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Do you know what a thurifer is? Find out on page 8. Photo by Janet Best.



A "Meals to the Streets" volunteer offers a meal in downtown Montreal. Photo by Dragos Stoica.

## Meals to the streets

Faith without borders, mission without boundaries

DEBORAH HINTON

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In 2017, two Faith Communities came together to create something beautiful: Civitasx – the exponential power (x) of a community with a sense of purpose (Civitas). This partnership, between St. George's Place-du-Canada and Peace Initiatives Canada – a Muslim-led community organization – wanted to share what their faiths had in common: the desire to reach out beyond their sacred spaces and walk the Holy Ground of Montreal's Metro Corridors and

Downtown Streets, bringing food and fellowship to all in need.

In March 2017, Civitasx began their "Meals to the Streets" initiative. On the third Saturday of every month, more than 40 volunteers have gathered together to make 300 halal chicken shawarmas, package them with oranges, cookies, and a bottle of water. After a brief orientation we then divide into 5 groups and bring the meals to the streets with a smile and a friendly ear so that we might deepen relationships with those we serve and with each other. *continued on page 10*

## Patrick Wedd to Retire in June

Celebrating the maestro, the mentor and his music

GWENDA WELLS

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Patrick Wedd—organist, choral conductor, composer—began his nearly 60-year career at age twelve as organist and choir director in his Ontario parish. His musical distinctions are many, his accomplishments, prodigious. He has been music director at Christ Church Cathedral Montreal since 1996. I write here to celebrate Patrick as a minister of music, mentor, and friend.

A CEGEP student I know likes to attend special cathedral services. After one, I saw him stretching during the postlude and suggested we proceed to the reception. He first agreed—then stopped. "Do you mind if we stay till the organ stops playing?" Later, I shared this with Patrick. "You see?" he said with a light smile. As John Grew, McGill organ professor emeritus, says, "People worship where they feel the best!"

The Rev'd Rhonda Waters writes: "Preparing to preside at my first Eucharist as a non-singer, I was nervous about singing the preface in the Eucharistic prayer. Patrick provided essential coaching—more important, he allowed me to pray first and sing second. This is key to his leader-

ship: he prays first. The astonishing music he offers starts here... we are drawn into that prayer and can add our own."

"Music is extra-verbal—more than words—it gets right to the soul of what we are as beings," Patrick says. "It expresses our emotions and emotional needs better than we can." As organist at

*"...Patrick is a musician to the very ends of his finger-tips. He truly understands that music is liturgy—the work of the people to the glory of God."*

the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, Patrick received the Doctor of Divinity (honoris causa) in 2003. "His music ministry was central to our mission," former principal John Simons said, "because the church exists to worship God, and music is not incidental to worship... it's both visceral and spiritual, gathering the whole person into a corporate sacrifice of praise. ... In Patrick's compositions and playing, we hear all creation, the 'voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and mighty thunder-peals' (Rev. 19.6) heralding the fullness of time!"

Under Patrick's direction, the Cathedral Singers offer an enormous repertory with few rehearsals, but lofty expectations of both pros and amateurs. Choir member Yevgeniya

Amis: "Patrick has the knowledge, the passion for choral music, and the ability to communicate the nuances of each piece. He cares about us as a group and individually and is so proud of our work." Another singer said Patrick never criticizes his choir: "Instead, he'll say, 'Sorry, I wasn't clear'." When a singer's birthday falls on a Sunday, Patrick improvises on "Happy Birthday" somewhere during the service!"

If you have ever sung under him, or even heard him talking about a piece of music, you will know Patrick's characteristic 'lift-off'—his springing from the soles of his feet, as Patrick takes us into the realm of 'Godly play.'

Carole Therrien, one of the pros, has sung for Patrick for twenty years. "He constantly gives us music we rarely hear, from Renaissance to new music. The challenge invigorates me.' The liturgical setting "fosters introspection, meditation." She especially appreciates the sung French-language mass, "so different from any other liturgy in Montreal. If only more would come to know it exists!"

Choristers appreciate how Patrick stretches his musicians and the whole worshipping community. Singer Beth Adams says, "Today we need music that addresses chaos, fear, and uncertainty—and brings us through it. Making sense of a difficult new piece is hard work until we achieve the satisfaction of being able to



Speaking for all who have been his scholars and assistants, Nick Capozzoli say, "By holding us to high standards of performance and professionalism, Patrick has secured a bright future for church music in Canada." Photo by Katrina Bertrand.

perform it. Later, Patrick lets us return to it, so we can go into its depth." This process becomes spiritual, an act of joint creation.

She continues: "Patrick has created a choir where people are good to each other, building community from an immensely mixed group: cradle Anglicans, people of other denominations or faiths, or none at all, working intensely together. He's pastoral in ways that are never overt; the result is a kind of Christian small group faith community I never experienced before. A pro singer with no faith background who sat beside me for several years still visits now and again. Once she told me 'This feels like home.' I know she meant in a spiritual way."

Musicians Patrick has mentored cite his respect and

attention. Hilary Punnett, at the Cathedral from 2007-2011 and now assistant organist at Lincoln Cathedral in England: "Patrick fostered my love of church music and sense of purpose for my career. His dedication to liturgical music in so many forms set an incredible example... And Patrick and Rob (Wells, Patrick's spouse, also in the choir) gave wonderful pastoral support to so many students new to the city."

A cathedral church must speak to the world around it. Christ Church has prayed publicly to end violence against women, celebrate Pride Week, inaugurate new ministries, show commitment to First Nations and refugees, all building

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## Bishop's Message

### Where is God taking you?

I am travelling to some interesting places since becoming bishop. This summer I will visit our partner Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania. When we met in Montreal in October 2015, Bishop James Almasi invited me to visit him and his wife as soon as possible. With the support of the Partnerships Committee, I am finally going at the end of July!

There's so much to do in preparation: learning about the customs and culture, getting immunizations, figuring out what to pack, what gifts to bring and so on. As he has done for all those who have visited from Montreal, Bishop James is lining up a full schedule! We will be there for two Sundays and there will be lots of celebrations and visits to parishes throughout our time. I may even be the first woman bishop to visit them! I do know that the Bishop has

women preparing for ordination and that the education of girls is a big priority for him. I'll have so much to write about when I return!

I hope that you will join me in prayer on this journey and perhaps send along a prayer for me to take along. This will be a sacred opportunity to meet together and to grow in love for one another and for the Lord. It feels like a pilgrimage for me as I plan to visit the Church in a completely different part of the world and meet Jesus in the faces of the people who welcome us. One of the people from our Diocese who went to Masasi, seminarian Tyson Røsborg, said "I met Jesus there".

There are lots of pilgrimages one can make – on quests or to holy sites. Tyson is just back from leading a youth group on a portion of the Camino de Santiago in Spain and he adds, "as I've learnt from the Camino... every step, every breath, every moment is a pilgrimage with the divine".

That's something that I have also learned in my life – that we can meet God intentionally and sometimes in surprising ways. My first visit to the Holy Land became a pilgrimage although it began as a tour! In this photo, the city of Jerusalem appears behind me. I am so excited to be leading a pilgrimage to the Land of the Holy One in February 2019 and to visit the Bishop and Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

In 2020, the bishops of the Anglican Communion will meet in Canterbury for the Lambeth Conference. By now, I have met quite a few bishops from across the Anglican Communion; Lambeth will be a chance to renew our friendships and to make new ones. These relationships are part of what keeps us together; each of us leading our dioceses in the pilgrimage of faith and service of Christ Jesus.

Where is God taking you on your pilgrimage? (It may just be next door to visit your neighbour...) Happy summer!

+ Mary



Photo by Tyson Rosberg.

## Bishop's Blessings Beyond the Diocese

ANN CUMYRN

Mrs Ann Cumyn is Chair of the Human Resources and Anglican Board of Management committees

This summer four members of our diocese will travel to our Partnership Diocese of Masasi. Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson will be accompanied by her husband Mark, Beth Reed, Chair of the Partnership Committee and the Rev'd Victor David Mbuyi-Bipungu.

Members of the Montreal PWRDF Committee are working with the Diocesan Partnerships Committee to raise \$5000 to send with our bishop, to provide small gifts for the many parishes, schools and orphanages that she will visit. Some families in the Diocese of Masasi live on less than a dollar a day, and the church is one of the biggest providers of social and economic support to meet

basic needs.

Critical needs include:

- Food, school fees and uniforms for children
- Repairs for church structures and priests' homes
- Sandals for priests who walk from parish to parish
- Medical and hygiene supplies for nursing stations

If every parish contributes to this project *Bishop's Blessings Beyond the Diocese*, we can reach our target, or more, for sending our blessings with Bishop Mary.

A cupcake sale, a silent auction, a soup lunch or a free-will donation basket can help to make Mission in Masasi possible. Please be generous, just as our God is generous!

