

**CONVENING CIRCULAR**

of the

**154<sup>th</sup> Annual Synod**

of the

**The Diocese of Montreal  
2013**



**CONVOCAATION**

au

**154<sup>e</sup> Synode Annuel**

du

**Diocèse de Montréal  
2013**



September 1, 2013

To the members of Synod

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We hereby advise you that the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will convene for its 154<sup>th</sup> Annual Session on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in Fulford Hall, 1444 ave Union, Montréal. Registration opens at 7:30 and opening worship begins at 8:30.

The theme of Synod is "Called to Serve". Visitors will include Andrea Mann (Global Partnerships ACC), the Partnership Team from APCI and Montreal Ecumenical Partners.

Building on our visit with African, Lutheran and APCI Diocesan Partners at Synod 2012, we will have time to reflect this year on the meaning of serving in partnership through our Montreal churches and in our mission activities. Lively reports will include General Synod delegates, Youth and MAP presentations.

The Synod Eucharist will be held at 10 am in Christ Church Cathedral. The Bishop will deliver his address in worship, in lieu of a sermon. Seating is limited and registration is on a first-come first-served basis. **Note: There is a \$10 registration fee for ALL attendees, which includes lunch, refreshments and snacks. Parishes are strongly encouraged to financially support their elected delegates.**

It is important to note that in order to have a voice on the floor of Synod and to be able to vote, delegates must register during the time allotted Saturday morning.

All elected delegates are welcomed to register in the Main Entrance of the Synod office, from 7:30 – 8:30 am Saturday morning.

Clergy are asked to dress in their clerical attire, so that they may be identified by lay and new members of Synod.

Blessings,

Bishop Barry B. Clarke, Chair  
The Revd Sophie Rolland, Clerical Secretary of Synod  
Valerie Taylor, Lay Secretary of Synod



Le 1<sup>er</sup> septembre 2013

### Aux membres du synode

Mesdames et messieurs:

Veillez prendre note que le synode du diocèse de Montréal se réunira pour sa 154<sup>e</sup> assemblée le samedi 19 octobre 2013 dans la Salle Fulford au 1444, avenue Union, Montréal. Les inscriptions commencent à 7h30 et les prières d'ouverture à 8h30.

Le thème du Synode-est «Appelé à servir». Andrea Mann (Global Partnerships ACC), l'Équipe de partenariat de APCI et Montreal Ecumenical Partners seront parmi nous.

En suivi des interventions de nos partenaires africains, luthériens et ceux de l'APCI au synode de 2012, nous aurons le loisir, cette année, de réfléchir sur le sens du service associatif dans nos paroisses de Montréal et de nos activités de missions. Des délégués du Synode général et les groupes de jeunes feront des rapports animés et nous aurons aussi des présentations de PAP.

La Messe du synode sera célébrée à dix heures dans la Cathédrale Christ Church. L'allocution de l'évêque tiendra lieu de sermon. Le nombre de places assises étant limité, elles seront données dans l'ordre d'inscription jusqu'au 15 septembre.

**N.B. : La participation à ce synode est de 10\$ par participant. Ce montant couvre les dîners, les collations et la boisson. Nous encourageons vivement les paroisses à le proposer à leurs délégués élus.**

Nous vous rappelons que pour avoir les droits de parole et de vote durant l'assemblée synodale, les délégués doivent s'être inscrits le samedi matin.

Nous invitons donc tous les délégués élus à se présenter à l'entrée principale du bureau du synode transept de 7h30 à 8h30 le samedi matin.

Les membres du clergé sont priés de bien vouloir porter un habit ecclésiastique convenable (chemise et col romain) afin qu'ils soient facilement identifiables par les laïcs et nouveaux membres du synode.

Que Dieu vous bénisse,

Monseigneur Barry B. Clarke, président  
La rév. Sophie Rolland, secrétaire-greffière du clergé  
Valerie Taylor, secrétaire-greffière des laïcs

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**INFORMATION  
FOR SYNOD  
DELEGATES**

**1. The Convening Circular**

This circular is printed on three-hole punched paper, designed to conveniently fit into binders. Please do not discard your Convening Circular after Synod. It contains reports of committees, financial statements, and parish statistics that are part of the official proceedings. In order to conserve paper and cut costs, it was decided at the 1996 Synod not to reprint this information in the Synod Journal. The official bound copy of the Journal kept on file in the Diocesan Archives will contain a complete set of reports.

**2. Directions to Synod**

The business meeting of Synod will take place in Fulford Hall, which is located on the second floor of Cathedral Place – Tour KPMG – entrance located at 1444 Union Avenue.

**3. Parking**

Indoor public parking is available in the Cathedral Place – Tour KPMG Parking Garage (on Union Avenue, south of de Maisonneuve). Parking on Saturday is available at \$7 all day (8 am to 12 am) without voucher. Additional parking is also available in the vicinity at Stationnement Parkade, located at 2020 Aylmer Avenue, between de Maisonneuve and President-Kennedy. Parking typically costs \$8 per day on Saturday, but is only open until 7 pm. If you prefer to use public transit, the nearest Metro station is McGill.

**4. Registration**

Please note that there will be a \$10 registration fee due at the time of registration to Synod. This fee includes all snacks and refreshments, as well as lunch.

**5. New Delegates**

On Saturday morning, from 8:00 – 8:30am, a briefing session for new Synod Delegates will take place in the Chapel on the second floor of Cathedral Place – Tour KPMG. A document entitled “New Delegate Handbook” is available for download from the diocesan website at [www.montreal.anglican.ca/synod](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/synod).

**6. Coffee Cups**

Unfortunately, we do not have facilities to wash 300 coffee cups following each coffee break; taking an eco-stance, this year the Synod Planning Committee kindly asks you to please bring your own reusable cup or mug to Synod. There will only be a limited supply of eco-friendly cups available

**7. Water Coolers and Coffee Stations**

Water coolers and refreshment stations will be located on the second floor of Cathedral Place - Tour KPMG near Fulford Hall. You are welcome to bring your own water bottles for refill.

**8. No Smoking**

Cathedral Place - Tour KPMG is a non-smoking area.

**9. Agenda**

The Chairman will attempt to deal with motions at the times listed in the Agenda, but the debating process may make changes necessary.

**10. Concerning Delegate Status**

Only delegates and/or substitute delegates whose names were previously submitted to Synod Office may register and vote at Synod. If both delegate(s) and substitute delegate(s) are unable to serve, the parish must hold another Vestry Meeting to elect a new delegate(s). Please note that Sarah Wilson ([swilson@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:swilson@montreal.anglican.ca) or (514) 843-6577 ext. 232) must be notified (in advance of Synod) of the date of the Vestry Meeting and given the name(s) and the pertinent information of the new delegate(s) elected. Delegates and/or substitute delegates registered on the first day of Synod are the representatives for the entire Synod and may not be replaced at any point during Synod.

## **11. Voting Privileges**

We draw your attention to point 13 under Section A – Constitution of Synod:

- A.13 No delegates shall be allowed to take part in the proceedings of Synod, so long as any assessment payable to the Diocese by the parishes, missions or cures which they represent, for any prior year remains unpaid.

Diocesan Council, at their meeting of September 8, 1998, approved the following interpretation of Section A.13:

1. The intent of A-13 is to illustrate the seriousness of not paying all assessments, but without excluding congregations from any part of diocesan life.
2. The impediment at Synod would apply only to votes on matters financial.
3. It would apply only to lay delegates (the licensed clergy being present by right).
4. It applies to arrears for the previous year.

## Renseignements pour les délégués du Synode de 2013

### 1. La circulaire de convocation

Ce document est imprimé sur du papier percé pour s'insérer facilement dans des cartables. Veuillez ne pas le jeter après le synode, vu qu'il contient les rapports des comités, les états financiers et les statistiques des paroisses, ces informations faisant partie des travaux officiels. Les délégués du synode de 1996 ont décidé de ne pas les ré-imprimer dans le Journal du Synode pour économiser le papier. L'exemplaire officiel du Journal contiendra tous les rapports et sera gardé dans les archives du diocèse.

### 2. Le lieu du synode

La séance de travail se tiendra dans la Salle Fulford au premier étage de la Place de la Cathédrale (la tour KPMG) et l'entrée se situe à 1444, avenue Union.

### 3. Le stationnement

On peut stationner sa voiture dans le Garage de la tour KPMG, place de la Cathédrale. L'entrée se trouve sur l'avenue Union, au sud de De Maisonneuve. Le coût le samedi est de 7\$ pour toute la journée (de 8h à minuit) sans bon de stationnement. On peut aussi aller dans le voisinage à Stationnement Parkade, au 2020, avenue Aylmer, entre De Maisonneuve et Président-Kennedy, ce qui coûte 8\$ d'habitude le samedi, mais qui n'est ouvert que jusqu'à 19h. Si vous préférez prendre les transports en commun, le métro le plus proche est McGill.

### 4. Les inscriptions

Veuillez noter qu'elle coûte 10\$ et qu'elle est perçue immédiatement. Le montant couvre les repas, boissons et collations.

### 5. Les nouveaux délégués

Il y aura une séance d'orientation pour eux le samedi matin entre 8h et 8h30 dans la chapelle du premier étage de la Place de la Cathédrale. On peut télécharger un document appelé « Guide pour les nouveaux délégués » depuis le site-web du diocèse à [www.montreal.anglican.ca/synod](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/synod).

### 6. Les tasses à café

Nous n'avons pas la place, malheureusement, de laver 300 tasses après chaque pause-café. Cette année, le Comité organisateur du synode vous prie de bien vouloir apporter votre propre tasse ou mug réutilisable au synode. Il n'y aura qu'un nombre limité de tasses par éco-geste.

### 7. Les abreuvoirs et les coins-café

Ils se trouveront à côté de la Salle Fulford, au premier étage de la Place de la Cathédrale, dans la tour KPMG. Nous vous invitons à apporter votre bouteille pour la remplir d'eau.

### 8. Défense de fumer

La Place de la Cathédrale et la tour KPMG sont des zones non-fumeurs.

### 9. L'ordre du jour

Le président tentera d'y intégrer les propositions de modification qui y seront inscrites, mais il peut y avoir des changements dûs aux débats.

### 10. Votre statut de délégué

Ne peuvent s'inscrire et voter que les délégués et leurs suppléants dont les noms ont été envoyés à l'avance au bureau du synode. Si les deux, délégué et suppléant, ne peuvent remplir leur mandat, la paroisse concernée doit en élire d'autres en assemblée générale. Sarah Wilson ([swilson@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:swilson@montreal.anglican.ca) ou (514) 843-6577, poste 232) est la personne à qui on adresse les noms des représentants ainsi que la date de l'assemblée paroissiale, et ce, avant le début du synode. Les délégués ou suppléants qui sont inscrits le premier jour du synode sont les représentants de leur paroisse pour la durée des travaux et ne peuvent être remplacés pendant leur cours.

## 11. Le droit de vote

Nous attirons votre attention au point 13 de la Section A de la Constitution du synode.

A.13 Dans le cas où une paroisse, une mission ou tout autre organisme n'est pas à jour dans le règlement de leur cotisation de l'année en cours ou des années précédentes, son délégué ne sera pas autorisé à participer aux débats ou votes.

Le Conseil du diocèse, à sa séance du 8 septembre 1998, a approuvé l'interprétation suivante de la Section A.13 :

1. Le but de A-13 est d'illustrer l'importance de payer les cotisations au complet, mais sans pénaliser les paroisses de toute participation aux décisions diocésaines.
2. La pénalisation au synode ne s'appliquerait qu'aux votes sur des questions financières.
3. On ne la ferait appliquer qu'aux délégués laïcs (le clergé étant présent de droit).



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**SYNOD  
AGENDA**



# The Diocese of Montreal 2013 Synod Agenda

SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2013

## Registration

7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration of Delegates	<i>Main Foyer</i>
8:00 am	New Delegates Orientation	<i>Chapel</i>

## Opening Session of Synod – Fulford Hall

8:30 am	Opening Worship	Chris Barrigar & Sally Harrington
8:40 am	Safety Announcements	Archdeacon Janet Griffith
8:45 am	Greetings from Partners	Bishop Barry Clarke
9:00 am	Quorum / Opening business/Nominations	Archdeacon Janet Griffith
	Election of Lay Secretary of Synod	
	Election of Clerical Secretary of Synod	
	Election of Diocesan Treasurer	
	Appointment of Auditors	
	Approval of Minutes of 2012 Synod	
	Appointment of Committees of the House	As posted
	Privileges of the Floor	
	Regrets	
	Report of Synod Nominating Committee	Convening Circular
	Introduction of Nominees	Convening Circular
	Presentation of Motions, Memorials and Petitions	Convening Circular
	Presentation of Canonical Changes	Convening Circular
	Reception of Report of Diocesan Council	Convening Circular
	Reception of Reports on Parochial Statistics	Convening Circular
	Reception of Other Reports	Convening Circular
9:50 am	Adjournment Session will resume after the Eucharist	
10:00 am	Synod Eucharist	<i>Christ Church Cathedral</i>

## Afternoon Session – Fulford Hall

11:40 am	Balloting Opens at the end of Eucharist	<i>Passerelle</i>
11:45 am	Lunch	<i>Chapel</i>
12:30 pm	Video	<i>Fulford Hall</i>
12:45 pm	Worship	Karla Holmes
1:00 pm	Motions & Signing of Partnership Covenant with APCI	Bishop Barry Clarke
1:15 pm	Guest Speaker	Andrea Mann
1:45 pm	Finance	Norman Spencer & Stephen Tam
2:15 pm	Stewardship	Stewardship Council
2:30 pm	Youth Ministry Report	Mark Dunwoody
3:00 pm	Afternoon Break	<i>Chapel</i>
3:15 pm	MAP	Janet Marshall
4:15 pm	Report from Joint Assembly Delegates	Joint Assembly Team



4:45 pm	Continuation of Motions & Members Forum	Bishop Barry Clarke
5:45 pm	Youth Worship	Youth Group
6:00 pm	Wine and Cheese Reception	<i>Fulford Hall</i>

## Diocèse de Montréal Synode 2013 Ordre du jour

SAMEDI 19 OCTOBRE 2013

### Inscription

7h30 – 8h	Inscription des délégués	<i>Vestibule de verrière</i>
8h	Stage d'accueil pour les nouveaux délégués	<i>Chapelle</i>

### Séance d'ouverture du Synode

8h30	Prières pour l'ouverture du Synode	Chris Barrigar & Sally Harrington
8h40	Annonce pour la sécurité	L'Archidiacre Janet Griffith
8h45	Salutations des partenaires	L'Évêque Barry Clarke
9h	Quorum/Remarques préliminaires/Nominations	L'Archidiacre Janet Griffith
	Élection du secrétaire laïc du Synode	
	Élection du secrétaire clerc du Synode	
	Élection du trésorier du diocèse	
	Nomination des vérificateurs	
	Approbation du procès-verbal du Synode 2012	
	Création des comités	Comme indiqué à la table de documentation
	Privilèges des intervenants	
	Membres absents	
	Rapport du Comité des nominations du synode	Circulaire de convocation
	Présentation des candidats	Circulaire de convocation
	Présentation des modifications, mémentos et pétitions	Circulaire de convocation
	Présentation des changements aux canons	Circulaire de convocation
	Réception du Rapport du Conseil du diocèse	Circulaire de convocation
	Réception des Rapports statistiques des paroisses	Circulaire de convocation
	Réception d'autres rapports	Circulaire de convocation
9h50	Suspension de séance qui reprendra après la Messe	
10h	Messe du Synode	<i>Cathédrale Christ Church</i>

Séance de l'après-midi

11h40	Le scrutin sera ouvert à la conclusion de la Messe	Passerelle
11h45	Dîner	Chapelle
12h30	Vidéo	Salle Fulford
12h45	Prières	Karla Holmes
13h	Propositions de modifications et signature de l'Alliance avec APCI	L'Évêque Barry Clarke
13h15	Conférencière invitée	Andrea Mann
13h45	Situation financière	Norman Spencer & Stephen Tam
14h15	Administration	Stewardship Council
14h30	Rapport de la Pastorale de la jeunesse	Mark Dunwoody
15h00	Suspension de séance	Chapelle
15h15	PAP	Janet Marshall
16h15	Rapport des délégués de l'Assemblée paritaire	Team de l'Assemblée
16h45	Modifications (suite) et débat	L'Évêque Barry Clarke
17h45	Prières de la jeunesse	Groupe de jeunes
18h	Réception « Vin et fromage »	Salle Fulford

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**NOMINATING  
COMMITTEE**

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## COMMITTEES OF SYNOD APPOINTED BY SYNOD

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- **Nominating Committee for Boards, Delegations, & Committees Appointed or Elected by Synod**

The Territorial Archdeacons, The Executive Archdeacon, The Dean, The Clerical and Lay Secretaries, The Comptroller

Convenor: The Executive Archdeacon

- **Diocesan Court**

The Revd Dr Chris Barrigar, The Ven. James W. Bennett, The Ven. Gordon E. S. Guy, The Ven. Peter D. Hannen, The Revd Michael Johnson, The Revd Canon Ralph Leavitt, The Revd Canon Dr Donald J. Meloche, The Revd Eleanor Caruana, The Revd Canon Linda Borden Taylor, The Revd Keith Schmidt, The Ven. Michael Robson, The Revd Karen Chalk

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## COMMITTEES OF SYNOD ELECTED BY SYNOD

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### **Nominations for Election to Diocesan Council by Synod 2013**

(3 of each order to be elected for a one-year term)

Clergy

The Revd Robert Camara

Lay

Ms. Valerie Bennett

- *More names to come from the floor of Synod*

### **Elected to Diocesan Council by Deanery Chapters**

(one lay or clergy elected for a three-year term, alternating)

Clergy

The Revd Eileen Steele, South Shore (2011)  
The Revd Shirley Smith, Pte-Claire (2012)  
The Revd Marsha Mundy, Ste-Anne (2012)  
, Laurentians (2013)

Laity

Mrs Christine Ralph, Hochelaga (2011)  
Mr Jim Shepherd, Western Montreal (2011)  
, Chris Church Cathedral (2013)

### **2013 Diocesan Council**

Ex-Officio Members: The Diocesan Bishop, The Executive Archdeacon, The Clerical and Lay Secretaries of Synod, The Treasurer, Members of the Council of General Synod and of Provincial Council

Non-Voting Members: The Comptroller, The Chancellor, The Vice-Chancellor, The Church Advocate, and Chairpersons of Diocesan Council Standing Committees

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**COMMITTEES OF SYNOD ELECTED BY SYNOD**

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**Synod Planning Committee elected by Diocesan Synod in 2012**

Responsibilities began immediately following the 2012 Synod,  
and end with Conference Synod in the year 2015

**Clergy**

The Revd Chris Barrigar  
The Ven. Michael Johnson  
The Ven. Janet Griffith Johnson  
The Revd Donald Boisvert

**Laity**

Mrs Sue Winn  
Mr Mark Dunwoody  
Mr Jim Shepherd  
Mrs Sally Harrington

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PROPOSED  
CANONICAL  
CHANGES



Moved by: The Rev'd Bill Gray

Seconded by: Frank Dottin

Be it so resolved that Canon 23—Clergy Housing (2004) be revised as follows:

2. b. change *Clergy Remuneration Committee* to *Human Resources Committee*, as follows:

A rectory shall be of suitable size, with a minimum of three bedrooms, a study, and adequate space for the normal activities of a family. It shall be equipped with normal household appliances and utilities as established in regulations by Diocesan Council on the advice of the *Human Resources Committee*. The house shall be provided rent-free, and normal maintenance shall be provided by the salary source. The house shall be of a quality not less than the typical quality of housing in the parish.

