

## MARY IRWIN-GIBSON

Companion relationships with a diocese in Tanzania and a group of parishes in British Columbia will be on the busy agenda of the new bishop of Montreal, the Right Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, at the diocesan conference synod October 16 and 17.



## JAMES ALMASI

The bishop of Masasi in Tanzania, on his first visit to Montreal, is expected to join Bishop Irwin-Gibson in renewing a covenant between the two dioceses.



## BARBARA ANDREWS

The bishop responsible for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia) will renew an old friendship with Bishop Irwin-Gibson.



# New bishops expected to reaffirm partnership with African diocese

## Diocese also urged to divest from fossil fuels

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Two bishops who have scarcely met are expected to sign an agreement at Diocese of Montreal synod October 16 and 17 to continue an agreement reached by their predecessors in 2007 creating a companion relationship between that diocese and the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania.

Bishop James Almasi, who was consecrated bishop of Masasi, in southern Tanzania, in September 2014, is to sign the agreement with the Right Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, consecrated September 29 of this year as bishop of Montreal. It will reaffirm an agreement reached in 2007 by Bishops Patrick Mwachiko of Masasi and Barry Clarke of Montreal until the end of 2017 – completing the period previously planned. At that time the dioceses will review the relationship.

In the last few years the relationship has been hampered to a degree by developments in both dioceses. Bishop Almasi's consecration last fall followed an 18-month interregnum after Bishop Mwachiko stepped down, according to the rules of his diocese, on reaching age 65. Bishop Clarke was on a sabbath leave for about five months in 2013. The last visit by one bishop to the other's diocese was when Bishop Mwachiko led a delegation to the Montreal diocesan synod in shortly before his retirement.

Still, contacts of other kinds continued and these are expected to grow, through parish partnerships and in other ways. Most recently Archdeacon Michael Johnson and three young adults from the Montreal diocese visited Masasi this summer.

Delegates to the synod will also hear from the bishop responsible for a regional grouping of parishes in the British Columbia Interior with which the Diocese of Montreal has had a companion relationship since 2008. Visits back and forth and other contacts with Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, or APCI, have continued and it is not considered necessary to renew the agreement, which was renewed in 2013 and will run out in 2018 unless renewed again.

Anyway, Bishop Irwin-Gibson and Bishop Barbara Andrews go back a long way as individuals, although not, of course, as bishops. Early in their careers as priests, Bishop Irwin-Gibson was rector of the Parish of Dunham-Frelighsburg in the Eastern Townships for about seven years up to 1991. Bishop Andrews (as she later became) served the parish in nearby Cowansville at around that time.

In other business, the synod will consider a motion from the diocesan Stewardship of the Environment committee urging the diocese to get rid of investments in coal, oil and gas companies that are potentially major contributors to carbon emissions.

"Carbon emissions from human

sources are the primary driver of climate change that is threatening ecosystems and people," says the Rev. Elizabeth Welch of St. Andrew and St. Mark's Parish in Dorval.

"This truth is difficult because since the 19th century carbon has fuelled industry and it is now tightly woven into many aspects of our daily life. Transitioning to a low-carbon econ-

omy seems daunting. However, this is a necessary transition to make."

For more on the resolution, see Page 4.



Beth Reed of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and the diocesan MTL Youth team was one of four visitors to the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania this summer under a companionship relationship between the two dioceses. (She's the one using both hands.) The relationship is expected to be renewed at diocesan synod this month. For more on the visit, see Page 5; for more on the synod see several pages.

(Photo: Tyson Rasberg)

## Comment

BRIAN PERRON

*The Rev. Brian Perron is on the diocesan synod planning committee.*

Are you ready for the question? Have you registered for Conference Synod October 2015? For those of you who have already registered, get ready for a stimulating time to learn and explore practical new ways of partnering in ministry. If you haven't, you may want to reconsider.

Synod is an opportunity to collaborate and network, discuss and debate, encourage and enjoy. And

this year's synod is designed to offer you the chance to participate in panels and workshops to help you better understand how partnerships can help you and your parish bring life and energy to your ministry. We're bringing together experienced teams to highlight and showcase the ingredients for success in parish ministry. Their experiences will tell us about those things that show promise and those that haven't or aren't quite working. Many of the workshops are designed for discussion in ways to allow you to create

and take home a model that you can tailor to your own situation and calling.

It's an opportunity for renewal, for looking at old "problems" in new ways, and being inspired to bring these new ideas back into your faith and ministry. We'll all have the chance to see how partnering with others, whether they are strangers, acquaintances and old friends, puts a new energy in our walk of faith.

Leave all the baggage of the past in a folder at home. Come with an open heart expecting God to show

and do marvelous things during this time of new beginnings. Discover a new purpose and direction. Uncover new potential by taking a deeper look at the many and varied ways we are doing ministry and missions in the diocese. We want Synod to be a time that enriches and leaves us able to return to our parishes with new visions of where we as a people of God can and will be led and ideas for how we might bring these visions to life.

We're a diocese rich in talent, truly gifted people working together

with a desire to realize God's precious work and fulfillment. However, so much of what is done is in a beautiful and quiet humbleness. This year's Synod will gracefully let much of what we do shine. Focus and attention will bring light to ministry that will allow us all to see existing potential, simply by networking and aligning with parishioners, clergy and partners that exist already in our diocese. Spread the word, and come out to witness an all-new Conference Synod, October 16-17 2015.

All those in favour?

## Conference Synod October 2015: All those in favour?

# Pastoral Letter



Je voudrais remercier les membres du Diocèse de Montréal pour leur accueil si chaleureux depuis mon élection. Je suis très reconnaissante de toutes les personnes qui se sont offertes comme candidats pour évêque de notre diocèse ainsi que pour leurs mots et gestes si généreux envers moi.

As I take up this exciting ministry among you, it is with a sense of joy and anticipation of God's agenda in bringing us together. There is much for me to learn and I am grateful to all who are so generous with their time in telling me about their work and priorities in their ministries.

Our Diocesan Conference Synod promises to be a great opportunity to be together, to share our ideas and hopes for mission, and to celebrate the relationships we have made in our partnerships with the Dioceses of Masasi and the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior. This Synod is open to all members of the Diocese and I look forward to seeing many of you there. Je souhaite vous rencontrer en grand nombre au Synode qui se tiendra les 16 et 17 octobre à Lachine.

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We encourage you to peruse the website, [anglicanprayer.org](http://anglicanprayer.org), read past newsletters, and review the resources to see what the AFP has to offer. We are willing to travel to deanery meetings or individual parishes to speak about AFP and our plans for future workshops. We are available to meet those

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# New bishop moves into new home and gets down to business

## But still takes time for spiritual retreat

HARVEY SHEPHERD

When she was consecrated as bishop of Montreal September 29, Mary Irwin-Gibson had already had a month on the job, at least loosely speaking.

