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Prayer, Praise, Planning but *not* Panic!

How St Paul's Greenfield Park came out of the red.

KIM BRIAND, LINDA-FAITH CHALK,
GLORIA KIDD AND WINSOME WASON

Several years ago, our parish, St Paul's Greenfield Park, was really struggling. We knew that we owed money and it was always in our thoughts but we did not know how to face this problem, let alone solve it.

Soon, we had no choice. In March 2015, the Executive Archdeacon called a meeting with our Corporation where we were asked how we planned to repay our debt to the Diocese. It was time to ask God – and ask ourselves – how we could turn our situation around.

The next Sunday, we announced to the congregation that the meeting had taken place and that a Planning Committee was going to take a very serious look at our expenses and revenues. This review ended up taking 2 months.

It was disheartening to think that to be fiscally responsible meant that we had to cut back on salaries. The Planning Committee was adamant that this not affect our minister, as, without her, we knew we would not

have a church for long. But, there was another salaried employee that we could cut to part-time.

After we made our decision and informed the individuals involved, the Wardens then announced to the congregation what the outcome would be. With a full commitment from our congregation, in May of 2015, we made a commitment to the Diocese that we would repay the debt over a 5-year period.

Serious fundraising started and while some of the ideas worked well (such as The Mountain Project, below) there were others that did not (such as a Wine Raffle) but every person in our church was intent on repaying that debt. We stressed to our parishioners that while debt reduction was important, it was far more essential to continue with our tithing so that any debt donations were to be over and above their regular giving.

We repaid our debt in December 2016, 18 months after making our commitment to the Diocese. We did not do this alone, as, without a doubt; God was with us every step of the way. We are very proud of everyone who contributed with their

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Servers at St Paul's Greenfield Park English Tea in 2016. The church relies on their ACW, youth group, women from the church and people from the community to assist at their many events.

Sharing God's word with God's People (through Godly Play)

LEE-ANNE MATTHEWS

It was the first night of a week-long theological training for youth ministry leaders (Ask and Imagine) at the campus of Huron University Faculty of Theology, when the organizer, Judy Steers, invited us to sit on the floor around her. Having travelled from every corner of Canada and participated in an evening of games and icebreakers in an unfamiliar setting, we were all exhausted. We cautiously joined the circle and waited to see what would happen.

The lights were dimmed and the night outside was dark. Judy opened a bag of sand and poured it into a solid wooden frame on the floor in perfect silence. She smoothed the sand out with her hands and a sense of mystery and wonder filled the room.

Judy proceeded to tell the story of "The Great Family" (Abraham and Sarah). The story described elements of nature as both dangerous and beautiful. The story spoke of the fears, challenges, insecurities and triumphs of life, how we can be both close to God and far apart at the same time.

The story described a journey through the desert that includes life and death and laughter and celebration that felt universal, timeless, ancient and current all at the same time. It made us feel connected to our tradition in unique and poignant ways. The story used language that was accessible, intentional and deliberate. I was awestruck; I soon learned that what I experienced was from a program called Godly Play.

I have read scripture, studied scripture, heard many lay people and esteemed clergy members tell the stories found in the Hebrew books and in our New Testament, but I have never encountered scripture the way it was shared through Godly Play. I knew that I had to learn more.

When I returned home, I began to research Godly Play training opportunities. I soon learned that we have an accredited Godly Play trainer named Judson Bridgewater right here in the Diocese of Montreal – and he was offering a Godly Play info session! As a result of the initial training session in St. Jean sur Richelieu in June of 2016, ten eager leaders from our diocese got a taste of Godly Play and left wanting more!

This brings us to June of 2017 – and I am thrilled that we are offering Godly Play Core training right here in Montreal. Thanks to a generous grant awarded by the Mission Standing Committee, we are able to subsidize the training to create a network of Godly Play certified leaders in our Diocese.

The training, which is valued at \$325 per participant, is offered at the subsidized rate \$60 for up to 12 participants. This includes meals, a training manual and a Godly Play certificate. The Godly Play network will then continue to support one another by setting up regular meetings and communicating regularly through online platforms. The network will be an ongoing resource of fellowship and support in the diocese.

This is such an exciting time of growth as we look towards bringing the stories of scripture to life! Through Godly Play, we have an opportunity to share these stories with the next generation in unique, meaningful and provocative ways. After all, it is through telling and sharing that we deepen our collective faith, and enhance our understand-



"Being in the Godly Play space, playing with ideas and themes is enough."
(Quote and photo by Judy Steers)

ing of God as we see ourselves reflected in the ancient stories of our tradition.

For more information on the

Godly Play Network in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal contact
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Bishop's Message



"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other



The House of Bishops met April 24-28 and welcomed some 4 new bishops. Here the women bishops present pose for a historic shot. Anne Germond (Algoma) Melissa Skelton (New Westminster), Linda Nicholls (Huron), Jenny Andison (Toronto suffragan) Riscylla Walsh Shaw (Toronto suffragan), Barbara Andrews (Territory of the People), Mary Irwin-Gibson.

parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love." EPHESIANS 4:15-16 NLT

This year I have met a number of new bishops. In January, fellow Canadians Bruce Myers and Bill Cliff and I attended a nine day school in Canterbury along with bishops from all around the Anglican Communion, including South Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Kenya, Japan, North and South India, Solomon Islands, Mozambique, the Gambia, Tanzania, Guyana, USA, England and Australia. We worshipped and ate and learned together. Several of them are still in touch with me on a regular basis and it is good to share our joys and challenges. Our churches and struggles are often much the same and sometimes they are vastly different! I treasure these new relationships.

Recently, the Canadian House of Bishops met and welcomed four more into the group. It was fun to get to know them and to see how their gifts and abilities and fresh approaches enriched the meeting, and changed the dynamics and the interactions. There are now 9 women bishops. Not present this time were Jane Alexander (Edmonton) and Lydia Mamakwa (Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamakweesh).

Relationships are such an important part of being

Church. They are all the more important when there is brokenness and disappointment. Not all of the bishops I have met recently agree with me about everything I think and do, and yet we do agree that we want to serve the Lord and find ways to help the Church flourish. Across cultural and attitudinal divides, we pray for each other and try to find ways to support one another because Christ has put us into one body.

I invite you to offer all your relationships for God's purposes.

This year's Diocesan Synod is continuing to focus on the work of Truth and Reconciliation and the work of healing profound hurts. Part of our response involves being in relationship with, and caring about, the people whose story it is. Two initiatives, the PWRDF Pikangikum Water Project and the Anglican Healing Fund are tangible ways in which we show we care and want to participate in restoration and wholeness.

+ Mary

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,
I am struggling with this question. "What is church?" I am coming to the conclusion that church is what we make it. There are so many points of view, which are found in Scripture, in church history, and in the modern day.

Maybe it depends upon our own particular life history and psychology? It seems to me that they are all ok, so long as Grace comes first, within the Kingdom of God as proclaimed by/in Jesus.

Yours in wondering,

JOHN SERJEANTSON

New Bishop of Quebec, the Right Rev. Bruce Myers



Cardinal Gerald Ouellette and Auxiliary Bishop Marc Pelchat at the Seating of the Right Rev. Bruce Myers (center) as Diocesan Bishop of Quebec, Saturday, April 22, 2017.

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



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the work and witness of our neighbour, the Diocese of Quebec. We pray for the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers OGS recently installed as Bishop. He faces many challenges from its immense physical size to its small population and limited number of parishes. We lift up the four territorial archdeacons (Quebec, St. Francis, Gaspé, and North Shore), the Archdeacon of Saint-Laurent, charged with shepherding the French-language ministry, the Executive Archdeacon, and the Synod Office staff who all assist Bishop Myers in his work to reach the faithful in the main centres of the Diocese and the remote communities alike. We pray for and give thanks for the priests and lay readers who minister in single parishes or multi-point parishes as they meet the spiritual needs of all those under their care.