3a. REMOVE:

When a housing allowance is provided in lieu of a rectory the amount of the allowance shall be not less than the median rental value in the parish's Federal Electoral District of a house suitable for use as a rector, as described in paragraph 2(b), including utilities. The rates shall be calculated by the Clergy Remuneration Committee annually in June, and presented to Diocesan Council for information in September, and shall be in effect for the subsequent calendar year beginning January 1.

INSERT:

When a housing allowance is provided in lieu of a rectory, the amount of the allowance shall be not less than the minimum rate as set out herein, unless local circumstances indicated a need for an exception.

The minimum rate for 2013 is \$15,000 for clergy employed in parishes on the island of Montreal and \$13,000 for clergy employed off island. All exceptions shall occur in consultation with the Executive Archdeacon and the parish corporation.

Effective January 1, 2014 and annually on January 1 in subsequent years, all housing allowances will be adjusted for inflation each year according to the average annual change over the preceding three years in the National Consumer Price Index, as published by Statistics Canada for the month of June. For clergy who are receiving a clergy housing allowance different from the current rate, the same amount of adjustment will be applied. The exceptions referred to at the beginning of this article may be necessary in some geographic areas where housing/rental costs are low or high.

(originally implemented in 1990, rescinded and replaced (as printed) in 2000. Revised 2013)

Proposée par: le rév Bill Gray

Appuyée par: Frank Dottin

Qu'il soit résolu que le 23è Canon – Logement du clergé (2004) soit révisé comme suit :

2b. Remplacer le Comité sur la rémunération du clergé par le Comité des ressources humaines, comme suit :

Le presbytère doit être d'une taille adéquate, avoir trois chambres au minimum ainsi qu'un bureau, et être assez spacieux pour les activités habituelles d'une famille. On y trouvera les appareils ménagers et les services ordinaires. Ceci est décrit dans le règlement du Conseil diocésain, suite aux conseils du Comité des ressources humaines. Il n'y aura pas de loyer et les frais d'entretien ordinaire proviendront de la même source que le salaire. Le logement doit correspondre aux normes typiques de la paroisse, sinon mieux.

3a. SUPPRIMER:

Si une allocation au logement est fournie au lieu d'un presbytère, son montant doit être supérieur à la moyenne des loyers de logement convenable au besoin du membre du clergé dans la circonscription fédérale où la paroisse est située, comme indiqué dans le paragraphe 2(b) et comprenant les services. Les taux sont à calculer tous les ans en juin par le Comité des rémunérations du clergé et présenté au Conseil diocésain en septembre pour information. Ils seront mis en vigueur pour l'année suivante à partir du 1er janvier.

AJOUTER :

Si une allocation au logement est fournie à la place d'un presbytère, son montant sera égal ou supérieur au taux de base indiqué ci-dessous, à moins que la conjoncture locale entraîne une exception à la règle.

Le taux minimum de 2013 est de 15 000\$ pour le clergé au service de paroisses sur l'île de Montréal, et de 13 000\$ pour celui qui se trouve à l'extérieur. Toute exception doit faire l'objet de consultations avec l'archidiacre exécutif et la corporation paroissiale

À compter du 1er janvier 2014 et les années suivantes à la même date, ce taux sera ajusté à celui de l'inflation suivant la moyenne des changements annuels des trois dernières années dans l'Indice national des prix à la consommation, tel que publié par Statistiques Canada pour le mois de juin. Dans le cas de clergé recevant une allocation différente au taux de base actuel, on appliquera le même réajustement. Les exceptions mentionnées au début de cet article peuvent être nécessaires dans certaines zones géographiques suivant que le coût de la location immobilière est haut ou bas.

(Implémenté initialement en 1990, abrogé et remplacé (tel qu'imprimé) en l'an 2000. Révisé en 2013).

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**PROPOSED  
CONSTITUTIONAL  
CHANGES**



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MOTIONS

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Motion "A" – Election of a Diocesan Treasurer

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Moved by: Ann Cumyn  
Seconded by: Michael Johnson

Be it RESOLVED, that Synod elect Mr Norman Spencer as Diocesan Treasurer.

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Motion «A» – Élection du trésorier diocésain

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Proposée par: Ann Cumyn  
Appuyée par: Michael Johnson

Qu'il soit RÉSOLU que le Synode élise M. Norman Spencer à titre de trésorier diocésain.

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Motion "B" – Nomination of Auditors

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Moved by: Michael Robson  
Seconded by: Ralph Leavitt

Be it RESOLVED, that Synod nominate the firm of BDO Dunwoody LLP to serve as Auditors for the 2013 fiscal year.

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Motion «B» – Nomination des vérificateurs

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Proposée par: Michael Robson  
Appuyée par: Ralph Leavitt

Qu'il soit RÉSOLU que le Synode nomme la firme BDO Dunwoody s.r.l. à titre de vérificateur pour l'exercice financier 2013.

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Motion "C" – Budget

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Moved by: Ann Cumyn  
Seconded by: Michael Johnson

Be it RESOLVED, that Synod adopt the 2014 Operating Budget as published.

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Motion «C» – Budget

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Proposée par: Ann Cumyn  
Appuyée par: Michael Johnson

Qu'il soit RÉSOLU que le Synode adopte le budget de fonctionnement pour l'année 2014 tel que publié.

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Motion "D" – The Assembly of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

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Moved by: Sue Winn  
Seconded by: The Revd Robert Camara

Be it RESOLVED, that a letter be sent to Bishop Barbara Andrews, sending greetings and giving thanks for our partner relationship with the Assembly of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior.

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Motion «D» – l'Assemblée des paroisses anglicanes du Centre intérieur

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Proposée par: Sue Winn  
Appuyée par: le rév Robert Camara

Qu'il soit résolu qu'une lettre soit envoyée à l'évêque Barbara Andrews pour la saluer et montrer notre reconnaissance pour le partenariat avec l'Assemblée des paroisses anglicanes du Centre intérieur.

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Motion "E" – The Assembly of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

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Moved by: Sue Winn  
Seconded by: The Revd Robert Camara

Be it RESOLVED, that the Covenant Relationship between the diocese of Montreal and the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior be extended for a further period of five years until October 2018.

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Motion «E» – l'Assemblée des paroisses anglicanes du Centre intérieur

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Proposée par: Sue Winn  
Appuyée par: le rév Robert Camara

Qu'il soit RÉSOLU que l'Alliance entre le diocèse de Montréal et les paroisses anglicanes du Centre intérieur soit prolongée de cinq ans – jusqu'en Octobre 2018.

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Motion "F" – Charter of Québec Values

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Moved by: The Rev'd Bill Gray  
Seconded by: Tony Hadley

Be it RESOLVED, that the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal through our Diocesan Bishop immediately express to the government of the province of Quebec our solidarity with all who would be negatively affected by the provisions in the proposed Charter of Quebec Values and register our strong opposition to its' adoption and implementation requesting that all members of the Quebec National assembly work for either its' withdrawal or defeat or failing that to help initiate a court challenge on the grounds that provisions in this charter would discriminate and violate our constitutional protections of individual rights.

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Motion «F» – la Charte des valeurs québécoises

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Proposée par: le rév Bill Gray  
Appuyée par: M. Tony Hadley

Qu'il soit RÉSOLU que l'évêque du diocèse anglican de Montréal fasse connaître sans délai au gouvernement de la Province du Québec, et au nom du Synode, notre solidarité avec tous ceux et celles qui seraient touchés par les dispositions du projet de la Charte des valeurs québécoises ; qu'il exprime notre ferme opposition à son adoption et implémentation et demande à tous les membres de l'Assemblée nationale du Québec de faire en sorte que ce projet soit retiré ou battu ; à défaut, de favoriser un procès au motif que les provisions de cette charte sont discriminatoires et contreviennent aux protections de la Constitution de nos droits individuels.

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### **November 13, 2012**

Council elected Mrs June Harris as Vice-Chair for the 2012-2013 year  
Council received a report on the St Columba Trusteeship  
Council ratified a loan to the parish of Two Mountains, but denied them a grant  
Council reviewed financial reports  
Council elected Mr Jim Shepherd to the Synod Planning Committee  
Council was led by Mrs Janet Marshall in a Diocesan Council Orientation

### **January 8, 2013**

Council received an update on the Council of General Synod  
Council heard a Ministry Action Plan (MAP) communications update  
Council heard a description of the MAP Affinity Groups  
Council approved a loan request by St James Rosemere  
Council reviewed financial reports

### **March 12, 2013**

Council received a report on the recent feasibility study  
Council received an update on the Youth Ambassador Program  
Council affirmed the continued use of the facilities at Cathedral Place for the MSCM  
Council heard a MAP communications update  
Council approved a loan to St James Rosemere  
Council reviewed financial reports  
Council heard an update on the 4th annual Mission Works Golf Tournament

### **April 16, 2013**

Council welcomed the Dean of St George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, the Very Rev. Hosam Naoum  
Council received a report from the Grants & Loans Subcommittee  
Council approved an application in principle to the Anglican Foundation by St Paul's Greenfield Park  
The Synod planning Committee noted that it was looking for another clerical member  
Council received update on potential sale of a few church properties  
Council received a report from the Council of General Synod  
Council received requests for the upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Commission meeting in Montreal at the end of April

### **May 14, 2013**

Council received the feasibility study subcommittee recommendations  
Council heard a MAP communications update  
Council approved a motion to change the name of the "Partners in Mission Committee" to "Partnerships Committee"  
Council received a report from the Standing Committee on Mission  
Council reviewed financial reports

### **June 11, 2013**

Council heard that the ordinations would take place on September 8th, 2013.  
Council heard a request for a building loan from St Barnabas Pierrefonds  
Council heard a presentation by Mr. Paul Clark, the new director of Action Réfugiés Montréal  
Council heard a MAP communications update  
Council reviewed financial reports

The Nominating Committee has the primary responsibility for making recommendations to Diocesan Council for the filling of vacancies on the various diocesan committees, having first determined that those recommended will be willing to serve, if Council elects them. The committee consists of 6-9 members, clergy and lay, chosen from across the diocese, as well as the Vice-Chair of Diocesan Council, who is a member ex-officio, and Nicki Hronjak, from the Programme Office, who keeps us on track and without whom we would, no doubt, be in a terrible muddle. For the past year I have had the privilege of serving as the chair of the committee.

There are always vacancies occurring, on one committee or another, throughout the year and sometimes it can take some time to fill a particular opening, so we are always looking for people willing to serve and are happy to receive suggestions. Elsewhere in these reports, you will find more specific information about the various diocesan committees and the work that they do. If you are interested in being part of one of those committees, or can suggest someone who might make a good member, please speak to one of us who are listed below. Even if a particular committee does not have any openings at the present time, we are glad to have a list of names ready for consideration when a vacancy does occur. As of Summer 2013, the Nominating Committee consists of Eric Dryden, Eileen Steele, Joyce Sanchez, Verna Peris, June Harris, Bill Gray, Nicki Hronjak and myself. Anyone of us will be pleased to pass on suggestions to the full committee.

I want to thank all of the members for their work on the committee, including Flo Tracy and Ann Yaxley, who finished their service during the year, and also my predecessor as chair, Jane Bell, who was responsible for last year's report and, therefore, did not receive our thanks at that time. A very large thank you must also go to Nicki Hronjak, who performs the lion's share of work on behalf of the committee.

The Finance Standing Committee has met regularly this year to fulfill its mandate to assist the Treasurer with respect to the articulation, promotion, coordination, and supervision of the Synod's financial affairs, and to do so in a manner consistent with strategic goals set out by Diocesan Council.

Synod's financial management is proceeding in a very competent and satisfactory manner. Thanks is due to the Manager, Financial Services (Stephen Tam) and the Treasurer (Norman Spencer) The Finance Committee and Diocesan Council receive financial statements and all important financial information on time, every time. Financial information is presented clearly and consistently, it is easy to understand, and it focuses on the important aspects of the operations and financial health of Synod.

The variances between budget and actual are usually very small, reflecting an effective balance between good planning and close control of spending. When variances are noteworthy, we are advised promptly and it is generally due to either a carefully considered decision, or more likely a question of timing.

Financial management is tightly controlled, under the joint management of the Bishop, Executive Archdeacon and the Treasurer, and our financial capacity is always a factor when making operating decisions. There is an appropriate balance between prudent financial management and our mission focus as the Anglican Church in this place.

We are fortunate that our accounting and control function is operating very well under the management of Stephen Tam, Manager Financial Operations. We owe him and his team a vote of thanks for their excellent work throughout the year. Additionally, we also want to thank the Treasurer, Mr. Norman Spencer, for his commitment in overseeing the financial management of Synod's affairs, and for advising on longer-term strategy.

We also appreciate our links with the Stewardship Committee – last year we participated in the Stewardship Day in September, and will do so again this fall. We additionally suggested and promoted a Clergy day on Stewardship at which Archbishop Douglas Hambidge and Archdeacon John Robertson addressed the clergy on the nature and importance of Stewardship. This will be repeated again at this year's Stewardship Day for parishes. We also working towards the development of a Loans & Grants Committee, based on a motion at Synod 2012, with assistance and leadership from the Executive Archdeacon and assistance from Janet Marshall.

Our overall Synod finances remain tight. We are running a small deficit, and this is a matter of concern. We are not facing any financial crises, but long-term deficits are an issue to be addressed in a realistic manner.

We are mindful that sources of income are generally static, and we are very reluctant to increase assessments on parishes, many of which also have financial strains. It is also difficult for the Synod office to increase other sources of income, and there are limits to how we can cut expenses while continuing to be both viable and effective in pursuing our Christian mission.

A group of concerned individuals, including the Finance Committee, are studying the report of the feasibility study in respect of a possible financial campaign. The Finance Standing Committee is playing a role in these discussions. The study has been useful in many ways, requiring us to consider many aspects of our Church life, our direction for the future and the best way to get there. We welcome opportunities to discuss our goals in a practical way that reflects 21<sup>st</sup> century realities. The Finance Committee continues to discuss and debate the issues surrounding the large number of churches for our modest population. We are very mindful of all the Christian mission work our Diocese could support if we were less focused on supporting a surplus of underutilized buildings.

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Anglican Balanced Funds

Norman Spencer

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Market value of net assets (\$ millions):

	<i>July 31, 2013</i>		<i>Dec 31, 2012</i>		<i>Dec 31, 2011</i>	
Cash and short term securities	\$ 1.4	6%	\$ 0.2	1%	\$ 1.1	5%
Bonds	7.6	31%	7.8	35%	8.2	36%
Canadian Equities	5.7	24%	5.7	25%	5.1	23%
Non-Canadian equities	9.4	39%	8.8	39%	8.2	36%
	<u>\$ 24.1</u>		<u>\$ 22.5</u>		<u>\$ 22.6</u>	
Distribution *6 Months	<u>\$ 0.49*</u>		<u>\$ 0.91</u>		<u>\$ 0.97</u>	
Distributions (%)	<u>4.0%</u>		<u>4.0%</u>		<u>4.3%</u>	
Net asset value per unit	<u>\$ 31.01</u>		<u>\$ 28.72</u>		<u>\$ 27.04</u>	

Performance indicators during the same period:

	<i>July 31, 2013</i>	<i>Dec 31, 2012</i>	<i>Dec 31, 2011</i>
TSX	12,486.6	12,435.5	11,955.1
TSX – change in year	0.01%	4.02	(11.07%)
Dow Jones	15,499.5	13,104.0	12,217.6
Dow Jones – change in year	18.28%	7.26%	5.52%
10 Yr. Canada Bonds	2.45%	1.80%	1.94%
Canada Prime Rate	3.00%	3.00%	3.00%

The mix of cash and bonds versus the higher risk / higher return equities reflects a prudent but balanced investment policy.

Since Letko, Brosseau & Associates took over management in March 2004 the Fund has generated an average annualized return of 7.2%.

The trustees have met with the managers quarterly and have reviewed the underlying investments.