Although she did have a cottage vacation for a while between her election as the future bishop on June 6 and the time she moved into the bishop's corner office at 1444 Union Ave., behind Christ Church Cathedral, at the beginning of September, she also had a lot of preliminary discussions with staff and other key people in the diocese.

She and her husband, Mark Gibson, had already made the move from Kingston, where she was dean of St. George's Cathedral, to a house that the diocese bought for the purpose a short commute to Synod office.

Although it is less impressive than Bishops Court, on Mountain Street in the fashionable Square Mile district of Montreal, the residence of bishops for four decades until the diocese sold it in 2005, she said the new house is suitable for entertaining. (Her immediate predecessor, Bishop Barry Clarke, and his wife, the late Leslie James, lived in their own modest condominium in LaSalle.)

Bishop Irwin-Gibson, 59, was not actually the bishop until her consecration as September 29 by Archbishop Percy Coffin, archbishop of Western Newfoundland and metropolitan of an ecclesiastical province made up of seven dioceses in eastern Canada. (The consecration was after the deadline for this issue of *Anglican Montreal*. We expect to bring you a report on the consecration in our November issue.)

But, functioning technically as a "commissary" or representative of Bishop Clarke, she had a busy September. She worked, among other things, to update herself on preparations for the consecration and for the

diocesan synod October 16 and 17. Among many other things, she also reviewed issues related to the finances of the diocese and the many property issues it faces. Here, she drew on the business and financial acumen she developed, in part, in her French-language studies for the master's in business administration she received from the Université du Québec à Montréal in 2005.

Still, she took a few days before her consecration for a retreat at Emery House, the SSJE Episcopal retreat centre near Newburyport, Mass.

One of six children, she moved to the Montreal area from Sarnia with her parents at the age of 3. Her early education was largely in French at a Montreal school affiliated with the United Church of Canada. She grew up mostly in Boucherville. The family parishes included St. Margaret's Tetraultville in east-end Montreal and St. Mark's Longueuil, which ceased operation as a parish this year although the building still operates as centre of diocesan activity.

The bishop-to-be considered a career in social work and to that end added a good command of Italian to her English and French.

"But I wanted to help other people worship God."

Ordained as a deacon in 1981 and a priest in 1982, she was the third woman ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Montreal – and the first, she adds, ordained as a priest at a time in her life when she was both starting a ministry and family. She served in the Parish of Vaudreuil for three years and the Parish of Dunham-Frelighsburg for seven years before going to Holy Trinity in Ste Agathe for 18 years and then the cathedral in Kingston.

She and her husband have two daughters: Catherine, a consultant in indigenous affairs in Kingston, and Sarah, a teacher in Vancouver. One of the bishop's brothers, Stephen Irwin, is a parishioner at St. Michael and All Angels in Pierrefonds.



(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

## Help available for synod fees

The planning committee for the October 16 and 17 synod acknowledges that costs for those attending are higher than in earlier years but notes that assistance is available.

In a statement on behalf of the committee, Human Resources Manager Sophie Bertrand says it hopes people will attend the entire Conference Synod, including the Friday evening Gala.

"Synod is a time to address the business of the Diocese; and it is also an important opportunity to share in God's call!"

Costs are higher because this is a two-day conference including a gala dinner! Costs include snacks all day, lunch

on two days, material and workshops, rental, musicians, janitorial services and of course, the dinner. The total is \$150, or \$120 for those who registered before September 15.

Clergy may use funds from the Continuing Education Plan funds to cover the cost of this event. It also qualifies for eight hours in the Clergy Continuing Education Program.

She adds: "Please note that parishes are strongly encouraged to financially support their elected delegates. If you cannot manage to pay for your lay delegates, please let me know."

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# Comment

## Climate change and faith: Why we are asking the diocese to divest from fossil fuel

ELIZABETH WELCH

*The Rev. Elizabeth Welch, rector of St. Andrew and St. Mark's Parish in Dorval, is chair of the diocesan stewardship of the environment committee. The original version of this article was supported by extensive footnotes; for more documentation see the committee blog on the diocesan website.*

Careful research over many years has revealed a difficult truth: carbon emissions from human sources are the primary driver of climate change that is threatening ecosystems and people. This truth is difficult because since the 19th century carbon has fuelled industry and it is now tightly woven into many aspects of our daily life. Transitioning to a low-carbon economy seems daunting. However, this is a necessary transition to make. Experts agree with very high confidence that climate change will, as two of them have put it, "increase risks for people, assets, economies and ecosystems, including risks from heat stress, storms and extreme precipitation, inland and coastal flooding, landslides, air pollution,

drought, water scarcity, sea level rise and storm surges.... These risks are amplified for those lacking essential infrastructure and services or living in exposed areas." Let us not allow cynicism and despair to lead to apathy, even in the midst of crisis we as people of faith are called to hopeful acts of self-giving love.

How can Anglican Canadians work together to combat climate change? We can join with our faith partners in using our moral authority to pressure the fossil fuel industry and governments to transition to a low-carbon economy. After study, conversation and prayer, the Stewardship of the Environment Committee, which has been charged with leading the Diocese to "strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew life on the earth," brings before the upcoming Synod a motion for divestment from the top 100 public coal companies globally and the top 100 public oil and gas companies globally, ranked by the potential carbon emissions content of their reported reserves.

Passing this motion will unite us with other concerned faithful taking action against climate change. These include the Church of England, which earlier this year, following a period of extensive study, published a climate change ethical investment policy that calls for divestment where engagement with industry has failed to effect change, and the United Church of Canada, which voted in



August to divest from the largest 200 fossil fuel companies. The essential role faith communities play in combatting climate change has been compellingly articulated by Pope Francis in his recent encyclical statement "Praised Be" and by the Islamic Declaration on Climate Change. The latter explicitly calls for reinvestment from fossil fuels into 100 per cent renewable energy.

Divestment matters. Some argue that organizations that divest cannot make an appreciable difference since their investment in the industry is insignificant. Currently the industry is resisting transition to a low-carbon economy while spending huge amounts of money lobbying governments that have the power to enact regulations to control climate change. Divestment is effective because it reduces the power and control of the fossil fuel industry: it

publically hurts their image. All of the above actions and statements made by faith communities have been widely publicized; each instance cuts at the deep ties between the industry and government and pressures governments to take seriously the pressing need to mitigate the impacts of climate change

and transition to a low-carbon economy.