We also encourage individuals to write personal prayers to send with Bishop Mary, to

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## Lorna Fisher honoured with prestigious award



Lorna Fisher (center with Bishop Mary and Linda Borden-Taylor) was presented the Canadian Volunteer Medal on (date) at (location). For the complete story, visit [www.montreal.anglican.ca](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca).



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## On the rebound with Truth & Reconciliation

BRIAN PERRON

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Welcome to SYNOD 2018, June 14-16, a few days designed to enlighten and inspire our diocese to move ahead with vision, purpose and imagination. From Bishop Mary's charge, to a national perspective delivered by Dr Martin Brokenleg, to your participation in the blanket ceremony, we'll gather to seek a spiritual significance for today and our future. We welcome parish delegates, clergy and all who desire reconciliation in our world today. On Friday, our conference sessions will develop a momentum to celebrate with a cocktail dinner in the evening catered by Chef Maluh.

Friday morning, Ka'nahsohon (Kevin) Deer will focus on aspects of longhouse spirituality. He will look back to how protocols shaped the early relationships with the settlers on land and territories. Building to an explanation of the Two Row Wampum Treaty, we will come to understand colonial policies of assimilation

and why we are now on the rebound with a shared spiritual significance.

Our afternoon session begins with Allan Harrington, founder of The Red Urban Project and Montréal's Wolf Pack Street Patrol. The concept of the Wolf Pack is sticking together and caring for one another. Al will unwrap his work in indigenous education, how it encourages and builds understanding, thereby allowing for reconciliation. Our conferences will enable us to grasp elements of our societies past, while looking forward together. As individuals, as the church and with acclamation and solidarity from our invited civil leaders.

As we the church allow for the spirit to move and guide us in seeking truth, reconciliation will evolve from acknowledging this truth. We can be on the rebound; coming alongside one another, reaching out and picking up our neighbor as we move into our future together. Gather with your diocese June 14-16, in worship, in education, in truth and reconciliation.



## Supper Club is a Missional Community for You!

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS

*Lee-Ann Matthews is the MTL Youth Project Coordinator and Web & Social Media Coordinator for the Diocese of Montreal*

Supper Club started in 2016 as a pilot project where friends were invited to come together to worship, learn, grow, share, pray and develop their faith in community. We have made a number of tweaks along the way and are responsive to group dynamics and feedback.

One of the interesting things about Supper Club is that it is as appropriate for existing

Christians who have been immersed in their tradition for years as it is for those who may be on the periphery of a faith tradition, perhaps taking stock, asking questions about meaning and wondering about life's purpose.

We gather monthly and use biblical themes to shape our conversations. Our sessions are engaging, inclusive, LGBTQ+ affirming, family friendly and participatory. If you have never opened a hymnal or prayer book then you don't have to worry because there are none. And if you have only ever

held a hymn or prayer book you would still feel welcome because sometimes we use components of liturgy that are familiar.

The participation of our members shapes the learning, worship, and outcome of our evenings. In this way, the liturgy is self directed, putting the users at the core of the experience.

We bless, teach, affirm and engage one another. There is no hierarchy. We use a flat leadership structure and are forming a community of faithful followers whose teachings are inspired by scripture.

Would you like to implement Supper Club in your church? Parish Hall? Home or Community Space?

We have made all the details available to you <http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/supper-club/>

Contact Lee-Ann Matthews for details, information or feedback ([lmattews@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:lmattews@montreal.anglican.ca))

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## Letters to the Editor

**Editor's note: The following letters were received in response to my invitation to express your opinion about the future of the print editions of your diocesan paper and the Anglican Journal. I would be happy to continue to receive your letters on the subject. [editor@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:editor@montreal.anglican.ca).**

Dear Editor,

I will be the first to admit that when it comes to reading for the purposes of 'intaking', I am a traditionalist. The computer at work is ON all day right in front of me, and I am working away with the mouse or keyboard every 10 minutes or so. The computer has revolutionised work in less than a lifetime. But when I really want to study something, I print it, collect from the printer, bring it to my desk, pull up a pen and highlighter, and start careful reading.

Out of necessity, I read international publications such as The Guardian and New York Times on-line. But I know I never read them cover-to-cover in the way that I read The Montreal Gazette and the Anglican newspapers. I spend enough time in front of the

computer screen as it is.

Right now, spread out over the kitchen table, we have the Gazette, a cutting from the Gazette that I am about to mail to an out-of-town offspring, two cuttings from the recent Anglican newspapers and the national Anglican. This is a very hands-on experience.

I guess the subtlety is something like this: For computer-sourced news, I have a prior idea of what I am looking for, so I go hunting for it with a [Ctrl] + [F] or google string search. For newspaper-sourced news, I am allowing the news to come to me. **The joy is in the surprises - the news that I did not even know was there so I would not have gone looking for it.**

The Anglican newspapers are full of surprise news like this.

Now I know that it is perfectly technically possible to cut & paste, take screen shots, share links - all that computer-based stuff - I do this myself every day. There is a certain peace and tranquility that comes from spreading out the newspaper, letting eyes wander, going back and re-reading articles.

The fact that the Anglican newspapers are mailed to every

Member has an advantage when I am preaching in an Anglican Church. While it's true that not everyone reads every word, nevertheless, no-one feels excluded if I make a reference to an item in the newspaper. The old adage about preaching with the Bible in one hand and a newspaper in other works well when the newspaper is the Anglican Journal / Montreal combination!

- Simon Hartropp

Dear Editor,

I have been reading the Anglican Journal for maybe the last four years. I'm not what you call a 'cradle Anglican', but a German-born 'Lutheran', hanging out with Catholics, Anglicans and Lutherans likewise.

I also receive various email newsletters from different churches or church organizations.

I have to admit that, for me, reading on paper works much better. The newsletters I receive per email, I usually trash them without reading them ...

So, yes, I do read the paper and **it has been a general source of inspiration as well as the means by which I became**

**aware of local events we are attending as a family.** For instance, Contemporary Mass at Christ Church Cathedral, Messy Church at St-Georges in Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, or St-Jax ...

As for the nation-wide Anglican Journal, various articles have been interesting and inspiring, but sometimes I've found that there is too much 'washing dirty laundry in front of everybody' (discussing internal disputes publicly - don't get me wrong, in a big organization, it's perfectly normal to have disagreements, but there might be a better way of solving them than 'going public').

As the general questioning about the print edition is certainly related to a financial issue, I will also make a donation towards the Anglican Journal. Maybe, you could make it clearer for the people receiving the journal when the next payment would be due? I don't think I ever received a bill or reminder. ...

Just as an exemple, the Catholics have 'Prions en église' and you need to sign up for a subscription, just as for any other magazine. (For people who cannot afford it , in the Catholic churches, they

always offer some free).

To conclude, a big thanks to all who have been contributing to putting it together and getting it out to people like me :-)! I hope you'll find a way to keep it going!

- Sabine Schnittka

Dear Editor,

... To lose both these excellent papers would be a real blow to me. I have looked forward each month to reading of the lives of Anglicans through our huge country. My cheery Christmas card signed by staffers at the head office is very special.

Somewhere in the article the word "isolation" is used. One can exist in the heart of a big city - at the end of life when even the local parish church is no longer part of one's weekly participation - being alone is real.

I am fully aware of the demands of technology and the desperate need for balanced budgets - but I shall really miss my printed papers.

- Pam Turpin, your 97 year old "luddite" subscriber

# Laying it on the Line



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## The Begging Bowl

DIANNE BRADSHAW

In our lifetime on earth it is exceedingly rare to see a miracle. Yet I recently witnessed one, and it still resonates in my head and my heart.

On St. Catherine and Atwater streets in Montreal, a raggedy man sits on the sidewalk with a pathetic dog by his side (does he sedate it to keep it still, where does it pee, and I worry that it doesn't have a water bowl). The man is cross-legged – a feat that is impossible for me. He wears a

faded black and yellow toque, that might have once been displayed at a Bruins game. He barely looks up, but in a practiced whispery voice (weak from hunger he wants you to know) he says "spare change?" Well, no and I want you to take good care of that dog.

It's charity he wants, and it's charity I want to offer. But I am jaded by stories of donations being used for drugs and booze. Giving him food would make it easier for him to use his 'spare change' for nefarious purchases. At least, that is my default position – which makes it easier to walk on by.

I was privileged to travel to India last month, and to visit the famous Sikh temple at Amritsar. To me the name was synonymous with 'massacre' which is all I had ever known about its history, until studying up just prior to the trip – a Cole's notes, or Reader's Digest type of summary. I was quite unprepared for the magnitude of the place, and for its aura of holiness.

Our luxury tour bus parks two blocks away from the temple – from there it is a scorching walk before reaching the entrance. There are twenty of us on our tour, and we have been warned not to take anything with us into the temple area. My neck and shoulders feel weirdly uncomfortable without the burden of my backpack. Everyone who enters must be barefoot – our tour guide collects our shoes in a large bag, and hands them to a little man who will guard them in exchange for rupees.

