



Launching a ministry to Inuit

The Rev. Annie Ittoshat, from Nunavik in northern Quebec, has launched a new ministry to Inuit in Montreal, based at St. Paul's Church in Lachine. Here she exchanges the peace with one of those who attended the first service, on February 22. See Page 8.

To whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground....
(Isaiah 53:1-2. From one of the lectionary readings for Good Friday.)



BILL GRAY

The Ven. Bill Gray executive archdeacon and vicar general of the diocese, gave members of the Diocesan Council a review of progress in the Ministry Action Plan, including regional ministries in the Laurentians and the Eastern Townships and on the South Shore at the February meeting. See Page 7.



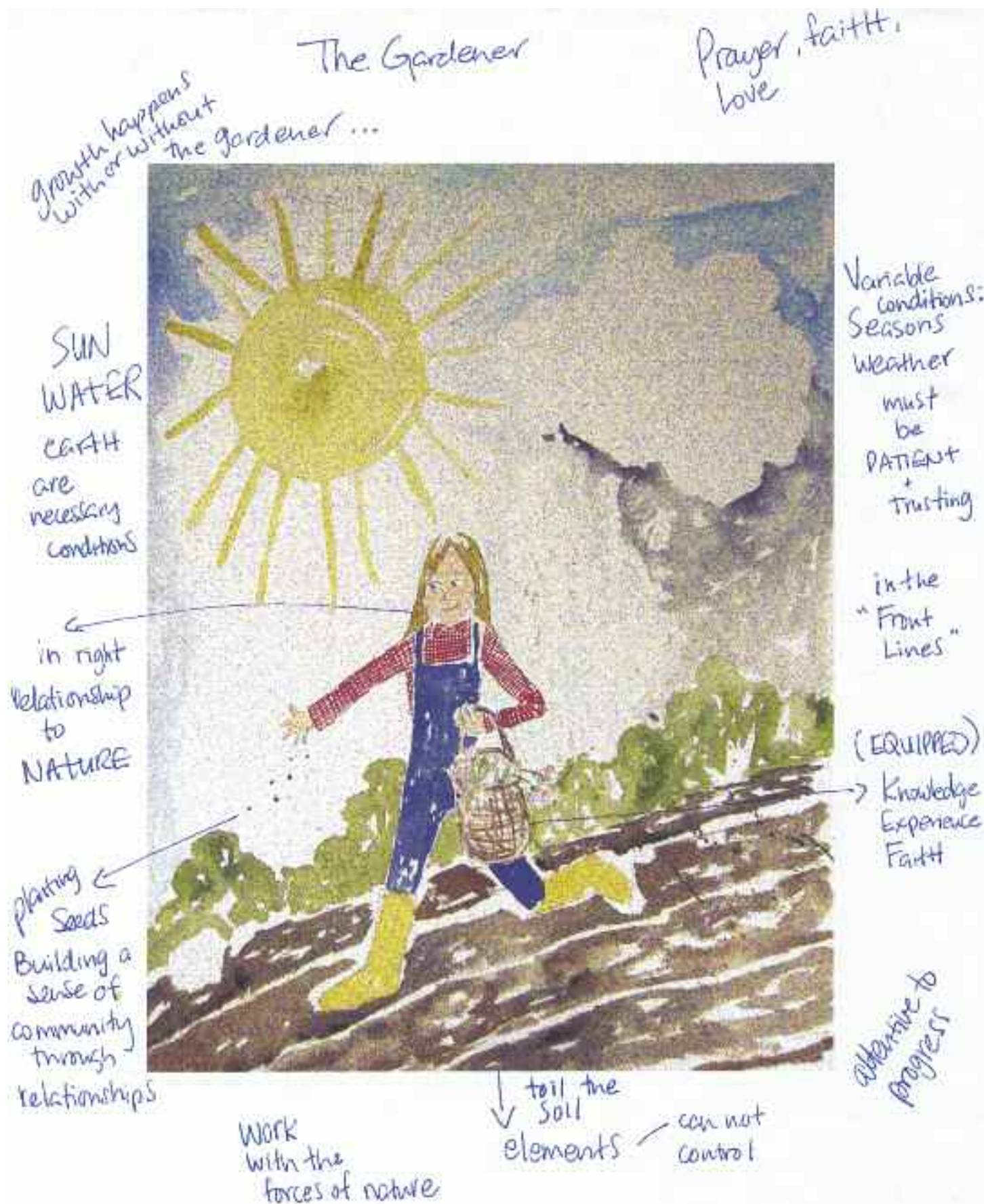
DAVID OLIVER

Archdeacon David Oliver of St. Barnabas Church, North Hatley in the Diocese of Quebec, long an active supporter of Bible Society activities, will preside at a celebration in Christ Church Cathedral of 150 years of the presence of the Bible House in downtown Montreal. See Page 6.



SIMON PELLETIER

A Web freelancer and Concordia University student in theatre gave diocesan staff a preview recently of planned changes to make the Diocese of Montreal website more user-friendly. Keep an eye out for changes, probably this month.



Lee-Ann Matthews, youth ministry co-ordinator at St. Thomas Church in West-End Montreal, was one of the Montreal delegation to a church-planting conference in Toronto and summed up some of her reactions in a watercolour, which also seems appropriate for our Easter issue. For more on the conference, see Page 4. For some Easter worship services, see Page 9. And a happy Easter to our readers!

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer – Canada
Praying through the five facets of prayer with
the Diocesan Representatives

“As The Christian I Pray”

Prayer is not made by us alone
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 on behalf of others. We join our
 relatives and friends in asking
 God for His mercy.

Gracious God, we intercede on behalf of Canadians for
 Coexistence, as they plan an interfaith celebration for
 world peace for later this month. We pray that harmony
 and peace will be brought back into our shared society.
 Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We are pleased to announce that the parish of Trinity, St. Bruno has now
 joined the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer-Canada, and we welcome Betty
 Ross and Carol Hutton as the Parish Representatives.

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

*Hymn 438 from the *The Book of Common Prayer* (revised 1938, words
 by James Montgomery) will be our guide through this sharing of
 the Five Facets of the Prayer.



Bishop's Message



Hallelujah, Christ is Risen! The Lord is Risen indeed!
 God's name be praised as the Hallelujahs sing out
 for, *The Day of Resurrection*

The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,
 the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God!
 From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,
 our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of
 victory. *(BCP John Mason Neal 1818-1866)*

This is the day when Christians throughout the
 world make a jubilant noise with wonderful grati-
 tude that God has overcome, that which appeared to
 be evil and what seemed to end in destruction, God

has overturned and brought us to the empty tomb; the tomb that Mary and the
 other disciples had run to, to prepare the body of Jesus for burial. And on their
 arrival, they discovered the tomb was empty. And who was it they were looking
 for? Jesus.

And one, whom they thought was the gardener, asked, “Who are you looking
 for?” They said, “They have taken my Lord away and we do not know where they
 have laid him.” As they continue to work through this bewilderment, they were
 told, “He is not here, He is risen. Go and share this good news with the disciples.”

The Easter message, the heart of the gospel is to go and share this good news,
 that Jesus Christ is alive!

Hallelujah!
 Amen

+ Barry

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St. Matthias' Westmount welcomes a new rector



Bishop Barry Clark inducts Father Wheeler, assisted by parish warden Stephen Hinton. Territorial Archdeacon James Bennett is at the rear and the Rev. Keith Schmidt on the left of the church of St. John the Evangelist. (Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

The need to reach outside church walls was a recurrent theme as Bishop Barry Clarke inducted the Rev. Patrick Wheeler as the new rector of St. Matthias' Church in Westmount Sunday evening, March 8.

Whether in Verdun or Westmount or elsewhere in Montreal or anywhere else, "we need to make our churches open to the world," the Rev. Deacon Jean Willcocks, who worked with Father Wheeler at his previous parish, Epiphany in Verdun, said in the sermon at the installation service.

"If we want to be fishers of men we have to go where the fish are," she said.



Jean Willcocks



The Rev. Patrick Wheeler enjoys a related moment with his wife, Janet and daughters Megan, Melissa and Emily.



Clergy present who have served the parish in various clergy roles gather for a photo with Bishop Barry and Father Patrick. From left, the Rev. Canon William (Terry) Blizzard, Archbishop Bruce Stavert, the Rev. Karla Holmes, the Rev. Donald Boisvert and the Rev. Robert Camara.

Day devoted to wellness, human dynamics will help clergy accumulate education credits

The Diocese of Montreal and its human resources standing committee have announced the first of what is expected to be a series of "CCEP Days" designed to help active clergy fulfil the new requirement that they devote at least 60 hours to continuing education over a three-year period.

The day, Thursday April 23 at St. George's Place du Canada between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., will consist of three two-hour sessions by specialists in clergy wellness and human dynamics.

The first session will be led by the Rev. Canon Dr. Tim Elliott of Six Oaks Consulting, a Toronto-based firm that provides services designed to support health and growth in the life and work of the church. He says,



"We will look not only at abundant life but also what steals, kills, and robs us of joy, life, and enthusiasm."

The second and third sessions will be led by Dianne Bradshaw, a human relations training and recruitment specialist. It is designed for clergy who want to enrich their own personal communication skills, and heighten awareness of others and involves participating in a self-administered online questionnaire, in advance of the day.

The workshop is free and lunch will be provided. Attendance is voluntary and, as previously announced, clergy are free to accumulate their credits in a manner of their own choosing, subject to guidelines.

Bishop urges parishes to rally behind bill on indigenous rights

Bishop Barry Clarke has urged parishes in the Diocese of Montreal to draw attention to a private member's bill by a member of Parliament from the far north of Quebec that would require the Canadian government to ensure that its laws are consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

In a memorandum to parishes, the bishop says the private member's Bill C-641 is consistent with an

endorsement by the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada endorsing the UN declaration.