Divestment makes good sense financially. The "carbon budget" is the estimated amount of carbon dioxide the world can emit while still having a likely chance of limiting the global temperature rise to 2° C above pre-industrial levels. Burning all the fossil fuel that corporations already have in their reserves would lead to emitting significantly more than what is considered theoretically safe. If we wish to prevent the catastrophic destruction of the planet all of these reserves cannot be burned; that which remains will become stranded assets. To be good stewards of our finances we should divest from fossil fuels now.

As Canadian Anglicans we are particularly called to take action around climate change. The Canadian Arctic is a global hotspot of the effects of climate change and Aboriginal populations, particularly the Inuit, are highly vulnerable. Negative health implications caused by climate change have already been documented; these included effects on personal safety, food and water security and mental health. Indigenous Canadians are seeking allies in the fight against the devastation of their lands caused by the fossil fuel industry, particularly when it comes to tar sands oil. For example, the Beaver Creek Cree filed a lawsuit against the Alberta and Canadian governments and are preparing for trial in relation to the cumulative ill-effects fossil fuel extraction on their lands has had on their treaty rights to hunt, fish, trap and gather plant-medicine. Crystal Lameman of the Beaver Creek Cree Nation argues that divestment and indigenous rights protection should

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*I engage on issues on the basis of scripture. I start from there as it is written: 'Speak out for those who cannot speak. Speak out for the rights of all the destitute, speak out and judge righteously for the rights of the poor and needy.'*

Archbishop Thabo Makgoba, Anglican Archbishop of Cape Town, and Global Climate Ambassador for the ACT Alliance

*Will divestment from these companies change everything? No, but combined with such things as indigenous rights practices we will make a difference. Will it define solidarity between frontline impacted communities, the climate change movement and responsible investors? Yes."*

Crystal Lameman of the Beaver Creek Cree Nation

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# ‘One plants, another waters, and God gives the increase...’



## Mission benefits from Sunday school garden

Children at Christ Church Beaurépaire in Beaconsfield engage in a project each summer to grow and harvest fresh vegetables in a garden at the church to help feed the clients at St. Michael’s Mission.

The idea for a vegetable garden started several years ago when Archdeacon Michael Johnson got a federal government grant to hire three summer students for a community gardens project. They did some landscaping and planted the first vegetable garden, just off the back

parking lot. However, the plot was quite shaded, and not very productive, so a couple of years later it was moved to the sunnier spot that it now occupies, beside the church. It is also an easier location from which to collect rain water to water the garden during any dry spells.

The Sunday school children and their teachers took over caring for the vegetable garden the following year, and many other church members have gotten involved. One of our parishioners, Adrian Willison, is a farmer, and he kindly donates some seedling plants every summer – usually a couple of varieties of

tomatoes and beans. Sometimes Adrian also includes other vegetables he is trying out that season, such as broccoli and celery, so over the years the children have had experience in growing lots of different things. The children grow their own cucumbers and zucchini from seed, planted in pots at the beginning of May. Last year we planted a few perennial herbs – parsley, oregano and onion grass – that survived the winter and came up again this spring.

Everything is ready to be planted around the middle of June. All we have to do is pray for a nice sunny gardening day after the Sunday

service. The first vegetables, zucchini, are usually ready to be harvested around the end of July, followed soon after by beans, cucumbers and tomatoes.

Another of our parishioners, Lorna Fisher, volunteers every Monday at St. Michael’s Mission, which operates a soup kitchen and day center for men and women, many of whom are homeless and have mental health issues. After Sunday’s church service the children harvest the ripe vegetables and give them to Lorna to bring down with her to the mission on Monday. At the mission they are used in the daily

soup and/or as fresh vegetable snacks.

The Sunday School children (and their teachers!) really enjoy being outside to appreciate God’s creation – including the worms and bugs! The children also learn that not everyone always has enough to eat and that they can make a difference in people’s lives by planting and harvesting this garden and giving the vegetables to our local food bank. They learn that Jesus taught that this is one way to show love and compassion for people.

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work together.

What about those Canadians whose livelihoods are tied up with the fossil fuel industry? This is a very important question. This divestment motion is not an indictment of individuals who work in the fossil fuel industry. As stated above, however, the need to make this transition is unquestionable. It is essential to develop green jobs so that those with little economic power, including indigenous Canadians who depend on the fossil fuel industry for their livelihoods, are not abandoned and left behind without the work skills needed to thrive in a low-carbon economy. Fossil fuel corporations are not taking adequate steps to assist their own workers with this necessary transition. Fighting for a just transition could produce more jobs than refusing to act for fear of the impact on fossil fuel industry workers. BlueGreen Canada published a well researched report that shows that “if the \$1.3 billion in government subsidies, now given to the oil and gas sector, were instead invested in renewable energy and energy efficiency, Canada would create more jobs: 18,000 more.” The report also discusses in detail the economic risks of relying increasingly on the volatile oil market. Divestment from fossil fuel is not an act of ignoring those

who currently work in the industry; rather, it is a statement of support for these individuals, alongside the poorest everywhere in the world, who will suffer the most from a failure to make a timely and intentional transition to a low-carbon economy.

God has given us the gift and responsibility of being the stewards of our earthly home. Desmond Tutu, in an impassioned plea to use the same methods to combat climate change that were used to force the end of apartheid in South Africa, writes, “It is a responsibility that begins with God commanding the first human inhabitants of the garden of Eden ‘to till it and keep it.’ To keep it; not to abuse it, not to destroy it.”

Jesus asks his followers to view the world from the perspective of those on the margins; most particularly he calls his followers to take the perspective of the poor and the vulnerable. The poor of the world are asking for climate justice and sustainable development.

The research and study has been done; now is the time to act. Divestment is not the only action we need to take, but it is an important step. We strive to lead the Anglican Diocese of Montreal in being a leader in combatting climate change; please join us.

## An edible churchyard in Rosemont



Parishioners of the St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke in the Rosemont district were looking forward to inviting their neighbours to a barbecue, corn roast and yard sale to celebrate the success of their “Edible Churchyard” project. “St CHL” developed the project with the help of a grant from the diocesan missions Committee and donations from

others, including the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun. The children planted the garden with help from neighbours, the local Eco-Quartier group and others. They harvested mini-tomatoes and cucumbers, green peppers and special purple beans from donated seeds. As the tomatoes flourished they were being shared with neighbours. We are

looking forward to a neighbourhood BBQ, corn roast and yard sale in our church yard. The photo by Angela Alleyne of the parish shows members of the congregation gathered around new picnic tables – another part of the Edible Churchyard and outreach beyond the parish.

# Four ‘Ambassadors’ get a look at the partner Diocese of Masasi

Four “Ambassadors” from the Diocese of Montreal, three of them young adults, visited the southeastern Tanzania Diocese of Masasi in August.

“We’ve had an enlightening, inspiring, and sometimes challenging 10 days in Masasi,” one of them, Tyson Røsborg of the Christ Church Cathedral congregation, wrote in a Facebook post.