I am grateful to my fellow trustees for their support and for their most professional approach to their task.

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Audit Committee

Michael Patry

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The members of the Audit Committee are presently Jim Pratt, Stephen Petrie, Roman Suseil and Michael Patry. The purpose of the Committee is to oversee the audit functions of the Synod and to make policy recommendations on any matter affecting audit, financial reporting or compliance.

Meetings were held with the auditors, the Honorary treasurer and the Manager of Financial Services during the period of completion of the financial statements. The Committee gave its approval of the completed statements and communicated its approval to Council. It also recommended reappointment of BDO Canada as auditors.

In addition, during the course of the year, it is the responsibility of the Committee to review, amongst other things, the written representations of the auditors, the audit fees and compliance with regulatory requirements. These were discussed at our meetings and subsequently approved.

Once again the audit process this year went smoothly, reflecting the good working relationship between the Diocesan accounting staff and the auditors. This resulted among other in the maintenance of the fee structure at a reasonable level.

The Audit Committee would like to express its appreciation to all concerned for the way in which the audit was carefully and effectively carried out. Special thanks go to Norman Spencer, our Honorary Treasurer, and to Stephen Tam, Manager of Financial Services for making sure the audit was properly managed.

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The Standing Committee on Human Resources

Janet Griffith

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This year we say farewell to our Chair, The Revd Canon Paul Jennings, who has relocated to ----- . At the beginning of the year, the committee refocused its attention on Clergy Development. A survey was sent out to all active clergy to gather information and opinions on the use of the National Continuing Education Fund. By learning more about the current use, needs and limitations of clergy, we are better able to provide specific development programs tailored to our Diocese.

We have also welcomed a quite a few new members to our committee: Eve Marshall, The Revd Robert Camara, The Revd Karla Holmes, The Revd Jean Willcocks, The Revd Canon Joyce Sanchez and The Revd Bill Gray.

As always, we are grateful for the support of our laity who have chosen to renew their term with us: Frank Dottin and Leslie Brooks.

In the coming year, we hope to align our goals with that of the Ministry Action Plan, to really support and uplift our Diocese.

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Standing Committee on Mission

Sophie Rolland

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The Standing Committee on Mission (the Mission Committee) has had a very productive year focussing on the two main areas of our mandate, that is: to maintain an active and supportive liaison with a number of subcommittees and community organizations; and, to administer a small budget to support initiatives in the diocese that foster the Six Marks of Mission and fall within the purview of the Ministry Action Plan (MAP).

As you might recall, the sub-committees which fall under the Mission Committee are: Anglican Church Women; Council

on Aging; Kidstuff; Partners in Mission; Primate's World Relief and Development Fund; and, Stewardship of the Environment. The committee also serves to maintain communication with and offering support to the following community ministries: Tyndale-St George's; Action Réfugiés; St Michael's Mission; and, Mile-End Mission. In addition, the Mission Committee has been fostering ties with ecumenical groups by participating in the Réseau œcuménique justice et paix (ROJeP) and KAIROS Canada.

Since the last Diocesan Synod, the Committee on Mission oversaw the budget allocations of the subcommittees and maintained an active, supportive liaison with all these ministries. This has included helping some subcommittees to redefine or refocus their mandates, liaising with the diocese to better publicize the work of others of these ministries and by simply keeping the lines of communication open through telephone conversations and visits.

With its budget, the Mission Committee has been able to offer a number of grants. Since the last Diocesan Synod, we have supported initiatives including a French Eucharist service at the Cathedral; a Christmas party at a senior's facility by All Saints Church, Two Mountains, the installation of a new sign for St Thomas NDG; a postcard drop for St John the Baptist; the restoration of church pews at St. Paul's Dunany; a Sugaring-Off outing at Mile End Mission; a Pet Blessing event at Holy Trinity Ste-Agathe; a Vacation Bible School at St. James Church, Bedford; the installation of a chairlift at St Joseph of Nazareth; a liturgical dance workshop at the Church of the Resurrection, Valois; and, the support of driving expenses of lay pastoral visits in the large area of Bedford, Philipsburg and Farnham.

In addition to these grants, the Mission Committee directly supported draft translations of several liturgies from the BAS into French, including the service for Good Friday and the Supplementary Eucharistic Prayers. The Mission Committee is also supporting the ongoing work of Affinity Groups in the diocese.

The members of the Standing Committee on Mission welcome your thoughts on resources and workshops that might be useful to assist in the building up of our ministry in the diocese.

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Anglican Church Women

Gloria Augustus

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2012-2013 has been a very successful year for the Montreal Diocesan Anglican Church Women Committee as we continue to reach out to the people of the Community in a fellowship of worship and outreach. Our Committee meets monthly at Fulford Hall, except July and August. I am pleased to report on the following activities of the Anglican Church Women Committee members.

September 27 - 30, 2012, I attended the National A.C.W. Conference in Calgary. The Theme was "Called to Serve" 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25:40).

The National A.C.W. President, Terri Parrill conducted our business sessions. It was a great opportunity for me, once again to meet with my sisters in Christ of the A.C.W. from across Canada as we joined in Worship and fellowship together.

The Revd Canon Judy Rois, Executive Director of the Anglican foundation spoke to us about the "Hope Bear", Kids helping Kids, so many young people live in poverty and that's why the fund was started she said.

On Saturday morning, we had the opportunity to see part of Calgary. We went on a bus tour to Banff seeing the beautiful scenery of the Rocky Mountains.

We were very fortunate once again to have our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, with us for our Saturday afternoon session. Archdeacon Paul Fehley, Principal Secretary to the Primate, accompanied Archbishop Fred Hiltz. We also had Archbishop David Ashdown, chair of the Council of the North, Diocese of Keewatin spoke to us about the Council of the North and its work with indigenous people.

The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, said that the Anglican Church of Canada has more Canadian leadership than ever before. He would like us to continue to walk in solidarity with indigenous peoples. The work that A.C.W. does in the parishes enables others to live out their vocation, and helping people in need, all these are important ministry and deeply appreciated. We also had the opportunity to meet the new Bishop of Calgary, Gregory Kerr, at our Sunday Eucharist service and after the service; the Bishop joined us for lunch.

On December 6, 2012, the Montreal Diocesan Anglican Church Women once again held a Memorial service at Christ

Church Cathedral, for National Day of Violence, and Action on Violence against Women, remembering all victims of Violence, especially the fourteen female students killed at the École Polytechnique at the University of Montreal.

The Very Reverend Paul Kennington, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral did the opening welcome. The Celebrant was the Rev. Shirley Smith. The Rev. Jean Willcocks read the Gospel and Dr. Canon Constance Middleton-Hope of Christ Church Cathedral delivered the Homily.

The Diocesan Anglican Church Women hosted the World day of prayer March 1, 2013, at Christ Church Cathedral. The women of France wrote the World Day of Prayer Service. The theme was "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35). Thanks to the Revd Rhonda Waters of Christ Church Cathedral for her inspiring message. Also, participants from our sister churches in the downtown area joined with us in prayer and fellowship.

March 14, 2013, we held our Lenten Quiet Day, led by our Chaplain, the Revd Shirley Smith, with Holy Eucharist service in the Chapel in Fulford Hall. The theme was "Women of Faith in Action" The Revd Shirley spoke to us from the book: *Enduring Lives*, based on women of faith.

We celebrated our Women's day of Celebration on May 30, 2013 at Christ Church Cathedral. The Very Revd Paul Kennington, Dean, of the Cathedral, did the opening welcome. The Celebrant was the Revd Shirley Smith. The Revd Dorothy Samuel delivered the homily and the Revd Meryle Howard read the Gospel. Our theme was "Inspiration and Hope." The Women's Day of Celebration was held on May 30th, in memory of Roberta Elizabeth Tilton, founder of the Women's auxiliary, 128 years ago on this same date. The focus of her ministry took place in the North as they set up Sunday school, medical care and Education.

The Revd Sophie Rolland, our guest speaker, Incumbent of the Church of the Resurrection, Valois, Pointe Claire, gave a powerful speech based on our Theme: "Inspiration and Hope."

The Montreal Diocesan Anglican Church Women Committee presented Mrs. Phyllis Brickwood, one of our Life Members with a Plaque in recognition of many faithful years of service on June 13th. The Revd Shirley Smith, blessed Phyllis and the President, Gloria Augustus presented Phyllis with the Plaque. Our Thanks to Phyllis for her hard work and dedication, and we look forward for her continued service to this committee.

From the Thanks Offering received from our Annual Women's Day of Celebration held on May 30, 2013, we are pleased to report that at our meeting of June 13th, we agreed to donate \$1,000 to the following five organizations:

Chez Doris; Fulford Residence; Generations Foundation; Haiti School Project, c/o PWRDF; and the Lettie James Bursary for Women Theological Students.

Our Newsletter, *Keeping in Touch* (K.I.T.) continues to reach more and more women in the community. Our publication goes out three times per year. We also, sent out a Pamphlet listing all the ACW events for the year. My thanks go out to our Diocesan Anglican Church Women Committee members who worked so hard to make the events enjoyable and successful. My thanks also, to all the women of the Diocese for their continued help and support. We look forward with God's help to continue this valuable work in reaching out to those in need and to make a difference in the lives of others.

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Council on Aging

Geert-Jan Boudewijnse

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My first thanks go to Carol Hutton for organizing the successful conference on Alzheimer disease. She also wrote the content of *Senior Moments*. She has been a very active member of the Council on Aging and we regret that the time has come for her to step down. I also want to thank Pamela Yarrow and Shan Impey-Warf for their active and enthusiast participation. Last but not least my thanks go to Nicki Hronjak of Programme Office; her exemplary support is well appreciated.

For the first half year the council had three active members, namely the Revd. Pamela Yarrow, Ms. Carol Hutton and Geert-Jan Boudewijnse. Ms. Shan Impey-Wharf joined us mid-year.



- On November 23, 2012 we had an excellent conference on Alzheimer's disease. This conference had two outstanding speakers, Ms. Teresa Anuza and Dr. Serge Gauthier. The conference was well attended and the participants gave us very positive feedback.
- Our quarterly publication *Senior Moments* continued to be sent to the parishes and interested persons. We are now updating the mailing list.
- We are planning to visit several deaneries and discuss how each deanery and its participating parishes take care of the seniors present in their areas. We hope that our visits bring the participants to reflect on issues regarding their seniors and – if necessary – will bring more structure around the care of seniors.
- We are also discussing the policies of our federal and provincial governments on seniors. We are worried for the direction and plans for the future of senior care in Quebec. It could well be that we are going to encourage our Diocese to take a stance on certain issues.

We have three vacancies on the committee. In order for the Council to produce an interesting programme for the coming years these vacancies must be filled in no time.

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Kidstuff

Rhonda Waters

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It was a great pleasure to join the dedicated Kidstuff team in the June of 2012 and a great honour to be selected as chair of the committee. My thanks go to the past chair, James Catto for his gracious welcome and helpful transfer of resources and information and to the other members of the committee for the ongoing support and enthusiasm. In particular, I wish to thank the Rev'd Jean Willcocks, Ms Rae Phillips and the Rev'd Shirley Smith who, after many years of faithful service, have reached the end of their terms with Kidstuff and are stepping down – though they all promised they would still be around to help out! I would also like to welcome Ms Elizabeth Reed who joined the committee in February 2013. As the numbers show, at the time of this writing, Kidstuff has two openings for new members.

Kidstuff prepared for four events over the past year, although only three were held as a program for children of synod delegates was cancelled due to lack of enrollment. However, the other three events were well attended and appreciated.

- The **Christmas Pageant Preparation Day**, held in November 2012, provided supplies and patterns and support for creating costumes and props used in parishes across the diocese in a wonderful variety of pageants.
- The **Whole Family Ministry** dinner and discussion in April 2013 looked at the need to care for parents as well as children and identified the experiments and successes already under way around the diocese.
- The **Back to Sunday School** workshops in September 2013 provided practical tools and resources for Sunday Schools, shared by some of the experienced and talented teachers in our midst.

In addition, a Kidstuff Facebook page was launched which now includes people from across the country as well as from other denominations.

Looking forward, Kidstuff is excited to make the Christmas Pageant Prep Day an annual event. We are also turning our attention to the children's ministry area on the diocesan website and are planning an extensive campaign of needs assessment, developing and administering surveys to both parents and churches. The results of this assessment will guide our plans for the next few years but we look forward to continuing to support parishes in the vital work of ministering to the children in our communities.

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Partners in Mission Committee

Penny Noël

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In 2012 the Partners in Mission Committee had a very exciting year with interaction with our two Partner Dioceses, Masasi in Tanzania and the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (A.P.C.I.) in British Columbia.

In the Spring we hosted Melissa Green, the Youth Coordinator from A.P.C.I., and she had an opportunity to meet with our Youth Ambassadors in advance of their trip out west.

The Youth Ambassador Program was up and running under the tutelage of a Committee made up of representatives of

P.I.M., PWRDF, a parent, and Kisha Joseph, Youth Leader at St George's, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. As we planned a trip to our Partner Diocese of the Central Interior of British Columbia, several Parishes of the Diocese of Montreal rose to the occasion and supported this endeavour! Before leaving for Kamloops, a Commissioning Service was held at St James the Apostle Church, followed by a barbeque at the Noël house. In July, seven youth from four parishes travelled west, with Kisha Joseph, the Rev Robert Camara and Penny Noël as chaperones. They started their visit with two days of "getting-over-jetlag" time at the Sorrento Centre, where they dug potatoes and picked fruit at the Centre's farm and bonded with the staff (especially Nick Pang of Montreal! and Melissa Green, whom they had previously met).

The A.P.C.I. support group provided by Bishop Barbara Andrews did an absolutely wonderful job of entertaining our young people at a rodeo, at Hell's Gate on the Fraser River, a music festival on the waterfront in Kamloops and many other excursions. The time they spent building new entrance stairs and wheelchair ramp at the Parish House at Merritt proved to themselves that they could make a positive contribution to A.P.C.I., and gave them an opportunity to learn more about the aboriginal culture of the area.

After Kamloops, our young people, along with Kisha and Robert joined a group of Anglican and Lutheran youth from Victoria, Vancouver and A.P.C.I., for a bus trip to the CLAY Conference in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

In October, we hosted Bishop Patrick Mwachiko, Bishop of Masasi, and Geoffrey Monjesa, Project co-ordinator for the Diocese. They came to Montreal initially to participate in our 2012 Conference Synod on Partnerships, but while they were here, Bishop Patrick asked Bishop Barry to ordain Geoffrey to the Diaconate. This service was held at the Parish of St Andrew and St Mark in Dorval. During the Synod a new five-year partnership agreement was signed by Bishop Barry and Bishop Patrick.

During this visit, Bishop Patrick was invited to preach at St Paul's, Côte-des-Neiges for a Mother's Union Service and Geoffrey was invited to preach at St George's, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue. There were also lunches and services at St James, Hudson and Holy Trinity, St Agathe. At the end of their visit to Montreal, Bishop Barry hosted a farewell party at the home of Archdeacon Michael Johnson and Archdeacon Janet Griffith-Johnson at which a donation towards a new well was presented to Bishop Patrick.

In October, we hosted Bishop Barbara Andrews of A.P.C.I., who was also one of the speakers at Synod. As well as our time with her at Synod, The Partners in Mission Committee spent a lovely evening with her over dinner and those who did not know her had a chance to discover what a lovely lady she is and what a great job she does in A.P.C.I.

There was an enormous amount of work accomplished in 2012, and it couldn't have happened without our dedicated committee members. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Sue Winn, Elizabeth Hutchison, Robert Camara, Olivia Daniels and Mary Lennon. I also would like to thank Nicki Hronjac, who is always there when we need her!

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Primate's World Relief and Development Fund

Karen Near & William Blizzard

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As I reviewed our annual program of presentations and at the same time, thought about the primary goal of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund which states that we are working towards a truly just, healthy, and peaceful goal, I felt confident in saying that we have met many of our objectives even though there remains much to be done in terms of exciting some of our congregations about this particular ministry enough to elect a parish representative..

One of the strong points of the Montreal Chapter of the PWRDF is that we have a core of parish reps. who, over the years, have been remarkable in their commitment both in their parishes and at the diocesan level. And, I cannot thank them enough. The congregations in those parishes remain informed, and as a result the support for the work of the PWRDF is strong.

The main focus of the Planning Committee is always to secure a range of speakers who would share the work that they do in their area of interest and as well, to give support to the parishes as they carry out their activities, be it a celebration or a fundraiser. At the same time, the Planning Committee is continually seeking ways to increase the number of parish reps. and to interest priests in supporting the reps. as they promote the cause of the PWRDF. If I am to be honest, this is the most difficult task that we set ourselves. The communication strategies that we have used have been unsuccessful, for example, being present at synod with materials, sending e-mails requesting to participate at

clericus/deanery meetings, inviting priests to attend even one of the monthly sessions. It should be mentioned that being at synod and talking about the PWRDF is a most pleasant task. It is indeed rewarding to see people take a keen interest in the promotional materials and share ideas about their use.

On a highly positive note, our presentations have given us inspiration to return to our parishes with renewed energy and when we have come away it has been with reminders that we are called upon not just to talk about mission but to act on mission. When I look at the Marks of Mission I see that our presentations each fell under one of them.

We began the year with a most interesting presentation on “Suitcases for Africa” done by a volunteer, Wendy Buchanan. We heard how one creative idea that began in 2005 with 3 suitcases sent to a community in Kenya to honour the memory of someone has now grown into a vibrant entity that supports orphans and vulnerable children through Education, Nutrition and Healthcare. It was fascinating to listen to how the organization has developed, how the number of suitcases has grown, and yet it still remains a grassroots group that has been supported by schools, congregations, and individuals in their area.