Bill C-641 was put forward in 2013 by Romeo Saganash, MP for Abitibi-Baie James-Nunavik-Eeyou.

The bishop called for a "time for action" to make materials on the bill available throughout your parishes.

When he introduced the bill, Mr. Saganash said it would force the federal government to ensure that its laws are compatible with the UN

Declaration, a document adopted by the General Assembly in 2007 after more than two decades of negotiations. It affirms the inherent collective rights of indigenous peoples as well as the individual human rights of indigenous women, men and children.

Mr. Saganash said, "This is a unique oppor-



Romeo Saganash

tunity for Canada to move towards a true nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples that reflects the letter, spirit and intent of our treaties. I hope that Indigenous people, organizations, governments and communities, and indeed all Canadians, will support this bill. It is time to send a clear message to the Government of Canada

that all federal laws must respect the purposes and principles established in the UN Declaration...."

Private member's bills are seldom adopted by Parliament and there is no indication the Conservative government is interested in making an exception of this one. The government issued a statement in 2010 endorsing the UN Declaration but has not accepted the idea that this imposes any legal requirements on Canada.

Texas gathering urges collaborative ministry



Posing for a group photo, Diocese of Montreal Missioner Mark Dunwoody stands at the extreme left beside Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia). Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray is standing sixth from the left.

Smaller international gatherings may be future trend

BILL GRAY

Archdeacon Bill Gray is vicar general of the Diocese of Montreal.

About 70 Anglican bishops, diocesan executive officers and church ministry development leaders from England, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Australia, United States and New Zealand gathered in San Antonio, Texas in the first week of February for the 2015 International Symposium on Ministry Development. Many attending have been engaged for some time in intentional and structured church initiatives in collaborative ministry and had a passion for sharing learnings, insights and challenges.

There were about 20 attending from seven Canadian church dioceses. Diocesan Missioner Mark Dunwoody, and Diocesan Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray represented the Diocese of Montreal. It has been over a decade since there was a previous such gathering on this scale for this purpose, although the ongoing and annual “Living Stones” collaborative ministry meeting seemed to be a common touchstone and reference for many of the participants. Such smaller and yet comprehensive international meetings may be increasingly important to the church as a way to gather Anglicans in a time when there are delays and constraints in being able to gather the church together at the usual events such as the historic, once-a-decade “Lambeth” bishops’ gathering of the Anglican World Communion.

The format was designed not to focus on theme speakers or presentations by “experts.” Rather, we were

assigned to working groups for guided and focused discussion with the intention that we could engage in mutual learning and appreciative inquiry by sharing our experiences and insights. We were encouraged to take responsibility for our own learning. The biblical focus of the entire week’s discussions was the gospel story of the “Samaritan Woman at the Well” from John 4. This focus inspired many topics of discussion in relation to understanding God, the church and the world identifying such themes, distinctions and contrasts as exclusion/inclusion, insider/outsider, barriers/bridges, contextual/attractual, community/individual; self-sufficient/dependent, culture/gender, secular/religious, economic/social, moral/immoral and on.

Our gathering included inspirational worship and each service was designed and led by a group from one of the attending countries, sharing something of their context in the process. There was opportunity to also participate in open marketplace discussion groups and to self-select to participate in or lead conversations of specific interest or need. Of course there was opportunity for informal discussion and fellowship at regular occasions of community gathering around meals with some local entertainment. Our free time was spent exploring San Antonio – “Remember the Alamo!” An added bonus was sharing the downtown convention venues with an international cattleman’s association and cheerleaders’ competitions, where we were able to visit with cowboys, ranchers and other locals: Church folks spending time with real people gathered for many different reasons from all over. (Many of whom exhibited a profound faith of their own).

Most important were some of the learnings and shared faith statements that emerged from our discussions. A unique contribution of the Canadian delegation to these discussions was a shared identity around the importance of storytelling and gospel as narrative to unpack theology, concepts, ideology and doctrine into something more personal and pragmatic, perhaps inspired in part by the influence in Canada of aboriginal storytelling. For example, in the story of the woman at the well, do we connect with those who are contemporary examples of this person? Do we view the gospel through the dynamic of weakness, times of defeat, and failure or are we stuck on worldly symbols of success in ministry. At times God runs ahead of us in the culture around us.

Being part of the larger community – to change our focus from ourselves and better engage those outside of our own community – costs the church and perhaps is part of taking up our cross and following Jesus. The borders of the church should be porous and open to the light and people outside. This takes time. Nothing can be loved at speed.

Collaborative slows us down. The marginal, occasionals, those who have no religion have something to teach us and bring to us as well. There is increasing recognition that the institutional church does not contain everything it needs to be the church but will need to recognize and benefit from God’s activity in the world. God’s activity and resources to be God’s mission exist in the baptized and the non-baptized, the outside and the insider. The current challenge and danger for the church is in the reality that many of our number risk choosing the pain of dying rather than the cost of living. In so called western culture we

increasingly experience fragmented living rather than living in community. We need to better connect our concepts and theories to practical realities and experience.

Our working groups were asked to share a statement of our collaboration as an offering to the church in our final worship. The following is an example of our shared learning and faith.

“A church drenched in Jesus, the Christ, the Saviour of the world, willing to die to itself, entering more deeply into its own baptism – humbling itself. A church with whom God collaborates and which is collaborative in nature, willing to live as people with whom God collaborates. Friends willing to collaborate beyond the institution. A church that is a movement that moves and is mobile, alive to the moment, and a church that is always ready to share the hope it has, that basks in and shares the abundant resources of God. A church that spends time at the well. Remember, it’s big and bigger.”

DOS AND DON’TS

Examples of the kind of practical advice we received on enabling collaborative ministry follow.

(Note that there are widely different contexts so a model that works in one place may not work elsewhere!) In what follows, the word “church” means single church or a multi-church group moving towards collaborative ministry. At a diocesan level, it was felt that it was better to start with a couple of parishes open to collaborative ministry and use these as a model, rather than take a “big bang” approach and implement everywhere.

DOS

Do the groundwork: at a diocesan level, consider an event that brings in

those with experience elsewhere; and introduce non-hierarchical thinking. Build relationships. Visit places where it is working well.

Do recognise it’s a long process.

Do seek out, recognise and address the concerns of the church: fear of change, fear of abandonment, or a concern that they tried some form of collaborative ministry and it didn’t work.

Do provide basic, accessible teaching on the biblical basis of collaborative ministry.

Do involve lay people with experience of collaborative ministry.

Do allow the church to decide whether to proceed.

Lay out the steps in the process so all church members understand the process envisaged.

Engage in gift discovery.

Equip the whole congregation, not just a few.

Consider a policy of “low control, high accountability” (encourage church members to follow their God-given call and connect with others with a similar passion but be part of an accountability structure such as a “huddle” and have accountability partners.

DON’TS

Don’t impose!

Avoid any sense of being anti-clerical.

Don’t just “fill slots.”

Never do for the community what they can do for themselves.

Don’t let details like who will preside at Eucharist distract from the main thrust of this approach.

(Our thanks to the Bishop Barry and the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada for enabling Mark and me to be part of this important international gathering of Anglicans.)

Specialist on evangelism to speak in Montreal

John Bowen finds it ironic that the chief executive officer of Starbucks was quoted as saying he wants every Starbucks customer to become a Starbucks evangelist.

In other words, says Dr. Bowen of Wycliffe College in Toronto, who will be leading two workshops on evangelism in Montreal Friday and Saturday May 8 and 9, the executive wants every customer to be so excited about their “experience” at

Starbucks’s that they spontaneously share it with their friends.

“Ironically enough, while the secular world embraces ‘evangelism,’ in recent years there has been a reaction in much of the church against evangelism, because it seems programmed and artificial, and often to compromise the integrity of both evangelist and evangelisee (if there is such a word).”

Dr. Bowen says his workshops

will offer a look at the experience of how people actually come to Christian faith, and a model of evangelism that is authentic and personal.

John Bowen taught evangelism at Wycliffe College, from 1997 till 2013. He now directs two departments of the college, one of them the Institute of Evangelism, which helps churches across Canada with resources for congregational vitality and evangelism. He often works in association

with the Rev. Nick Brotherhood of the Montreal Diocese.

Before coming to Wycliffe, John worked for 24 years for the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, including some years as a university evangelist. One of his regular assignments from 1981 till 1997 was to teach in the Leader-in-Training program at Ontario Pioneer Camp.

He was educated at Oxford University and Trinity College in Bristol

and has a doctor of ministry degree from McMaster University in Hamilton and has written three books on evangelism.

Note that the Friday and Saturday events are both between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. A story last month wrongly said the Friday event was in the evening.

Regional ministries: Action Plan moves forward

Change under way in Laurentians, Eastern Townships, South Shore

BILL GRAY

The Ven. Bill Gray is executive archdeacon and vicar general of the Diocese of Montreal

Developing Vital Ministries is a primary objective of the Ministry Action Plan, 2015. It is envisioned that we help parishes to find their mission and stem decline, moving from an attitude of survival towards a life of vibrancy and hope through a ministry of invitation and hospitality.

One of the methods identified and given priority for accomplishing this goal was the enabling of better regional ministries among neighbouring congregations by encouraging regional dialogue about possibilities for shared and mutual mission and ministry.

As we looked into this we identified potential opportunities for better local sharing of resources and mission. In recent months there has been a movement from dialogue, discussion and planning to the formalization of regional ministries in the Laurentians, Eastern Townships and the South Shore.

By the end of March, individual congregational and parish vestries agreed to work together in each of the regions to share clergy, finances, staff, volunteers, pastoral care, educational programs and other activities thus strengthening local congregations.

One principle involved is simply to pursue together that which seems difficult or impossible to accomplish separately. Another major objective is to ensure in each region the availability of at least one (or more) full-time stipendiary clergy (which may sometimes be achieved through a combination of part time clergy) to ensure weekday ministry and parish development in order that parish ministry and activity may go beyond the simple provision of Sunday

worship services in individual congregations.

