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Bishop Mary at the Dedication of St Mark and St Peter, May 8, 2022. For more photos of parish events, see pages 6 & 7. Photo by Janet Best.

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Maps show the diversity and possibilities for our faith communities

NEIL MANCOR

The Rev Canon Dr Neil Mancor is the Congregational Development Officer for the Diocese.

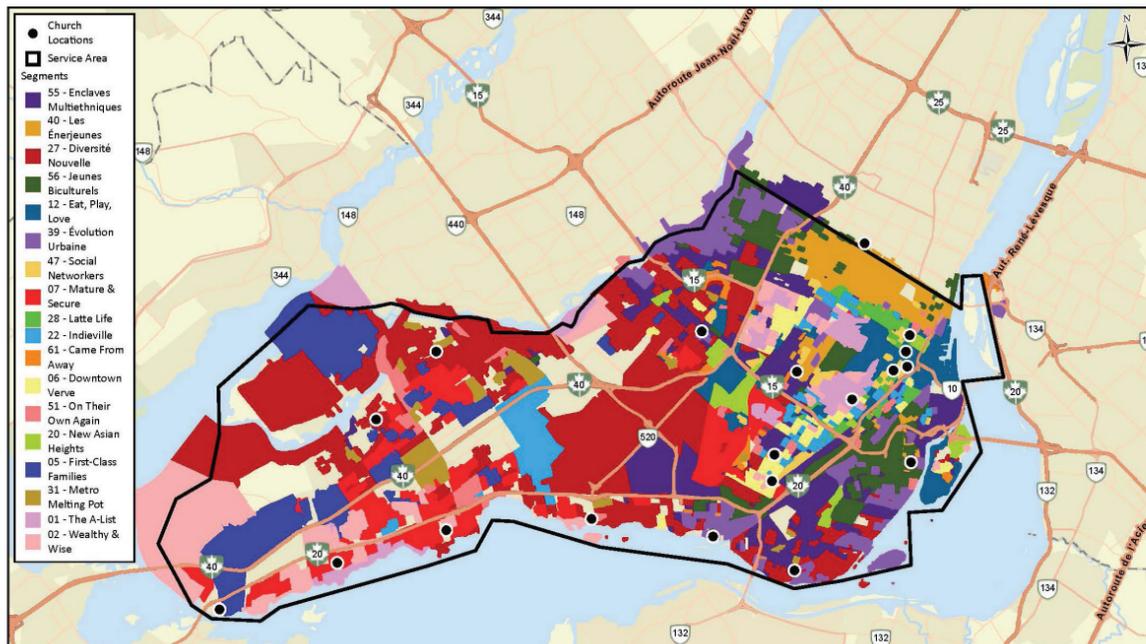
A map can tell a story, but it all depends upon your perspective.

Famously the Mercator projection has framed how we see the landmass of the world. But it is also recognized that it distorts the size of landmasses further away from the equator and so makes many central African countries look smaller than they are and northern countries look much larger. This has shaped the way many of us see the world.

In contrast the Gall-Peters map tries to correct these distortions and depicts the landmasses using a different perspective and shows, for example, just how truly vast the continent of Africa is in relation to Europe. But it is all a matter of how you look at it.

The same is true when we think about the map of our Diocese, the locations of our parishes and the many people who live all around them.

As we think about that map (or maps as we are in many places) we might see teeming opportunity in the neighborhoods of our churches. Or we



Map created for the Diocese of Montreal by Environics Analytics.

might see places where the population has emptied out leaving us with little to work with.

People will often say that we have “too many” churches and need to close many of them. Or we do not have enough churches in the right places.

But how can we know if these hunches and guesses are actually true or not? We consult maps. Very interesting and detailed maps which give us in-depth information about

the communities in which our churches are located.

In the light of the cataclysm that is COVID-19, the Diocese commissioned a series of maps from Environics Analytics to help us answer these questions and find out more about where our opportunities lie.

These maps give us a snap shot of our communities now and project trends into the future. They tell us about the many different people who

live all around us; about family structures, income levels, ethnicity, language, religious affiliation and Anglican commitment.

The picture these maps paint is of a diversity of contexts and possibility for many of our communities of faith.

Context context context. We often like to speak about ministering in our unique context of Quebec. But we do not exist in a single Quebec context but in

many, many different contexts each of which requires a different approach for ministry and mission.

In fact, our map defines more than 18 different contexts on the Island of Montreal alone. There are different lifestyles, values, hopes and aspirations scattered all around the many different people who live within our geographical Diocese. Environics calls them “PRIZM Segments” and gives them different names to help us understand important demographics, social attitudes and lifestyles.

Included here is a map of the main area of the Island of Montreal where we have our churches. This may look confusing, but it shows just how diverse the populations are.

For example, over in the eastern part of this area, around St Hilda’s, the people who live around there are classed as “Les Énergieuses”.

But over by the northern part of the West Island in places like Pierrefonds-Roxboro we find “Diversité Nouvelle” mixed with “Mature and Secure”. You can already begin to sense that these are very different segments of the population with very different interests, val-

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Family Day 2022

More than bouncy castles, popcorn, live music, clowns and cotton candy...

Diocesan Family Day is an opportunity to reconnect, make new relationships and celebrate the families in our community.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, children and families are at the forefront of our efforts. We encourage you all to reach out with curiosity to meet the growing spiritual needs of families in your context.

We are here to help. Contact our *Congregational Development and Youth Ministry* team - Neil Mancor and Lee-Ann Matthews - for ideas and inspiration. (nmancor@montreal.anglican.ca or lmatthews@montreal.anglican.ca)

In the meantime, please join us for Family Day.

- Bishop Mary

Family Day
Saturday, June 4, 11am-2pm
St Philips, 7505 Sherbrooke W
Are you coming?

Bishop's Message June 2022

What is it to be the first person to begin a new ministry in the Church?

The Rev. Canon Dr. Lettie James who died on May 1st was the first woman to be ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Montreal (and the 12th in Canada). Long before that day however, many in the Anglican Church of Canada and beyond had been thinking and praying about whether women really could or should be ordained. I remember hearing about the discussion in 1972 after General Synod's first vote on the matter, and being horrified as I imagined my mother in the pulpit! Perhaps the Holy Spirit was also loosening me up to listen for God's will!

Lettie was a faithful and courageous Christian who felt God's inclusive call to serve as a priest, and she made a significant contribution to the early discussions and debates about whether women really could or should be ordained. Bishop Kenneth Maguire asked the Diocese to study the issue during Lent 1975 in preparation for our Diocesan Synod's discussion and General Synod's second vote on the ordination of women.

Inevitably, there were vigorous opponents as well as supporters of the ordination of women. Retired Archdeacon Peter Hannen was publicly against it. He recounts that he and Lettie were friends who liked and admired one another; that helped him remember that the debate was about people and not just ideas. Their witness together helped our Diocese think about how we would discern and respond to God's call. Peter and Lettie remained deep and supportive friends over the years even if they did not agree about everything. That's a lesson for all of us in the Church!!

I give thanks for Lettie's passionate sense of God's call on her life and for the joyful courage, intelligence and hard work she brought to her ministry as a priest in the Diocese of Montreal. She was generous and hospitable, always glad to have a cup of tea or a meal together. She supported and prayed for me when I became the first woman bishop of Montreal in 2015.

Both of us would agree that we were only answering what we believed was God's inclusive call to ministry in God's Church and for God's world.

+ Mary



Bishop Mary with Lettie James, 2017. Photo by Janet Best.

Message de l'évêque juin 2022

Qu'est-ce que c'est que d'être la première personne à commencer un nouveau ministère dans l'Église ?

