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## Get to know First Nations and their issues, bishop and speakers urge

### Truth and Reconciliation theme of annual Montreal synod

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Calls for parishes in the Diocese of Montreal to get more informed and involved in First Nations issues came from Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, members of a panel of speakers with deep involvement in social issues and other participants in the June 18 diocesan synod.

The theme for the synod was the Anglican response to the work of the federal government's Truth and Reconciliation commission. Responses came from, among others, Bishop Mary, Bishop Barbara Andrews of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (of British Columbia), Archdeacon Michael Thompson general secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada, Jennifer Henry of the coalition KAIROS Ecumenical Justice Initiatives and Catherine Irwin-Gibson of Kingston, consultant in public policy with particular involvement in First Nations issues.

Bishop Mary raised the issue in her opening address:

"The question for each of us... is to understand why truth and reconciliation should matter to us and what we are prepared to do in response to the recommendations and calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

"As someone whose ancestry in Canada dates back for seven generations and whose 'settler' family was saved by a member of the Delaware or Lenape Nation, as they call them-

selves, I want to improve my understanding of and commitment to a holy and right relationship with the first people of this land and the many nations, each with their own history and traditions."

She said parishes in the diocese should get to know more about the First Nations, Metis and Inuit people around them and living in their communities; "in listening and not being too quick to speak or too arrogant or complacent about our own world view."

She said activity called the Blanket Exercise at the annual diocesan Clergy Lenten Retreat, led by the Right Rev. Mark Macdonald, the National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, "provided a new perspective on the experience of the First Nations when settlers arrived and took over their land by one means or another and their traditional territories shrank or were appropriated with fundamentally different assumptions about land ownership and rights. It was a profoundly moving experience for the group as many of our lifetime assumptions were challenged."

She recalled that the Bishop suggested that those who really want to make amends attend local powwows, meet with indigenous people and learn some of their traditions

"Our city houses many people whose lives were touched and damaged by residential schools and who need healing. Please pray for them and open your hearts to them."

She also noted that the aboriginal church in the Anglican Church of Canada has developed a *Disciple's Prayer Book*, a simplified *Book of Common Prayer*, focused on the

gospel of the day.

"Participants pray together and listen to the gospel reading. They reflect on what they have heard and what they feel the gospel is saying to them and asking them to do. This resource can also be found online."

The Rev. Annie Ittoshat, priest of the Inuit parish now sharing the quarters of the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval, spoke of the work of the parish there and outreach in hospitals and other centres serving Inuit in Montreal.

She described the work as a reminder that "that we are one and that we do matter."

Bishop Andrews described the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, soon to be renamed the Territory of the People, and its dream of "being a new kind of church in our little territory."

She noted that First Nations and non-aboriginal people in the territory have jointly responded to environmental challenges involving processed sewage sludge from Vancouver as well as issues related to tailings from a Polish-owned copper-gold mine in and near Kamloops and partly at a traditionally sacred site. (The mine has sought to respond to local concerns.)

Other speakers brought other perspectives.

Catherine Irwin-Gibson described some of the long history of treaties between First Nations and settlers, including recent jurisprudence that has given some of the treaties renewed significance.

For Ms. Henry, the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission has left "accountabilities" of at least three kinds:



Vicky Boldo, of Cree/Métis heritage, sings at the opening of Synod.

Photo by Janet Best

- Accountability to the survivors of the Indian Residential Schools, damaged as they were by various kinds of abuse, some of it sexual.
- Accountability to indigenous children today, affected in different ways by the legacy of the past.
- Accountability to today's non-indigenous children, to whom the legacy of past abuses must somehow be explained.

Archdeacon Thompson brought national and international perspectives, including some related to the 2007 United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples. Canada originally voted against the declaration but the current government endorsed it this year.

Archdeacon Thompson raised the question of whether some Canadian mining firms with operations in

other countries have respected a requirement that local indigenous groups give free, prior and informed consent to such developments.

Synod delegates adopted a resolution intended by its proposers to bring one of the many recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission to bear on a current revision of the history curriculum in Quebec Schools.

The resolution asks Bishop Mary to write letters to the premier and minister of education of Quebec "calling for the full implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Call 62."

Call 62 urges that information on residential schools, treaties and aboriginal peoples' contribution to Canada be required in curriculum.



The Montreal delegation included the Rev. Robert Camara, the Rev. Nicholas Pang, Mrs Susan Winn, Mrs. Valerie Bennett, Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson and Ms. Elodie Lambert.

## Pastoral letter from the Bishop Reflections on General Synod

Dear Colleagues and Friends,

I am just home from my first time at General Synod. In addition to the delegation pictured at left, several others were present from our diocese, including: the Rev. Annie Ittoshat, who attended as part of the Indigenous Peoples' (ACIP) delegation, the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan who was there as a member of the Council of General Synod and the representative of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and the Rev. Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick, who attended for the Companions of the Diocese of Jerusalem. I was honoured to be

accompanied by these fellow members of the Diocese of Montreal.

While we gathered with some trepidation and hope over the vote to explicitly allow for the marriage of same sex couples within the church, the meeting of General Synod was much more than that. It was a wonderful meeting of delegates and leaders and partners of the Anglican Church of Canada, surrounded by much prayer and careful planning. We asked God to guide us and we meditated on Isaiah chapter 43 all week, especially the theme of the Synod from verse 10, "you are my witnesses". A verse which stuck out

(ominously or hopefully) to some was verse 19: "Behold I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"

As I reflect on the whole week, I believe that God was at work well above and beyond our individual and corporate agendas. I have come away with a real sense of the diversity and interests and concerns of the members of our Anglican Church of Canada and of the love and passion that they bring to it in the service of Christ.

The presence of many indigenous and Inuit Anglicans, lay, clergy and  
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# Bishop's Message



Bishop Mary and Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, July 2016.

I have just attended an extraordinary and massive Christian camp called Focus, organized by Holy Trinity Brompton (London, UK). Now in its 25th year, Focus has grown from 700 people in the early years to 6,742 as its church plant congregations have grown. Mark and I were invited to attend with The Rev. Graham and Celine Singh because of their connection to HTB, the Diocese of London, and one of its church plants, St. John's, Hampton Wick. It was not your usual camp!

This week long event was an incredible feat of organization with a variety of fun and teaching activities for children and teenagers, youth and adults. There was a very wide variety of ages present, including both babies in strollers and grandparents with walkers – over 1000 children, and 800 youth volunteers. There was regular worship of all kinds including morning prayer, daily Eucharist hosted by the churches of East London, a family service, a morning and two afternoon teaching sessions from St Mellitus College ([www.stmellitus.org](http://www.stmellitus.org)) and others as well as a main teaching and worship event under the Big Top tent each morning and evening. There was more, of course ([www.Focus.htb.org](http://www.Focus.htb.org))!!

What we experienced throughout was excellent and generous contact with people who are planting churches all across London and throughout Great Britain and beyond. I was impressed with their attitudes towards one another and the rest of the world, demonstrating kindness and openness and focused on our unity as disciples of Jesus Christ. These people have a passion for the church to grow, in all its variety, as the Holy Spirit leads.

On Tuesday morning at the main gathering, I and twelve or so bishops and their new church planting teams were presented and prayed for by the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres. Our own new church plant, St Jax Montreal, [www.stjax.org](http://www.stjax.org) enters its next phase this September. It was encouraging to hear about all the new ventures being launched and we saw how strongly supported they were by the Archbishop of Canterbury when he spoke in the main session. Most of the bishops dressed casually but the women bishops (Sarah Mullally and I) were encouraged to dress in our purple shirts!

There's so much more to tell you but the paper is full. Ask me or Mark or Graham and Céline when you see us. I have other information on Facebook and you can friend me if you want (Mary Irwin-Gibson).

Every blessing,

+ Mary

## A word from the editor

By now we've had time to process the events and outcome of July's General Synod. Much has been said and there is much to read, both online and in the Anglican Journal. If you haven't read Archbishop Fred Hiltz's response to the proceedings, I encourage you to do so. "Forbearing One Another in Love" can be found on our website ([www.montreal.anglican.ca](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca)). When you are online, you will also see the French version of Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson's Pastoral letter addressing the events of General Synod; the English version is on the front page of this paper.

Coverage of our own Synod can be found on the center spread of this paper. On pages 10 and 11 you will find the full text of Bishop Mary's opening address to Synod, in both English and French.

As the new interim editor, I am excited by the challenges ahead. I see the Anglican Montreal as a



Photo of Nicki by Wanda Malfara

metaphorical meeting place for the diocese; a place where we gather to find out what one another is doing, to celebrate and be inspired by one another's ministries. I encourage you to share your stories with me ([editor@montreal.anglican.ca](mailto:editor@montreal.anglican.ca)), so that as many voices as possible are represented in these pages.

And speaking of sharing; I hope you take a few minutes to fill out

the online survey that the Anglican Montreal Board of Management has developed. [www.anglican.montreal/survey](http://www.anglican.montreal/survey). The purpose of the survey is to gather information as to how you receive your diocesan and parochial news and to ensure that we are delivering relevant and interesting content in the most convenient and accessible way for most readers. For more about the survey, please see Ann Cumyn's article on page four of this paper.

Cheers, and see you in December!

NICKI HRONJAK

p.s. Please remember that the Anglican Montreal will be published quarterly instead of monthly. You will receive the next issue of this paper in December, though you will continue to receive the national paper, the Anglican Journal, in October and November.

## Anglican Partners attend the Diocese of Masasi, Tanzania, 90th Anniversary Celebrations

EXECUTIVE ARCHDEACON BILL GRAY

In 2016 the African Anglican Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, a partner of the Diocese of Montreal, is celebrating its 90th anniversary since its formation in 1926. Many of the parishes within the diocese originate much earlier; some were founded in the latter 19th century by the newly freed slaves who were liberated when the local slave trade collapsed (which was accomplished with the help of Anglican missionaries). Christians now comprise about 60 percent of the Tanzanian faith community and Muslims about 40 percent.

African Anglican parishes in Tanzania are numerous, large and flourishing in terms of membership and devotion but modest in resources. In Masasi, Clergy often serve in multi-point parishes spread over large rural regions that are filled with members enthusiastically praying, singing and dancing in the sharing of the word and sacraments.

One key anniversary event included a special service at St. Mary and St. Bartholomew Church in Masasi town, Mtwara region, on August 28, 2016. On behalf of Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson and the Diocese of Montreal, Executive Archdeacon Bill Gray and the Rev. Andy O'Donnell attended this event supported and sponsored by the Montreal Diocesan Partnerships Committee. Archdeacon Gray was accompanied by his son Darcy.

Our host for this event was Masasi Diocesan Bishop James Almasi who visited the Diocese of Montreal for the first time in 2015.

Bishop Almasi participated in the Diocesan Conference Synod and visited several diocesan parishes and events. Other diocesan and missionary partners were represented in Masasi, such as Bishop Richard Frith of the Diocese of Hereford, Church of England and the Archbishop of Tanzania. On this occasion, the visiting partners had an opportunity to meet the Prime Minister of Tanzania.

Visiting partners were in Masasi together from August 26 to September 5 participating in meetings, services, confirmations, ordinations, addressing priests, local church leaders, synod members, diocesan

staff, laying new building cornerstones and preaching in various parishes. Parish visits included churches in the communities of Tunduru, Wapiwapi, Mumbaka, Chisegu, Nachingwea, Mkomando, Namanjuni as well as Masasi Cathedral, St. Anne's Convent, Rondo Theological College and Boys School and Mtandi Medical Dispensary.

Anglican PWRDF and Canada's CIDA have jointly funded the provision of water wells, medical centers and farm livestock in Masasi communities. Representatives from the organizations visit these facilities on various occasions.

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



We give God thanks and praise for having granted us a safe, peaceful, and restful summer. As we enter this fall season, we pray that he will continue to guide our work and help us to do everything to honour and glorify his name. Bless our Diocesan Leaders and lay volunteers with wisdom and understanding as they resume their duties.

We pray for the members of the executive committee of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer who have been hard at work renewing this valuable resource. We invite everyone to visit the newly improved website at [anglicanprayer.org](http://anglicanprayer.org) and check out our Facebook page: Anglican Fellowship of Prayer. It is updated every day with a Scripture verse or wise saying. Please like us.

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# News in brief

## Karen Egan Named Acting President of College

The Board of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College is pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, our current Director of Studies, has accepted the position of Acting Principal for the school year 2016-17, since the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Donald Boisvert. Dr. Egan is well positioned to oversee a smooth transition at the college as a new Principal search is underway, and provide our students with a stable environment as they continue their studies.

We are also pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Neil Mancor has agreed to a half time appointment as Interim Director of Studies, while maintaining his position of Incumbent at St. George's, Ste. Anne de Bellevue. We are fortunate to be able to bring such an able theologian on board at this time, and welcome Neil and the gifts he brings to the college.

We are genuinely excited for the year ahead, and ask the diocese to continue to hold Dio and its students in its prayers, as we seek a new principal to lead our beloved college into the next period of its ministry.

## The Dynamics of Preaching from the Old Testament: A Day for Lay Readers

Study Day 2016 will take place on Saturday, November 19, at the Church of St. John the Baptist in Pointe Claire. This year we are privileged to have two presenters, Bishop Mary Gibson and Professor Patricia Kirkpatrick, both well-known to Montreal Lay Readers.

The focus of the day will be Preaching the Good News from the Old Testament, with personal reflections on Jerusalem and its importance to us as we prepare for Jerusalem Sunday services.

Registration will begin at 8:30 am. Our day of study and learning will be followed by a Commissioning Service and Evening Prayer at 4 pm., and a Bishop's Reception for family and friends. Further information will be available in the October Lay Reader Newsletter. Cost for the day: \$35 includes meal, snacks and materials.

## Annual Clergy Conference Announced

**Trust, Hope, Love: Christian Living in a Time of Conflict** will be held on Sunday, October 30, 2016 (beginning with dinner) through Tuesday, November 1, 2016 (ending with lunch) at the CAMMAC Music Centre ([www.cammac.ca](http://www.cammac.ca)) in Harrington, QC. The speaker will be L. William Countryman, author of *Living on the Border of the Holy*, renewing the priesthood for all.

## New short name for St James the Apostle – St Jax Montreal!

St Jax Montreal is the new bilingual short name for St James the Apostle, as our new church plant seeks to solve a number of missional challenges related to online presence and confusion with St James United. St. Jax is not a newly discovered saint (!) but rather is a short name made up of James and Jacques.