“In Montreal, we hear about our partnership with the Diocese of Masasi, but it’s an entirely different thing to live it. We have worshipped together, shared meals, visited many parishes and youth groups, and travelled some bumpy roads with

our partners.

The Montreal cathedral sent a gift of vestments to St. Mary and St. Bartholomew Cathedral, in Masasi.

The group also included Élodie Lambert of Église de la Nativité in Montreal North, Beth Reed of the Church of St. John the Evangelist and Archdeacon Michael Johnson of Christ Church Beaufort.

They were briefed on how the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund is co-operating with the Diocese of Masasi and the federal department of foreign affairs, trade and development in food projects in southeastern Tanzania.

Twenty farmers were given seeds to grow maize, 20 cassava and 15 ground nuts. These are certified to sell seed to other farmers in the region, with 20 per cent held back for village seed banks, to be distributed to other farmers in the community for use the following year.

The photos, by Tyson Røsborg, show two groups of dancers in at St. Mary and St. Bartholomew Cathedral, Beth Reed and Élodie Lambert relaxing with young people at the cathedral, Montreal visitors helping to make bricks at the Parish of Namajani and Beth Reed helping to carry water at the same parish and a stained-glass window at the Rondo Junior Seminary and Theological College.

The Montreal-Masasi partnership will be a focus of this month’s Montreal diocesan synod.



Stained glass window at Rondo Junior Seminary and Theological College



Above and below: dancers at St. Mary and St. Bartholomew Cathedral.

(Photos by Tyson Røsborg)



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Beth Reed and Élodie Lambert with Masasi youth



Tyson makes bricks at parish of Namajani

# Mile End Notebook

# The little mission with a big heart

## Home: What we take for granted

LORI OLSON

*Lori Olson is administrative assistant and Doris Roberts leadership team volunteer at the Mile End Mission.*

A warm night with clouds in the sky. Doris and I decided to sit in the park. The Peaceful Park, as we named it, just in front of a local church. As we sat swinging in an old fashioned wooden swing set sipping coffee, it began to rain and with the rain came loud thunder and lightning. So we had to find shelter. To the steps of the church we went. As we were sitting there, two men came running up to get out of the rain and they began to take off their wet clothing and hang them up on the bulletin showcase of the church. Then as we sat, another man came to seek shelter and another. So Doris and I, being friendly as we are, had a great conversation with these fellows who, as they explained, lived on those church steps!

They are homeless and as the thunder cracked and the lightening lit up the sky, we began to wonder if it was ever going to stop so we could go home. So sweet. Two of the homeless men who are brothers offered us their extra cardboard boxes that they use as a bed. They welcomed us to stay in their home! So touching! We spoke to them of the Mission and the services we offer and welcomed them to come and eat and get sleeping bags, so they said they shall.

Another man in his early twenties who also lives on the church steps

had no bedding. He spoke awhile with Doris and I and then wished us a good night. He then laid himself down on the cold cement, put his head on top of his backpack and skate board, and went to sleep...

As finally the rain subsided, Doris and I had a chance to get home! But as we began to wish them a good night and walk away, I looked back and felt wowed! I was leaving to go home to a comfortable place with a comfy bed and they were left on the concrete steps sleeping on cardboard boxes and no blankets...No comfort! Just survival...

The next day, one of the brothers came to the Mission and had lunch and was given a pair of shoes he so desperately needed. He now comes time to time and uses our services. As for the man in his twenties, he came a few days after the storm and was cold...The first person he met at the door was a long-time member of the Mission. The homeless man explained he was homeless and cold and our long-time member put his arm around him and walked him inside. While entering, he announced, "Hey, this kid is homeless and cold. We need to find him a sweater". As they searched, they didn't find one on our shelves, so our long-time member took the sweatshirt he was wearing off his back and gave it to the homeless young man.

So our new members were received at the Mission with warm welcomes and they found a place to belong, to find friendship and, of course, a place to eat and get articles to help them survive on the streets.

ANDREW W. SARRASIN

Mile End Community Mission began in May of 1991, making soup for about 20 people a day, but has become much more than first imagined!

Lovingly known as "The Little Mission with a Big Heart", on the northwest corner of Bernard and St. Urbain Streets, it provides incalculable services to people in the Mile End and adjacent areas. For nearly a quarter of a century, the Mission has overcome many challenges and continued to grow, providing numerous important programs today. In the last 12 months, our food programs have provided almost 12,000 hot meals, close to 4,000 meals to families, over 2,500 meals to seniors, and more than 4,500 snacks. In addition, the Mission provides more than 8,000 food bags to help bridge the weekend gap.

The Mile End Community Mission provides a rare commodity that goes beyond what is offered by its programs. We provide meaning to each and every member who enters our door, and those who may hesitate to enter can feel this radiating into the streets. It is a place of comfort, a place of solace and safety, a place where one feels included as an important part of a community; it is a place of nourishment for the body and the soul.

Your financial and moral support helps our members to smile and carry on through so many of their daily challenges; simply knowing there are people who support and care about them fills their hearts and lifts their spirits. This is what the Mile End Community Mission is all about and why it is "The Little Mission with a Big Heart"!

In order to keep the mission alive and viable, we must continually invest our efforts in several fundraising endeavours. In 2009, we launched our Annual Thanksgiving

Benefit Dinner. Since then, with the help and support of people like you, the event has raised more than \$200,000 to meet the ever increasing needs for our services.

We are very fortunate to welcome Lori Graham as the Guest of Honour for our Seventh Annual Benefit Dinner on Thursday, October 22nd, 2015. Lori has a vested interest in helping the community and serving others and is a dearly loved ambassador for CTV at many fundraisers. Lori is involved in many local charities and we are immensely proud to have her with us this year!

Please join us on Thursday, October 22, for an enchanting Masquerade-themed soirée. In the

spirit of Thanksgiving, guests will have the opportunity to give back to the community while having a ball! We look forward to welcoming you for cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. in the state-of-the-art facilities of the beautiful Le Crystal Reception Hall.

Tickets may be purchased at [www.mileendmission.org/events/benefit](http://www.mileendmission.org/events/benefit). For sponsorship opportunities or for additional information, please contact us at 514 947-2074 or [missionbenefitdinner@gmail.com](mailto:missionbenefitdinner@gmail.com).