I am loath to expose my unattractive feet, but comply with the rest. As we shuffle forward through a dipping pool I sneak a look at other feet. Most are reassuringly unappealing. I am foolishly delighted to see

that the man next to me has a most unfortunate second toe. It looks like a misplaced gargoye - all twisted and gnarly. He is a world traveller of renown, always impeccably dressed and beautifully turned out – the kind of Renaissance man who would have regular pedicures. I wonder if he feels self-conscious about his nasty toe. I very nearly laugh aloud.

There is a huge pond around the golden temple, considered to be sacred. As we walk along I see some turbaned Sikhs bathing in it, even washing inside their diaper-like underwear. I quickly look away, for both our sakes.

Mercifully out of the sun,

*"Nearly one month later I feel humbled by having witnessed true charity on an unimaginable scale."*

we are led through the pilgrim's dining hall, where 100,000 people are fed each day and night by volunteers. Anyone is welcome, and the meals are free – funded by donations in the spirit of Sikh generosity. We see massive vats of food being cooked – rice, and lentils. There are hundreds of work stations where flat bread is being created from huge piles of dough, and hand rolled and cooked over fire. Rows and rows of people sit respectfully crosslegged on the floors,

holding tin plates. Servers walk up and down, dispensing food. Skinny little children sit alongside well-dressed students and women in saris. There is a lineup of people holding empty plates waiting to take their places on the floor, and behind them a lineup of people waiting to obtain a plate. In another stairwell is a lineup of those who were recently fed, taking their plates to be washed. Everywhere there are brown faces smiling shyly at us, and offering a 'namaste'. The atmosphere is almost mystical, and surprisingly quiet. Back outside, speechless with amazement, we slowly make the long walk to the exit. We walk past children playing, pilgrims praying and chanting, and many people dozing.

I am overwhelmed with this place, with the humanity and the communion of souls. I am reluctant to leave. But our time is short, and we are soon back on the bus with our shoes back on. Nearly one month later I feel humbled by having witnessed true charity on an unimaginable scale.

When I am next asked for 'spare change' by a homeless person on Montreal's streets I will stick to my principle of refusal. But next time I will give a cookie to the dog, and offer to provide food and a blessing. Namaste. I salute the god that is in you.

## The scared, the scarred and our sacred duty

PENNY RANKIN

*Penny Rankin is the chair of the Standing Committee on Mission*

*"Human trafficking is an assault on the dignity and beauty of people and the image in which God has created them."*

- Archbishop & Primate Fred Hiltz

It is brutal, it is shocking and it is happening right now. Lurking behind the curtains of denial we draw to avoid confronting the truth is the dark underbelly of our "civilized society". Ranked as the third most profitable criminal enterprise in the world (behind drugs and arms trafficking), Human Trafficking is both alive and present at our doorstep.

While it is true that the transatlantic slave-trade was abolished more than two centuries ago, today there are close to 40 million people living in forced servitude around the globe: men, women and children traded, abused and used as commodities, their market value in 2017 generating well over \$150 Billion dollars in profits. (close to the GDP of New Zealand).

This "modern slavery" is driven by an array of factors that include imbalances in power (e.g. poverty and gender) and is fueled by an

increasingly globalized marketplace.

While amendments to criminalize human trafficking were included in our criminal code in 2005, today (due to numerous challenges) the vast majority of "convictions" are still prosecuted under laws associated with kidnapping, extortion, fraud, and the uttering of threats. The Government's Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights is currently studying these issues and has just launched its' National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking\*.

A devastating assault on the basic rights of its victims, Human Trafficking includes: sex trafficking (and that of children), forced and bonded labour, child labour, the recruitment of child soldiers, forced marriage, the selling (and stealing) of human organs and involuntary domestic servitude.

Apathy in the face of evil, is never an option.

Following years of work here in Canada and around the Communion, it was in 2012, that the Anglican Consultative Council passed Resolution 15:10 on The Trafficking of Persons\*. In 2014, the Joint Declaration of Religious Leaders Against Modern Slavery, coordinated by the Global

Freedom Network\* was signed by all of the major faith leaders. The Anglican Alliance, has along with partners developed the "Seven P's Toolbox": Policy, Prosecution, Prevention, Protection, Partnership, Participation and Prayer. The documents associated with these provide guidance and guidelines as to how individuals, parishes and dioceses can take action.

One such action is a series of four symposia organized by the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice, and Global Relations ministries of the General Synod. "Engage Freedom! Human Trafficking & Modern Slavery", was recently convened in St John's Newfoundland. Elaine Bilodeau, Dwane Connors and myself were appointed to attend as representatives of the Diocese of Montreal. Designed to educate, raise awareness and share information, the program concentrated on the "extent or nature of human trafficking and modern slavery in our neighbourhoods, towns and cities" as well as identifying and supporting "ministries of local parishes with and for vulnerable and trafficked peoples."

While the global situation

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**The Palermo Protocol\***, adopted by the UN in 2000 outlines human trafficking as:

1. **The Act:** The recruitment, transportation, transfer, harbouring or receipt of persons
2. **The Means:** Threat or use of force, coercion, abduction, fraud, deception, abuse of power or vulnerability, or giving payments or benefits to a person in control of the victim
3. **The Purpose:** Exploitation, which includes exploiting the prostitution of others, sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or similar practices and the removal of organs.

# Dean Bertrand Olivier Aims High

## “A spire pointing to the sky reminds us that God is with us”

NICKI HRONJAK

It is no surprise that it took nearly a year to find the right person to fill the position of Dean of Christ Church Cathedral. After all the qualifications were demanding. Among them, “The new Dean and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral will bring to all dimensions of the role a strong capacity for leadership in visioning that will inspire others—clergy, parishioners, and supporters—with imagination, energy, and enthusiasm for the Cathedral’s mission.”

It was a blessing to find Bertrand Olivier, as he has demonstrated in the short time he’s been here that he can inspire and lead quite well indeed.

By all accounts, Bertrand Olivier has jumped into his new position as Dean of Christ Church Cathedral with both feet. Having arrived in Montreal in mid-February he has wasted no time immersing himself in the life of the Cathedral and is looking forward to doing the same in Montreal, his newly adopted city.

Asking what his impressions are so far, he first praised the team – volunteers, clergy and staff - that is in place. The team is quite impressive, as they are running a landmark Cathedral in the downtown core with nearly 20 weekly worship services, numerous concerts, active congregation, and ambitious social justice programs (for an example of one such program, see the article below on Fair Trade). Not to mention the enormous undertaking of a major fundraising campaign to support the restoration of the spire and other structural necessities to keep the building beautiful and safe.

Bertrand is no stranger to challenging roles. In All Holydays by the Tower in London, the oldest church in the City of London, he juggled the role of parish priest with that of an active community liaison, while developing other areas

of outreach and education.

The difference here is that there is a more stable congregation and, of course, a major renovation project that takes considerable time and talent to manage properly.

According to Bertrand, “It feels a bit like I have a lot of spinning plates”

Among his passions are team-building and communications. In early April, he invited nearly over 30 staff members and volunteers from the cathedral and diocese to attend the first CCC Communicators Network day; a Saturday workshop to discuss and plan ways to improve communications both internally and to the

*“... we need to keep working at discovering the symbols that will speak of our faith to the new generations, whether they visit the cathedral or encounter us through our social media channels.”*

broader community. Attendance was impressive, with over two dozen present.

It is a testament to his commitment and passion that so many gave up a Saturday morning to participate. As I was among them, I can tell you the enthusiasm, commitment and experience of those running all aspects of the cathedral were impressive. From the head of the fundraising campaign to the chief verger, every voice was heard and considered. As I participated, a theme kept running in my head; “It takes a village to run a cathedral.” And one heck of a strong leader.

The wording of the invitation could serve as a template for Bertrand’s own vision:

“Come and share what you are currently doing and hear what others are doing too, listen and share best practice, identify areas where we can all do better, and dream dreams of the possible and impossible.”

It takes a dreaming nature to tackle something so big. And the dean doesn’t shy away

from the dream. When I asked him how he can possibly accomplish all of what he wants to do, Bertrand answered; “Well, you have to be ambitious; If you set your aims high, you are successful even if you only achieve 50% - particularly in the current narrative about Christianity where it’s always doom and gloom, and fundamentalism all over the churches.”

Social justice and inclusivity are two passions of his. When asked about how he sees these manifested in the Cathedral, he answered; “At Christ Church Cathedral, we are living out a vision of a Church focused on the love and generosity embodied in Jesus, a vision that is inclusive, welcoming, open to all and seeking transformation both as individuals as we grow in faith, but also of unjust structures of society”. He adds, “And it is evident, as you walk around the Downtown Core in Montreal, that there is much work to do in that area”.

“A Cathedral, like any other church, is a visible symbol of the presence of God in the world, and Christ Church Cathedral, with its spire pointing to the sky in the midst of steel and glass buildings that are far taller, but focused on the earth, is a vital in reminding all those who work, shop or play



March 11, 2018. The Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier, at his installation as Dean of Montreal and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral. Photo by Janet Best.

around St Catherine Street and beyond that God is there with them, in their joys, sorrows and every moment of the day.”