The success of this venture will also depend on the many retired, occasional and visiting clergy and lay readers/leaders who continue to provide their services for leading worship and in other ways, sometimes at minimal or no remuneration.

The success for these regional ministries has been supported by the Diocese of Montreal with the provision of the leadership of the Bishop's Office, Directors of Parish Development, Human Resources and Finance, other diocesan staff, territorial and executive archdeacons, deanery regional deans, clergy, lay leaders, local parish clergy and lay officer and members and other consultants. There has been direct financial support as well by way of diocesan grants and loans to regional parishes.

The following is the list of now-formal regional ministries, with including their participating congregational communities and anticipated clergy staffing:

LAURENTIANS:

Arundel, Lachute, Lower Laurentians, Ste. Agathe, St. Sauveur, Morin Heights, Kilkenny. To be supported by two full time stipendiary clergy persons and other retired, occasional and visiting clergy and lay readers/leaders. The current incumbent (and facilitator of this development) is Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt, with plans to add a second clergyperson. The effective date is July 1, 2015.

EASTERN TOWNSHIPS:

• Deanery of Bedford: Bedford, Stanbridge East, Philipsburg, Farnham, Frelighsburg, Pigeon Hill. To be supported by one full-time stipendiary priest and two occasional priests, plus lay readers and leaders. The current incumbent is the Rev. Andy O'Donnell. Effective date April 1, 2015,
• Granby/Brome/Sutton Region: Iron

Hill, West Brome, Sutton Junction, Rougemont, Brome, Abercorn, Granby, Waterloo, Cowansville, Abbotsford, Mansonville, Sutton. This area is still in development and not all relationships have been formalized yet but discussions, planning and negotiations continue. The Brome/Sutton cluster of congregations has been formalized into a regional ministry and there are negotiations and developments with the others. To be supported by a combination of two stipendiary priests, one two-thirds time and the other one-third time with the continued support of retired, occasional and visiting clergy, lay readers/leaders. The current incumbent is the Rev. Canon Tim Smart and the Rev. Richard Gauthier provides bilingual worship services to the St. George's Granby area cluster of congregations. Effective date, April 1, 2015.

SOUTH SHORE:

Brossard, Greenfield Park, St. Hubert, Hemmingford, Havelock which are led by two stipendiary clergy with financial support from the diocese. The clergypersons are the Rev. Christopher Belle and the Rev. Linda Faith Chalk. The congregation of St. Mark's Longueuil has joined the parish of St. Barnabas, St. Lambert, where the clergy incumbent is the Rev. Gwenda Wells. St. Mark's Longueuil continues as a site for community events and social action/justice outreach, with the intent of exploring greater development of a church plant focused on French language ministry. The clergy person is the Rev. Richard Gauthier.

With this success there are now new plans to explore and develop other regional ministries, with the first priority to be the West Island of Montreal comprised of the deaneries of Pointe Claire and St. Anne's. Our



The Ven Bill Gray outlines developments for the Diocesan Council.

prayerful thanks to God and God's people who have blessed us in these ventures.



Holy Trinity Church in Iron Hill, which celebrated its 150th anniversary last year, is among many rural churches that will be affected.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

What's new about the 'New Evangelization?' Catholic evangelist asks

ERIC DUROCHER

A version of this article originally appeared in an online newsletter of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal and is reprinted here – with some alterations, mostly by the original writer – because it seemed to complement and contrast with some current discussion in the Anglican diocese. Eric Durocher is the coordinator for apologetics and evangelization for the Roman Catholic Montreal Archdiocese (English Sector) and editor emeritus of the Catholic Times, Montreal.

Confusion and illusion are hindering the New Evangelization from moving into high gear among Roman Catholics, Detroit-based evangelist Ralph Martin told a small but appreciative audience in Montreal Feb. 13.

During his morning lecture at Concordia University, the president of Renewal Ministries identified precisely what is new in the New Evangelization. First, it is directed primarily to non-practicing Christians. Second, every baptized person is called to participate actively in the effort. Third, it is being undertaken in a new social context, namely, a

post-Christian culture. Fourth, it requires new "ardour, methods and expression."

But there's a hitch, said Martin, a consultant to the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization. Although the impetus for a New Evangelization can be traced to the Second Vatican Council, Catholics generally have been reluctant to take up the call, he noted. Even though successive popes have issued teachings and launched initiatives to fan the flames of the New Evangelization as well as to "address the confusion" reverberating from the reform-driven council, "it's remarkable how little response it has generated," he said.

Universalism: a stumbling block

The well-known Catholic Charismatic leader attributed the lack of evangelical fervour to the popularly held view that almost everyone is "going to heaven," a concept known theologically as universalism. That view



Ralph Martin

(Photo: Eric Durocher)

lulls many Catholics into a casual attitude toward their faith and moral standing, Martin explained. As a result, most Catholics are very hesitant to talk about their faith and Gospel morals with their neighbours and co-workers; consequently, the New Evangelization is stalled.

The common Catholic perception is: "Broad and wide is the way to

heaven, and everyone's going that way; narrow is the road to hell, and few people are going that way," Martin told his morning audience. That view is a "huge deception," he stated, and it sows confusion by downplaying the urgency for a New Evangelization.

Martin draws upon Scripture to provide the counterpoint. Jesus exhorts everyone to "enter by the narrow gate," he said. That requires ongoing Christian conversion

and "a personal relationship with Jesus Christ," he underlined.

Common concern

Catholics are not the only ones grappling with "the hesitancy and lack of energy for evangelization," Glen Smith, executive director of the Christian Direction, told the morning assembly.

Polls conducted over the last eight years show a flagging interest

in evangelization even among evangelicals, he noted. One Angus Reid poll reported that less than 30 per cent of Canadian evangelicals think it's important to encourage non-Christians to become Christians.

"The culture of universalism affects us all," he said, in responding to Martin's lecture.

Smith, a professor in evangelical theology, agrees with Bishop Stephen Neill's assessment of contemporary evangelization. "The age of missions is over; the age of mission has begun," Smith said, citing the Anglican bishop's 1964 book *A History of Christian Missions*.

Smith urged his listeners to take their lead from Swiss theologian Karl Barth's view that, in the final analysis, "it is not what the Church does but who God is" that matters most. And God is definitely missionary, Smith underlined; our job is to be good "copycats."

Martin's two lectures were jointly sponsored by the Concordia Department of Theological Studies, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal and Christian Direction, a Montreal-based, multi-faceted Christian-outreach ministry.

Bible House: the saga continues



The Bible House as it was in bygone years.

Perhaps few of the people who drop into the "Bible House," underneath Christ Church Cathedral on the mezzanine level of the northeast entrance from St. Catherine Street to the Promenades Cathédrale shopping centre realize they are witnessing part of a 150-year history.

However, the store plans a big celebration Sunday, May 10 in the cathedral to mark 150 years of uninterrupted presence in downtown Montreal, with representatives of a range of Christian denominations and participation by groups including the Salvation Army Citadel Band.

"The Canadian Bible Society of Montreal is pleased to report to its many friends that we continue to serve the greater community with a heart for service in our ongoing efforts to assure that the Scriptures are accessible to many through the Bible House as well as at special venues throughout the year," Lieutenant-Colonel Gilbert St-Onge of

the Salvation Army, president of the society, said in a recent message.

He will participate in the celebration, with Archdeacon Canon David Oliver of North Hatley, in the Diocese of Quebec, with longstanding involvement in Bible Society work, acting as master of ceremonies.

There have been several downtown locations and ups and downs for the store since it was opened by what was then the Montreal Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society at the corner of Craig (now Viger) and St. Alexandre Streets.

The saga apparently continues. As a result of developments in recent years, "the Canadian Bible Society of Montreal" which runs the Bible House among other operations, is one of two Canadian organization operating under the name "Canadian Bible Society." The other "Canadian Bible Society" is based in the Toronto area and has regional operations in Montreal and other parts of Canada.



Liliane Gordon

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

The accompanying articles in English and French were prepared by

staff and officers of the Canadian Bible Society of Montreal.

150 years in the core of Montreal

BY CBSM STAFF

It was 150 years ago, in 1865, that the Bible House opened in downtown Montreal, Quebec at the corner of Craig and St. Alexandre Streets. The Bible House has had an uninterrupted presence in the very core of Montreal since then, having also been located at 40 Victoria Square, at 2175 St. Catherine Street and finally, in 1908, at 74 (now about 1444) Union Avenue which was then described as "opposite Colonial House." The Bible House, which belongs to the Canadian Bible Society of Montreal, remains today in the same perimeter as 150 years ago, as its present store is located at 625 Ste Catherine Street West, in the Promenades de la Cathédrale.

The vision of the Bible House has equally remained uninterrupted for 150 years. It seeks to connect people with God, through the Bible, convinced that the promotion of the Holy Scriptures is the essential tool in the search for a meaningful relationship with God. The distribution of the Bible as well as the promotion of the discovery of the Bible through various resources constitutes its mandate. Thus the bookstore, over its many years of existence, has always sought to be welcoming and congenial and to respond, by means of personalized services, to the

specific requests of an increasingly numerous and diverse clientele. Unsurprisingly, the means of providing services has metamorphosed over the last century and a half, from wagon and on foot to services via Internet, but not the will to make the Bible available to all has remained undeterred.

It cannot be sufficiently emphasized that the Bible House has demonstrated its resolve to make the Bible available to all. Throughout its history, this has consistently manifested itself in various ways; by providing different translations of the Bible acceptable to all churches, by freely distributing the Bible to numerous institutions working with society's marginalized and by ensuring that the Bible be available in many languages. As throughout its history, the Bible House does not represent any particular group of churches or denomination nor does it promote any particular language. Its focus remains unchanged: the accessibility of the Holy Scriptures for all, regardless of background or language.