Consultation on this new name has been undertaken with both old and new church members (one of whom recounted confusion with St James United at her wedding in 1973!) and within an exciting renewed partnership with the City of Montreal, who use St Jax as a kind of interim community centre in the Ville Marie neighbourhood. Just as 'Red Roof' is the short name for St John the Evangelist, 'St Jax' remains a short name for the ongoing official parish name of St James the Apostle. More information? See [www.stjax.org](http://www.stjax.org).

# How might we interpret scripture in the 21st century

MARK DUNWOODY,  
DIOCESAN MISSIONER

It seems that most readers of scripture quickly fall into two camps; Those who assume the position of a 'critical scholar' (one who views scripture through a lens of doubt, mistrust and confusion and maybe want to intellectualize it to a place where it justifies their academic existence). Or, those who put equal emphasis into the method of fully reading scripture with subjectivity.

Are there alternatives to these two narrow narratives, and how might we explore key questions such as:  
– Where is scripture pointing us?  
– What is the original context and direction of the text?

As scripture has many forms and styles of literature could it be unwise to hold onto a concept (doubtful or literal) of a simple gospel message wrapped in a physical book containing historical, scientific and spiritual stories?

In addition, how can we be careful not to jump from the OT and NT times to now as if the church has done no reflection, and went through various paradigm shifts in between?

It could be useful for us to acknowledge that there has always been a clash of human ideas about the relevance, and validity of scripture. These ideas will only seek to become more complex in our deconstructed postmodernity world.

As Jesus responded to questions designed to trick him into engaging him into a theological debate by a theological scholar. He made it very clear that there is nothing wrong with the scholar's knowledge of scripture. However, there is a huge problem the how the scholar is interpreting true meaning of scripture. By merely dismissing scripture as a book you read to learn. There is a danger of missing out on the fact that God has provided scripture to enable us to live out what we read. This is achieved by consuming scripture at a level that goes deeper than mere intellectual knowledge.

We see much of our engagement with scripture to inform our modern-day issues starting from a place of absolutes. Yet if we read scripture through the lens of a text that teaches us to consider what is stirring in our heart and our minds. Then we can begin to fully undertake an exploration of scripture through the lens of how we read (scripture), as opposed to what scripture we read.

Allowing time to read, and reread, and listen to what the spirit is saying to each of us (which for the most part is very different for many folks). Enables us to read scripture, and engage at a heart, rather than a head level. Leading to breakthroughs which we might never ever had imagined beforehand.

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus"(Acts 4:13-17)

There's something very interesting about this story from the book of Acts. Peter and John were not immersed in a rabbinical school. And yet they sustained a theological debate with members of the supreme court?

The answer was not far to seek:

the judges knew that they had been companions of Jesus. He too had not sat at the feet of an eminent rabbi, yet he taught with an authority which they could well remember. People expressed the same surprise about him: "How is it that this man has learning, when he has never studied?" (John 7:15). None could match him in his sure handling of the scriptures, his unerring ability to go back to first principles for the confirming of his own teaching and the discomfiture of his opponents.

In dealing with the many squabbles of the early church as they tried to discern what were proper spiritual practices. Paul points out that many of these contentious practices were judged from a narrative of superior cultural, societal or intellectual viewpoints.

Paul's approach to peacemaking helped the churches understand that we are all part of a body of saints who will be one day united through Christ in a new earth. In addition to the importance of not being judgmental to others. Especially when it comes to judging other Christians, and their practices. It would be a magnificent witness to the world if Christians refrained from looking at other saints through the lens of judgment, but rather focused on loving those who are different. Comparing ourselves to others through the act of judgment leads us to lack clarity of what god has put us on earth to do.

Rather, we should consider our



Photo by Dylan Dunwoody

faith, and our ongoing interpreting of scripture in the 21st century as an ongoing artful masterpiece. Moving forward in an uncertain world we can weave together a thread of the spirit of creation, of Christ, and of the renewal of all things.

Entering an era of increasing geo political uncertainty with countries redefining what it means to be a 'citizen. Christians are going to be continually prompted by the Spirit of God to refrain from participating in protectionist life habits that are based on exclusion, and abuse of societal power and against the purpose that god has for his beloved creation.

On the contrary, Christians will endeavour to ensure that our interpretation of scripture, through the presence of God's Spirit, as we understand from its origins, through the old and new testament, as Christ the sender of the spirit, and as being sent on Pentecost; will work through us and point us to the individual, community, and kingdom values that mirror an eternal life.

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# A Sojourn with our Western Partners

REV. CANON DR. DAVID SINCLAIR

The very word Cathedral suggests something grand: when invited by Bishop Barbara Andrews to come to St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops to help out during the search for a new Dean and Rector, I packed my best suit, and even a clerical collar.

Once my first Sunday liturgy was over and I had been deluged with love at coffee hour, I knew the suit was a mistake. I wore it only once, to accompany Bishop Barbara to a fancy military dinner as the Rocky Mountain Rangers welcomed a new Honorary Colonel. For almost all the time in Kamloops, informality was the accepted style.

St. Paul's, the Cathedral Church of APCI, (soon to be the Territory of the People) is a veritable hive of ministries directed both internally to the life of the congregation and externally to the wider community. The downside was the number of meetings in the course of each week: the upside, the number of people one could meet without leaving the building (which could be a confusing structure, having grown in various stages from the original little church moved to the site in 1924.)

Though an Interim member of the staff, I was given the Dean's office at the highest level of the chapel wing, even more elevated than



Farewell Party: 1st Sunday after Easter.

Bishop Barbara and the APCI Administrative Assistant, Barb Farrell. That the Parish Coordinator, Claire Tossoff, had an office at street level (so she could run the soup distribution ministry) gave a good incentive to physical fitness.

It would have been neither possible nor wise to attend every ministry group's meetings: each had a mandate and a simple instruction to get on with the task – inviting staff participation only as required.

By choice I did become part of the Education Committee, help-

ing to plan a very popular Lenten Lecture Series that drew noon-time crowds of 100 or so, and garnering an invitation to deliver the February Faith Lecture (which drew almost as many on a winter evening.)

The "Out of the Cold" ministry, which provided a soup supper, a bed, and a good breakfast two nights every week for homeless folk, was more heavily used this past winter than ever before, possibly because of the downturn in the oil economy in Alberta, and saw an increasing number of young people among our guests. My volunteer role was to be part of the clean-up crew Thursday mornings, when we had to work fast to have the space ready for another ministry, the Thrift Shop.

To keep all the activity running as smoothly as possible, the entire staff would meet early Wednesday mornings, each area of responsibility checking in with all the others, including much of the time the Churchwardens. A most congenial



Interior of St. Paul's Cathedral in Advent Array

group: Bishop Barbara, when not away on Episcopal rounds was Priest-in-charge; Canon Sandra Sugden, the other priest on staff was invaluable as pastoral support, as was her husband, Canon Tom, a vocational deacon who kept our liturgies running smoothly; Melissa Green oversaw an amazing range of family, youth and children's ministries; Ron Sugayama looked after the buildings, and Claire Tossoff somehow managed to keep a master schedule to prevent us running into or over one another.

Two aspects of life in the Territory I wish I had more time to experience were the number of joint ministries with other churches and the wonderfully rich life of the First Nations parishes. I was able to attend the inauguration of a new shared United-Anglican-Presbyterian-Lutheran ministry in Clearwater and to have a number of good conversations with Brian Krushel the Lutheran Pastor for

both Clearwater and the Church of St. Paul in Barriere.

My wife Georgia and I enjoyed a day with Danny Whitehead in the Anglican Parish of Lytton, visiting the First Nations Churches in Sc'xmx Parish at Shulus and Shacan. One highlight was a visit to the home of Pastoral Elder Jimmy Toodlican, a teacher of Aboriginal language, who shared with us his faith journey: all the while crafting a spearhead for fishing salmon from the leg-bone of a deer.

I shall always be grateful for the opportunity to share with Bishop Barbara, my fellow clergy and the people of St. Paul's Cathedral in their varied ministries of love and witness in Kamloops and beyond. Although four months turned out to be seven, the entire sojourn in the West was truly rejuvenating, a wonderful preparation for becoming at least slightly more "retired".

## Equipping the Saints

THE REV. DR. KAREN EGAN  
ACTING PRINCIPAL 2016-17

It's the beginning of the school year, and for more than one hundred and forty years, this means that the teachers of Dio, the principal, director of studies, and the entire adjunct faculty who are mostly clergy of this diocese, are busy preparing for the year to come. And like every other year, this comes, at least in part, with a healthy dose of optimism coupled with a sobering sense of responsibility; well at least it does for me.

But this year is also different. This year at Dio we are in a period of transition, for once again, after just one year, we are in the process of searching for a new principal. For some it feels discouraging, because we had hoped we were already on our way towards a new period of stability in the college, after the retirement of Dr. John Simons. For others, like me, it just continues a period of extended changeover which is necessary in the life of any established institution. And the surprising truth is, I find this a very hopeful time, because in my mind Dio is in the process of being placed in the hands of a new generation of theologians and church leaders, a generation (younger than myself I might add) which I find both interesting and immensely heartening. In my observation, they do not spend time lamenting the church of old, and trying to rebuild it, for they are too young to have experienced it themselves. At the same time, they remain suspicious of its

glory, and so share no desire to turn back the clock to the so called "good old days", where so many were made invisible or were frankly excluded, and many still bear the wounds of its judgement.

So I take heart in the emerging new generation of leaders in our beloved church, and I am honoured to be called to oversee their training. And so this year we will continue to take up the challenge of preparing courageous young leaders for a future church about which we know so little. And for this we will do as we have always done: begin with the basics: Bible and biblical interpretation, Systematic Theology and a rigorous study of the history of the church. These are the foundations on which every claim to church leadership rest, and the ability to teach fundamentals well has been the strength of Dio for its whole history. Yes, particular methods will change, and skills necessary for congregational leadership will shift over time, but without a foundational theological education and the concomitant ability to reflect theologically on the new situations as they arise, new leaders will be unable to grow as the church grows, unable to understand how God is working in the church and in the world, and unable to lead into our inevitably glorious future.

So I look forward to this year, and I invite the changes that this year of transition will bring, confident that we remain in God's hands and that we will continue to raise up strong and faithful leaders who will lead us into God's future, with integrity and love.

## How would you like your news?

ANN CUMYN,  
CHAIR OF THE ANGLICAN MONTREAL  
BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

In a time of restrained budgets, the first thought is, "Where should we be spending our money?" and the second, "Is there anything we can do more efficiently and cost-effectively?"

As you are probably aware, one cost-saving decision has been to publish the Anglican Montreal less frequently. With such a change, we will need to make sure that there are other means of reliable communication in the diocese.

Traditionally, our newspaper, the Anglican Montreal, has provided us with articles, news of specific diocesan happenings and publicity about events in the diocese and in local parishes. Over the past six months a weekly e-newsletter has been developed, which features diocesan happenings and parish events.

Previously, when notices were published monthly, the chances were that, if I wanted to check on an event nearer the date, I would find that the Anglican Montreal had already disappeared into the recycling. Now it is so easy to check the e-news. (If you would like to receive a copy, email Nicki Hronjak at editor@montreal.anglican.ca)

Although published less frequent-

ly, The Anglican Montreal will continue to contain articles of general interest, accounts of significant events and of course the Bishop's message. Some people would say that these can be read just as easily on a tablet or a computer screen, but many others find it more comfortable to read longer articles by hard copy. And there are those who do not have access to a computer at all, or only have dial-up connections.

Dealing with these changes will require a little effort and understanding.

The e-news has produced both a sense of spontaneity and of efficiency into our diocese. The local parishes have caught on quickly to posting events, and, if someone forgets, there is an opportunity to post the event the following week. The question is does everyone have a chance to read it? Some parishes send it on automatically to their members (except to those who have asked to be omitted).

Because it is important to know what you would like to receive in both the enews and the Anglican Montreal, we have drawn up a questionnaire that we would like you to fill out. The results will help us to fine-tune the content of these two news sources. The questionnaire can be found on line (go to [www.montreal.anglican.ca/survey](http://www.montreal.anglican.ca/survey)) for those who would prefer to fill out a

paper copy of the questionnaire, the form is on the back page of this Anglican Montreal.

### Notable

#### Advice on the Road to Retirement

Retired? Thinking of Retirement?

Come to Fulford Hall, Saturday, October 15, 2016 from 10am – 3 pm to hear professionals from Elder-Aide discuss legal, financial and social aspects of wills and mandates, financial planning, public and private long-term residences and end-of-life legislation. Speakers include: Joyce Blond, lawyer, Deborah Leahy, financial consultant, Glen Marcotte, social worker, Bonnie Sandler, social worker, Norman Schwartz, lawyer and Rod Scott, accountant.

Sponsored by the Social Service Society of Christ Church Cathedral

Register by Sept 30, 514-843-6577 ext 276 or email the Cathedral office at [cathoff@bellnet.ca](mailto:cathoff@bellnet.ca)

# 'It's life, Jim, but not as we know it'

## Five new priests, and a deacon are ordained to a new life

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Five ordained deacons moving on to become priests and one new transitional deacon were told May 15 that their life ought never to be the same.

"This afternoon six people will be ordained by the Church in the power of the Holy Spirit and let me tell you six now – what lies ahead of you is *life – but not as you know it*," Dean Paul Kennington of Christ Church Cathedral preached at their ordination service.

"Or at least I hope that's what lies ahead of you. I hope things are going to be different for you all from now on," he said in a sermon based in part on a bit of dialogue from the Star Trek television series.

"You may think that everything will go on the same as before once we have laid hands on you: that your call is to go back to your churches with your congregations and gather together in one place like you always have done.

"Well, I hope not. I hope you will be changed. I hope that by the power of the Holy Spirit you will now always feel uncomfortable deep inside you with what you knew before, always discontent with the

status quo, always searching for life – but somehow *not as we know it*."

The dean warned against "the risk of building for ourselves new towers on a Sunday morning for a heaven which we have invented – which is all about loving our friends, being a tight-knit warm and supporting community, instead of about training us up – and that's training all of us up, laity every bit as much as clergy, as a community for sacrificial discipleship, dying to ourselves so that others may live, and about loving our enemies ... and all those people who are not like us and whom we do not like. About a community where it hurts a little to be a disciple of Jesus, where we are all a bit uncomfortable, looking for life, but not as we know it."

The newly ordained deacon is Stanley Brooks, who already has a lengthy academic career under his belt and at least five academic credits including a Ph.D. from the faculty of education at McGill University.

