stephen Andrews writes "The pastoral needs are serious in this and many other communities across the North, and Tom's leadership abilities will be sorely tested in the days to come. But, by the grace of Christ, his presence and administrative gifts will bring healing and growth. Won't you join me in praying for the Lord's blessing on his ministry, for protection from danger and despair, and for a deep sense of joy at being used by God for the building up of his church in Moosonee?" (Bishop Stephen Andrews, <http://stephenalgoma.typepad.com/benedictus-benedicat>)

With acknowledgement to material written by Bishop Stephen Andrews, Patricia Dorland, The Northland Post, and the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.



*Photographed by: Ruth Cluley
The Rev. Captains Rodney and Lisa BrantFrancis*

An Opportunity Taken is a Gift to Yourself

Participants from a variety of denominations in Cochrane and the surrounding area took the opportunity offered, and attended a session of musical workshops presented by Chrystl Bartel, held in Cochrane at Archbishop Anderson Memorial Church.

Ms. Bartel is a professional musician, but she is also a gifted and inspirational Music Ministry leader. Her joy and passion is evident from the moment a workshop begins. She brings to each session her vast experience in choir training and her belief that Music Ministry can be an important part of worship and should be developed prayerfully, and pastorally.

The training sessions offered included basic skills such as breathing techniques, presentation, pitch, and how a choir sings together, and then moved to specific information on hymn choices appropriate to the liturgical year, music liturgy, composers, tune options and copyright issues. She addressed musical challenges that may need to be met by Choir Directors at special times in the Church year such as at Advent and Christmas and she offered suggestions when the National Church Silent Night Project was discussed.

During that last week in June when some congregations were beginning the transition into a “Summer Mode”, those who took the opportunity to gather together to develop their own music ministry were treated to a time of high energy instruction filled with laughter and a deep understanding that what is offered to God through our worship and song should be to the best of our ability and given with a joyful and thankful heart.

Holy Trinity Parish would like to thank the Diocese of Moosonee for providing financial support for this music training opportunity. We encourage all who consider Music Ministry a gift that they can offer, to set aside time next year. Look for details and dates in the Spring edition of the Northland.

Submitted By: Patricia Dorland



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

“Back to Church Sunday” is observed annually in September and is a Sunday set aside for parishes to open their doors to anyone who would like to rediscover what it means to be part of a worshipping community. This global event that has its origins in Greater Manchester U.K. began in 2004 and is now the largest single local church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism – that we should invite someone we already know to something we love.

In dioceses all across Canada, parishes are picking their Sunday. Internationally and in the Diocese of Niagara and Toronto, “Back to Church Sunday” is September 26th. Holy Trinity Parish, in Cochrane is celebrated their event on September 12th. Posters and Invitations are provided through Augsburg Canada and are available each August. The invitation includes a prayer on one section and a pull apart invitation, to be hand delivered or mailed out, on the other section. Parishioners are requested to take an invitation and then in the weeks following up to that Sunday they are to prayerfully consider who they might ask. They are challenged to ask themselves, “Who is God calling me to connect with?”

In an article written by **Bishop Linda Nicholls** from the Diocese of Toronto she states “Back to

Church Sunday...- a joyful invitation, born out of gratitude to God, to love those we invite out of the abundance of God's love for us, whether they say yes or no to our invitation." "Let us pray that we would see God's abundance clearly and out of the gratitude have the courage to invite others into the great adventure of faith with us."

Submitted By: Patricia Dorland

STEWARDSHIP INITIATIVES

Plan now for 2011 and see how Stewardship Ministry can work best, within your parish goals!

The Diocese of Moosonee is accepting Stewardship Initiative Applications for projects or events in 2011. Parishes are encouraged to be creative with their ideas. Applications are available from the diocese office.

For more information, please contact Patricia Dorland, Chair of the Stewardship Committee at 705-272-4311 or email pdorland@puc.net. Deadline for approval at the Fall Executive Council Meeting is October 20th, 2010. All applications will be reviewed, however not all can be approved.

Submitted By: Patricia Dorland

GENERAL SYNOD HALIFAX 2010.

"Feeling the Winds of God – Charting a New Course."

From travel arrangements through to the final farewell the Local Arrangements Committee of General Synod did a masterful job. Delegates from the Diocese of Moosonee were Rev. Cliff Dee, Rev. Hal Graham, Canon Grace Delaney and Anne Dyas.

The work of Synod took place from June 3rd through 11th at St Mary's University in Halifax. Orientation for newcomers [about 50% of those present] and community-building fun-filled exercises helped strangers to meet later in

friendly groups able to communicate understand and trust one another. The final words of orientation were: "Indulge in self-care". Pastoral care was available and members of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer held prayer vigil throughout Synod.

