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Article by Bishop Victoria Matthews, Episcopal Administrator, Diocese of Moosonee.

The Christians Are Coming

A SYNOD IS A GATHERING OF THE BISHOP(S), clergy and laity of a diocese or province of a Church denomination. The Lutherans call their synods ‘assemblies’. The Roman Catholic Church just held a synod on synodality. Doesn’t that sound odd? But in fact it makes sense. The Anglican and Catholic Churches tend to be highly consultative in their decision-making. We bring together our bishops and elected representatives of the clergy and laity to pray together and make decisions about doctrine, liturgy and social justice issues. On the other hand, the Roman Catholic Church operates in a more top-down fashion where the clergy and people are informed of decisions made by the Curia. But even in the Roman Church, change is possible so the Roman Catholic Church very recently had a Synod which was mostly bishops and scholars to consider whether they should hold more synods and thereby share the decision-making process.

From June 25-27, 2024, Moosonee, a Missionary District of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario (what a mouthful), which is generally called the Diocese of

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Our Leaders, Our Blessings

Article by Bishop Victoria Matthews, Episcopal Administrator, Diocese of Moosonee.

IN 1925, MAHATMA GANDHI published a list of seven social sins. Number six on the list is worship without sacrifice. Remember, this is a list of sins so if we reverse it we might say all true worship involves sacrifice. In this article for the Northland, I am going to share the story of Li Tim-Oi, the first woman ordained to the priesthood in the Anglican Communion. Her life demonstrates that sacrifice is at the heart of true worship.

Li Tim-Oi, also known as Florence, was born in 1907 in Hong Kong. Her parents were forward-

thinking and named her ‘much-beloved’ even though the birth of a daughter was not generally welcome as the birth of a son. Li Tim-Oi’s intelligence was nurtured and encouraged by her parents and she began to ask what was God’s calling on her life. The answer came in 1931 when she attended, in Hong Kong, the ordination of Lucy Vincent to the diaconate (the only holy order open to Anglican women at the time). Li Tim-Oi heard, in the bishop’s sermon, the call to give her life to Christian ministry. She was quick to respond. In 1941, she was or-

daind to the diaconate by Bishop Ronald Hall, the Bishop of Victoria in Hong Kong.

In 1944, Macau was an independent and autonomous region across the Pearl River from Hong Kong. While not occupied by the Japanese, it was impossible to get clergy into Macau. Bishop Hall was deeply concerned that the Christians in Macau were deprived of the sacraments and pondered what he could do. His first solution was to authorise the Reverend Li Tim-Oi to preside and celebrate the sacraments even

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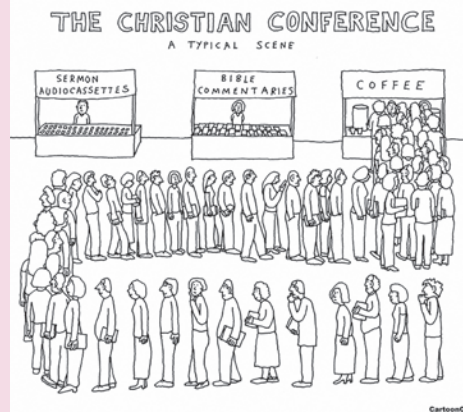
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Moosonee, will convene its first in-person Synod in 13 years. We will live in the residence of Northern College in South Porcupine and also hold our business sessions there. The opening service will be at St. Matthew’s Cathedral in Timmins and the Gospel Jamboree held at St. Paul’s Church in South Porcupine. The National Anglican Indigenous Archbishop, The Most Rev. Chris Harper, will be with us for all of the Synod as well The Ven Ros Elm, who is the Missioner for the Evangelistic Mission of the Diocese of Moosonee. Both Archbishop Chris and Archdeacon Ros will be keynote speakers. Archbishop Anne Germond will give her Charge and there will be a meeting of the Diocesan Council of Indigenous People during the Synod.

The two most important things that happen at any Synod are worship and community building. By gathering in a sacred space to sing and give glory to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we remember who we are and whose we are. People meet over meals and form lasting relationships. I know when I attended the pre-synod gathering for the Diocese of Algoma, I met the Rev. Larry Armstrong for the first time. Larry was the Executive Archdeacon for Moosonee and I am attempting to fill his shoes as the Episcopal Administrator. Same job but different titles. We had only seen each other on one Zoom call.

It is easy to feel quite isolated in a diocese as vast as Moosonee (we are the second largest geographical diocese in Canada). How absolutely wonderful to be able to worship together; share meal times; and talk about life in Christ in our various communities and parishes.