He adds, “Symbols are important, in a world where visual communication surrounds us all the time. This is why it has been so important for the Pride flag to have been displayed at the Cathedral, as a recognisable sign of the Cathedral’s welcome for all. And it is why we need to keep working at discovering the symbols that will speak of our faith to the new generations, whether they visit the cathedral or encounter us through our social media channels.”

Bertrand is committed to the Cathedral’s tradition of excellence in worship and music, and also in discovering new ways to touch the hearts of all.

“I am very proud of our Choir and the music they provide to enhance our traditional Sunday services, but also of our ‘Cathédrale à 18h’ service, providing a more contemporary style of music with the same inclusive theology.”

He is also keen to expand the Cathedral’s role of public theology. “I am learning about and am sensitive to the Quebecois and Montreal context, and very much look forward to continuing and expanding the outstanding work of Christ Church Cathedral, to the Glory of God in this city.”

In the hands of such an inspired leader and capable team, lofty dreams may just become a reality.



March 11, 2018. The Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier, partner and friends celebrate following his installation as Dean of Montreal and rector of Christ Church Cathedral. Photo by Janet Best.



### A Fairer Future and Trade for Social Justice

LISA MIDDLEMISS

Fair trade involves understanding the impacts of the daily basic choices that we make as consumers and global citizens. It steps up the standard from

free trade – sometimes mistaken for fair trade in an inadvertent slip of the tongue – to a higher set of values to govern trade relations.

By aiming to set minimum bottom lines for prices set by producers themselves to reflect their own needs, fair trade supports farmers and artisans in developing countries who are seeking to make ends meet, send their children to school and cover healthcare costs of their family members. Fair trade is about drinking a cup of coffee or tea and savouring every sip, knowing the country of its origin and appreciating that the farmer received a just price for the coffee beans or tea leaves cultivated.

The fair trade group at Christ Church Cathedral in

Montreal is a group of volunteers who are committed to promoting fair trade among congregation members and visitors to the Cathedral as part of the Anglican tradition of supporting social justice ministries. Every third Sunday of the month, the group organizes a monthly fair trade kiosk following the main Sunday service. The kiosk runs from about 11:30 PM to 12:30 PM where fair trade chocolate bars, coffees, teas, spices, dried fruits, olive oil, soaps and more are available for purchase to those who stop by after the service. The kiosks are not-for-profit with a yearly donation made to a charitable cause.

For over eight years, fair trade at the Cathedral has been supported by Dix Milles Vil-

lages (Known as Ten Thousand Villages outside of the Province of Quebec) which has helped supply the fair trade stock for the monthly kiosks. Recently, Dix Milles Villages closed nine stores across Canada due to dwindling sales and rising rents, including their Saint Denis and Monkland locations in Montreal – with only the Dix Milles Villages Pointe Claire location remaining open on the Montreal Island. The Cathedral fair trade group is now collaborating with Dix Milles Villages Pointe Claire to keep the monthly kiosks running. Given the sobering closures of Canada’s main fair trade retailer, the Cathedral fair trade group remains committed to making fair trade products available to Cathedral

members and visitors alike. When we can easily lose sight of where our food comes from, and who produces it, support of fair trade at the Cathedral is about recognizing the people behind global trade and their need to receive just compensation for the fruits of their labour.

To find out more about the fair trade kiosks every third Sunday or to get involved, please contact: fairtrade@montrealcathedral.ca

# Around the Diocese



Mrs Thelma Bonadie, Mrs Ivor Bennett and Mrs Pauline Cox at St. Paul's Cote-des-Neiges on March 11th. Photo by Janet Best.



The Bishop with (l-r) Natay-Jah Henville, Marjorie Kellman, Walter Majola, Mya Pascal-Newton, Irvine Smith, Jim Bennett, Michael Peters, and Jannai Dopwell-Bailey at St. Paul's Cote-des-Neiges confirmation on March 11, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.



Bishop Mary (with Rev Michelle) at St Michael & All Angels in Pierrefonds. Photo by Janet Best.



Neil Mancor visits the Diocesan Office with pal Princess.



On Feb 25, 2018, Aliya Hicks-Callender, a young member of St Stephen's Lachine, gave a presentation on Lincoln Alexander for Black History Month.



It was an honour to have our Primate, the Most Rev'd Fred Hiltz, as a guest on Facebook Live, May 8, 2018. He's pictured with host of FB Live, Lee-Ann Matthews. (Catch it Tuesdays at 10am!)



Dawn Beautemps on the organ, March 18th for the Episcopal visit to St. Michael and All Angels in Pierrefonds. Photo by Janet Best.



Enjoying Supper Club, April 30, 2018.



St Paul's Cote Des Neiges. Easter Sunday the children sang "Jesus is Alive" with Sunday School teacher Daphne Hinds.



The Zack Ingles Worship Band performs at the Bishop's Confirmation Day. Photo by Janet Best.



Abi, Natalia, Thomas, Sherlene, Shermicah, Shervon, Iamani and Adia at the Bishop's Confirmation Day. Photo by Janet Best.



Nina Hermes at the Bishop's Confirmation Day, February 24, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.



Bruce and Susan Moxley, leaders for the Lay Readers' Retreat, April 27-29, 2018.



Shirley Newell attended the March on Washington on March 24th in support of tighter gun control laws.



It was an honour to have had Bishop Mary join the Montreal Council of Women at an award luncheon honouring Margaret Trudeau for her work in promoting Mental Health and in destigmatizing mental illness. (April 29th 2018)



April 14th: Associates and friends of the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine gathered at St Barnabas, St Lambert to watch "St Mark's Gospel". From left to right: Second row: Gayna Knowles, Maxime Moorehouse, Mary Pickup, Maggie Smith, Ruth Archer, Ginny Fowler, Susan Hill. Front row: Holly Ratcliffe, Merlyne Howard, Shirley Smith, John Lee, Valerie Bennett.



The 50th Anniversary of Ordination of the Dirty Dozen on March 25th at St Simeon's Church. Left to right: The Rev Graham Burgess, The Ven Wally Sparling, Bishop Mary, The Rev Peter Asbil and the Right Rev Peter Mason.



Penny Rankin and the Reverend Patrick Wheeler presented John Doherty, executive director of RIVO, with a cheque for \$10,000 raised by the St Matthias' community. For more on this extraordinary achievement, go to [www.st-matthias.ca](http://www.st-matthias.ca)

# Liturgical Lexicon

STEVEN MACKISON

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**Thurifer and Boat Girl:** Not some liturgical crime-fighting team, as one might suppose from the title; rather, these are the terms applied to the people who carry the respective objects after which they are named: the thurible and boat.

The term "thurible" comes from the Latin "thus," (rhymes with moose) meaning "incense;" and refers to the metal censer, suspended from chains, which is swung to and fro at various points in the liturgy, leaving aromatic clouds of smoke in its midst.

The inner workings of the thurible - are actually quite simple. Essentially the thurible is a BBQ; except, instead of char-broiling steaks, incense is the main course. Here's how it works: the censer itself contains a small metallic dish into which charcoal bricks are placed. When the coals are fully-fired, incense is poured on the coals, the scented resin melts, producing clouds of smoke that pour through perforations in the thurible's retractable lid. So now that you know the "what"

and the "how" of the thurible, perhaps we should explore the "why."

Some (alleged) pundits would tell you that the use of incense began in the early church, when the celebrant of the mass bathed the congregation in this fragrant balm (your spelling may vary) - supposedly because they had not bathed themselves! This explanation is - no pun intended - hog-wash! The true origin of the use of incense in ritual hails back to our Jewish forebears in the faith, the Israelites - where incense was an integral part of the offering of ritual sacrifices. In fact, incense was so prized in ancient ritual that, in the book of Numbers, after Moses had set-up the altar, one of the first gifts offered was a "golden dish weighing ten shekels, full of incense."

Moreover, Yahweh was not the only deity to be offered incense. Many ancient dynasties - from India to China and beyond - have included incense in their worship practices. The use of incense in pagan ritual was likewise pervasive. In fact, in the nascent Christian church, incense was eschewed precisely because it was used in Emperor worship, which the Caesars, of course, encour-

aged. Hence, it was not until Christianity became the official religion of the Roman Empire that the use of incense crept back into popular worship.

Alas, its frequent usage was not to last, though. The winds of change that blew through the Reformation took incense with them, and thuribles all but disappeared with other so called "Popish Artefacts." However, in the last fifty years or so, the thurible, and the use of incense in general, has experienced something of a revival, due in no small part to the liturgical renewal that came out of the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's.

Now, those of you - particularly those with respiratory issues - may utter with exasperation "why is incense used, at all?"

It is true that, despite its growing popularity in the last several decades, incense remains something of a rarity. While some "smells and bells" parishes have incense at every (sacramental) meal, most churches have incense on the menu, at most, infrequently. Those parishes that seek an "incense-compromise" swing their thuribles only on Principal Feasts and/or Holy days - Christmas, Epiphany, and

the Easter Vigil being prime examples of such times.