The magnificent opening Eucharist took place on Thursday evening, June 3rd, in the Cathedral Church of All Saints [see June in your Church calendar]. The full membership of General Synod paraded into place, each house led by a huge sail in one of the colours of the National Church representing the four Ecclesiastic provinces. Archbishop Fred Hiltz and his guests, the Right Reverend Miguel Tamayo, Bishop of Uruguay and Cuba who compared the Canadian Church's outreach to Cuba as an example of the church acting as the branches of the vine [John 15: 1-11] whereby pruning provides a better yield: and The Right Reverend Suhil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem who spoke movingly about the difficulties of maintaining the Church in Jerusalem and his wife, Shafeeqa who spoke of empowering women in her country; were led by a white sail on which was the image of a steering wheel embossed with a crest of the Anglican Church of Canada. These 5 sails remained visible in the plenary hall throughout Synod.

Daily Eucharist was held at noon in the Church of the Martyrs on campus for those wishing to attend. Other services of Eucharist were held in St Paul's Church [the oldest Anglican Church in Canada] where the homily was a silent video on two large screens. A huge Eucharistic celebration was held on Sunday at Exhibition Park with thousands of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Anglicans participating. This 3 hour service which was an early celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Anglican worship in Nova Scotia [Port Royal (Annapolis) October 9, 1710] included a 200 voice choir, an orchestra, an historic pageant depicting some aspects of worship through the years and liturgical dancers indicating how the winds of God move [sometimes slowly, sometimes swiftly, some times quietly and sometimes in a storm].

Each day began with Morning Prayer and Bible Study and ended with a short evening service. Hymns were sung at various times throughout the day, this allowed for a time to get up, stretch and move about a bit in a very busy and tiring day. Noon watch was signalled by 8 bells, the nautical signal for noon... lunch time. It always amazes me how hungry you can get just sitting! The meals were varied and very good. Special diets were catered. There was a long corridor of exhibits and displays close to the plenary hall where there was a great deal of information available.

A group of young people presented a short series of monologues and scenes; amalgamations of people they have met, telling stories of faith & doubt; Christians & non-Christians; love & pain; people of all ages and experiences within or outside the church. 'Roots in the Rock' will be presented in many venues across the country.

The "Come Alongside Banquet" evening; a gift of the Diocese of NS and PEI took place at Pier 21 [for many years a major immigrant entry point to Canada] following Tuesday's St Paul's service. This too was a special early celebration of the 300th Anniversary of Christian worship in Nova Scotia. "*A Journey Just Begun*" begins officially on October 3, 2010.

Entertainment and hospitality was available on campus most evenings. These events began after evening service about 9 – 9.30pm for those who still had the energy to socialize, sing and sometimes, dance. On the Sunday evening following the service at Exhibition Park we, Moosonee delegates, dined together with the Diocese of Algoma delegates and were able to visit a while with them and Bishop-Elect Tom. We were grateful that Bishop-Elect Tom joined us throughout the proceedings whenever he could since he was, quite naturally still one of the clergy delegates of Algoma.

Numerous resolutions were presented [not all at once, thankfully], discussed and voted upon. They are too many to list here and will no doubt be addressed by Executive Council and distributed in due course.

At different times we met as groups: Diocesan groups for resolutions; Galley groups [about 8 people consisting of clergy and lay, men and women, representing different dioceses] for Bible Studies, and Discussion Groups of about 20 people for the difficult task of talking about Human Sexuality. In addition there were Ports of Call where the many Committees of the National Church gave presentations. This reporter attended Faith, Worship and Ministry [FWM]; PWRDF and then Communications and Information Resources where I heard of Greening Anglican Spaces which is working closely with the United Church: 300 parish "green teams" will be identified by next October; these teams must be striving to make their parishes more environmentally friendly through means such as more efficient furnaces and better insulation. . In addition many partners were presented and gave short speeches.

Discussion groups [15 sites, four meetings] were presented with a document from the Primate's Theological Commission which encapsulated discussions from previous Synods: General, Provincial and Diocesan. These groups were asked to address 3 questions regarding the document with 'respectful listening': "What can I support? What can I not support? What else would I like to see in the document?" Each person in each circle had an opportunity to respond. These responses were recorded by a local Theology student, given to the FWM committee and the original document reworked, then re-presented. The wording of the final document was presented as a resolution, accepted and will be distributed to each Parish for discussion at Diocesan and Provincial Synods before General Synod 2013 in Ottawa. This input is very important as we remember that parishes lead Synod decisions and not the other way around.