*Andrew W. Sarrasin is chair of fundraising for the Mile End Community Mission.*



**save the date!**  
thursday, nov 26, 2015

**the bishop's annual dinner**  
club atwater, 3505 atwater, montreal  
in support of the mission work of the diocese

to reserve your seat  
call 514-843-6577  
\$200 (\$120 tax receipt)

DIOCÈSE ANGLICAN MONTRÉAL



**THE MILE END COMMUNITY MISSION** presents  
**THE 7th ANNUAL BENEFIT DINNER**

*Thanksgiving Masquerade*

~A FUNDRAISING EVENT TO FIGHT AGAINST POVERTY & SOCIAL EXCLUSION~

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 22, 2015 AT 6 PM**  
Le Crystal Reception Hall  
5285 Henri Bourassa W, St-Laurent, Qc H4R 1B7

**GUEST OF HONOUR: LORI GRAHAM OF CTV**  
Live Music \* Raffle \* Live Auction \* Four-Course Dinner

*Bring your mask or buy one at the door!*

For tickets or sponsorship opportunities: [mileendmission.org](http://mileendmission.org) | 514 947-2074 | [missionbenefitdinner@gmail.com](mailto:missionbenefitdinner@gmail.com)

*\$200 Admission (includes cocktail, dinner & entertainment)*

## F.A.S.t Children's and Youth Ministry at St. Thomas Church

Like a layered cake of both traditional and contemporary

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS

*Lee-Ann Matthews is in charge of children's and youth ministry at St. Thomas' Church in the N.D.G. district of West-End Montreal and the recently hired MTL Youth project coordinator for the Diocese of Montreal.*

Building a curriculum that engages children and youth on the topic of Christian faith is not without its challenges!

I know that when I first started doing this work (children's and youth ministry specific to Christianity) I was intimidated about the prospect. I have been a children's yoga specialist in schools and day-cares for many years. I was skilled at facilitating spiritual growth from this context- experientially and without a particular religious framework.

However, as Anglicans, we have a formal system to adhere to – with a lectionary and a liturgy that includes creeds and prayers to recite.

Although I am given lots of space to execute a creative tailored program, I am well aware of the expectations of a children's/ youth ministry program in an Anglican Church and of the importance of upholding tradition.

As a result I am committed to doing my utmost to integrate the Anglican components with content



that is more akin to the interests and needs of kids in our current setting in urban Montreal, Quebec. For example, I am convinced that as people of the 21st century, with all of our self-awareness and knowledge, we have a strong drive to express ourselves, share our wisdom and be heard as much as to listen, learn and reflect.

Therefore, I intentionally create opportunities for self-expression and shared learning. We use art, poetry, music and spoken word as a medium to be heard and to hear one another. This approach builds trust and a sense of belonging. This is the foundation upon which the layers and components of liturgy can be applied. All of this, of course, is offered with a healthy dose of fun, community and snacks!

We meet at St. Thomas Church Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. You are also invited to check out our new Saturday morning program to experience this blend for yourselves.

(F.A.S.t, Saturday's program of (spirituality, stories of the Bible, art, prayer and a snack for those aged 6-12 takes place Saturday mornings 10 a.m.-noon November 7 to December 12.)

### Notable

#### Two Mountains Community Youth Group

Meets at All Saints Church  
248-18th Avenue  
Deux Montagnes

every Friday 7:30-9:30 p.m.,  
except for every third Friday,  
which is SPAM (SPorts night  
At Mountainview). For all high-  
school-aged teens.

Information: 450-473-9541,  
info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes or  
www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca.

## Equipping the Saints

### My first day at college

DONALD L. BOISVERT

*This is one of a series of columns by students, graduates and friends of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. As he spells out below, the Rev. Dr. Donald L. Boisvert, Dio Principal, qualifies in more ways than one.*

In beginning my term as Principal of the Diocesan College on September 1st, my mind turns inevitably to my first day as a Dio student some years ago. I remember that I felt both anxious and quite elated, which is really not all that different from coming in as Principal. It's rather amusing – but also actually rather reassuring – how the two experiences parallel each other. In a way, it makes sense. After all, both are new beginnings. Both find me standing on the cusp of the unknown. I'm sure that this year's incoming students feel the same way, and my heart goes out to them. But I know they'll be fine.

I was anxious as an incoming student because I was essentially entering a new phase of my life. Yes, I felt called, but it was not clear to me how the whole thing would play out. How would I manage being a student again? Could I successfully reconcile a full-time job with part-time studies? Would I eventually make it through to ordination? These were all normal and very fair questions, and they all turned out to have positive answers. By the grace of God, and with the sustained help of some remarkable mentors and fellow students, I did make it. In fact, I now find myself at a place, and carrying the sorts of responsibilities, that I would never have envisaged all those years ago. I am humbled by the trust that has been placed in me.

I guess it's normal for a new Principal to be expected to lay out his or her 'master plan' for leading the College into a bright new era for the next ten years. Of course, I do have some key priorities for what I think should happen, but I'm also deeply conscious of the pitfalls of 'master plans' and self-propelling visions of a grandiose future. They tend to be little more than empty, and sometimes rather bitter, promises. My ideal is perhaps more modest (though it may sound rather ambitious at first glance): to train the best and the brightest for God's service. That can mean many things, and it can happen in lots of different ways. I want to stay open to all those ways, so that, as a Christian community, the College can remain deeply attentive to the promptings of the Spirit, who does indeed blow where She wishes. As Dio Principal, I see my task as helping the College pay attention to where God is moving us and, more importantly perhaps, not to be afraid of going there.

From my own days as a Dio student, I do know that the one thing that kept me balanced and focused, despite the occasional moments of doubt, was the emphasis on the college as a living community of faith. That's really what kept me



going. Above and beyond the classes and the assignments and the parish placements, it was our special time together that meant the most to me. Whether it was morning and evening prayer, the Wednesday community Eucharist, or our very own service and shared breakfast in the wee hours of a cold Friday morning – these are what remain most vividly for me. The college Principal, I am convinced, must also be a builder of community, for service to God and to God's people is deeply rooted in a prayerful, engaged and attentive Christian community.

It was Dietrich Bonhoeffer, as head of an underground German seminary in the 1930s, who penned these words in his beautiful book, *Life Together*: "Christian community is like the Christian's sanctification. It is a gift of God which we cannot claim. Only God knows the real state of our fellowship, of our sanctification. What may appear weak and trifling to us may be great and glorious to God. (...) The more thankfully we daily receive what is given to us, the more surely and steadily will fellowship increase and grow from day to day as God pleases." These words remind us that all is in God's hands, and that Christian community is above all a gift, a sacred trust. One of the riches that Dio brings to our diocesan family is precisely its witness and presence as a place where Christian community is lived out intentionally on a daily basis, a place which makes possible a uniquely different way of envisioning a Christian presence in the world.

As Dio students and I begin another new year in the life of the College – our 142nd year, in fact – I am reminded of how remarkable has been its longevity and its importance to the life and continued vitality of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal. As our motto puts it: *Pro Christo et Ecclesia*, For Christ and the Church. We strive ever more boldly to remain faithful to that honoured tradition and calling.

