



Patrick Wedd Shares a moment with one of the many admirers who attended his farewell reception on June 17th. For more pictures see pages 6 & 7. Photo by Janet Best.



## Trauma Courage Healing

Dr Martin Brokenleg addresses Synod, June 15, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.

## Understanding and self-reflection at Synod

NICKI HRONJAK

Those of us who attended the Conference Synod 2018 were treated to two addresses by Dr. Martin Brokenleg on Friday, June 15th.

Later, when reviewing the Synod Evaluation Forms I was struck by the glowing praise attendees gave his presentations; with descriptions such as “excellent, outstanding, could not be better, phenomenal, great story teller, wonderful, amazing”.

There’s no doubt that Dr Brokenleg, author, psychologist, professor is a proficient story-teller with rich and varied experience to draw from. But what makes him exceptional is hard to express in a CV. He has a warm and humble presence which draws one in. His material was accessible and revelatory, which allowed us to explore the plight of indigenous people in a self-reflective way.

In his first presentation, entitled “Longstanding Problems in Indigenous Communities”, Dr. Brokenleg spoke about the Intergenerational Trauma that indigenous communities have suffered for more than 200 years. This phenomena is defined by Dr. Maria Brave Heart as “a cumulative, emotional, psychological, social, and spiritual wounding over the life-span and across generations resulting from massive group trauma”, which in turn

generates grief which is not expressed, acknowledged, nor resolved.

One of the most devastating outcomes of the Residential School experience is that those who were subjected to the experience were not parented. As a result, when they had their own children, they lacked the ability to parent. And on it goes.

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Negative childhood experiences are a consequence of inadequate nurturing and result in trauma. Add to this the effects of poverty, racism and inadequate social structures... well, the effects are devastating and enduring. And keep in mind that the Residential School tragedy happened following the systematic Federal Laws and provincial policies that had already marginalized the first nations peoples.

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One way Dr. Brokenleg helped us to understand the impact of this trauma was to explain how Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) have long term adverse consequences on one’s mental and physical health. These include chronic diseases—such as heart disease,

cancer, stroke, and diabetes.

Having survived one of the experiences listed in the yellow box on page 5 gives you an ACE score of one. Each additional experience adds to your score.

A person’s cumulative ACE score has a strong, relationship to numerous health, social, and behavioral problems throughout their lifespan, including substance-use disorders.

Compared to an ACE score of zero, having four adverse childhood experiences was associated with a seven-fold increase in alcoholism, a doubling of risk of being diagnosed with cancer, and a four-fold increase in emphysema; an ACE score above six was associated with a 30-fold increase in attempted suicide.\* Dr. Brokenleg’s score is seven. As that knowledge sinks in, one realizes how much grace, perseverance, and faith was required to overcome such adversity to survive - and ultimately thrive - in adulthood.

In conversations following his presentation, some of us cautiously shared our own ACE scores. As I looked into the eyes of someone who’s score was the same as mine, we both acknowledged and empathized with one another’s pain. Such is the power of “walking in another’s moccasins”. If we can hear and feel someone else’s - or a peoples’ - truth we can

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## Raising our Standards A reflection on children and youth ministry

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS

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To begin, I would like to acknowledge the remarkable efforts that so many parishes have made, and continue to make, for our young people, to educate, affirm and acknowledge their gifts: through camps, choirs, and other exceptional ministry initiatives. You are an inspiration to us all!

The problem with children and youth ministry has less to do with Christianity or spirituality or Liturgy or secularism and more to do with the basic merit of our endeavours.

Children and youth ministry programs deserve our best and finest offerings: our fanciest chalices, our freshest cakes, our most qualified people, the fastest Wi-Fi and highest quality art materials to name a few.

chalices, highly-trained clergy, well-crafted sermons, and professional musicians, all carefully served on the finest linens.

Parishes are accustomed to lamenting the reality that there are fewer kids in our churches today. We are good at hosting forums to express our disappointment. We describe this decline with a wistful look of sadness and nostalgia in our eyes. We recall the days when our Sunday school programs were full and our pews were packed with young adults. We wonder, in earnest, why the new generation is no longer here.

I believe that parents and their upgraded standard of programming are to blame for this decline. They expect activities for their children that are not only safe, clean, fun and engaging but offer built-in value, depth and integrity.

I have been involved in education for over 20 years and continue to teach programs in schools, camps and daycares. I am surrounded by other trained specialists, delivering exceptional programs in dedicated spaces where kids are ac-

### Some questions for us to ponder to help us gauge our commitment to children and youth ministry;

- Are we willing to dedicate our best spaces, create budgets and equip our best leaders to carry out this ministry?
- Are we willing to end something in order to start something new?
- Are we willing to take risks?
- Are we willing to re-allocate resources?
- Are we willing to make mistakes?

If we really wish to welcome the children we need to deliver our best programs by our best people in our best spaces.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19)

It is not uncommon to find church programs that use make-shift curricula in dim and dingy basements, with juice served in paper cups, ratty table cloths and left-over crayons donated from a parishioner years ago. Meanwhile, the adult congregants are surrounded by fresh flowers, stained glass windows, polished pews, brass

customed to being fed organic snacks on a silver platter.

This is why we need to raise the bar and be reminded that as good as our message is, the way we deliver it deserves equal consideration.

I wonder if we might consider a Special Sunday Switcheroo? If we, for instance, held our mass in the Sunday School space and let the children use the sanctuary for their program as an experiment. I wonder what would happen? I don’t know but I am always curious to consider creative new ways of letting the little children come to Jesus.

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The Rev'd Victor-David MBUYI Bipungu, the Right Rev'd James Almasi and Bishop Mary in Masasi, Tanzania July 2018.

## Bishop's Message

*Bwana asifiwe!* (Praise the Lord!)  
*Bwana Yesu asifiwe!* (Praise the Lord Jesus!) Vigorous response: **AMEEN!!**

I began every talk during my trip to our partner diocese of Masasi, Tanzania with those words, and used them to underline every important point, following the example of our hosts. They became the cornerstone of our message as a team: our relationship as Anglicans from very different cultures, is built on our unity in the Lordship of Jesus Christ. It is a powerful, dynamic, life-changing unity.

I had wanted to understand why partnership with another diocese is important; how can we share mutually, with limited resources and each of us living with significant challenges. I knew that we were going to sign a new five-year partnership agreement in Masasi, but I hoped that during my visit I would come to a deeper understanding of the potential of this relationship for both our dioceses.

Bishop James Almasi (Askofu James) was a marvelous host who saw to all our needs, and he ensured that we had guides to interpret the

language, culture and geography of his diocese. He also encouraged me to speak about my experience of God's call to me as a woman in ministry. His diocese has some women catechists, but no women communion-helpers, deacons or priests!

*I soon realized that... I could help the clergy and congregations in Masasi get used to the idea of expanded roles for women in the church.*

Bishop James has a vision to foster the education of girls and women, and to honour the vocations and ministries of women. I soon realized that in my preaching, and in my person, I could help the clergy and congregations in Masasi get used to the idea of expanded roles for women in the church. I was so very touched that they honoured me as a bishop, in spite of the cultural differences.

Beth Reed, Fr. Victor David Mbuyi and Mark and I would love to tell you more about our trip. We will be posting on Facebook and the Diocesan web site, and we can visit you and share more.



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## Hidden Lives, Hidden Realities

LINDA LOU HACHEY

*Linda Lou Hachey is the Executive Director of Mile End Mission.*

Living amongst us in neighborhoods filled with pleasant tree-lined streets, flower pots on most every corner, cafés and quaint shops, are many very vulnerable and suffering people who are tucked away in dingy, stuffy and depressing rooming houses and one-room apartments. Sometimes, two or more people live together in one of these tiny rooms. Sometimes there's a shower. Sometimes the shower is shared.

You may never see these people on street corners begging for money or dragging their shopping carts filled with their life possessions behind them, but they're there. As they struggle to make it through another day and not go from their meager shelters to the streets, their realities are in so many ways, hidden.

We are witness to this reality all the time at the Mile End Mission and its heartbreaking. How can people live like this? Why should people live like this? It's certainly not a choice,

because who would choose to live like this?

The amount of support that is needed to help these Mission members from joining the growing ranks of our homeless members living on the streets is increasing all the time and we're finding it really hard to keep up with all that's needed to help support them.