At Evensong on Monday the 'Silent Night' project was announced. This will be similar to 'The Amazing Grace' project which raised almost \$100,000 allowing funding for the Suicide Prevention Programme to be put in place. Groups and/or congregations may video

themselves singing 'Silent Night', collect \$2 per person and submit both the video and the collection by December 12th to Church House. This collection will be used to fund a Bishop Ordinary; a senior Chaplain to our Armed Forces.

What did I get out of General Synod? I became more self-confident, learned a lot about the National Church, hierarchy within the church and differences between different churches [not just north and south], and became better acquainted with my fellow delegates.

Would I go again? Yes!! In an instant! Thank you for this opportunity.

Submitted By: Anne Dyas, Holy Trinity Parish, Cochrane



Photo Submitted by: Anne Dyas
Anne Dyas & The Rev. Hal Graham



General Synod 2010
Submitted By: The Rev. Hal Graham



WEBSITES

There are many websites which you may decide to access:

www.anglican.ca

www.anglican.ca/worship Re: celebration of 40th Anniversary of King James Version Bible

www.freshexpressions.ca free video

www.JustGenerations.ca PWRDF Youth opportunities. Leadership search.

www.acw.canada.com National ACW site

www.anglicanjournal.com

www.anglican.ca/silentnight Silent Night project

www.atthetable2010.org One Voice video for sale, support PWRDF

www.anglican.ca/search/faq/037.htm

www.anglican.ca/gc2010/wp-content/uploads/019-gc2010-Vision-2019-report-and-Appendices.pdf Vision 2019

www.anglicanjournal.com Click on Photo/Video for interviews with Dean Peter Elliot, chair of Vision 2019 Task Force also Rob Dickson, Expenditure Committee Chair.

<http://rootsamongtherocks.blogspot.com>

Schedule and openings.

www.anglican.ca/phylanthropysurvey Survey regarding sponsorship

www.justus.anglican.org

From the Mailroom!!!



From: Mr. William Wadley
Keep up the good words...

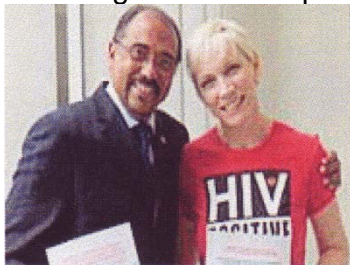
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From: Mrs. Marjorie Jordan
I believe I have subscribed ONLY as long as its existence...and I am 91 now!

September 2010

**ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER &
THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN
WOMEN'S NETWORK
REPORT**

Singer, song writer Annie Lennox has been appointed as the new UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador (June 2010). Lennox is a passionate advocate for the eradication of HIV/AIDS. She believes if the AIDS epidemic is to end, the rights of women and girls must be protected.



Annie Lennox UNAIDS Goodwill Ambassador
And Michel Sidibe, UNAIDS Executive Director

DISPATCH

*Michelle Faul, Edith M. Lederer—
Associated Press
August 23, 2010*

"Rwandan and Congolese rebels gang-raped nearly 200 women and some baby boys over four days within miles of a U.N. peacekeepers' base in an eastern Congo mining district, an American aid worker and a Congolese doctor said...."

Rape as a weapon of war has become shockingly commonplace in eastern Congo, where at least 8,300 rapes were reported last year, according to the United Nations....

The long drawn out conflict in eastern Congo....is fuelled by the area's massive mineral reserves.. The minerals are our curse with the FDLR looting on one side and the soldiers looting on the other, said Masudi (civil society leader)..."

2010 SPRING ACP & IAWN RETREAT

The combined 2010 Anglican Cycle of Prayer, and the International Women's Network's Fall Retreat was held in Iroquois Falls. A mixed group of men and women attended the day long retreat.

The morning session focused on Morning Prayer taken from the Book of Alternate Service. Ways of varying and individualizing prayer were suggested. Parishioners said it helped them understand how to "navigate" the BAS and incorporate it into their daily devotions.

In the afternoon, the documentary "Praying The Devil Back to Hell" was shown. It documents the civil war in Liberia, and the actions of the Christian and Moslem women of that country end the strife. It is a powerful and

courageous film. A discussion followed regarding politics, war, gender and our Christian responsibilities.



Sonia Fortier and Bob Bolton

**UPCOMING
FALL AFP/IAWN CONFERENCE
WORKSHOP**
Flyers will be forwarded to parishes
providing details of the November event.