Gracious God, we give you special thanks for the amicable relationship between Bishop Bruce and Bishop Mary as they strive to revive your church here in the secular province of Quebec. We ask that you give them guidance and wisdom in finding new and innovative ways to lead your flock in bringing the gospel to the unchurched and to those who have lost interest in the church.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray on changes, challenges and hope

NICKI HRONJAK

Bill Gray was appointed as Executive Archdeacon a little less than three years ago, while he was the Rector of St George's Place du Canada and Territorial Archdeacon of Bedford and the Richelieu. Before his arrival in Montreal, he had served previous dioceses as Archdeacon, Regional Dean, Planning Officer, and Examining Chaplain, among other roles. At the end of August, he will move back to Ontario to be closer to his family.

Bill Gray's extensive administrative experience served him well as he met the challenges of his most current office with competence and grace. When Bishop Mary became Bishop in September of 2015 she was grateful that he offered the benefit of organizational continuity. And his good nature has been appreciated by the staff. According to Assistant Controller, Jennifer James Philips, "No matter what the issue, Bill would always come in to my office with a smile on his face and we would problem-solve together." Mark Dunwoody added, "I really admire how he was able to work behind the scenes making so many things happen in this diocese. And his down-to-earth sense of humor came in handy as we worked on complicated processes."

Recently, I asked him to reflect a bit on his time as Executive Archdeacon, starting with what surprised him about Montreal.

"I was and am impressed at how inclusive the church here is. In many respects, the Diocese of Montreal is farther along than other parts of Canada. The church here is very

diverse, with both liberal and conservative minded members, but the success has been that – in spite of serious struggles around that – the church has held that diversity together better than other places. I'm very liberal in my personal theology, yet I tend to be very comfortable in traditional churches and appreciate the conservative evangelical churches for their message of discipleship. I guess you would say that I try to take the best of each approach instead of seeing them in conflict. And I like that Montreal does that as well."

"Quebec is also ahead of the curve in dealing with the realities of a more secular country. Because of the English diaspora, we've been challenged more regarding our membership in the Anglican Church, which used to serve as a cultural home for the English community. While this has been difficult and at times painful, we have learned a lot in how to cope and react. When churches in other parts of the country face this situation, we'll be in a position to give advice because we have experienced it and dealt with it."

Of course, another challenge that the church has been faced with lately is the need to reexamine how we use our property. The archdeacon has played a significant role in helping congregations to face the reality of aging buildings and non-viable ministries.

"It's been gratifying to discover the possibilities regarding the redevelopment of church properties which allows us to invest in new ministries. Even though we've always said the church is people and not

buildings, the reality is that when we have to face these decisions, it becomes clear how tied to the buildings we are."

He admits this hasn't been easy. "It's a daunting task to take on because, in these situations, our emotional investment, our spiritual sense of well-being is challenged. We have a church community living in a province where we've always had a significant historical presence; it's hard to give up the idea that we're always going to be here in the way we always have been. And that has to change. The province doesn't owe us our existence. We have to continue to reinvent it and strive for it."

Yet, he is hopeful for the future. "One of the consequences of the quiet revolution and the secularization of society is that we are no longer in the center – we're living more in the margins of society. As such, we've been content to live under the radar and go unnoticed. Yet, we're discovering that the lack of voice means that we're no longer understood... that our mission hasn't been clearly communicated to those around us. The good news is that – as we engage in activities that help restore community such as church planting, messy church, reimagining church – we're discovering that there's a very open community. They are ready to hear our message."

When asked what he is looking forward to in the future, the Archdeacon responded; "I was only on the job for three years, yet I missed having an altar and a community and being engaged in priestly activities. The advantage of this role is that, with the dedicated and gifted



Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray speaks at the Community Relations Training Event in late May. Photo by Janet Best.

staff and resources, it's incredible how much we get done in a day. There are efficiencies you can't achieve in a parish because as a parish priest you're spread so thin. But I miss the intimacy and support of the community. Part of the

cultural change is that we can't afford to have a priest looking after everyone. We have to be about a strategic mission and disciple-making."

Andrew Wesley to Speak at Diocesan Synod

ROBERT CAMARA

On Saturday, June 17, the 158th Annual Synod of the Diocese of Montreal will be convened at Christ Church Cathedral and Fulford Hall. It is predominantly a business session with focus on our ministry and mission, the budget and a proposed change to Canon 1, *The Election of A New Bishop*. In this second year of a triennium that has focused on Truth and Reconciliation: Anglicans Respond, the Rev'd Andrew Wesley will address Synod as our keynote speaker.

The Rev'd Andrew Wesley was born and raised at Fort Albany, a

small village in Northern Ontario on the West Coast of James Bay.

He belongs to the Omushkago Tribe and at an early age was sent to attend two residential schools, Horden Hall which was Anglican and St Anne's which was Roman Catholic.

Wesley survived and has found the strength to forgive. Before obtaining his Master of Divinity at Wycliffe College, he worked as a Social Worker, Youth Counselor and Human Rights Officer. He became the first aboriginal to be ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Toronto and co-ordinated the Toronto Urban Native Ministry until

retirement. Currently he is the Elder – in – Residence at First Nation House at University of Toronto. Andrew attended most of the TRC events across the nation where in the Saskatoon event he told his testament about Residential schools. He is the co-chair of the Primate's

Doctrine of Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice and at one time co-chair of the Anglican Council for Indigenous Peoples. He lives in Toronto with his wife Esther and grandson Jalen.

We look forward to welcoming Andrew to our Diocesan Synod and

to hearing more about how the Church and we as Anglicans can respond to the Truth and Reconciliation Report's Calls to Action.

For more details about the 158th Annual Synod of the Diocese of Montreal, please visit our website at montreal.anglican.ca/synod.



Photo of Andrew Wesley at General Synod 2016 in Toronto by Art Babych. Originally published by the Anglican Journal.

Notable

Church of Resurrection

99 Mount Pleasant
(Corner of Queen)
Pointe Claire, Qc

Join the Fun

Saturday June 3, 2017
11 am to 3:00 pm

Family Day (games)

BBQ; Animal Petting Zoo;
Face painting
Church Open House
Introduction to Messy Church

Notable

St. Paul's Knowlton 175th Anniversary Party

On Sunday, July 9 St. Paul's
in Knowlton will be having a
175th Anniversary Party.

There will be one service only at
10 am (with Communion).

After the service, the party will
commence with a picnic lunch, fish
pond, bouncy castle, pony rides
and other exciting activities.

Don't forget to mark this date on
your calendar!

The Rev Robert Camara to be Executive Archdeacon

BISHOP MARY IRWIN-GIBSON

I am very pleased to announce that the Reverend Robert Camara has accepted my appointment as Executive Archdeacon and Vicar General of the Diocese of Montreal effective August 15, 2017.

Robert is no stranger to Synod Office or to the work of our diocese. He brings many years of experience in the Diocese of Montreal, having started off in the Programme Office in 1997. He also worked in municipal politics before pursuing his vocation to the priesthood. He has served on the Human Resources Standing Committee, Synod planning, The Montreal Diocesan Theological College Executive Committee, and he recently chaired the search Committee for a new MDTC Principal. He has served on many diocesan and national committees and participated actively on several community boards. Recently he has been the staff person responsible for Diocesan Synod Planning, Continuing Education and Safe Church practices and he has been the incumbent at St. George's Church in Châteauguay since November 2012.