Dr. Brooks, who will probably be ordained as a priest in another year or so, was a professor in the department of social science and commerce for over 35 years at Marianopolis College in Montreal. He established the geography department and served as department chairperson for eight of them.

As a deacon, he remains in a



The new priests and deacon line up before the High Altar for the traditional photo. From left are the Rev. Amy Hamilton, the Rev. James E. Duckett, the Rev. Deacon Stanley Brooks, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, the Rev. Josée Lemoine, the Rev. Denis Gérvy and the Rev. Jean-Jacques Goulet.

(Photo: Janet Best)

"non-stipendiary" at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Pierrefonds, where he served an "in-ministry year" placement at the end of his theological studies.

The five new priests are serving where they recently served as deacons. Two are assistant curates at Christ Church Cathedral.

- Amy Hamilton is "passionate about creating spaces and places for people to be able to explore

who they are and who God is calling them to be."

- Jean-Jacques Goulet, who was at one time director of Evangelism and Church planting for Mennonite Church Canada, co-ordinates the pastoral care of Cathedral parishioners and those in need.
- James E. Duckett, who has had a diverse career in teaching, is at St. George's Ste Anne de Bellevue.
- Denis Gérvy has been working with

the Rev. Yves Samson at St. James Church in Trois-Rivières in the Diocese of Quebec and Christ Church Sorel in the Diocese of Montreal.

- Josée Lemoine, whose journey to the Anglican church was by way of the Catholic and Lutheran churches, is serving at St. George's Place du Canada.

## The 2016/17 Children's and Youth Ministry Challenge!

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS  
MTL YOUTH PROJECT COORDINATOR

### What?

A call to action for every church across the Dioceses of Montreal and Ottawa to participate in, encourage and support a liturgy that is designed and implemented by and for children and youth.

### How?

Children and Youth are charged with the task of designing and implementing a minimum of 30% of the liturgy on their C.Y.M.C Sunday.

This event and its process must be documented (photos, videos, testimonials, blogs, social media uploads) and submitted for consideration by December 31st 2016 and prepared to present at the annual Children's and Youth Ministry Symposium in January 2017.

### Why?

To empower, support, nourish and connect young people with the liturgical life of their churches.

To put children and youth in the focal position (listen/respect/validate).

To be reminded of the words of Jesus in Matthew 19:14 who said, "Let the little children come to me,

and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these".

### Where?

Parishes across the Dioceses of Ottawa and Montreal are invited to participate in teams or individually as works best for their church context.

### When?

The full event / video / details will be launched at Supper Club / Eucharist on Thursday September 8 2016

at Fulford Hall in Montreal.

Important Dates to remember: C.Y.M.C Preparation Day (training and workshops on liturgy, and best practices) Saturday November 5 (Ottawa, Ont.)

The deadline for submission to present C.Y.M.C project details and become a C.Y.M.C candidate is December 31.

The Children's and Youth Ministry Symposium candidate presentations will take place on Saturday January 28 2017.

Challenge winners will be selected by a panel of experts by March 1 2017.

Winners will get a plaque of recognition from the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and the opportunity to receive talented guest preacher and

noted Children's ministry expert, Rev. Jean Daniel Williams (PhD candidate in Children's Ministry) to guest preach in their church.

Contact Lee-Ann Matthews (lmatthews@montreal.anglican.ca) (514) 953-4060.

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# Around the parishes

## 50 years north of the 40: St. Barnabas, Pierrefonds celebrates anniversary

PAMELA YARROW+ ON BEHALF  
OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY  
PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was standing room only on June 12, 2016, near the feast day of our patron saint, as St. Barnabas Anglican Church, Pierrefonds celebrated 50 years of worship and service in our current building. A dedicated – and extremely creative – team of six parish volunteers inspired and coordinated a series of events to celebrate the many positive experiences and significant ministries that have happened since this uniquely-styled structure was consecrated on June 11, 1966.

In joyful and prayerful preparation for the June 12 occasion, we observed *Seven Sundays of Celebra-*

*tion* in the weeks preceding the main event. Each Sunday, we focussed on some memorable parish members or ministries. We remembered with thanksgiving 50 years of: pastoral events, especially Baptisms, when everyone enjoys the descent of St. Barnabas' famous dove, which functions as our font; parish leaders – a distinguished and diverse list of clergy, Wardens, Music Directors, and Secretaries; parish ministries (e.g. summer Day Camp, refugee sponsorship); and fellowship events: remember the outstanding annual fundraising performances of the St. Barnabas Company of Friends? A wonderful series of display boards, which were lovingly and painstakingly prepared for June 12, will remain in the church for further enjoyment

and inspection until our *Welcome Back to Church* service, September 18.

Then there was **music** – for our special **worship** celebration on June 12. Honouring St. Barnabas' embrace of eclectic musical styles over the years, we welcomed special selections performed by the St. Barnabas Hand Bell Choir, as well as by the newest group to practice and worship with us, the St. BarnaBrass Quartet. Especially for the occasion, our talented Music Director, Matthew Lane, composed an anthem, *O Happy Spirits!*, based on a poem by John Keble, which was performed with the St. Barnabas Adult Choir. As well, we welcomed a guest preacher, the Rev. Michelle Eason, from our sister parish of St. Michael & All Angels, Pierrefonds.



Rev. Pamela Yarrow and long-standing parishioner Mabel Georges

And of course there was **food**: we rejoiced that many old friends and former parishioners joined us for a delicious luncheon in the church Hall after the service. Read all about it in the special 50th edition of our parish newsletter, *The Script* (available on our parish website [www.st-barnabas.qc.ca/](http://www.st-barnabas.qc.ca/)). Better yet, stop by

some Sunday to worship with us, and see for yourself our Biblically-inspired square marble altar and overhanging altar crown. And pray that, by God's grace, we will continue to live out our vision statement for many more years in this place: *...to be of Christ, in Christ, and to proclaim Christ's love in this world.*

## It's Time for a Story

REV. BRIAN PERRON

*Once upon a time*, in the land of Verdun and Ville-Emard, there was a little girl who would go to her fathers' church. She loved the neighbourhood and the people who lived there, especially the little people like herself.

As she grew in stature and in wisdom, she also fell in love with reading books, all kinds of books; skinny ones, thick ones, scary ones and ones that reminded her of being loved. And one day she thought, "Why don't I find a way to share the love of reading and listening to these

great books with my friends from the theatre, but most of all, with all the little people in the land of Verdun?"

So the little girl, who was now a fine young lady, spoke with her grand papa and he said, "Speak to that nice new priest we have at Epiphany, I'm sure he'll love your idea and encourage you too". So she went to meet the pastor and all the fine ladies from Epiphany. Everyone one was pleased and said "Yes, we love the idea, let's do this."

Within just a few weeks the fine young lady encouraged her acting friends to rehearse and act out the Storytime books; first with "The Cat



A well done "thumbs up" from the cast and organizer Meagan Wheeler, far left.

in the Hat", then "The Recess Queen", "Where the Wild Things Are" and many more over six weeks. To stimulate the children to listen each week, she even organized her Yoga friends and some creative face painters too. And just to make sure the whole world knew about "Verdun Storytime", she had a graphic artist do a real professional logo, and she publicized all over town; using every form of media and publicity she could.

People of all ages came from all over to see and hear her favourites books show and teach the moral of the story; to trust, to love and to be yourself. And so now the Land of Verdun is a happier place, the children, their parents, our city counselors, and even people in the arts and from the school commission came out to experience how much fun could be enjoyed in Epiphany's Courtyard in the land of Verdun. And everyone lived happily ever after, amen.

L'heure du Conte Verdun Storytime, has been the brainchild of Meagan Wheeler, yes the daughter of Rev. Patrick Wheeler. Meagan with her youthful passion has been an inspiration to Epiphany and the whole Verdun community as she orchestrated this wonderful event over a run of six weeks. We are already looking at ways to continue the dynamics throughout the year in other ministries. I recently asked Meagan why she would want to take on such a major production, and

why in Verdun.

"People have asked me a lot this month the same question. Why did you do this? I've tried to prepare answers for the radio interviews I've been a part of, to form a sentence I could use for everybody. But when I ask myself the question, the answer is simply: because I wanted to. I wanted to combine my passion for literature and theatre into an activity for children, I wanted to give back to the community I grew up in, and I wanted to get the young Verdun and Montreal communities excited about reading and theatre. If I were to inspire one child to read more or be

interested in theatre, then I'd feel like I accomplished something through this. And seeing the children be happy during our story time each week, seeing those who were shy at the beginning go up to the actors and talk to them, seeing the Storytime bring out a feeling of wonder, imagination and joy in the young and young at heart has made it all worth it, and I look forward to continuing to build Verdun Storytime with the support of Epiphany and the Verdun community."

For more on Storytime, go to [www.facebook.com/verdunstorytime/](http://www.facebook.com/verdunstorytime/).



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, DEUX-MONTAGNES. Our Sunday school children were very proud of the refreshments they baked and served for the Café church service held in the hall on Sunday, May 29. They spent their Friday Ped. Day from school in the church kitchen, preparing all the treats, which were enjoyed by the whole congregation.

## Notable

### Still Presence Meditation Presents

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The course is led by Andrea Pinto, meditation teacher for thirty years.

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# Sainte Anne's Hospital: 100 years of change and Anglican chaplaincy

REV. STEPHEN PETRIE

*Chaplains can sometimes be the duck-billed platypuses of clergy – some full time, some part time with parish responsibilities, some Anglican, some not but working in ecumenical settings and supported by the diocese, and all working either in schools, prisons, the military, or hospitals. We are a mixed bag yet we come together from time to time for dinner so we can support one another and share our different experiences. Out of that has come a wish to communicate just what it is we do through a series of articles here in the Montreal Anglican. This is the first of that series and will look at Sainte Anne's Hospital.*

As World War I raged in Europe the Canadian government, through the Military Hospitals Commission of Canada, responded to the growing influx of sick and wounded veterans by building a hospital in 1917 in Sainte Anne de Bellevue. The location was chosen because land was readily available and it was directly on the train line and main highway from Montreal making it easy to transport patients and for families to visit.

From those early days to today Anglicans have provided the Protestant chaplaincy services. For many years the chaplain was an employee of the government and was provided with a home on the hospital grounds. About 25 years ago that

changed when the diocese was contracted to provide a chaplain and the house was converted into a daycare.

Through the years the hospital adapted to meet changing demands. Specifically, World War II necessitated the expansion of the original wood and stucco building. By fall of 1941 the hospital had 672 beds. By 1945 that increased to 1,022 beds with some 300 beds dedicated to patients with tuberculosis.

Following the end of World War II the need for care didn't diminish. Veterans from the Korean War added to the hospital population and services were increasingly needed for the aging veterans from World War I. By 1958 the patient count reached a staggering 1,139 – 9 beyond the number of available beds!

As the number of patients who required geriatric care grew exponentially, construction of the modern day tower began in 1968 with the first patients moving in 1971.

There was one glaring error in the new tower. There was no chapel. Pressure was placed on those in charge and what had intended to be the library was quickly converted to the new chapel. Skylights that flood the space with light and wooden walls give the chapel a quiet reflective quality that has served the patients, families, and staff well all these years. The library wasn't neglected as it moved to another bright location

in the hospital equipped with large picture windows.

Over the next two decades the number of patients steadily dropped and the average age increased. Care was now more focussed on a long term residential population. In 1992 there were 725 patients with an average age of 76.

By 2006 a new wing was built for patients with cognitive challenges such as Alzheimer's disease. At the same time a pioneering program was underway to help veterans with PTSD on an outpatient basis or a short term residential program.

Once again, changing demographics gave rise to the modernisation program begun in 2003 and finished in 2009. This brought the tower up to new standards for geriatric long term care and converted the dormitories and mixed rooms exclusively into private rooms.

Finally, with the veteran population in decline and the average age close to 93, floors began to close and the time was coming when Sainte Anne's, once again, had to adapt. This resulted in the transfer of the hospital to the province on April 1 of this year and the admittance of the first civilians.

At the time of writing the addition of civilian residents has meant the reopening of one floor and we anticipate that two more floors will reopen by the end of the year.

A cornerstone of the care that



Sainte Anne's Chapel

residents here receive is the faithful service of so many volunteers. Their dedication to helping with the many activities that take place here is inspiring and I am grateful to the help they give in so many ways week after week in the chapel. Anyone who can provide some time to lend a hand and become a volunteer is always gratefully received.

The point in telling the story of Sainte Anne's through 100 years of history is to highlight that it has adapted again and again to the changing needs of its residents. By contrast, chaplaincy has remained the same. Welcoming new residents, conducting regular services in the

chapel and beyond, providing spiritual care to residents, families, and staff in good times and in bad have all been a hallmark of chaplaincy here.

The needs of the patients have changed through the years as their demographics have changed but providing a non-judgmental presence to those who have called Sainte Anne's home is something a long legacy of chaplains – Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Jewish – have done faithfully for 100 years. It is a particular honour to play a small role in that and I am thankful to those who have served here over all those years.

## A Country Church's Journey to Financial Wellness

THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, LAKEFIELD

Bishop Mary will tell you that not so very long ago our little church in the Laurentians was a mission church that needed financial help, even with the oil bills. It came very close to closing, but today Holy Trinity Church, Lakefield, not only pays its way without any assistance from the Diocese, but it also operates consistently in the black, and it has accomplished a great deal over the past few years. Despite the fact that we have only a handful of parishioners in the pews on any given Sunday morning, we have become a financially confident church.

How did that happen? We believe the key elements to this turn-around to be:

- faith in God and in ourselves,
- combining with other small churches to form a community

that has become mutually supportive and has made each of us stronger,

- the sharing of a priest and the leadership of several strong Lay Readers,
- a multi-year plan that includes goals and dates,
- joint financing of major projects with local levels of government,
- an excellent relationship with our municipality,
- visibility in the community,
- strong, regular communications,
- making use of the gifts God provides,
- living out of a sense of abundance,
- a loyal and generous extended family with strong emotional ties that date back generations,
- careful and detailed bookkeeping and
- the recent establishment of the Laurentian Regional Ministry.

### Faith in God and in Ourselves

We changed from being frozen in fear to moving forward in faith. Prayer and discernment are an essential part of such a process but the Diocese also played a role when they provided the services of a Congregational Development Officer – Janet Marshall. She helped us to see so many positives that we were overlooking and instilled hope in our future. We took our responsibility as stewards of this 156 year old church and its graveyard seriously. The first step was to assess what needed to be done to enable it to continue for at least another century and a half. We checked within, listening for God's encouragement and when we felt it, we trusted it.