In any event, the use of incense is intended to draw attention to the sacredness of those things and people, who reveal the mystery of God's love to us: the Gospel, the Altar - and ourselves, the people of God, not the least!

Oh, I missed the boat - so to speak - and have not taken the time to explain the thurible's faithful companion. The boat's function is mostly practical. For, obviously, the celebrant cannot carry incense in his/her pocket like so many nickels and dimes. Therefore, a receptacle that is appropriately reverent and comely is required for that task; hence, the boat.

Why is the incense holder called a "boat?" Because it looks like one. This is true, especially, of more modern examples. Although, person-

ally, all the incense boats I have seen look more like facsimiles of Aladdin's lamp, than like boats. So for those who mistakenly clutch this object, rubbing vigorously in hopes of being granted a wish or three, then I'm afraid you are going to end up empty handed; or with only a few grains of incense to show for your efforts.

Little has been said in this article about the people who bear these objects: Thurifer and Boat Girl (boy). But perhaps that is as it should be. For, whatever your wishes on the use of incense in worship, you have probably rarely seen these cassoched crusaders.

Until or unless the use of incense becomes more pervasive, Thurifer and Boat Girl are likely to remain in the clouds.

Here's a picture (below) of a boat that looks particularly like Aladdin's lamp!



A thurible and boat.



**The Beer Saints:** Back row: John Sypnowich, Scott Bradford, Penny Rankin, Stephen Hinton, Patrick Wheeler, Tyler Schmidt. Front row: Henry Samson, Sophia Samson, Jude Samson.

## Coldest Night of the Year

JUDE SAMSON

February 24, 2018, was this year's "Coldest Night of the Year". For the second consecutive year, St. Matthias' Church in Westmount, was thrilled to participate in this family-friendly event that raised almost \$5 million for local charities serving hungry, homeless and hurting families and youth in 120 communities across Canada. In particular, funds

raised in downtown Montréal were put towards the amazing work that is happening at the St-James Drop-In Centre.

In its first year, the St. Matthias' team—known as the Beer Saints—raised more than any other in Montréal, so expectations were set high for the year's team. And when we got word that the event was in need of a new home, parishioners responded to Father Patrick's rallying cry in large

numbers, meaning that we were able to both participate in this worthwhile event and host it!

But hosting such a large event would only have been possible with a lot of help from our friends. Parishioners from St. Matthias', CBC Radio's Do-Crew, and folks from St. James' all helped to ensure that participants were registered at the beginning of the event, and fed at the end. There was even some food and hot drinks along the way.

This year's team from St. Matthias' had eight members, ranging in age from eight to old-enough-to-know-better. Though there were 2 and 5km options, we did the full 10 km walk, which stretched from Westmount to Old Montréal and back. And, yes, the Beer Saints walked right back into the top fundraising spot again this year.

For anyone who wants to challenge the Beer Saints for the top spot next year, 2019's Coldest Night of the Year is scheduled for February 23.

## Notable

**St. Lawrence Anglican Church's annual Summerfest Celebration on Saturday, June 16th, from 12pm to 6pm on the church's grounds, at 520 - 75th Ave, La-Salle. Enjoy fine Caribbean delicacies, bingo, good music and activities for the kids! For more information, please contact the church at 514-366-4652.**



Bishop Sue Moxley, Lorne Eason (Pastor to Lay Readers) Sue Winn.

## Speaking of Joy!

### Bishop Sue Moxley at the 2018 Lay Readers' Retreat

SUSAN WINN

Bishop Sue is the retired bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. She and her husband, Bruce, travelled from Halifax to bring messages of God's Joy in Ministry to the 45 Lay Readers who gathered at Manoir D'Youville from Friday to Sunday, April 27th to 29th.

Bishop Sue asked questions that caused us to reflect deeply, "What makes you joyful? What words or actions from others nurture joy in your life? What Bible stories are expressions of joy for you? And what gets in the way of being joyful?" Discussions were rich with personal stories, memories and hopes for ongoing ministry.

We were reminded that, as God's beloved children, we are created to be joy-filled people.

As Lay Readers our role is to build the Kingdom of justice and joy. Joy is the satisfaction and delight of the soul in its union with God. We walked away from this inspirational weekend with a new understanding of God as the source of our joy, and with gratitude for opportunities to share this learning in our own churches.

Bishop Sue shared many of her own experiences within the world-wide Anglican Communion, some a huge source of joy, but frequently a source of angst as the Church has moved through change and differences in theological interpretations and customs.

Finding joy in the midst of suffering and pain is possible when we know that God is working in and through our lives.





Jeffrey Mackie



Scott Potter

## Generous Bursaries from Anglican Foundation Benefit Students

AFRA TUCKER

University students are commonly challenged by the need to devote their full attention to their studies while finding the money to stay enrolled. Students preparing for ordained ministry can feel doubly challenged if they are returning to school while providing for a family or relinquishing financial independence to respond to their calling.

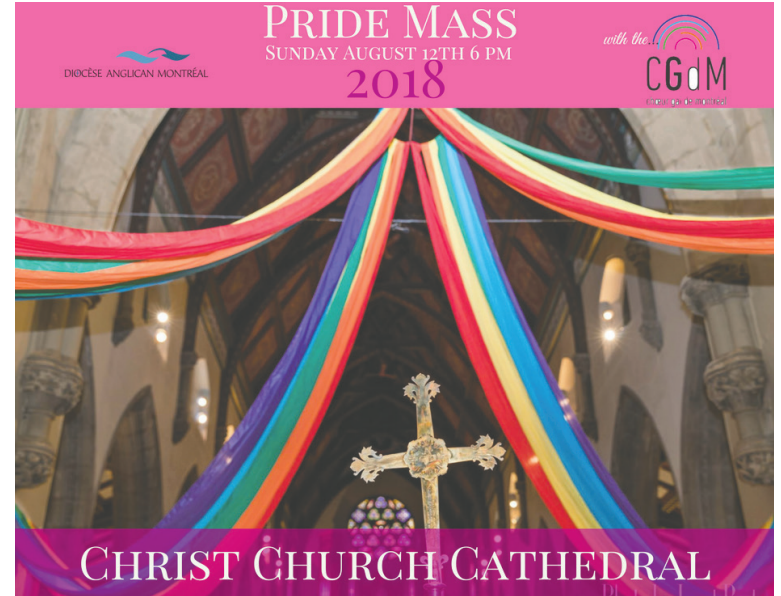
Every year, the Anglican Foundation of Canada alleviates some of this burden by generously providing financial support to students preparing for ordained ministry at Montreal Diocesan Theological Col-

lege. Here are some thoughts expressed by two local recipients of Foundation bursaries.

Jeffrey Mackie, M.Div. 2020 candidate and parishioner at Christ Church Cathedral; *"This is my first year at Montreal Diocesan Theological College. I had a lot of new experiences and challenges as I returned to academia to pursue an M.Div. degree. In order to concentrate on my studies I now only work part time, and financial assistance was something that I was seeking. I found it quite helpful that there was a bursary for theological study. The bursary helped me with my needs as a student and enabled me to focus on my courses."*

Scott Potter, M.Div. 2019 candidate and parishioner at St. George's, Place du Canada; *"Receiving a bursary from the Anglican Foundation has helped me focus on studying during the school year and having a Church internship during the summer without having to worry about working another job to make ends meet. I am blessed to have been so supported by the Anglican Foundation."*

The generosity of your Foundation is made possible by the generosity of donor parishes, dioceses, and individuals. If you would like to learn how to help the Foundation support our students, please visit [www.anglicanfoundation.org](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org).



## Pride Mass Celebrates Human Diversity

REV JIM PRATT

On Sunday, August 12 at 6pm Christ Church Cathedral will host a Pride Mass for a third consecutive year, as a kick-off to the Montreal Pride Week. Both Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson and the dean of the cathedral, the Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier, will preach.

The Choeur gai de Montréal will once again sing at the service, and Zak Inglis and Fred Francis, music director at St Thomas' Church NDG, will lead the music.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu often uses the term "the rainbow people of God" to refer to God's vision of humanity, in which all people, regardless of race, colour and origin are welcome and celebrated for their unique gifts and personalities. The rainbow has long been a symbol for LGBTQ+ people, representing human diversity. For the Pride Mass, the crossing of the cathedral is draped in rainbow streamers, which

join together above the altar.

The Cathedral and Diocese open their doors to welcome and celebrate human diversity. This is especially important where the churches have not always been welcoming to sexual minorities. Some churches have deemed LGBTQ+ persons "intrinsically disordered", others have told them they are not worthy of God's love. Because of this, the rates of suicide among LGBTQ+ youth raised in religious families are many times rates in the general population, and many LGBTQ+ persons have turned their backs on religion. The Pride Mass is a sign that we are open to a discussion about what it means to be loved by God for who God created us to be, without having to change or conform.