La révérende chanoine Lettie James, décédée le 1er mai, était la première femme à être ordonnée prêtre dans le diocèse de Montréal (et la 12e au Canada). Cependant, bien avant ce jour, de nombreux membres de l'Église anglicane du Canada et d'ailleurs avaient réfléchi et prié pour savoir si les femmes pouvaient ou devaient vraiment être ordonnées. Je me souviens avoir entendu parler de la discussion en 1972, après le premier vote du Synode général sur la question, et d'avoir été horrifiée en imaginant ma mère comme prédicatrice! Peut-être que le Saint-Esprit me permettait aussi de me mettre à l'écoute de la volonté de Dieu !

Lettie était une chrétienne fidèle et courageuse qui ressentait l'appel inclusif de Dieu à servir comme prêtre, et elle a apporté une contribution significative aux premières discussions et débats sur la question de savoir si les femmes pouvaient ou devaient vraiment être ordonnées. L'évêque Kenneth Maguire a demandé au diocèse d'étudier la question pendant le Carême 1975 en vue de préparer la discussion de notre Synode diocésain et le second vote du Synode général sur l'ordination des femmes.

Inévitablement, il y avait de vigoureux opposants ainsi que des partisans de l'ordination des femmes. L'archidiacre retraité Peter Hannen s'y est publiquement opposé. Il raconte que Lettie et lui étaient des amis qui s'appréciaient et s'admiraient mutuellement, ce qui l'a aidé à se rappeler que le débat concernait des personnes et pas seulement des idées. Leur témoignage commun a aidé notre diocèse à réfléchir à la manière dont nous allions discerner et répondre à l'appel de Dieu. Peter et Lettie sont restés des amis profonds et solidaires au fil des ans, même s'ils n'étaient pas d'accord sur tout. C'est une leçon pour nous tous dans l'Église !

Je rends grâce pour le sens passionné de Lettie de l'appel de Dieu sur sa vie et pour le courage joyeux, l'intelligence et le travail acharné qu'elle a apporté à son ministère de prêtre dans le diocèse de Montréal. Elle était généreuse et hospitalière, toujours heureuse de prendre une tasse de thé ou un repas ensemble. Elle m'a soutenu et a prié pour moi lorsque je suis devenue la première femme évêque de Montréal en 2015.

Nous étions toutes deux d'accord pour dire que nous ne faisons que répondre à ce que nous croyions être l'appel inclusif de Dieu au ministère dans l'Église de Dieu et pour le monde de Dieu.

+ Mary

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

We hear a lot these days about loving service. We hear about the wrongness of the colonial abusive system, abuse of women, racism in the church and outside it. These are definite evils.

We don't hear much about truth.

If you study the ministry of Jesus, he was very strong on truth. With him truth and love went together. That love at the expense of truth is not love?

It was love in truth that

guided what he said to the scribes and Pharisees.

What is the truth of why people are racists, colonialists, abusers of women and children, etc?

Paul puts the two together in his letter to the Christians in Ephesus. "speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ." (Ephesians 4:4:15)

Sincerely, in learning the way of "truth with love",

John Serjeantson



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Bishop's Awards 2020

Editor's Note: Each year, the Bishop's Awards are presented to lay people who have made an outstanding contribution over several years to the life and work of their Parish and the Diocese at large. There has been a delay in both naming - and presenting - the Bishops Awards due to the pandemic. The other 2020 recipients

- Carol Johnson of St John's, Huntingdon and Anita Young of St Stephen with St James Anglican Church, Chambly - were featured in the December issue of the Anglican Montreal.



Jeff Alexander and Sophie Lanthier pose with their joint Bishop's Award. Photo by Janet Best.

Jeff Alexander and Sophie Lanthier All Saints Deux Montagnes Archdeaconry of St Andrews

DAVID HART

The Rev David Hart is Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Deux-Montagnes.

One cannot speak too highly of Jeff Alexander, his wife Sophie Lanthier and their daughter Genevieve. As their parish priest I have seen how dedicated they are to their faith. Together they make an outstanding contribution on a regular basis to the life of our faith community here at All Saints, Deux-Montagnes. Their contribution particularly to the lives of our young people is special. Their service to Youth Group, to Sunday school, to Messy Church, to our Summer Bible Day Camp,

is exemplary. They are superb role models at a time when going to church for young people is no longer popular. Yet through their example they inspire youngsters to find a faith to live by. If I were a newcomer to faith, I would turn to them for inspiration, which is what, for example, many of our Friday night young people do. Through his computer skills, Jeff provides our on-screen Sunday services and leads our Music Team with prayers and playing the guitar. Jeff also leads the Celebration with on-screen Praise songs and guitar at Messy Church. As Lay Reader, Jeff's Family Service is a regular feature of our Praise and Worship. He also plays his part at Café

Church notably with his ever popular Quiz Time. For her part Sophie leads the Sunday school, is a chalice bearer at the Eucharist services, regularly operates the remote control for the screens and supports the Youth Group each week. Sophie's offering of food at Café Church is also well received. Meanwhile, Genevieve supports all these events, offers vocal support to the Music Team and in 2019 was a member of the Cross Talk Ministries Travelling Team. I value Jeff's ministry as the Rector's Warden and for all the support that Jeff, Sophie and Genevieve give to our church all year. I have no hesitation in commending them for a well-deserved Bishop's Award.

Chris Haslam All Saints by the Lake, Dorval Archdeaconry of St Lawrence

JANE AITKENS

Ms Jane Aitkens is the Treasurer of Christ Church Cathedral.

Dr Chris Haslam is the author of the popular *Comments* - a weekly commentary on the readings from the Revised Common Lectionary. *Comments* is an online resource which was started in 1996.

The website is now widely read, with weekly visitors topping 2,000. About two-thirds being clergy and the rest lay leaders in their parishes.

Comments is typically used for preparing sermons, as inserts for parish bulletins and for Bible studies. Dr Haslam devotes 10 - 16 hours a week to creating content for the website.

Retired from consulting, Dr Haslam holds a Ph.D. in Engineering. He returned to university part-time to study theology in 1989, and has studied at the graduate level.

Dr Haslam is a member of the Diocese of Montreal (Anglican Church of Canada). Chris was a founder of the New Com-

munity at the former Church of St. James the Apostle in Montreal, and has led adult Bible studies at several churches.

He is currently a member of All Saints by the Lake, Dorval.

My connection with Chris goes back even farther than *Comments* - I remember him as a Sunday School teacher at the Cathedral - and I was one of his students!

The Bishop's award to Chris is richly deserved!



Dr Chris Haslam was presented his award at his home on April 30, 2022. Photo by Janet Best.

Welcome to the club!
On April 7th, 2022 at the spring meeting of The House of Bishops, the newest woman bishop, the Right Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop of Qu'Appelle (front, right) was toasted and given gifts by the other women of the house.

Left to right: Annie Ittoshat, Lesley Wheeler Dame, Sandra Fyfe, Anne Germond, Linda Nicholls, Bishop Mary, Lucy Netser, Lynne McNaughton, Susan Bell, Helen Kennedy. Missing from photo: Anna Greenwood Lee, Lydia Mamakwa, Riscylla Walsh Shaw.



Diocese of Montreal ministries rally to support young people

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On Tuesday, April 19 the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) kicked-off its 2nd annual *Say Yes! to Kids Campaign* with a live online launch.

"Last year we knew we had hit on a real need within the church," said Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director. "This year's campaign has focused on laying the groundwork for *Say Yes! to Kids* to be a long-term effort, one we believe can become a source of sustainable funding for youth-focused ministry and outreach across the Canadian church."

According to AFC, there are approximately 20 fundraising teams nationwide. Campaign goals range from \$2,500 up to \$20,000 and programs include:

- dramatic arts
- student bursary funds
- revamping youth spaces
- support for young people who are experiencing homelessness, etc.

In the Diocese of Montreal there are currently two teams who have joined the *Say Yes! to Kids* family.