### The Formation of the Parish of the Lower Laurentians, the Sharing of a Priest and Strong Leadership from Lay Readers

Combining with three other small churches in the area to form what is now known as the Parish of the Lower Laurentians (PLL) was the beginning of a sense of well-being. By sharing the services of a priest on a 25% contract, and with the help and leadership of three gifted Lay Readers, we were finally able to afford the cost of ministry and to operate Holy Trinity without assistance. The PLL has become a family which cares about one another and understands that its overall health depends upon each church doing well. This sense of community is the result of being sensitive to one another's needs and being mutually supportive.

The presence and dedication of

three gifted Lay Readers have held us together during the stretches without clergy. The periodic absence of a priest has forced us to be self-reliant, resourceful and self-motivated. Each church has gained a sense of self confidence that continues to serve us well.

### Long Term Plans

Instead of focusing on what we thought we could not do, we created a five to seven year plan that outlined our needs and our wishes for Holy Trinity Church. We then attached dates to those dreams so that they became goals with an identified time line. We estimated our costs for each need and began to fund raise to pay for each project one at a time. THIS IS AN ESSENTIAL COMPONENT TO SUCCESS.

In the past six years, we have installed a new furnace, redone the eaves and soffits, rewired the church bringing the building up to code electrically, completely restored all the windows and doors, installed a vapour barrier under the floor and by the end of this summer we will have repainted the lovely red roof. We have also completely mapped the cemetery, with photos and digital records. We did not borrow any money, we did not ask for or receive any assistance from the Diocese and we have no debt. Apart from some cosmetic upkeep inside, all major restoration and repairs are nearly done, leaving the church ready to stand and serve for several generations to come.

Clearly we need to build a contingency fund for future needs. In this instance at least, the fact that we

have no water in the building is a blessing and we are spared the worries that might accompany its presence. We will be careful not to let our commitment to look after the building overshadow our desire to serve the needs of this community.

### Visibility and Making a Discernable Difference in the Community

Physically, Holy Trinity, the stone church with the bright red roof, is a landmark in the area. Nestled on the shore of Lake Dawson, it is clearly visible from the highway between Lachute and Morin Heights. Beautiful new outside lighting cascading down the stone at night is breathtaking and makes the church visible even after dark.

In the community, we enjoy frequent coverage in our two local papers, The Gore Express and The MainStreet. We make a deliberate effort to keep the surrounding communities aware of the activities and projects supported by the church both through these local publications and with the help of a new signboard at the road.

We are also visible through community outreach. In collaboration with the municipality, Christmas Baskets and fully supplied school bags are distributed annually to more than 30 families in Gore. Additionally the Prayer Shawl Ministry is very active and appreciated, giving out an average of 120 shawls a year since 2007. We offer a full Christmas dinner following our Christmas Eve Service, free of charge to all – whether or not they have

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# The 147th Di

## “A Day of Determined Reconciliation”

REV. BRIAN PERRON

Saturday June 18, Synod Montréal 2016 already! For many it felt as though we had just assembled for our annual meeting of lay representatives and clergy with our special guests from our supportive communities. Yes, less than only 90 days from our fall synod, our diocese



Elizabeth Hutchinson poses a question. (all photos by Janet Best)

gathered together again on this new date in early summer.

Preparations happened quickly. A theme of Truth and Reconciliation was developed and speakers with unique and particular qualities were called to bring our diocese into the circle of reconciliation on the land we occupy with our brothers and sisters.

Not only were we called to reconcile with the aboriginal heritage of this land but with our mission to a future as a diocese working in unity to reach the world, one person at a time from within our diocese, cities, towns and parish communities.

The committee that brings each synod together is rich with talent. Each individual working with one another to make the day enjoyable, sustaining and fulfilling in ways that encourage us to become witnesses in a healing reconciliation through transparency and truth in love. Reconciliation happens through being fostered to openly reflect while given the platform and presence to speak out and ask questions.

June 18th was a busy day. Much was said and although there were opportunities and invitations to be

heard, we realize that some may not have heard these invitations to speak or forward questions to our mediators of reconciliation.

It is always important that our day of SYNOD brings in active participants from dioceses' across our country. We were pleased to hear representatives with National experiences drawn from British Columbia, Ontario and our North.

It is from reaching out that we learn and experience true reconciliation by welcoming those beyond our own church community. Synod is organized and prepared for one another by one another. Synod is a fellowship process of bringing our individual gifts and strengths and

*“I received encouragement to carry on knowing a large community supports our ministry.”*

sometimes our shortcomings together collectively as we reach out performing tasks that many of us have been called to do for the first time. Participation creates a practical knowledge, a series of experiences that will be repeated, renewed or sometimes rejected for the next go around.

We, the Synod Planning Committee, encourage and thank you who stepped up this year, thinking of the lay readers association, the diocesan college, diocesan staff and all delegate representatives and clergy who gave up their day to garner new relationships in our ongoing reconciliation in truth.

Every year we learn much and try to bring these experiences forward. However each year brings new learning curves and experiences



Bishop Andrews, Bishop Myers and Archdeacon Grey.

during a time that happens only once a year that must coincide with all our other passions within our ministries.

We thank all who responded anonymously through the response forms; in this you have become a great asset to the committee as we will bring many of those ideas and solutions to next year's meeting. We have heard you say, be more concise and prepared. To use audio visual presentations and equipment professionally, even clearer name tags will bring ease and clarity to our day. We also hear the unanimous acknowledgement that you enjoyed the food this year; and to those who worked with such team effort to sustain your energy during a busy day.

One comment in particular sums up the positive flavour of the day; *“In general, this was a deeply satisfying experience. I particularly enjoyed the panel discussions, they were informative and inspiring. The financial discussion was very clear and the questions pertinent. Thank you for your efforts, I look forward to joining you in the future.”*

And on behalf of Synod Planning, we thank those who from their hearts, responded on what they walked away with from a day of SYNOD.

Here along with images of the day by Janet Best is what our contributors have to say:

The 147th Montreal Anglican Diocesan Synod was held at Christ Church Cathedral and Fulford Hall on June 18, 2016. The theme was,

*“It was inspiring to listen to the histories and needs of others.”*

“Truth and Reconciliation, Anglicans Respond.” The day began with a Eucharist and a song of thanks by Vicky Boldo, of Cree/Metis heritage. During this service, Bishop Mary gave her charge, suggesting that we be ambassadors of reconciliation, by learning more about First Nations and Inuit people and by showing love, generosity, and inclusion. (for the complete text of Bishop Mary's Charge, in both French and English, see pages 10 and 11)

At the business part of the day, there was recognition and words from visiting ecumenical guests and others. All of the diocesan reports were sent out on line and after I read these, I found a large emphasis on seeing church in a new way, a church being there to serve others and faith communities resulting.

There were 2 panel discussions; people who took part were Bishop Barbara Andrews from BC, the Ven Michael Thompson from the National Church, Catherine Gibson, lawyer. Jennifer Henry (from Kairos) and Rev. Annie Ittoshat. Some key points raised were the heart breaking stories of residential schools and all the fallout (described as cultural genocide), the importance of being aware of laws and rights of indigenous communities, that God is at work in our church providing reconciliation, that we need a willingness for this and that action needs to be taken in respecting the human rights and dignity of indigenous people.

## Synod budget

**Treasurer warns that deficits cannot be sustained at current levels**

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Delegates to the annual diocesan synod approved a budget for 2017 with revenue of \$2.08 million and expenses of \$2.38 million, calling for a \$300,856 operating loss, a little less than the \$331,975 loss now forecast for this year.

The operating losses were \$529,482 in 2015 and \$400,983 in 2014. Diocesan treasurer Ron O'Connell told delegates, “Our diocese cannot sustain this rate of loss.”

He said, “It's very important that these things be addressed sooner than later, so that people understand that it's time for action.”

A number of parishes as well as facing threats to whether they can sustain themselves, he said, and some of them need assistance from the diocese in finding ways to “re-purpose” church buildings and other properties.

In addition to the operating losses, the diocese is shouldering special costs of establishing a new “church plant” in the former Church of St. James Apostle. The impact of these on diocesan funds is estimated at \$200,000 in 2016 and the budget provides for another \$200,000 in 2017. Mr. O'Connell said a further \$100,000 is expected to be spent in 2018, following which collections from new worshippers at the church plant are forecast to move the plant



Ron O'Connell, Diocesan Treasurer

into the black.

The 2017 budget approved by the synod includes some spending reductions.

With the shift to publishing Anglican Montreal to four times a year rather than 10, beginning this fall, the newspaper is expected to cost the diocese \$40,000 in 2016 instead of the \$53,500 in the original 2016 budget, and \$32,100 in the 2017 budget.

Also, spending on the French-language ministry in Sorel, expected to cost \$31,500 this year, is eliminated from the 2017 budget.

Audited financial statements presented to the synod showed that the assets of the diocese declined to just under \$14.1 million including \$8.7 million in investments at the end of 2015 from \$15.1 million including \$11.1 million in investments at the end of 2014. After deducting liabilities, net assets declined to \$11.3 million from \$12.9 million.



Neil Mancour and Chris Barrigar lead worship in the afternoon of Synod.



# Diocesan Synod

The speakers were eloquent and inspiring.

The Synod was upbeat and interesting. Thank you for the opportunity to represent Trinity.

Betty Ross *Trinity*

Fundamentally I would say that I was “inspired to Love more deeply and generously,” and returning to the land that God has given me to steward in this season of my life... to the harvest...

I felt the privilege, and responsibility, of this stewardship I am now much more alert to the sounds of healing... and aware of the brokenness.

Sally Harrington Philippo, *St Paul's Knowlton.*

I wondered about whether it as it was my role to be there to help and not as a parish representative. When I thought of following up on this thought, it was then I realized that we were all there as servants to others, ensuring that the needs of others were heard and hopefully followed up on accordingly.

“It was inspiring to listen to

the histories and needs of others. Whether we were there to help or as a parish representative, you came away with a greater understanding toward the need for Truth and Reconciliation.”

Dave Blizard *Diocesan Lay Reader St-Barnabas, St-Lambert*

*“I found a large emphasis on seeing church in a new way, a church being there to serve others and faith communities resulting.”*

Based on the reception I received from the assembly during my discussion of our refugee work, I received encouragement to carry on knowing a large community supports our ministry.

Paul Clarke, *Executive Director – Compassion and Justice for Refugees*

I found there was more unity at Synod. The presentation on the reconciliation was well received. I had a better understanding of the plight of Indigenous, a better understanding of the plight of our native brothers and sisters. A lot of people in our country look down on our native people here in Canada and other parts of the world. That’s not what our Lord wants us to do. There’s not a lot we can do about the past. All we can do now is to do the best we can to be more understanding and open our hearts to what our saviour wants us to do.

Steve Goodhue *St Joseph's Brossard*

### A few notes and quotes from Archdeacon Tim Smart

“We abused the hand of friendship offered to us. Now, we are invited to walk forward in healing and reconciliation.” *Bishop Barbara Andrews*

“Today, there are more Aboriginal children in the child welfare system, than there were in the days of Residential Schools.”

*Catherine Gibson, Lawyer*

And from Michael Thompson, after listening to the painful stories of native peoples, he quotes author Parker Palmer: There is an old Hasidic tale that tells us how such things happen. The pupil comes to the rebbe and asks, “Why does Torah tell us to ‘place these words upon your hearts’? Why does it not tell us to place these holy words in our hearts?” The rebbe answers, “It is because as we are, our hearts are closed, and we cannot place the holy words in our hearts. So we place them on top of our hearts. And there they stay until, one day, the heart breaks, and the words fall in.”

*Parker J. Palmer in A HIDDEN WHOLENESS*



Bishop Andrews and Rev. Ittoshat share a moment.



Bishop Mary celebrating the Eucharist at the Opening Service of Diocesan Synod (the Rev. Alain Brosseau pictured to her right)

## Armenian prelate is guest at Montreal synod

HARVEY SHEPHERD

Archbishop Papken Tcharian, elected in May as prelate of the Armenian Prelacy of Canada in the Armenian Catholicism of Cilicia (one of the two major sections of the Armenian Apostolic Church) was an ecumenical visitor to the annual synod of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal June 18. Thanking Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson for inviting him, the prelate said the relationship between the Anglican Church of Canada and the Armenian Orthodox Church, dates back 125 years, when, in the absence of Armenian places or worship, Anglicans offered Armenians liturgical space and hospitality in Anglican churches. During the synod proceedings, Paul Clarke, executive director of Action Réfugiés Montréal, funded



Archbishop Papken Tcharian

in part by the Anglican diocese, paid tribute to the work of the Armenian community organization Hey Doun in Montreal in welcoming ethnic Armenian refugees from Syria.

## Synod briefs

HARVEY SHEPHERD

### Fossil-fuel divestment begins

Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson of Montreal reported to the June 18 diocesan synod that trustees of the Anglican Fund have begun planning how and when to begin divesting investments in fossil-fuel-based companies. The Anglican Fund is a mutual fund that invests the roughly \$9-million portfolio of the diocese and various other Anglican institutions and parishes and trustees of the fund, representing the diocese and other investors, must vote on changes.

Diocesan Treasurer Ron O’Connell told delegates that trustees representing owners of a majority of shares have agreed to immediately sell off any investments in coal and make no new fossil fuel investments.

They expect to divest remaining assets in fossil fuels over four years.

### Delegates urge Ottawa to speed up processes for all refugees

Delegates to the June 18 synod of the Diocese of Montreal urged the Canadian government to give refugees from all parts of the world the benefit of streamlined processes already in place for refugees from Syria. A resolution put forward by the Rev. James Pratt of St. Philip’s Church in Montreal West and Phyllis Meyers of Trinity Memorial Church in the West-End N.D.G. district of Montreal commends the government for streamlining the processing of applications by private groups to sponsor refugees from Syria. It urges similar improvements to benefit refugees from all parts of the world, “especially from sub-Saharan Africa, where processing times can be three to five years or longer.”

St. Philip’s, Trinity Memorial and St. Thomas’ in N.D.G. district of

Montreal, are seeking to sponsor a family with young children from the Democratic Republic of Congo. The family has lived in a refugee camp in Malawi for several years.

A petition similar to the resolution, signed by about 70 members of the three parishes, was submitted to the local member of Parliament, Marc Garneau, in May.