As our members age, as their physical, mental and emotional health deteriorates more and more, as the cost of living skyrockets, as the few remaining rooming houses and cheap apartments in the city are turned into condos or Airbnb's, as the waiting list for access to limited government-subsidized apartments grows, we do our best to help our members survive but sometimes the heavy load is just too much for them to bear.

During the recent intense heat wave that we had in Montreal, we offered our members water, popsicles and respite from the heat in our air conditioned Day Centre. We also reached out to those whom we could contact by phone or through the grapevine to see

how they were doing and offer them what we could. Unfortunately, two of our long-time members were found dead in their apartments due to the unbearable heat.

Last week, one of our members was so relieved to have found a one room apartment after living many years in a local rooming house which is now being turned into an Airbnb. The only catch is, the apartment is \$150 more per month than her previous place. She tells me, "So, I'll have no money left for food or anything at all, but thank God I have a place to live". In situations like this, the Mission's free meals and weekly food bank are the only means of survival for our members. Since 2012 the number of free meals we serve has risen from 6,500 to over 15,000!

The stories are many. The stories are incredibly sad. The stories are growing. Home is supposed to be where the heart is, but there is not much heart in the daily lived-experience of our homeless and our very vulnerable members who have shelter.

So, how often can a heart break, we often ask ourselves at the Mile End Mission? Too often, much too often.

We sincerely appeal to your support of our mission work at the Mile End Community Mission. Each and every donation made truly helps us be able to reach out to all of our members in need and make a difference in their lives. Thank you and may God bless you all.

For more information about the Mile End Mission or ways to donate, please visit our website at [www.mileendmission.org](http://www.mileendmission.org) or give me or Lori a call anytime at 514 274-3401.



Anglican Lutheran Worship Conference in Victoria BC; Pastor Eric Dyck and Ms Blanche Gates both received the prestigious *Companion of the Wordship Arts* award. For more on the award and the conference, see page 10. Photo by Joelle Kidd/Anglican Journal.



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# 2018 Bishop's Award Recipients

## Four received prestigious honour announced at Synod

*BISHOP MARY*

The Bishop's Award was instituted in 1989 by Bishop Reginald Hollis as a way to recognize the Christian witness of lay people who have made an outstanding contribution over several years to the life and work of their Parish and the Diocese at large. I am pleased to announce this year's recipients of the Bishop's Awards: **Ann Elbourne, Christ Church Cathedral, Archdeaconry of Montreal**

Ann is a long time parishioner of the Cathedral, working two days a week in the office and doing everything from copying bulletins to archives.



**Ann Elbourne**

She writes a weekly newsletter of the happenings at the Cathedral.

Over the last few years she has headed up teams of people to put on events so that we participate in Nuit Blanche and

Journée du la culture. This has allowed not only the Cathedral to be known but also the diocese and the Anglican Church in Montreal. Ann sees these two events as a way of having people get to know what we as Anglicans do here. She is an evangelist of the faith in her own way and is determined that all of Montreal should come and be welcomed into the Cathedral for a service, an event or hot chocolate.

**Alexander Montgomery, St. Paul's Anglican Church Philipsburg, Regional Ministry of Bedford & Stanbridge East, Archdeaconry of Bedford & the Richelieu**

Alexander (Sandy) Montgomery has been a long-time member of Synod, representing the Parish of Bedford, Philipsburg. He is currently deanery representative to Diocesan Council for Bedford, Brome-Shefford. Sandy has served faithfully as Rector's Warden and Treasurer. He assists with worship as a reader, teacher and preacher.

He is also a member of the cemetery board to ensure the long-term maintenance of the cemetery. He has also gifted St. Paul's with land next to the cemetery.

Sandy is a member of Lake Champlain Committee responsible for improving the health of the lake and is also a field guide of the George H. Montgomery Bird Sanctuary, named for his father. He sits on the

Advisory board for Journal St. Armand and is former town councillor for Philipsburg. He is also past board member of Batshaw Youth and Family Services.



**Sandy Montgomery**

Sandy's strength of character, integrity, thoughtfulness and prayerfulness are a great help to the ministry of St. Paul's and to the wider community.

**Gladys Randle, Church of the Resurrection, now Parish of the Resurrection, and St. Andrew, St. Mark, Dorval, Archdeaconry of St. Lawrence**

Gladys Randle was married in the Parish and had her children baptized there. Over the years she has been involved in every part of Parish life, from convening the Christmas Bazaar for 40 years, to serving as a Deputy Warden, Safe Church Coordinator, and head of the Maintenance Committee. Even in her 80's, Gladys has



**Gladys Randle**

great tenacity and energy. Most recently Gladys was part of the Way Forward Committee that wrote up Recommendations concerning the merger between the Resurrection and the Parish of St. Andrew's and St. Mark's, Dorval.

Even though it broke her heart to leave her beloved building, she strongly supported the merger. Gladys personally knows about 95% of the people on Resurrection's Parish list, and is in constant contact with all parishioners who are sick or in need. She is known for her many acts of kindness, coordinates the visits we make to the Seniors Center, is an active chorister every Sunday, has a gift for hospitality and for organization of people and events, and is the food coordinator for our developing "Messy Church".

**John Richard, Holy Trinity Ste. Agathe, Laurentian Regional Ministry, Archdeaconry of St. Andrews**

John Richard and his wife Sandra have been devoted and faithful members of Holy Trin-

ity Church in Ste-Agathe since 1985. Over the years, John has worn many hats including leading youth groups. He is the People's Warden and has shown exemplary performance in this position. He has a positive and wonderful attitude.



**John Richard**

Retired from his position as a teacher, John gives much of his time to Holy Trinity as a warden, on the LRM management team, producing weekly bulletins, planning the Annual Vestry meetings, building and grounds management, and taking any and all responsibility of the day to day needs of the church. In addition, he is part of the Clarke Cemetery Committee, which is separate from Holy Trinity.

He prioritizes tasks, is a great listener and responds in a positive affirming manner. John has dedicated great care and consideration to Holy Trinity and LRM.

Congratulations to these recipients and thank you to all who sent in nominations.

## Montreal PWRDF



### The Miracle of a Healthy Child

*ANN CUMYNN*

*Mrs Ann Cumynn is Co-chair of the Anglican Chapter of PWRDF and Chair of the Human Resources Standing Committee.*

What miracles have you seen in your lifetime? The Bible makes us aware of the miracles of Jesus. The Gospel writers were keen to tell them all. What miracle can we rejoice in today and thus wonder at the majesty and creativity of God?

For me it is the birth of a baby. Just think of it - the union of a small egg and a tiny seed placed in the right environment can result in a newborn baby

with the potential to grow into an adult human being. This miracle is part of God's plan for every living thing. It is this miracle that is at the centre of the next project that Montreal's PWRDF unit is promoting.

We do not know the exact nature of evil in the world. We do know that pregnancy is not always easy and that there are things that can go wrong. We also know that birth and early life are sometimes full of hazards. We, in Canada, are privileged to have universal access to health care. However, in other places such as in Africa, health care is not assured.

PWRDF is looking for support for its Maternal, Newborn and Child Health Program. This program is taking place in Burundi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tanzania. In Tanzania the project involves our partner diocese of Masasi.

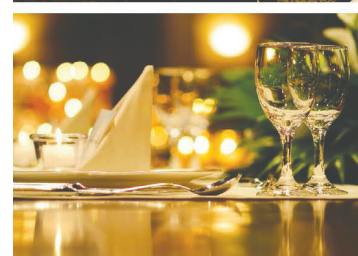
These are countries where clean water is scarce, where medical help is spotty and where clinics are far apart. Imagine having to walk several kilometres to the local clinic to get help for a sick child, or taking the same journey when needing to give birth under the care of professionals! PWRDF is introducing measures that will enhance the power of the clinics to improve their ability to assist in the birthing process, to provide the necessary medical competence and also encourage good health and nutrition.

**PWRDF Montreal will be consolidating its plans for promoting this project at its meeting on September 20, at noon in Fulford Hall, 1444 Union. All are welcome to join us. Please remember to bring a sandwich.**

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# Synod 2018

## Marriage Canon Conversation Healthy dialogue leads to new memorial

KAREN EAGAN

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In July of 2016, at the General Synod held in Toronto, a greatly anticipated motion came to the floor which proposed that the Marriage Canon of the Anglican Church of Canada be changed to allow the marriage of same sex couples, or as some people prefer to describe it, to allow for marriage equality in the Anglican Church of Canada.