I invite your support, encouragement and prayers as Robert takes on this important role. Please pray also for the people and ministry of St. George's, Châteauguay.

Je suis très heureuse d'annoncer que le révérend Robert Camara a accepté ma nomination à titre d'archidiacre exécutif et de vicaire général du diocèse de Montréal à compter du 15 août 2017.

Robert n'est pas étranger au bureau du Synode ou aux activités de notre diocèse. Il a cumulé de nombreuses années d'expérience dans le diocèse de Montréal, ayant débuté au Bureau du programme en 1997. Il a également oeuvré en politique municipale avant de se consacrer à la vocation sacerdotale. Il a siégé au Comité permanent des ressources humaines, à la planification de synodes, au Comité exécutif du Séminaire diocésain de Montréal (« SDM »), et il a récemment présidé le Comité de recherche pour un nouveau directeur du SDM. Il a siégé à de nombreux comités diocésains et nationaux et a participé activement à plusieurs comités communautaires. Récemment, il a été responsable de la Planification du Synode diocésain, de l'Éducation permanente et de la Politique des pratiques sécuritaires de l'église, et il a été le curé de l'église St-Georges, à Châteauguay, depuis novembre 2012.

J'invite votre soutien, vos encouragements et vos prières alors que Robert assume ces nouvelles charges. Priez aussi pour les fidèles et pour le ministère de St-Georges, à Châteauguay.



The Rev. Robert Camara



H₂O - Hands to Others Water Walk

Saturday, September 30th 9am - 1pm

Let's raise awareness of the need for clean water in Pikangikum!

Come walk with us alongside the St Lawrence in LaSalle and Verdun. Join us at any point along the way or just for the closing ceremony.



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Project**



For information go to www.montreal.anglican.ca/pwrdf

Let's Walk Together

BY ANN CUMYN

Do you realise how privileged you are? Whether you are just about making it, or not; even if your life is full of stress or sorrow, you have a privilege that many people do not. You have access to clean water!

We should be horrified to learn that there are people in Canada that do not. Among those that do not are many First Nations communities.

This year PWRDF Montreal is raising awareness of the lack of clean water in Pikangikum Ontario. We are initiating a some activities as well as fundraising: letters to significant cabinet ministers, which have already been sent and a Water Walk.

What is a water walk? A water walk is a walk to raise awareness about what we, the human beings on this planet, need to know and do to take care of our precious resource – water. It is acknowledging that this life giving resource is only effective when it is clean and free from pollution; clean water is to be treasured and readily available to all.

Our Water Walk, H₂O – Hands to Others, will take place on Saturday, September 30, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Come and join us as we walk along the shores of the St Lawrence River in LaSalle and Verdun.

We realise that people's walking capabilities and interest are different. Our planning will allow for a lot of walking, a little or none.

The walk will begin at two places, St Lawrence Church in LaSalle and the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun. Both groups will walk to the area of Bishop Power in LaSalle where there will be a closing ceremony. There will be places along the way where the walks can be

joined and those who do not wish to walk can join the closing ceremony. We will also be setting up rest stations along the way where water and fruit will be available. More information will be available at Synod and information regarding all the arrangements will be sent to churches at the beginning of September.

Although this water walk is arranged by PWRDF Montreal, the project to raise awareness and funds for Pikangikum sprang from an initiative of the Just Generation, the youth wing of PWRDF. We will need quite a few volunteers from our congregations and particularly are hoping to engage our youth. If you would like to volunteer please contact Ros Macgregor (roslyn.macgregor@gmail.com) or Ann Cumyn (acumyn@sympatico.ca).

Notable

Trinity Morin Heights

will be hosting our annual

Canada Day Strawberry Social

July 1, at Ski Morin Heights, in conjunction with Morin Heights' annual gala celebration of Canada Day, from 2-4 pm, for \$8 adult, \$4 child.

(all you can eat – homemade cake or scones, fresh whipped cream, and berries galore, plus tea or coffee), and sale of home baking.

Come for the berries; stay for an afternoon of fun and an evening of music and fireworks.

Laying it on the Line

St. Jax, One Year Later

DANICA MEREDITH

Easter 2017 at St. Jax was miraculous. The space is immense – have you been there? (come visit!) It was filled with over 350 people singing along with a 50-person Montreal Gospel Choir. This celebration capped an exciting year of growth and renewal.

Let me go back a little. I was married ten years ago at St. James the Apostle (now St. Jax). Occupying the only patch of green between

Atwater and the Cathedral, the church itself just spoke to me, and The Ven Linda Borden Taylor and the congregation were so friendly and welcoming.

Yet by 2014 and 2015, by which time I was on the Corporation, we had a major financial decision to make: do we sell, close, or try something new? You no doubt know that with the enthusiastic support of the Bishop, the tireless work of Mark Dunwoody at the Diocese, the

courage and insight of Archdeacon Linda, and the prayers of the congregation (and diocese), we chose to try something new.

On December 31, 2015, we closed St. James the Apostle. The decision to close St. James was difficult and painful for everyone; for some, the transition has been hard. The church remained officially closed until the full launch of St. Jax in September, 2016, but at Easter, 2016, the new incumbent, the Rev Graham Singh,



The Montreal Gospel Choir at St Jax, Easter 2017.

invited us to gather and begin planning something new.

The Easter 2016 gathering was the first time that we glimpsed the possibility of a fresh expression of Anglican church. We gathered to start imagining a new type of church in downtown Montreal. The vision from the diocese was this big idea: to try to capture the creativity, innovation and exuberance of Quebec society in our churches; to learn from what modern Anglicanism has achieved in multicultural cities elsewhere; to welcome people with good coffee and conversation, in either French or English.

Change isn't new to me. I have built my career in technology, solving problems in teams that are part of adapting corporations when industries are disrupted and employing design thinking. I have worked on the technology side of finance, airlines, and now publishing at moments of radical change and innovation.

The evolution to something new was not new to me, yet altering a church seemed somehow different. It was exciting and a little scary. What if it didn't work? What if I didn't like it? What would this new church be like? How would we find new people? Would I like or want to be part of this new community? Or would I be making something that my children liked and I didn't?

What we saw at Easter last year, 2016, was a group of people who wanted to help us succeed. There were children and even a Children's ministry on that first day. The coffee was good and we had fresh bagels. It was with hope, vulnerability and faith that we met with each other and formed St. Jax.

Over the course of the year, we have steadily grown in number, as



Danica Meredith

we welcomed people from all walks of life and extremely diverse backgrounds, reflecting the urban neighbourhood that we inhabit. We have a full children's and youth ministry. We have run bilingual Alpha and a Youth Alpha. We have conducted three retreats to get to know each other better. Overall, we have built a community of friends.

What makes St. Jax different? Everyone is invited to lean in and participate. On St. Patrick's Day, I ran the Sunday school, including the message, a craft, actions and activities. I had never done this before, so I reached out to my friends in the diocese and got great suggestions on liturgy and yoga and crafts. I think this experience is the embodiment of being "more than we can ask or imagine."

If you come to St. Jax, look up to the ceiling. It is teak and there are two angels who sit at the edge of each transept, looking out over the congregation. On Easter 2017, with the church filled, I looked up at them. And the voices of a throng of people sang out. "O, happy day!" indeed.

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Dio Welcomes a New Principal

REV'D ROBERT CAMARA

The Rev'd Robert Camara is a member of the Executive of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College Board of Governors and was the Chair of the Search Committee for the new principal. He is also an alumnus of the College.