Submitted By: The Rev Margaret Dempster

Moose Notes

St. Peter's Anglican Church

Reverend Edna Murdy's retirement has been a sad time for all of us who love her and will miss her. She has been a strong spiritual guide for her congregation and an organizational wonder for the Diocese. Her church family presented her with a gift of a painting, done by one of the members, of the garden at the back of the church that she worked so hard on maintaining. Last year she spearheaded the project to put in a labyrinth in the garden with a chair in the middle on which to sit and meditate. The painting is a reminder of that special place of meditation at St Peter's. She received many farewell gifts and a book of well wishes from everyone who was there. Although saddened by the thought of her leaving, the congregation and people from far and near from other congregations and towns came to honour her and give her a fond farewell. Bishop Tom Corston was there to say a few words of thanks for the work that she did at the Diocese as interim Administrator after Bishop Caleb Lawrence retired. We hope that she will be able to have some rest from the frantic activity that she has kept up for so long. She certainly deserves it.

Written by Diane Thompson



Submitted by: Diane Thompson



The Rev. Edna Murdy presented with a present. Photograph Submitted by: Diane Thompson



Bishop Tom Corston and The Rev. Edna Murdy at her retirement party Submitted by: Ruth Cluley



Photograph submitted by: Diane Thompson

SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL

MOOSE FACTORY

The Parish of St. Thomas Church Moose Factory conducted a Bible School for the kids and young people of the community this summer with the help of “On Eagles Wings” which is a voluntary organization introduced to the Parish by the Youth and Children’s Ministry Committee of the Diocese last year. Three ladies arrived in Moose Factory on Thursday the 12th, August to lead the School together with St. Thomas Youth Group Leader Trudy Sailors and her group of volunteers and few other ladies who volunteered from St. Thomas Sunday School and the ACW.

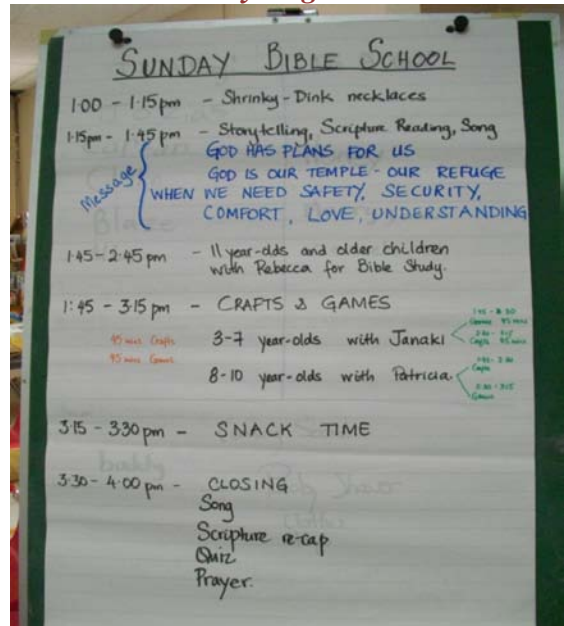
The School was held from Saturday 14th August to Wednesday 18th at St. Thomas Parish Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day with an average attendance of 25. The theme for this year was “H O P E” (H- Having God given, O – Options, P- present, E – Everyday) Rev. Patricia Jackson (Lutheran Evangelical Church) from Waterloo, Deacon Rebecca Kolowe (Lutheran) from Pennsylvania and Ms. Janaki Bandara, a theological student from Waterloo were the three gifted facilitators sent to Moose Factory co-ordinated by “On Eagles Wings” this year to lead the School. Apart from this children’s ministry they also led the Sunday Service on August the 15th as well as two special Bible Study and Sharing Sessions for the parish in the evenings on August 15th and 16th.

Summer Bible School indeed was a blessing and the parish of St. Thomas’ appreciated the ministry of “On Eagles Wings”. It was nice to hear the kids saying aloud “Remember, God has a wonderful plan for you!”

Submitted by: The Rev. Nirmal Mendis



Daily Adgenda



Photograph submitted by: Trudy Sailors



*Children playing at the Summer Bible School
Submitted by: Trudy Sailors*

Winter Issue Contributions
Deadline is December 10th, 2010
 Please send all contributions to
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Moosonee & Moose Factory

The two parishes of St. Thomas' Church Moose Factory and the Church of the Apostles Moosonee hosted a Healing Gathering for the two communities on September 18th and 19th at the EPR building in Moose Factory. The Rev. Captains Rodney & Lisa BrantFrancis led the events of the two days which combined traditional native symbolism and spirituality deeply rooted in the gospel message of Jesus. Two days of teaching and sharing circles were preparation for the Healing Service on Sunday the 18th. There were tables from the Canadian Bible Society as well as the resource materials published in connection with the Worlds Suicide Prevention Day (September 10th). On Saturday the two communities joined in Gospel Singing. Bishop Tom Corston also participated in this Healing Gathering. Many who attended found the weekend emotional & uplifting.