As it turns out, this passed by the slimmest of margins, but nevertheless, it did pass, which meant two things. First it meant that this motion would proceed to the next General Synod, in 2019, as such canonical motions need to pass at two subsequent synods, and secondly, it meant that this motion would be expected to be considered during the interim, at both Provincial and Diocesan Synods. As a consequence, it was decided that Montreal would do its "considering" during the June 2018 Diocesan Synod.

The session on the marriage canon was divided into two parts. During the first part, there was a presentation which outlined the history since 1998, where blessings and marriages were considered at various

General and Diocesan synods. We followed the motions as they developed, in 1998 in New Westminster, through 2004 in St. Catherine's, 2007 in Winnipeg, 2010 in Halifax and 2016 in Toronto, and saw how decisions were made first on the sanctity and integrity of same sex relationships, and then on the possibility of allowing blessings

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and finally marriages. At the same time, the presentation described the real challenges that were faced in trying to come to decisions in a synod, where conversations are constrained by the need for motions to be discussed in a parliamentary style debate.

Despite the fact that the synods were trying more and more to promote dialogue and listening, through strategies such as "indaba" style groups, the challenges remained. When the motions were put on the floor, it became obvious that whatever preparation had been done, the parliamentary format seemed to bring out the worst kind of conversation, with hurtful mutual characterizations and little effective listening across differences. Sometimes it felt that the church was tearing itself apart over these issues.

Synod planners and even the Council of General Synod continue to explore ways to promote healthy dialogue and careful listening during debate. Their very real aim is to come to the best decisions, but also to promote a sense of solidarity across the whole church. Obviously this effort continues in preparation for General Synod 2019 (GS2019). It is within this spirit of experimenting with something new that extra guidelines were given for the conversation that formed the second part of the marriage canon conversation in Montreal in June.

To begin with, synod members were asked a simple question: "How do you feel now about the direction the church is going around issues of equal marriage?" But the catch was that, except for the first person at the microphone, each person was asked to begin, not only by identifying themselves and their parish as is the custom, but to also give a short (two or three sentences max) summary of what the last speaker had just said. They then had to name one or two values that they share with the last speaker. This process meant two things: first it meant that the next speaker had to listen, and listen carefully enough to be able to give a short summary of what the last speaker had just said, and secondly, they then had to consider



St Jax provided a lovely space for Conference Synod. Photo by Janet Best.

what values that they held in common with the speaker.

It sounds easy, but proved at times to be challenging, possibly because we often stand and wait at the microphone thinking only about what we are going to say! Yet in every case, speakers were able so do their short summaries, but even more important, they were able to describe, often at a very basic level, how we share more than we realize. The common values could be as basic as a love of the church, or inclusivity, but often across differences we heard of a shared desire for evangelism, and a shared sense of mission towards younger people, and these are just a few examples.

Feedback on the session was generally very positive. I think that there was also a spirit

of mutual affection that came from the discussion. In the end a memorial was drawn up out of a shared concern that the motion for GS2019 depends too much on the secular law and not enough on the values of the church, a memorial that passed virtually unanimously!

Whether or not this strategy is used at GS2019 remains to be seen, but I think it made quite an impact in Montreal, and may inform how debates are shaped in the future. Then we can spend less time spelling out our differences, and more time being made aware of the depth and breadth of shared values.

## Provincial Synod: How are we seeking to engage in God's Mission in these changing times?

SUE WINN

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Provincial Synod, June 8-10, 2018, in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Delegates from each of the seven dioceses of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada met on the campus of the University of King's College in Halifax for three days of worship, fellowship, study and planning. The delegates met in small groups following each address to discuss Missional Church Leadership. In this way, relationships were formed and important questions were discussed.

In this time of limited financial resources we asked ourselves if we need to change our structures in order to engage more extensively in the mission of the church. Face to face meetings are costly, including travel and accommodation. Conference calls and Skype are frequently replacing face to face meetings, however, there is value in meeting in person so that every voice is heard and friendships can be formed.

In his presidential address, our Metropolitan, Archbishop



Bishop Mary with Synod Delegates Sue Winn, Amy Hamilton, Josee Lemoine and Valerie Bennett.

Ron Cutler, spoke of Pentecost being a moment of risk when God's mission became real. The mission is to reconcile man to God with more gentleness, more caring, more sharing and more peace. Bishop Ron also drew our attention to the mark

of mission that calls us to move from membership to discipleship. We need to proclaim the good news and create new disciples.

Our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, was with us as we explored the topics of Mis-

sional Church Leadership, the importance of preparing Lay leaders, maintaining a safe church environment and being open to change. Archbishop Fred spoke about the numbers of churches where pews have been removed and spaces

are reconfigured to enable new ways to welcome and to worship. The church building remains an important presence in a community, enjoying new adventures in ministry.

Elections were held for a new Provincial Council and an executive to provide ongoing leadership in the Province of Canada over the three years ahead. I was honoured to be elected to serve as Lay Secretary. The new executive members were commissioned by Archbishop Ron Cutler during a service on Sunday, June 10th at the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. The morning with the community of the Cathedral included youth leadership, an exceptional boys' choir and generous a Bar B Q lunch following the service. Your Montreal delegates were grateful for all the hospitality provided by the Diocese of Nova Scotia and PEI.

# Blanket Exercise at Synod; Witnessing the pain and standing in solidarity with it

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS

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What actually happened during the Blanket Exercise at Conference Synod 2018?

The Kairos blanket exercise is a teaching tool to share the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada. ([www.kairosblanketexercise.org](http://www.kairosblanketexercise.org))

I will begin my account of the blanket exercise by offering my full disclosure. I have been at events where this exercise was taking place and my gut reaction was discomfort. I thought I couldn't bare to be a part of another fruitless activity that doesn't have any impact on addressing the real concerns of truth and reconciliation.

I thought that as Canadians, we do too much talking and tepid apologizing without enough action.

Well, I couldn't have been more wrong. Here's what actually took place...

We gathered on the opening evening of Conference Synod where the Blanket Exercise was slotted as the closing activity. A number of people quietly exited during the break to make their way home. It was already well past 8 pm by the time we started. A hush fell across the room as those who remained (around 80 or so) were instructed to lay their blankets down on the floor and remove their shoes. We were reminded that we each occupy sacred space

and are sacred beings and to walk carefully and gently on the land. Which of course was symbolized by the blankets on the floor and would now be referred to as Turtle Island. We were told not to be surprised if strong emotions overwhelmed us during the blanket exercise as this may happen.

Well, this did happen. This happened a lot. I could proceed to detail how the exercise unfolded, how Turtle Island became increasingly occupied by the settlers, and as the blankets were removed we learned how money, power, politics and privilege brutally ravaged the lives of the first peoples but this is the stuff of History classes. This historical data is readily available and if

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your Canadian history is rusty then a simple Google search will refresh you. I would rather tell you about the raw human emotion that revealed itself. The open wounds that were exposed and the deep unthinkable generational suffering caused by unbearable losses that span spectrums of experiences. You see, at our Synod, the Blanket Exercise was being facilitated by some members of the Indigenous community. Some of whom had never experienced it before. Some of whom had in fact been shamed



Blankets laid out in preparation for the Blanket Exercise at Synod, June 14, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.

for needing to express this trauma and were forced to internalize it.

So, when the detailed account of the horrific history of the original peoples ensued, you can imagine how the flood gates opened. When we heard the staggering statistics and re lived the trauma such as: loss of rights and land, the implementation of residential schools, the on slaughter of diseases, death and families torn apart, to name just a few, you can imagine what ensued. When we heard about those tepid Canadian apologies, and were reminded of the continued lack of basic resources on

reserves, the high suicide rates and the on going crisis of missing and murdered aboriginal women today, you can imagine what ensued. There was sobbing. Deep, aching, archetypal sobbing that came from the depths of the collective wounded soul, of children, of mothers, of fathers and of turtle island herself, of every participant in the room. We witnessed the pain and we stood silent and in solidarity with it. We listened.

During the debrief, there was an outpouring of shame and sadness as the hard truths of our history hit home.

I commend the bravery of those who exposed their suffer-

ing during the Blanket Exercise that night. It was an opportunity for profound healing. I was transformed and humbled to have witnessed it.