A year ago last June the Board of Governors of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College (MDTC) were convened to strike up a search committee after the retirement of

the Rev'd Dr. Donald Boisvert. The Search Committee consisted of the Rev. Robert Camara (Chair), Mrs. Ann Cumyn, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Dr. Richard Virr and the Rev'd Rhonda Waters. Also on the Search Committee were Mr. Joel Amis, representing the Dio students; the Rev'd Dr. Roland De Vries, representing the Presbyterian College; the Rev'd Dr. Phil Joudrey, representing the United Theological College; the Rev'd Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick, representing McGill's

School of Religious Studies; and Bishop Bruce Myers, representing the Diocese of Quebec.

The Search Committee received numerous applications and was tasked with discerning who to call as the next Principal from a pool of highly qualified and gifted applicants. It was a pleasure to work with this group of people who kept in mind the best interests of the College and its future as we interviewed the candidates.

In the interim this past year, the Search Committee and Board of

Governors were very thankful for the leadership of the Rev'd Dr. Karen Egan as she took on the responsibilities of acting-Principal, and the Rev'd Dr. Neil Mancor, as he agreed to come on board the College staff as acting-Director of Pastoral Studies. Their commitment and leadership helped provide the College and its students the stability it needed while the Search Committee went through its process.

The College community is very excited to welcome the Rev'd Dr. Jesse Zink as the next principal of MDTC. His appointment was approved by the Board of Governors on March 27, 2017.

Dr. Zink is currently the director of the Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide in Cambridge, England, which is a member institution of the ecumenical Cambridge Theological Federation. He is also an affiliated lecturer in the Faculty of Divinity of Cambridge University.

A graduate of the Faculty of Divinity of Cambridge University, Dr. Zink has extensive experience in theological education and academic administration. Although he will be joining us from the UK, Dr. Zink is a Canadian, born in Vancouver and raised in the United States. In addition to his doctorate, he has degrees from Acadia University, the University of Chicago, and Yale Divinity School. He worked as a news reporter at a radio station in Alaska and as a missionary in South Africa



Dr Jesse Zink

before his ordination in the Diocese of Western Massachusetts in The Episcopal Church.

Dr. Zink is the author of three books about theology, mission, and the global church, including *A Faith for the Future* and *Backpacking through the Anglican Communion: A Search for Unity*. His doctoral research at Cambridge University was a study of the growth of the Anglican church during Sudan's second civil war.

Dr. Zink will assume his new post on August 1, 2017 and we all look forward to welcoming him and his family to Montreal as they join our diocesan family.



The Search Committee, top row, (left to right): the Rev'd Dr. Roland De Vries, Mr. Joel Amis, Bishop Bruce Myers, the Rev'd Prof. Patricia Kirkpatrick and the Rev'd Dr. Phil Joudrey. Bottom row: Dr. Richard Virr, Mrs. Ann Cumyn, the Rev'd Rhonda Waters, the Rev. Robert Camara (Chair), Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson.

St Peter's TMR tries something new

Around the Diocese



Diane and Zeke Keener at St Peter's TMR. Photo by Janet Best

St Peter's TMR has recently completed a four-month trial (on the last Sunday of each month) of its members moving into small groups during the service to discuss the scripture texts for the day, and to build deeper community and spiritual discussion together. Bishop

Mary joined St Peter's for the third Sunday of this trial period. Not surprisingly, not all parishioners have liked the experiment, but an online-survey of parishioners shows an overwhelming majority found it a positive experience, and so St Peter's may continue this practice.



Greg Hamilton and Music Director Stephen Mullin perform on a recent Sunday at St Peter's TMR. Photo by Janet Best

Confirmation and First Communion at St Paul's Côte-des-Neiges



Mrs Ivor and the Ven James Bennett pose with their grandson, Kristjan. Photos by Shawn Browne



Daryn Charles, Ryan Charles, Bishop Mary, Pheona Lawrence-McKenzie, Archdeacon Bennett and Kristjan Bennett celebrate Confirmation and First Communion at St Paul's, Côte-des-Neiges.

Farewell Mass at Trinity Memorial, February 26, 2017



Joyce Ellis, Dion Lewis and Jessica Bickford participated in the emotional final service at Trinity Memorial.

Photos by Janet Best

Community Relations Education Day, April 29, 2017



(l-r) Mussabir Alam and Steven Mackison share a laugh, Victor David MBUYI Bipungu leads a group session and Angelina Leggo talks about online communications

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Easter at the Cathedral



The Rev. Jennifer Bourque, The Rev. Dr. Donald Boisvert, The Rev. Jean-Jacques Goulet, The Rev. Amy Hamilton pose at the high altar of the Cathedral, with the Easter garden beside them.



The Cathedral children placed flowers at the Easter garden tomb. The Rev. Jean-Daniel Williams spoke to them about what the women found at the tomb and how the cloths were folded neatly (Jesus made his bed when he rose!)



Donna Jean-Louis, Donald Boisvert and Louise Lockhart

Confirmation at St Paul's Greenfield Park



Victoria, right, Server Victoria Amato lights a candle at the confirmation service at St Paul's Greenfield Park. Above, Sunday, April 30: Celebrating their confirmation l.to r. Hailey Sandell, Evelyn Grow, Kristin Rodney, Rebecca Amato, Bishop Mary and Victoria Amato (who made and decorated the cake for the occasion.)

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The Special Allure of Cathedrals

DONALD L. BOISVERT

The Reverend Dr. Donald L. Boisvert is Interim Priest-in-Charge at Christ Church Cathedral.

In an article entitled “The Potential of Cathedrals” which appeared in the winter 2013 issue of *The Anglican Theological Review*, former Dean of Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco, the Reverend Dr. Jane Shaw, makes a compelling case for why cathedrals in the twenty-first century are growing.

In fact, while the vast majority of churches in the Anglican Communion, at least in the West, are facing various forms of decline, many Anglican cathedrals have experienced growth in recent decades. This is also the case with our own Christ Church Cathedral.

Why might that be? Shaw writes: “Cathedrals are today at the cutting edge of mission. Cathedrals, by their very nature, their space, their beauty, are places that encourage an exploration of the spiritual without an emphasis on dogma or belief, while offering the rhythms of well-worn rituals that people often deeply desire.” Let’s look a bit more closely at some of the reasons. Shaw outlines five of them.

First, cathedrals are places of beauty. Whether it be the liturgy, the music, or the aesthetics of the architecture, people find in cathedrals something which responds to their innermost cravings for a sense of the transcendent.

Second, and we should not underestimate this quality, cathedrals “allow anonymity.” In an age when people are searching for new

places of spiritual belonging which go beyond strict denominational boundaries, cathedrals, by virtue of their size, make it possible for people simply to be. As Shaw puts it: “They are places for resting in the beauty, for exploring the transcendent at one’s own pace.”

Third, cathedrals are public places that provide “gathering spaces for diverse urban communities.” Cathedrals bring together very differing populations – whether it be age, ethnicity, or gender and sexual identity – and they provide unique opportunities for them to mix together in an open and accepting environment. In addition, cathedrals draw people from a broader geographic area than most traditional neighbourhood churches, and they also attract tourists, lots of them.

Fourth and fifth, cathedrals can nurture strong relationships with the broader civil society, and they help “sustain, articulate, and even consecrate local and national tradition and identity.” In other words, cathedrals perform an important public role of identity-formation and identity-maintenance. They are strategic places where the city meets the church in an open and mutually beneficial way.

All of these reflect my own experience at Christ Church Cathedral, which is certainly a place of beauty. Time and time again, I have heard people comment on how moved they were by the liturgy, how uplifting the music was, or how they were impacted by the sermon. We take our mission of manifesting “the beauty of holiness” very seriously indeed.



Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral also attracts a wide and wondrous diversity of people. Some are long-term parishioners (and from very different parts of the city), others are simply seeking, while others come and go as they please (and then often return more permanently). But in each and every case, people clearly feel at home. Something at the Cathedral speaks to them, whether it is the rainbow flag, the intensity of our social justice outreach, or the particular mix of our congregation and clergy. Almost every Sunday, one is struck by the number of new faces in the pews. Many are only visiting, or they are looking more deliberately for a place to belong. We allow them the space and the time to explore.

Located in the heart of the city, Christ Church Cathedral is undeniably a major site of interest for those passing by or for tourists, especially in the summer. We have participated for a number of years in the annual *Nuit blanche* festivities, welcoming each time some 4000 visitors who discover at the Cathedral a special haven of rest and a sense of spiritual wellbeing, many for the first time. Since we are open from early morning to late afternoon, people come every day to the Cathedral for a quiet space for rest and a time of prayer, or as a place that attracts them for its architectural splendour. In simply keeping our doors open to all, we bear witness to the enduring presence of God in the life of our city,

and we allow people to experience something of the transcendent, however transitory it may be.

Christ Church Cathedral is the mother church of the diocese, and, as such, it occupies a special place in our wider diocesan life and in our affections. It stands at the very heart of our identity as Montreal Anglicans. But beyond that, the Cathedral offers to all who enter its doors, whether Anglicans or not, a vibrant spiritual and material reminder of the continued significance of the Christian faith in this age of religious uncertainty. And that makes us more and more relevant in this young twenty-first century.

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ideas, their financial resources, their time, and with their prayers.

Here is a summary of the ministries and methods that helped us get to where we are today:

Café Worship

Spreading the word of God within the Church is as important as how we spread the word outside the Church. In facing its financial challenges, St Paul’s Church looked inwards to learn more about itself and what it might do to bring about change in the participation of its congregation, and to stop the diminishing of tithing.

Through the spreading of joy



The Mountain of Debt was set up by the Sunday School under Karen Rye. The children filled in the rocks as the debt decreased...

and word of celebration from family members at St Giles Church in the UK, a new alternative worship was discovered in Café Worship. Café Worship is a refreshing more relaxed, inclusive and praise style service that adopts, amongst other things, the greater involvement of youth and infants to lead, read, participate, and express how they see God, Jesus and Holy Spirit working within us. This service soon became one of the most attended of the month.

In considering whether and how to adopt the unorthodox non-traditional approach, we had to carefully communicate that this would not replace the need or the time allocated for the traditional services. Thanks to the worship team, communication was a big factor in the success of adopting Café Worship. Communication was certainly a factor in how – even for many of the most traditional congregation members – it quickly became a joyous time of worship that compliments and strengthens our praise and glory of God and Jesus.

To those that will hopefully consider Café Worship, do so with respect for all and communicate well in a timely manner.

Prayer Ministries

God’s command and promise is our sole motive for prayer. Nothing could be commanded more precisely than what is stated in Psalm 50: 15 by Lord God, “Call upon me in the time of tribulation.” Lord Jesus also invites

us to come to Him with our heavy burdens and take our rest.

We place a high value on prayer and we have witnessed the great work of prayer for our concerns. We believe the most important gift we can offer someone is the gift of prayer. We also believe that if it is big enough to worry about, it is big enough to pray about. We can witness to God’s guidance and enabling for our Parish as we call upon Him and look beyond our needs to the needs of those in the wider communities around us.

There are several opportunities available to receive prayers, not only for the parishioners, but for all who enter our building and ask us to pray for their concerns.

This ministry takes on various forms:

- Prayer bears – all bears are donated and then blessed by the Rector and we have distributed over 465 bears in North America. Some recipients have even passed them on once they feel called to do so.
- Prayer chain – updated reports regarding concerns are sent to the coordinator who then passes the information to the team and thanksgivings are shared in the church.
- Prayer teams – minister individually and during worship.

Community Outreach

Given our financial situation, the ACW’s first instinct was to drop all missions and outreach projects, and

we have many, and give all the money from our five big yearly fundraisers to the church to pay down the debt. After much praying and contemplating about our problem as a church, it was pointed out that we could not stop our missions and outreach work because the Lord wants us to help those who need help in His name.

We have many outreaches in our community:

- two seasonal Children’s Outreaches open to the children in the community with about 50 children attending where while having fun, they learn about our Lord and Savior;
- a Friday evening once/month where the children come and either watch a movie, play games, or bake, etc.;
- one Friday night a month is set aside for teens aged 12 – 17 years old;
- two Tuesdays a month we hold a ladies Craft Night where the women of the community come and knit for the children in a local school, make crafts to be sold at our Christmas Sale or make blankets which are given to cancer patients.

And finally, two financial ministries are pivotal to realigning our financial priorities:

Stewardship – Walk-in-Faith
Having attended various stewardship events offered by the Diocese, we found ourselves disheartened because – while the information was good – we did not have the man power run a huge stewardship campaign. Instead, we decided to develop our own campaign.

In September of 2014, our Parish

Council approved a semi-annual stewardship campaign that was submitted by Kim Briand. This new approach allowed our parishioners, some of whom are on a fixed income, the opportunity to budget their contributions by donating a smaller amount twice a year instead of one yearly donation.

A letter was mailed to our parishioners explaining that the goal of the campaign was to build a “nest egg” so that there would be funds available should an unexpected expense come up. We called the campaign Walk-in-Faith because of the verse in 2 Cor 5:7 “We will walk by faith, not by sight.”

In our semi-annual letters, we give a brief update of all that has taken place at the church and in the community as well as how much has been contributed and where the funds, if any, have been spent.

Mountain Project

Our Sunday School was equally concerned about our debt reduction and came up with the Mountain Project. A mountain was designed with stones and for everyone who contributed, amounts were marked off and the individual received a name of someone for whom they would pray. Some requested general prayer for the church. We are so proud of the children’s contributions to the process and how they found a way to provide inspiration for many of us.

In closing, the whole process of confronting the debt has made us a stronger church family as we’ve learned about ourselves, our church, and the goodness of God.

Liturgical Lexicon

STEVEN MACKISON

The Reverend Canon Steven Mackison is the Diocesan Liturgical Officer.

In my last article I shed some light on the origins of the chalice. We will now take a closer look at the paten, especially since these two items go together as much as the bread and wine that fill them.

Like its partner in grace the chalice, the paten has enjoyed a colourful liturgical past. The word itself (pronounced with a short *a*, despite the word's single consonant) hails from the Latin term "*patina*," meaning "serving plate" or "dish" and refers to the repository which cradles the bread of Christ's body that is offered in the Eucharist. As one might expect, the paten has gone through as many transformations as its sacred sibling, the chalice.

Any informed church historian will tell you that the bread which Jesus broke with his disciples in the upper room certainly did not rest on the paten with which we are familiar. In all likelihood, that first paten was nothing more than a simple ceramic dish or wooden basket.

However, as early Christian communities began to celebrate the



Derrynafan Paten, part of an 8th- or 9th-century communion set found in County Tipperary, Ireland.

Eucharist, it became obvious that a small dish or basket was not sufficient to hold the consecrated bread, since – imitating Christ's example – real bread was used, rather than the wafers we enjoy today. (For those who have not become accustomed to the taste, "wafers we enjoy" is perhaps not the most appropriate turn of phrase.)