Submitted by the Rev Nirmal Mendis



Sharing & Teaching Circles

Circle One 9:10-10am - Circle Two 11:12-12:30pm - Lunch - Circle Three 1:30-3pm - Circle Four 3:30-5:00pm

Gospel Singing

Saturday Night - Starting at 7:00pm - Contact Thomas Jolly 658-4701 for more information

Community Healing Service

Sunday at 2:00pm

Hosted By:

*St Thomas Anglican Church, Moose Factory and the Church of The Apostles, Moosonee.
For More Information please contact : 658-4800 or 336-2321*

All are Welcome to Participate in the Gathering

BISHOPSTOPE

It's been many years since a flag has been raised at Bishopstope. Bishop Corston has decided to fly the flag so the surrounding community is aware that there is a Bishop resident in the Diocesan house. The new flag is that of the Anglican Church of Canada. The red cross of St. George on a white background speaks of our historic links to the Church of England. The four green maple leaves are indicative of the four Ecclesiastical provinces who make up the Canadian Church...the province of Canada (Maritimes & Quebec), Ontario (which includes Moosonee as one of seven Dioceses), Rupert's Land (The Prairies and the Arctic), and British Columbia (including the Yukon).

Submitted by: Bishop Thomas A. Corston



Photographed By: Bishop Tom Corston

HOLY TRINITY COCHRANE

Not since the bell tower came crashing down on the front steps has the door of Archbishop Anderson Memorial Church been locked, and the church empty, left to the quiet wiles of the proverbial church mice. Where was everybody? We, as part of a group of two hundred five, from seven different denominations, were sitting on the shores of beautiful Lake Commando, praying, singing, praising God. We were worshipping with our brothers and sisters, “sans” building, “al fresco”, in the glories of God’s creation.

To help commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the founding of our town, the Cochrane Ministerial Association organized an ecumenical service outdoors, at the bandstand, very close to the location where Robert Renison, later Bishop Renison, had led railroad builders and pioneers in the first Christian worship in what became our town. His service was in the dead of winter; we, however, enjoyed the summer sun, and the refreshing baptism of a summer shower.

It was a moving occasion, and with God’s help, it will be repeated yearly. We believe that it is important that the community at large see us, all Christians, working and worshipping together.

The service also reflected the growing activism of the Ministerial, which, just weeks earlier, put on a community barbeque for Canada Day. Thirty or so willing workers from the seven churches served hamburgers (with thanks to the local Cattlemen’s Association) and salads to over three hundred people, raising about a thousand dollars for the Ministerial Benevolent Fund, which assists needy families and travelers.

Holy Trinity is proud to be part of a revitalized and enthusiastic ecumenism here in Cochrane.

Submitted By: Richard Moore



Photo Submitted By: Rev. CJ Adams



Photo Submitted By: Rev CJ Adams

St. Stephen’s Congregation, Constance Lake First Nation....

Although the congregation of St. Stephen’s does not have a church building of its own in which to worship, services are held every Sunday at the Sunrise Elders’ Complex or at other locations in the community. On National Aboriginal Day (June 21, 2010), members gathered at the school for a special service with the children conducted by the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake. The service took place in conjunction with Constance Lake First Nation’s Annual PowWow. The children participated in lighting candles for the four directions and in reading lessons. Warden Stanley Stephens brought many symbols of the rich Cree culture for display during the service. In July, our congregation hosted the annual Memorial Service of Remembrance at Constance Lake Cemetery. Our Lay Readers and Select Vestry members are already planning an active fall program.

Submitted By: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake



Stanley Stephens

Photographed By: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake

From St. Luke's Hornepayne

Our congregation celebrated National Aboriginal Day of Prayer on Sunday June 20th, 2010 with a special service which included prayers for the 4 directions and the 4 colours. Our bulletin included prayers and words to hymns in both the Cree and English languages. The Church was filled with colourful symbols of First Nations' culture excitedly shared by many members of our congregation, who explained their importance and use during the Tea and Bannock social which followed. We enjoyed planning this service so much that plans are already underway for next year's service. On June 27th, 2010 90 years to the day after the first service was held in St. Luke's on June 27th, 1920, we began the celebration of our 90th year with a traditional service of Evening Prayer. Anniversary celebrations will continue when we will welcome our Regional Dean, the Rev. Hal Graham, for a service and dinner. Our fall schedule is a busy one with our Journeying in Faith series set to begin in October, our Sunday School opening in October and plans for numbers special events.