### Three to receive Bishop’s Awards

The bishop announced that three lay people are to receive Bishop’s Awards for distinguished service in the diocese. They are:

- Eric Dryden of the Parish of Bedford, Farnham and Philipsburg
- Marjorie Sharp of Christ Church Cathedral
- Jarka Loffelman of Christ Church, Rawdon.

### Redroof rector becomes Cathedral canon

The bishop has appointed the Rev. Keith Schmidt an honorary canon of Christ Church Cathedral. Keith has been ordained 27 years and has served the parish of St. John the Evangelist, where he is rector, for 16 of them.

### A double-barrelled canon?

The bishop has also appointed the Rev. David Sinclair an honorary canon of Christ Church Cathedral. David was a Canon of St. George’s Cathedral in Kingston, and has retained his ties to the Diocese of Ontario, in and around that city, but he has served the Diocese of Montreal for many years beginning in St. Sauveur and Morin Heights, as the honorary assistant and then interim priest in Ste-Agathe and then sharing his time with the Parish of Arundel.

Most recently he spent several months as interim dean of the cathedral in Kamloops in Montreal’s partner diocese, now known as the Territory of the People, where the bishop is the Right Rev. Barbara Andrews.

### Changes in territorial archdeacons

The bishop appointed the Rev. Pamela Yarrow, incumbent of St. Barnabas Pierrefonds as territorial archdeacon of St. Lawrence, overseeing parishes on the West Island and further west. She succeeds the

Ven. Michael Johnson, who retired early this spring from Christ Church Beaurepaire in Beaconsfield.

The bishop also noted that and the Ven. Tim Smart has served as Archdeacon of Bedford and the Richelieu on the South Shore and the Eastern Townships since the beginning of this year and continues to do so.

The Ven. Ralph Leavitt has announced his retirement at the end of August as incumbent of the Laurentians Regional Ministry, based in Ste. Agathe, and territorial archdeacon of St. Andrew’s, covering the northern part of the diocese.

### Committee mulls rules for electing bishop

The bishop noted at the synod that a committee has been struck to make recommendations on improvements to Canon 1, governing the election of a bishop.

“I don’t expect that to be needed for a while,” the bishop said, provoking some laughter from synod delegates, “but this is a good time to do this work.”

# La charge de l'évêque, le 18 juin 2016

LA TRÈS RÉVÉRENDE  
MARY IRWIN-GIBSON

Nous voilà réunis en ce neuvième mois depuis ma consécration comme évêque. Ce fut pour vous et moi une saison de nouveautés et de premières, pendant que je continuais à grandir dans ce nouvel appel et ce nouveau ministère. Je suis très reconnaissante devant ces cadeaux que vous et moi apportons à ce diocèse et pour la complémentarité des différents parcours de foi et d'engagement, de vision et d'apprentissage institutionnels que nous apportons à notre ministère.

Notre synode se tient ce printemps pour éviter de surcharger l'automne, période durant laquelle les programmes débutent au sein des paroisses. Je remercie le comité de planification du Synode qui a travaillé fort et avec une échéance raccourcie. Le thème que le comité a choisi est: «*Vérité et Réconciliation: Les Anglicans Répondent*». Nous nous devons de nous engager et de nous poser la question: Qu'est-ce que cela exige de nous? *Quelle réponse la Commission Vérité et Réconciliation du Canada attend-elle de nous?*

Comme personne dont les ancêtres remontent à sept générations passées et dont la famille fut parmi les colons sauvés par un membre de la Nation Delaware et Lenape (comme ils se nomment eux-mêmes), je veux améliorer ma compréhension et mon engagement envers les premières nations de ce territoire et des nombreuses autres nations. Je souhaite découvrir davantage leur propre histoire et leurs traditions, dans une relation saine et droite.

Notre réponse comme diocèse doit permettre à nos paroisses de mieux connaître les premières nations, les peuples métis et Inuit qui nous entourent et qui vivent dans nos différentes communautés; en développant notre écoute et en n'étant pas trop rapide à parler ou en étant trop arrogant et complaisant dans notre manière de voir le monde. En mars, le Primat, Fred Hiltz, a participé à un service dans la chapelle Mohawk de Brantford, où il a présenté des excuses officielles pour la tragédie des pensionnats autochtones.

Il a également réaffirmé la répudiation de la «*Doctrine de la découverte*» et a promis d'adhérer à la *Déclaration des Nations Unies sur les droits des peuples indigènes*.

À la retraite annuelle du clergé durant la période du Carême, Le Très Révérend Mark Macdonald, l'évêque national des peuples indigènes, a été notre guide. Nous avons débuté cette rencontre en prenant part à une activité appelée: *L'exercice de la couverture*. Cela nous a permis de percevoir différemment l'expérience des premières nations quand elles ont vu arriver les colons qui ont pris possession de leurs terres et de leur territoire traditionnel, et ce de toutes les manières possibles, en réduisant considérablement sa superficie. Sans parler des hypothèses faites par ces colons, sur leurs droits présumés sur ces terres. Ce fut une expérience profondément émouvante pour le groupe et une remise en question de nos propres perceptions.

Monseigneur Mark Macdonald avait beaucoup de sagesse et de vision à partager avec nous. Il a

également suggéré que ceux et celles qui voudraient faire amende honorable, participent à des *pownwows locaux*, rencontrent les peuples indigènes et apprennent quelques-unes de leurs traditions. Au moment où nous avons discuté des recommandations du rapport *Vérité et Réconciliation*, il est important pour nous de nous familiariser avec le document *Calls to Action*, et spécifiquement avec ce qui s'adresse à l'Église elle-même. Nos villes accueillent plusieurs personnes dont la vie a été touchée, brisée et affectée sérieusement par leur séjour dans les pensionnats autochtones. Ces personnes ont besoin de vivre une guérison. Je vous demande de les porter dans vos prières et dans votre cœur.

Je vous demande aussi de vous joindre à moi afin de remercier Monseigneur Leonard Whitten, évêque à la retraite de Western Newfoundland, qui avait gracieusement offert de partager son ministère épiscopal avec Monseigneur Barry Clarke au moment où six membres du clergé et leurs paroisses le demandaient. Monseigneur Whitten a communiqué avec moi dès mon arrivée à l'automne dernier, m'exprimant le souhait qu'il voulait prendre sa retraite. Nous lui sommes reconnaissants pour son appui et nous lui souhaitons une retraite remplie de joies et de bénédictions. Depuis mon ordination épiscopale, j'ai été invitée à prêcher et célébrer dans certaines de ces paroisses, incluant aussi la Confirmation dans quelques-unes d'entre-elles. Je me suis engagée à ce que dans notre diocèse, les membres du clergé et des paroisses puissent exprimer largement leurs pensées sur des sujets difficiles et délicats qui divisent parfois les chrétiens. Je crois que l'unité ne vient pas du fait que nous soyons toujours d'accord sur tous les sujets ni que nous partageons tous et toutes exactement les mêmes valeurs.

L'unité chrétienne est fondamentale et réalisable si nous nous comportons comme ambassadeurs du Christ. Les ambassadeurs ont le devoir de tenir une vision plus large du royaume de Dieu et de promouvoir la perspective qu'en Jésus-Christ il y a une création nouvelle. L'Évangile de ce matin nous montre que même ceux qui entouraient Jésus ne comprenaient pas toujours ce qu'il disait ni ce qu'il exigeait de ses disciples. Notre discernement de la volonté de Dieu doit être ancré dans notre désir profond de vivre la liberté que le Christ nous donne, de l'aimer et de s'aimer. Cela demande beaucoup de travail et d'approfondissement de notre engagement chrétien. C'est peut-être plus facile pour certains d'aller se réfugier avec d'autres personnes qui pensent comme eux.

L'Évangile d'aujourd'hui nous montre comment on peut facilement appliquer nos propres hypothèses et notre vision du monde aux objectifs et aux visées du Royaume de Dieu.

Notre travail, comme ambassadeurs du Christ, c'est d'agir avec beaucoup de patience et de flexibilité entre nous, tout en gardant notre regard posé sur Jésus, source et guide de notre foi. L'unité chrétienne est une des valeurs auxquelles je crois, même si nous ne sommes pas d'accord sur tout et ne partageons pas les



Members of synod sing joyfully at the opening Eucharist of Synod.

mêmes compréhensions sur le plan culturel. Les défis auxquels l'Église est confrontée maintenant, ne sont pas plus difficiles que ceux rencontrés par l'Église du tout début, et il est possible de réaliser l'unité dans la diversité. Notre engagement fondamental doit être de se sentir rempli de la grâce des disciples de Jésus, non pas comme une "police" spirituelle ou comme membre d'un club fermé avec une seule et même pensée. Voici un extrait d'un document sur ce qu'est un disciple:

*"L'exclusivité n'a pas sa place dans la famille de Dieu; toute relation centrée sur Dieu est inclusive, et l'évangélisation n'a rien à voir avec des questions de nombre et de pouvoir, mais c'est surtout une question d'amour, de générosité, d'inclusion, englobant la vie et l'amour de Dieu."*

Comme notre marche quotidienne à la suite de Jésus, dans la poursuite de notre vocation apostolique, nous amène à nous associer plus profondément au Corps du Christ, et à la vie du Dieu trinitaire, la réconciliation s'impose comme priorité. L'humanité partage de bien des manières les blessures et les souffrances de notre monde et ce grand besoin d'être conduite vers Dieu et offerte sur la Croix, pour y trouver réconciliation et intégrité dans cette vie brisée de Dieu. Paul nous rappelle qu'au cœur même de ce qui nous guide comme disciple ce n'est pas uniquement d'être réconcilié avec Dieu, mais également d'exercer un *ministère de réconciliation* (2 Cor 5.11-21). Ce ministère doit s'exercer largement dans la communauté et dans tout l'univers créé par Dieu. De bien des manières, cette vie de réconciliation est l'aspect public le plus évident de notre engagement comme disciple du Christ et elle imprègne notre témoignage dans cette démarche d'évangélisation." *Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making; An Anglican Guide for Christian Life and Formation* The Anglican Consultative Council, 2016.

Les droits de tous les membres de l'Église, ainsi que leur accueil, sont des sujets qui préoccupent bien des personnes, non seulement les peuples autochtones et les peuples de différentes origines ethniques, linguistiques et de théologies différentes, mais également les personnes

dont la sexualité ne s'inscrit pas dans des catégories traditionnelles. Des membres de notre Église qui appartiennent au groupe LGBTQ et ceux et celles qui les appuient, demandent à l'Église anglicane de faire les mêmes changements que ceux qui ont déjà été faits par l'Église unie et l'Église luthérienne du Canada.

Cette année, le Synode général va examiner la question de la révision du Canon du mariage sous l'angle de permettre aux couples de même sexe de pouvoir se marier. La Chambre des Évêques a tenu une réunion spéciale en vue de se préparer à examiner cette motion qui sera présentée et qui a déjà fait l'objet de nos discussions lors de nos deux réunions régulières.

La plupart parmi vous avez déjà été informés sur cette question par différents médias. De mon côté j'ai été assailli par des pétitions et de nombreuses lettres personnelles (pour la plupart, provenant de personnes à l'extérieur du diocèse) demandant que j'accorde des droits égaux aux couples de même sexe.

Mon intention est de voter en faveur de la motion, non seulement parce que c'est une question de droits humains, et non à cause de la volée de lettres que j'ai reçues. L'Église a le droit et l'obligation, et inspirée par la prière, d'envisager de nouvelles avenues et de ne pas simplement marcher dans des voies tracées par la société. Elle ne peut, non plus, rester bloquée par une interprétation et des principes bibliques qui ne sont pas partagés par tous. Si nous devons être des ambassadeurs de réconciliation, des disciples du Christ, je crois au potentiel d'une démarche ministérielle qui vise à donner accès à la grâce des sacrements à un plus grand nombre de personnes, en appelant tous les couples mariés à être des disciples chrétiens et des modèles d'hospitalité. Bien que certains sentiments se vivent de manière ardue sous bien des aspects, je crois que l'Évangile nous appelle à rester à la table ensemble, pour aimer Dieu et nous aimer les uns les autres. Nous ne serons peut-être pas toujours d'accord, mais nous ne formerons qu'un seul corps.

Il ne semble pas que ce changement canonique recueillera la

majorité des deux tiers, requise des laïcs, du clergé et des évêques. Ainsi donc, la Chambre des Évêques essaie d'envisager ce qu'il adviendra par la suite. Certains diocèses sont plus prêts que d'autres à aller de l'avant et d'autres ne voient pas comment ce jour pourrait arriver... Le Chancelier du Synode Général a été consulté et nous verrons ce qui arrivera quand le Synode Général conclura sa séance.

Notre planification stratégique diocésaine, *Vision 2020*, nous invite à mettre l'accent sur cinq buts importants:

- Être des disciples
- La santé financière de la paroisse
- Une Église vitale (et viable)
- Le développement du leadership
- Les structures diocésaines

Ce qui est fondamental dans l'élaboration de ce plan, c'est un partenariat et une responsabilité partagée entre le Diocèse et les paroisses. Une affiche est mise à votre disposition afin que vous puissiez l'apporter à vos églises et une copie de celle-ci est disponible dans la circulaire de convocation de ce synode. Ce plan sera la lentille par laquelle nous examinerons les efforts que nous entreprendrons.

Être disciple et faire d'autres disciples est un facteur déterminant dans la santé future de notre Église. Un document du Conseil consultatif anglican fait référence à plusieurs manières de faire des disciples. Je vous invite à le retrouver en ligne et à le lire. Notre espoir pour l'avenir de l'Église repose sur le fait de trouver de nouvelles manières d'alimenter le désir de plus de personnes à suivre Jésus.

L'Église autochtone a développé une ressource appelée: *A Disciple's Prayer Book*, qui est une version simplifiée du Livre de la Prière Commune et qui met l'emphase sur l'évangile du jour. Les participants prient ensemble et écoutent la lecture de l'évangile. Ils réfléchissent sur ce qu'ils ont entendu et ce qu'ils pensent que l'évangile leur dit et ce qu'elle attend d'eux. Cette ressource peut également être retrouvée en ligne.

Le diocèse de Montréal a rendu accessible d'autres ressources afin d'aider à mettre en place cette *Vision 2020*.

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# Bishop's Charge, June 18, 2016

THE RIGHT REV.  
MARY IRWIN-GIBSON

We meet today in the ninth month after my consecration as your bishop. This has been a season of firsts for me, and for all of us, as I have continued to grow into this new calling and ministry. I am very grateful for the gifts that each of us brings to this Diocese and for the complement of faith, commitment, vision and institutional learning that together we bring to ministry.