In any event, in order to accommodate the quantities of bread that

were needed to feed the faithful, a larger receptacle for the bread was needed. Some scholars suggest that the earliest patens were serving plates of generous proportions; glass, wood, or copper plates that tipped the scales at a whopping 20-30 pounds.

Other pundits of eucharistic lore insist that the paten was neither plate, nor dish, nor even bread box. Rather, white linen bags – they insist

– were used to distribute the consecrated bread. Not surprisingly the latter custom was quickly canned and the paten developed along its present plate-like lines.

However, by the ninth century, when frequent reception of Holy Communion declined, it was no longer necessary to have patens of such considerable diameter. The large loaf of bread gave way to the small priest's host that graces the paten to this day, making the paten similar in size to the one on which Jesus offered his body. Today it retains the diminutive dimensions that it took in the mediaeval church. The contemporary paten is approximately 15-20cm in diameter – and is typically crafted in silver or gold – often matching the precious metal of the chalice that accompanies it.

It is interesting to note, however, that in many churches, the practice of using *real bread* is gaining acceptance. Some would say that this return to ancient custom is yet another of the church's ongoing attempts to recover the faith and witness of those first disciples, who gathered around the table to receive the (actual) bread of life from the hands of God's very self.



The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison.

The more practical believer would probably say that when we receive the body of Christ, it would be nice if it savoured of the genuine article. As a mentor of mine once quipped regarding the taste of communion wafers: "I can believe that it is the Body of Christ, I just can't believe that it's bread."

And yet, as with all things sacramental, what is important is not so much the elements themselves, but what they become; for, whether it's a loaf or a wafer, we believe that what we have been given is nothing less than the Bread of Life.

Canada briefs

Toronto church aims to become 'food hub' for neighbourhood

The Church of the Epiphany and St. Mark, in Toronto's diverse Parkdale neighbourhood, is planning to become a "food hub," involved in growing, preparing and providing food for the local community.

"We're concerned that healthy, culturally appropriate food will become more and more unaffordable," says the Rev. Jason McKinney, associate priest. "Food has been identified by the neighbourhood as a need, and the church is in a position to contribute something towards that."

The idea originated in 2013, when the Jeremiah Community, a local monastic group, moved into the church building. Its members were looking for ways to connect with the neighbourhood, and hit upon the idea of offering a space where food could be distributed to locally, McKinney says. The idea began to take shape when the church began to make connections with groups concerned about development in the neighbourhood. "It became an idea of multiple organizations collaborating, ideally in a single space, by sharing resources and trying to think about creative solutions to food insecurity," he says.

Food hub organizers plan, among other things, to increase the capacity of an urban garden just outside the church. Meanwhile, one of the church's two industrial kitchens could be upgraded to process food from the garden.

"The biblical story begins in the garden and ends in a feast," McKinney says. "Food is central to the ministry of Jesus. Food is central to the ongoing sacramental presence of Jesus within the people of God today." *– The Anglican*

N.B. church provides charity meals made by kids

A rural New Brunswick church is providing meals for local people in need of prepared food – made by some of the smallest people in the congregation.

For more than a year and a half, children at St. Ann's, Westcock, outside Sackville, N.B., have been taking part in "Feed My Sheep," a Sunday school program devised by parishioner Kim Grant. One Sunday monthly at 9:30 am, Grant gathers with at least 15 children ages 2-13, a retired Sunday school teacher and two or three parents in the church kitchen. While their parents worship, the children and their supervisors prepare an entire menu – a chili, stew or soup, a biscuit or breadstick and a dessert. When the service finishes, the children and their parents take the food to 12-18 recipients. These include, people in palliative care or people recovering from surgery who would find it hard to make meals for themselves.

"The kids are very excited to get to the door at the delivery," Grant says. "They understand the idea of helping others, and they understand it doesn't matter whether it's someone from our church."

The program was inspired partly by a Christian study looking at ways of helping children learn to succeed in ways that will help them later in life. Summer camp and mission work were two activities the study identified, Grant says.

Children understand what ministry means – even if adults don't often entrust them with it, she says.

"Kids want to give and want to do for others," she adds. "But we don't always give them the opportunities." *– The New Brunswick Anglican*

Saint John the Baptist Missions Team Knits Memory Muffs



Lucy Anglin with Jane Fyfe, activities coordinator at Place Heron, and top muff producer Mary Moshopolous.

Donna Sauve

LUCY ANGLIN HUNT

Sometime in February 2016, one of the ladies in our church missions group found a Facebook link to Poole Hospital in the UK where they were making memory muffs to help calm patients with dementia by giving them something to hold and "fiddle" with. A pattern was included as well as their address should you want to knit some and mail them to the UK.

Our church group (Church of St John the Baptist in Pointe Claire) jumped on the idea thinking of how many local residences could benefit from these muffs. We have now distributed over 430 memory muffs to most of the residences in the West Island as well as to The Alzheimer Society of Montreal who will dis-

tribute them through their Montreal-wide network.

Each muff is unique and each patient has their own to keep. The muffs are made with donated remnant wool, buttons, ribbons, beads, buckles, toggles, zippers and all other trinkets (we encourage people to drop off any of these items at the church!).

The testimonials from several of the recipient residences are very encouraging and we hope to continue with this project. We also give out the pattern to anyone who would like to make the muffs for their own community.

Although these memory muffs are donated free-of-charge to anyone in need, we display them at all our church functions for anyone wishing to purchase one (\$20) as a donation

to Missions. Any money raised is donated to Camp Amy Molson (a camp for inner city children).

Our story was recently covered by *The Suburban*, a local newspaper, and an interview on these Memory Muffs aired on Global News on March 25, 2017.

Another ongoing Missions project is the knitting of baby blankets for Project Linus whose goal it is to provide a blanket of security to young children facing substantial distress in their lives.

Our most recent project is the making and decorating of miniature Fairy Doors to put in your garden for a little extra magic. Proceeds from these sales are pegged for the Montreal charity *Dans La Rue* to help teenagers in need. For more information, 514-697-1714.

Companions on an Ancient Path

An opportunity for young women to spend a year deepening their faith

The Sisters of St. John the Divine (SSJD, an Anglican monastic community in Toronto) have opened applications for the 2017-2018 cohort of their program called Companions on an Ancient Path. This is a great opportunity for young women in their 20s and 30s who have a passion for the gospel, who want to serve others, who seek ways to deepen their lives as followers of Jesus, and who would like an experience of intentional community.

The SSJD are excited and privileged to have five young women from across Canada and from various denominational backgrounds living with them this year. In fact



one of the participants, Christine, was inspired to apply after reading the article about the first year of the program in the January 16 issue of Topic the monthly publication of the diocese circulated as part of the Anglican Journal.

Here are a few highlights of Companions on an Ancient Path.

- It is a FREE opportunity for women to spend a year building community among themselves, learning from a healthy traditional community, and developing spiritual disciplines that they can take out into their future lives.
- The program is supported by SSJD and by a generous grant from the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.
- It would appeal especially to those who would like to take a gap year in their studies, a year off between

studies and work, or a leave of absence from their work.

- And the program is offered in partnership with Wycliffe College where Companions will have the opportunity to take courses in spiritual formation that may transfer back to their home institutions.

Program coordinator on behalf of the SSJD, the Reverend Canon Dr. Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert is asking for help to make the program more widely known, by sharing this information with any young women who might benefit from such an opportunity.

To learn more about the program, or for application forms go to www.ssjd.ca/companions, e-mail Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert at companions@ssjd.ca or phone 416-226-2201, ext. 316.

Did you know that MTL Youth has a live weekly broadcast on Facebook?