Lastly, the Bible House has remained firmly embedded in its community within the borough of Ville-Marie. Its recurrent participation in cultural events and local promotional events continues to demonstrate its commitment to

being an integral part of downtown Montreal.

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Il y a 150 ans, en 1865, la Maison de la Bible ouvrit ses portes au centre-ville de Montréal au coin des rues Craig et Saint-Alexandre. La Maison de la Bible a eu une présence ininterrompue dans le cœur du centre-ville de Montréal depuis. Elle a également été située au 40 Square Victoria, au 2175 rue Ste-Catherine et enfin, en 1908, au 74 avenue Union, connu comme étant « face à la Maison Coloniale ». La Maison de la Bible, qui appartient à la Société biblique canadienne de Montréal, reste encore aujourd'hui dans le même périmètre qu'il y a 150 ans, étant présentement située au 625 rue Ste-Catherine Ouest, dans le centre commercial Promenades de la Cathédrale.

La vision de la Maison de la Bible est également restée ininterrompue depuis 150 ans. Elle cherche à mettre les individus en relation avec Dieu par la Bible et demeure convaincue que la promotion des Saintes Écritures est l'outil indispensable dans la recherche d'une relation authentique avec Dieu. La diffusion de la Bible ainsi que la promotion de la découverte de la Bible par divers moyens constituent son mandat. Ainsi, la

librairie Maison de la Bible a toujours cherché, au cours de ses nombreuses années d'existence, à être une place accueillante et agréable et à répondre, par le biais de services personnalisés, aux demandes spécifiques d'une clientèle de plus en plus nombreuse et variée. Les moyens de fournir des services se sont certes métamorphosés au cours du dernier siècle et demi, de colporteurs à des services via Internet, mais la détermination de rendre la Bible accessible à tous demeure inchangée.

L'on ne peut suffisamment souligner la résolution de la Maison de la Bible de rendre la Bible accessible à tous. Tout au long de son histoire, cette résolution s'est manifestée régulièrement de diverses façons: en rendant disponibles diverses traductions de la Bible acceptables pour toutes les églises, en distribuant la Bible gratuitement à de nombreuses institutions qui travaillent auprès des personnes marginalisées de la société et en rendant disponible la Bible dans de nombreuses langues. Comme tout au long de son histoire, la Maison de la Bible ne représente aucun groupe d'églises ni de dénomination et ne favorise pas de langues particulières. Son objectif demeure fixe: l'accessibilité des Saintes Écritures pour tous.

A busy place that used to be busier

Here are some snippets from the history of Bible House, compiled by staff:

- In 1900 the total distribution of Scriptures from the Bible House was 24,009, the highest up to then.
- In 1907 or shortly before, the Montreal Society purchased a new location on Union Avenue, not far from the present store and about at the present entrance to the Anglican synod offices.
- In 1912, a number of lumber camps were visited, as well as fairs and exhibitions in the Eastern Townships.
- In 1930, a supporter left an amount in his will to cover the cost of publishing re-issues of the Scriptures in Cree dialects for use in the Hudson Bay and James Bay sections of Quebec.
- In 1932, volunteers covered the water front, visiting 138 freight ships in the harbour.
- In 1937, 38,931 Scriptures were issued in 33 languages by the Montreal Bible House.
- In 1951, one person purchased 10,000 copies in French for free distribution.
- In 1968, Scripture distribution by the Montreal Society reached a high of 60,057 copies in 38 languages.
- Last year, the Bible House distributed over 8,000 Bibles and New Testaments and 23,000 Bible text pamphlets.



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Spidey is a Canada's Got Talent Finalist and star of the Guzzo Magic series with over six million viewers. He continuously entertains across

Canada and the United States and has wowed audiences internationally from all over the Caribbean to Europe. Spidey will weave his unique web of amazing talent for a single night only. There will also be fabulous raffle prizes to be won, donated by the Théâtre Rialto and the local business community. To further help this cause, bring a non-perishable food item with you for the Mission's Food Bank!

Tickets can be purchased on the Théâtre Rialto website: theatrerialto.ca or by contacting the Mission: 514-274-3401 or general@mileendmission.org.

‘Doing what God foreplanned’



Members of Annie Ittoshat's first Montreal congregation gather for a group photo. She's fifth from the left in a clerical collar; her husband is next to her.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

New ministry to Inuit will reach out agency staff, marginalized, others

HARVEY SHEPHERD

“What we are doing is what God foreplanned,” the Rev. Annie Ittoshat from Nunavik in Northern Quebec said as she launched a new ministry to Montreal’s Inuit community February 22.

She led her first service, mostly in Inuktitut, before a congregation of

just over 30 Inuit and their family and friends, in St. Paul’s Church in Lachine. The St. Paul’s, parish closed in November 2012. (A Seventh-day Adventist congregation and other groups now rent the use of the church or its hall.)

She will also serve Montreal’s diverse population of Inuit in other ways, including visits to Inuit in the city for medical treatment and participation in a modest Eucharistic ministry which Montreal clergy have offered for some time to these patients.

She was also planning to make contact with other groups serving local Inuit, including drop-in centres related to the Anglican Diocese of Montreal serving Inuit and other people.

However, along with patients and transients, she also expects to serve staff working at health-care and other institutions and Inuit in Montreal for a variety of professional and other reasons.

The Inuit population of Montreal has been estimated at around 1,000, drawn by jobs, some of them in institutions serving Inuit, for studies, for health care or accompanying patients in their families, attracted by city life, transient for various reasons or driven from the North by social or housing problems. The minister said she knew several people at her first service to be working in different careers.

She and her family are living in the rectory of St. Paul’s Church, situated in an area where there are a number of Inuit living and organizations serving Inuit, partly because of the proximity of Pierre Elliott Trudeau International Airport.

She was accompanied at the service by her husband, Noah, a

miner at the Raglan base-metal mine in Nunavik, who has made arrangements to work on a rotating schedule that allows him to spend a couple of weeks at a time in Montreal, and a son and foster son, both named Peter. There are also two daughters, one living in Montreal and the other in the North.

The service included vigorous unaccompanied congregational singing of Inuktitut versions of standard hymns. The minister preached in an animated way, with-

out notes, on one of the standard Lectionary readings of the day, from 1 Peter 3, which says Christ “suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.”

She said (in a brief summary in English, largely for the benefit of this reporter) that this should relieve us of the need for recurrent feelings of guilt.

“We make a mistake, we ask (God) for forgiveness. If we ask for forgiveness, it is so.”

The new minister and her husband, sons and one daughter arrived in Montreal from Kuujuarapik, at the mouth of the Great Whale River. She was accredited and ordained and served as a deacon and then priest in the north and more recently studied for two years at Wycliffe College in Toronto where she received a master of divinity degree in May, the first Inuk to do so.

Services in Lachine will take place weekly, with communion on the last Sunday of the month.



Annie Ittoshat preaches with her characteristic verve.



Rev. Annie Ittoshat joins her husband, Noah, and their two sons at the front of the congregation for a hymn.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. *Psalm 118:24*

Easter & Holy Week worship

Nuit Blanche at the Cathedral

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

635 St. Catherine St. W.
Choral Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Maundy Thursday/Jeu de saint, April 2:
 • 12:15 p.m.: Diocesan Chrism Eucharist
 • 7:30 p.m. Eucharist of the Last Supper and All-Night Prayer Vigil
Good Friday/Vendredi saint, April 3:
 • 12 noon: Children's Good Friday service
 • 1 p.m.: Music for Good Friday
 • 2 p.m.: Liturgy of Good Friday
Holy Saturday/Samedi saint, April 4:
 7:30 p.m. Great Easter Eucharist. Vigil, confirmation, First Mass of Easter.
Easter Day/Dimanche de Pâques, April 5:
 • 10 a.m.: Festival Choral Eucharist
 • 12:45: Eucharistie chantée p.m.: Music for Good Friday
 • 4 p.m.: Festival Choral Evensong

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

137 President Kennedy Ave.
Maundy Thursday, April 2: Solemn High Mass at 5:45 p.m. Ceremonial re-enactment of Christ washing the feet of the disciples, Procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of repose, stripping of the High Altar and Sanctuary.
 There will be a **prayer vigil** through the night at the Altar of Repose. Come and pray at any time between the Maundy Thursday Service, and the first service on Good Friday morning.
Good Friday, April 3. Matins at 12 noon. Stations of the Cross at 1 a.m. Veneration of the Cross and Liturgy of the Presanctified at 1:45 p.m. Choral Tenebrae at 7 p.m.
Easter Eve Saturday, April 4
The Great Vigil of Easter 8 p.m. The Lighting of the New Fire, Exsultet and Prophecies, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Litany of the Saints and the First High Mass of Easter.
Easter Day, Sunday April 5. Low Mass at 8:30 a.m., Solemn High Mass with Procession 10:30 a.m.
Sunday May 3: Evensong and Benediction 5 p.m. (as well as the customary Low Mass at 8:30 a.m. and Solemn High Mass 10:30 a.m.).

CHRIST CHURCH BEAUREPAIRE

455 Church St., Beaconsfield
Wednesday, April 1, 10 a.m., Holy Eucharist
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 7 p.m., Holy Eucharist
Good Friday, April 3, 10 a.m., Meditations on the Cross
Easter Day, Sunday, April 5
 • Sunrise service 6:15 a.m. (Sunrise at 6:26 a.m.) at Centennial Park, 288 Beaconsfield Blvd. (Optional breakfast to follow at McDonald's)
 • Holy Eucharist at 8:45 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.
(Please note that there is no Monday)

Meditation Circle on April 6.)