I will close this reflection with some wisdom from our Bishop (Mary)

"Being Canadian means dismantling the story of how great Canada is. There is nothing to say in the face of this much pain except to go through it together; to listen and be lead."

## Adverse Childhood Experiences Questionnaire

Prior to your 18th birthday:

Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often... Swear at you, insult you, put you down, or humiliate you? or Act in a way that made you afraid that you might be physically hurt?

Did a parent or other adult in the household often or very often... Push, grab, slap, or throw something at you? or Ever hit you so hard that you had marks or were injured?

Did an adult or person at least 5 years older than you ever... Touch or fondle you or have you touch their body in a sexual way? or Attempt or actually have oral, anal, or vaginal intercourse with you?

Did you often or very often feel that ... No one in your family loved you or thought you were important or special? or Your family didn't look out for each other, feel close to each other, or support each other?

Did you often or very often feel that ... You didn't have enough to eat, had to wear dirty clothes, and had no one to protect you? or Your parents were too drunk or high to take care of you or take you to the doctor if you needed it?

Were your parents ever separated or divorced?

Was your mother or stepmother: Often or very often pushed, grabbed, slapped, or had something thrown at her? or Sometimes, often, or very often kicked, bitten, hit with a fist, or hit with something hard? or Ever repeatedly hit over at least a few minutes or threatened with a gun or knife?

Did you live with anyone who was a problem drinker or alcoholic, or who used street drugs?

Was a household member depressed or mentally ill, or did a household member attempt suicide?

Did a household member go to prison?

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start to really do the work of reconciliation.

Thankfully, Dr Brokenleg's next presentation, The Circle of Courage – The antidote, gave us a bit of optimism in this bleak assessment of trauma and hardship. Drawing from his own history as well as his years of education in child psychiatry, he explained what is needed to mitigate damage done to indigenous youth. He shared his belief that "those who work with young children have the best opportunity to lay the foundation of experiences that strengthen a child from within." The Circle of Courage philosophy starts with the principle that all children are alike regardless of the ethnic community from which they come. Youth need to feel valued, significant and competent. Dr. Brokenleg shared the story of being enroute to military school (his choice!), when one of his father's elderly cousins walked over 2 miles in a blizzard to say goodbye.

He remembered the feeling of being significant. Showing (not telling) young people they our valued will go a long way in bolstering their self-image.

He also spoke of the importance of teaching resiliency. We all suffer hardships in life. This is inevitable. It's not the hardships that define us, but our response to them. According to Brokenleg, "Resiliency is being strong on the inside, having a courageous spirit. One cannot teach resiliency with words or posters. What we need are transformative experiences." He went on to tell us how the four Circle of Courage dimensions of Belonging, Mastery, Independence, and Generosity will ultimately foster this resiliency in our youth. And this gives us hope.

To read Dr Martin Brokenleg's biography and to learn more about him, visit his website: [martinbrokenleg.com](http://martinbrokenleg.com).

*\*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

## Notable

The ladies of St. Mary's Sewing Circle's Christmas Bazaar will be on November 17th from 9am to noon, at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 273 Main Road, Como. Come early for coffee and muffins and to buy our famous chicken pot pies, Christmas puddings and Christmas cakes. Plants table, as well as the sewing table, arts and crafts table and attic treasures table. A special basket for draw.

## Notable

The Interreligious Forum for Peace, a new interreligious dialogue group that has emerged from the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, invites you to attend *The Interreligious Art Festival entitled Peace Now: The Beauty of Diversity* on October 25th to 28th at the Dominican Convent, 2715 Chemin de la Côte Ste-Catherine, Montreal. All activities are free and open to the public. For more, go to [www.oikoumene.ca](http://www.oikoumene.ca).

### Did you know?

The 2018 Bishop's Charge to Synod is available online.

[www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/latest-news)

# Baptisms and Confirmations



Brock Forsberg at his Baptism, Christ Church Cathedral, June 3, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.



Messy Confirmation at St George's, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue, May 23, 2018.



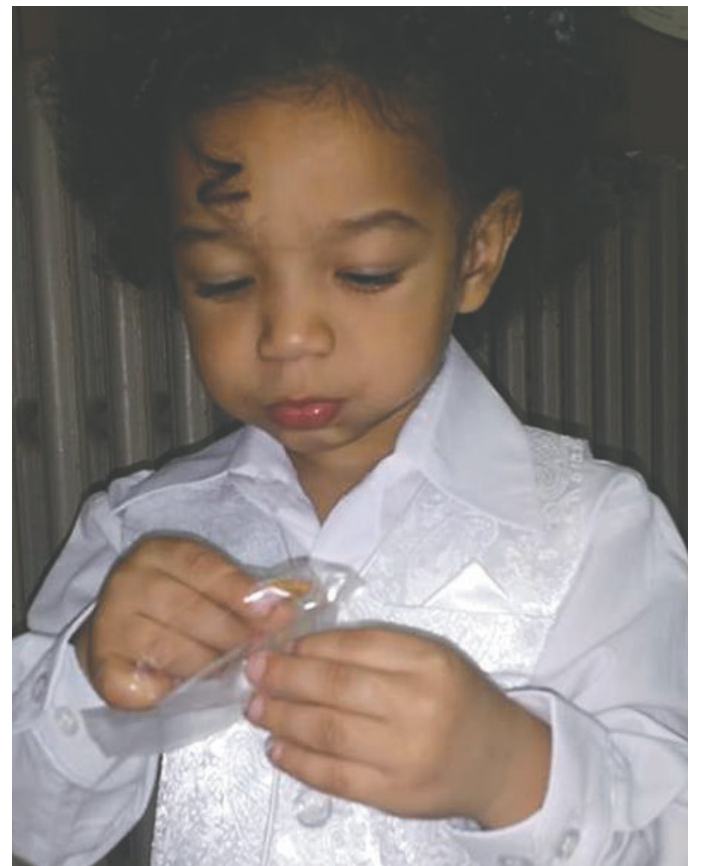
Aliya Hicks-Callender celebrates her confirmation with Bishop Mary at St Stephen's Church Lachine on May 27, 2018.



Teffor Adjemian being confirmed at Christ Church Cathedral, June 3, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.



The Rev'd Victor-David MBUYI Bipungu and Bishop Mary join Alyanah Avignon, Abel Avignon, Dayna Lauzé and Samia Christèle Pierre at their confirmation at Eglise La Nativité, June 3, 2018.



Nyles at his baptism, St Cuthbert, St Hilda, St Luke parish, July 8, 2018.

# and other joyous events



Jean Daniel Williams at the Baptism and Christening at Christ Church Cathedral, June 3, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.



At her Retirement Farewell Reception June 17, 2018, the Ven Pamela Yarrow poses with Mabel Georges and the quilt Mrs. Georges made.



Patrick Wedd with his retirement gift at his farewell reception, June 17, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.



Vicar General Robert Camara and Nancy Hamilton at the Safe Church workshop at St George's Place du Canada May 12, 2018.



Bishop Mary with the Rev Terry Hidichuk at his ordination at St Matthias, May 27. Photo by Janet Best.



Dean Bertrand Olivier and Dion Lewis enjoy cake at Patrick Wedd's reception June 17, 2018. Photo by Janet Best.

# Equipping the Saints

JESSE ZINK

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

Before I was ordained, I lived and worked as a missionary in South Africa. Two of my closest friends were a husband-and-wife Mennonite mission couple who worked with a small Bible college in the rural part of the country where we lived.

When I first met them, I remember how my friend Joe described his work. "We believe that what the world needs is not necessarily more Christians but better educated and better formed Christians."

At first, I was confused. Surely, as a missionary, he wanted more Christians? But in the context in which he worked, the comment made sense. His students were pastors of independent churches who had had almost no training before being called by the Spirit to start new congregations.