MARK DUNWOODY (DIOCESAN MISSIONER) AND LEE ANN MATTHEWS (MTL YOUTH PROJECT COORDINATOR AND WEB/SOCIAL MEDIA COORDINATOR)

Yes we do! We hang out online from the downtown Diocesan office every Tuesday morning at 10 am EST. We invite guests to share their events, stories and the good news of their ministry. The best part about this platform is that it lets us interact directly with YOU!

This is a great opportunity to connect no matter where you are. Many people from all over the world interact with us – in real time – to ask questions, learn from our guests and to simply enjoy our informal sessions, while others enjoy watching the show once it has been posted at their convenience. In fact, we regularly have over 600 viewers per week!

This has been such a wonderful way to reach out and connect with those from within the church as well as those outside the Anglican com-

munity. We have received great feedback from people from all walks of life about the program.

We are delighted to announce that our very own Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson will be on the show on Tuesday June 6. This will be a wonderful opportunity to show your support to – and perhaps even interact directly with – our bishop. We are also excited to be hosting a live broadcast directly from Synod on June 17.

How can you be a part of the show?

1. Log into your Facebook account and search MTLYouth Montreal
2. Click “add friend” (if you aren’t already).
3. View the show live through this account every Tuesday at 10 am EST or scroll down and watch the shows as they have appeared.

We have heard some brilliant stories and enjoyed much laughter and many great chats with Anglicans and ministry enthusiasts so please be a part of the fun!

See you there!



Open House at the Mile End Community Mission

LINDA LOU HACHEY

After another long, cold and snowy winter, it's wonderful to once again be able to open the Mission doors wide and experience the eclectic sights and sounds of our interesting neighbourhood in the spring and summer time. As passers-by scurry back and forth outside the Mission, we sometimes notice some who are

new to the area peeking into our doorway, seemingly wondering “hmm, what goes on in there?”

Well, on June 10 from 10 am until 4 pm, we would like to invite all of our friends and those whom we have not yet had the opportunity to meet to come visit us during our annual *Open House*.

Located in what has become an artsy, funky and popular part of the

city, our little store-front Mission, which hasn't changed its look much over the past 25 years, continues to fit into the changing landscape of Mile-End like a vintage pair of gloves. After all, a caring community never goes out of style! The only question most people have is: “Are there really disadvantaged people living in our neighbourhood?” Well, unfortunately, the answer is yes and the needs of this community have grown substantially over the years!

The heart of our mission, has and continues to be an inclusive, compassionate and inspiring community. A community that includes many friends spanning the Greater Montreal area and beyond. We have so many wonderful stories to tell about what we do here at the Mission, updates to give those of you who haven't been here for a while, pieces of art which will be on display that were created by members of our Community Art group, a T-Shirt tie-dye table where you can express your own creativity, a BBQ lunch, live music and much, much more!

People who first come to the Mission often comment that it feels so homey here, like you're stopping in to visit friends and family. So, with that in mind, please don't be shy. Stop by for a visit and join our celebration of friends and community! We look forward to seeing you there, rain or shine! Our address is 99 Bernard West, corner of St. Urbain and if you have any questions about the event or anything else, just give us a call anytime at: 514-274-3401.



Notable

St. James Anglican Church

328 Pine St. Rosemere
450-621-6466

2 June – **Military Whist** – 7 pm
\$10 per person. Refreshments & Prizes. Make up your table of 4.

The Drop-In Centre continues every Wednesday from 10 am to 2 pm. Fellowship and coffee. Soup lunch. Church is open for quiet reflection and prayer with Father David at 1:30 pm after the luncheon. *The Drop In will close for the summer on 21 June 2017.*

1 July – **Canada Day**
150th Birthday Celebration
Join us for a wonderful party, bring a dish to share wear the red and white. Door prizes. Everyone welcome.

Notable

All Saints Church

248-18th Ave. Deux Montagnes
Priest: Reverend David Hart
david@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca
450-473-9541
info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca
www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

June 3
“Food for Body and Soul”
monthly breakfast 9:30 am – church hall, open to all, served the first Saturday of each month. A great way to socialize with local friends and neighbours.
Info: 450-473-9541 or info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

June 10
Annual Flea Market
in the church parking lot, or in church Hall, depending on the weather. Table Rental \$15. starting at 8:00 am
Info: 450-473-9541 to reserve a table or info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

June 26-30
Bible Day Camp
Theme: “On Fire”
10 am to 3 pm
A week of crafts, games, music, Bible stories and activities for children aged 5-12.
Info: Jeff Alexander 450-473-6415 or info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

Notable

June 17, 9:30 am – 2:30 pm
Yard, Bake Sale, and BBQ

St. Thomas' Church
6897 Somerled
corner Rosedale, N.D.G

Info: 514-484-2750 or st.thomas.ndg@gmail.com

The Myth of the “Great Man”

MARK DUNWOODY

Apostles are driven by a deep desire to see God’s kingdom become more tangible in the world through the church, and they are prepared to do whatever it takes to make this happen.

An Apostle’s calling is exciting awakening the rest of us to the renewal of all things missional. Apostles often end up burnt out, disillusioned, and at odds with other leaders who just ‘don’t seem to get it.’ The key issue for attracting, and sustaining these entrepreneurial types is to create an ecosystem in which they can thrive.

It’s 2017 – there’s no valid reason for placing one person in a key leadership role within a hierarchical structure and expect amazing results. How many times do we have to see the failures of the ‘one person’ model to understand that it doesn’t work? So why do we continue to create and build churches on the ‘Great Man’ myth?

Having ‘one great leader’ is problematic in terms of sociological,

theological and practical narratives. Not to mention the unacknowledged pressures that most struggle with – trying to be liked, knowing everything, and being ‘the next best thing’. On the surface the eloquence of a hierarchy leadership structure is that it’s smooth; everyone does what needs to be done, and the line of authority is clear. However, like any great sports team, when an organization is working to the full capacity of its members (irrespective of gender) it is impossible to identify any one leader.

If Jesus can share leadership, why can’t we?

Isn’t it interesting that the Jesus we know and love never seemed to be pursuing fame and fortune? So why do we put others, and ourselves on a pedestal? The post-resurrection Jesus was able to be the superstar of the day – he had it all, everyone was in awe of him. Yet, throughout his life he modelled a clear example of servant leadership. He asked a lot of questions of those around him, got folk to converse without the prevail-

ing cultural assumptions of power or position, and said, “go.” So, a journey towards Jesus might be one of creating collaborative relationships with other sojourners that seek to alert folk to the presence of God in their neighbourhoods?

What next?

A core ‘effective practice’ in planting a new church, or revitalizing a ministry etc. is the importance of having a team. If you are thinking of starting something new, take some time to find others who have a passion for the same things as you (this might take a day, month or years – but don’t ever give up on finding others to share your journey). When you do find a team, have fun and eat together. This will release the creative juices as a clearer reality of your vision materializes. Begin with a prototype, try it for a while, and prayerfully review often. Lastly, you with your team might need training (and we can help you with that as you embark on your new adventure), but natural talent, emotional intelligence, and empathy



for others will take you where you want to be.

Blessings.

Footnote: A key element of our 2020 Vision is the equipping of local change agents. For the next few issues, Mark Dunwoody our diocesan missionary (who is currently undertaking

doctoral research in effective practices for theologically well-formed churches in the digital age) offers some food for thought on ingrained cultural myths that we might need to reconsider in Church leadership.