ST. GEORGE'S PLACE DU CANADA

1101 Stanley St.
 (No noon service on Wed., April 1.)
Maundy Thursday, April 2, 12 noon: The liturgy of Maundy Thursday
Good Friday, April 3, 10:30 a.m.: The words and music of Good Friday,
Easter Day, Sunday, April 5: Services at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

VERDUN-VILLE ÉMARD

Church of the Epiphany, 4322 Wellington St.
Stations of the Cross: Wed., April 1, 12 noon and 7 p.m., officiant: Josée Lemoine, in-ministry year student
Maundy Thursday, Thur., April 2, 4 p.m.
 Celebrant, Rev. Karen Eagan director of pastoral studies, Montreal Diocesan Theological college, preacher, Ms Lemoine
Good Friday, Fri., April 3, 11 a.m. The Celebration of the Lord's Passion. Celebrant and preacher, Bishop Barry Clarke
Easter Day, Sun., April 5, 10 a.m.: The Sunday of the Resurrection. Celebrant and preacher, Dr. Egan

ST. STEPHEN'S LACHINE

25 12th Ave.,
Maundy Thursday service, Thur., April 2, 4:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 3
 • **Ecumenical walk** departs from St. Stephen's at 9:30 a.m.
 • **Good Friday** service, 1 p.m.
Easter Sunday service, April 5, 11 a.m., celebrant: the Rev. Canon Don Meloche
Easter III service, April 19, 11 a.m., followed by Primate's World Relief and Development Fund fund-raising luncheon
Easter V service, May 3, 11 a.m., guest speaker, Chief Top Leaf, Albert McArdle. Luncheon follows.
Anniversary celebration, Sun., June 14, 11 a.m.: Guest preacher, Archdeacon Gordon Guy. Luncheon follows.

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CHRIST CHURCH RAWDON

3537 Metcalfe St.
Wednesday, April 1, 7 p.m., Eucharist
Maundy Thursday, April 2
 • **Commemoration** of the first Lord's Supper, 7 p.m.
 • **Watch before the Altar** of Repose, about 8 p.m.-midnight
Good Friday, April 3
 • **Ecumenical walk**, 9 a.m.
 • **Good Friday Liturgy** 2 p.m.
Easter Vigil, Sat., April 4, check time with parish



(Photos by Cathedral volunteers.)



"Let there be light," was the theme as Christ Church Cathedral participated for the first time Saturday and Sunday, February 28-March 1 in an overnight event called Nuit Blanche, part of a winter festival called Montréal en Lumières organized by arts and cultural organizations.

Concerts, dramatic readings, poetry, an art exhibition and the projection on the Cathedral walls of Montreal scenes from the movie *Les Mémoires des Anges* were among highlights of the event, which went on until 2 a.m. at the cathedral.

Nearly 3,000 people visited the church – more than that counting people who came to a concert at 4:30 p.m. people who wandered in before the official events started at 6 p.m.

Among highlights were a horn octet organized by Cathedral member James Roberts, a debut concert by a reorganized women's choir Adleisia and a compline at midnight at which about 100 participants joined in Gregorian chant. Strain on the power system temporarily blew a few fuses and volunteers served about 700 cups of free fair trade hot chocolate before they ran out.

"The evening showcased the versatility, creativity and spirituality of the Cathedral community," reported Cathedral volunteer Ann Elbourne.

VIGILE de PAQUES

19h00

7:00pm

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SATURDAY, APRIL 4

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Equipping the Saints

Called, but not necessarily to ordination

This is one of a series of columns by students, graduates and friends of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Haley Dinel studied theology as an undergraduate at McGill University, was affiliated with the college and participated in its Montreal Ministry Internship in 2011. She is currently studying for a master's degree in intercultural theology and interreligious studies in the Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin was one of the interns in the 2011 iteration of the Montreal Ministry Internship.

HALEY DINEL

I am often asked – “Do you want to be a priest?” Given the fact that I have a Bachelor's in Theology, currently live at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, and am studying Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies it is a logical question. My answer, however, is “No. At least, not now.”

My studies have created a constant mode of meditation on this

question. Upon entering McGill I had no plans for ordained ministry whatsoever, I simply thought the content and quality of the B.Th. program was exceptional. In my second year, Dr. John Simons, the principal of the MDTC, approached me about the Montreal Ministry Internship – in fact a number of people at Dio suggested it precisely because I didn't know what I wanted to do with this theological information. A lot of my studies had made me question the foundations of my own faith, and so the MMI offered me a chance to critically engage with it in communion with others.

I realized many things during the internship experience. The ones important here are: 1) Questioning one's faith is part of being a Christian. 2) Service to God comes in a multitude of forms. 3) Be open to differing beliefs of others – respect them. These three realizations have helped me navigate my personal journey but more importantly how I interact and dialogue with others.

Faith seeking understanding. Isn't that what we're all doing? Since I was confirmed at the age of 17 I have sought to understand our Christian faith and its many facets. What I find most interesting has been talking with those in ministry in Montreal and Dublin about this very issue: the attempt to live and know a tradition which at the same time must adapt to a contemporary setting. Challenging the status quo is not heretical, it's necessary for a true engagement with one's faith.

Personally, service is the most important aspect of how I live out my faith. Though my intentions are not towards ordination, I feel nonetheless called to be of service to my community be that through political representation, creating gatherings, helping those in need etc. My service to God is not just what I do in/for my church but for the wider communities in which I find myself.

Being open and respectful of others is also significant – I simply use the Golden Rule to govern my relationships with others. Especially when I disagree I attempt to stay as open as possible which is all I ask in return. This approach works in many situations.

I highlight these three aspects because they are what motivate me to do what I do and how I do it. Without my experience at Dio I would not have the same emotional, intellectual or spiritual confidence with which I go through the world as I do today. To have a community welcome you with open arms and send you into the world with such assurance is truly a gift.



Montreal Diocesan Theological College Joint Convocation

with Presbyterian College & United Theological College

**St. Andrew's & St. Paul's
Presbyterian Church**

3415 Redpath Street
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**May 7
7.30pm**

Convocation address by
Douglas John Hall



Parish nursing: an opportunity for Montreal?

LISA-ANNE MIGLIACCIO

Lisa-Anne Migliaccio is a registered nurse and nursing consultant employed by a West Island health-care agency and studying at the University of Ottawa. She is also a parishioner of Christ Church Beaurepaire and one of a team looking into a pilot project in parish nursing. In this, intended to be the first of several articles, she sets out some of the general principles.

Parish nursing has been in existence in Canada for about 18 years. It is a ministry begun in the state of Illinois by the Rev. Granger Westberg. His vision was to offer health care within the church environment because he recognized that people who are treated within a biological, psychological, social and spiritual context enjoyed better health. He identified that a nurse, more so than other health care professionals, practiced

within the science and spirit of health care. Although the role of the parish nurse has developed over the years, the five foundational principles of parish nursing are: health educator, personal health counsellor, referral agent, co-ordinator of volunteers and developer of support groups.

The function of a parish nurse varies depending on the congregation that they serve. Generally, before beginning her practice, a nurse will perform a health evaluation of the congregation to assess what the congregation's needs are. This will inform her particular role at that parish. Once this is established, the parish nurse may offer health screening seminars, such as blood pressure clinics. She will also be available for private consultation, for such matters as mental health or to help explain a recent diagnosis to a patient amongst many other things.

She will also facilitate the link to the wider health community as needed. A very common need among the population is the knowledge of how to navigate through the health care system. Parish nurses are very often called upon to assist parishioners with this. As well, a parish nurse will pray with a person about their health concerns and can be available for home visits for people who ask for prayer. Parish nurses as a rule do not provide physical care of a person, but can help teach a person how to care for themselves.

Parish nursing is first and foremost a calling, and this remains the primary consideration for recruitment of a parish nurse. Alongside feeling called, the parish nurse must be a member in good standing of their provincial professional governing body; in Quebec it is the Ordre des Infirmières et Infirmiers de Quebec. In addition, the parish

nurse must have a bachelor's degree in nursing and have experience working in community care. Finally, a parish nurse must have followed an accredited parish nursing course. Parish nurses work in conjunction with the priest and the health advisory council. A parish that has a parish nurse must also have a health advisory council. This council is generally made up of three to five members chosen by the parish nurse. The council serve as advisors when planning things such as screening clinics. The nurse however, governs her own practice independently. When it is necessary and/or requested, the parish nurse is available to consult with other members of a parishioner's health care team. In light of the fact that parish nursing is new to Quebec, this element of care will evolve as the role becomes recognized by the health care community.

Parish nursing is supported by a true multitude of ways throughout Canada and the United States. In its broadest form, and mainly in the United States, there are churches that are directly linked to major health care institutions. The parish nurse in this case is co-employed by the institution and the parish. At its more modest level, the PN is a volunteer who donates her time to caring for the congregation. Between one end of the spectrum and the other, there are many possible alternatives. The decision about how the ministry is run is largely dependent upon the congregation and the diocese that it serves. The heart of the ministry remains the people that are served by it, and care in its most authentic form, that of *Caritas* (charitable care).

'Summer fruit' in Kingston: ministry, violence, anger, unity

The ministry of Christians in the weekday world, the life and writings of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, anger management, church unity and Bible teachings about violence will be topics of a four-day retreat in Kingston Tuesday-Friday July 21-24, particularly intended for lay readers and other lay people.

With the title "Summer Fruit for Souls," the conference will take place at the Providence Spirituality Centre in Kingston. The sponsors – the Diocese of Ontario (in and around Kingston) and its Lay Readers Association – invite interested lay readers and other laity from other dioceses to participate. There will be four keynote speakers:

• **The Rev. Lisa Chisholm-Smith** is

a vocational deacon with a ministry emphasis on strengthening the ministries of God's people in and through their daily life and work, including making work place visits, and has held posts in the Dioceses of Ontario and Ottawa. Her topic, "Salt, Light and Leaven: the ministry of the baptized in God's world and the Mission of the Church today," will focus on how lay people are sent out as agents of Christ's kingdom to "love and serve the Lord."

• **The Right Reverend Michael Oulton**, Bishop of Ontario, will discuss the life and work of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, making use of a recently published study guide and video prepared by New York Times writer Eric Metaxas.