Our Diocesan Synod is held this spring to avoid overloading the fall calendar when many parish programs get under way. I thank the Synod Planning Committee for all their hard work within this shortened time-frame.

Our theme for this Synod is *Truth & Reconciliation: Anglicans Respond*. The question for each of us, however, is to understand why truth and reconciliation should matter to us and what we are prepared to do in response to the recommendations and calls to action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

As someone whose ancestry in Canada dates back for seven generations and whose 'settler' family was saved by a member of the Delaware or Lenape Nation, as they call themselves, I want to improve my understanding of and commitment to a holy and right relationship with the first people of this land and the many nations, each with their own history and traditions.

Our response as a diocese should involve our parishes in getting to know more about the first nations, Metis and Inuit people around us and living in our communities; in listening and not being too quick to speak or too arrogant or complacent about our own world view. In March, the Primate, Fred Hiltz attended a service in the Mohawk chapel in Brantford where he officially apologized for the residential school tragedy. He also restated the repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery and promised to fulfill the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

At the annual Clergy Lenten Retreat led by the Right Rev. Mark Macdonald, the National Indigenous Bishop, we began by participating in something called the Blanket Exercise. It provided a new perspective on the experience of the first nations when settlers arrived and took over their land by one means or another and their traditional territories shrank or were appropriated with fundamentally different assumptions about land ownership and rights. It was a profoundly moving experience for the group as many of our lifetime assumptions were challenged.

Bishop Mark Macdonald had much wisdom and insight to share. He also suggested that those who really want to make amends attend local powwows, meet with indigenous people and learn some of their traditions. While we have talked about the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Report, it is important for us to become familiar with the Calls to Action, and especially those directed at the church. Our city houses many people whose lives were touched and damaged by residential schools and who need healing. Please pray for them and

open your hearts to them.

I would like us to thank Bishop Leonard Whitten, the retired bishop of Western Newfoundland, who graciously offered shared episcopal ministry to Bishop Barry Clarke when six clergy and their parishes requested it. Bishop Whitten contacted me soon after I arrived last fall and said that he wished to retire. We are grateful for his support and wish him every blessing and joy in his retirement. Since becoming bishop, I have been invited to preach and celebrate in all of the parishes concerned, including for Confirmation in a couple of them. I am committed to our diocese having room for clergy and parishes with vastly differing views on some of the difficult subjects that divide Christians. I believe that unity does not mean that we agree about everything or that we share all the same values.

The Gospel reading for today shows how easily our assumptions and worldview run into God's Kingdom view and purposes. Our work as ambassadors for Christ is to apply a generous amount of patience and flexibility with one another, while keeping our eye on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Christian unity is one of my values, even if we won't always agree on everything or share the same cultural assumptions. The challenges that the church faces now are not more difficult than those encountered in the early church and it is possible to achieve unity in diversity. Our fundamental commitment must be to be grace-filled disciples of Jesus, not spiritual police or a shrinking club of entirely like-minded people. The following is an excerpt from a document on discipleship:

"Exclusivity has no place in the family of God; all God-centred relationships are inclusive, and our evangelism has nothing to do with numbers and power but everything to do with love, generosity, inclusion, and the all-encompassing life and love of God.

As our daily following of Jesus, our apostolic vocation, draws us deeper into the Body of Christ, the life of the Triune God, reconciliation becomes a pressing priority. Humanity shares the brokenness and pain of our world, and this needs to be brought to God, to be offered at the Cross – to find reconciliation, wholeness, and life in the shattered life of God. As Paul reminds us, the heart of our discipleship is not only to 'be reconciled' with God but also to exercise a 'ministry of reconciliation' (2 Cor 5.11–21). That ministry is to be exercised within the Church, in the wider community, and in our relationship with the whole created order. In many ways this life of reconciliation is the most public aspect of our Christian discipleship and at the same time deeply enmeshed with our witness, or evangelism." *Intentional Discipleship and Disciple-Making; An Anglican Guide for Christian Life and Formation* The Anglican Consultative Council, 2016

The rights and welcome of all members of the church are subjects that preoccupy many people, not only the aboriginal people and people of different ethnic origins and languages, and theologies, but also those whose sexuality does not fit neatly into traditional categories. Church members who are LGBTQ



and those who agree are asking the Anglican Church to make a change which the United Church and the Lutheran Church in Canada have already made.

This year's General Synod will look at the question of revising the Marriage Canon with a view to allowing same sex couples to be married. The House of Bishops held an extra meeting to try to address this upcoming motion and it has been part of our conversations at our two regular meetings. Most of you will have heard plenty about it through the media. For my part, I have been besieged with petitions and individual letters (almost all of them from outside our diocese) demanding that I accord equal rights to same sex couples.

My intention is to vote in favour of the motion but not simply because it is a human rights issue or because the volley of letters has worn me down. The Church has the right and obligation to prayerfully consider new things and not simply to march in lockstep with society. Neither are we to remain stuck by interpretations of Biblical principles which not everyone shares. If we are to be ambassadors of reconciliation, disciples of Christ, I see the potential in ministering grace and sacraments to more people and in calling all married couples to be models of Christian discipleship and hospitality. While feelings are very raw in many corners, I believe the Gospel calls us to stay at the table together, to love God and to love each other. We will not all agree but we are one body.

It does not seem likely that this canonical change will receive the required two-thirds majority by the laity, clergy and bishops, so the House of Bishops is considering what to do afterwards. Several dioceses are more than ready to go ahead and some don't ever see that day coming. The Chancellor of General Synod is being consulted and we will see what happens after General Synod concludes.

Our Diocesan strategic plan, 2020Vision invites us to focus on five key goals:

- Discipleship
- Parish Financial Health
- Vital Church
- Leadership Development
- Diocesan Structures

Fundamental to this plan is an ongoing partnership and accountability between the Diocese and the Parishes. A poster is available for you to take to your churches and a copy of it is in the convening circular. This plan will be the lens through which we view our efforts.

Discipleship and disciple making are critical factors in the future health of the church. The Anglican Consultative Council document refers to many ways of making disciples. I encourage you to find it online and read it. Our hope for the future of the church lies in finding ways to nurture more followers of Jesus.

The aboriginal church has developed a resource called *A Disciple's Prayer Book*. Based on a simplified Book of Common Prayer, the focus is the gospel of the day. Participants pray together and listen to the gospel reading. They reflect on what they have heard and what they feel the gospel is saying to them and asking them to do. This resource can also be found online.

The Diocese of Montreal has made resources available to help with our Vision2020. Our Diocesan Missioner, Mark Dunwoody is always available for a consult. Among many other things, Mark works in leadership training for the Montreal Youth and he supports the Church Planting Ideas Group. We know that other church groups are starting new churches around us. How can we learn to capture these opportunities for Christ? Mark has been instrumental in supporting the church plant pilot project at St. James', Montreal. We are pleased that the initial phase has seen at least 60 people attend an Alpha course and several of them sign on as leaders for the official launch and the next course in September. Those who want to learn more about this are invited to connect with Mark or the Rev. Graham Singh. We hope to encourage more sharing of learnings and resources.

The Bishop's Missioner, Nick Brotherhood, has been training parishes in a program called "Re-imagining Church" and "Natural Church Development". Both of these programs can give a parish some tools and new understanding about the opportunities for improved ministry and mission.

This year I am pleased to announce that the Bishop's Awards are being given to:

- Eric Dryden of the Parish of Bedford, Farnham and Philipsburg
- Marjorie Sharp of Christ Church Cathedral
- Jarka Loffelman of Christ Church, Rawdon

We celebrate your dedication and generous hard work in your fields of ministry.

I am naming the Rev. Keith Schmidt an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. Keith has been ordained 27 years and has served the parish of St. John the Evangelist for 16 of them.

I am also naming the Rev. David Sinclair an Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. David was a Canon of St. George's Cathedral in Kingston, and has retained his ties to the Diocese of Ontario but he has served this diocese for many years beginning in St. Sauveur and Morin Heights, as the honorary assistant and then interim priest in Ste-Agathe before sharing his time with the Parish of Arundel. Most recently he spent several months as interim dean in our partner diocese, now known as the Territory of the People, with Bishop Barbara Andrews.

The Venerable Michael Johnson retired early this spring and the Venerable Ralph Leavitt has announced his retirement as of the end of August. We thank them both for their leadership and hard work and for their support of me in my new role.

I was pleased when the Venerable Tim Smart accepted to serve as Archdeacon of Bedford and the Richelieu and the South Shore as of January 1 and I am announcing the appointment of the Rev. Pamela Yarrow as Archdeacon of St. Lawrence, effective today. Both Pamela and Tim bring valuable gifts to this ministry.

Harvey Shepherd has been a journalist in Montreal for many years and the editor of the Montreal Anglican paper for most of a decade. A more informative article about Harvey can be found in the current issue of the Montreal Anglican. He retires at the end of this month and we thank Harvey for his dedication and hard work on our behalf and

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# General Synod at work

REV. ROBERT CAMARA

At the time of writing this, it's been over a month since General Synod met in Richmond Hill (Ontario) from July 7-12 – and there has been much talk about the work of the General Synod around the marriage canon. It seemed to have dominated many conversations and a good period of time of the legislative portion of the Synod.

Having said that, I was struck by and thankful for all the work and ministry we have been doing over the last 3 years around our partnerships and community building with the Episcopal Church in the United



Robert Camara

States, Cuba and in Brasil and our renewed commitment to work together in God's mission. General Synod affirmed relationships with the United Church of Canada and started on a journey with the Mennonite Church. We witnessed to the ministry and mission of our full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and were encouraged by Archbishop Idowu-Fearon, Secretary General, of our work as members of the Anglican Communion.

As a legal body with fiduciary commitments we reviewed financial statements and discussed budgets – approved pension changes and received a report of the life-giving work of the Anglican Foundation.

We celebrated with our indigenous brothers and sisters as we continue to walk together toward a confederacy of indigenous spiritual ministry – looking at the work of the TRC and steps forward.

The General Synod celebrated and prayed for the work that we are doing around issues concerning refugees and the recent wildfire crisis in Fort McMurray, working in partnership with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

We looked with hope to the witness and ministry of the church in Jerusalem and the Middle East.

And, we authorized the use of supplementary Eucharistic prayers, collects and additional prayers that will enrich our liturgies and prayer book. We also questioned our intentions about a BCP prayer for the conversion of the Jews (Prayers and Thanksgivings #4) and whether or not to continue to print it in future copies of the BCP.

Finally, the General Synod passed a motion to change the marriage canon that would be inclusive of marriage between same-gendered persons. This last item was a change which involved much discussion, prayer and debate throughout the entire five days of synod. While most of the time conversations were respectful and considerate of diverging understanding and thought, General Synod did witness some concerning behaviour that sometimes forgot that we were working together as a church that embodies and exemplifies the love of God. The result of the vote means that over the next three years, the church will study and discuss the changes and will bring it back to General Synod 2019 in Vancouver for second and final reading and approval. There is much work that still needs to be done between now and 2019 – but it is with the help of God and the guidance of the Holy Spirit that



Montreal delegates to General Synod, including Bishop Mary, sing at the Gospel Jamboree on Sunday evening, Sunday, July 10 in Richmond Hill. (Centre grouping from l to r: the Rev. Nick Pang, Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan and the Rev. Robert Camara. Dean Ken Gray of our partners in the Territory of the People (APCI) on the piano).

we can continue to build God's Kingdom.

It was five consecutive days of work, discussion, debate, prayer and discernment from 8 am to 9 pm – both exhausting and exhilarating – and so, it's all still ruminating as we try to understand where God is

leading us as we live our lives in this part of God's creation. I'm certain that as you meet and talk to our General Synod delegates, they'll be able to share with you their impressions of the work of General Synod 2016.

## 2020 VISION PLAN

We celebrate who we are as God's church and focus on Jesus, prayer, time and energy in five key goals:

**DISCIPLESHIP**  
Full development of resources  
Worship and sacrament for all  
Youth and Children's ministry  
Gifted and giftedness  
New relational initiatives

**PARISH FINANCIAL HEALTH**  
Researching, Evaluating  
Strategy  
Financial Development

**VITAL CHURCH**  
Church planting  
Innovation  
Targeted Resources

**LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**  
Monitoring clergy and lay leaders  
Equipping leaders as change agents  
Attracting leaders and parishes during times of transition

**DIOCESAN STRUCTURES**  
Church mission focused  
Discipleship driven  
Committee viability and resources

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## Pastoral letter...

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bishops was notable, with simultaneous translation available for those who needed it. Mark Macdonald, the National Indigenous Bishop, and Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop of the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh were present along with Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Territory of the People and Bishop Adam Halkett from the Diocese of the Arctic. The Indigenous led Eucharist on Sunday began with smudging with sage grass, and with drums, and the singing was unaccompanied, as is the case in most indigenous congregations. The first two readings were in native languages with English printed on the screen. That afternoon we heard about the work towards the self determination of Indigenous people and in the evening Bishop Mark led us joyfully in a Gospel jamboree. All of this was live streamed on the internet.

We were seated at tables with people from other dioceses and we met in "neighbourhood groups" for some discussions. It was interesting (and sometimes difficult) to hear the points of view of others but most of us worked very hard to listen respectfully. We were guided by the commandments to love God with everything we have, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. We were reminded that as members of one body we have no right to say "I have no need of you". Indeed, Fred, our Primate read a large portion of 1 Corinthians chapter 12 as he tried to help Synod move into a holy and graciously mannered frame of mind. It was a profound spiritual exercise for many of us as we attended to the Holy Spirit and wondered how things would turn out.

When the vote took place to amend the Canon on Marriage to allow for same gender Christian marriage, over 70% of delegates

voted in favour. Many of our LGBTQI members of the church and their friends were very hopeful that we could move towards their full inclusion in this sacrament. There were also strong voices present hoping and praying for the motion to fail. We needed a two-thirds majority among each of the orders of bishops, clergy and lay people. As you know, there was a problem with the electronic voting set up and the vote initially failed before it was found on Tuesday to have passed after all. What happened in between the first result Monday night and the final result on Tuesday may turn out to be really important for the future of our church.