Montreal Mission Internship (MMI): \$5,000 to \$10,000

A ministry of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, MMI provides interns with service-learning placements that position them to become leaders, and act as change-makers in the community.

"Placements may include work at one of Montreal's many faith-based service organizations," says Dr. Jesse Zink, Principal. "Be it homelessness, food insecurity, or migration, placements are carefully chosen and arranged based on the participants' interests, the quality of supervision, and the availability of meaningful work."

Zink says the COVID-19 pandemic has stalled the lives of many young people on the verge of adulthood, "Every \$5,000 raised through this year's campaign will give one more young person access to a high-quality paid internship that will help launch them onto a path they are passionate about and provide them with the kind of vocational growth opportunities that have been sorely lacking during the pandemic."

Phoenix Community Projects: \$15,000

Launched in response to the pandemic, Phoenix Community Projects offers a variety of innovative programs that support and enrich emotional well-being for all ages.

Jessica Bickford, a Vocational Deacon in the Diocese of Montreal and Executive Director of Phoenix has chosen to use the *Say Yes! to Kids* program to provide core funding for two key youth-focused programs.

"Through this fundraiser we will be able to expand our *Play Like a Girl* program to Lasalle, Quebec where we will partner with 4 additional schools," says Bickford.

"We will continue to build community partnerships and relationships with potential participants. We hope to reach between 100 and 150 young girls in our 2022-2023 season."

Bickford says Phoenix will also launch Camp Artemis, its inaugural summer day camp. "Within Quebec, programs for the English community are limited and hard to find. This is

especially true when it comes to summer day camp programs."

Bickford is grateful for an opportunity to connect with more supporters through *Say Yes! to Kids*.

"It's important to remember that growing up has never been easy and the pandemic has only made it more difficult. Caring, committed community partners who are using their skills and expertise to create safe, enriching programs can have a big impact on the lives of children and their families."

Diocesan and National Partners

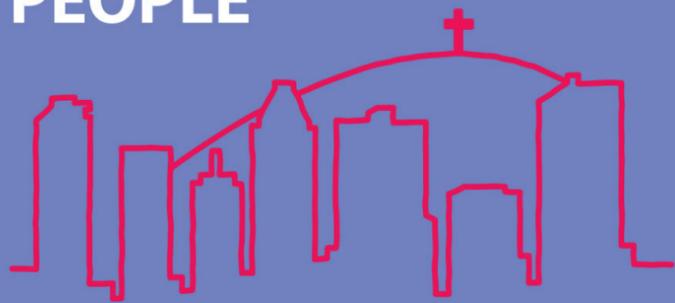
For every \$10 donated to the Montreal teams, \$4 will be shared between youth-focused ministry at the diocesan and national levels. This year the Diocese of Montreal will go the extra mile for Mile End Mission's Montreal community. "Thanks to a 2021 grant from AFC's 2021 *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign, 12 Mile End kids will get to enjoy a week-long camp experience at Quebec Lodge Outdoor Centre in the Eastern Townships," says the Rt. Rev. Mary Gibson, Bishop of Montreal. "The

diocesan portion of this year's *Say Yes! to Kids* funds will help outfit the group with the necessary camping supplies—bathing suits, sunscreen, sleeping bags, etc.—to have a truly successful camp experience."

Nationally, funds raised through *Say Yes! to Kids* will support Indigenous youth initiatives that are national in scope, and that complement the transformational work being done at both the local and diocesan levels. Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and Chair of AFC's Board of Directors, says, "Our *Say Yes! to Kids* champions are wonderful examples of sacrificial love and service, showing us in ways large and small how to be adaptable, how to persevere, and how to keep the faith amid uncertainty."

To support one of the Montreal teams, visit www.anglicanfoundation.org/kids/. For more information on registering a fundraising team for the 2023 *Say Yes! to Kids* campaign, contact Michelle Hauser at mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org.

SAY YES! TO YOUNG PEOPLE



Montreal Mission Internship

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SAY YES! TO KIDS

PHOENIX COMMUNITY PROJECTS



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Forming an Ecumenical College: a deeper relationship between Montreal Dio and the United Theological College

JESSE ZINK

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

For the past year, a key part of our work at the college has been close collaboration with the United Theological College. In spring of 2021, UTC sold its building and moved in to Dio. For the past year, our students and staff have been working side-by-side, praying, worshipping, learning, and working together. At the same time, our two Boards of Governors have been working hard to explore what a more integrated and sustainable future relationship could look like.

In late April 2022, the Board of Governors of both colleges voted to approve an agreement that deepens the relationship between the colleges and provides for continued excellent theological education in Montreal. UTC will continue to wind down its legal existence and transfer its assets to Dio. Dio commits to offering United

Church programming on an ongoing basis and to incorporate United Church representatives into its governance.

UTC and Dio have worked together for nearly a century. At two previous points in our shared history—first during World War II and then from the mid-1960s to the mid-1970s—UTC occupied space in Dio’s building. Our more recent co-habitation has been different. I have been offering oversight of UTC’s programs in a way that has never been true for an Anglican principal in the past. Our worship and programming life, while still highlighting denominational distinctives, has also been more shared and integrated than ever before. A survey of students conducted in February 2022 showed significant levels of satisfaction with the arrangement and, among United Church students, a unanimous desire to continue the partnership between the colleges beyond this year.

The planning process conducted by the Boards of

Governors has been extensive and shared. It has been overseen by a small working group of members of both Boards. I am especially grateful to the Rev. Jim Pratt of St. Philip’s in Montreal West, who has represented the Dio Board on this group with distinction. This process was skillfully assisted by an external consultant, who conducted research for us, kept us organized, and facilitated a two-day in-person meeting of the two Boards last October. In addition, there have been numerous working groups dedicated to specific topics and frequent online meetings and consultations.

In the agreement documents approved by the Boards of Governors in April, Dio agrees to formally launch a United Church Studies program that will prepare students for ordered ministry in the United Church of Canada. Dio also agrees to continue to build on UTC’s work of offering online education to French-speaking students and programs that prepare people for bilingual

ministry. UTC’s work in serving French-speaking constituencies has been impressive. I am looking forward to integrating this work into the college and ensuring that it can serve Anglicans as well.

UTC will take steps to wind down its legal existence and transfer its remaining assets to Dio. In turn, Dio will amend its constitution to provide for United Church participation in its governance. Dio will be an ecumenical institution that continues to train students for ministry in the Anglican, United Church, and other traditions, in partnership with the Montreal School of Theology and McGill University. While Dio was founded in the Anglican tradition, we have long had students from other Christian traditions and currently we have students from Lutheran, Roman Catholic, and Pentecostal backgrounds, in addition to the Anglican and Episcopal tradition. This agreement formalizes that understanding of Dio and acknowledges the special role of the United Church in

this partnership.

If it wasn’t already clear, the pandemic has taught us that the way in which we are structured as churches needs to change. Our inherited models don’t always serve our needs today. I believe that this agreement between Dio and UTC is an example of the kind of inspired and adaptive change that is necessary to ensure the church can continue to serve our world.

From my perspective as principal, the last year has shown us the great potential of this relationship. We’ve seen great growth in our online courses for lay people, in English and in French. We’ve learned about how UTC’s work in French can serve a broader audience. Our students have been enriched by spending more time together in prayer and study. The decisions made in April are significant and transformational. I am looking forward to what we can continue to do together as partners in the gospel.

Joint Convocation, UTC & Dio Monday May 2, 2022



Bishop Mary and one of our graduates Bram Kranichfeld. Photo by Janet Best.



From left to right Nancy Greene Gregoire, Orpha Adams, Bishop Mary, Florence Collins, Dion Lewis, Glenn Marcotte. Photo by Janet Best.