We turned to a completely different theme for October, “ The Witness of the Ancient and Threatened Christian Community in Gaza.” Fr. Robert Assaly, a former Anglican Vicar of Gaza spoke of the tenacious community, strong in faith that bears witness to the love of Christ through service. The Westhill Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign came to the meeting in November with a message of hope that lives are indeed being transformed in some communities through the money that is placed directly into the hands of community-based organizations working on the front lines of the AIDS pandemic in some countries on the continent of Africa. This Montreal chapter of the Grandmothers shared how they support the work of the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

The Annual AIDS Eucharist to mark World AIDS Day on December 1st changed locations this year. We thank the clergy and congregation of The Church of St. John the Evangelist who have spearheaded the memorial mass for the past twenty years. They felt that we should look at a change of venue to continue to keep this event in the public view. To that end, the Cathedral hosted a Eucharist service that reminded us of the stark reality that AIDS is still a world wide epidemic but it was a service that also celebrated life. It is to be hoped that this service will attract a greater turnout next year. The PWRDF offices also helped with making materials available ‘to put AIDS back on the agenda.’

Mark Dunwoody, the Diocesan Youth Coordinator, taught us about the Healthy Vine Trust at the February 2013 Unit meeting. This is a Dutch charitable organization joining forces with a Ugandan NGO to work on sustainable malaria prevention in Uganda. This is a Christian organization that grew out of the relationship between the Anglican Church in the Netherlands and the Church of Uganda. Rounding out our series in April we learned about the Search for God- A Journey of Self-Discovery which is the heart-warming story of the community of Sikri, Kenya from its languishing in poverty to one that is growing

and establishing structures for development through its Sikri IMAD Trust and with a little help from Judy Oatway, former Montreal parishioner and PWRDF Diocesan representative.

We will conclude another year with our May 9th AGM and our June Eucharist. At this year’s AGM we are pleased to have Simon Chambers, PWRDF Communications Officer. His address will focus on the Apeti Pou Appran project which was initiated in the Diocese by a couple of parishes under the guidance of the Rev. Ros Macgregor, the Rev. Gwenda Wells and sponsored in part, by the PWRDF.

Other activities for the year included a presence at the Provincial and Diocesan Synods where materials were displayed and some fund raising items were sold. We also led one of the Worship segments at the diocesan synod.

Karen Near and I continued to sit on the Youth Ambassadors Committee. We attended a meeting to wrap up the visit of the youth representatives to the Diocese of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior ( APSI) and the CLAY - the Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth. At this final meeting we acknowledged that the new Youth Coordinator, Mark Dunwoody will be responsible for the Youth Ambassadors Program. As Planning Committee of the PWRDF the original intention was to have a strong voice within this committee so that we would make links with the youth wing of the PWRDF and draw in our youth . We hope that this will come about in the Fall as the plan is to invite Mark to the Planning Committee meetings.

In February we distributed cards for participation in the Canadian Food Grains Bank Card Writing Campaign to Mr. Harper and the Conservative Government. While I was unable to attend the Regional Workshop in Newfoundland, I

participated in the pre- and post conference calls. These are always important as they allow Diocesan representatives across the country to get information and exchange ideas in between the big gatherings.

In December of 2012 Nicholas Kohner ended two terms on the Planning Committee. I would like to thank him for his valuable contribution. Judith Quinn also completed two terms, one as co-chair. A big Thank You goes out to Judith for the many ways in which she actively facilitated the work of the Planning Committee.

This is also the end of my time with the committee. It has been an honour and a blessing to have had closer ties with and to advocate on behalf of this agency. I want to personally thank all the parish reps., Bishop Barry Clarke, Harvey Shepherd. Special thanks go to Nicki Hronjak of the Programme Office and Ardyth Robinson. The particular role of chair was rendered all the more pleasant because of their commitment to us as volunteer lay people.

We welcome two new members Rev. Ros Macgregor and Verna Asbil-Negm as they join Charles Goddard and Rev. William Blizzard, the new Diocesan Coordinator and the incoming Diocesan Representative, Karen Near. As supporters of the PWRDF, I envision each of us with a keen sense that we need to continue doing our part to achieve that truly just, healthy, and peaceful world for which we pray.

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Stewardship of the Environment Committee

Raymond Noël

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Committee Membership:

- Raymond Noel (Chair), Shirley Newel, Dorothy Samuel, Diane Normand, Reverend Andy O'Donnell, Nicolas Pang, Darren Perrett

Activities and accomplishments:

- The Chairman preached at St. Lawrence, Ville Lasalle on Stewardship of the environment, using material from the environmental audit carried out on that church
- Promoted the observance of Rogation Sunday in the churches of the Diocese, including an article in the Montreal Anglican;
- The Diocese, through the Committee, is represented on the national Creation Matters Committee (formerly Greening Anglican Spaces)
- Carried out environmental audits on two churches of the Diocese
- As part of a national program for the creation of an energy use database, the Committee coordinated the collection of such data from a sample of churches in the Diocese - St Andrew & St Mark's, Dorval / St Lawrence, Lasalle / St Michael and All Angels, Pierrefonds / St Matthias, Westmount / St James, Bedford (+hall) / St James Farnham / St Paul's, Phillipsburg / Christ Church, Sorrel-Tracy (two buildings)
- Began promoting urban agriculture in available space in downtown churches;
- Began a series of columns in the Montreal Anglican on issues related to Stewardship of the Environment
- Followed up with the Government on the letter we had sent regarding the abandonment of the Kyoto Protocol
- Provided comments to KAIROS on its "Ethical Reflections on Northern Gateway Pipeline"

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Action Réfugiés Montréal

Paul Clarke

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*This has been a year full of change at Action Réfugiés Montréal. Our founding director, the Rev. Dr. Glynis Williams left for a new posting with the Presbyterian Church in Canada in their Toronto offices. Mr. Rob Shropshire was hired as an Interim Executive Director; he led the organization from September 2012 until March 2013. At that point, I became the new leader. This has been a time of learning for myself, and something of a renewal for Action Réfugiés.*

**Here are the highlights of our activities in the last year:**

36 sponsored refugees arrived in 2012. In 2013, we have greeted 11 arrivals by the end of June.

As always, in the past year we met over 400 persons at the Immigration Holding Centre. We were blessed with

numerous law interns, social work interns, and volunteers.

We were able to arrange alternative solutions for various people held in detention, including a woman with a 5-year-old daughter. The woman had been trafficked from Eastern Europe and was in danger here in Canada. A man from Africa who was detained was able to be released to a men's' refugee shelter and we purchased glasses for him.

In December 2012 the laws regarding refugees changed dramatically in Canada. Much shorter timelines have resulted in higher stress levels for refugee claimants and we have doubled our visits to the detention center. Our program Coordinator, Jenny Jeanes, has commenced holding information sessions at the center in order to help more detainees, in a more efficient fashion.

We have highlighted in our communications, verbal and written, the campaign of the Canadian Council for Refugees entitled Proud to Protect Refugees. This campaign is strongly supported by the Primates' World Relief and Development Fund and we are pleased to highlight the campaign as well. We held a film screening on June 18 regarding a sponsorship that we initiated in 2008, regarding Mr. Djamel Améziane. He is an Algerian national who has been held in Guantanamo Bay since 2002. The Ven. Janet Griffith introduced the evening to the participants.

Thank you to the Anglican members of the Board of Action Réfugiés Montréal for their service :

Rev'd Gwenda Wells, and Rev'd Robert Camara. We welcome the Rev'd Dorothy Samuels to our board in September.

We have set objectives to be more present within Anglican parishes in the coming year. We also hope to expand our francophone base of friends and supporters. In 2014, Action Réfugiés will celebrate its 20th anniversary and we will be reinvigorated by a process of discerning a new Vision and Mission statement as we look forward to the next 20 years.

Thank you to the Anglican Diocese for its support in so many ways. We all recognize the biblical call to welcome the stranger, and assert as Ruth did " Your people will be my people."

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Mile-End Community Mission

Lou Hachey

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The Mile End Community Mission continues to be an inspired community that reaches out to disadvantaged and marginalized individuals of all ages who suffer the effects of poverty, physical and mental health problems, addiction, homelessness, etc.

As always, we continue to help mission members deal with a variety of issues and situations including problems with landlords, drug and alcohol abuse, depression and other psychiatric conditions, loneliness and isolation, etc. In addition, this past year we have focused increasing attention on assisting members who need to replace lost or stolen medicare and other personal identification cards and/or birth certificates so that they can avoid problems during the annual verification of personal information by welfare officers, open a bank account and/or try to obtain additional medical welfare benefits that are available to people with serious and chronic physical and mental health conditions. This has involved an increase in advocacy and accompaniment in order to help members deal with governmental red tape and related road blocks.

We have also seen an increase in individuals living outside our neighborhood who are in need of food support services. In working with these individuals, we strive to ensure that their immediate need for food and clothing is met while trying to connect them to other resources closer to home.

We continue to be well connected to community and social services, working as needed with the local CLSC, the Y du Parc and numerous other community programs and services which we are connected to through our ongoing participation on local community tables and initiatives.

Our Board of Directors continues to be active and committed. This past year, 2 additional mission members were added to the Board of Directors for a total of 4 mission members on the board. Increased board participation by mission members is highly important and valued in order to ensure ongoing representation of the voices and needs of mission members.

**Our Food Program** continues to grow, both through word of mouth as well as through increased need. Each week, we continue to provide 3 free lunches, 2 free breakfasts and free daily snacks. Throughout the year, we serve over 7,000 meals. Montreal Harvest continues to provide the mission with much needed food for our weekly Food Bank. Local businesses also contribute to our Food Program through their kind donations of coffee, bagels, baked goods, sandwich meat etc. As much as we can, we try to ensure that our meals are as healthy as possible. In addition to our meal program, our Food Bank serves approximately 100 individuals and families each week. Throughout the year, we distribute approximately 10,000 regular and emergency bags of groceries to individuals and families in need. Through the continued generosity of neighbors and parishes throughout the Diocese, we were also able to provide 130 individuals and families with wonderful Christmas baskets, including toys for each child and various toiletries for the adults. The amazing work that is done by our core teams of mission volunteer-leaders and community volunteers continues to ensure that our Food Program functions as well as it does.

**Our 'Friperie Joyce' clothing program** continues to operate 3 times a week and is very popular with our members, particularly those with children. The donation of clothing we receive on a regular basis from neighbors and others is sorted 3 times a week by a dedicated team of volunteer members. Clean clothes that are in season are sold for extremely low prices and the profits help to support our annual outings. On Thursdays people can buy a full garbage bag full of clothes for \$5.

**Our volunteer program** was alternately coordinated this past year by Janna and Danny Vallee, both of whom recently moved with their new born son to New York City. Lori Olson has recently taken over the coordination of volunteers which includes a 20 member team of mission volunteer-leaders who work tirelessly in the Food and clothing programs, as well as a group of highly enthusiastic and dedicated community volunteers who engage in a variety of tasks such as dish washing, translation, computer graphics, assisting with special events, etc. Over the past year we continue to see the positive effects of volunteering on our members' levels of self-confidence and sense of belonging to our community. We are truly a community where everyone helps each other. ...a people's mission-for the people, by the people!

**Our Community Art Program** will be celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. As Joanne Racette, mission member and creator of the program has said, "We believe that "creating" creates a space unto itself and allows one to not think about lacking, surviving, poverty, illness, isolation". "The Community Art Program provides a place of belonging and nourishes the soul". It tries to create a safe, open and non-judgemental space where it is not necessary to know how to draw. Each person has their own notebook, pencils and pastels and can come three times a week to express themselves through different mediums. Among other links to the local art community, Joanne has also developed a relationship with Janis Tim-Bottos professor at Concordia University and founder of several Art Community Centers in The United States and Canada (Vancouver, Montreal, and San Francisco).

**Free computer, internet and telephone access** at the mission continues to be a big hit! As one of our member-volunteers has said: "It is terrific! The Mission offers free computer use to us starting from 10 a.m. each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This is an invaluable tool for all of us here. We can use the computers to check up on emails sent to us from family members who live far away, we can amuse ourselves watching videos or other entertainments, and we can research information we may need regarding housing situations or legal difficulties we may be experiencing".

**Our Yoga program** led by volunteers Rosanne Harvey and Aneka Rao continues to provide members with peace and tranquility every Monday night and is enjoyed by all.

**Special events and activities** that took place this past year have included a wonderful day of apple picking at the Standish farm. During this event, Roslyn Macgregor led a lovely church service involving the children. We also held our annual Christmas dinner where 300 mission members, family and friends enjoyed a wonderful turkey dinner and Christmas presents were distributed to the children by Santa. An Easter Vigil and Christmas Day dinner was also held at the mission this year, thanks again to the kindness and continued involvement of Roslyn Macgregor.

Thanks to funding from the Diocese, we were also able to bring a bus full of mission members to a delicious and fun 'sugaring off' event. More recently, we went with almost 50 individuals and families to Oka Beach for a fun day of swimming and picnicking. Additional Diocese funding has allowed one of our members to plant, nurture and grow a garden filled with vegetables and herbs. This garden has been very therapeutic for this member in particular, who struggles with depression. It has also added great value to the newly developing 'Terrace Connie' project right next to

the garden which Lori Olson initiated this year as a tribute to her mother.

Despite drizzling rain and cooler temperatures, our annual Open House was a success! Some mission members and children took part in a tie-dye art project outside while other talented mission members played guitar and sang near the BBQ area. A local politician also participated by cooking and serving a fabulous Iranian dish.

Our annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner was also quite a success, and while hard to believe, we are already well into the planning of this year's event! All in all, every one of our events and activities continues to help build a growing sense of belonging, community and fellowship at the mission.

**Again this year**, we were thrilled to have the additional support of 2 summer students, Carly and Jessica. With only 2 regular staff at the mission (myself and Lori), their added help on a variety of projects served to lessen our load and assist us in preparing for our Mission Possible mail campaign, among many other things.

**The Mission's theme continues to be "Nourishing our Community"**. At the Mile End Mission, we help nourish people with food...but even more than that, - we all help to nourish each other- equally, with caring, respect, support, fellowship, belonging and purpose.

Much thanks to everyone who has, and continues to assist and encourage us in our fabulous mission.

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Mission Communautaire Christ Church, Sorel

Holly Ratcliffe

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### **Café Christ Church**

In 2012 a great deal of time and energy has gone into developing some of the materials that are needed for the Café to be granted a separate status as a non profit organization. The fruits of this work will hopefully set the Café on a foundation which can last. The Café is part of the larger mission of Christ Church Sorel. The bishop has underlined the significance of that relationship : that the Café's mission is integral to our mission as church.

What happens at the Café? More and more we find people are seeking not only to come out of isolation but also to find community. A simple cup of coffee and a listening ear are acts of hospitality much needed in our world. However, we have also come to realize how easily this gesture can be abused by volunteers and others. We are firmly committed to using the 10 steps of safe Church for the process of selection of volunteers, based as these are on the hard learnings of many volunteer organizations across Canada.

Currently we receive between 40 and 50 people in a 2 hour period on Thursday afternoons. Increasingly, as trust grows, I receive pastoral requests from these people. Some attend the Sunday liturgy regularly.

### **The Faith Community**

Nourishment is at the core of this faith community experience. The Sunday liturgy is a time of eucharistic hospitality and of the nourishment of « partage », of breaking open the Word together. That hospitality extends to a monthly bean lunch and a more recent tradition of an Easter Sunday breakfast and a Réveillon right after the Christmas Eve celebration. These gestures are open to all to attend.

Over the years that I have served this community, I have seen folks deepen the connections they make between the faith, their daily life and the life of the community (including the Café). As Stéphane Gaudet (editor of Aujourd'hui Credo) remarked when he came, « Ils font de la théologie! »

### **Francophone ministry**

There is a great deal of conversation in the diocese about mission. Francophone ministry is critical for the context of living in Québec, and yet, is still often seen as optional. The links between Christ Church Sorel and other initiatives in Francophone ministry (at diocesan, interdiocesan and ecumenical levels) cry out for development. We know that there is something very significant in this ministry which the Church needs, and which Québécois francophones long for. We each need to be able support and encourage one another. We too need to come out of isolation!

### **Personnel**

Currently we are in need of someone who can help us put our website into a format that can be kept up to date. If you

are fluently bilingual and have these abilities, please contact us! See [www.christchurchsorel.ca](http://www.christchurchsorel.ca)

## **Buildings**

Le vieux presbytère continues to serve this mission in an excellent way. If you haven't been out here to see it, consider a drive out to experience it. The church needs repair work, which we will be undertaking in 2013-14. We continue to be grateful for Jocelyn Gravel, People's warden, who contributes enormously to keeping labour costs of maintenance, repair and small renovation to an absolute minimum.

## **Final word**

We give thanks for the continued support of the diocese in this mission for the salary of the priest (pasteure) as well as for the support of the larger community of Sorel. A benefit concert in September 2012 organized by leaders in the larger community (NOT the church community) raised the money we needed to replace the burner of the furnace in the church. A great confirmation of recognition of our contribution to the community at large!

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En 2012, nous avons consacré plein de temps et d'énergie à élaborer la documentation nécessaire pour que le Café obtienne un classement séparé comme organisation sans but lucratif. Nous espérons ainsi jeter les bases d'une institution durable. Ce Café fait partie d'une mission de plus grande envergure à Christ Church-Sorel. L'évêque a souligné la signification de cette relation : que la mission du Café fait partie intégrale de notre mission en tant qu'église.

Que fait-on au Café ? Nous nous rendons compte de plus en plus que les gens cherchent à sortir de leur isolement et à se sentir en communauté. Notre geste d'hospitalité - une simple tasse de café et une oreille attentive – répond à un besoin certain. Cependant nous avons aussi découvert à quel point ce geste peut être abusé par les bénévoles entre autres. Nous sommes vigoureusement engagés dans les dix démarches de la Sécurité paroissiale dans le procédé de sélection de bénévoles, telles que fondées sur le dur apprentissage de bien des organismes canadiens.