The Pride Mass is not just for LGBTQ+ persons, but for all who wish to celebrate the numerous ways in which God has created human beings in God's image, and to celebrate the diversity of the human family.

## Notable

**Strawberry Social July 1st, from 2-4pm, at Ski Morin Heights, in conjunction with Morin Heights' annual Canada Day celebrations. Enjoy all-you-can-eat strawberries with fresh whipped cream, on your choice of cake or scone, with tea or coffee, for \$8 adults, \$4 children. There will be home baking for sale as well. All welcome! A benefit for Trinity Anglican Church, Morin Heights.**

## Notable

**PWRDF Annual Dinner is on Thursday, June 7th starting at 5:30pm. Join us and guest speaker, Zaidoa Bastos, Director of the Development Ptnership Program at PWRDF. Tickets \$15. Call 514-843-6577.**

# Equipping the Saints

JESSE ZINK

*The Rev'd Dr Jesse Zink is the principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College*

As I come to the end of my first academic year as principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College, there is much to be grateful for. I am grateful for our student community and the energy and enthusiasm they bring to their studies and their preparation for ministry. I am especially grateful for Joel Amis, Tania Lesack, and Jonathan Widell, our three graduates of the Master of Divinity program this year, and the varied ministries to which they are called in the church and in the world. It was wonderful to recognize them and their accomplishments at our Convocation on May 7 and send them forth with our prayers and thanksgiving.

I am grateful for the overwhelming interest that so many people in this diocese

and beyond have shown in supporting the life of the college. Membership in our new Corporation is open to all who wish to join and since launching it in the spring, the number of people who have joined has far exceeded our expectations. It was a real delight to gather as the Corporation with our primate, Fred Hiltz, for a special afternoon question and answer session on May 7 and to hear him reflect on his distinguished tenure as primate.

I was particularly grateful that so many people turned out on April 15 at the cathedral—in some really miserable late winter weather—to formally commission our Board of Governors and install me as principal. It was a strong show of support for the ministry of this college within the diocese. I appreciated the words of Bishop Bruce Myers, a graduate of the college and Bishop of Quebec, who preached a sermon reminding us of the resurrection faith we have to proclaim.

I was grateful for the strong registration we had for our study day on April 28 that looked at the historical, theological, and global context in which the Anglican Church of Canada considers changes to its marriage canon. Gathering in person and virtually online, attendees at that study day listened and learned and came away with new ways of thinking about a contentious issue in the church.

I have been grateful for the warm welcome I have received in churches across this diocese. Since my arrival last fall, I've visited and preached in churches in every region of this diocese and look forward to visiting more places and learning more about the unique shape of ministry in the diocese's many diverse congregations.

While my gratitude is great, I also know that there is much more that this college is called to do and be in coming years. Over the summer and into the fall, these are some of the things that we'll be working on at the college.

We are preparing for a new, larger entering class. At the time of this writing, we expect to have a graduating class of up to five students next year, as well as an additional five or more students entering on to our various programs.



Jesse Zink, center, with Bruce Myers and Bishop Mary following his installation on April 15th.

We are hard at work redesigning our Reading and Tutorial program. This long-standing program has provided theological education by distance for over 40 years and graduates of the program are in ministry across the country. Our redesigned program will update the material and ensure that it speaks directly to the challenging, secular context the church encounters in this generation.

We are getting ready for a full year of life in our new Corporation and planning several special events for these people whose support of the college is so strong. We are also planning a series of further study days to ensure that the learning that

takes place in the college can continue to enrich all members of this diocese.

We are improving how we communicate with people. Right now, you can follow us on our Facebook page (/MontrealDio) but keep an eye out for new material in the future, including our Year-in-Review magazine that will be available around the time this gets published.

With your continued prayer and support, we are ensuring that Montreal Dio continues to strengthen its ministry so that the work we do here enriches the broader diocese and leads more people deeper into discipleship and Christian witness.

## In Search of Healing A Journey to Shingwauk Residential School, Sault-Ste-Marie

ROS MACGREGOR

*The Rev Ros Macgregor is Diocesan PWRDF Rep, Co-chair of the Diocesan PWRDF Unit and Chaplain of Mile End Community Mission.*

In October 1930, the Indian agent at Oka, François Harbour, picked up Bertha Wilson and put her in a car with two other little girls. They were driven to Ottawa to a Roman Catholic convent and then taken by train to Sault Ste-Marie to Shingwauk Residential School. Bertha's sister Lea (and at some point another sister Doreen) were at Shingwauk Residential



Shingwauk Residential School, Sault-Ste-Marie.

School until sometime after 1940, never coming home until they were young adults.

Doris Roberts, a volunteer at Mile End Mission, is the

daughter of Lea Wilson and niece of Bertha. Her mother died a few years ago, taking the story of her experiences at Shingwauk with her.



Easter Sunday at the newly combined parish of Church of the Resurrection, St Andrew and St Marks.

## A Marriage of Two Churches

SIMON HARTROPP & YVONNE WAKELAND

Church mergers may be called by many names but the core idea is that they become one through the combining, integrating and unifying of people, structures, systems and resources, to achieve a common purpose, to do ministry and life together as a vibrant, healthy expression of Christ's body, the Church.

Talks between Church of the Resurrection, Valois and St Andrews & St Marks, Dorval started a year ago when the Clergy in the West Island Deanery felt that with declining attendance and lack of Priests to staff all the churches in the area, it would be wise to look at the possibility of mergers.

Since both churches were without permanent priests, it was an opportune time to talk to each other to determine our compatibility, whether we had similar core values, theological beliefs and cultural practices.

After surveying the congregations as to what they envisioned for the future, it was decided to explore the idea of merging. This process has been somewhat similar to a marriage model, where there is dating, courtship, going steady, engagement and then marriage. We started dating!

Five volunteers from each church met with a facilitator for several sessions to explore the issue of compatibility. Deciding that we were compatible took us to the courtship stage. Both congregations voted on

going ahead with talks in the full knowledge that merging was an option. We began to worship together and socially participate in activities of both churches in order to get to know each other.

A "Way forward" group, again with members of both churches, was formed to plan the fundamentals of the process of merging and the various facets of parish life in which each member might use their talents. The outcome of 'going steady' was an Amalgamation (like Marriage?) proposal that was presented to both churches on 7th January 2018.

The "Engagement" took place on 14th January 2018 when simultaneous Special Vestry Meetings in both churches voted over 90% in favour of Amalgamating.

While all these talks had been proceeding, the Search Committees of both churches had revised their parish profiles and consulted with the Bishop. Later that week, the members of two Search Committees met, merged and joined their activities into the single task of selecting a new Incumbent for the newly combined Parish.

We have now progressed to the point of members committing to serve in various ministries and discussions on how we might deal with the various "speed bumps" that we most likely will encounter as we move along. The hard work begins now as we learn to live together and integrate our

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## PWRDF Montreal Update & the Under the Sun report on our Activities

PENNY RANKIN

This past year has been an ambitious one for all of us in the diocese who support PWRDF. Our Pikangikum Water Project that was launched in 2017 has been recognized as offering up a "template" of what communities can do when seeking to "walk the talk". We invite you to check out the next issue of Under the Sun that will include an article on our successful "home grown" campaign.

It is thanks to the many that the Diocese can celebrate the outpouring of compassion that continues to raise hope, prayers, awareness as well as funding for Pikangikum and other remote First Nation communities. It is in deepening our understanding and connection with those struggling under the weight of a complex array of social, health, infrastructure, economic and governance deficits that our thirst is quenched.

The national PWRDF website will also be carrying much of the education and advocacy material that was developed here as well as suggested guidelines for organizing similar campaigns and "water walk events".

It is uplifting to recognize how this one project might blossom into many others across the country...

Isn't God great!

Lea would never talk about Shingwauk, although the scars on her back were evidence of some of the abuse. Bertha is 95 and still living, but her memory is poor. Doreen died aged 12 at Shingwauk and is buried there. We have searched through old photos of students, but it is impossible to identify Doris' mother and aunts as all the children were made to look alike.

October 18 – 22, Lori Olson, Nancy Greene-Grégoire and I are accompanying Doris on a journey of healing to Shingwauk. The trip is being organized with the Diocese of Algoma with the full support of their Bishop Anne Germond and ours, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, and with The Shingwauk Residential Schools

Centre, now on the University of Algoma campus.

We have created a budget for this journey of \$3,500 to include plane fare, housing, meals, and transportation. So far, we have raised approximately \$2,300. We need to raise another \$1,200. All donations large or small would be greatly appreciated. Donations can be made through the Diocese of Montreal at [www.montreal.anglican.ca](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca) or by sending a cheque to Mile End Community Mission, 99 Bernard O., Montreal, H2T 2J9. In both cases, please clearly mark the donation "Shingwauk."

We thank you in advance for your support and encouragement.

## Notable

**Day camps** at St. Joseph of Nazareth, produced by Crosstalk Ministries. We invite children pre-K/Kindergarten (from age 4) to Grade Six. 09-13 July, from 10am to 3pm each day. Please bring lunches.