L to R back row to front: Rev Dr Jesse Zink (principal, Dio), Rev Read Sherman (field supervisor), Bram Kranichfeld, Norman Robert Boie (graduate), Rev Darla Sloan (field supervisor), Jean-Philippe Dubé-Goupil (graduate), Angelika Piché (director of French Leadership development, UTC), Alyson Huntly (director of United Church Studies), Rev Dr Heather McCance (director of pastoral studies, Dio), Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Patty Evans (chairperson of UTC’s board of governors), Rev Cathy Hamilton (honorary doctorate recipient), Adele Halliday, Rev Jen Bourque (chaplain, Dio). Janet Best photo.



Convocation speaker Adele Halliday, Anti-Racism and Equity Lead for the United Church of Canada. Photo by Janet Best.

Parish News



Confirmation of Nicole Dodd (third from left), April 24th, 2022, St. Paul's, Greenfield Park. Kim Briand, warden (left) and the Rev. Linda Faith Chalk (third from right) are with the Dodd family.



On April 3, 2022, Christ Church Beaurepaire had a special service to dedicate the collection of seasonal banners adopted from St. Mary's Anglican Church. The banners hung for over 40 years at St. Mary's, until that parish's closure in fall 2021. Christ Church not only adopted the banners, but also welcomed a group of former St. Mary's parishioners into the Christ Church Beaurepaire parish family.



The Rev Chris Barrigar speaks at the dedication of the Church of St Mark and St Peter, May 8, 2022. Photo by Janet Best.



Mathieu McGrandell-Bélair performs at the Bishop's Awards service for Jeff Alexander and Sophie Lanthier, February 6, 2022. Photo by Janet Best.



The Church of St Mark & St Peter (CMP) celebrated its first Easter in its renovated facilities--even though the renovations were finished two years ago!



Confirmation at St. Stephen's, Lachine, May 1st, 2022: Elyla Jennings, Rachel Sisana Nxumalo, Kamalpreet Kaur Khangura, Jacob di Meglio, Robert Gillen (Reaffirmation), Oluwasindara Princess Bodunde, Jume Hanna Bodunde.

Parish News



Jazz singer Ranelee Lee. Photo by Michael Slobodian.

Pianist Matt Herskowitz. Photo by Alan Dean Photography.

Jazz at the Cathedral! July 4th, 5th and 6th, 2022

DEBORAH MEISTER

The Rev Deborah Meister is Associate Priest of Christ Church Cathedral.

Le lundi 4 juillet, la cathédrale Christ Church présentera des vêpres jazz avec le célèbre pianiste Matt Herskowitz et une homélie offert par la chanteuse de jazz Ranelee Lee.

Ce service d'une heure de musique, de poésie, d'écriture et de prière est gratuit et ouvert à tous. C'est un excellent moyen de faire découvrir à vos amis non croyants ou sceptiques notre belle tradition inclusive.

Diplômé de la Julliard School et du Curtis Institute of Music, M. Herskowitz est

largement reconnu comme un musicien et un compositeur dont le travail réinterprète de manière innovante la musique classique à travers le prisme et les techniques du jazz.

Tout comme M. Herskowitz, Ranelee Lee est née aux États-Unis, mais s'est installée à Montréal. Elle a joué le rôle de Billie Holiday dans

le film Lady Day et a sorti de nombreux albums, remportant notamment un Prix Martin Luther King Jr. en 1988. Elle est membre de l'Ordre du Canada.

Mme Lee et M. Herskowitz offriront également deux concerts gratuits à la cathédrale, les 5 et 6 juillet à 16 heures. La Cathédrale remercie Dr. Norman Cornett pour son collabo-

ration avec ce travail.

On Monday, July 4, Christ Church Cathedral will host a Jazz Vespers featuring renowned pianist Matt Herskowitz, with a homily by jazz singer Ranelee Lee.

This hour-long service of music, poetry, scripture, and prayer is free and open to all, and would be a particularly good way to introduce your unchurched or church-skeptical friends to our inclusive and beautiful tradition.

A graduate of the Julliard school and the Curtis Institute of music, Mr. Herskowitz is widely acclaimed as a musician and composer whose work innovatively reinterprets classical music through the lens and techniques of jazz.

Like Herskowitz, Ranelee Lee was born in the U.S. but has made Montreal her home. She starred as Billie Holiday in the film Lady Day and has released numerous albums, winning a Martin Luther King Jr. achievement awarding 1988. She is a member of the Order of Canada.

Ms. Lee and Mr. Herskowitz will also offer two free concerts at the Cathedral, July 5th and 6th at 4pm The Cathedral thanks Dr. Norman Cornett for his collaboration in this work.

Celebrating the Easter story at All Saints by the Lake, Dorval April 9, 2022



Sixteen children ages 1-15, and an equal number of adults, gathered at All Saints' by the Lake in Dorval on April 9 to celebrate the Easter story. They participated in an interactive telling of the events of Holy Week, created crafts including streamers for the next day's Palm Sunday procession, and sang Easter songs. There were also many delicious snacks!

The group stayed outside as much as possible for safety's sake and were very thankful that the rain held off. The children's favourite part was planting flowers in the garden beds around the church lawn.

Photos supplied.

OBITUARIES

Maurice William Bate 1931-2022



The Venerable Maurice William Bate.

The Venerable Maurice William Bate, (L.Th, Dip.Min,) died in St. Jerome, QC on February 18, 2022. Maurice was raised in Oldham, Lancashire, England and his deep love for English style football, his considerable skill as a player and his lifelong support of 'Manchester United' began there. It is also where he met the love of his life and future wife, Margaret Ellen Woodworth.

In the late 1950's they moved to Canada where Maurice worked for Canadair as an engineer and Margaret worked for BOAC. They adopted three children: Carole (John Conlan) of Cicero, New York, Cathay (Jacques Decelles) of Lachute, Quebec and Mai-Lan (D'Alquen Jackson) of Coquitlam, British Columbia.

In 1976 Maurice left work in the private sector to study for the priesthood at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. He

was ordained to the Diaconate in 1976 and then to the priesthood by Bishop Reginald Hollis, in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. He served as an assistant in the Parish of Greenfield Park in 1976 and went on to be the rector of St. James Parish in Rosemère, Québec in 1978. Finally he was appointed to the Parish of Trinity, Morin Heights & St. Francis of the Birds, St. Sauveur in 1982. In 1983 he became the Territorial Archdeacon of St. Andrews and served in that capacity and as a parish priest until he retired in 2000.

Maurice showed an exceptional ability to lead and an amazing capacity to shepherd his flock. His love of the Lord was so visible in his being and in every sermon he delivered (always without notes). His loving and powerful invitation led many on a journey into a deeper relationship with our Saviour, with God the Father and with the Holy Spirit. He will long be remembered for his deep faith, his many years of faithful service to the Lord, his kindness, compassion and strength.

A brief ceremony, led by Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson, was held at the Trudel Funeral Home in St. Jerome prior to his cremation, as per his wishes.

A public celebration of life and memorial service will be held at St. Francis of the Birds Church in St. Sauveur for both Maurice and his wife, Margaret will be held on June 11, 2022 at St Francis of the Birds Anglican Church. A private interment will follow at the St. Francis of the Birds Cemetery.

We give thanks for his life and service. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lettie James 1924-2022



Rev. Canon Dr. Lettie James (nee Woodall). Photo by Janet Best.

Lettie died peacefully in her sleep on May 1st, 2022 in her 98th year. She was a determined and accomplished woman who was devoted to her faith and family.

Predeceased by her beloved husband for 64 years, Clifford. Caring and supportive mother of Lesley (Philip) and Paul. Loving and proud Grandma of Christopher (Marina), Nicholas (Afroditi), Stephanie (Shaun), and Timothy (Brittany) von Roretz. Kind and affectionate Great-grandmother (GG) to Theodore, Anastasia, and Annabelle.