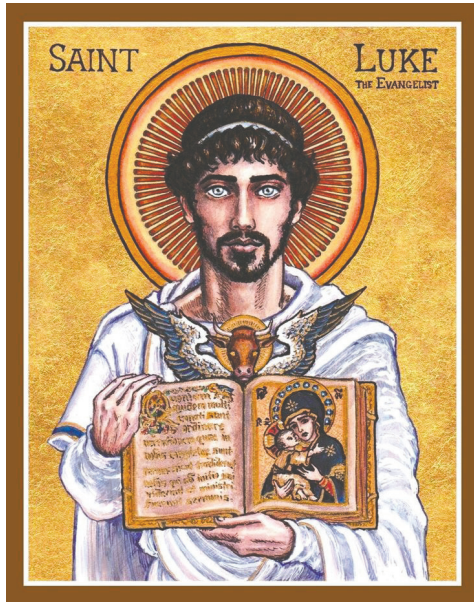
Later, I would occasionally travel with Joe as he conducted teaching sessions around the region. I have strong memories of the way small groups of his students would gather around

the Bible for careful study, and how immensely devoted they were to this work.

As I enter my second year as principal of the college and as the college continues to discern our calling in the church, I have found myself thinking often about my friend Joe's remarks.

Evangelism and church growth are clear callings of the church. Having more Christians would be a good thing, not just for the church but also for our society. But I am also aware of the great needs for education and formation that exist within our churches. And I see this in people I meet as I have visited with parishes in this diocese and beyond. The Christians I meet understand that if we are to be witnesses in the world, we need to learn more and grow deeper into our faith. It's why the word discipleship has become such an important word for many Anglicans in recent years. To take the next steps into the future God is calling us to, we all need to become disciples—a word that literally means students—of Jesus Christ.

That's why the College is committed to ensuring its offerings are available to as



many people as possible. This fall, we have several courses coming up on a range of subjects—Old Testament, mission, preaching—and in a range of formats—day-long workshop, online, in person. More information about all of these courses can be found in the orange box at right.

But I am still struck by the image I have from South Africa of faithful Christians gathering around the Bible to learn more about where God is calling them. It reminds me that theological education is for all Christians, not just clergy. So I want to particularly draw your attention to a new online course we are offering this fall: Luke: A Journey with Jesus. This is a five-session, non-credit course that will offer an overview of some of the major themes of the Gospel of Luke, as well

as a close look at the distinctive ways in which Luke understands Jesus. Many of the Gospel readings on Sunday will come from the Gospel of Luke.

The course is meant to be an introduction to the Gospel for people with no prior background or a refresher for those who want to prepare for the coming year. It is meant for lay people and ordained people, for those who will preach sermons in the coming year and

those who will listen to them. There is no required reading (except the gospel itself) and no required assignments. It is simply an opportunity to learn, grow, and prepare for another year in the life of the church.

We will meet in an online classroom for five Tuesdays in October and November (Oct 23 and 30, then Nov 6, 13, and 20), from 7.30pm to 9pm Montreal time. The cost for all five sessions is \$75 per connection. We encourage people to join us from the comforts of their own home or to gather together to learn as a community. In the College's vision statement, we call ourselves "a creative learning community." This fall, we are expecting a larger student body than we've had in past years. We would love for you to become part of this creative learning community in what-

## Montreal Diocesan Theological College Course offerings Fall 2018:

**Sept 10 - Sept 13** Christian Mission: 4-day intensive in Montreal, Taught by the Rev. Dr. Jesse Zink and the Rev. Dr. Roland De Vries

**Sept 13 - Dec 6** Introduction to the Hebrew Bible: online course meeting on Thursday evenings from 6.15pm to 9pm. Taught by Dr. Greg Davidson

**Friday, Nov 3** Turning the Text: Preaching Workshop: workshop on in Montreal. Taught by Dr. Elisabeth Jones

**Oct 23 & 30, Nov 6, 13, & 20** Luke: A Journey with Jesus: online course meeting from 7.30pm to 9pm.

For more information on all of these courses, including costs and how to apply and register: [www.montrealdio.ca/courses](http://www.montrealdio.ca/courses). Or contact us directly at college: [info@montrealdio.ca](mailto:info@montrealdio.ca) or 514.849.3004 x221.

ever way you can, as we seek to grow the number of educated and formed Christians so that together we may witness to a world that longs to hear of Christ's love.

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 or [sbertrand@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:sbertrand@montreal.anglican.ca)

## Notable

St. George's Anglican Church (Saint-Georges-de-Clarenceville), 1098 rue Front Nord & Route 202 Two Hundredth Anniversary Celebration, Sunday, 16 September. 10 a.m. Worship, 12 noon Luncheon, 2pm Concert. Information: Shirley Reynolds 450 294-2100

## Notable

A Celebration of the Ministry of All Saints' Church, de Ramsay. Evening Prayer and Deconsecration of the Church Building with Bishop Mary presiding Saturday, Sept 29, 2018, at 4pm at 910 - 2e Rang de Ramsay, Saint Felix de Valois, QC. Friends and former parishioners are invited to join us for this final Anglican service.



Ron Di Lauro performs at Jazz Mass, July 1, 2018.

## Jazz Mass at the Red Roof

The third annual Jazz Mass was held Sunday, July 1 at the Church of St John the Evangelist (Red Roof), in conjunction with an exhibit of paintings by Sonia Roseval ("The Enigma of Jazz") curated by parishioner Prof. Norman Cornett. Visitors braved the record-breaking heat (almost 50° with the humidex factor) to hear last year's soloist

Ranee Lee preach, and trumpet solos by Ron Di Lauro. In her homily, Lee paid tribute to her husband and music partner, guitarist Richard Ring, who she said was losing a battle with Alzheimer's disease (he died later in the week). The artist was in attendance as parishioners and visitors admired the exhibit over a sumptuous buffet.



# Indigenous Theology Symposium Report

## Understanding our systematic and racist beliefs

CHRIS BARRIGAR

*The Rev'd Chris Barrigar is the incumbent of St Peter, TMR.*

It is early June, and I am in Wolfville, Nova Scotia. In my hotel room, I am reading the Montreal Gazette online, in particular a report on the racist verbal assaults that young First Nations hockey players recently experienced at a competition in Quebec City.

My reason for being in Wolfville is to attend that 15th annual symposium of the North American Institute for Indigenous Theological Studies. The topic this year is 'White Supremacy and Racial Conflict: Towards Right Relationships'. The hockey incident is sadly indicative of the need for such a conference.

It is, of course, not just a Quebec problem, for the issues of white supremacy, racial conflict, and reconciliation are pan-human. Consequently, the conference has attracted a diverse range of participants—180 this year, the symposium's highest-ever attendance, from across North America, even from New Zealand, Australia, and Central America.

I'd estimate about a quarter of the conference participants are indigenous-background peoples, whether fully or partly. While most of the remaining participants are of European descent, there are also black Canadians, African-Americans,

and participants of east Asian and south Asian origin.

NAIITS founder Dr Terry LeBlanc, a Mi'kmaq from PEI, provided the opening lecture, giving us some of the history of white attitudes of supremacy in North America. LeBlanc's lecture included numerous statements from influential figures, such as this from Benjamin Franklin: "If it be the design of Providence to extirpate these Savages in order to make room for cultivators of the Earth, it seems not improbable that rum may be the appointed means" (1750). Or this from Sir John A. McDonald: "[Indians] are simply living on the benevolence and charity of the Canadian parliament, and...beggars should not be choosers" (1885).

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LeBlanc's lecture also included many examples of legislation and government policies (American and Canadian) intended to eliminate indigenous cultures by assimilating indigenous peoples into mainstream white society.

An Aborigine woman, Patricia Courtenay, who is also an Anglican priest, gave a paper titled "Racism: the Australian Way," which included some of

the history of racism against Aborigines by Christian denominations in Australia. Another speaker described the history in New Zealand of relationships between settlers and Maori.

Another presenter spoke on the U.N. Declaration of Human Rights, pointing out that all eight of its committee were white Westerners, and seven of the eight were men. The question arises, "How could eight white Westerners possibly come up with an adequate set of universal human rights?" The answer is, of course, that such a group could not be sufficient—hence the need for the U.N. Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, adopted by the UN in 2007.

There was much discussion on de-centering whiteness in the North American context, including recognition that Canada itself has been a colonial power—over its indigenous peoples. Not surprisingly, the legacy of Canada's residential schools was a common theme, as too the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). There was a common feeling among the indigenous participants that the TRC failed. As one presenter put it, the motive for the TRC was not genuine reconciliation, but rather risk manage-



ment in the face of massive liabilities, with reconciliation the public veneer.