Submitted By:

The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake

St. Matthew / St. Paul's Hearst...

On June 27, our congregation celebrated Multi-cultural Sunday with special prayers and symbols of the diverse cultures from which our families originate. We have had a busy summer and our Memorial Garden, lovingly tended, has blossomed into a beautiful and peaceful place where residents of Hearst are welcome to pause and pray. We are planning many fall activities, which will include the Men's Breakfast group resuming, hosting a service on St. Francis Day for the Blessing of Animals and a presentation by a missionary couple who have worked in Mozambique.

Submitted By:

The Rev. Deborah-James Lonergan-Freake



Photo Submitted By: The Rev. Deborah-Lonergan-Freake

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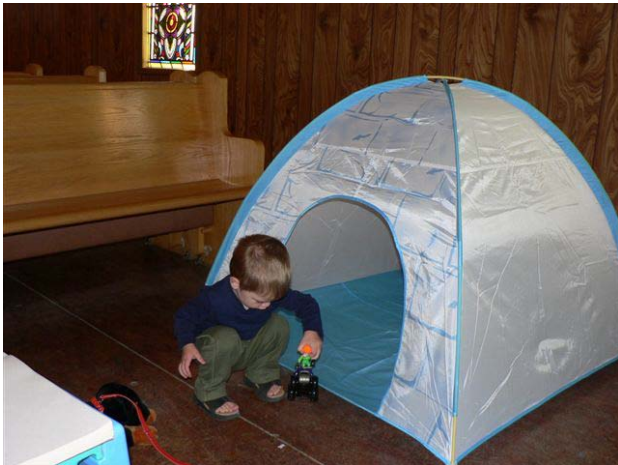
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My Space in Geraldton

Thank-you both for the idea of Making Space to The Rev. CJ Adams and The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake from Geraldton and area.

Both CJ and Deborah had spoken to us in West Kenogami (Geraldton and area) about a children's tent in church and some related ideas. Your words have had an affect. At St. James' we removed one pew near the back, and turned another around to provide a bench facing backwards. Right against the back wall is a pew facing forward and in between is a children's area with a little tent and also a small table with a big drawing pad and some chairs. One little fellow loves to ride a small bear with wheels. At least once, either before or during service, he takes it for a spin up the centre isle. If the children (or Parents) need a secluded area they can slip into the chapel just off the narthex. We often close the doors from the narthex into the nave so the children don't head outside towards the stairs and danger. Having said all this we usually only have one, two or three children at any given service. Their increasingly regular presence has prompted me to include a short "children's feature" in most services. The feature could involve a few musical instruments or some visual item but it helps acknowledge that the children are part of the worshipping community. One Sunday we simple poured water over some tiny hands into the font and let them have a close up look even though there was no baptism.

Submitted by: The Rev. Hal Graham



*Photograph of: "Barrett Alton"
Photographed by: The Rev. Hal Graham.*



*Reece Furlong with her mom Jana Boracheff
Photographed by: The Rev. Hal Graham*

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“CLAY 2010”

This year, Abby Adams, and Jennifer Johnston, accompanied by C.J. Adams were privileged enough to be able to attend the first ever Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth national gathering. (CLAY) This was not the first time the gathering had assembled; however, this was the first time that Anglicans had been invited. CLAY, previously CLYG had over a thousand participants this year, a gathering larger than any other held by the Lutherans cross Canada. Sadly enough, only an approximate 90 of those youth were Anglican.

Although it was commented that we were outnumbered 9 to 1, our spirits were not dampened; especially keynote speaker Bill Cliff, an Anglican pastor who travels the country as a member of the Three Cantors spoke to us. Bill always took the stage with verve whenever we had gathered to hear him talk. His words were always well thought out, and had meaning that we all could agree with, Lutheran or Anglican.

The worship experience was full of energy, and was incredible. Having so many youth in one place all worshipping one God was astonishing, a truly uplifting experience for those of us in small parishes. The music was loud, the praise was louder, and together, our spirits soared.

Throughout the four days that we were at CLAY, we saw many skits put together by the drama team, picked by Jenny Salisbury. Some of them were serious, most of them were funny, and almost all of them were relevant to the parable, or scripture reading of the day. There were also recorded skits, such as ‘Kyrie George’ and ‘CLAY’. Other skits centered on teenage body image and holding the faith were equally shown.

In short, throughout the whole entire weekend, there was great fun and spiritual learning to be had. The ‘Hands-on’ drumming gave a rhythmic feel to be being united as one, while the daily forums allowed for more individualized reflections. About 14 forums were offered over the course of two days, including Ask & Imagine led panels, discussions and various workshops. Topics ranged from sexuality to open and frank conversations to aerobics with Don.