### MTL Youth 2015-2016 Event Calendar

#### SEPTEMBER

29-30 Stronger Together Conference

#### OCTOBER

13 Change Ahead Youth Ministry Leadership Course Begins (through December)

17 Youth Ambassadors Synod Presentation

23 Ecumenical Young Adult Retreat

#### JANUARY

23 Children's Ministry Symposium

#### MARCH

4-6 Montreal & Ottawa Youth Leaders' Weekend –

#### MAY

8-14 Ask & Imagine

20-22 Montreal & Ottawa Young People's Weekend

#### AUGUST

18-21 C.L.A.Y. Conference in Charlottetown, P.E.I.

**These are just the main events we are planning for the coming year. Details and more can be found at [mtlyouth.com](http://mtlyouth.com) or the Mtl Youth Leaders public group on Facebook. And you can contact Mark Dunwoody, Lee-Ann Matthews or Beth Reed anytime: [mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:mtlyouth@montreal.anglican.ca).**



# Spiritual Calendar

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Individual spiritual direction is available in this diocese.

For more information or a confidential interview with one of the matchers, write to [sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca](mailto:sdgroupmontreal@yahoo.ca) or telephone 514-768-7807.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### At All Saints Deux Montagnes

248 - 18th Avenue

Sunday services with Sunday school and nursery: 11 a.m.

First Sunday of the month, Morning Prayer; second and fourth Sunday, Holy Communion, third Sunday, family service (Morning Prayer), fifth Sunday (when there is one), Church Café. Weekly 10:30-11a.m.: time to connect (coffee, tea, juice, snacks and friends). Sunday, Oct. 3, 9:30 a.m., "Food for Body and Soul," monthly breakfast in the church hall. Info: 450-473-9541,

[info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca](mailto:info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca), [www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca](http://www.allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca)

### COMBINED SERVICE Trinity Morin Heights and St. Francis St. Sauveur

At St. Francis, 94 St. Denis Ave.

Sun. Oct. 4, 10 a.m.

## PAWS & PRAY

### Christ Church Beaurepaire

455 Church St., Beaconsfield  
Sunday, Oct. 4, at 1 p.m.

The first service of the season. Paws & Pray features a worship service of the Holy Eucharist where canine companions and their guardians are always welcome. This program is offered in collaboration with the Companion Animal Adoption Centers of Quebec, a non-profit organization dedicated to animal welfare. Future services are on the following dates at 1 p.m.: November 1 and December 6. All take place at Christ Church. Info: 514-697-2204 or [christchurch@ac.aibn.com](mailto:christchurch@ac.aibn.com).

## DROP-IN CENTRE

### St. James Rosemere

328 Pine St.

Wednesdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The popular Drop-In Centre continues. There's fellowship, a soup lunch is served and the church is open for prayer and quiet reflection. Your hosts, Winston and Becky Fraser, look forward to seeing you. Info: 450-621-6466

## THANKSGIVING SERVICE

### Trinity Morin Heights

757 Chemin du Village

Sun., Oct. 11, 11 a.m.

Fruits and vegetables for the service may be left at the church and after the service will be donated to a good cause. To check dropoff times call Dorothy Garayt at 450-226-3845. (This is the new phone number for the church.)

## ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

### Concordia University

Montreal

Tues. Oct. 20 & Jeudi 12 novembre

50 YEARS AFTER NOSTRA AETATE.

The 2015 Irénée Beaubien Ecumenical Institute, a branch of the

Canadian Centre for Ecumenism, plans two events on the theme

"Interreligious Dialogue: Myth and Reality, 50 years after *Nostra Aetate*."

Details to come. • Tues., Oct. 20, Panel discussion: "Is Peace a Myth?"

• Jeudi, 12 nov., Université Laval, Québec. Colloque (en français):

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# Splendeurs de la tradition anglaise



## Notable

### Splendeurs de la tradition anglaise

**Annual fundraising concert of the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral**

Patrick Wedd, conductor and organist

**Friday, November 6, 7:30 p.m.**

Christ Church Cathedral  
635 Ste Catherine St. W.

Tickets: \$15-\$35, 514-843-6577

A pilgrimage through five centuries of English choral music

*Perspice Christicola;*  
*Sanctus/Benedictus*

Tallis: *Lamentations of Jeremiah*

Byrd: *Mass for Five Voices*

Tomkins: *When David Heard*

Gibbons: *O Clap your Hands*

Vaughan Williams: *Lord, Thou has been our Refuge*; Psalm 23

The annual fundraising concert of the Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, on Friday, Nov. 6 at, 7:30 p.m. will offer a pilgrimage through five centuries of English choral music, from the 13-century *Perspice christicola* (with the same melody as *Sumer is icumen in*) to two 20th century settings by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Patrick Wedd will conduct and play the organ. Tickets are \$15-\$35; call 514-843-6577.

(Photo: Vincent Mesure)



## DESIRING THE KINGDOM

*Christian Formation Here and Now*

### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Dr. James K. A. Smith**  
Prolific author & Professor  
of Philosophy & Theology  
at Calvin College

**DATE**  
October 22-24, 2015

**LOCATION**  
Tyndale University College & Seminary,  
Toronto, Ontario

**ORGANIZERS**  
ACA in partnership with Wycliffe College  
& Tyndale UC&S

**WEBSITE**  
[www.desiringthekingdom.ca](http://www.desiringthekingdom.ca)

For further information, call Roger Spack at, 514-684-4356. He's on the board of the Anglican Communion Alliance, which is organizing this conference. "I hope you will join in this conference as it asks how we are being formed and explores how we can help form others in Christ." The Most Rev'd Colin R. Johnson, Archbishop of Toronto and of Moosonee.

# Sales & Events

## Trinity Memorial N.D.G.

Event is at Buffet Il Gabbiano,  
1550 Lapierre St., LaSalle

### 175th-ANNIVERSARY GALA DINNER- DANCE

Friday, Oct. 2, Cocktails 6:30  
p.m., dinner 7:30 p.m.

Cost \$70 a person, cocktail/evening  
attire. Information: 514-484-3102.

## Epiphany Verdun

4322 Wellington St.

### GARAGE SALE

Sat. Oct. 3, 9:30-2 p.m.

Info: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun  
@gmail.com, www.epiphany  
verdun.com/ facebook.com/  
epiphany/verdun.

## St. James Rosemere

328 Pine St.

### FALL BOOK FAIR

Sat. Oct. 17, 10 a.m.

A good selection of English and  
French books. Hot Dog lunch.  
Information: 450-621-6466.

## St. Stephen's with St. James, Chambly

Randell Hall, 2000 de Bourgogne St.