Lettie was the first woman to be ordained in the Diocese of Montreal and served in many parishes and diocesan ministries, and was also a chaplain and Director of Chaplaincy Services at the Montreal General Hospital. Lettie served as the honorary associate at St. George's Church, Place du Canada since 2000.

Special thanks to the staff at Foyer Dorval who cared for her with compassion and kindness during her final weeks and to those who supported her with visits and prayer.

A visitation was held at 9:00am on Saturday, May 7, 2022, immediately followed by a funeral service at 10:00am at St. George's Place du Canada Anglican Church.

Donations in her memory would be appreciated to either The Rev. Canon Dr. Lettie James Prize at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College or to St. George's Place du Canada Music Fund.

For more information on the life of this trailblazing woman and her 40 years of ministry, I encourage you to go to montreal.anglican.ca/anglican-montreal and look for the December 2016 issue, page 8.

The Montreal Unit of PWRDF supports the Indigenous Responsive Program

ANN CUMYNN

Mrs Ann Cumynn, along with the Rev Ros Macgregor, is Co-chair of the Montreal Unit of PWRDF.

Did you miss the Decolonizing Fundraising webinar organized by our diocese and PWRDF last month? If you did, don't worry. It's not too late!

The object of the webinar was to show how the new Indigenous Responsive Program encourages Indigenous communities to develop their own projects and get some funding for them.

The webinar was recorded and can be found on the Diocese of Montreal YouTube site. Go to www.montreal.anglican.ca and click on the YouTube icon to find it.

More information on the

project can be found on the PWRDF web site www.pwrdf.org/grants-allocated-to-indigenous-partners/

Just as it is not too late to watch and learn from the recording, it's not too late to empower Indigenous communities by donating personally or by organizing fundraising activities.

Donations may be made at any time during the rest of this calendar year. We are hoping to raise at least \$5,000. More would be wonderful!

Donations, clearly marked for the Indigenous Responsive Program, whether individual or from a group, should be sent directly to PWRDF, 80 Hayden St, Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2. Or online at www.pwrdf.org/give-today/.

Burning Issues: Climate Science, Faith & the UN Sustainable Development Goals

Mini-colloque bilingue à la cathédrale
samedi 11 juin, de 10 h à 13 h 30

With Dr Barbara Winter, climate scientist
Michele Rattray-Huish, United Nations Convention on Biodiversity
Stephanie (Taddy) Stringer, For the Love of Creation delegate to COP26

Fulford Hall, 1444 Union Avenue
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For updates www.facebook.com/ChristChurchMTL/community/





We are anxiously waiting to set up our café-terrace once again. Photo supplied.



The majority of our members prefer to get take-out. Photo supplied.

Regaining Confidence in Being Together as a Community! An update from Mile End Mission

LOU HACHEY

Mrs Linda Lou Hachey is the Director of the Mile End Community Mission.

Following a long two-year period providing food support and other services mainly through our front door, Zoom gatherings or by telephone, the Mile End Community Mission recently re-opened to small groups of our members. Given our limited space, we decided to allow a maximum of fifteen people inside the Mission at a time, on a first come first served basis, so that everyone could safely maintain their social distance in our lunch room while we serve them breakfast or lunch or have them shop in our Friperie. For the rest of our members, the plan was to continue serving take-out at the front door.

In thinking this through, we thought that we would need to have numerous serving times which would allow different groups of people to come inside for a sit-down meal. Much to our surprise, however, we've found that the majority of our members prefer to get take-out at the front door instead of coming inside.

Fear of getting Covid-19 or its variants is still very real for many of our members, staff and volunteers. Though proof of vaccination status is no longer a requirement to enter the Mission, it remains a concern for many of those who chose not to get vaccinated as well as for those who worry about being around others who may not have been fully vaccinated.

So yes, like we've seen happening in so many other places, the pandemic has certainly changed our community. The

small group of regulars who do come inside for sit-down meals since we re-opened have been very happy to once again share food and conversation with their friends and neighbours and take down the guitars for fun-filled sing-a-longs of favorite tunes.

For now, however, the balance of our members seem quite content saying hello to their friends outdoors while they wait for meals to take home. Although difficult, we realize that it's going to take time to heal from the pandemic on an individual and a community level.

On the other hand, I'm happy to say that we recently took a bus load of 55 very eager individuals and families, on our first outing in two years to "la Goudrelle's" traditional sugar shack in Mont-Saint-

Grégoire. We had a wonderful time which gave us a great opportunity to get away from memories of the many restrictions, concerns and fears that we've all lived through since March of 2020.

Our food bank numbers remain high, and we continue to provide groceries to approximately 100 members each Thursday afternoon. While we sorely miss the weekly food bank gatherings that we used to have inside the Mission with its party-like atmosphere including music, birthday songs, and snacks, for now, we'll continue providing groceries at our front door and delivering food to some of our more vulnerable members in the area.

Throughout the pandemic, our amazing Leadership Team of 10 mission members turned food distribution into an art by managing to serve 100 people

waiting outside in about a half an hour! It's our hope that by the fall, we'll be able to have members come back inside the Mission for our very special weekly Food Bank gatherings.

In the meantime, as the warmer weather approaches we are anxiously waiting to set up our café-terrace once again. This outdoor space will allow us to invite more members to join us for a sit-down meal, coffee, snacks, conversation, music, art and much more.

On Saturday June 25th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., we will be holding our annual Open House community BBQ at the Mission. You are all cordially invited to join us to celebrate summer, better days ahead and the importance of regaining confidence in being together as a community! We hope you can make it.



Steven Valin is the Family Support Worker at Tyndale St-Georges Community Center. Photo supplied.

Family Support Worker at Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre

TINA NAIM

Ms Tina Naim is the Communications Coordinator for Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre.

In September 2021, Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre created the position of Family Support Worker. Wanting to meet the needs of many families of Little Burgundy and aware of the difficulties some people are met with when looking for resources, the Centre welcomed Steven Valin to its team. As the Family Support Worker, Steven provides front line assistance for families in need of navigating the various services available, such as mental health, financial, legal and immigration. The Family Support Worker assesses and refers families in difficulty to other resources

that can meet their needs, ensuring accompaniment and proper follow-up. The Family Support Worker represents the needs of individuals and families at Tyndale St-Georges, and works as part of a team in support of the wider mission of the Center. Steven also facilitates workshops at Tyndale's Adult and Youth Departments helping them build and develop different skill sets as well as social and emotional competencies.

The Family Support Worker leads a monthly parent support group for parents of children 0-7 years old. The workshops provide education around different topics that are important and relevant to parents and contain a peer-support discussion element.

Support Offered For

Housing: issues with landlord, low income housing, Co-op housing, tenant rights, evictions

Food security: finding food banks, meal programs, food aid
Educational: information about the Quebec school system, financial aid for education, programs for children, tutoring
Mental Health: referral to counselling

Medical: assistance making appointments, assistance with navigating the health system

Legal: referral to free legal aid
Employment: pre-employment training program opportunities, referral to employment agencies

Batshaw and CLSH: assistance with Batshaw cases and accessing services offered by the CIUSS and CLSC.

How you can revive your spiritual journey with God, your minister and your parishioners - all online!

ROB MCLACHLAN

Mr Robert McLachlan is a Lay Reader and Worship Committee member of All Saints by the Lake, Dorval. He is the President of the Montreal Lay Readers Association

This fall the Lay Readers Association of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal invites you to the "open for all Laity Leaders", *Revive* programme.

Perhaps you are asking yourself - Hey, what is this *Revive* programme all about?

Several years ago, to help parishioners and ministers to address many questions concerning "spiritual ailments" RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement - sponsored the development of a new Spiritual programme called *Revive*. Its purpose is to "Re-ignite an individual's Spiritual Self and Group Awareness", within themselves, with their Church and with God.