Many who went through the TRC process received financial compensation, but still felt empty after the process; what was missing, many said, was the opportunity to make relationships between indigenous and 'mainstream' Canadians. At base was the failure to see indigenous people as worthy of equal, reciprocal relationships with whites that enabled the colonial attitudes and policies of the Federal government and churches.

Nonetheless, despite disappointment with the TRC, its recommendations are important, although these must be seen not as a check-list to accomplish, but as numerous starting-points on a long journey together between mainstream Canadian society and our indigenous peoples.

I was at the TRC meetings

in Montreal, in April, 2013. There my eyes were opened as never before to the evil of the residential school system, and the massive harm it has done to our indigenous brothers and sisters, including the hundreds of children who died through abuse or neglect in the schools.

The NAIITS Symposium helped me understand the deeper systemic and racist roots that perpetrated this immense evil. It also helped me more deeply recognise the complicity of my own settler ancestors in this evil. I continue to try to work through the implications of this for myself and for the Church.

Anyone, whether indigenous or non-indigenous, who wishes to engage in graduate-level studies of indigenous issues, through a Christian perspective with indigenous faculty, are encouraged to contact NAIITS through their website, [naiits.com](http://naiits.com).

# Rolling River Rampage:

## Summer fun at the Parish of Vaudreuil Day Camp

SOPHIE ROLLAND

*The Rev'd Sophie Rolland is the Parish Priest of the Parish of Vaudreuil, St James' and St Mary's, Hudson.*

Now that Summer is waning we give thanks for our exciting and wonderful memories of our Day-Camp in Hudson in the Parish of Vaudreuil. We have been running this camp for years and kids from the community make a habit of coming and having fun with us for a week at the end of July. This year the theme was an adventure in the wilderness on a flowing river called "Rolling River Rampage." Throughout the week, the Bible verse that got repeated was

from Isaiah chapter 43: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." We also focussed on a particular theme each day, this year the themes included: Adventure,



**A camper at Rolling River Rampage. Photo by Vivianne LaRiviere.**

Acceptance, Joy, Peace and Rest.

Camper's ranged in age from five to twelve and we had several teens who volunteered, many of whom were former

campers themselves. This is in addition to the countless parishioners who volunteered caring for the campers, helping out in the kitchen, providing nursing support and providing food for all the volunteers. It is quite a communal undertaking which relies on the enthusiasm and good will of so many in the congregation and the community. Lastly, thanks to a grant from Canada Summer Jobs, we hired two students to lead and organize the camp. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to practice leadership skills and we simply would not be able to run the camp without their energy, talents and enthusiasm!

We rely heavily on Vacation Bible School material that sets out the themes for the camp and gives us ideas for music, drama, crafts and games. This year, we incorporated some age appropriate science

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# Raising our Standards

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I think we should again acknowledge the work being done and those who support it, and take stock of our efforts as there are countless examples of quality programs in our Diocese. My hope is that we continue to strive for excellence, raise the bar and push the boundaries of our standards. Remember, our children and youth deserve our best programs by our best people in our best spaces.

Keep Going! Don't be discouraged! We need to stay on this experimental and exciting journey together. In fact, this

summer, a group of enthusiastic leaders met to discuss how we can best serve children and youth ministry in our diocese.

We are here to support and encourage you! We will listen to your concerns and find creative solutions to your questions. Contact [mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca) anytime!

We have a wonderful new children and youth ministry resource called the **Godly Play Travelling Troupe**. To find out how Godly Play can enhance your ministry, go to [www.montreal.anglican.ca/youth/](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/youth/)



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Registration: \$250

## Did you not know?

GREGOR SNEDDON

*The Rev'd Gregor Sneddon is the Rector of St Matthew's, Ottawa. He is the Chair of Liturgy Canada, a council member of Associated Parishes for Liturgy & Mission and as a member of the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation.*

Welcoming is important, foundational, Gospel. But what's next? How do we welcome the curious, the exiled, the returning, the seeker, and create a space to be encountered by Jesus, to build relationship, to help discern the transformative path of dying with Christ and sharing in his resurrection?

Mainline churches experience growth through the common societal practice of infant baptism, people moving from one church to another, or people who "return" to church for one reason or another. We do not have much of a track record of drawing in the total newcomer, the one starting from "ground zero". Our current demographic reality is the result of two and three generations who have never experienced or participated in church, ever. We can no

longer rely on people coming back to church – they were never here.

Warm, inclusive, community and strong welcoming are critical - but 'welcoming' is only the first step in the miraculous journey of becoming the story we tell. To be the Church, do we have any choice but to receive seekers and nurture a path of relationship, forging a creative space of encounter, experience and discernment?

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Belonging to the body is, after all, a metanoia – a "turning around". To come to the font is a freely chosen act of great courage. This "Passover" entails life-long conversion, turning from the idols and addictions of our age and embracing a whole new way of being. We become the hands of Christ in the world, nourished at his Table. Christian communities are called to become communities of listening and discernment as we walk with new friends. Surely

it is our vocation to cultivate a path of exploration for those listening for the call to join him in his death and so share in his resurrection. What are the consequences of a forever-dry font – the life of the cosmos?

This October, *Journey to Baptismal Living* will offer an intensive weekend for parish teams to help foster such communities of transformation. The weekend, hosted by the Anglican Studies Program Saint Paul University, and Saint Matthew's Anglican Church and supported by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa and the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada will include:

- the sharing of and leadership of liturgical rites,
- small group formation,
- theological reflection,
- formation for leaders,
- faith conversation and listening skills. And,
- fellowship and opportunity for ongoing access to resources and community dialogue.

Parish teams of three or more are encouraged to participate in this renewed vision of the Church. For more information, [journeytobaptism2018.eventbrite.com](http://journeytobaptism2018.eventbrite.com)

It is not easy. It takes the commitment of a whole community, and the 'long view.' Yes, baptism makes a claim on us. We all want life, but how do we discover that life is found through sharing in His death? As Paul asks "*Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.*" (Romans 6:3-4)

**Do you have a passion for mission and outreach?**  
Why not find out more about the work of the diocesan Committee on Mission? Contact Penny Rankin at [penelope.m.rankin@gmail.com](mailto:penelope.m.rankin@gmail.com)

## Pastor Eric Dyck Receives National Award for Leadership in Worship

GWENDA WELLS

*The Rev'd Gwenda Wells is the incumbent of St Barnabas Church, St Lambert.*

Every two years, at the National Worship Conference of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, two people are named Companion of the Worship Arts for distinguished service within their respective faith communities.

The tradition goes back to 1996 in the Lutheran Church, with the Anglican Church of Canada joining for a first time in 2014, when the Primate joined the Lutheran National Bishop in conferring this honour.

Pastor Eric Dyck of Saint John's Lutheran Church, a

great friend of our diocese and of Montreal Diocesan Theological College, played a core role in the development of Evangelical Lutheran Worship, and is well known for the creativity, depth and historical groundedness he brings to worship for all contexts, drawing on the gifts of clergy, musicians and laity alike.

The Anglican recipient, Mrs Blanche Gates of Nanaimo, BC, was the first laywoman member of the Anglican Doctrine and Worship Committee, and at 100 years old continues as an active elder of her congregation.

For more on the conference, which this year focused on how faith communities can offer prayer and solace in times of disaster, visit [www.anglicanjournal.com/articles/tag/national-anglican-and-lutheran-worship-conference](http://www.anglicanjournal.com/articles/tag/national-anglican-and-lutheran-worship-conference).



## Squirrels dig through the church roof!

JUDY ROIS

*The Rev'd Canon Dr Judy Rois is CEO and Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada.*

There seems to be no limit to what squirrels can do with their teeth!

St. Paul's Church in Greenfield Park, QC knows this to be true as they discovered these bushy-tailed animals enjoying their roof. While they may be cute and furry, these little creatures can gnaw on electrical wiring once they gain access to roofs, and they can damage structural support beams shingles, lead pipes and gutters. And so the church had to take action to replace the

church roof as well as the roof on the parish hall.

Established in 1911, Greenfield Park is a densely populated borough of Longueuil with a population of over 16,000. It was named after the area's primary geographical features, which were in fact 'green fields' and forests. St. Paul's is a thriving Anglican parish on the south shore of Montreal with a strong worshipping community and flourishing community outreach.

The Anglican Foundation of Canada was pleased to provide a grant of \$10,000 for these repairs. With apologies to the squirrels, they will have to find another place to burrow.