Awards for Dedicated Service at St Stephen’s, Lachine

SHIRLEY SMITH

We, at St. Stephen’s, Lachine, began the practice, a number of years ago, of bestowing awards on deserving members for their dedicated service at church. (We are not saying that *only a few* members are deserving, but certain years certain members seem to elude a certain dedication). These awards, which began when The Rev. Dr. Holly Ratcliffe was our priest (1992-1999) are not automatically given every year.

During our Annual Vestry Meeting on Sunday, February 5, these awards and certificates were presented: an Award of Recognition to David Black for his attention to our grounds, last summer, also for being Peoples’ Warden, Envelope Secretary, Parish Council Member, (someone noted that we should have

included “fudge maker”!) Bill Ford, for summer yard work done on our grounds, (St Stephen’s Church is surrounded by our cemetery) and for being a Parish Council Member.

In appreciation for their participation in the community, the following three members were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation: Paul Grieve, for being a Chauffeur Extraordinaire, for driving people to doctor’s appointments; Betty Rowe, for providing music at Seniors’ Residences, at the keyboard at Les Floralties and at the piano at Centre d’Accueil; and to Robert Laxton, our organist, for being Co-ordinator and Chef for Meals-on-Meals in Westmount.

Last, but not least, Steven Jennings received a cross in appreciation for his many years as our dedicated Crucifer.



Robert Laxton, David Black, Paul Grieve, Bill Ford, Rev Shirley, Betty Rowe, Steven Jennings

Huron bishop to call for ‘five-year plans’ from each parish

Faced with a number of “very fragile” congregations in the diocese, Huron Bishop Linda Nicholls says she is planning to ask for five-year financial plans from each parish.

“The big picture plan is around the need to stabilize the diocese in terms of the sustainability of parishes because we have a lot of fragile congregations, very fragile,” Nicholls says. The bishop says she is planning to call on each parish church to develop a five-year plan for financial stability and building upkeep, with measureable benchmarks, at the diocesan synod in May.

At the same time, says Nicholls, churches need to be working at discipleship and “working on why we are the church, working within churches and on the spiritual needs of the community around us.”

She adds, “We don’t have time to wait; we don’t have time for people to wake up to this.”

Nicholls stresses that she will not be “going around closing churches.” The decision on whether to close or

remain open will be up to the congregations themselves, she says. However, she adds, “I will be the one who comes around holding up a mirror and say[s], ‘This is what I’m seeing. What are you seeing?’”

Four financial “non-negotiables” face churches, she says: balanced budgets; not using reserves for operating costs; paying their full apportionment (contribution to the budget of the diocese); and paying clergy stipends and housing.

Nicholls became bishop last fall after being area bishop for Trent-Durham, diocese of Toronto, says she was not surprised at the state of parishes when she arrived.

“This is true everywhere,” she says. At the same time, she adds, she also sees a certain strength of spirit in Anglican congregations. “What I’ve seen in the church generally, and I see it here, too, is the feistiness of congregations,” she says. “Feistiness is good because we need that stick-to-it-iveness to work through some tough times.” – *Huron Church News*



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Convocation at Dio

Recognition, Reconciliation and Celebration

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Montreal Diocesan Theological College held this year's convocation at St. Andrew and St. Mark's Anglican Church in Dorval, served by the incumbent the Rev. Elizabeth Welch. The parish is also home to an Aboriginal community ministry led by the Rev. Annie Ittoshat.

In celebration of an academic year marked by both productivity and transition, Acting Principal the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan highlighted a number of initiatives undertaken by college students, faculty, and staff, and confirmed the conclusion of a

long period of anticipation around the appointment of a new college principal: Dr. Jesse Zink, presently Director of Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide, will be starting his term in August, 2017.

The conferral of degrees took place in three stages. First, Education for Ministry diplomas marking the completion of a four-year training in biblical literacy, church history, and theology, were awarded to Sandra Gallichon and Violet Konrad of the Diocese of Quebec. The presentation of the graduands was given by the Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, newly seated Bishop of Quebec. Next, the Licentiate in Theology and Diploma in Ministry were awarded to Jane Bell, who completed her In Ministry placement this year at St. Andrew and St. Mark's. Finally, the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon Michael Patry, former partner at the legal firm Borden, Ladner, Gervais. Patry has been an active lay minister at the college and in the wider diocese. He is a long-standing member of the college Board and Board Executive, and has served as warden at Christ Church Cathedral. In his presentation of the D.D. degree recipient, former college principal the Rev. Dr. John Simons offered a moving account of Patry's committed support to the college over the years:

"The temporal well-being of the



EFM graduates Violet Konrad and Sandra Gallichon from the Diocese of Quebec, the Rev. Dr. John Simons, Mr. Michael Patry, Hon. DD, the Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor, MDTC graduate Jane Bell, Dip Min, LTh, Principal Phil Joudrey, United Theological College, Bishop Mary, Principal Dale Woods, Presbyterian College, the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, acting Principal, the Rev Elizabeth Welch, the Rev. Jennifer Bourque, the Rev. Annie Ittoshat, Bishop Bruce Myers.

church would suffer greatly were it not for the competence and commitment of individuals like Michael Patry. But the church is not just a secular institution. It is a sign and sacrament of God's gracious purpose. This is why we need people like Michael Patry who is exemplary in embodying secular competence, the practice of piety, and a lively, inquiring faith."

The ceremonial portion of convocation concluded with a moderat-

ed dialogue on the theme of truth and reconciliation between the Rev. Annie Ittoshat and the Rev. Elizabeth Welch. Ittoshat, originally from the northern Quebec community of Kuujuarapik in the Diocese of the Arctic, presently ministers to a community of Inuit who gather at St. Andrew and St. Mark's. She graciously shared some of her journey from childhood to present day, which was heard and responded to by Welch. This year's dialogue

format replaced the customary formal convocation address.

Finally, a festive time was enjoyed by all during the reception that followed. Alumni and friends of the college mingled with parishioners and visitors, including a guest from Egypt who had met two seminarians in days prior to convocation and felt drawn to learn more! Photos of the evening will soon be posted online. Please join us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/dio.mdtc



The Revs Annie Ittoshat & Elizabeth Welch

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Jazz Mass returns to St John the Evangelist

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Geoff McLarney is a freelance journalist, and a lay member of synod since 2015 for the Church of St John the Evangelist.

Last year, the Church of St John the Evangelist celebrated its first Jazz Mass, in response to the overwhelming influx of jazz fans drawn each year to the Quartier des Spectacles by the city's renowned Jazz Festival. More than 100 people turned out, many for the first time, to experience this unique pairing of the Red Roof's rich ceremonial with musical repertoire steeped in the jazz and gospel traditions. After the mass, there was an opportunity for fellowship, a light luncheon of finger

foods, and guided tours of the historic church.

Jazz Mass returns this year on Sunday, July 2, and features Juno winner Ranelee Lee as vocal soloist. Dawn Tyler Watson, twice named Female Vocalist of the Year at the Maple Blues Awards, will offer a brief homily. This year, we're kicking off our celebration of the Jazz season early, with the opening of a special exhibit of Martine Fourcand's *The Spirit of Jazz in Living Colour* on June 27.

The exhibit will continue with workshops by curator Prof. Norman Cornett on June 28 and 29 (\$5; 2-4 pm) and run through July 24. We hope you'll make the Red Roof a part of your summer!

The Light of Christ



The new fire burns outside Christ Church Cathedral on Easter Eve. The liturgy of the Easter Vigil begins outdoors with the blessing of the new paschal candle which is then lit from the new fire before being carried into the dark church. The person carrying the candle sings out "The Light of Christ" and the church replies "Thanks be to God!" The Easter Vigil celebrates God's story in us through a series of scripture readings and it culminates in the Easter gospel. *Photo by Rene Sanchez.*