Synods happen at different levels of church governance. Every three years there is a General Synod which is chaired by the Primate or acting Primate. At the next General Synod there will be the election of a new Primate. Then there are four Provincial Synods. In September in Sault Ste Marie, the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario will hold its Provincial Synod chaired by our Metropolitan, Archbishop Anne Germond. At that Provincial Synod, there will be an election for the next Metropolitan as Archbishop Anne’s present term is expiring. Lastly and arguably the most important, there are the diocesan synods. A diocese is a recognised ecclesiastical unit in the life of the Anglican Communion. We often think that parishes are where everything happens and there is truth to that but the decision-making body is the diocese. As Anglicans, we are episcopally led and synodically governed. That means each diocese elects a bishop as its leader and shepherd but it is the synod that makes decisions for the Church in accordance with the will of Christ. Thus, in



Moosonee Diocese, each parish elects two lay delegates who will become, along with their clergy, members of the diocesan synod and the diocesan synod elects delegates who become synod members for Provincial and General Synods when they are convened.

Every synod, whatever level or agenda, needs to be undergirded by prayer. Hence the *Book of Alternative Services* offers us this prayer which we need to be diligent in praying as we prepare for the synods on the horizon: “*Almighty and ever living God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in Synod for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen (BAS, page 676.)*”



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above all else, she took up her cross and followed the call of Jesus, her Saviour and Lord. Florence Li Tim-Oi knew there is no worship without sacrifice. February 26th, 2024, was the 80th anniversary of the ordination of The Reverend Florence, Li Tim-Oi to the priesthood.

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though she was a deacon. This was problematic and not a satisfactory solution in Bishop Hall’s thinking. Therefore, in 1944, Bishop Hall ordained Li Tim-Oi to the priesthood. It was a bold and courageous move and one that he did not undertake lightly. He explained to the then Archbishop of Canterbury that this was not a decision born of progressive thinking but rather born of the need to feed the faithful with the body and blood of Christ. Archbishop William Temple felt conflicted by what had happened and eventually felt obliged to require the Rev. Li Tim-Oi to return her priestly license. She did not, however, resign her orders. It would be another 30 years before her priesthood would again be recognised by the Anglican Communion.

Hard as it is to believe, the sacrifice Li Tim-Oi would make for following Jesus was only just beginning. From 1958 to 1974 the Communist Government in China closed all churches. Li Tim-Oi was sent to work on a chicken farm and subsequently in a factory. Her life was made intentionally difficult and she regularly was singled



Archbishop Anne Germond, Bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee.

out for humiliation because of her Christian faith. Over time, the strenuous objection to Christianity eased somewhat and in 1974 two other women were ordained to the priesthood. After waiting 30 years, Li Tim-Oi’s priestly orders were again recognised. Ten years later she moved to Toronto to live with her sister Rita. Archbishop Scott and her local bishop, Arthur Brown, recognised they had a living icon within the Anglican Church of Can-

ada. She was also granted a license by the Diocese of Toronto.

Li Tim-Oi chose an English name, ‘Florence’ after Florence Nightingale, the lady with the lamp, who because of her pioneering and sacrificial ministry as a nurse in the Crimean War, is seen and recognised as the patron saint of nursing.

Now, you might think that such a trailblazer as Li Tim-Oi would be a woman who was outspoken and forceful. She was quite the opposite. Deeply shy and a woman of few words; Li Tim Oi simply did what needed to be done because of God’s call and her bishop’s request. She never wanted people to make a fuss of her.

In Canada, Florence was granted a Doctor of Divinity by Trinity College, Toronto and she was active on the staff of her parish church. The Reverend Florence, Li Tim-Oi, departed this world, slipping away in her sleep after engaging in a happy and engaging conversation with her sister Rita on February 26th, 1992. Her witness and priestly ministry broke many barriers and opened many doors. She changed the history of the Christian church. But



Speaking of Love

Article by The Reverend Judie Cooper, former Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew's Cathedral.

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.” Matthew 22:37.

SOME YEARS AGO, I had a particularly life changing conversation with a five year old boy who happened to be my grandson, Noah. We had just shared a day at Santa's Village in Bracebridge - seven cousins and five adults - and were now entering our various vehicles wearing our Elf Ear Hats getting ready to go home.