## Diocesan QUIET DAY: Reflections of Love

SALLY HARRINGTON PHILIPPO

*Mrs Sally Harrington Philippo is a member of the Anglican Spiritual Direction Group*

**Come by yourselves to a Quiet Place, and I will give you rest..**

This invitation from Jesus issued to his followers centuries ago, is of course a daily invitation for those that want to truly follow him, and know him more intimately.

On October 13th of this year, the Anglican Spiritual Direction Group will host a Quiet Day at Cathedral Place, offering an opportunity to step out of the daily routine, into a monastic practise of *Listening*. This is a day for those interested in deepening their prayer life: in exploring ways of entering into *Silence* and being attentive

to what God may be saying to them personally. It will be a time of refuge, enlightenment and nourishment for our souls.

**Listen to me.. hear me that your Soul may live.**

This exhortation from the Lord resonates with many of us, as we can become, in the busyness of our lives, parched and dry on the level of our spiritual fervour. It is also true that to be loved is the primary need for every single human heart. During this day it is expected that God will speak His overarching, everlasting love directly into our depths, as we truly attend to His voice.

We will together explore new ways of listening to prayer, under the guidance of St. Ignatius, whose influence on

the spiritual growth of millions of persons has been remarkable through the last five centuries.

We all long for depth in our walk of faith, for authenticity and for sensitivity to the Spirit's movements deep within.

This day is for those who are not satisfied with a mediocre faith, but who desire deeply to grow in knowledge and love of God. To know also that we are loved by Him.. unconditionally.

**Join us, and find an uplift of heart and soul as you come by yourself to a Quiet Place. From 9.30 to 3.30. Lunch will be provided. Freewill offering.**

For more information email the Spiritual Direction Group at [spiritualdirectiongroup@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:spiritualdirectiongroup@montreal.anglican.ca).

## RIDE FOR REFUGE

On September 29th 2018, the Mile End Mission will again participate in the Ride for Refuge, an exciting, family-friendly cycling & walking fundraiser that supports charities providing refuge & hope for displaced, vulnerable & exploited people.

Our **Mission to Ride** team of staff, members & volunteers would be so inspired to know you are supporting their efforts as they walk & ride in this great event!

Your kind donation to this cause can be sent by cheque to the address below or made securely on-line via credit card or PayPal account at [www.tinyurl.com/missiontoride](http://www.tinyurl.com/missiontoride)

Your support of the Mission means so much to us and we are grateful for whatever help you can provide! For more information, please contact Trevor at (514) 274-3401.

**Mile End Mission: 99 Bernard West, Montreal QC H2T2J9**

# Anglicans Around the World are Acting to Defend the Environment and Protect our Climate

RICHARD MATTHEWS

*Richard Matthews is the Chair of the Stewardship of the Environment Committee*

The Stewardship of the Environment Committee prepares quarterly reports for Bishop Mary that include news summaries. Here are excerpts from the Spring report that help provide context for our own efforts in the Diocese of Montreal:

## Earth Day Message

On Earth Day (April 22), Anglican and Lutheran Leaders released a message inviting people to pray for the humility and discipline to use Earth's resources wisely and responsibly. The message said, *"we are reminded of the importance of... our relationship with Mother Earth. We are also reminded that through prayer God calls us to action."* The message included suggestions related to water conservation, low carbon transport, plastic waste, eating locally-grown produce and eating less meat.

They suggested we make safeguarding the integrity of creation a regular part of our worship by celebrating God's creation. They also drew attention to the need for much stronger federal and provincial relations to meet important emissions reductions targets that address what they describe as the, "very real impacts of climate change which are already being felt in Canada and around the world".

They also upheld the principle of free, prior, and informed consent for all communities impacted by resource extraction. A bit more than a month later (May 29), the Canadian government announced that it was buying the Kinder Morgan Trans Mountain pipeline. This was met by opposition from several groups including some prominent Anglicans. National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald said he is "grieved" that the Canadian government has "found it so easy to quickly raise the money" for the pipeline, which he maintains is in "deep conflict" with both the principle of Indigenous peoples' right to free, prior and informed consent and the "promise of effective action on climate injustice."

## Global Initiatives

Anglicans are engaged in environmental actions all around the globe. On June 6 in New Zealand, Anglicans were among several groups that signed a letter backing the Government's efforts to be carbon neutral by 2050. Five days later, South American Anglicans came together in Lima

to tackle the issue of climate change. The Bishop of Argentina Greg Venables, the Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America, called the meeting together with the sup-

*makes our responsibility clear. We have among us key gifted people to help us, and we pray that this will provide a much-needed point of unity as we move forward."*

Christians around the world are also preparing for the Season of Creation (September 1 to October 4). On June 13th Church leaders including the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, endorsed an ecumenical joint letter encouraging involvement. "As the environmental crisis deepens, we Christians are urgently called to witness to our faith by taking bold action to preserve the gift we share," the letter stated.

In Africa the Anglican Swaziland Diocese retained its title as the best Environmentally Active Faith Based Organization in the Kingdom at the June 19th national environmental awards. The Diocesan Environmental Chaplain, the Revd Z Sigudla, said: "We are Green Anglicans and we care for creation."

On June 22, Bishop MacDonald who is also the presi-

dent for North America of the World Council of Churches (WCC), met with Pope Francis at a WCC event. He reiterated the Pope's references to overconsumption and the environmental damage caused by consumerism.

## A Moral Urgency

Other Christian leaders are also showing leadership on environmental matters. On June 5-8, an international symposium sponsored by the Ecumenical Patriarchate brought together the leaders of the Eastern church and the Western church. They emphasized the moral urgency for confronting the climate crisis.

"There is no time to lose," Pope Francis told the participants. He appealed to them "to be the core of a group of leaders who envision the global energy transition in a way that will take into account all the peoples of the earth, as well as future generations and all species and ecosystems." The head of the Orthodox Church, His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew declared, *"A civilization is defined and judged by our respect for the dignity of humanity and the integrity of nature."*

For information on actions you can take to help the environment, follow the Stewardship of the Environment blog ([stewardshipoftheenvironment.blogspot.com](http://stewardshipoftheenvironment.blogspot.com)) and Facebook page and stay tuned for the video that is due to be released at the end of this year.



port of the Anglican Communion Environmental Network (ACEN). "The Church, for the most part, has been in denial about climate change," said Bishop Venables. *"And unless we respond quickly we face not just the tragic outcome, but God's judgment, since Scripture*

# What does nature do for you? Survey offers insights...

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In April 2018, the Stewardship of the Environment Committee (SEC) in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal conducted an informal survey that asked people to share their views about nature. The purpose of the survey was to gauge Anglican attitudes to help inform a series of videos being produced by the SEC.

The online survey was comprised of 10 questions and the polling took place from April 3 to April 30, 2018. Here is a brief overview and analysis of the salient results.

## ENGAGEMENT

In response to a question about **"what do you do in nature?"**

- walk in the park
- hiking
- outdoor winter activities
- water sports
- gardening
- more than one of the above

More than 85 percent of Anglicans who took the survey chose *more than one of the above*.

## BENEFITS

People were asked to **"share what nature means to you"**

- health and well-being
- happiness and joy,
- peace and quiet
- awe and wonder
- more than one of the above

75 percent of the respondents chose *more than one of the above*.

When asked, **"What does nature do for you?"**

- aesthetic beauty inspires me
- it helps me to think
- it makes me feel better
- it sustains my life
- more than one of the above

A total of 71 percent of Anglicans chose *more than one of the above*.

## ACTION

People were asked to rate the following statement: **"Do you feel governments, business, faith communities, secular groups and private citizens have a role in helping to protect and preserve nature?"**

Almost 90 percent (89%) of Anglicans surveyed indicated that they strongly agree.

When asked, **"what do you personally do to protect nature?"**

- I recycle
- I minimize energy consumption
- I minimize water consumption
- I minimize my waste
- more than one of the above

92 percent of Anglicans chose *more than one of the above*.

In response to the question **"what prevents you from doing more to protect nature?"**

- I am too busy
- I am not sure what I can do
- I am not motivated
- I am overwhelmed
- I don't care

A total of 61 percent of Anglicans said they feel overwhelmed and 23 percent said they are not sure what they can do.

Finally, people were asked, **"what would help them to get more involved in efforts to protect nature?"**

Almost 60 percent of respondents said they would benefit from a summary of specific actions or a better understanding of the issues.