### BOOK SALE

Sat., Oct 17, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Come with a friend or two and  
browse through all the books, maga-  
zines, CDs, DVDs, puzzles, games  
(computer or whatever, English and  
French). Then stay for a bit of lunch.  
Please bring your own bags. Info: or  
to donate, Dorothy 514-748-7748  
ext. 1198 or Betty 450-658-4939.

## Epiphany Verdun

4322 Wellington St.

### HAM DINNER

Sat. Oct. 17, 6 p.m.

Tickets \$12, 514-363-0825. Info: 514-  
769-5373, epiphany.verdun@gmail.  
com, www.epiphanyverdun.com/  
facebook.com/epiphany/Verdun

## All Saints Deux Montagnes

128 - 18th Avenue

### PULLED-PORK DINNER, MOVIE & DANCE

Sat. Oct. 17, MAYBE 6 p.m.

Dinner will be served followed by  
Rod Stewart: One Night Only, Live at  
Royal Albert Hall on screen. Bring  
your dancing shoes! Tickets \$12  
adults, \$6 kids. Maximum \$30 for a  
family of four (two adults, two kids).  
Info: 450-473-9541, info@allsaints-  
deuxmontagnes.ca, www.allsaints-  
deuxmontagnes.ca

## St. Lawrence LaSalle

520 - 75th Ave.,

### INTERNATIONAL NIGHT DINNER

Sat., Oct. 24, Cocktails 5:30 p.m.,  
dinner 7 p.m.

32nd annual. Adults \$35, Children  
under 15 yrs \$15. Info: 514-966-4652.

## Epiphany Verdun

4322 Wellington St.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Fri., Nov. 6, 1-5 p.m., Sat., Nov. 7,  
9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Info: 514-769-5373, epiphany.verdun  
@gmail.com, www.epiphanyver-  
dun.com/ facebook.com/  
epiphany/Verdun

## All Saints Deux Montagnes

128 - 18th Avenue

### TWELFTH ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Fri., Nov. 6, 6-9 p.m. and  
Sat., Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

In the church hall. Table rentals \$30;  
contact Adele, 450-491-6279. Info:  
450-473-9541, info@allsaintsdeux-  
montagnes.ca, www.allsaintsdeux-  
montagnes.ca

## St. Stephen's with St. James, Chambly

Randell Hall, 2000 de Bourgogne St.

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND AUCTION

Sat., Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Craft tables with beautiful handmade  
items, bake tables with delicious  
homemade baking, a make-an-offer  
table and an auction that begins at  
noon. Raffle for a handmade quilt.  
Our kitchen offers lunch as well.  
Bring family and friends and enjoy  
the start of the festive season. Info:  
Eileen Agley 450-658-1027 or 450-  
658-5882.

## St. Philip's Montreal West

7505 Sherbrooke St. W. (corner  
Connaught Ave. Take Bus #51  
(Snowdon), #105 (Vendome), #162  
(Villa-Maria) or #123 to Elmhurst bus  
terminal at the Mtl W train station.)

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR AND LUNCH

Saturday, November 14, 2015.

10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Home baking, books, knitted items,  
linens, collectibles, home furnish-  
ings, jams and preserves, jewelry,  
candy, attic treasures, potpourri,  
CDs, games and tapes. Free coffee,  
friendly smiles and much more.  
Delicious lunch served 11:15 a.m.-  
1:30 p.m.

## St. Barnabas Pierrefonds

12301 Colin St.

### FALL FAIR 2015

Sat., Nov. 14, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Coffee/Tea: 9:30 a.m., lunch 11:30  
a.m. Something for everyone. All  
welcome. Info: 514 684-4460.

## Trinity Morin Heights

Bazaar at the United Church Hall,  
631 chemin du Village

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat. Nov. 21, noon-2 p.m.

Admission \$8. Bake and gift table,  
lucky draw, everyone welcome. Info:  
450-226-3845. (This is the new phone  
number for the church.)

## Epiphany Verdun

4322 Wellington St.

### TURKEY DINNER

Sat. Nov. 21, 6 p.m.

Tickets \$15, 514-363-0825. Info: 514-  
769-5373, epiphany.verdun@  
gmail.com, www.epiphanyverdun.  
com/ facebook.com/epiphany/ver-  
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## ST. JAMES' HUDSON

640 Main Road

### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat. Nov. 28, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Handmade wreaths and sprays,  
Christmas Boutique, Bake Table,  
Attic Treasures, Tea Room and more.  
Info: 450-458-2705

## Notable

### OASIS MUSICALE

#### Concerts at Christ Church Cathedral

Saturday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 3**

Kate Maloney, solo violin,  
pianist to be confirmed

*Early Prodigies: works by J.S. Bach  
and W.A. Mozart*

**Saturday, Oct. 10**

Angela Scheilhauf, oboe,  
Sanaz Sotoudeh, piano

*Works by Clara Schumann,  
Maurice Ravel, Eugene Bozza and  
Jacques Hétu.*

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

"Twinmuse"

The piano duo of Hourshid and  
Mehrshid Afrakhteh will present  
*works by Claude Debussy, Ernesto  
Lecuona and Igor Stravinsky.*

**Saturday, Oct. 24**

Carol Léger, soprano, and Nicole  
Lorenz on the piano will present

*works by Benjamin Britten, Leonard  
Bernstein, Georges Bizet and  
Richard Strauss.*

**Saturday, Oct. 31**

"Spooky Strings"

MTL Strings - Kate Maloney and  
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## Notable

### St. George's Church

23 Perrault Ave.  
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#### Fall 2015

### Courses and Programs

#### CPR

Christian Prayer and Reflection  
Mondays 7 p.m.  
Sept. 14 - Dec 7

#### DivorceCare

Tuesday 7 p.m.  
Sept. 15 - Dec 8

#### Boundaries

Tuesdays 7 pm  
Oct. 6 - Nov. 24

#### 55 + Fit!

Wednesdays  
9 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.  
Sept. 16 - Nov. 25

#### Messy Church

Once a month every fourth  
Wednesday 5 p.m.

#### Parenting Course

Thursday 7 p.m.  
Oct. 1 - Oct. 29

#### Amplified Youth Group

Friday 7 p.m.  
Begins Oct. 2

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### Garage Sale

### Vente de garage



Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

9:30 - 2:00pm

samedi, le 3 octobre

9h30 à 14h

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## Notable

### The Ludmer Centre for Neuroinformatics and Mental Health

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Wednesday, October 7, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

McIntyre Medical Sciences Building - Martin Theatre, Sixth Floor,  
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Light refreshments will be served. Admission is free.

# Canada briefs

## Farm Day spurs conversation on food ethics

Families and youth from the diocese of Edmonton braved unseasonably cool, drizzly weather as they set out on a trip to Campbellton Farm in Rosalind, Alta., in June.