En ce moment, nous recevons entre quarante et cinquante personnes en deux heures les jeudis après-midi. De plus en plus et au fur et à mesure que la confiance s'accroît, je reçois des demandes de service pastoral de nos habitués. Quelques-uns se sont mis à venir aux offices du dimanche de façon régulière.

## **La communauté spirituelle**

La nourriture est à la base de cette expérience. Le culte du dimanche est un moment d'hospitalité eucharistique et de bienfaits du partage, en ouvrant la parole de Dieu ensemble. À cette réception s'ajoutent un dîner de fèves mensuel, une tradition récente de déjeuner de Pâques, ainsi qu'un réveillon qui suit la Messe de minuit à Noël. Avec ces actions, nous sommes ouverts à tous ceux qui viennent à nous.

Depuis des années que je travaille dans cette communauté, j'ai vu les gens approfondir les liens qu'ils font entre la spiritualité, leur vie de tous les jours et la vie de la collectivité (y compris le Café). Comme Stéphane Gaudet (éditeur d'*Aujourd'hui Credo*) l'a dit si bien pendant sa visite : « Ils font de la théologie! »

## **La pastorale francophone**

On parle beaucoup de mission francophone dans le diocèse. Cette pastorale est cruciale quand on vit au Québec. Mais pourtant, elle est souvent considérée comme facultative. Les liens entre Christ Church-Sorel et d'autres initiatives de pastorale francophone (aux niveaux diocésain, interdiocésain et œcuménique) réclament plus d'efforts. Nous savons bien qu'il y a là quelque chose de très significatif et dont notre église a besoin, et que les Québécois francophones le désirent ardemment. Nous devons tous nous soutenir et nous encourager mutuellement et sortir de notre isolement !

## **Les ressources humaines.**

Actuellement, nous avons besoin de quelqu'un pour nous aider à mettre notre site-web dans un format qui permette les mises-à-jour fréquentes. Si vous parlez les deux langues couramment, écrivez-nous ! ([www.christchurchsorel.ca](http://www.christchurchsorel.ca))

## **Les bâtiments**

Le vieux presbytère continue de servir cette mission de façon excellente. Si vous n'êtes pas encore faire visite, songez à venir nous voir. Le sanctuaire a besoin de travaux de réparation et nous avons l'intention de les faire en 2013-2014. Nous sommes toujours reconnaissants à Jocelyn Gravel, la marguillière de l'assemblée, pour son énorme contribution.



Grâce à elle, les coûts de l'entretien, des réparations et petites rénovations sont moindres.

### Un dernier mot

Nous remercions le diocèse pour son soutien continu de cette mission, comme le salaire de la pasteure et remercions également la collectivité de Sorel pour son aide. Un concert

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St Michael's Mission

George Green

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St. Michael's Mission continues to be a necessary and vibrant organization in the inner city, located downstairs of St John the Evangelist Church, ministering to at least 200 people per day per meal.

The Mission is fortunate to have a great group of volunteers, currently we have 34 who help in the kitchen, on the floor and with the clothing and food bank. Their work is invaluable and their skills extraordinary, from haircuts, to chopping veggies our volunteers do it all. We would be unable to provide our clients with such extraordinary services and meals without the help of these dedicated people and on behalf of the Mission would like to *thank them for all their hard work*. I am continually humbled by their involvement

The clothing and food banks are reliant on the generosity of the community to provide enough food and clothing for our clients. We partner with other agencies and organizations to keep our shelves fully stocked throughout the year.

I am sure you are all aware of the great effort which has been put into the inauguration of our new Outreach. This would not have been possible without the implication and generosity of SDS Villa Marie Borough, as well as Makavic, Bombardier, STM and other active members of business who embrace the possibility of changing the face of homelessness in downtown Montreal.

Our new clinic/office recently renovated is always busy and very functional with:

- Doctors without Borders / Medicine du monde / McGill University Nurses
- CLSC / Dawson College Social Services
- Intervention workers / Montreal Police Department
- Drug Rehab / YMCA – Street Outreach / Income Tax

and so many other agencies use the premises daily. We also have this space as well "as one on one" interviews with client in crisis, which is now being copied by other agencies across the City of Montreal..

As a pioneer with the EMRII program we have enjoyed great success with the level of communication between the police department and street people. When a police officer says to me '*The homeless used to run from me.....now they run towards me*', this is a huge step. An excellent program for the Montreal Police Department and St. Michael's Mission.

Our reading library program is up and running and with the help of St Mary's Hospital we have a full supply of reading material for the homeless. Yashar, an ex client now volunteer, has done a great job in putting the program together.

And of course, we remember with gratitude the late Mac Pendleton. Mac was one of the longest supporters of this Mission and an inspiration to me personally. "*Mac is missed*"

In closing, this has been a remarkable time for St Michael's. We celebrate our **85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** in service to an often forgotten segment of our population we continue this service and ministry Thanks to the Anglican Family , your continued support, prayers and willingness to change the *face of homelessness* is a constant renewal of my faith. And we always remember....*They are not helpless – They are homeless!*

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Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre

Jen de Combe

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I am pleased to announce that we have had another extraordinary year at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre. This is in no small part thanks to the on-going support of Montreal Anglican Diocese that has enabled us to walk in Christ's footsteps of service in order to reach some of Montreal's most vulnerable families.

## **Community Projects and Program Development**

The year began with the rebuilding of the Jesse Maxwell Smith Park, the park located immediately outside Tyndale's front door. This was a project led by Tyndale St-Georges in collaboration with the South-West Borough, Kaboom Foundation and Foresters. It involved gathering nearly 300 community members to build a park that the community themselves had helped design. The park, unfortunately, has been temporarily closed to bring the game structures up to Montreal City standards and will be re-opened October 2013. Looking beyond this temporary closure, this project enabled Tyndale St-Georges to save a park that was slated to become a sitting area and to preserve a vital area of play for the children who use our Centre.

Following this wonderful project, our Centre received the fantastic news that we would be able to expand our High School Programming. This has been in the Centre's dreams for a long time. This expansion will allow Tyndale St-Georges to double the size of its current program; to create stronger support networks between schools families and community; to deepen the student's skills both academically and socially; to increase the school graduation rate of the children in our neighbourhood; and most importantly to help students develop a healthy sense of self that will be the foundation for their future success.

### **Looking Inward**

In addition to the creation of new programming and exciting community projects, we are also looking inward to revise all of our internal policies. This process is being done in collaboration with staff and with an external HR consultant. We believe that this revision will strengthen the core of our organization and put us on strong ground to move into the future.

### **New Pedagogy**

At Tyndale St-Georges we believe in the potential of each and every child that walks through our doors. This year we have embraced a pedagogy that also holds the same value. Working with members of the National Urban Alliance, a nonprofit professional development organization that works in some of the most challenged school districts in the United States, we have been able to introduce the Pedagogy of Confidence in our after school programming. This teaching method is based on brain research which shows that every child has the ability to learn. The approach works by changing beliefs about students' academic potential, improving educational practices and transforming structures to create educational climates where all students can learn. Already, we have seen the impact of this way of structuring our educational programming in the After School Program. Children have demonstrated more confidence, increased comprehension and the staff themselves feel like they are able to intervene on a deeper level.

### **Moving Forward**

The children of this neighbourhood face very real challenges like poverty, racism and social exclusion. Thank you for your support helping these families face the many challenges that are before them.

In all aspects of our work we are truly blessed by the many hours of service offered by our volunteers. If you are interested in joining the fun as a volunteer I invite you to contact Sarah Lusthaus our Volunteer Department Director at 514-931-6265 ext. 31

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Archives

Richard Virr

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Recent transfers to the Archives have included: deposits from individuals, including parishioners from across the diocese and beyond; serial acquisitions, such as Exchange, Prayer Care, and the Montreal Anglican; semi-active and permanent records from the Accounting Department; and, a variety of additional transfers, including records and artefacts from: St James, Bedford; St Paul, Knowlton; St Paul, Lachine; St Stephen, Lachine; Church of St Columba, Notre-Dame-de-Grace; St Paul, Philipsburg; Grace Church, Pointe St-Charles; St George, Rockway Valley; Church of the Redeemer, Weir; The Congregational Development Coordinator; The Youth Ministry Coordinator; The Programme Office; and, Christ Church Cathedral's Coordinator of Lay Ministries, Verna Peris (retired).

After thirty years of dedicated service as Bookkeeper for Christ Church Cathedral, Barbara Hall has returned to Synod Office as a volunteer in the Archives. Experienced volunteers Heide Kaspar-Glorieux and Sam Keuchguerian and

Assistant Archivist Barbara McPherson have been more than happy to welcome Barbara Hall back to the premises, and are very grateful for her willingness to lend a hand, on a regular basis, in the Archives.

Three hundred research requests have been received since our last report to Synod and the enthusiastic participation of our volunteer contingent has proven to be invaluable. We are profoundly grateful for the generous contribution of time and talent so unstintingly provided by our volunteers, Heide, Sam and Barbara. Without their willing participation, numerous tasks would be neither attempted nor contemplated.

Finally, I owe a debt of gratitude to Barbara McPherson for her care and enthusiasm; without her, the myriad activities that the Archives under takes would not happen.

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Centre for Lay Education

Tim Smart

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Thanks to the Steering Committee of the Centre for Lay Education with whom I work throughout the year: Linden Rogers, An Skowronski, Karen Birkett, Dorothy Wilson, Jim McDermott, Michael Johnson, and Afra Saskia Tucker.

In the fall of 2012 we hosted the College Tuesday Evening Course entitled “A History of Christianity” This was a six session DVD and discussion group which was well attended and enjoyed by many. The presenter in the DVD series, Prof. Diarmaid MacCulloch, brought Christian history to light, illuminating paths many of us were unfamiliar with.

In the spring of 2013, we hosted a 6 evening course entitled, “Crime and Punishment”

Guest speakers included: Jim McDermott, Peter Huish, Brian McDonough, Wayne Quartz, and Justin Piche. Many issues of crime, punishment, and restorative justice were thoughtfully explored by those in attendance.

Throughout the year, Jim McDermott continued his monthly gatherings, “Faith on Tap” at McKibbin’s Irish Pub on Bishop Street. People come together to discuss faith, politics and religion and how those areas of our lives intersect. New people are always welcome.

The director continued to enjoy being pastor to the Lay Readers and hosting the monthly workshops for Lay Readers at MDTC, with guest speakers from McGill and elsewhere, covering topics in OT, NT, Pastoral Care, Preaching, Voice Projection. My thanks to Sue Winn who stepped down this year as President of the Lay Readers Association after many years of devoted and skillful service. Tania Lesack is our new president and she is well supported in her role with many other capable Lay Readers who serve the Association.

The Marriage Preparation Courses had fewer registrations this year, causing us to wonder

about the future of this ministry. 2014 will likely see fewer courses being offered if registrations continue to decline. We are also in need of couples who would like to facilitate these weekends, with appropriate training. My thanks to those who have been active this year as facilitators: Lucie Lejeune and Geert-Jan Boudewijnse; Cathy Hamilton and Paul Tidman

We have two ongoing Education for Ministry (EFM) groups: one group at St. Mark’s in Dorval on Monday evenings, with Sophie Rolland and Robert Callendar as mentors; and the other at MDTC on Wednesday evening, with Karla Holmes and Jim Pratt as mentors.

On May 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Diocesan College Convocation at St. Barnabas in St. Lambert, we honored Stacey Neale as our most recent EFM graduate.

Linden Rogers, along with assistance from Dorothy Wilson, keep our Resource Centre in order. Our thanks to Bill Converse for his ongoing donations of books to our library. Everyone is encouraged to come in and see our collection of books and DVDs and you are invited to borrow resources for a one month period.

Every month, the Director puts out an email Newsletter informing people of upcoming educational events. I am usually in my office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, but you can be in touch with me anytime by email: [revtimsmart@gmail.com](mailto:revtimsmart@gmail.com)

Please visit our website for more information.

[www.layeducation.org](http://www.layeducation.org)

We live in the shadow of eternity and we are called to make strong disciples of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and we ourselves, as we are open to the working of the Holy Spirit are always in the process of being conformed to the image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Every year with Crosstalk is always different, the joys, the sorrows, the challenges the celebrations! We are blessed to have so many directors who continue faithfully in their particular ministries and so many of their team who are generous with their time and talents for other ministries under the Crosstalk umbrella as well.

Last year I remarked on the changes and what that has meant with the moving of the office to Valerie Taylor's house. This means that many of the gatherings also take place at Valerie's house and we are so grateful to her for her hospitality.

Crossroads meets monthly from September to June the third Sunday of each month at St. George's Place du Canada. We are grateful to St. George's for providing their parish hall as a place to meet. This past year saw a change from Director to Coordinator as Alex Richards as served as director until the month of June and Angela Henderson stepped in as Coordinator in the month of September. We have good participation with the Senior Camp staff and the band and so a lot of good contacts are made.

Junior Camp was an adventure and a new venture was the visit of the "Senior" Junior Campers to Senior Camp for the day. Junior Camp always has a wonderful banquet and spiritual evening on the Thursday and it is always great to be there and be part of it.

Senior Camp is always a time of ministry and blessing and it is an encouragement to see the dedication and love for our Lord evidenced by the staff as they work together.

Day Camps 2012 has seen us taking the "One of Us" Program into 24 different communities, in 5 Provinces across Canada. Our 6 Teams were comprised of 14 "fulltime" Travelling Team Members, plus 5 former Leaders who jumped in to fill the gaps on the two Teams closest to Montreal.

The Day Camp Committee did an amazing job all year working at many behind the scenes tasks related to preparing the Program and several key volunteers filled in for the lack of a Summer Office Worker by assisting with some huge jobs such as the purchasing and packing of Supplies and the assembling of both the Team Leaders' and Music Binders.

Several events are being planned to keep Day Camps in the forefront of people's minds. The Day Camp Blog also has a steady readership of Followers and weekly Posts continue year round.

Focus weekend provided a challenging and thought provoking opportunity for Christian growth and faith with those who came. The movie "My name is Khan" along with Scripture passages provided the basis for group reflection and discussion.

Tuesday fellowship is a source of help and encouragement for a number of individuals who take time to come together to share and to pray together and who have a heart for the gospel.

#### Grateful Recognition

I thank God for each of the directors and for their ministry teams that work with them: we are blessed to have so many people who are committed to ministry through Crosstalk programs and pray that their commitment is a source of blessing to them.

The Rev'd Gwenda Wells as former chair of the Mission Committee for the Diocese has continued to strongly support running a Day Camp, and she has done an admirable job in championing our cause to the Diocese.

I give thanks for Isaiah 40 who accommodate so many of our activities as well as giving us storage space, their generosity is so very much appreciated

The Christian Jewish Dialogue of Montreal is an active group that meets monthly with a speaker and activities throughout the year such as the Christian Commemoration of the Shoah and an annual EcoAction Day for younger people. I have taken on the role of Treasurer with the dialogue and appreciate the support that we receive from a number of churches.

Christian-Muslim dialogue is a little harder to participate in as the Muslim community in Montreal does not have a central voice. Nonetheless, there was an excellent opportunity in the Fall to visit a mosque and spend time together with our Muslim brothers and sisters. A small group of Anglicans attended and we all enjoyed the experience.

I commend Afra Saskia Tucker for starting an Affinity Group in the diocese looking at ways to expand our relations with other churches and faiths in Montreal. We've met a few times and took part in the visit to the mosque.

I have been busy with Montreal Lutheran Council and enjoyed participating in several events over the past year with our Lutheran sisters and brothers. The Easter Vigil at St. John's is an annual event that is a particularly moving start to the Easter season.

As always, if there is anything I can help you with on the ecumenical front please do not hesitate to ask and I will do what I can.

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Fresh Start

Michael Johnson

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*No report submitted at this time.*

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Lay Readers' Association

Susan Winn

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We have enjoyed another very active year as an Association and the executive is always so pleased with the response to activities that are planned. Our Bishop, Barry, and the executive archdeacon, Janet Griffith, provide the Lay Readers with ongoing support and express gratitude for the important role that Lay Readers play in the Diocese of Montreal.

Our pastor, Tim Smart, is always such a strong and compassionate support to each one of us. We are so grateful for his response to emails, questions and requests for advice. The email list has helped us all to be informed about developments and programs between our newsletters. I know that I am always grateful for his timely reminders about workshops and diocesan events. Thank you for all you do for us Tim.

Last November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Study day and Commissioning Service was well attended. Participants enjoyed the program led by Mark Dunwoody, the Diocesan Youth Coordinator. The food provided by the Church of St. John the Baptist was outstanding, and we are glad to report that the same cooks will be looking after us again this year, on November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

Our May 2013 Retreat was quite special this year with the Rev. Ginny Doctor. Initially we were disappointed that Bishop Mark MacDonald was called to South Africa, and was unable to be with us, but God knew there would be a treat in store with Ginny. The topic "Gospel-Based Discipleship" taught us so much about ongoing engagement with the Scriptures. Ginny wrote to say what a wonderful time she had with us, and mentioned the love she witnessed among us all weekend long.

If you haven't yet seen our Retreat photos on the website, please take a look.

[www.layreaders.org](http://www.layreaders.org) We all need to thank Michel Gagnon for his remarkable photography. He seems to catch each person at their best. It then takes him hours to select and edit and send the photos to Cathy McKeogh, our web manager. Thank you so much Michel.

On the retreat and at all events I am so impressed with the lovely worship that is crafted by individuals among us. This is a task that requires prayer and careful selection of texts. We are grateful to all of you.

I have enjoyed being the president of Lay Readers and plan to continue in a supportive role. We now welcome Tania Lesack as our new president and I know we will support her in every way possible.