## CONCLUSIONS

The results suggest that Anglicans who took this survey are meaningfully engaged in nature and they believe that we must act to protect it. Further, they are actively involved in efforts that support nature in their personal lives. The results also suggest that most Anglican respondents would benefit from knowing more about what they can do to benefit creation.

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## Notable

Fall Events at **St. James Rosemere**, 328 Pine St. Rosemere, Tel: 450-621-6466 [info@stjamesrosemere.ca](mailto:info@stjamesrosemere.ca)

Saturday, September 15th at 9:30am - **Monthly Parish Breakfast** Free will offering

Wednesday, September 19th at 10am - **Drop In Centre** opens its doors weekly for fellowship and coffee and light lunch.

Friday, September 21st at 4:30pm - **Military Whist** \$12.00 prizes and refreshments.

Sunday, October 14th at 9am **Annual Pet Blessing**

Saturday, October 20th at 9:30am **Monthly Parish Breakfast** Free will offering

Sunday, November 11th at 9am **Remembrance Day Service**

Saturday, November 17th at 9:30am **Monthly Parish Breakfast** Free will offering

Saturday November 24th at 6pm **Community Outreach Dinner** \$10. Children under 10 years old, free

# Fall Fairs & Christmas Bazaars

**Thursday September 13th and ongoing:** The Clothesline offers previously owned items - clothing, jewellery, household goods and books at very reasonable prices. At **St Thomas' Church, NDG**, 6897 Somerled Avenue, please use entrance off Rosedale Ave. Thursdays 1-4pm and the 1st Saturday of the month 11am - 3pm. 514-844-1314.

**Saturday, September 15th:** St. Stephen's with St. James in Chambly **Applefest and Bake Sale** from 2 pm to 4 pm. Randell Hall, 2000 Bourgogne in Chambly.

**Saturday, September 29th:** St. Stephen's with St. James in Chambly **Book Sale** from 9am to 3pm. Randell Hall, 2000 Bourgogne in Chambly.

**Saturday, October 13th:** Rummage Sale from 9am to noon at Church of St John the Baptist, 233 Ste. Claire Ave Pointe-Claire. House wares, books, clothing for the whole family, treasures galore. Coffee, tea and sweets available.

**Friday, November 2nd and Saturday November 3rd:** All Saints Church, 248-18th Ave. Deux Montagnes. **16th Annual Craft Fair** Friday evening from 6pm-9pm and Saturday from 9am-4pm. A wide range of hand crafted items, including jewellery, knit items,

wood working, bake table and raffle. Friday dinner and Saturday lunch available. Table rentals \$35. For info: 450-473-4739 or info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

**Saturday, November 3rd:** Saint Stephen's with Saint James **Christmas Bazaar** from 9:30am to 2pm at Randall Hall 2000 Rue Bourgogne, Chambly. Get started on your Christmas shopping, browse our bake table and have lunch.

**Saturday, November 3rd:** Fall Fair at **St. Thomas' NDG**, 6897 Somerled Ave. From 9:30am - 2:30pm. Home baking, preserves and pickles, crafts, knitting, books, jewellery, antiques and more. Lunch served. 514-484-2750.

**Saturday, November 10th:** Christmas Bazaar at **Grace Church**, 52 rue Principale sud in Sutton. From 2pm - 4pm. Big bake sale, with tea and sandwiches and dessert and coffee/tea. Church 450-538-8108 www.gracechurchsutton.org.

**Saturday, November 10th:** St. Philip's, Montreal West, 7505 Sherbrooke St. W. **Christmas Bazaar & Lunch** 10am - 2 pm. Home baking, used books, knitting, linens, collectibles, home furnishings, jams & preserves, jewelry, attic treasures, games, and DVD's. Free coffee. Delicious lunch served

11:15am - 1:30pm. 514-481-487. **Saturday, November 10th:** Fall Fair from 9am- 3pm **St. Barnabas Church**, 12301 Colin St., Pierrefonds. Knitting, preserves, baked goods, books, jewelry, and treasures. Café opens at 9:30am and lunch is from 11:30am-2pm. office@st-barnabas.qc.ca; 514-684-4460; www.st-barnabas.qc.ca.

**Friday, November 16th and Saturday, November 17th:** Christmas Bazaar at **Parish of the Resurrection, St Andrews and St Mark**, 865 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval. Friday from 7pm - 9pm and Saturday 10am to 3pm. Treasures, Christmas gift centre, crafts, home baking, jewelry, etc. Saturday Lunch 11:30 Homemade soups, sandwiches & dessert. 514-631-3601

**Saturday, November 17th:** Christmas Bazaar from 9:30 - 2pm at **Church of St John the Baptist**, 233 Ste. Claire Ave, Pointe Claire. Baked goods, vintage house wares, silver, jewelry, Christmas crafts, and decorations, vintage linens, and gift baskets. Light lunch.

**Saturday, November 24th:** Christmas Bazaar from 10am - 1pm at **St. James' Church**, 642 Main Road, Hudson. Handmade wreaths, Christmas boutique, bake table, treasures from the attic, tea room, etc. Call 450-458-5127 or www.parishofvaudreuil.com.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the many blessings we enjoyed during this past summer. We give thanks for all the ways your faithful people praised you throughout the season with outdoor worship services, community suppers and Bar-B-Qs, and bible camps for youth. We thank you for the safe keeping of Bishop Mary and her colleagues as they travelled to Masasi to visit our partner diocese. We acknowledge that summer isn't always a happy time. We pray for those among us who struggled with the heat, poor health, and homelessness.

With September comes the start of the new school year. This time brings with it a sense of new beginnings. We pray for the many priests and laity who have been called to join the Diocese for the first time. Gracious God, please make it so that they feel welcomed and appreciated in their local parishes, at the Cathedral or at the college. We also pray for all the parishes that are still searching for a way forward either by joining with another faith community or by continuing to search for the right fit to fill the current vacancies. God of compassion and comfort, grant your blessing on those parishes who decided to close their buildings. This is a difficult, but brave act. Help them to find new communities to join and new ways to worship you.

With every beginning comes an end. God of rest, we pray that you will grant a happy retirement to those who have decided to leave their careers at this time. May this period of transition bring them comfort and peace and time to pursue activities that bring them pleasure and joy. God of resilience, we pray for all the retired clergy in the Diocese who continue to serve as the need is great. Bless them with good health and stamina so that this load feels light. We pray also for all clergy who no longer serve due to ill health or age. We thank them for service and faithfulness.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God Bless, Valerie and Stacey

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## Rolling River Rampage: *continued from page 9*

experiments that have been a huge success. For the last two years we have been getting our material from Cokesbury who publish some very high quality and engaging material. I particularly like the music and dance routines, some of which I still have in my head and find myself humming throughout the day.

It is a lot of work! but it is also a huge privilege to be able to work with kids to teach

them Bible stories and engage them in an uplifting week where they can make friends, have fun and witness the best that a Christian community can offer them. So, thank you to all the volunteers, all the children and all the parents that entrusted their children to us for another wonderful camp and we are looking forward to next year when we can begin another adventure!

## Notable

### Fall events at St. Paul's, 321 Empire, Greenfield Park:

**Craft Fair** on October 13th from 9:00 - 2:30. Browse through our many stalls or rent a table for \$25. There will be a snack bar available.

**Annual Country Christmas Sale and Luncheon** on November 10th from 10am-1:30. Choice of soup and sandwich, dessert and a beverage all for \$10 (\$5/children 10 and under). Baked goods, crafts, Christmas decorations, raffles, door prizes and more. Info: 450-678-2460.

**Children's Christmas Outreach** November 24th 10am - noon. Games, face painting, crafts, music, treats and more - Info: 450-678-2460

**Annual Advent Wine & Cheese Evening** on December 1st at 6pm tickets \$10/person. For more information, please call 514-497-2441.

**Senior's Christmas Dinner** December 8th at 4pm tickets (\$12 person) must be purchased in advance. Info: 450-672-0105 or 450-672-7499.

**Café Worship**s on Sept 23rd, Oct 21st, Nov 25th and our Special Christmas Café Worship on Dec 9th.

**Christmas pageant** on December 16th. This is a wonderful retelling of the birth of Jesus through the eyes of the children. Info: 514-497-2441.