I was leaning into the back seat adjusting Noah's seat belt when he caught my attention with the big blue eyes only some blonde five year old boys can win you over with. He said, “Grandma, do you love me?” and I said, “Ya, Noah, I love you lots.” He wasn't done. “But Grandma, do you really love me?” It dawned on me that he was pretty serious about this, so I sat down beside him, stuck an arm around his shoulder and said, “Ya, Noah, I really love you, I really do.” Again, he was not quite convinced. He said, “But Grandma, do you really, really love me forever?” and this time I got right up close to those baby blues, stared intently, cupped his little head in my hands and said, “Yes, Noah, I really, really love you and I will love you forever.” That seemed to do it. He gave me a big grin and then said, “Well the, if you ever need anything, you can always just call me!” Wow!!!!!! Reciprocal love with action included. Took my breath away then and it still does now.

When Noah and I shared that exchange, it opened my eyes in a whole new way to the discussion between Peter and Jesus related in John 21. Let's set the scene. It is post-Resurrection. Jesus has appeared to His disciples on several occasions but this day, He has prepared a lakeshore fish breakfast for all of them. There would have been a fire. Jesus takes the opportunity to engage with Peter in a deep and personal way. Around another fire, Peter had three times denied that he even knew Jesus. Around this fire, Jesus asks Peter three times about their true relationship. I am not a Greek scholar by any means but I have been taught this by peo-

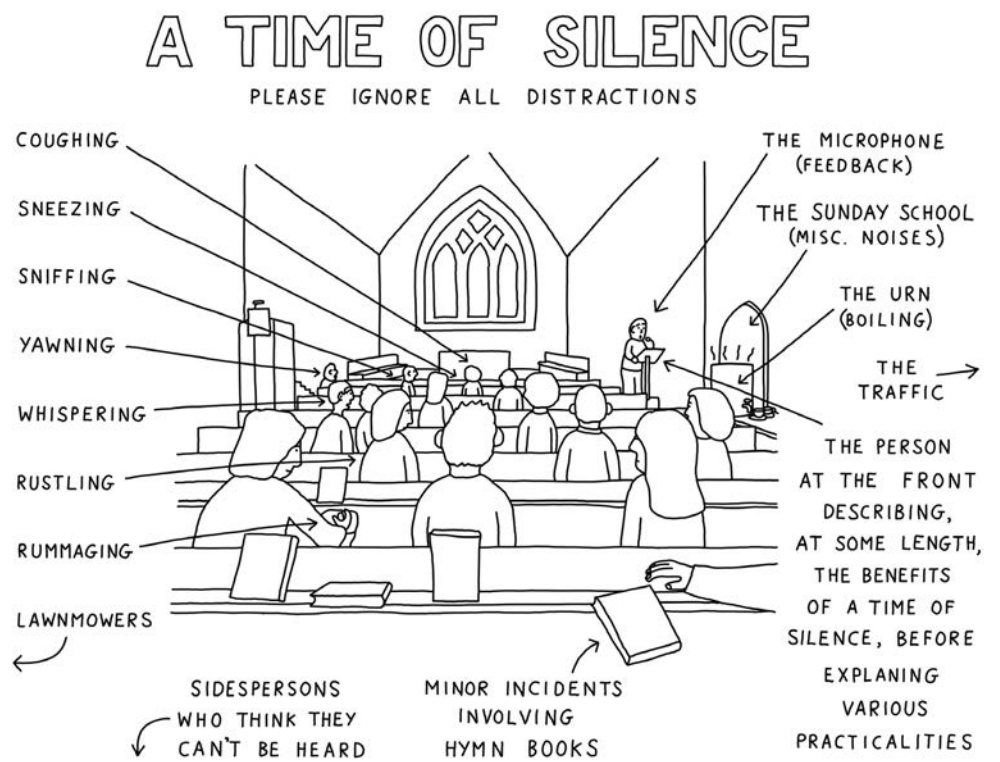


The Reverend Judie Cooper, Diocese of Algoma.

ple who are and so I share it with you with confidence.