The theme is ONE OF US. We will be looking at how Jesus, the Son of God, was also fully human.

The cost is \$25 per child, \$35 per family, if you register BEFORE 15 June, 2018. After 15 June, \$35.00 per child, \$45.00 per family.

To register go to [www.stjosephofnazarethanglican.com](http://www.stjosephofnazarethanglican.com).

## Meals to the streets *continued from page 1*

As of April 2017, we have delivered more than 3000 shawarmas, 2000 oranges, 2000 cookies – in short, more than 1800 meals and countless compassionate conversations.

So, you might think that this project is about the food. You'd be wrong. "Meals to the Street" is about so much more.

It's about people:

- of all ages – from 6 years old to over 80

- at all stages of life – students, job seekers, young professionals, professionals, and retirees

- with different professional backgrounds – including medical doctors, research scientists, business leaders, lawyers, teachers and even a city councillor

- from many faiths – including Christians, Muslims, Jews, agnostics [and probably a few atheists]

- from many countries – Pakistan, Bangladesh, Somalia, Romania, Canada, US, France, Colombia, El Salvador among others, and

- from those who are homeless and living on the streets to those in the 1%.

It's about listening and learning, getting to know each other, no matter where we're from and doing something that matters to each of us and to the community at large.

As we watch this vibrant and vital ministry grow our hope for the future is "serving abundantly": to have more faith communities offering more meals at more times and in more places.

To find out more about Civitax and "Meals to the Street" visit St. George's, 1101 Stanley Street: phone 514-966-7113, email [office@st-georges.org](mailto:office@st-georges.org), or visit us on Facebook.



Aymane Zouheir, Sabrina, Hoda Eid, Motunrayo Oyelohunnu and Michael Hinton are ready to distribute meals. Photo by Dragos Stoica.

## Farewell to Patrick

a caring 'village' in the heart of downtown. Dean Emeritus Paul Kennington writes: "Dear Patrick, wise friend and colleague, is a talented genius whose profound Christian faith has given unstintingly to the Church. His gentle and supportive friendship really mattered to me. Lots of good advice and good old-fashioned fun, too... Patrick is a musician to the very ends of his finger-tips. He truly understands that music is liturgy—the work of the people to the glory of God."

Colleagues in the Royal Canadian College of Organists (RCCO) commend Patrick's breadth of vision and command of styles ranging from little-known Renaissance music to demanding new works and West Indian, African American and jazz-inflected music. He models daring for his colleagues and has shaped the musicianship and careers of countless young organists. Professor John Grew told students that working with Patrick was like earning a second degree. Donald Hunt, Director of Music at Christ

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Church Cathedral (Victoria, B.C.): "The deep respect Patrick showed his singers and organists... his improvisations on hymn tunes and accompaniments to psalm chants... led me deeply into the Anglican choral tradition... and shaped my career today."

And next? Those who heard Patrick's magisterial performance of J.S. Bach's Saint Matthew Passion are glad Musica Orbium, his concert choir, continues under his baton. We all wish Patrick and Rob many measures of well-earned rest, knowing there will be more music on the next page. For our Cathedral and its Singers, God's blessing on the continuation of your music ministry!

Celebrating Patrick's retirement from Christ Church Cathedral, the Cathedral Singers invite all who have sung with him to come participate in a special weekend of music, Saturday June 16 (Gala Stravinsky Concert with orchestra [www.tiny.cc/stravinsky](http://www.tiny.cc/stravinsky)) and Sunday June 17 (Stravinsky Mass at the 10am Eucharist; Evensong).

Gala en l'honneur de la retraite de Patrick Wedd

# STRAVINSKY

Gala in honour of Patrick Wedd's retirement



**Le Choeur de la Cathédrale Christ Church**  
sous la direction de Patrick Wedd, directeur

**samedi 16 juin / saturday June 16 à 19h30**  
**Cathédrale Christ Church Cathedral**  
St-Catherine Ouest entre Union et Robert-Bourassa (Métro McGill)



Le concert est gratuit, mais vos dons généreux sont essentiels pour l'avenir du programme musical.  
The concert is free, but your generous gifts are essential for the future of the music programme.  
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au programme :

**Messe / Mass (1948)**  
**Ave Maria, Credo, et Pater Noster**  
Les Chanteurs de la Cathédrale et ensemble à vents/The Cathedral Singers and wind ensemble

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## Wan-der-lust to benefit Mile End Mission

On June 12th, 2018 at the magnificent Rialto Theatre, Station acoustique and the Mile-End Mission will present the 3rd edition of one of the most magical fundraisers, Wan-der-lust: A multi-sensorial voyage to Spain, Portugal, Italy and Cuba.

During the evening, the audience will be transported to these four countries in a unique and total auditory, gustatory and visual experience accompanied by a traditional dish and entertainment from each of these wonderful places.

Funds raised through this event will help the Mission continue to provide essential programs and services for disadvantaged individuals and families living in and around the Mile End neighborhood. Tickets are available at the Rialto: 514 770-7773 or go to [www.ticketpro.ca](http://www.ticketpro.ca) and type Wanderlust in the Quebec map's search bar. Dinner & Show: \$125, Balcony- Show tickets only: \$25. You can also call the Mission for more information: 514 274-3401. We hope to see you there for this wonderful event!

## What Makes for a Quality Church?

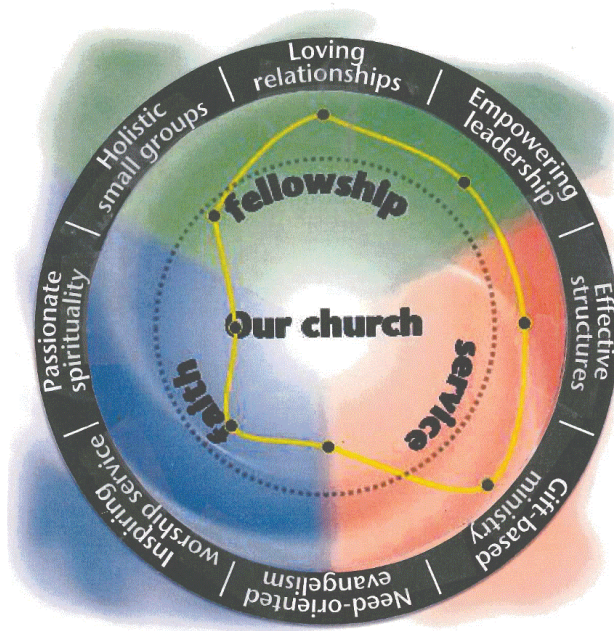
IAN SINCLAIR

What makes for a "quality church"? At St James Anglican Church, Hudson, we were brought to this question by the results of our recent survey under the Natural Church Development (NCD) program.

The idea of NCD is that a church balanced in eight qualities will grow "all by itself". The conditions are right and God will give the growth – "first the stalk, then the head, then the whole grain in the head". If one quality is low, that impedes growth – the plant lacks water or nutrients, or its roots are

cramped. We were seriously low in one factor and mediocre to good in the other seven. What to do? Is our church really a plant that will grow by itself?

The eight qualities are shown around the rim of the circular diagram. Also in the diagram is a hint of colour – the green top is marked "fellowship", and it centres on loving relationships, while touching on holistic small groups and empowering leadership. The red bottom-right is marked "service", and this includes gift-based ministry and effective structures. The blue bottom-left segment is



labelled "faith", and it coincides with inspiring worship and passionate spirituality. Need-oriented evangelism is shared between faith and service.

The yellow line is the score for a church somewhere in Canada. They are big on service and fellowship, and lower on matters of faith.

The score is based on a survey, with questions such as "I experience God's work in my life" – agree or disagree? "I know that other church members pray for me regularly." Or "I firmly believe that God will work even more powerfully in our church in the

coming years".

How would your church answer such questions? Would your yellow circle be round, as if it would roll on smoothly?

NCD provides a vehicle that could be useful for assessing the health of churches throughout the diocese. With this tool and the other principles of NCD, we could act and pray to balance all aspects of our church lives.

*Interested in learning more? Contact Neil Mancor at [nnmancor@gmail.com](mailto:nnmancor@gmail.com)*

## Why am I a Christian and what do I do about it?

NANCY GREENE-GREGOIRE

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Have you wondered how to explain your Christian faith to your co-workers or friends who have no idea why you go to church? Do you want to know who wrote the Nicene Creed? Do you know where your own faith has come from and how it shapes your daily life? Do you have trouble with the Hebrew Bible and wonder how it can be relevant today?

Do you wonder how to make sense of the state of the world and what God is doing about it?

If you answered yes to even one of these questions, then come and check out EfM! Reg-

istration is open til mid-July for the Fall term.

The groups in downtown Montreal, in Sutton, and the online group have room for new people. New groups could be set up in Western Montreal or in the Laurentians. Just email me, your EfM Coordinator ([ngreene@acm.org](mailto:ngreene@acm.org)), if you'd like to know more, or speak to any EfM grads or mentors you might know. I can also come to your church or to a deanery meeting.