• **The Rev. Dr. Bill Morrow**, associate professor of Hebrew and Hebrew Scriptures at Queen's University, Kingston, and a vocational deacon will discuss anger management and what to do with biblical teachings that represent God as the author or authorizer of violence.

• **Archdeacon Bruce Myers**, co-ordinator for ecumenical and interfaith relations for the Anglican Church of

Canada and a graduate of the University of Geneva Bossey Ecumenical Institute, will offer some practical suggestions on how church unity can be made visible locally.


The conference will include plenary sessions, workshops and worship. The fee is around \$350, including accommodation and meals, depending on the package chosen.

If there are questions or to re-

quest a registration form, contact the conference co-ordinator, Mary Raddon, at: 114 Factory St. Box 378, Odessa ON K0H 2H0 (613) 386-3931, email: mraddon@hotmail.com. Registration inquiries can also be directed to Julie Case, 6 Wright Crescent, Brockville ON K6V 3W8 613-865-9698 juliaicase@gmail.com.

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Outreach by downtown parishioner brings back memories

One downtown Montreal parishioner made Primate Fred Hiltz's fall campaign to buy food for Africans being treated for HIV/AIDS into an opportunity for some ecumenical/interfaith outreach – and to take a personal trip down Memory Lane.

The primate, who also presides over the board of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and is spokesman of its "Fred Says" food-security campaign, urged parishes across Canada to buy symbolic food baskets for HIV patients in Mozambique. St. George's Place du Canada in downtown Montreal was among parishes that stepped up to the plate.

Good nutrition is considered essential for anti-retroviral drugs used in early stages of HIV treatment to be successful. It is estimated that an \$80 donation buys a "basket" of food adequate for one patient for two months. St. George's subscribed for eight baskets – and that gave St. George's parishioner Thomas Burpee an idea.

"I decided to approach six churches and two synagogues where I have friends asking them to match my church by each buying one basket," he later wrote in a thank-you letter. "For me it was not so much the money as the opportunity for churches and synagogues to work together in a common cause and you all came through."

Cheques for \$80 came in from: Mountainside United Church, Westmount, the (Roman Catholic) Church of the Ascension of Our Lord in Westmount, the Presbyterian Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul in Montreal, Congregation Shaar Hashomayim in Westmount, the (Pentecostal) House of Prayer for All Nations in Westmount, Temple Emanu-el-Beth Sholom in Westmount, the (Roman Catholic) Mary Queen of the World Cathedral in Montreal and the Unitarian Church of Montreal.

"I feel so indebted to each of you for agreeing to help our brothers and sisters in Africa by doing this," Mr. Burpee wrote. "Not only did you send in a donation, but you gave me an experience I will always remember, of people who through their faith showed that they cared for one other."

He added a note on why he approached those eight places of worship in particular.

• **Mountainside United:** "Their cheque arrived within 24 hours of my request through the efforts of a friend who is a parishioner. Many years ago, when I was a young teenager, I used to go to this church with a young group of friends to watch movies on Friday nights. I have many friends there today."

• **Ascension of Our Lord:** "This is the church in which I was married as my wife was a Catholic. It is also the church where my three daughters were baptized and where two of them were married.... I like to attend Mass there from time to time."

• **Shaar Hashomayim:** "My connections with the Shaar are many, including an arranged visit there two years ago to have the experience of attending a service. I really enjoyed their choir, which sang beautifully. I pass by the Shaar each day on my way to work and like to listen to the children shouting in the courtyard as they get ready for school. I have many friends there, some of whom go back to my McGill days."

• **Temple Emanu-el:** "Years ago, the church I belonged to was located at the other end of the block on which Temple Emanu-el is located and each year we were invited to a Seder supper at the Temple. That was something we looked forward to very much. Two years ago, Rabbi Grushcow was invited to St. George's to participate in the installation of Father Bill Gray as our new rector. That is where I met her. Since then, both she and Father Bill have delivered sermons in each other's place of worship. I also have many friends at the Temple."

• **St Andrew and St. Paul:** "Many people have visited this church on Sherbrooke Street in downtown Montreal to listen to its beautiful music. I have many friends there and admire their outreach to students."

• **House of Prayer for All Nations:** "This church on de Maisonneuve Boulevard in Westmount used to be the Anglican church I attended for many years. But when our numbers dwindled we sold the church property to the House of Prayer for All Nations, led by Pastor Alexander Boachie, who has since become a

good friend. I worship with them a few times each year because I like to keep the connection and experience the amazing energy and joy they put into their worship."

• **Marie Reine du Monde** (Catholic Cathedral): "This beautiful Cathedral is located in downtown Montreal, across the park from St. George's. I go in from time to time to sit and feel the peace and beauty. Curé Alain Vaillancourt has come to St. George's on occasion to read a lesson for us. I was so happy when he agreed to help and especially when he brought over the cheque himself."

• **Unitarian Church of Montreal:** "I enjoy occasionally coming to services at this church near the Vendôme Métro station, not only because I have many friends there, but because my daughter Jessica is part of a small musical group called The Greater Goods that sometimes sings there as part of their worship. It is a very warm and friendly community."

'Set Free': a chance to turn to Jesus

SALLY HARRINGTON PHILIPPO

Sally Harrington Philippo is a spiritual director and founder of the Vita Nova Sanctuary.

In John 8:36, Jesus says "If the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed"

In this culture of haste and busyness, we are very easily overwhelmed with all the tasks and responsibilities of our daily life. Fast-paced technology both simplifies and energizes, and we are left breathless in the wake of all that we need to accomplish, in between attending to all the relationships that need our attention, and all the decisions we have to make every day.

In the midst of all this, Jesus keeps on calling us to turn to him, to lean on Him, to attend to his still small voice; the whispers of his promptings that encourage, exhort, convict and enlighten.

Every year for the last 12 years,

Vita Nova has offered an opportunity to come aside and rest awhile, and to listen with deliberate intention to the voice of Jesus. It has been a blessing for many people from a wide variety of denominations, and different stages of life, all with one common desire: to "be still and know," finding deep inner strength as they experience more of the intimate love of our Lord. There will be opportunities for learning and practicing methods of prayer which can be life changing.

We will be under the teaching of Father William Brown OMV, who has proved in past years to have a profound sense of what God wants to perform in the depths of our souls. There will be opportunities during the weekend for private meetings with those that are familiar with the ways of the Spirit of God, and can help us discern the voice which we all want so desperately to hear. (Accredited Spiritual Directors)

We have found that there is enormous blessing in spending a weekend apart like this, when time stands still for a while: there are no cell phones, no interruptions and a quiet atmosphere that is deeply nourishing. Surrounded by Nature at the peaceful Ermitage, we will be able to gaze at the fresh newness of spring in mid-May, as we ourselves experience deep interior renewal. Come and join us! If you have any questions, feel free to contact anyone on the list of organizers on the invitation featured alongside this article.

As a policy, we have never wanted anyone to be prevented from attending one of these retreats, because of financial reasons. Thanks to a grant from the Diocese of Montreal, we are happy to be able to offer bursaries, on an as-needed basis.

'For you have set my heart free' PSALM 11:32

What does it mean to have our hearts truly set free? Jesus offers us the gift of His peace, but often we are so beset by the pressures of this fast paced and increasingly dangerous world that we have trouble receiving it and walking in it.

Jesus also promised to set us free. The freedom of which Jesus spoke is an interior freedom, a spiritual freedom, a freedom of the heart. When we have received and experienced this freedom, we find the peace of heart that enables us to walk in genuine love. This is how we are truly called to live.

You are invited to join us for a weekend during which we will explore these themes in a peaceful and prayerful atmosphere. We will be led by Father William Brown OMV. Father Bill has been in the ministry of Spiritual Direction for more than 20 years. His extensive pastoral experience has led him to have a special interest in encouraging others to grow in their relationship with God.

May 22–24, 2015 – l'Ermitage Ste. Croix

For any questions please feel free to contact one of the following:

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This silent retreat will be held on **Friday April 24 to Sunday April 26, 2015**. Location: the beautiful **Ermitage Ste-Croix**, 21269 Gouin Blvd, Pierrefonds. The cost is \$145, with partial bursaries available.

This is a silent retreat that is guided and structured but with plenty of free time to rest and reflect.

To obtain a registration form contact

Liz Glasgow: 514-453-0883 or glasgows@videotron.ca

For further information contact: Liz Glasgow (as above)

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Trying on another tradition



Pupils and staff from the religious education department of the Unitarian Church of Montreal, which is organizing a series of visits for its students to various places of worship, visited Trinity Memorial Church in West-End Montreal at the morning service February 21 and met pupils of the recently revived Sunday school of the Anglican parish. Some of the youngsters tried on Anglican vestments with the help of the Rev. Deacon Jessica Bickford and under the watchful eye of Caroline Balderston Parry, director of religious education at the Unitarian church.

(Photos: René Sanchez)

Quebec Anglicans pitch in for Green Church

The Anglican Diocese of Quebec plans to organize a workshop on community agriculture as part of the Green Church Conference Quebec Tuesday, April 14.

Green Church, an arm of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in Montreal, expects about 200 participants from across Quebec to reflect together on the environmental challenges facing the planet and to share information about the solutions various churches have developed to better care for it. The event will take place at St-Ignace-de-Loyola Church in Quebec City. The keynote speaker, climatologist Dr. Alan Betts of Vermont, will address the theme: "Creating a Climate of Hope".

Clergy, pastoral workers and other members of Roman Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox, Lutheran, United and other Protestant churches are expected to join representatives of environmental groups, and the bishops of the Roman Catholic and Anglican bishops of the dioceses with their cathedrals in Quebec City: Gérard Cyprien Cardinal Lacroix, and the Right Rev. Dennis Drainville.

The day will close with a time of worship focusing on the protection of Creation. A common declaration



Alan K. Betts

is to be issued.