All in all, **Clay was a great experience.** It gave us energy to bring back to our churches, along with the permission to pester our priests with questions until we got clear and complete answers on all our questions.

The very last day excitement was running high as the entire group waited eagerly for the revealing of the location for CLAY 2012. The location had been guarded like the crown jewels, and they were finally going to reveal it to us. At the end of the gathering, they finally did tell us: Saskatoon!

We can’t wait to attend CLAY 2012, and to bring more Northern Ontario youth with us to experience this marvelous event. Are you coming with us?

Sincerely, Abby Adams and Jennifer Johnston



Photograph of: Abby Adams and Jennifer Johnston at **CLAY 2010**

An Interesting Outreach Idea

Want a cool idea for Halloween?

Want a way to inspire interest in the children and youth of our town?

Why not open your church up for Halloween!

Offer a warm spot for trick or treaters.

Offer Hot Chocolate and a few minutes in doors out of the cold.

Let them come in and look around.

They might ask some questions.

Be prepared to have a nice conversation with them.

You might even get into the holiday by dressing up in a costume.

This may be the only time a child or youth darkens the door of a church.

Let them see that we are open and welcoming to them.

Please let me know how this goes over in your area.

Submitted By: Rev. CJ Adams



Are you 16 to 30 Years of Age?

Are you Passionate About Social Justice Issues?

Have We Got Shoes to Fit!

PWRDF is looking for Young Adults (16-30) to be part of the 50 Leaders Program. Their goal is to offer support for a total of 50 Leaders over 5 years.

Could this be you?

Maybe someone in your parish?

Or in your diocese?

50 Leaders gives participants a chance to develop skills or more effectively engage their passion for justice in the world.

50 Leaders participants will be expected to take on leadership of at least one justice initiative in their local community. The initiatives will likely be as varied as the participants!

The 50 Leaders program will enable participants to be stronger advocates and leaders for justice in the Anglican Church of Canada.

For more information and an application from _____ please visit www.justgeneration.ca/node/248 or contact Rev. CJ Adams at cjadams@mehere.net or call 705-272-5336.

This year's application deadline is September 30th, 2010

Obituaries



The Elliots, as remembered by Gwyn Shirley, Huntsville.

Canon Cyril Elliott and his wife Evelyn came to Canada from Dublin in 1948. Evelyn was a quiet, thoughtful woman, quite fragile in appearance, but she had obviously toughed it out and pioneered with her husband in northern outposts around James Bay. Later, they moved to Albany and Virginiatown. Canon Elliot built, almost sinle-handly, the church of St. Paul's in Virginiatown.

In 1964 they moved to Cochrane where he was the most loved rector of Archbishop Anderson Memorial Church. He is remembered for his Irish sense of humour and devotion to duty.

Canon Elliot was increasingly troubled by poor health and because of this, they left Cochrane in 1970. They returned, with a sense of foreboding, to the smaller parish in Virginiatown, Canon Elliot died, quite suddenly, in 1978. One of his last requests was to be buried in Cochrane. Evelyn moved south to be near two of her daughters in Toronto. Until recently, she led a fairly active life. On Tuesday, June 29th, 2010 Margaret Evelyn Elliot, widow of the late Canon Cyril Elliot was laid to rest in Cochrane beside her beloved husband. Evelyn leaves three daughters to mourn her, Joan Bertrand, Heather Donovan, and Eleanor Read, five grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

As the church's final words were spoken and farewells conveyed, family and friends were treated to a gentle Irish shower – a “soft day”, Evelyn would have said.

Written by: by Gwyn Shirley, Huntsville

Ruth Long, as remembered by; The Rt. Rev. Caleb Lawrence

Ruth Long, widow of Canon John Long passed away earlier this year. The Long's had four children: Rosemary Walter (spouse of Willy Walter, a railway employee who lived in Nakina for many years before the couple moved to Barrie, ON); a second daughter, whose name I cannot recall who lived in Wawa with her husband, near whom Ruth lived for a number of years after leaving Nakina following Canon John's death in 1986; a son, Bob (spouse Christine, I think) who lived in Toronto where Bob was organist at the Parish of St. Michael & All Angels; and son Philip, who served in the armed forces for a number of years. Ruth had a brother, whom I think lived in the Ottawa area. Ruth played the organ in St. George's Church in Nakina for many years, and was a member of Diocesan Synod at least once while I was bishop. She was a stalwart supporter of Canon John's ministry, and watched his health closely. She watched how many cookies he would take from a plate, and tried, with limited success to limit her husband to one cigarette per day! Ruth was very active in the ACW, and I give thanks to God for her as one of the last of the senior church leaders who were in the diocese when I arrived at the end of 1979. (The last remaining ones in the diocese whom I can recall are Margaret Gibson and Canon Reg Pope.)