I thank all the Lay Readers for their hard work and for the way they all care for one another. Of all the Councils and

Associations of which I am a part, this is my favourite group! I hope to be able to participate with the Association for many years to come.

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Montreal Anglican Montréal

Nicki Hronjak

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The Board meets several times a year to review the performance of the diocesan newspaper and encourage the editor. The board is comprised of Ann Cumyn, Jennifer Gibb, and Sophie Rolland, who replaced Tim Smart in May. Rev'd Smart had served two terms and his contribution to the board was very much appreciated. The ex-officio members are Editor Harvey Shepherd and Program Administrator Nicki Hronjak.

The newspaper continues to operate within budget, although circulation, which is based on church membership, continues to decline. The editor fulfills his duties effectively and with enthusiasm. The Montreal Anglican is circulated with the Anglican Journal. The Montreal Anglican received \$8,321 in 2012 from the Anglican Journal Appeal.

Our diocese hosted the 2013 Anglican Editors Association's 3-day national meeting in June. By all accounts, the meeting was a productive and enjoyable experience for the editors. The board would like to express their gratitude to Sue Winn and Ann Cumyn for their stellar organizational skills and enthusiastic involvement which helped to make the conference a success.

The Montreal Anglican can be found online at <http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/en/News-Newsletter/Newspaper>.

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Montreal Diocesan Theological College

John Simons

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*No report submitted at this time.*

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Provincial Council

James Pratt

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*No report submitted at this time.*

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Spiritual Direction Group

Vivian Lewin

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Spiritual Direction in our Diocese is a ministry licensed by the Bishop. Discernment is a spiritual gift so, like other ministries, the call to Spiritual Direction needs to be discerned both individually and by the community of faith. While every Christian may be called on to provide timely counsel to others, and every pastor certainly encounters many opportunities to offer advice, clarity, and comfort, the License commissions Directors whose ministry has been discerned and who have received special preparation and agreed to adhere to accepted standards of practice.

The 10 currently licensed Spiritual Director in our Dioceses include ordained clergy and lay people trained via courses offered by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, General Theological Seminary, and/or the Shalem Institute. All are committed to receiving ongoing education and direction themselves, to maintaining confidentiality and accountability in their practice via individual or peer supervision, and to using the services of a trained, prayerful "matcher" to identify suitable accompaniment for individuals who seek it.

These Directors provided accompaniment during 2012 without charge to 53 different individuals on 320 occasions. Some of these people came at regular intervals; others participated in retreats; others were seeking God's guidance in specific situations. We gave sermons and retreat talks; served as directors on retreats, individually or as part of the ecumenical team who offer the Montreal Directed Retreats four times a year; met as supervisors with directors in formation; and organized parish retreats and quiet days.

Seventy people attended the public lecture we co-sponsored on November 29 by visiting author Margaret Silf. Her topic was "Beyond Belief, Beyond Certainty."

The Spiritual Direction Group was established to promote this practice—and its better understanding—in our Diocese. We have elected to take 2013-2014 as an occasion to discern how we can best serve in the years ahead. For this reason

we requested that our licenses be extended until 2014 in joyful anticipation of recommitting ourselves to this work.

We meet regularly for meditation, fellowship, study, mutual encouragement, and planning. Guests and inquirers are always welcome.

Our three matchers can interview those seeking direction and connect them with experienced guides (including many highly qualified directors who are not Anglican). To arrange a matching interview or obtain a current schedule of future meetings, send an email to [sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca](mailto:sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca)

Vivian Lewin serves as Chair of the group and the Rev'd Ralph Leavitt is Treasurer.

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Synod Planning Committee

Sarah Wilson

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This year our Synod Planning Committee has been blessed with many new faces. We are very grateful to have such a fantastic team. Thank you to Sue Winn, our new Chair, for accepting to lead our committee over the next three years.

It was decided to hold a one-day Synod this year, themed "Called to Serve". Registration will open at 7:30 am on Saturday October 19th in the main foyer of the Synod Office. The Synod Eucharist will be held at 11am at the Christ Church Cathedral, with a light lunch available afterwards. Visitors will include Andrea Mann (Global Partnerships ACC), the Partnership Team from APCI and Montreal Ecumenical Partners.

Building on our visit with African, Lutheran and APCI Diocesan Partners at Synod 2012, we will have time to reflect this year on the meaning of serving in partnership through our Montreal churches and in our mission activities. Lively reports will include General Synod delegates, Youth and MAP presentations.

A wine and cheese gathering will provide refreshment for delegates and visitors to unwind at the end of the day, when the business is completed.

A special thanks to Nicki Hronjak and the Synod office staff for their extraordinary work at this year's Synod.

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Youth Chaplain

Christopher Belle

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Mark Dunwoody, our Diocesan Youth Consultant, has been working tirelessly to bring together youth workers within the Diocese. Over the past year, he has organized a number of events where leaders in youth ministry were invited to share their experiences and observations, as well as plan events. While my participation has been admittedly sporadic, I understand that those who are able to attend leave with a fresh perspective on their call and approach to youth ministry, as well as a sense that there is a network, a group that is ready, willing and able to offer support, advice and collaboration.

One of the more successful initiatives of the past two years has been the Youth Exchange program, providing youth of the Diocese with an opportunity to travel and meet fellow youth workers and youth group members. These exchanges have been very fruitful, and have left participants with plenty of stories that they are clearly anxious to share with anyone who will listen.

With the support of the Bishop and the Diocesan Youth Consultant, youth ministry is alive in our Diocese, although I would hesitate to say that it is well. Be that as it may, I am very happy with the effort to not only invite young people (back) to church, but to make them feel excited about worship, fellowship and, above all else, God.

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Concordia University Multi-Faith Chaplaincy

Ellie Hummel

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It's back to basics! So much of the work at Concordia Multi-faith Chaplaincy has to do with the basic needs of students. Food, friends, space, and a listening ear seem to be the most effective and meaningful tools for ministry on a university campus. I often think of Matthew 25 in my work: "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you

took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”

Here is how this passage of scripture is lived out: My colleagues and I see many students who, for various reasons, have a hard time paying for their groceries. Thankfully, because of the generosity of the larger community, we are able to offer gift cards for a grocery store chain, so that they can nourish themselves and sometimes their families. Other students look for space: space to breathe, to pray, to nap, to study, to hold events or simply just to be. We are fortunate to have a full kitchen and lounge, a meditation room and a beautiful chapel on the Loyola campus, which is a rich resource for many. Other students need a listening ear or simply the presence of a caring human being. Our Chaplains and Interfaith Facilitator often sit with students, listen and offer spiritual guidance and maybe -most importantly- we are witnesses to their lives.

Still others look for community, and so we offer programs where people connect. The most successful programs often revolve around food. Besides our long-standing Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard, where we serve over 100 people on a weekly drop-in basis, we started a new program this year: “Dinner and Conversation” is a more formal, three-course meal, with the idea of recreating a family dinner with good food, time to connect and the opportunity to have interesting conversation. It is amazing how a simple meal eaten with others can build community and understanding.

Other programs centre on spiritual practise, drumming, getting to know other faiths and places of faith or engaging with important questions. It feeds students’ needs for knowledge and also for the integration of that knowledge with their experiences.

Other people seek to be connected in virtual ways: we use Facebook and other social media sites to connect with students in the virtual world and let them know about our events and about interesting articles in the realm of faith, spirituality and diversity. Knowing we are there, just a mouse-click away, nurtures connection.

As much as Multi-faith Chaplaincy offers the basics of life, these encounters lead to deep conversation, experiences and relationships. I am grateful that I can offer this ministry on behalf of the Diocese of Montreal. Thank you so much for sharing in it through your generosity of money, prayer and relationships for the past many years!

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Federal Prison Chaplaincy – Cowansville Institution

Tim Smart

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Chaplaincy in our federal prisons was overshadowed for much of the past year by proposed cuts to part-time chaplaincy. Fortunately, here in this diocese, we found a creative administrative solution in which 3 chaplains shared a full-time contract, and so we continue on for now until the next idiotic decision comes down from on high.

This current federal government values punishment over rehabilitation as they put more money and energy into building projects and then announce cuts in areas of staffing and programming which might assist inmates in their rehabilitation and restoration. When you take away hope and focus on the warehousing of people, you make both prisons and the streets unsafe.

For now my schedule is like this: On Mondays I meet with the men individually to listen to their complaints, their hopes for themselves, the process of rehabilitation, and their frustrations about the roadblocks they face along the way to their release. I visit those who are in Detention, the place where you are locked up for 23 hours a day.

On Monday evenings, I welcome in volunteers from various churches in the local area as well as Montreal, for an evening of singing, praying and reflecting on a biblical passage together. For the men, the presence of volunteers is a sign of hope that they have not been forgotten and have not been written off, but are capable of redemption and love.

Twice a month, on a Monday afternoon, I meet with the “Impact Group” a group of ten men (English-speaking) serving long sentences inside prison. Together we hear each other’s stories, offering support and accountability to each other. Sometimes guest speakers are invited to address the group.

On Fridays, twice a month, I welcome volunteers from Yamaska Literacy who assist Anglophone, Francophone and Spanish speaking people to read and write more fluently in English. We have prisoners who are tutors and well as students in this literacy program. We have recently started a book club for the more literate men.

We ask for your prayers and thank-you for your presence among those who are “outcasts and sinners”. If any of you would like to volunteer at the prison, please be in touch with me.



My vocation as a prison chaplain began in August 1998 – a “life-sentence” for which I will forever be grateful and which has blessed me over and over.

These past fifteen years have included ministry in Cowansville, Drummond, and La Macaza Institutions, with opportunities to visit and serve occasionally in the Regional Reception Centre, Donnacona, Port Cartier and Archambault Institutions - virtually all the federal mens’ institutions in the Region of Quebec - a few institutions in other parts of Canada, as well as Joliette institution for women in Quebec.

As distinctly demanding as each of these roles and experiences have been there has also been the vision of eventual social reintegration in our community of all of those whom I have served. A vision of which you will have read in the annual reports submitted on the work of our community chaplaincy, MSCM (Montreal-Southwest Community Ministries) – about our community of inclusion, support and the growing accountability of all of us in the care for one another.

Being oriented towards community reintegration and the mutual accountability which that implies had an impact on the life of prisoners in a number of ways, ways that continue to have life to this day:

- In Cowansville Institution, as Tim reports elsewhere, volunteers from Yamaska Literacy Council continue to serve as a resource for inmates who want to improve their literacy. This enriching of the life of men through the acquiring of literacy skills and the enhancing of reintegration prospects for them has become a well-known and accepted feature of prison life at Cowansville, arising from an effort to enable fuller participation of inmates in weekly Bible Study in the chapel.
- Similarly, a self-help group, the *Impact Group*, for long-sentence Anglophone inmates, was formed in 1990 from the initiative of the long-sentence men themselves, supported by key members of staff in response to the recommendations of the *Perron Report* which addressed the urgent need for there to be programming and opportunities in federal institutions to provide resources appropriate to the needs of long-sentence inmates in particular. It was an extraordinary blessing to me to have been asked to be a resource for that project from its beginning, a project which continues with Tim’s leadership in Cowansville. My life continues to be enriched by contact with men who have been members of the *Impact Group* who are now living in the community or close to it.
- In 2006, I convened the first *Community Building Workshop* in a Canadian prison at Cowansville Institution. There have subsequently been three other such workshops in prisons, and some in the community, always with a mix of men who were or had been incarcerated and with members of the community. This innovation has had an enormous impact on those who dreamed of, and perhaps feared the process of reintegration, and on those in the community who through *Community Building* became more committed to the radical hospitality of opening to the stranger. This experience continues to live at the heart of our chaplaincy community, both in institutions and in the outside community.
- The most gratifying dimension of this 15 years of prison chaplaincy is the many dozens, perhaps even now numbered in the hundreds, of volunteers who choose to be in community with those who have been in prison who themselves respectfully choose to be in community with us.

These are images of being church on the margins where Jesus asked us to be. I am grateful that in what is likely the last stage of my prison chaplaincy work, I am based in the three minimum security institutions of our region from which inmates will be released to find their place among us once again in the community. It is a passage for some which it is a privilege to accompany, and I pray that the Church will continue, and will grow in its vocation of receiving and including those who have been lost, those whom we have cast out.

The work itself is demanding though enriching but there is also much to be done in resisting the increasingly punitive measures of misguided government that exclude members of our community and hence impoverish us all.

Twice this year part time prison chaplains (as well as their employers) across Canada have learned, by means of the news media (through announcements by the then Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews), information which one would normally receive from one's employer.

First we learned that there would be no more part time chaplains as of the end of the fiscal year (March 31st 2013). The reporters quickly noted that this would effectively terminate what they called « non-Christian » prison chaplaincy. But all part time Christian chaplains are also included. In Québec, it would mean an end to chaplains who traditionally minister to the English population.

In response to this, the three Anglican part time chaplains (Peter Huish, Tim Smart and myself) have managed to put together one full time position shared among us at three different institutions, an arrangement which has been accepted for another year. How long this will last, no one knows. The advantages of the Anglican Church having a diocesan (rather than congregational) structure became immediately evident!

Then we read that the current system of Correctional Service Canada according contracts for chaplaincy to various religious bodies would be abolished, in favour of a single, universal contract to be awarded to one organization! This announcement was more than an act of disrespect of the Interfaith Committee which represents all the 132 religious bodies which currently hold contracts with CSC by means of a Memorandum of Understanding with the federal government. It was a flagrant disregard of the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding which requires both parties to give notice of desired changes, so that they can be discussed, and not put into effect unilaterally. In effect, the government's action defies democracy. We have yet to see where God is acting in this.

At Drummond I have continued to hold a bilingual ecumenical Bible study in the chapel every Monday evening, see inmates individually, and have a biweekly group of offenders preparing for restorative justice encounters with victims who have suffered similar crimes to those committed by the inmates (though not their own victims). The healing and potentially transforming effects on all participants of « Rencontres détenus victimes » (inmate victim encounters) has become a passion for me. (More on this next year.)

The full time RC chaplain at Drummond was so disillusioned by the changes (including the chapel itself being moved to make room for more guards!) that he did not renew his contract as of April 2013, so at this point of writing, I am the sole chaplain there, working just two days a week. I'm told a new full time chaplain will be coming. Please pray for the inmates who are left without support.

We would welcome volunteers –unilingual English or bilingual-- for the Monday night service. If this should interest you, please contact me. [h ratcliffe@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:h ratcliffe@montreal.anglican.ca)

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C'est en passant par les medias que les aumôniers des prisons du Canada (ainsi que leurs employeurs) ont appris, deux fois cette année passée, une information qui normalement devrait passer par leur employeur. C'était simplement des déclarations de Vic Toews, Ministre de la Sécurité publique et de la Protection civile à l'époque.

Nous avons d'abord appris qu'il n'y aurait plus d'aumôniers à temps partiel à compter de la fin de l'exercice (le 31 mars 2013). Les journalistes ont remarqué tout de suite que cette décision mettait fin en réalité à ce qu'ils appellent les aumôniers de prison « non-chrétiens ». Mais en fait, sont inclus tous les aumôniers à temps partiel chrétiens. Au Québec, ça se traduirait par la sortie des aumôniers qui s'occupaient traditionnellement des anglophones.

En réaction, les trois aumôniers à temps partiel anglicans (Peter Huish, Tim Smart et moi) ont entrepris d'organiser un seul poste à temps plein et de le partager entre nous et entre trois établissements différents, un arrangement qui a été autorisé pour une autre année. Cependant, nous ne savons pas pour combien de temps encore.

Nous avons ensuite appris dans les journaux que le système actuel, par lequel Service Correctionnel Canada donne des contrats d'aumônerie à des dénominations religieuses diverses, serait aboli et remplacé par un contrat unique et universel qui ne serait donné qu'à un seul organisme ! Cette déclaration n'était pas qu'un acte de mépris envers le Comité œcuménique qui représente les 132 organismes religieux en contrat avec le SCC par un protocole d'entente avec le gouvernement fédéral. C'est un manquement flagrant des clauses de ce protocole puisqu'il faut que les deux parties fassent avis des changements souhaités de façon à ce qu'ils puissent être débattus au lieu d'être mis en œuvre de façon unilatérale. En fait, le geste du gouvernement est un défi à l'esprit démocratique. On se demande ce que fait Dieu dans cette histoire.

À Drummond, j'ai poursuivi les études œcuméniques et bilingues de la Bible dans la chapelle tous les lundis soirs et les rencontres individuelles avec les détenus. J'ai aussi des réunions deux fois par semaine avec des délinquants qui se préparent à rencontrer des victimes de crimes similaires à ceux qu'ils ont perpétrés (mais pas leur propre victime) dans le cadre d'une justice réparatrice. Je suis devenue passionnée par le processus de guérison et l'effet virtuellement transformateur sur tous les participants. (Je vous en dirai plus l'année prochaine.)

L'aumônier à plein-temps catholique de Drummond a été tellement déçu par les changements (comme le déplacement de la chapelle pour faire de la place à plus de gardiens !) qu'il n'a renouvelé son contrat après avril 2013, ce qui veut dire qu'au moment où j'écris, je suis la seule aumônière là-bas et que je ne travaille que deux jours par semaine. On me dit qu'un confrère à plein temps viendra bientôt. Priez pour les détenus laissés sans soutien, s'il-vous-plaît.

Nous serions heureux d'avoir des bénévoles (anglophones ou bilingues) pour l'office du lundi soir. Écrivez-moi ([hratcliffe@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:hratcliffe@montreal.anglican.ca)) si ça vous intéressait.