The difficulty of belonging to a church where not everyone thinks the same as us was one of the things I take away from this General Synod. All of us, in turn, experienced disappointment and agony as the Synod's decision went the opposite way that we wanted. On Monday night, the Montreal delegates and I sat in stunned silence and pain as the result sank in and as our LGBTQI friends, at Synod and online, reacted to the news. We were aware of so much pain and feelings of rejection. We wondered how the church could survive such hurt. It was really difficult to pray that night and the next day, and to stay in community with those around us who had spoken against the motion. Still, this was not my first experience of one part of the church excluding another, and I remain committed to being in the Church with all who are called to love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ. As I said to my 'neighbourhood' small group, "when I got into the waters of Baptism, I did not negotiate about who else would be in there with me."

Ephesians 4: 4-6 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your call-

ing, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Il y a un seul corps et un seul Esprit, comme aussi vous avez été appelés à une seule espérance par votre vocation; il y a un seul Seigneur, une seule foi, un seul baptême, un seul Dieu et Père de tous, qui est au-dessus de tous, et parmi tous, et en tous. Ephésiens 4:4-6

How we behave as disciples of Jesus Christ matters a great deal. I could not doubt the sincerity of all those present whether their reasoning was along the same lines as mine or not. I was aware of that as the media swarmed us on Monday night and then again on Tuesday night as Synod concluded. What kind of witnesses of Christ will we be?

I have sought the counsel of my bishop brothers and sisters and we have been encouraged to hear from the chancellor of the Anglican Church of Canada that the Marriage Canon does not explicitly forbid same gender marriage. The Diocese of Montreal has permitted the Christian blessing of same gender civil marriage since Diocesan Synod 2008. While the General Synod Marriage Canon cannot be changed until the second reading in 2019, I am prepared, on a case by case basis, to allow clergy who ask me for permission, to officiate at a same gender Christian marriage. I expect every couple who is to be married in the church to receive appropriate marriage preparation and support in their marriage. The purpose of Christian Marriage, as with all of the Christian sacraments, is for the deepening of the discipleship of the persons involved. The whole Church is challenged to be a witness to the Gospel of love and grace.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abound in the Church!

Yours faithfully,  
THE RIGHT REV. MARY IRWIN-GIBSON  
BISHOP OF MONTREAL

# Grand Chief Joe Norton at PWRDF Annual Dinner



Joe Norton, Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Kahnawake, with a wampum belt.

ANN CUMYN AND SUE WINN

In support of our Synod's theme of Truth and Reconciliation, The Montreal Unit of the PWRDF welcomed Grand Chief Joe Norton to speak at their Annual Dinner on June 2.

Chief Norton stepped down as grand chief in 2002 after 11 mandates but was re-elected in 2015. The members of the PWRDF were appreciative of his presence and gave him a warm welcome.

Sue Winn presented the chief with tobacco, a symbol of respect, a lovely plant to symbolize the continuing growth of mutual friendship and a wooden loon, carved by a Quebec artist. He, in turn, presented the Diocese with a Mohawk flag with the symbols of the five Mohawk nations. This flag was on display at Synod.

In his talk, Chief Norton reminded us that when the French first

arrived they made treaties with the First Nations people treating them as equals and determining that they would be two cultures living side by side in mutual respect. Unfortunately these treaties have not been kept on the part of the succeeding pro white governments. Today that mutual respect has often been lost, with successive unilateral decisions, and shallow consultation carried out by governments and companies wanting to use the land.

He said that the First Nations longed for a return of this mutual respect between equals. Joe Norton, himself, considers that his role is that of a mediator, helping the two peoples, the First Nations and the "incomers" to make decisions together.

He also expressed his frustration about the harassment the Kanawaki have suffered on the lack of taxation on the reserve. He felt very strongly that all who bought goods on the



Ros Macgregor presents Bishop Mary with the Mohawk flag at Synod. The flag was a gift from Chief Norton.

Photos by Harvey Shepherd

reserve, liquor, gas and cigarettes, should benefit from the 'no tax', not just the first nations people.

The dinner was also the "swan

song" for outgoing Chairperson, Verna Peris, whose hard work, warmth and humour will be missed by all.

## Montreal Unit of PWRDF announces fall project

REV. ROS MACGREGOR,  
PWRDF MONTREAL

PWRDF Montreal has chosen this year to support Just Generation's National Youth Project: Right to Water. The Diocesan launch of the project will coincide with World Food Day on October 16, 2016. However, parishes and ministries can choose a date that suits them, as fund-raising continues through June 2017.

Prayers and liturgy for the project will be available on request in late September from rmacgregor@montreal.anglican.ca

A bit about Right to Water: Pikangikum is a remote fly-in First Nations' town in Northern Ontario, population about 2400, of which half are youth. 90% of homes do not have water or waste water services. Inade-

quate wooden outhouses are used by most residents. PWRDF is working with partner organizations to provide potable indoor water and wastewater service to homes in this isolated community. A supply of safe drinking/washing water and the provision of safe sewage disposal are essential for a healthy community. Surface water sources (lakes and rivers) are vulnerable to contamination, as are in-home water storage systems.

Some benefits of the project: Water to one home impacts, on average, 7 people; Represents training, certification and jobs for residents; A visible sign of hope: bearing the fruit of healthy and sustainable community.

More info is available, including a power point presentation, at justgeneration.ca.

## Fabulous start for new l'Oasis Musicale classical music concert series at St. George's, Place du Canada

After a magnificent launching concert on June 5 – featuring Les Rendez-Vous Baroque Français, the summer season of l'Oasis Musicale concerts at St-George's Church, Place du Canada promises a wonderful programme, including some of the very best young emerging artists of the Montreal scene.

Concerts are held every Saturday

at 4:30 pm at Christ Church Cathedral and Sundays at 2 pm at St. George's Church.

If you would like to support the l'Oasis Musicale concert series, many kinds of sponsorship are available. For more information on sponsoring or on the concerts, please contact: concerts@st-georges.org.

### Notable

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Every Wednesday 11:30 to 1 pm

##### Garage Sale & Rent a Table

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Coffee Hour- 10:00 am & Light

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### Notable

#### St. George's Church

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Tuesday 7 pm, Sept. 13 – Dec. 13

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Tuesday 7 pm, Sept. 13 – Dec. 13

##### Boundaries

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##### Community Yoga

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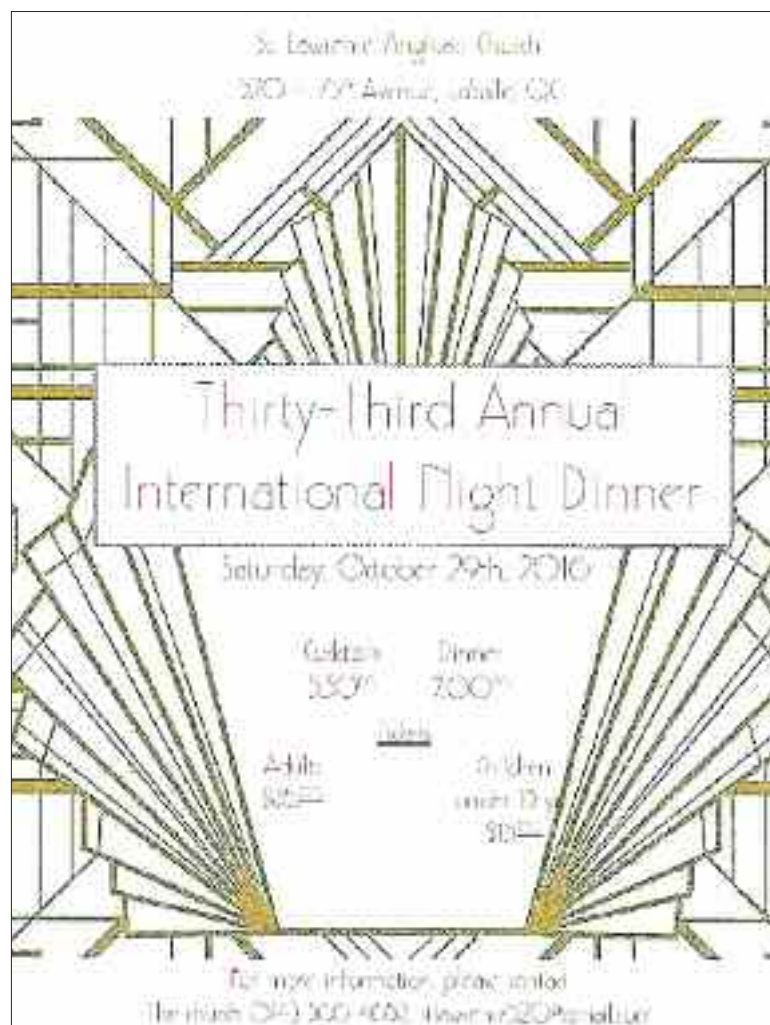
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# La charge de l'évêque...

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Mark Dunwoody, notre missionnaire diocésain, est toujours disponible pour une consultation.


Parmi bien d'autres choses, Mark oeuvre dans la formation au leadership pour le *Montreal Youth* et il appuie le *Church Planting Ideas*

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Group. Nous savons que d'autres groupes de d'autres Églises sont en voie d'être créés autour de nous. Comment pouvons-nous saisir ces nouvelles opportunités pour le Christ?

Mark a été d'un grand secours lorsqu'il a appuyé le projet pilote à la paroisse St-James à Montréal. Nous sommes ravis que la phase initiale ait permis à soixante personnes de participer à une formation Alpha et que certains leaders pour les prochains cours qui auront lieu en septembre. Pour ceux et celles qui aimeraient en apprendre davantage, je les invite à communiquer avec Mark ou le Révérend Graham Singh. Nous espérons pouvoir encourager davantage de partage à propos de ces ressources d'apprentissage.

Nick Brotherwood, missionnaire de l'Évêque, a offert à plusieurs paroisses une formation intitulée: "Reimagining Church" et "Natural Church Development". Chacun de ces programmes peut offrir à une paroisse de bons instruments et une nouvelle compréhension sur la manière d'améliorer leur ministère et leur mission.

Cette année je suis ravie d'annoncer que les Prix de l'Évêque sont remis à:

- Eric Dryden de la paroisse de Bedford, Farnham et Philipsburg
- Marjorie Sharp de la cathédrale Christ Church
- Jarka Loffelman de la paroisse Christ Church de Rawdon.

Nous voulons célébrer avec vous ce dévouement et ce travail ardu et généreux dans chacun de vos ministères.

Je nomme le Révérend Keith Schmidt Chanoine honoraire de la Cathédrale. Keith a été ordonné il y a maintenant 27 ans et a desservi

la paroisse St. John the Evangelist durant 16 ans.

Je nomme également le Révérend David Sinclair Chanoine honoraire de la Cathédrale Christ Church. David a été Chanoine à la Cathédrale St. George à Kingston, et a conservé ses liens avec ce diocèse de l'Ontario, mais a aussi servi le diocèse pendant plusieurs années; débutant à St-Sauveur et Morin Heights, comme prêtre intérimaire à Ste-Agathe, avant de partager son temps avec la paroisse d'Arundel. Plus récemment il a passé quelques mois comme doyen par interim, avec notre diocèse partenaire connu maintenant sous le nom de: *the Territory of the People*, en compagnie de l'évêque Barbara Andrews.

Le Vénérable Michael Johnson a pris sa retraite au début du printemps et le Vénérable Ralph Leavitt a annoncé sa retraite pour la fin du mois d'août. Nous les remercions pour leur leadership et leur travail ardu et pour leur support envers moi dans mon nouveau rôle.

J'ai été ravie quand le Vénérable Tim Smart a accepté de servir comme Archidiacre de Bedford, de Richelieu et de la Rive Sud le premier janvier dernier. J'annonce également la nomination de la Révérende Pamela Yarrow comme Archidiacre du St-Laurent, à compter d'aujourd'hui. Pamela et Tim contribueront leurs grands talents à leur nouveau ministère.

Harvey Shepherd a été journaliste à Montréal pendant plusieurs années et l'éditeur du Journal anglican de Montréal pour plus d'une décennie. Un article concernant Harvey est publié dans l'édition courante du *Montreal Anglican*. Il prend sa retraite à la fin du mois. Nous remercions Harvey pour son dévouement et son travail ardu et constant pour nous et nous lui souhaitons, ainsi

qu'à son épouse Jean, bénédictions et joies, alors qu'ils recouvrent une liberté nouvelle pour profiter de leurs belles années ensemble.

En mars, notre bureau diocésain a salué le départ de Sophie Bertrand, qui a agi comme directrice des ressources humaines au diocèse durant une période de cinq ans. Sophie a été une collaboratrice passionnée par son travail au Bureau du Synode. Malheureusement des obligations familiales l'ont appelée ailleurs et nous voulons la remercier pour ces années qu'elle a passées avec nous. Cynthia Cassab a pris la relève de Sophie aux ressources humaines. Un élément important était de combler le poste de coordonnateur du Synode Diocésain. Je suis particulièrement reconnaissante envers le Révérend Robert Camara, qui a gracieusement accepté de prendre en mains ce dossier. Robert supervise également l'implantation du *Safe Church Policy*.

Deux autres mises à jour à mentionner. Premièrement, un comité a été chargé de faire des recommandations pour l'amélioration du Canon 1 à propos de l'élection d'un évêque. Je ne pense pas que ce sera un besoin pour un avenir rapproché... mais c'est un bon moment pour effectuer ce travail.

Deuxièmement, le curateur du *Anglican Fund* diocésain a commencé à planifier quand et comment diversifier nos investissements dans les compagnies de combustions fossiles.

J'aimerais terminer en remerciant tout le personnel du Bureau du Synode pour la manière avec laquelle il contribue au travail du diocèse. Chacun de nous est appelé à accomplir un travail parfois difficile avec flexibilité et générosité. Ensemble, nous formons une grande équipe. Merci.

## Bishop's Charge...

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wish him and his wife Jean much delight and blessing as they free themselves to enjoy their wisdom years together.

In March, our office said goodbye to Sophie Bertrand, who served as the Director of Human Resources for the Diocese for five years. Sophie was a passionate contributor to the work of the Synod Office. Sadly, family needs called her away and we thank her for her time with us. Sophie has kindly supported Cynthia Cassab

who took over the human resources work. A key piece of work that needed doing was that of Diocesan Synod Coordinator. I am particularly grateful to the Rev. Robert Camara, who graciously accepted to take that on. Robert is also supervising the implementing of the Safe Church Policy.

Two other updates to mention. Firstly, a committee has been struck to make recommendations on improvements to Canon 1 on the election of a bishop. I don't expect

that to be needed for a while, but this is a good time to do this work. Secondly, the Trustees of the diocesan Anglican Fund has begun planning how and when to begin divesting our investments in fossil fuel-based companies.