"Churches everywhere in Quebec are involved in the environmental movement and showing their commitment in concrete ways: using recycling bins, serving fair trade coffee in reusable cups, improving their lighting systems and even opting for geothermal heating! The most amazing thing is that their actions

are motivated by a Christian spirituality," says Norman Lévesque, Director of the Green Church Program at the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

The conference will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 14 at St. Ignace de Loyola Church, 3325 Loyola St. in the Quebec City borough of Beauport.

Aside from the workshop on community agriculture offered by the Diocese of Quebec Anglicans, the Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace will offer one on climate justice and social justice and a local activist group will offer one on sustainable transport.

For more information, including tips on carpooling and accommodation, call 418-683-9901 or 1-877-645-6863, extension 28 or send an email to nlevesque@greenchurch.ca

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Extracting collective wisdom from Alberta's oil sands

Last summer Afra Tucker and Lauren Lallemand participated in the Justice Camp Oil Sands Immersion, an initiative sponsored by the Anglican Foundation and hosted by the Diocese of Edmonton. Drawing on their immersion experience, they have co-created an exhibit called, "Personalizing the Oil Sands: What can we learn from the multiple narratives of extraction?"

The event will launch on April 23 and conclude with a public conversation on the evening of April 29.

The exhibit "Personalizing the Oil Sands: What can we learn from the multiple narratives of extraction?" will take place Thursday-Wednesday April 2-29, 2015 in the Atrium of the Diocese of Montreal offices at 1444 Union Ave. The exhibit will include pictures from the oil sands and a collective art piece created by local artists. The event will conclude with a moderated public conversation in collaboration with University of the Streets on Wednesday April 29 between 7 and 9 p.m.

Afra Tucker is the development co-ordinator at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and Lauren Lallemand is the refugee sponsorship program co-ordinator at Action Réfugiés Montréal.

Richard Mathews, rector's warden of St. Philip's Church in Montreal West and social media co-ordinator for the diocesan stewardship of the environment committee, recently had a conversation with them. Here are excerpts from his account of it.

WALKING THE LINE, NOT TOEING IT

In contrast to the forceful views expressed on both sides of the oil sands equation, Afra and Lauren

walk the line. Although the oil sands are a polarizing topic, the exhibit does not take sides. Rather than preach or force-feed answers, the exhibit is intended to facilitate dialogue.

Afra and Lauren did not always espouse such a balanced view on the oil sands. They explained that prior to their immersion experience they were judgmental. However, their perspective changed shortly after arriving in Fort McMurray. They soon realized that, "the lives of people are enmeshed with the [fossil fuel] industry."

They both feel they have no right to be critical because like almost everyone in our society, they acknowledge that we are all complicit. "Our lives are involved with oil," Afra stated. We are all part of a culture and an economy mired in fossil fuels.

"My goal for the exhibition is to be a facilitator without being judgmental," Afra said. Lauren explained that she hopes to humanize the oil sands.

NONPARTISANSHIP HAS LIMITS

The immersion experience led them both to question the apparent gulf that separates government from the concerns of local people. The indigenous people they spoke to indicated that they would rather deal with industry than with the federal government because the former is far more responsive to their concerns.

While Lauren walked the line as though suspended on a tightrope, she did descend from her high wire to comment on our current federal government. "I don't see meaningful change happening with the federal government we have now," she said.



"it's a government that is not open to grassroots and pressure from citizens."

Lauren indicated that she is not sure things will get better as long as government sets the rules. "People will change when they have to change. I don't see them changing anything," she said.

ENVIRONMENTAL DEGRADATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

During their stay in Alberta they saw flagrant examples of environmental degradation related to the oil sands. They also heard sad stories from indigenous people including elders who talked about how the land has been changed by fossil fuel companies. One young person talked about how the oil sands made it more difficult for her to connect to her identity as an aboriginal woman.

While some expressed concerns about the speed of extraction or the preoccupation with short-term profits, none of the people that they encountered said that the oil sands development should be stopped outright.

Despite the dramatic carbon load associated with the oil sands, climate change did not come up as a major source of concern, they reported. The only person who brought up the topic was a Syncrude PR rep who explained the merits of his company's efficiency.

Afra suggested that the problem of climate change is simply too big for people to fathom. "I don't feel that people are capable of organizing their lives around something like climate change," Afra said, "people are not able to see the long-term impact."

LET EVERYONE BE HEARD

By providing an opportunity to speak and to listen the exhibit is designed to encourage people to move past reflexive shortsightedness. "People feel excluded," Lauren said, "inclusion is part of the remedy," she explained.

Afra is encouraged by the work of the Stewardship of the Environment Committee and its efforts to communicate with the wider Anglican community. Afra said that locating the exhibit in the Atrium of the

Anglican Diocese of Montreal presents a "great opportunity for members of the diocese to get involved," and Lauren added, "its for everyone who wants to come, not just the church."

Both women stressed the value of bringing people together and allowing them to express their point of view in an open and respectful environment. The exhibit emphasizes participation and as Afra said, "people who participate become resources."

FINDING SOLUTIONS THROUGH SELF EXPRESSION

The exhibit is a platform for people to express themselves in a way that cultivates understanding and encourages reflection on potential solutions. Afra describes the project as an opportunity to, "raise awareness about the topic to think deeper and harder." Lauren explained, "together we come up with the problems and the solutions."

According to Afra, the issue is at least in part about asking questions like, "what are the kind of changes I need to make?" More specifically, we may want to consider "what will we live with and what will we live without." Afra mused that people may even ask about the larger changes that need to be made so the oil sands are no longer necessary.

"My hope is to be able to come to terms with the issue and live with integrity," Afra said.

By allowing people to find their own voice the exhibition may very well be able to mine the collective wisdom whence solutions can be hewn.

Café Christ Church

Une reprise des activités très attendue

YVES SAMSON

The Rev. Yves Samson, priest in charge of Christ Church Sorel, notes in the following item that Café Christ Church, an outreach and drop-in centre in the former rectory of the historic church, resumed activity in December, thanks largely to the co-operation of community groups, after being closed for several months. The photo, from a Facebook site, shows him with Geneviève Latour, co-ordinator of



the Regroupement des Assistés Sociaux du Bas-Richelieu.

Après des mois d'inactivité, le Café Christ Church a repris du service en décembre dernier. Sa popularité ne se dément pas, semaine après semaine.

Plusieurs personnes m'ont, depuis mon arrivée en poste à la Mission, signifié leur intérêt quant à la reprise des activités du Café rencontre. J'ai pris le temps de rencontrer les organisations locales, de préparer notre collaboration et nous nous sommes lancés. Nous le faisons



en solidarité avec les autres.

La Mission communautaire anglicane a convenu d'une entente avec le Regroupement des Assistés Sociaux du Bas-Richelieu pour l'organisation et l'animation des cafés du jeudi. Plusieurs de leurs membres espéraient revenir à Christ

Church en raison de l'accessibilité des lieux.

Le Café rencontre a donc lieu le jeudi entre 13h 30 et 15h 30 au presbytère de la Mission communautaire Christ Church de la rue du Prince.

Grâce à la collaboration d'organismes communautaires, nous avons

aussi repris les repas communautaires du dernier dimanche du mois. Une manière d'apporter un peu de douceur et de chaleur aux personnes démunies de notre milieu: le souper suit la messe qui a lieu à 17h.



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Spiritual Calendar

CONTEMPLATION
Christ Church Cathedral
 635 St. Catherine St. W. (Métro McGill)
Every Tuesday at 5:45 pm
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Experience Ignatian-style meditation with scripture on the first and third Tuesday of each month. Dean Paul Kennington or spiritual director Vivian Lewin will guide the prayer, providing silent periods to dwell on a selected passage. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, experienced meditator Beth Adams offers a brief talk introducing 20 or 40 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. All welcome.
SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
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CHRISTIAN COMMEMORATION OF THE HOLOCAUST
St. Ansgar's Lutheran
 4020 Grand Blvd., N.D.G.
Sunday, April 11, 11 am
(at the regular service)
 Sponsored by the Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Montreal. Information: Rev. Samuel King-Kabu (suesam84@sympatico.ca) 514-486-5404

PAWS & PRAY
Christ Church Beaurepaire
 455 Church St., Beaconsfield
Sun., April 12, 1 pm
 Paws & Pray is a service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. These services are offered in collaboration with the Companion Animal Adoption Centers of Quebec a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. The last service of the spring season will take place on and May 3. Information: 514-697-2204 or email christchurch@qc.aibn.com.

MEDITATION CIRCLE STILL PRESENCE SPIRITUALITY CENTER
Christ Church Beaurepaire
 455 Church St., Beaconsfield
Meditation circle on Mondays on Mondays, April 13, 20, and 27 in the Chapel at 7 pm
 There is no session on April 6. Alternately led by Cedric Cobb, Michael Johnson and Andrea Pinto. All of our circles take place in an atmosphere of quiet and tranquility, with times of silent meditation, movement and guided visualizations. All welcome. Learn more at www.stillpresence.com or Father Michael at 514-697-2204.

WOMEN'S DAY OF CELEBRATION
Christ Church Cathedral
 635 St. Catherine St. W.
Thursday May 7 at 10:30 a.m.
 Sponsored by the Anglican Church Women. Theme: Knowing and Doing God's Will. Eucharist – Homilist: The Rev. Pamela Yarrow. Registration, lunch, afternoon program Fulford Hall at 11:30 a.m. Speaker: Marina Boulos, Director of Chez Doris. Everyone Welcome!

DIOCESAN LAY PASTORAL VISITORS RETREAT
Ermitage Sainte-Croix
 21269 Gouin Blvd W., Pierrefonds
Saturday, May 30, 9 am-3:30 pm
 Speaker: The Ven. Archdeacon Michael Johnson; theme: "Do you know Jesus?" Fee: \$30.00 (no refund). Meal included. Pay no later than April 7. To register: call Bev Jarvis at 514-626-7689 at home or 514-898-0853 cellular

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
St. Stephen's Lachine
 25 12th Ave.
Sun., June 14, 11 am
 Guest preacher, Archdeacon Gordon Guy. Luncheon follows.