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Montreal-Southwest Community Ministries (MSCM)

Peter Huish

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We have survived another momentous year in our intentional community-making with those who are returning to the society after incarceration. We have always known that our viability is somewhat precarious, to the extent that it depends on the adequacy of our stretched resources, on our good judgement, on the desire of our beneficiaries to succeed in reintegrating well, on the good will of the community around us and the good faith and commitment of those with whom we are in partnership – the wider church, the correctional service and the parole service, social services and a wide range of professionals. But we hold to our founding vision which yet carries us: that of radical hospitality and love for one another that Jesus' Gospel proclaims and celebrates - *I was a stranger and you welcomed me*.

It has been a difficult year in which MSCM's very viability has been called into question as a result of the tragic events that led to re-offense and suicide of one of our members. One of the consequences has been that MSCM was forced to find new premises from which to operate. As difficult as that was to do at a time of devastation for all of us, we are now installed in convenient and comfortable new offices in the Montreal Southwest neighbourhood which gave us our mission and our name.

At the same time, funding for Community Chaplaincy in this region has been cut by 30% this year and there are ominous signals that further significant cuts are planned for next year. Notwithstanding these portents and tightened belts we remind ourselves that MSCM started with nothing and grew to where it is now through the generosity and hard work of volunteers and supporters. We take hope from this history that our work will continue to thrive. Incorporation may be a necessary step if we are to attract the funding we need to fill the gap left by government funding cuts.

Offsetting these difficulties was the gratifying support we received from Diocesan Council as they voted in the Spring, to continue to host our weekly community meeting, *Open Door*, in Fulford Hall, where typically 30 to 40 of us, beneficiaries and volunteers in fairly equal numbers, gather each Tuesday evening for social and spiritual nourishment as well as being stimulated and informed in ever-surprising ways. We have been truly lifted up by this support from the church. Please join us some Tuesday evening between 7 and 9 in Fulford Hall.

Our website, [mscm-qc.org](http://mscm-qc.org) is well worth a visit, to learn more about us, our work and activities. Your on-line responses, comments and support are always welcome.

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Ste-Anne's Hospital

Stephen Petrie

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2012 was another year of changes at Ste. Anne's Hospital. The minister of Veteran's Affairs and the Quebec Health minister formally signed a letter of intent to transfer the hospital at the end of March 2013. The veteran population that requires geriatric care is diminishing and so the average age is now almost 90 and the number of empty beds has increased. At the moment we have three entire floors (almost 100 beds) sitting empty at a time when the demand for geriatric care for the general population is exploding. A transfer to the province and opening the doors to non-veterans is the only logical future for the hospital. Nonetheless, the transfer has opened the flood gates of uncertainty among the veterans, their families, and the employees. It has been a difficult period made worse by a dearth of reliable information

during the negotiation stage. A new government in Quebec in 2012 meant that the transfer date was pushed back and is now set for September 30, 2013.

Aside from the transfer that looms large over the hospital it was a year that saw Marsha Mundy step back from her responsibilities for health reasons and it is hoped that she will soon make a full recovery and be able to return. In the meantime, I am extremely grateful to Neil Mancor for stepping in to the role of on call chaplain for two days a week.

2012 also marked another passage with the death of Canon George Long in December. George was chaplain at Ste. Anne's for a number of years before coming back as a resident in recent years. He was always a good friend to me and I am grateful for the ministry he carried out here so faithfully.

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Mission to Seafarers – Port Chaplaincy

Alfred Chinniah

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This past year we marked 150 years since the founding of the Montreal Sailor's Institute. Those pioneers who established the charity in 1862 would be delighted to see their successors still caring for the seafarers during these challenging times.

We celebrated this great milestone by holding our 150th anniversary Ball on November 2nd 2012. The evening was held at the Windsor Ballrooms. The venue, the gourmet meal and music combined to give this fundraiser an atmosphere of unusual prestige and merriment. Afterwards, a 150th birthday cake was served, large enough for the 300 guests who attended.

At the annual "Reveillon" party on December 24th eighty seafarers and guests jubilantly celebrated the event. Every inch of our billiards table was covered with mouth-watering food. We were able to provide over 1400 seafarers during the season with a Christmas Parcel and the Port of Montreal handed out 1300 tuques through us.

Many seafarers still find themselves friendless and far from everyone they love. Since 1862 our usual practice has been to visit the ships when they arrive in port to inform and make ourselves available to help. We offer transport between their ship and the center. The center staff and volunteers offer a wide range of much needed practical services.

On a daily basis we offer international telephoning services, high powered internet, postage and fax services and money exchange and transfer. Free books, magazines and Bibles are available as is ping-pong, pool & billiards, air hockey and foosball. We offer a TV room, a library and even karaoke!

When sailors come in inadequately dressed for Montreal's hard winter climate we offer warm clothes and coats. At the center there are souvenirs and items for daily needs available for a nominal price.

Our chapel is always open for prayer and a Chaplain available almost daily for council, confession or mass. Each evening a chapel service is offered to those visiting the center at 9pm.

This is how we try to meet the needs of the sailor's here in the Port of Montreal.

Thank you for your continued support,

**Some interesting numbers for 2012:**

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| • Ship visits by chaplains and staff | 1,574  | • Prayer service attendance         | 430   |
| • Seafarers transported              | 10,706 | • Seafarers using provided internet | 2,623 |
| • Seafarers visiting centre          | 12,377 | • Ships serviced by vans            | 1,209 |

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Council of General Synod

Susan Winn

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Final meeting of the triennium, 2010 – 2013

The Council met in its usual setting, the Queen of Apostles Retreat Center in Mississauga.

The Council has functioned extremely well as a body of committed and capable people. The diminished size of the Council from Councils in previous triennia was a factor in the ability of members to meet frequently in small groups, to share more equitably the time for voices on the floor, and to build strong relationships for learning and decision making.

For this reason there was a certain amount of regret that we were meeting as a body for the last time. There was also a realization that much good work had been accomplished towards a renewal of church structures.

General Secretary Michael Thompson highlighted several areas in which the Anglican Church of Canada is doing, what he called, “transformative work”. He drew attention to our commitment to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, work that will end in 2014, and he called on us to discern how reconciliation will be ongoing after that date.

We were reminded of the ongoing work of the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund. A key project is the establishment of an office of missionary development in the Episcopal Church of Cuba to help clergy and lay leaders to work on food security issues as well as spiritual development.

A most important item of the General Secretary’s report was the Consultation on Structures of General Synod which met January 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> 2013. Forty people, many under 35 years old, were assisted by animators Janet Marshall and Rhonda Waters to review the Office of the Primate, Committee structures and financial implications of the present way of doing things. Throughout the four days of our CoGS meeting Council members were invited into conversations about church structures and new ways of responding to God’s call to Mission.

In addition to small group conversations and questions that arose from these discussions, the Council heard a number of reports that will lead to resolutions on the floor of General Synod in July this year.

- A new film by Anglican Video, “Walking the Dream”, is a Sacred Circle documentary that commemorates the twentieth anniversary of Primate Michael Peers 1993 apology to our indigenous people for the residential schools legacy. The Anglican Healing Fund has distributed more than five million dollars to 500 healing projects across Canada, at least one in every diocese. This is one topic that will be presented at the Joint Assembly.
- The Joint Assembly from July 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> this year will be an historic gathering of Anglicans and Lutherans who will celebrate their ongoing Full Communion partnership. The Program-at-a-glance shows how business will be divided into shared time with the Lutherans, and separate times for Anglicans and Lutherans to do their own business.
- A presentation by delegates from the Diocese of Keewatin, including Bishop David Ashdown and Bishop Lydia Mamakwa, spoke about the three distinct regions of their Diocese and proposed a new structure that would call for a new diocese of the Northern Ontario region. This area has matured into a self-determining church inspired by a vision of the elders. Bishop Mamakwe said, “Our desire is to have the gospel at the center of our lives”. If these plans are approved, the Diocese of Keewatin will cease to function in December 2014. Parishes in the southern region will align themselves with the Diocese of Rupert’s Land. CoGS resolved to support and affirm Keewatin’s proposal of a new diocese.
- Another presentation was led by former General Secretary, Jim Boyles, and speakers representing the Japanese-Canadian Vancouver Consultative Council. This was the moving story of two Vancouver Japanese-Canadian churches that were sold by the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster after World War 11. In 1942, 22 000 Japanese Canadians were sent to internment camps. Shortly after their return in 1945 their churches were sold so that these displaced people could not return to churches they had built. Researchers spent years piecing the stories together, and Bishop Michael Ingham apologized for these actions. In Bishop Ingham’s apology he says, “Racism is, and has been, part of our church and we should acknowledge and repent of it.” Primate Fred Hiltz expressed gratitude to those who came to tell the story, and said, “This is a sign to the whole church to acknowledge sins of the past and a desire to be continually reconciled.”
- A motion to amend Canon 22 of the Constitution of ACC was presented by the chancellor, David Jones, to decide on processes for the selection of future members of ACIP and the Sacred Circle. This motion will be sent forward to General Synod.
- A Joint Assembly presentation by Peter Wall, co-chair of the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission and of the Planning Committee updated the Council about plans underway for the July gathering. Statements on issues such as resource extraction will be made in joint plenary sessions, then there will be a process for ratifying these statements by the separate entities, ACC and ELCIC.
- Other Joint Assembly resolutions address nominations and election procedures, a no-debate list, the appointment of sessional committees, and guidelines for the resolutions committee.
- There will be a powerful public witness event on Parliament Hill on Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup>.

- Concerning the Anglican Communion Covenant: the following resolutions were passed on to the General Synod: A request that conversations in the ACC about the proposed Covenant for the Anglican Communion continue during the next triennium, and That the Anglican Covenant Working Group monitor developments about the proposed Covenant and report to the Spring 2016 meeting of CoGS, and direct CoGS to bring a recommendation regarding adoption to the General Synod 2016.
- The Joint Assembly Planning Committee will consider how to enable conversation about the Covenant within a tight Joint Assembly agenda.

It has been a privilege to serve on the Council of General Synod during this past triennium, 2010-2013. Our Anglican Church of Canada is moving forward with hope and creative new ways of being church in this period of history.

The Partners in Mission/Eco-Justice (PMEJ) Committee met for the final time in this iteration in February 2013. We heard reflections on two major gatherings that took place at Church House last year, a consultation in November 2012 called Being a Partner Church in a Global Communion which focused on the Anglican Church of Canada's global relations, and a consultation in January on church structures called Enabling God's Call. It sounded as if much of the impact from these two consultations would be felt in the structures conversations at the Joint Assembly (General Synod) in July 2013.

Over the past couple years the General Synod office's capacity for maintaining its global relations has fallen somewhat, but there remain major areas of focus including the newly established Canadian Companions of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem as well as relationships with the Anglican churches in Cuba, Melanesia, the Philippines and the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA). General Synod staff reported on work being done to develop greater links with PWRDF.

A major resource received by the committee was a book put out by the Canadian Council of Churches and distributed by the Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministry called Cracking Open White Identity: Towards Transformation. The committee also received information about a new intensive week-long initiative being launched by the Forum called Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry. These two resources are highly recommended.

One of the program priorities identified for continued action in the years to come is the Church's participation in the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission as well as the development of closer ties with Canada's First Nations communities. The TRC held a National Gathering in Montreal in April 2013 which was well attended by Anglicans from across the province as well as national church staff.

Finally, the committee sent on four resolutions to the 2013 Joint Assembly (General Synod). They had to do with (1) Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel (2) Recognition of the hardships faced by Japanese Canadian Anglican Exiles during WWII (3) Supporting Creation Care across the Church (4) a proposed draft Joint Assembly Declaration committing the ACC and the ELCIC to work together on issues of Homelessness/Affordable Housing and Responsible Resource Extraction.

It has been a pleasure to be part of this work over the past three years.

**MINUTES  
OF SYNOD  
2012**

OPENING SESSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

**Opening**

The Right Reverend Barry Clarke called the 153rd Synod of Montreal to order at 2:00pm upon the declaration of the Vice-Chancellor, Me. Michael Patry, that there was a quorum in both Houses.

**Opening Prayer & Hymn-**

The Bishop led the opening prayers.

**Welcome**

The Bishop welcomed Members, and Visitors to the Conference Synod in this new setting of St James the Apostle Church.

**Emergency Procedures**

Canon Linda Borden Taylor welcomed Synod Members and Guests to the Church of St. James the Apostle. She then outlined the emergency procedures to be followed. Canon Borden Taylor also mentioned that childcare was available at the back of the church.

**Greetings from Ecumenical Partners**

Bishop Barry welcomed the Rev. Cathy Hamilton and invited her to bring greetings from the United Church of Canada.

The Bishop then invited the new Interim Director of Action Réfugiés Montréal, Mr. Rob Shropshire, to give a short overview of their work.

**Election of Lay and Clerical Secretaries of Synod**

Mrs., Ann Cumyn **moved**, seconded by Mrs. Sue Winn the nomination of Miss Valerie Taylor as Lay Secretary of Synod. There being no further nominations, Mr. Douglas Hall seconded by Mrs. Sue Winn **moved** that nominations cease. Carried.

The motion was voted upon. Carried

The Rev. Neil Mancour, seconded by Canon Ralph Leavitt **moved**, the nomination of the Rev. Sophie Rolland as Clerical Secretary of Synod. There being no further nominations, the Rev. Bryce Sangster, seconded by the Rev. Eileen Steele **moved** that nominations cease. Carried.

The motion was voted upon Carried.

**Election of Diocesan Treasurer- Motion “A”**

The Rev. Karen Egan-Chalk **moved**, seconded by the Rev. Eleanor Caruana, the nomination of Mr. Norman Spencer as Diocesan Treasurer. There being no further nominations, the Rev. Paul Tidman, seconded by the Rev. Bryce Sangster **moved** that nominations cease. Carried.

The motion was voted upon. Carried.

**Appointment of Auditors-Motion “2”**

The Rev. Eileen Steele **moved**, seconded by the Ven. Janet Griffith, that the firm of BDO Dunwoody be appointed as Auditors for the Synod for the coming year; there being no further nominations, the motion was voted upon. Carried.

**Approval of Minutes of Synod 2011**

The Rev. Canon Tim Smart **moved**, seconded by the Rev. Eileen Steele, that the minutes of the 152nd Synod of 2011 be approved. The motion was carried.

**Appointment of the Committees of the House**



Mrs. Ann Cumyn **moved**, seconded by the Rev. Eileen Steele, that the members of the Committees of the House, as posted, be appointed by Synod. The motion was voted upon. Carried.

## **Privileges of the Floor**

The Ven. Janet Griffith **moved**, seconded by Mrs. Sue Winn, that the Privileges of the Floor be granted to:

Ms. Angela Andrews, the Rt. Rev. Barbara Andrews (APCI), Mrs. Martha Asselin, Mr. Murray Asselin, the Venerable Garth E. Bulmer, Ms. Danielle Callender, Ms. Andrea Carter, Mr. Will Carter, Ms. Jacynthe Solveig Chénard, Ms. Claire Maxine Chénard,

Ms. Olivia Daniels, Mrs. Jennifer de Combe, Mr. Frank Dottin, Mr. Mark Dunwoody,

The Rev. Eric Dyck, Mr. Lorne Eason, the Rev. Paul Gehrs (ELCIC), Ms. Linda Hachey (new Executive Director for Mile End Mission), the Rev. Cathy Hamilton, Ms. Kisha Joseph, Ms. Mary Lennon, Ms. Antoinette Lynch-Joseph, Ms. Andrea Mann, Mrs. Janet Marshall, the Rev. Geoffrey Monjesa, the Rt. Rev. Patrick Mwachiko, Mrs. Penny Noël,

Mr. Raymond Noël, Mr. Nicholas Pang, Me. Michael Patry (Vice Chancellor), Mr.

Brian Perron, Ms. Sarah Priebe, Mr. Alexander Quick, Archdeacon John Robertson (National Office), the Rev. Canon Judy Rois (National Office), Mr. Rob Shropshire (Action Réfugiés Montréal), Mr. Norman Spencer, the Rev. Edwin Stretch, Mr. Stephen Tam, Mr. Malcolm Weekes.

The motion was voted upon. Carried.

## **Regrets**

The Ven. Janet Griffith reported that Regrets had been received from: -

The Rev. Lettie James, the Rev. Mark Rogers, the Ven. Dr. Brian A. Evans and Mrs. Margaret Evans, the Rev. Marc-Philippe Vincent, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Rowlinson, the Rev. Canon George Long, the Rev. Nick Brotherwood, Fr. Rick Gariepy, the Rev. Alan Evans, Professor Ellen B. Aitken, the Rev. Jack Hyde, Ms. Anne Simpson, Mrs. Sylvia Syvret, Rev. Rashid Samuel, Meghan McCullough, the Ven. Peter Hannen, the Rev. Thora Chadwick, the Rev. Dr. P. G. Kirkpatrick, Ms. Helen Midgley, the Rev. Marsha Mundy, the Rev. Mark Gudwin, the Rev. William Blizzard.

## **Report of Nominating Committee**

The Ven. Janet Griffith presented the report of the Nominating Committee, as printed in the Convening Circular, Section H. The Executive Archdeacon then **moved**, seconded by Mrs. Jane Bell, the reception of this report. Carried.

Additional names were solicited for election to Diocesan Council-

## **Clergy**

The Rev. Patrick Wheeler,

The Rev. Karen Egan Chalk

The Ven. Michael Robson

The Rev. Michelle Eason

## **Laity**

Mr. Charles Goddard

Mrs. Lynn Shepherd

Ms. Afra Saskia Tucker

Nominees, for election to General Synod were asked to stand.

Other nominations were solicited-

The Rev. Stephen Petrie, Mrs. Marion Standish, and Ms. Irene Martin were added to the ballot.

## **Nominations to Synod Planning Committee**

Additional names were solicited- The Rev. Donald Boisvert, the Rev. Dr. Chris Barrigar, Mrs. Sally Harrington-Phillipo.