Ruth's diaries from her years in the north, in both the Diocese of the Arctic and Moosonee were forwarded on to Nancy Hearn, the General Synod archivist at Church House in Toronto. Nancy showed these to me a few years ago, written in tiny writing that is almost illegible.

The Longs were a very special couple, with unique life stories and ministries. Ruth was at one time employed at St. Luke's Anglican Hospital in Pangnirtung on Baffin Island, in the Diocese of the Arctic. Later she worked at the Moose Fort Residential School in Moose Factory, where she and John met, as John was also employed there, many years before his eventual ordination. In his later years he was also at one time editor of *The Northland*.

Archbishop's Christmas ad seeks young artists

Young Anglicans and Lutherans are invited to create something beautiful for Christmas.

Archbishop Colin Johnson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, is holding an art contest for all Anglicans and Lutherans, ages 13 to 19, who live in the Province. The top three entries will be published in a full-page ad in The Toronto Star on Dec. 22. The top 50 entries will be posted online.

The purpose of the ad is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The headline on the ad will be, "JOY TO THE WORLD."

"Young people in our churches have an amazing amount of talent and a deep passion for God," said Archbishop Johnson. "This is a way for them to show their talent and express their faith to the whole world."

The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario is made up of the dioceses of Algoma, Huron, Moosonee, Niagara, Ontario, Ottawa and Toronto. Geographically, it extends from the Great Lakes in the south to the shores of James Bay in the north, and from Martin Falls (Ogoki Post) in western Ontario to Val D'Or in northern Quebec and Cornwall, Ont., in the east. Any teenager who belongs to an Anglican or Evangelical Lutheran church in one of those dioceses or within that geographical area is eligible to enter. The Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada are in full communion with each other.

For full contest details, see below:

What to create?

The headline for this year's ad is: "JOY TO THE WORLD." Christmas proclaims the fact that God is with us – our Emmanuel. Show how God has come into your life and the lives of your friends.

Type of artwork

All submissions must be an original piece of visual art. The artwork can be a painting, drawing, sketch, photograph, sculpture, mixed media piece, etc. (Please note: photographs and digital art must be high resolution files and at least 900 KB in order to reproduce well on newsprint.). Only one entry per person. Artwork can only be returned if it is accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope. Artwork will be judged by a panel that includes Archbishop Johnson, a professional artist, a graphic designer and a youth minister. In addition

to the ad in The Star and the online gallery, all artwork may be exhibited in other venues for up to one year.

How to enter

All artwork must have the artist's name, age, address, telephone number and name of church attached to the submission. The artist's name, age and church will be published with his or her artwork. Artwork must be sent to:

The Archbishop's Christmas Ad
The Anglican Diocese of Toronto
135 Adelaide St. E.

Toronto, Ontario, M5C 1L8

(Digital artwork and photos can be sent to smann@toronto.anglican.ca. Otherwise, all other artwork must be sent to the above address.)

Deadline

Submissions must be received by noon on Nov. 1, 2010.

For more information, visit www.toronto.anglican.ca/christmasad.

We are very pleased to announce that a new diocesan website has been launched. The address for our new website is www.moosoneeanglican.ca We are grateful to Matt Bird, a member of the parish of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Timmins, for creating this new website. Matt has generously offered his time and remarkable computer expertise as part of his ministry in the Diocese of Moosonee. Please visit our new website soon, and come back often as it is still in the process of being expanded to provide you with the latest news from the Diocese of Moosonee!

Diocesan Goals

To encourage the ministry of all baptized Christians by:

- Providing pastoral training, and
- Affirmation of leadership.

To support the revitalized focus on ministry to youth and children by:

- Participation in the "Eat-to-Give" Program
- Encouraging the participation of young people in special events and gatherings held throughout the diocese.

To foster parish and diocesan development in strengthening spiritual growth by:

- Encouraging Bible studies and developing educational resources and training in Christian formation
- Partnering with the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer
- Involvement in diocesan and parish healing gatherings and worship services.

To strengthen stewardship in a responsible fashion by:

- Furthering the understanding of diocesan policies and procedures
- Developing better communications between diocesan office and parishes
- Compiling a list of resources (print, human, pastoral and financial).

To commit to walking in partnership for the implementation of the Indigenous Covenant.