Revive was created by Rev. Canon Dr. Dawn Davis, Faith Formation Coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Niagara, ON. Dawn is an experienced priest, with both MBA and Human Resources certifications, specializing in Training, Leadership Development, and Organizational Behavior. She also holds a Doctorate of Ministry in Spiritual Formation. Overall, her programme has met with excellent successes over the past few years, within numerous parishes within the Anglican Church of Canada, and within the Episcopal Church in the United States.

So WHY might you be interested in such a programme?

Here are just a few testimonials, from parishioners who completed it!

1) *Revive challenged me, filled me, and changed me. How often do you have an opportunity to speak about your faith life in a deep and intimate way, and listen to others? To be 'schooled' in so many different methods of prayer and scripture reading? For it to be okay to be exactly who you are/where you are on your faith journey? To be surprised and enriched through learning and sharing?*

*My experience is also that we participants now have a new bond. 'How are you?' is no longer just a greeting. Outside of our *Revive* sessions, when we greet one another 'How are you?' we're really asking 'How is it with your soul?' 'I'm listening.' 'I'm here for you.' We know, care, trust, support and encourage one another in a different, more intimate, vulnerable way. What a wonderful gift!*

2) *Revive has given me the tools and resources to consciously grow in faith. I now have the ability to delve deeper into prayer and scripture and not think of them as just words to*

*say and read. I now find a deeper meaning in those words and feel that my spirit is truly being fed. *Revive* has also given me the confidence to share my faith with others. I now feel I'm better equipped to learn, engage, teach and lead in my Church community as well as in the community at large.*

3) *Revive strengthened not only my relationship with God but also my relationship with the others in the group and people outside of Church. The good things I did before are enhanced by the spiritual growth because I do them more intentionally. I've been able to offer prayer for those who may be in need and it really impacted a few people in a positive way!*

WHAT is *Revive*?

Revive is a discipleship programme to help active lay leaders—wardens, property and finance officers, committee chairs, vestry members, Church school teachers, youth ministers, pastoral visitors, and liturgical ministers—grow in confidence as spiritual leaders.

Revive is about transformation through spiritual formation. In just 10 months (on-line), this small-group programme transforms leaders of practical Church ministry into confident spiritual leaders who love God and participate in Christ's ministry. This programme is offered as a gift of thanks for the dedicated service of those lay people who work so hard for their Church. (Ref: <https://www.anglican.ca/resources/revive/>)

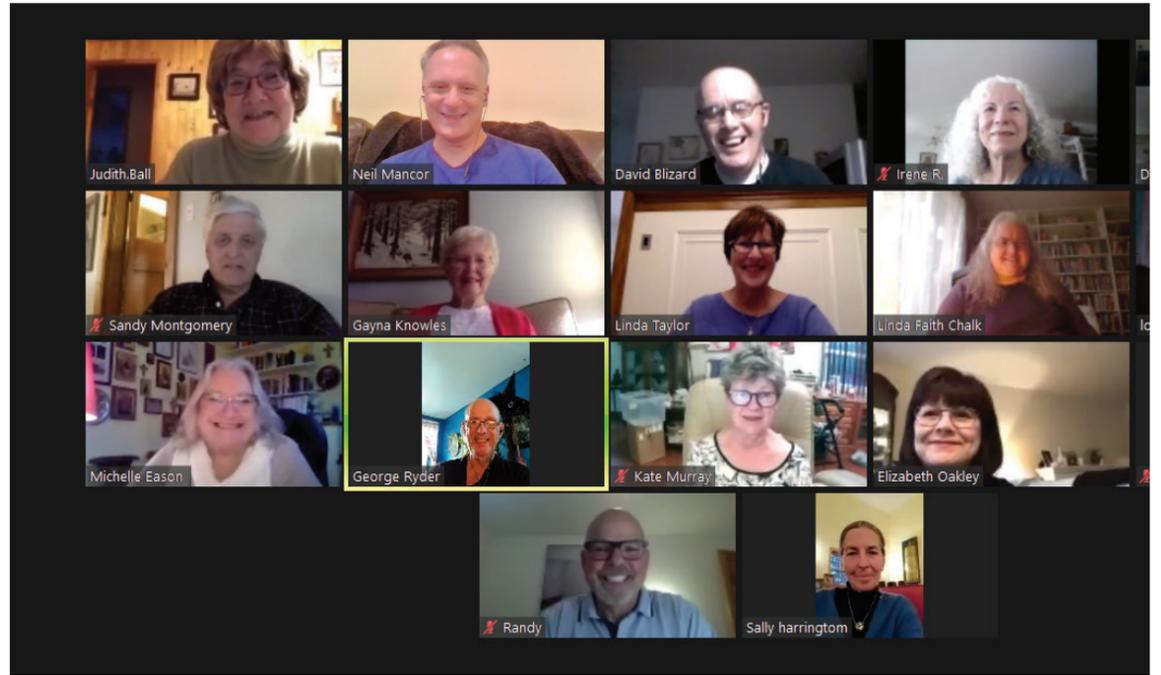
HOW does *Revive* work?

Enrolled Diocesan Lay leaders, through Prayer, Bible Study and Leadership situations, will interactively participate online weekly under the guidance of Montreal Lay Reader Association Trained Facilitator - Randy Gates, plus Licensed Spiritual Director Sally Harrington Phillippe; all coordinated by Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor, Congregational Development Coordinator for *Revive*.

Within a safe, small-group (8-12 persons online), you will gain increased self-confidence in praying, understanding scripture and developing your sense of calling to "Walk more with Jesus".

Each session includes at least one presentation from a prepared video or a live talk from the facilitator. All video and written material is downloadable to the participant's laptop. Participants will be able to share their spiritual experiences and grow in intimacy with God as a follower of Jesus. The *Revive* programme is broken down into three sequential Modules, on Zoom, as follows:

1. **Communicating with God** (Opening retreat evening, and six-weekly two-hour



Graduates of *Revive* 2020 - graduation photo!

evening sessions) (Sept – Nov 2022)

2. **Engaging in Scripture** (Six-weekly two-hour evening sessions) (Jan – Mar 2023)

3. **Called for Ministry** (Six-weekly two-hour evening sessions and Closing retreat) (Apr – Jun 2023)

And HOW does this work within each session?

Revive thrives upon experiential learning! ... Participants observe the facilitator, model a spiritual practice, and are then given practical, hands-on experience with that practice. They then reflect on their experience of the new practice, interactively within the supportive small group.

Each week participants are encouraged to continue experimenting with the new concepts and journal about their reflections. The whole group, meets together at the beginning of the session for the presentation, then in small breakout groups, ranging in size from two to six; they try out a spiritual practice, or go into more in-depth discussion about it. Once the breakout groups have finished, then the entire group then comes back together for a final discussion, and summary.

So do you think that you

and some of your Parishioners might be interested? ... Hopefully "Yes" ... If so, then here's some of the benefits you, as a participant, will gain and take with you back to your parish...

You will develop a deeper relationship with God and others while getting to know more about yourself and your fellow participants as Spiritual Leaders. You will:

- Develop a prayer life that suits your personal spiritual temperament
- Gain confidence in speaking about God within your life
- Experience scripture as a true spiritual resource
- Gain experience praying in public and leading bible study
- Create a "Rule-of-Life" that expresses your personal spiritual practices
- Discern your calls for justice, forgiveness and peace, as a servant of Christ's kingdom

Revive will give you a relationship with the living, grace-filled and loving God. This is quite simply the most important and transformative gift any spiritual leader can offer to themselves, and to other fellow long-serving and dedicated servants of your Church and Diocese.

Revive Enrollment Details

Cost of the complete 2022/2023 *Revive* 9 month programme is only \$25 per participant; which is for covering the printing of all necessary programme materials used throughout it.