Since no election was needed, the Ven. Michael Robson **moved** a motion to acclaim, seconded by the Rev. James Pratt..

Since one more Member is still required, the Ven. Michael Johnson **moved**, seconded by Mr. Michel Gagnon, a motion to co-opt one more Member from Diocesan Council. Carried.

### **Presentation of Motions, Memorials and Petitions**

The Executive Archdeacon reported that Constitutional Motions could be found in Section F, page F1 of the Convening Circular.

### **Presentation of Canonical Changes**

The Executive Archdeacon reported that the Motions containing Canonical Changes could be found in Section E, of the Convening Circular.

The Executive Archdeacon gave notice of a new motion to come to the floor: -

*“ The Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal urges the Federal Government not to cut the 49 positions (Christian and non-Christian) chaplains in our Federal Penitentiaries, but instead properly fund those human resources which assist inmates in their rehabilitation and reintegration back into society”.*

Moved by Canon Tim Smart, Seconded by Mr. Paul Bradley

The motion to bring this motion to the floor was voted upon. Carried.

### **Reception of Reports of Diocesan Council**

Canon Tim Smart **moved**, seconded by Canon Joyce Sanchez, the reception of the summary of meetings of Diocesan Council, reproduced in the Convening Circular, pages H3 –H4. The motion was voted upon. Carried.

### **Reception of Reports on Parochial Statistics**

The Rev. Eileen Steele **moved**, seconded by Canon Tim Smart, the reception the Parish Statistics, as printed in the Convening Circular, Section K.

The motion to Receive was voted upon. Carried

### **The Reception of all Other Reports**

Canon Ralph Leavitt **moved**, seconded by the Rev Eileen Steele, the reception of all other reports in the Convening Circular, Section H-4-23.

The motion was voted upon. Carried.

Bishop Barry then adjourned the afternoon session, for the Synod Eucharist, including his Charge.

The Bishop announced that the evening session would convene at 5pm for supper in the Church Hall.

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## **EVENING SESSION**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2012

*Synod reconvened at 6:25p.m.*

Mark Dunwoody gave a presentation on his work with youth and asked synod to devote 5 or 10 minutes of parish council in each parish to talk about youth ministry so as to begin the discussion.

### **Twitter**

Nicholas Pang gave Members a short tutorial on the use of Twitter.

### **Introduction of Speakers**

Bishop Barry introduced Bishop Barbara Andrews, of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (APCI) and invited her give a presentation, followed by an open question period.

### **Youth Ambassadors**

The Bishop welcomed the Youth Ambassadors and invited them to give a presentation on their experiences this past Summer in BC and at the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth “CLAY” gathering.

### **The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)**

Bishop Barry welcomed the Rev. Paul Gehers to give a presentation on his denomination followed by a question period.

### **Closing Worship**

Closing prayers were led by Mr. Mark Dunwoody (Coordinator of Youth Ministries) and by the Youth Ambassadors.

Synod adjourned at 9:00 pm, with an Episcopal Blessing. The Bishop reminded delegates to gather at 9:00 am. the next morning.

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## **MORNING SESSION**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

Bishop Barry welcomed everyone and invited members of the Partners in Mission Committee to lead the Opening Worship.

### **Diocese of Masasi**

The Bishop then invited Bishop Patrick Mwachiko, of Masasi, to give a presentation on the work and witness of his Diocese. The presentation was followed by a question and answer period, after which there was a panel discussion with Bishop Barbara, Bishop Patrick and the Rev. Paul Gehrs.

The Bishop announced that balloting would begin at 10:45am.

Following a refreshment break, members moved into a time of table discussion on the theme of the previous panel questions.

There followed a report-back on these discussions, and responding reflections from the panel.

### **Signing of the Companion Diocese Covenant**

Bishop Barry and Bishop Patrick signed the Covenant for another 5 years of Partnership between our two Dioceses. Bishop Barry then invited Bishop Patrick to say Grace. The Bishop noted that Synod would reconvene at 1:20pm.

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## **AFTERNOON SESSION**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2012

### **Opening Worship**

The Bishop invited Members of the PWRDF Committee to lead in Opening Worship.

### **Report from the Ministry Action (MAP)**

Bishop Barry invited members of the MAP Working Group to present their work; beginning with a PowerPoint presentation, entitled "Walking Together into God's Future," then, Deborah Hinton moderated several "good news" stories from across the Diocese.

### **Anglican Foundation**

Canon Judy Rois, from the National Office, gave a short information talk about the Anglican Foundation of Canada, and its work, which is made possible through donations to this fund.

Following a snack break, Synod Business was resumed.

### **Financial Report and Budget**

The Treasurer, assisted by Mr. Stephen Tam, proceeded with the Power-Point Presentation, beginning with the 2011 Audited Statements, Results and Forecasts up to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

The Treasurer commented that over the past couple of years a lot has changed and that a sound financial environment has now been created in the Diocese. Thanks are due to Mr. Stephen Tam, Mr. Michael Hiles and the Finance Committee for all their assistance. There is now greater transparency and clarity. Investments are now shown at Market Value. Smaller losses have been incurred due to the improvements in Markets, to careful management of resources and to fiscal responsibility. The Net Assets increased from \$9.5million to \$9.9million. The Treasurer gave a brief summary of the

Balance Sheet for 2011. The majority of the assets are invested in the balanced Anglican Fund managed by the firm Letko Brosseau.

The Treasurer then reviewed the Statement of Operations for 2012. Operating losses have been stemmed and controls have been improved. Revenue and expenses remained close to Budget and a loss of approx. \$0.3million was incurred in 2012; this gives a net income of \$1.1million. The financial position of the Diocese is sound. It is estimated that Net Assets at the end of 2012 will stand at approx. \$10.9million.

The Treasurer asked if there were any questions regarding the Financial Statements.

There being no questions, the Ven. Michael Johnson **moved**, seconded by the Rev. James Pratt, acceptance of the audited Financial Statements. The motion was voted upon. Carried.

### **Motion “C”**

The Treasurer proceeded to outline the 2013 Budget. He commented that the pattern of revenues and expenses is consistent with that of 2012. Administrative expenses have been trimmed as much as possible, and are forecast very close to the 2012 Budget. Income for the year is estimated to run at a loss of approximately 300K. with an extraordinary gain of 500K based on potential sale of property.

Mr. Jim Shepherd then **moved**, seconded by Mr. Bill Bird, the approval of the Budget.

The Treasurer asked if there were any questions.

The Rev. Bryce Sangster asked if Parish Assessments would be likely to rise. The Treasurer responded that they might rise by a small amount in 2013.

The Rev. Bruce Glencross spoke about his parish budget deficit and his need to vote against this Budget.

The Bishop then called the question on the Budget.

The motion was voted upon. Carried.

### **Report on 2011 Motion re-Insurance**

Mr. Michael Hiles, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the revue of diocesan insurance needs that had taken place in the past year further to a motion from last year’s Synod. The company undertaking the revue concluded that our policy is well written and is functioning well and that we should not consider self-funding. If the National Church were to set up a self-funded plan, which would be made available to all dioceses, we might consider joining; otherwise our insurance policy is in good order and should not be altered.

### **Motions and Constitutional Changes Relative to a Biennial Synod**

The Ven. Michael Johnson presented Motion “1”, found in Section F of the Convening Circular:

*Note- a change was made in the French translation wording from “plus tard” to “plutôt”*

The Archdeacon spoke about his experience on the Synod Planning Committee in the past 3 years. There has been a decrease in the amount of business items being brought to the agenda each year. The financial situation has stabilized, and feedback seems to indicate a desire for more conferences. Thus this motion is proposed which would change the pattern to a Business Synod every 2 years.

The Bishop asked if there were any comments or questions.

Several members spoke against this motion, particularly in light of the need for the whole body of Synod to have the opportunity to debate the budget on an annual basis also citing the importance of opportunities for the laity to meet and network in the broader forum of synod meetings.

The seconder, Mrs. Sue Winn, noted that the Diocese used to hold different sorts of day-long events and conferences at which there was ample time for networking and that, if this motion is passed, plans would certainly be made to reactivate such events on a regular basis.

The Bishop asked if there were any other comments.

The Ven. Michael Johnson answered a question as to the reason for presenting this motion. Noting, again, that it was based on feedback that came to the Synod Planning Committee as well as the need to be good stewards of time and energy, both for Diocesan Staff and Synod Members.

The question was called. Since this is a proposed constitutional change, the motion was voted upon by orders.

Defeated in the House of Clergy, thus the motion was defeated.

The Bishop then called for a short break in proceedings.

#### **Motion “2” “3” and “4”**

Mrs. Ann Cumyn, as the mover, then withdrew Motion “2”, as it was dependent on the passing of Motion “1” The Bishop asked for consensus from the floor. Carried.

The same consensus was ask for, and received, for both Motions “3” and “4”, as they were also dependent on the passing of Motion “1”.

#### **Motion “5”**

Mrs. Sue Winn presented Motion “5” as found in section F of the Convening Circular. Mr. Charles Goddard seconded the motion.

The Bishop asked if there were any comments or questions.

Mr. Nick Pang spoke in favour of the motion but suggested a friendly amendment to change the top age of Youth Delegates from twenty-one to twenty-five years in order to align our Diocese with General Synod. The Rev. Donald Boisvert **moved** this friendly amendment, with the Rev. Bruce Glencross as seconder.

The last sentence should also be amended to read “... elected by deaneries on a yearly basis.” The Rev, Seymour Smith **moved** these changes in the wording of the final sentence, seconded by the Rev. James Pratt,. This amendment was voted upon. Carried.

At this juncture, the Bishop suggested postponing further debate on the motion in order to do some re-working of the text and to bring it before the House tomorrow.

#### **Motion “6”**

The Executive Archdeacon **moved**, seconded by the Ven. Michael Robson Motion “6” which seeks to change the status of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor from non-voting to voting members of Council.

This motion was also deferred to tomorrow for final clarification of text and translation.

#### **Motion “7”** (see text, page-3)

The Rev. Holly Ratcliffe **moved**, seconded Canon Tim Smart, this motion regarding the Federal Government’s recent decision to cut Part-time Prison Chaplaincies.

Several members spoke in favour of the motion.

The motion was voted upon. Carried.

### **Section E- Proposed Canonical Changes**

#### **Motion “3”- Clergy Remuneration**

The Executive Archdeacon **moved**, seconded by Mr. Frank Dottin, Motion “3”. She noted that this is largely a “housekeeping” motion to tie the mileage allowance to the rates set by the Canada Revenue Agency and to ensure that the Human Resources Committee takes on the other pieces of work previously covered by the now defunct Clergy Remuneration Committee.

The motion was voted upon by orders. Carried in both Houses. The Bishop concurred.

#### **Vocational Discernment Event**

Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt spoke about plans for a Vocational Discernment Retreat event, which will be taking place in March 2013. The Ven. Michael Robson then outlined more details of the plans taking place. Pamphlets are available for those interested.

The Rev. Stephen Petrie led closing prayers.

Synod adjourned at 5:15 pm, with an Episcopal blessing. The Bishop reminded delegates to gather at 9:00 am. the next morning.

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## MORNING SESSION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2012

Bishop Barry welcomed everyone and invited students from the Diocesan Theological College to lead the opening worship.

The Bishop reminded delegates that the sign-up sheet for Members' Forum was available at a table at the back of the Hall, and that balloting would continue until 10:30am.

### **Motion "5"**

The Bishop noted that we would resume debate on this motion, which was brought to the floor yesterday.

Mrs. Sue Winn, seconded by Mr. Charles Goddard **moved** the revised text: -

*" one youth delegate between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five years of age on the day of the election shall be elected by each deanery on an annual basis. "*

Several members asked for small points of clarification.

The question was called. The motion was voted upon by orders. Carried in both Houses. The Bishop concurred.

### **Section E Motion "1"**

The Executive Archdeacon presented the changes to this motion from yesterday's debate, seconded by the Ven. Ralph Leavitt.

The motion was voted upon in orders. Carried in both Houses. The Bishop concurred.

### **Motion "2"**

The Executive Archdeacon **moved** this motion also deferred from yesterday's debate, seconded by the Ven. Ralph Leavitt.; The word "youth" was inserted: "... such number of clerical, lay and youth delegates to the General Synod as this diocese may ...."

The motion was voted upon in orders. Carried in both Houses; the Bishop concurred.

### **Planned Giving**

The Bishop invited Archdeacon John Robertson, from the National Church Office, to give a presentation on Planned Giving.

Archdeacon Robertson concluded by proposing that his office partner with our Stewardship Council, over the next 3-5 years to build a program for gift planning in the Diocese of Montreal.

The Bishop thanked Archdeacon Robertson and asked if members had any questions.

The Archdeacon noted he would be available all morning to respond to personal questions.

### **Feasibility Study for a Financial Campaign**

Bishop Barry invited Mrs. Martha Asselin, of "M&M International" to speak about the Feasibility Study, which is currently taking place across the Diocese. Mrs. Asselin gave a short Power-Point presentation outlining the process of the feasibility study.

Several members asked for questions of clarification and also endorsed the work of this company, as some members have had previous experience working with M&M International in other dioceses and parishes.

### **Motion “6”**

The Executive Archdeacon **moved**, seconded by the Ven. Michael Robson, the revised Motion “6” which was deferred from yesterday’s afternoon session the corrected text is as follows-

*“The Diocesan Council shall be the only standing committee of Diocesan Synod and shall consist of the Bishop(s), the Executive Archdeacon, the Chancellor or in the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor), the Clerical and Lay Secretaries of Synod, the Treasurer, one member appointed by each Deanery for a three year term, one member elected from the Diocesan Youth Delegates for a two year term, diocesan members of the Council of General Synod and Provincial Council, and six members (3 clergy, 3 lay) elected at Synod for a one year term. For this purpose the Cathedral shall be deemed to be a Deanery.”*

The motion was voted upon, by orders. Carried in both Houses. The Bishop concurred.

### **Motion “4”- Section E**

The Executive Archdeacon **moved** this motion deferred from yesterday, due to the inclusion of a friendly amendment. It was seconded by the Ven. Michael Robson,.

The Executive Archdeacon presented the background around the formulating of this motion, which would establish a corporation to provide expertise to parishes, which wish to explore development, not sale of property. This organized plan for expertise would benefit both parishes and the Diocese as a whole and provide for many possibilities and dreams.

The floor was opened for debate. The Rev. Sophie Rolland offered a friendly amendment, which was denied by the mover.

Several members spoke in favour of the motion but did raise the point that it would be vital to choose members for this Corporation (ADMDC) with the appropriate expertise, and to ensure that the ADMDC would not be imposing development projects on Parishes, but only offering advice to those who had a vision for development.

Mr. Rob McLaughlin, move, seconded by the Rev. Sophie Rolland, an amendment to change the word “Development” to “property”. Debate on the amendment ensued.

The Executive Archdeacon, spoke against the amendment. The seconder of the original motion, the Ven. Michael Robson also spoke against the amendment, as did the Rev. Ken Near.

The question was called. The amendment was voted upon. Defeated.

Debate on the motion resumed, with several members asking other questions of clarification, and speaking in favour of the motion.

The question was called. The motion was voted upon in orders. Carried and the Bishop concurred.

### **Motion “5”**

The Ven. Michael Johnson **moved** Motion “5”, seconded by the Ven. Michael Robson.

The mover presented the motion, which calls for the formation of a sub-committee of the Finance Committee to assist parishes seeking grants and loans for projects in exploring the different venues at their disposal.

The seconder spoke in support of the motion.

Several members asked for points of clarification. The mover offered responses.

The question was called. The motion was voted upon in orders. Carried in both Houses and the Bishop concurred.

### **Members’ Forum**

Bishop Barry invited those who had signed up for Members’ Forum to speak at this time.

The Revs. Bruce Glencross and Eleanor Caruana spoke about the “Mission Matters” Golf Tournament. Over 10K was netted at the 2012 Tournament. They encouraged members to support this initiative, which benefits a number of Missions.



The Rev. Dr. Chris Barrigar asked a question about Parochial Statistics- the question will be forwarded to the Treasurer.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hutchinson informed Members that there are some furnishings available to be given away from the church in Weir.

Mr. Jim Shepherd noted that the Montreal Gazette has eliminated free church event publicity. Churches in the West End should try using the West End Times.

The Rev. Andy O'Donnell Spoke about "Movember". During the month of November men can participate by growing moustaches as a fundraiser for Prostate Cancer. He is hoping to form a Team to promote this project.

Mrs. Valerie Bennett thanked Bishop Barry for conducting this Synod in such a dedicated manner during this time of his personal grieving.

### **Announcement of Elections**

Bishop Barry announced the results of balloting for members of Diocesan Council

Clergy-

The Rev. Karen Egan Chalk

The Rev. Patrick Wheeler

The Ven. Michael Robson

Lay-

Mrs. Ann Cumyn

Ms. Afra Saskia Tucker

Mr. Charles Goddard

Bishop Barry advised Diocesan Council Members that the first meeting of the new Council will take place on Tuesday November 13<sup>th</sup> 2012, commencing at 4pm with a Celebration of the Eucharist in St. Anselm's Chapel. This will be an extended meeting.

The Bishop announced the results of Elections to General Synod.

Clergy-

The Rev. Karen Egan Chalk

The Rev. Neil Mancour

The Rev. Robert Camara

The Rev. Eleanor Caruana

Lay-

Mrs. Sue Winn

Mr. Ian Sinclair

Mrs. Marion Standish

Mrs. Ann Cumyn

The Executive Archdeacon presented a vote of thanks to all those responsible for the preparation, planning and work of this Synod.

### **Closing Prayers Adjournment and Dismissal**

The Bishop invited the visiting Bishops to say a few words before adjourning.

Synod adjourned at 12:15pm with Prayers and an Episcopal Blessing.