Jesus asks Peter, “Peter do you ‘agape’ me?” ‘Agape’ being the Greek word to describe love which is sacrificial, unconditional, and primary ... in other words, the kind of love God has for Peter, and indeed for all of us. And Peter replies, “Yes, Lord, I ‘philio’ you,” ‘philio’ being the Greek word for warm, affectionate, deep friendship love. And Jesus tells Peter to ‘bosko’ His sheep. ‘Bosko’ meaning literally feed them with food. And again Jesus asks Peter, “Do you ‘agape’ me, Peter?” And again, Peter says, “You know I ‘philio’ you, Lord.” And Jesus says, “Then Peter, ‘poimaino’ my sheep,” ‘poimaino’ meaning tend my sheep; do the whole business of being a shepherd, keeping the sheep not only fed but protected, pastured, shorn, and healthy. A third time, Jesus asks Peter the question but this time Jesus changes His word for love. He says, “Peter, do you ‘philio’ Me?” And Peter becomes irritated and wounded and says, “Good grief, You already know I ‘philio’ You.” (That ‘good grief’ is all my translation!) And Jesus says again, “Then Peter, ‘bosko’ my sheep.”

Jesus had begun by setting the highest standard for the kind of love He asks of Peter. He asks for ‘agape’. And Peter, honest this time around this fire, answers that he can only ‘philio’ Jesus. Jesus asks again if Peter can manage ‘agape.’ And Peter again says no, not ‘agape’, ‘philio’. And finally, Jesus reduces His expectation and



hope and asks if Peter really truly can even ‘philio’ Him. That's what makes Peter sad. It's a recognition that Peter cannot and will not at time offer sacrificial and unconditional love to Jesus. He offers love but love like that between brothers or very good friends. What is important really is not where Peter is ‘at’ in the love department but rather what Peter can and should do with that love.

Jesus does not say something like, “Well, if you can't ‘agape’ me, Peter, then better to just hang up your hat and stay home and don't try to teach others about Me.” Jesus says in all three cases, something like this, “Peter, whatever love you have for me is enough for you to feed and tend my sheep. What you have to give is enough. You are included in the mission. You are of value. You are loved.” And that is ‘agape’ love from Jesus to Peter.

Going back to my discussion with Noah ... there's an echo here that sounds a lot like, “Well then, Peter, if you ever need anything you can always call on Me.” Very soon after this shoreline breakfast, Pentecost will come and Peter along with the others gathered waiting will be filled with the HOLY SPIRIT. Peter will become empowered and enabled to act with AGAPE love. Old scaredy-cat Peter around the first fire full of denial becomes blazing Spirit-filled Peter preaching the first big sermon on the day of Pentecost whereupon over 3000 people believe and are baptized. The Church is born. Peter needed something from Jesus

in order to live in ‘agape’ love and Peter got exactly what or rather ‘Who’ was needed ... the indwelling Holy Spirit of our God.

Peter went on living our ‘Agape’ love toward God and toward the Church for another 34 years until he was himself crucified on Vatican hill in Rome. The apocryphal Acts of Peter say he chose to be crucified upside down as he was not worthy to die in the same manner as Jesus. He is believed to have died in AD 64-67. Peter didn't always get it right - he and Paul had some skirmishes but found ways to live in unity - but Peter never again denied his Lord Jesus Christ and we can be very sure that Jesus Christ never denied Peter!

So how is it with us? Honestly? Where's our love quotient? Do we knowhow incredibly loved we really are? ‘Agape-d’ by the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit? After my transforming time with Noah before I went to bed that very night I did stick up my hand and say, “Jesus, if you ever need anything you can always call on me!” That is still my prayer that what He needs me to do, I will do and who He needs me to be; I will be or at least be in the process of becoming. It is a wonderful journey! Faithful is He who began this work in me to finish it. And He will do the very same for you (Philippians 1:6). And so, we together are the people of God who tend and feed one another and those new to the flock so that Christ is honoured and we live in the green pastures of abundant life.





MOOSONEE MOMENTS



Amy Nadon and Maria McAdam have reopened the Sunday School at St. Matthew's Cathedral much to the delight of the congregation and the children who have benefited from their teaching.



They also serve who wash the dishes! George Cribbs during the Friday lunches at St. Matthew's Cathedral.



The Luch Time Crew: Christine Bronson, Catharine Cribbs, Maria & Garfield McAdam repeatedly work in the church hall during the Friday community lunches served at St. Matthew's Cathedral. The parish and community volunteers make the program a huge success.



The Reverends George & Gladys Matouch have a very special moment with a baby from Waskaganish and Eastmain on the east side of James Bay.





George Cribbs and Marion Berube work in the kitchen at St. Mark's Cathedral.



St. Mark's Anglican Church, received some special gifts: two oil altar candles donated in memory of Normand Teigen and Donald Hopkins. Both of these men were very dedicated members of St. Mark's. This photo shows Mary Hopkins, Canon Tom Stradwick and The Reverend Norma Teigen.



James Bay has a very busy ministry celebrating, amongst other things, many baptisms in the name of Jesus Christ.