The *Revive* start date (via Zoom) is Thursday evening, September 22nd 2022, and will run every Thursday evening weekly thereafter, from 7pm until 9pm.

For more information or to enroll for the *Revive* 1st Module Zoom Session 2022 - simply contact - no later than September 1st, 2022 please - either of these Montreal Lay Reader Association, Executives:

Rob McLachlan - rob.mclachlan@videotron.ca

Mark Weatherley - mark.weatherley@sympatico.ca

Revive addresses your spiritual gifts as well as your ailments

The importance of spiritual gifts within us:

- 'Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. '(1 Timothy 4:14)
- 'We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;' (Romans 12:6)
- 'So with yourselves; since you are eager for spiritual gifts, strive to excel in them for building up the Church.' (1 Corinthians 14:12)

Do you suffer from spiritual ailments?

- Are you feeling exhausted and drained? Do you yearn for a deeper spiritual connection, within today's world turmoil's?
- Are you lacking confidence to engage in deeper spiritual leadership within your Church, such as leading a public prayer?
- Are you - your congregation and your Church - experiencing change? Are you not sure what to do about it or what role you might play during and after these changes?

Education for Ministry, or *How to Be the Best Christian You Can Be!*

NANCY GREENE-GREGOIRE

Mrs Nancy Greene-Gregoire is the EFM Coordinator for the Diocese of Montreal as well as a member of Diocesan Council

I have always wanted to know what I am supposed to be doing here on this earth. It was an existential question when I was a teenager and I continue to think about it.

Am I doing the right thing? Is this what God wants me to do? How do I know?

I don't pretend to have the answers, but I do know that I can talk about these questions in my Education for Ministry (EfM) groups in a safe and supportive environment.

In a recent EfM class, my classmates and I discussed what EfM means to us. We agreed that the EfM program deepens our connection to God because - through sharing our stories and thoughts on the readings - we become connected to each other.

When we are close to others who are close to God, we too feel closer to God. Yes, we can experience this within our church communities, but here is an opportunity to go deeper into relationships with others.

One person described it like this: *"EfM has allowed for a better way of seeing more of God and expanding God in my mind. God is in everything and this class has helped reinforce and expand that knowledge and that way of growing in faith."*



Nancy heads to her first in-person EfM class in over two years! Photo supplied.

One participant quoted Edith Wharton, *"There are two ways of spreading light: To be a candle, or the mirror that reflects it"* and said that with EfM the emphasis is on trying to be the best you can be and reflect God's love.

Another student said that *"EfM gives me that feeling of community. I'm building my trust in people. EfM helps me share thoughts and ideas with others and most importantly I am really getting a better sense of what God is calling me to do."*

Yet another student said that *"at first when listening to others in the group and sharing, I was kind of reluctant to say what I wanted to say but I've built up courage and this has strengthened my faith."*

But "ministry" – isn't that what our priests do? In fact we are all called to ministry, to serve others. The apostle Paul says in 2 Corinthians 4:1 *"Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart."*

One participant compared EfM to a pilgrimage. He said, *"It reminds me of Geoffrey Chaucer's Canterbury Tales with people travelling together telling each other stories on the way from London to Canterbury."*

I've learned a whole new set of perspectives. I see the program very much in the words of the poem of Robert Frost, *The Road Not Taken*, where as an EfM student, I took the one less travelled by, and that has

made all the difference."

Being a mentor keeps me grounded. I want to be there when people learn about their own faith, and how God is in each of us and that we are all here to do God's work in different ways. Sometimes all you can do is pray, and that is just as important as someone who is active in the community. I learn all the ways that God works through us to bring heaven on earth.

The course content is spread over four years, with participants needing only to commit to one year at a time. In the first year we study the Hebrew Bible or Old Testament, followed by the New Testament in second year. Year three is the History of Christianity and in the last year we read recent writings in Theology, Ethics and Interfaith relations. A group can have students in all four years.

This year, Orpha Adams, Florence Collins and Dion Lewis graduated from the Dio group in downtown Montreal, and Kate Murray is graduating from the Sutton group at Grace Church.

Would you like to join us in September? The groups in Lachute, Montreal and Sutton all have room for new students. We are a sponsoring diocese of EfM Canada, so students receive a discount of \$100. Get in touch with me at ngreene@acm.org or 514-862-5367.

The Good Book Club - Spiritual Activity at Manoir Westmount during the Pandemic

SHIRLEY NEWELL

Ms Shirley Newell is a member of St Thomas, NDG and has been living at the Manoir since 2014.

When the Pandemic lockdowns were instituted, many elderly folk were left to their own resources when looking for spiritual help. In fact, clergy have only recently been allowed to visit the Manoir.

In September of 2020, a group of us began doing a five session study of St. Matthew that had been produced by Dr. Hilary Bogart Winkler of Montreal Diocesan Theological College. (The original plan was to begin the session in March, but by that time the lockdowns had begun and the program was cancelled.) We had fifteen sign up but were only allowed to accommodate eight due to the social distancing and masking rules.

Following another shut down in 2021 we began a new book, *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter*, by Lindsay Hardin Freeman. This is a best seller and can be bought at Amazon.

The women of the Old Testament are very daring and outspoken examples for women's liberation advocates. We studied Tamar, Jael, Delilah,