Mentors retrain every 12-18 months, so in April we trained with Rev Norman Knowles from Calgary: For the Diocese of Montreal, Rev Nick Forte and Randy Gates are newly accredited, and Glen Marcotte and myself have been renewed. We rounded out the class with

Gillian Mattock, David Piercey, and Dot Sweeney from the Diocese of Ottawa who are now brand new mentors for that region.

Quoting from EfM Canada ([efmcanada.ca](http://efmcanada.ca)): "EfM provides theological education ... for lay people. Weekly seminar groups are led by a trained mentor... While course material is advanced, the focus is not on intellectual discussion but rather on being challenged and equipped as baptised persons through study, prayer, and reflection... There are four years although students only commit to one year at a time. Year One:

The Old Testament, Year Two: The New Testament, Year Three: Church History and Year Four: Theology, Ethics and Interfaith relations."

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## Bishop's Blessings

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be shared with the communities she visits. The name of the author and parish should be included.

There are many ways to donate: Cheques to the Anglican Diocese of Montreal can be sent directly to Jennifer James-Phillips at 1444 Union Ave., Montreal, Quebec, H3A 2B8. Indicate the project, Bishop's Blessings Beyond, at the bottom of the cheque.

For online giving go to [www.montreal.anglican.ca](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca); click on "Donate Now"; choose the amount and Bishop's Blessings Beyond from the drop down menu and continue according to the instructions.

Alternatively, donations may be made through your local church. Tax receipts will be issued for all identified donations of \$10 or more. This minimum may vary from parish to parish.

## The scared, the scarred and our sacred duty *continued from page 4*

was discussed, much of our focus was on Canada. Led by Andrea Mann - Global Relations Coordinator and Ryan Weston-Lead Animator of Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice of the ACC, we were also joined by Connie Sorio-Migrant, Justice and Asia Partnerships Coordinator-KAIROS Canada, a number of frontline grassroots program staff and members of the Society and Justice Committee of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Here is some of what we learned about trafficking in Canada-presented under two headings: Sexual Exploitation and Labour Exploitation.

### Sexual Exploitation:

Let's start with four startling facts:

1. 93% of the people who are forced in to the sex trade in Canada were born here.
2. The average age at which Canadian victims are first "recruited" is 13.5 years of age.
3. The single greatest risk of being trafficked in Canada, is to be born a girl.
4. In a study that looked at "live streaming" of child sexual abuse, the hosting of photos and the selling of such material- of the 60 countries investigated, Canada came third\*. The discussion on supply and demand and all that this data suggests cannot be taken up in this one article. But it is impossible to look out at the landscape around us and not know of the pain that is out there.

The recruitment process behind much of this follows a well thought out "luring formula": identify, engage/befriend, secure the relationship through promises of gifts and love... and then coerce-a process that can begin on the web, or directly in schools, malls and in Montreal-on the Metro. Those targeted are recognized as vulnerable: the socially and/

or economically disadvantaged, children in care, bullied lonely kids, Aboriginal women and children, runaways, new to the city/community women and girls, trans youth and the isolated. Over a period of time they are forced by threats of and by violence into performing non-consensual sex that benefits a third party. (It is important to recognize that consensual sex work is not sexual exploitation except when children are involved).

Modern technology has shifted much of the "trade" away from the streets and into homes and hotels of all sorts. Many, if not most victims want to escape but are inhibited by warranted fears of reprisal. The next question is: where to go, given many "safe houses" are not open to those trying to escape trafficking. The stigma sticks, and the support needed, though parallel, is not the same as for those fleeing domestic violence.

Resources directed to bringing comfort and care to victims and to confront and ultimately combat sex trafficking are inadequate. Consequently the "trade" is seen as a low-risk, high-profit enterprise to criminals. Montreal is internationally recognized as a hub for both the sex trade and trafficking. Marketed by some as a desirable destination for "bachelor parties"- these activities escalate during our summertime festival season-notably increasing during the Formula-1 race week.

### Labour Exploitation:

The sex trade certainly dominates the picture in Canada - but not the whole picture. Illegal labour practices and systemic abuse directed towards seasonal migrant agricultural workers and others working in manufacturing and construction happens. Exploitation, while infrequently prosecuted directly,

is rampant in Canada. Many who enter on our Temporary Foreign Worker Programs or as Caregivers find themselves to have been duped by recruiters, both foreign and domestic. Visas associated with both these programs are linked to specific employers - dramatically limiting a workers' options if they find themselves experiencing exploitation.

Lack of oversight on the part of government to assure good labour practices and with no central authority or ombudsman to turn to, is evidence that the system itself can contribute to the vulnerability of workers. Caregivers, who are most often women -are particularly vulnerable to sexual exploitation. Advocating for labour standards inspections, the restructuring of visas and for the establishment an ombudsman are necessary steps towards addressing trafficking.

Having attended and participated, Elaine, Dwane and I are committed to facilitating opportunities to share, learn and formulate a response that engages and encourages as many in our Diocese as possible to join in helping eradicate human trafficking. It is our hope that with the support and input of the Diocese and those already working in the field both here in Montreal and Quebec and across the whole country that we can make a difference. (So stay tuned!)

We have work to do...and in doing it we must not forget that there is a heart beating in every victim's body, our response-like a vital sign- can help lead them out and in to life...

It is our sacred duty as Christians not to turn away from what is a heinous crime against humanity and an outrageous violation of the fundamental teachings of our faith.

**For resources, please see the green box to the right.**

## The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Canada A Prayer from the Diocesan Representatives

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the projects we are attempting to complete in our effort to bring glory to your Name. At this moment, the conference Synod of the Diocese is focusing on the healing and reconciliation work that needs to be done in our community and beyond. We pray that much insight will be gained in finding ways to keep us engaged with this important issue. We are seeking a better way forward, Lord, to help ease the suffering and hurt, and to bring better opportunities to those in need.

God of conversion, we pray that the words and activities offered by the keynote speaker, Dr. Martin Brokenleg, will resonate with the delegates and affect a true change of deportment. May his passion for youth and their future and the importance of family infuse us with the desire to strengthen our bonds with our loved ones and engage with all youth who cross our paths and parish doors.

Gracious God, we pray for Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson and the Venerable Robert Camara who are working hard to ensure that the business of Synod runs smoothly and with compassion. We pray also for all the organizers who are bringing this event to fruition. We lift up all delegates and pray Lord that you will provide them with wisdom and guidance when making decisions that will impact the Diocese.

Gracious God, we also pray for a successful Provincial Synod where important matters will be discussed. We beseech you to infuse everyone with wisdom and guidance in making important decisions that will be acceptable to you and your plans for the church. We ask for safe travels for the delegates to and from Halifax and the various locations throughout the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

Sustaining God, we call on your help to encourage us to always strive for integrity and peace, remembering the words of Malachi 6:8 that you require your people "to act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with [You]."

We thank you Lord, for hearing our modest prayers and for meeting our fervent requests. AMEN

God Bless, Valerie and Stacey

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## A Marriage of Two Churches *continued from page 4*

unique strengths.

The "Marriage" of the Churches took place on Easter Sunday with Bishop Mary presiding.

Gifts used in Worship at the three churches (Resurrection, St Andrew and St. Mark) and memorial gifts, were presented to the Bishop to cement the long traditions and to honour the people who donated these gifts to the churches in the past.

A new Corporation has been formed.

The two Parish Councils have been re-constituted into a Parish Meeting open to all, occurring periodically after a 10:00 a.m. service.

Volunteers on 13 different committees have been work-

ing diligently to examine every part of our church life and to decide how best we can work together to build a strong and effective Christian ministry well into the future.

We look forward to having a new Priest join us in due course.

As you can see, the uniting of parishes cannot be accomplished in a few months or even a few years. It takes time to work out all the issues.

Much prayer and work lie ahead, but there is a spirit of optimism and hope, mutual respect and trust. Patience and charity are essential as we move forward to adopt a new name and a new mission statement.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Please note that the nature of the topic gives rise to variations in statistics. Those found in this article are from the Anglican Church of Canada's website.

- \*Information and Videos including references to child sexual abuse stats can be found on the Anglican Church of Canada's website: [www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/](http://www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/)
- National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking: [www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/JUST](http://www.ourcommons.ca/Committees/en/JUST)
- Palermo Protocol and UN: <https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/human-trafficking/what-is-human-trafficking.html>
- Canadian Centre for Refugees (CCR) Human Trafficking and the Law: How to Protect Trafficked Persons, 2018: <http://ccrweb.ca/en/human-trafficking-and-the-law>
- The Global Freedom Network: [www.globalfreedomnetwork.org](http://www.globalfreedomnetwork.org)
- Anglican Alliance: [www.anglicanalliance.org/](http://www.anglicanalliance.org/)
- UK -The Clewer Initiative: [www.theclewerinitiative.org](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org)
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