Kanina Wesley, and Samson Wynnee have started new roles as crucifer and Gospel Book Server at St. Matthew's Cathedral under the guidance of Bishop Victoria Matthews.



Amazing Upgrade Article by Diane Thompson, St. Peter's-on-the-Rock, Kirkland Lake.

ST. PETER'S-ON-THE-ROCK in Kirkland Lake has recently undergone a transformation to create a more welcoming and accessible environment for all. One notable change is the replacement of hard pews with comfortable padded chairs. This alteration not only enhances the comfort of the seating but also allows for greater flexibility in the use of the space.

One significant benefit of the new chairs is the ability to host lunches upstairs, eliminating the need for individuals with mobility issues to navigate the stairs to the parish hall. By setting up tables immediately after services and arranging the chairs around them, a comfortable eating area is created. The arrangement not only promotes inclusivity but also fosters a sense of community and fellowship among the congregation.

Moreover, the introduction of these padded chairs provides a practical solution for various activities beyond meals. The space can now be utilized as a working area for Bible studies, lectures, and even video or Zoom conferences. This versatility allows St. Peter's to cater to a wide range of needs and interests within the community.

In addition to the seating upgrades, a long counter with cupboards has been installed at the back of the space. This counter serves as a dedicated area for storing and organizing dishes and cutlery. The inclusion of new plugs along the counter further enhances



These images not only show all of the work accomplished through this upgrade of the upstairs area of the church but also how versatile the space has become.

es the functionality of the space. These additional electrical outlets enable the convenient use of coffee makers and crock pots during lunches and event, ensuring that hot beverages and meals can be easily prepared and served without any inconvenience.

Overall, the renovations at St. Peter's have not only improved the physical appearance of the space

but also have created a more inclusive and accommodating environment. The introduction of comfortable padded chairs, the provision of an accessible eating area, and the addition of a functional counter with ample electrical outlets all contribute to a more welcoming and versatile space for the congregation to gather, to connect, and to engage in various activities.



Toby Tong
People's Warden, St. Matthew's Cathedral, Timmins.

WHO IS TOBY?
Right, obviously, I am not from Timmins and I have never gone to any Anglican Church Sunday service before I started going to St. Matthew's Cathedral in Timmins in 2023.

My closest experience with the Anglican Church was the Rock Cafe at St. Peter's-on-the-Rock Church in Kirkland Lake. I was helping out at the cafe church between 2017 and 2018. If you want to know more, check out *Reminiscing the Future*, the music band's name. Thank you, George [the Editor of the *Northland*], for the opportunity to share it on the paper.

After graduating from high school, I strongly desired to live in a small northern town. Consequently, I went to college in Kirkland Lake and lived there for more than nine years. So, I am very comfortable to say that I know what it feels like living in the North.

This year, the parishioners of St. Matthew's Cathedral offered me an opportunity to participate in God's ministry. When you see me next time, may I be like Joshua and say smugly, "For me, I will service the Lord." May God have mercy on me; keep me humble and kind, and have the wisdom to serve the Lord and people according to His will!



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A Match Made in Heaven Article by George Cribbs, Editor, The Northland.

“For every wild animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the air, and all that moves in the field is mine.” (Psalm 50:10-11.)

DEAR READER,

Most of you either currently have a pet which you love or have done so earlier in your life. Therefore, you understand the powerful and loving bond which often exists between our pets and ourselves.

You can see before you on this page images of various clergy associated with the Diocese of Moosonee. You may also notice images of beautiful and loved pets.

Your challenge, Good Reader, is to match a beautiful pet with

his/her person. Do you think, perhaps, that there might be a family likeness between pet and person? Have a close look!

The fact that you obviously read the *Northland* makes you a ‘star’ but what kind of ‘star’ are you? Taking on this challenge will help you to determine that.

Correctly matching all eight pets and persons earns you a Gold Star. If you manage to match at least five correctly then you have earned a Silver Star and if you can properly link three or more pets and persons then you will have a Bronze Star for your efforts. The correct solution is provided at the bottom of this page. However, I am confident in you, Good Reader, and I know that you will not cheat and peek early at the answers. You will earn your star!

PETS



A : Miss Nyah



B : Rosie



C : Sapper



D : Chewy

PERSONS



Reverend Agnes Flam



Bishop Victoria Matthews



Archbishop Anne Germond



Reverend Judie Cooper

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E : Toby



F : Ocie



G: Legend



H: Dory Bell

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