Dubbed Diocesan Farm Day, it was a family event in which members of various local churches were able to experience a brief glimpse of farm life, and explore the issues of food and hunger right at the source.

Abbey Marshall, who attends Christ Church in Edmonton, called it an “eye-opening and empowering day in the presence of God.” Among the more poignant lessons she took from the group’s discussions on food was the fact that “we have an overabundance of food here in Canada and most of us don’t understand the value of our food and, sadly, lots of it goes to waste.”

The group also shared an informal outdoor eucharist on the banks of Battle River, an experience that resonated with the Rev. Elizabeth Metcalfe of St. Mary’s, Edmonton. “Sharing the bread and the wine while standing within sight and sound of the water flowing gently over a beaver dam reminded me of the importance of water in both our spiritual and physical lives,” she said.

*The Messenger*

## Bishop’s Court to become student discipleship house

Bishop’s Court, a rectory in downtown Fredericton, N.B., will soon have its first occupants in 18 months. The residents will not, however, be clergy. Instead, it will house a group of students.

At a meeting on June 20, diocesan council gave

unanimous approval to youth and intergenerational ministries director Colin McDonald’s proposal to turn the property into a discipleship house. Apart from scattered short-term rentals, the rectory has been empty since the retirement of Archbishop Claude Miller in 2011.

*The New Brunswick Anglican*

## Niagara Synod approves Cathedral Place plan

During the diocese of Niagara’s 141st annual synod in May, a five-year, multimillion-dollar plan to revitalize Cathedral Place in Hamilton, Ont., was approved by diocesan delegates.

The plan, which calls for an investment of not more than \$4.5 million, a land transfer valued at \$1.7 million and a subsequent mortgage of not more than \$2.5 million, will add residential, community and retail space to the property.

Prior to passing the proposal, delegates raised concerns with regard to the potential environmental impact, area gentrification, financing and the procurement of community and city approval. Local architect David Premi and Windmill Development Group, the diocesan partners in the project, were on hand to answer questions and help allay such concerns.

For his part, diocesan Bishop Michael Bird expressed excitement about the project. “The revitalization of James Street North has presented us with a huge opportunity to respond to the ministry needs of today in a way that is visionary, innovative and sustainable,” he said in an address to synod delegates.

*Niagara Anglican*

## Green Churches Network back on its own



The Green Churches Network has reverted to being an autonomous ecumenical organization with about 50 member parishes of different denominations in Quebec and other parts of Canada and is appealing for funds to help with startup costs.

Founded in 2006 as an outgrowth of a project at Saint Columba House, a United Church of Canada mission in the Point St. Charles district of Montreal, the Green Church program became a branch of the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism about five years ago. Norman Lévesque, who became director of the program shortly before it joined forces with the centre for ecumenism, remains in that post.

(For some months he has also been co-ordinator of youth min-

istries for the Roman Catholic Diocese of St. Jean-Longueuil.)

The network now has quarters in St. Elzéar Parish at 16 St. Elzéar Blvd. E., near Laurentian Boulevard in the Vimont district of Laval.

The network is now distributing educational material on Pope Francis’ encyclical on the environment (featured in the September issue of Anglican Montreal). The network and centre have transitional arrangements in place for this and other purposes.

In the photo, Mr. Lévesque applies some paint in the new headquarters.

For information, call 1-800-844-490-6464 or 450-590-6464, send an email to [info@greenchurch.ca](mailto:info@greenchurch.ca) or visit [www.GreenChurch.ca](http://www.GreenChurch.ca).

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### Ste Agathe rectory still in service

The rectory in Ste Agathe has not been sold and Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt, incumbent of the Regional Ministry of the Laurentians, is still living there. The editor of *Anglican Montreal* apologizes for a mistake in the last issue. It garbled information from a parish newsletter that correctly referred to the sale of a rectory previously occupied by clergy serving Morin Heights and St. Sauveur.

### St. Joseph of Nazareth celebrates 50 years

St. Joseph of Nazareth Church in Brossard celebrated 50 years of worshipping in that community at its Sunday service August 30.

### Another blessing for curate

Sacha Bailey and the Rev. James Duckett, recently ordained as a deacon and serving as assistant curate at St. George’s Ste Anne de Bellevue, are the proud parents of a baby girl, Eleanor June, born August 24. At birth she weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces.

### Cavacece back at Cathedral

John Cavacece is back at Christ Church Cathedral as head verger, responsible for the upkeep of the physical plant. He was an assistant verger at the Cathedral before he became the verger at St George’s Place du Canada.

### Chaplains to seafarers meet in Montreal

What was described as the most important gathering in the world this year of welfare and ministry personnel engaged in ministry among seafarers was taking place in Montreal September 28-October 2. The conference of the North American Maritime Ministry Association involved over 100 chaplains serving the whole world, including many Anglicans. The Diocese of Montreal is not currently active in this ministry, although it was until recent years. The current executive director of the association, Jason Zuidema, lives in Montreal and was for a number of years on the ecumenical team of chaplains in the Montreal Mariners’ House.

## News in brief

# Mascouche parish celebrates 175 years and intends to continue



HARVEY SHEPHERD

“My heart warms to see so many people in our little church,” said Doreen Maguire, lay reader and these days largely responsible for the spiritual life of the Anglican Parish of Mascouche, a small parish surrounded by a growing and mainly French-speaking population just north and east of Montreal.

She was speaking at a service August 16 in the Parish Church of Grace and Saints Michael and Margaret, which was celebrating the 175th anniversary of the founding of the parish and the consecration of Grace Church in 1840, a decade before the creation of the Diocese of Montreal.

Ms Maguire currently oversees the parish along with the Rev. Fred Tiplady of Montreal, who leads Eucharistic worship a couple of times a month, and who participated in the

service. Ms Maguire reminisced about earlier days in the parish – one with three places of worship for some years – as did others, including Archdeacon Gordon Guy and Archdeacon Brian Evans, both of whom served the parish earlier in their careers.

The service, to a significant degree bilingual, was preceded by a presentation on the church steps by members of the SODAM (Société de développement et d’animation de Mascouche), a dynamic local non-profit development agency, three members of whom in period costume arrived in a horse and buggy.

While survival continues to be a struggle for the parish, there have been significant improvements to the church building and its hall in recent years.

“Anglican ministry and Grace Church will be here forever,” Ms Maguire said.

Photos, by the editor, above an historical presentation by SODAM. Below, clockwise from top right, are Archdeacon Gordon Guy and the Rev. Éric Généreux, a local Roman Catholic priest, who read one of the bible lessons in French, Doreen Maguire, Mayor Guillaume Tremblay of Mascouche, the Ven. Ralph Leavitt, who officiated as archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of St. Andrews, Archdeacon Brian Evans.