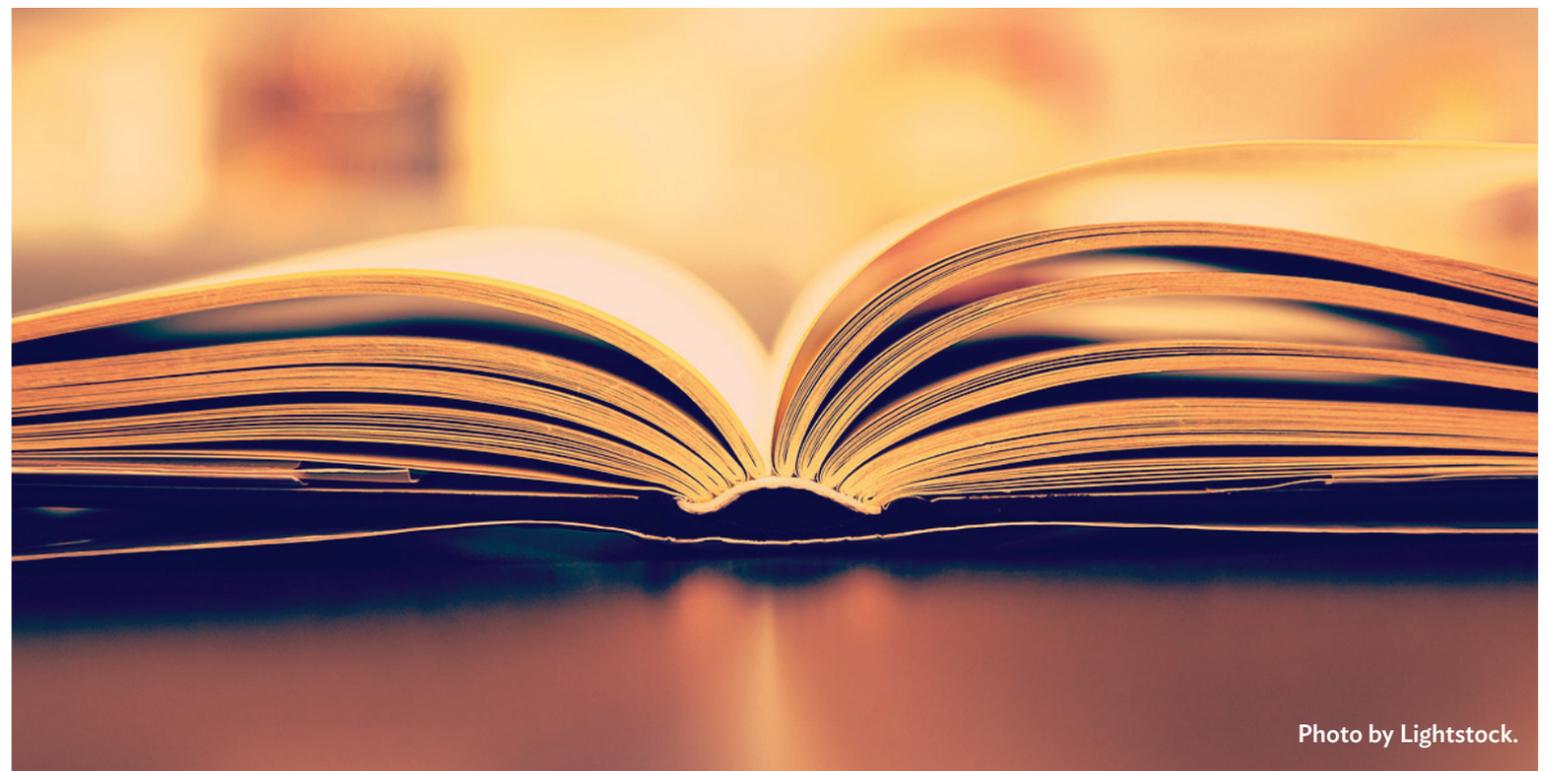


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Deborah, Jezebel, Ruth and Naomi and Esther among others and learned a lot about the Old Testament into the bargain.

The book also offered an in-depth look at the many women who followed Jesus in the New Testament, including; Martha and Mary the sisters of Lazarus, the Samaritan Woman, the unnamed woman who was caught in adultery, Mary Mag-

dalene and Mary the mother of Jesus.

Soon, the pandemic interrupted our book club again. Following another lockdown and hiatus we were allowed to have a group of ten in our Activity Room, masked and socially distanced we started reading *A Journey with John* by Marek P. Zabriskie, published by Forward Movement.

Thirteen enrolled, so even with sickness and appointments we have had a full house for all our weekly meetings so far. The book is presented as *The 50 Day Bible Challenge*, but we are going at a slower pace and will be finished at the end of May. Of the four gospels John certainly is a challenge and very different from the first three as is generally

recognized by scholars.

The reflections that follow each segment are all by different clergy; an impressive group that included bishops and PHD's. The discussions that follow have not been dull!!

Now we are looking at what or who we will study next in the fall.

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

Dear God,

We thank you for endowing us with knowledge and wisdom as we go through this complicated life together. We realize in loving our neighbour that each one of us is responsible for the welfare of the other. We ask that the common characteristics of love, justice, respect, and equality motivate all our actions.

We pray to you, Gracious God, that you will infuse those in authority with this insight so that we may live to see your Kingdom come on earth. We pray that you will lift up for us leaders who will "transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation."* We thank you for those spiritual, medical, pedagog-



ical, and political leaders who are already working towards these goals and implore you to add more to their ranks.

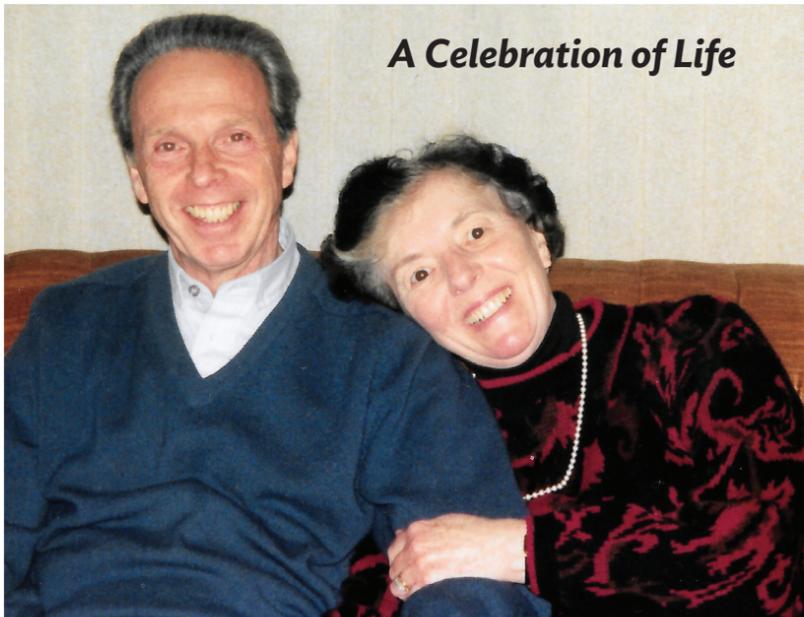
We thank you for giving us the responsibility of "striving to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth"* We pray to you, Source of All Being, that you mandate to all world leaders that they take serious and concrete action to combat Climate Change.

Above all, we pray that you will help us "to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom"* and help non-believers to enter into a relationship with Jesus. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Valerie and Stacey

For more information on AFP-C, contact Valerie Bennett and Stacey Neale at valstacey@bell-net

A Celebration of Life



A Celebration of Life for the Venerable Maurice W. Bate and his wife, Margaret Woodworth Bate (1931-2014) will be on June 11, 2022 at 2 pm at St. Francis of the Birds Anglican Church, 94 Avenue St Denis, Saint-Sauveur. A private interment will take place at the St. Francis of the Birds Cemetery. If Covid conditions permit, there will be light refreshments following the service.

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ues and lifestyles. They cannot be approached in the same way.

For example, Les Énerjeunes are young, educated and mobile. Most are under 35 and more than half are single. Nearly 2/3 are completely bilingual and well educated. Most of them are in lower-paying jobs because they are still progressing through the early phases of their careers and they typically rent apartments in low-rise apartments in older parts of Montreal.

Free of family obligations and mortgages, they pursue lifestyles that cultivate both mind and body. Many like to spend a date at a nightclub, comedy show or jazz concert. They are progressive in their outlook, and open to a wide range of lifestyles. We even know that they like food that is ethical, organic and gluten free.

On our map, many are clustered around St Hilda's which is a great opportunity for that church. I doubt that a Sunday School will ever take off there, but an organic vegan community meal with lots of room for wide ranging conversation might be interesting.

We often ask: "Where are all

the young people?" The map tells us where, and we can tailor ministry where they are.

In contrast, over in the northern part of the West Island in places like Pierrefonds-Roxboro there is a different mixture of population segments, particularly Diversité Nouvelle and Mature and Secure.

The latter is exactly as it sounds – an older population, many living in bungalows. This is well reflected in many of our churches and they have important concerns around issues like healthcare.

Of interest is the growth of Diversité Nouvelle, which is also what it sounds like. A diverse segment of the population reflecting the people of many different countries and backgrounds who have come to make Quebec their home.

Diversité Nouvelle stands out for its multi-lingual neighborhoods where those between 35 and 54 own relatively new homes, a mix of single detached homes, semi-detached homes and low-rise apartments. Unlike Les Énerjeunes, these people are predominantly married with large family households, with children of all ages. Their interests and concerns reflect this lived reality

and churches would do well to think about how they can support both people getting more into their senior years, as well as ethnically diverse families raising their children.

As you can see, there is not one context in which we serve but many. It comes down to that perspective, like with the Mercator map.

We could choose to see what is lacking. "There are no young people." This is true in some locations, but not in others.

"There are too many churches for too few Anglicans." This looks true. But every church exists in a community with people living all around. Churches that come to grips with the character, make-up and needs of their locations, understand them and seek to minister with them, will find a sense of purpose and mission.

There is a great deal of opportunity for our churches, and that opportunity lies in the diversity of the population all around us.

If you want to find out more about your location – please reach out to me. I am more than happy to talk this through with you. nmancor@montreal.anglican.ca

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