Kamloops dean moves on

MATT GARDNER



The Very Rev. Louise Peters

Currently the rector of St. Paul's Anglican Cathedral in Kamloops, B.C., the Very Rev. Louise Peters will be stepping into a new role this spring as she takes on the position of executive director at the Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre in the neighbouring Diocese of Kootenay.

The Ven. Andrew Pike, board chair, announced the appointment of Peters on January 19.

"She seemed to have all the things we were looking for, which was management of the centre, staff – a very good overall handle on what we were about to do," Archdeacon Pike said.

"She knows the centre and she lives nearby," he added. "It's fascinating that we searched all over North America, had applicants from all over North America, and came back

to appoint somebody from our doorstep."

Peters has been rector of the cathedral and dean of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, for 11 years.

Located on the shores of Shuswap Lake, B.C., Sorrento is an Anglican spiritual retreat, conference centre and holiday destination that offers year-round workshops,

lectures, performances and youth leadership training. The location also has a small community farm that has become a model for sustainable farming in the area.

The Diocese of Montreal has a partnership; covenant with the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior.

Matt Gardner writes for the news and information services of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Sales & Events

Epiphany, Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard
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GARAGE SALE
Sat., April 11, 9:30 am-2 pm
 Information: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun@gmail.com, www.epiphanyverdun.com.

St. Paul's Greenfield Park
 321 Empire St.
English Tea: "Remember When"
Sat., April 11, 2-4 pm
 The theme of this year's English Tea will be "Yesteryears Of England" Bring a friend and listen to music of by gone days from the 1930s to the 1970s, while enjoying hors d'oeuvres, hot scones with clotted cream and jam, fancy sandwiches and special fancy English desserts. Raffles, door prizes, games and a sing along. Also seeking donations of hygienic products for women and children to be donated to a local women's shelter, but this is not compulsory. Info: 450-671-6000 or 450-678-2460.

Epiphany, Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard
 4322 Wellington St.
BOWLING AND SPAGHETTI SOCIAL
Sat., April 18
 Bowling 3 p.m., Shevchenko Lanes, \$15. Dinner 6 p.m., Parish Hall, \$10. To reserve 514-363-0825. Indicate bowling, dinner or both. Info: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun@gmail.com, www.epiphanyverdun.com.

St. Stephen's with St. James, Chambly
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BOOK SALE
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Christ Church, Beaurepaire
 455 Church Street, Beaconsfield
RUMBLE JUMBLE RUMMAGE SALE
Fri., May 8, 7-9 pm,
Sat., May 9, 9 am-1 pm
 Clothes, garage sale items, books & much more. Info: 514-697-2204.

St. John the Baptist Pointe Claire
 233 Ste. Claire Ave.
SPRING RUMMAGE SALE
Sat., May 9, 9 a.m.-12 noon
 Clothing for the Whole family, household goods, books, small electrical items, Treasures for all.

St. John the Baptist Pointe Claire
 233 Ste. Claire Ave.
PLANT SALE
Sat., May 23, 9 am-12 noon
 Popular sale of varied perennials, lovingly gathered from our members. Garden items also avail, weather permitting, some herbs & annuals.

St. Stephen's with St. James, Chambly
 Randell Hall, 2000 de Bourgogne St.
GARAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE
Sat., May 23, 9 am
 Info: Eileen Aglely at 450-658-1027.

St. Thomas' N.D.G.,
 6897 Somerled Ave. (corner Rosedale Ave.)
CARIBBEAN DINNER
Sat., May 23, 5:30 pm
 Enjoy an evening of fine Caribbean cuisine and Island hospitality! All are welcome. Cost: \$20 adults, \$12 children aged 6-12. Info: 514-484-2750 or st.thomas.ndg@gmail.com

St. Paul's Greenfield Park
 321 Empire St.
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Sat., May 30, 9 am-2 pm
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St. Stephen's with St. James, Chambly
 Randell Hall, 2000 de Bourgogne St.
STRAWBERRY SOCIAL
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'Slavery is not the beginning of black history'

Here are extracts from a Black History Month sermon February 22 by parishioner Sharon Sintim-Aboagye at St. CHL (St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke) parish in the Rosemont district. "This black history will not begin with slavery because slavery is NOT the beginning of black history. It was stated openly that all human life began in Africa and that all humans started out as black people. It is said that these people migrated from Africa to all corners of the world and as the generations went by, the people adapted to their environments, developing physical features that would enable their survival in their respective climates and although this was true, modern discoveries show that even though there may have been some adaptations, one thing always remained true. There were always black people present and their influence was great.

"I would like to begin our quick historic journey in 711 A.D., Spain. A

Moorish army led by Tariq ibn-Ziyad-Moor was a term used to describe people of African descent-conquered Spain.... They would then rule Spain for 800 years and in that time brought great scientific progress.... Africans led great lives and made great contributions in England as well. Things such as art and music. Africans traded. They had technology that Europe was unaware of. In fact, most of the farming and agricultural methods used today were used by early Africans.

"...The ancient blacks had writing systems, accounting systems, philosophy, astronomy, advanced mathematics and religion. In fact, many modern day religions are based on the foundation of the religions that black people practiced. Slavery was a global thing. People of all races practiced and had slaves....

"When you look at me standing here, you see that I look different than a lot of you. My hair grows



upward and I am of darker hue. I am black. It's all right to acknowledge that. No, it's important to acknowledge that because it is who I am. Saying that you don't see colour

would be dismissing my culture, history and my life. I am somebody. I am the past, present and the future and I am speaking on behalf of an entire nation when I say Black histo-

ry matters, black accomplishments matter and black lives matter."

More details about Longueuil reunion

Members of committee for former members and other friends of St. Mark's Church in Longueuil have released some more details about plans for celebration Saturday, April 25, of the over 170-year history of the parish.

The parish as a worshipping community is now sharing St. Barnabas Church in St. Lambert but the celebration will take place in the historic church in Old Longueuil, which the Diocese of Montreal expects to develop as a centre for community and French-language outreach. A statement says the new ministry "aims to be a spiritual place focused on social justice, bringing together francophones, as well as anglophones, Native Americans and allophones around a common desire to develop and to grow a culture of justice."

Florence Hoult, former warden,

the Rev. Roslyn Macgregor and others on the committee made these points recently:

- Two committee members, Katherine Bonathan and Christine Smith are preparing a display. Photos could be scanned and sent by email or copies or originals sent by mail.
- The committee requests donations for the continuing ministry at St. Mark's with the Rev. Richard Gauthier. Cheques should be payable to St. Barnabas Church, St. Lambert, marked for St. Mark's ministry.
- To help with planning, the committee would like to hear from people planning to come.
- Bishop Barry Clarke will preside. The Rev. Trudy Lebas, one of four Anglican priests who grew up at St. Mark's and now retired and living in Ontario, will preach. Another former parishioner, Remo Madsen,

a Lutheran pastor, has been invited to attend.

- James Macgregor, former organist, will play the organ. Members of the musical Madsen family will also provide music.
- The celebration will also commemorate the old St. Oswald's church in the former municipality of Montreal South.
- Organizers can be reached at stmarkschurch25@gmail.com and letters, mementos and cheques sent to: St. Mark's Celebration, c/o The Rev'd Roslyn Macgregor, 791 Lasalle St., Longueuil J4K 3G6.

MSCM in the black

An offer from an anonymous donor to match half of year-end donations, and other supporters' response to the offer, meant that the Montreal Southwest Community Ministries, which works with released prisoners and prisoners on relief, finished 2014 with about 50 per cent more donations than the previous year. The Rev. Canon Peter Huish of MSCM reports in a newsletter that year-end donations of \$3,750 in response to this year-end appeal were matched by \$1,875 from the donor for a total of \$5,625. Added to other donations during 2014 of \$2,827, this brought the total of private donations for 2014 to \$8,452, about 50 per cent more than in 2013. "What an encouragement this is, to know that in this time of heavy cuts in government support, the community we are, and whom we serve, appreciates so much and is willing to enable our work to this significant extent."

St. James Hudson to spruce up inside

The Diocesan Council has endorsed a request from St. James Church in Hudson, in the Parish of Vaudreuil, for a \$15,000 grant toward the cost of resurfacing interior walls and work on the electrical and sound systems. Tom Pound, a warden from the church, said the parish, almost 175 years old, has spent over \$500,000 in recent years to restore the building. He the parish held a successful capital campaign and have funds on hand but were seeking a grant from the national foundation so as not to deplete their reserves completely.

Love in even more motion than usual



The Sunday morning service at St. CHL Church in the Rosemont district February 22 was particularly busy. It was an activity of "Love in Motion," a program for local youngsters, a jazz mass marking Black History Month – and a celebration of 20 years with the parish for the

Rev. Roslyn Macgregor.

The photo shows Sharon Sintim-Aboagye, whose parents were from Ghana and who is the mother of a child in Love in Motion, and two other leaders of Love in Motion: Kat Olson, and Audrey O'Braham.

Making art, making contact



The Church of St. James the Apostle is inviting anyone interested to drop in in the late morning or early afternoon on a Tuesday to paint, draw, make collages or even help make a quilt.

It hopes this will help create links between parishioners and the surrounding community.

And links between people in both groups "and the place where you are creative," says Brittany Love, emerg-



ing ministries pastor at the church, where the St. James Emerging Art Hive began in February, attracting a diverse group of a half-dozen or so people each time.

Inspired by other Art Hives here and there in the city, the Art Hive is also working on a quilt with each patch representing a block in its downtown Montreal borough.

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St. Mark's Day
25 April, 2015
2:00pm**

**Preacher:
The Rev'd Trudy Lebas
a former parishioner**