I want to end by thanking all the Synod office staff for the way in which they all contribute to enabling the work of our Diocese. Each of us is called upon to be generous and flexible and hard working. Together we make a great team. Thank you.

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# Mile End Mission's 25th Anniversary

## A Year of Celebration, Gratitude and Thanks!

LOU HACHEY

Nourishing our community in so many ways over the last 25 years, the Mile End Community Mission has come a very long way from its meager beginnings in the basement of the Anglican Church of the Ascension, serving soup and providing care to about 20 disadvantaged individuals in the Mile End neighbourhood. Thanks to the ongoing spiritual and financial support of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and a caring community of supporters, we continue to be able to combat the harsh realities of poverty by providing a safe and welcoming community to help meet the practical, emotional and spiritual needs of those who need it most in the neighbourhood and surrounding areas.

On a daily basis, we meet a multitude of people from many ethnic, social and cultural backgrounds, life

histories and circumstances. Inevitably, we face a host of challenges that have neither an easy fix, nor an easily identifiable cause. Mile End Mission has evolved over the years and has grown to meet the needs of the community we serve by reaching out to all people suffering the effects of poverty, isolation, mental health and other illnesses, addiction and homelessness. In doing so, we provides structure, purpose, meaning and countless essential services to our members.

With an aging population, the Mission increasingly serves as a day centre for seniors who are very isolated, lonely and struggling to get by on their limited monthly pension checks. Inter-generational activities bring together our senior members, families and children for shared community suppers, BBQ's, and outings such as our annual trip to Granby Zoo, Yamaska National Park beach, apple picking in Rougemont, and sugaring off in Mount St. Gré-

goire. Like with all of our members, seniors and families benefit from our affordable 'Frierie Joyce' family Thrift-Shop, a weekly food bank, free hot meals, holiday baskets with personal care items and toys for the children. Great care is also given to the growing number of homeless members we have by providing them with non-perishable and other special food items they can take with them in the evenings and on weekends, free changes of clothing, blankets and sleeping bags, haircuts, advocacy and accompaniment.

As part of our 25th anniversary celebrations, we were humbled and thrilled this past May to have Mr. Thomas Mulcair, leader of the NDP and MP for the Outremont riding, acknowledge our 25 years of service to the community in the House of Commons. Our gratitude further grew during our Open House celebrations in June when we received the Quebec National Assembly's 'Deputy Medal' from Mr. Amir Khadir: MNA for the Mercier riding, which acknowledged the Mission's "25 years of mutual assistance, support, solidarity and dignity."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: More Celebrations to Come!

### Soirée Mission Possible: 2016

For a second year, Marc Cohen, chef/co-owner of the very popular Mile End restaurant Lawrence, Boucherie Lawrence and newly opened Larry's will be collaborating with Montreal's restaurant community to put on another *Soirée Mission Possible* to help raise needed funds for the Mile End Community Mission. This gastronomical event, which will be held **September 26 at 6 pm** at the

beautiful Rialto Theatre, promises again to be a unique occasion. Starting with Choice Harbour shucking oysters and live music by *Martha Wainwright, Shlomo & Julie, and Jeff Louch*. A banquet dinner will follow with contributions from some of Montreal's finest including Joe Beef, Lawrence, Nora Gray, Hof Kelsten, Foxy, Hostaria, Impasto, Loic, Maison Publique, Park, Pâtisserie Rhubarbe, Les Chocolats de Chloe and Café Myriade. Bubbles, wine pairings and beer come courtesy of other generous donors.

Tickets for this amazing event are \$325 per person and are available at: [mileendmission.org/soireemissionpossible2016](http://mileendmission.org/soireemissionpossible2016). A full table of 12 is also available for the price of 10 persons. A tax receipt of \$225 per ticket will be available. For any questions, to email: [missionpossible@dinner@outlook.com](mailto:missionpossible@dinner@outlook.com).

### 8th Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner: 2016

To wrap up our anniversary celebrations, we will be holding our *8th Annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner on October 20, 2016* at the beautiful le Crystal reception hall in Ville St. Laurent, providing state of the art facilities including ample free parking and wheelchair accessibility. We look forward to welcoming you for cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$200 per person and a tax receipt for \$125 will be available. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Please *Save the Date* for this 'walk down memory lane' celebration featuring surprise guests from the Mission's past, a live auction, raffle and dancing!



Celebrations at the Mission's Open House!

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, guests will have the opportunity to give back to the community while enjoying what will be a great celebration! With your support, the Mission will continue to fulfill the needs of an ever-growing number of marginalized individuals and families, offering a safe and caring place where they can always feel welcomed and receive the support they need.

For additional information: Call Lou at the Mission: 514 274-3401, send us an e-mail at [missionbenefitdinner@gmail.com](mailto:missionbenefitdinner@gmail.com) or visit the Upcoming Events section on our web-site: [mileendmission.org/thanksgivingbenefitdinner2016](http://mileendmission.org/thanksgivingbenefitdinner2016)

To mark the end of the Mission's 25th anniversary celebrations we will have a very special service on **Saturday, October 22 at 2 pm** at the Mile End Community Mission (99 Bernard West corner of St. Urbain) which will be led by Rev. Roslyn Macgregor. We hope you can join us for this special event to give thanks and bring closure to what will have been an incredible year of memories and celebrations.



Receiving the Quebec National Assembly's 'Deputy Medal'

## Holy Trinity, Lakefield...

continued from page 7 attended the service. Last year we served over 90 people.

Our Summer Concert Series also brings visibility to this church by offering high quality events right here in our own neighbourhood. These concerts are fundraisers for the church and for the community outreach with which we are associated. The church is nearly always full and people express great appreciation for the quality of the performances as well as the convenience of having such events occur locally.

### Relationships with Local Government: Especially with Our Own Municipality

Holy Trinity owns the local parish hall. Needless to say that over time it became a financial burden and somewhat run down. In 2007 the church entered into an agreement with the Municipality of Gore (Lakefield) whereby we rented the building to them for a nominal fee each year and the municipality took on responsibility for its renovation and upkeep. It is now known as Trinity Community Center. They manage the rental process and keep the proceeds. Holy Trinity has priority in terms of its use, but we must reserve the times and dates. Thanks to this arrangement, we now have a beautiful, fully equipped hall which we can use for many events throughout the year. Financially it has been a win-win situation.

As you can see from the photo, Holy Trinity Church is a focal point in the landscape of this town. Its historic and landmark status have made it logical and easy to partner with the municipality when taking on major maintenance and restoration projects. It is a happy marriage where the municipality has been both willing and generous with grants and donations of materials, time and labour. A joint management committee was formed with members from both sides working together for the benefit of both the church and the hall.

The Municipality of Gore and the local MRC provide annual grants for our Summer Concert Series and contributions for major restoration work. Neither the concerts nor the much-needed work would be possible without this collaboration and their generosity.

### Making Use of God's Gifts & Living Out of a Sense of Abundance

God's gift to this church is outstanding acoustics, making it a perfect venue for musical events. Concerts are an obvious choice, but equally appreciated are the Sunday evenings of quiet time, resting in God's presence, listening to classical music played on an amazing sound system (made possible by a GUM Grant). It has also been used several times by some well-known musical groups to record CD's. Every church has its

own gifts. Once we recognize what they are, they will begin to work to support and sustain us.

We need to take notice of the people and resources that God puts in our path. Holy Trinity benefits from the involvement of several retired people in the community who bring great expertise. Beyond the advantages to us, they express joy at being able to put a lifetime of experience and skill to work serving the church and the community. There has also been a wonderful passing on of knowledge and skills from these 'wisdom people' to local workmen. Involvement in such projects has had the effect of bringing some of them into the congregation – either to traditional Sunday services or to our alternative worship time on Sunday evenings.

It is not by hanging on tightly to every cent that we have been able to accomplish all that is described here. We live out of a sense of abundance. God does indeed provide. We feel able to lend financial support to other non-profit events and programs. I am proud to work with a group of people who listen with their heart and quickly say yes to helping others, trusting that we will be fine.

### Careful, Detailed Bookkeeping

Choosing to live out a sense of abundance does not mean that we give or spend carelessly. It creates an even greater need to be organized and thoughtful about the bookkeeping. We make separate categories for each aspect of church life, so that at any given moment, we know how much we have for renovations, for

Christmas Baskets, for general operations... It also allows us to protect those funds given for designated purposes and to be faithful to the commitment made to the donors. It enables us to create 'envelopes' within our budget and accounting for anticipated needs and unforeseen expenses. Most successful households operate just like this. Living out of a sense of abundance means being generous, while still being responsible but trusting that we have and will have enough to share.

### A Loyal and Generous Extended Family

Beginning in 1996 we began sending out an annual appeal. That appeal now goes to more than 150 people all over North America. This newsy letter contributes to our ongoing visibility, even in distant places. The recipients have an emotional and/or ancestral connection to Holy Trinity. They are grateful that we are trying to be good stewards of both the church and the graveyard. We are specific about our needs and explain clearly how and where their money is being spent. In return, their generosity has continued to grow, allowing us to pursue our goal of putting this much-loved little church back into great condition. We are nearly finished with this aspect and will soon begin to focus on the cemetery.

Knowing that the generation who feel great affection for our church is aging and that the following generation will likely not feel the same commitment, emotionally or financially, it has become our mission to

get the work done while we still have the support.

### The Recent Establishment of The Laurentian Regional Ministry

In our union with the other churches in the Parish of the Lower Laurentians, we felt a greater sense of security in the present, but always struggled with the issue of how to attract a priest when we could never offer a full time position. With the creation of the Laurentian Regional Ministry we are now ten churches working not only to survive, but to thrive. We are blessed with two full time priests, possibly the best combination of priests we could have hoped for – beyond what we could ask or imagine. One of the differences is that each church/parish in the regional ministry has a greater responsibility to be independent and resourceful, but we also have the guidance of Archdeacon Ralph Leavitt and Rev. Nick Pang as well as the support of our sister churches. As with the PLL, we are gradually becoming a family. We can now look with hopeful expectation into the future.

There is no question that our unique location and situation may look to many like great advantages, but it is also true that less than fifteen years ago few would have had much confidence in our ability to survive. It is no accident that I began with an invitation to trust in God and in ourselves. Without that, little is possible. Be brave and step out of the boat in faith. We wish you every blessing on your own journey.

# Sales & Events

## St. James Anglican Church

328 Pine St. Rosemere

### DROP IN CENTRE

Every Wednesday starting Sept. 7, 10 am – 2 pm

The weekly Drop In Centre with host Winston Fraser. Come on by for a coffee, stay for soup and fellowship. The church is open for prayer and quiet meditation. 450-621-6466.

## St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

### CRAFT NIGHTS

September 13

We hold these meetings the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of every month starting at 7:00. Info 450-678-2460.

## St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

### FAMILY

### MOVIE NIGHT

September 16

Everyone is invite. Popcorn, treats and juice will be served. Info 450-678-2460

## St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

### "WELCOME BACK"

### DAY FOR SENIORS

September 17, 1:30 pm

Also Thanksgiving get-together on October 15. If you are a senior and love music, spending time with friends come join us. Refreshments will be served. Info or if you need a lift, call Winsome at 450-672-0105 or Jenn at 450-672-7499.

## St Thomas, NDG

6897 Somerled Ave

### 175TH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday September 18, 10 am

We will have a special service. On Saturday Sept. 24th we will host a dinner dance, (dress semiformal/formal). A four course menu will be served. Appetizers at 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. \$40. Info 514-484-2750.

## St. James Anglican Church

328 Pine St. Rosemere

### MILITARY WHIST

Friday September 23, 7:00 pm

Make up your tables of 4. Refreshments served and prizes to be won. \$10.00/ person.

## St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

### BENEFIT CONCERT

Saturday October 1, 7:00

An Intercultural Musical Experience.

\$15. Featuring Pianist Jana Stuart, South Shore Saints Barbershop Chorus, Dancers from Brossard Chinese School, director, Madam Hsiao-Ping Ju; Sylvia Greenaway, Steel Pan Player and Pianist "Rose Nemeth". Support our "Outreach Program" Refreshments. Info 450-672-0105 or 450-678-2460.

## St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

### CHILDREN'S

### GAME NIGHT

October 14, 7-9 pm

Come and bring a friend. Parents are also welcome. Refreshments will be served. Info 450-678-2460

## St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

### CRAFT SALE

October 22, 9 am – 3pm

Table rentals are \$20. There will be a canteen. Come and browse and maybe find a special Christmas present. Info 450-678-2460 or 450-671-6000.

## St. James Anglican Church

328 Pine St. Rosemere

### FALL BOOK FAIR

Saturday October 29 (to be confirmed) 10:00 am

Come and browse a wide variety of books for your winter reading pleasure. Hot dogs will be served, a perennial favourite.

## St. Thomas, N.D.G.

6897 Somerled Ave.

### FALL FAIR

Saturday, November 5,

9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Home baking, preserves and pickles, crafts and knitting, antiques; gently used books, jewellery, winter clothing. Lunch, \$8. A warm welcome to all. Info: 514 484- 2750.

## Christ Church Cathedral

635 Ste-Catherine West

(McGill Metro)

### CELEBRATION OF SHAKESPEARE IN MUSIC, DANCE & THEATRE

November 11, 7:30 pm

If music be the fruit of love... An evening of drama, dance and instrumental and choral music on the theme of Shakespeare. Works include excerpts of Shakespeare's plays featuring Gabrielle Soskin and Christopher Moore of Persephone Theatre, choral works by Orlando Gibbons, Vaughan Williams, John Rutter and William Byrd sung by the Cathedral Singers under Patrick Wedd, and other works in dance, song and music. Proceeds support the musical program and outreach of the cathedral. \$30 adults; \$25 seniors; \$15 students.

## St. James Anglican Church

328 Pine St. Rosemere

### CHRISTMAS

### POTLUCK PARTY

Friday November 25, 5:30 pm

\$5.00 per person. All proceeds, after expenses will be remitted to PWRDF for the Pikangikum Water Project.

## Christ Church, Beaufort

455 Church St (at fieldfare),

Beaconsfield

### Holiday Concert

November 26, 2016, 7:30 pm

Join the Kirkland Concert Band for a jolly evening of festive music, followed by desserts and snacks. \$12. Seniors \$10. Children under 5 free. Half of the proceeds to support church Christmas basket fund. Non-perishable food items are always welcome.

# Spiritual Calendar

## PRAISE AND HEALING SERVICE

St. Michael and All Angels, Pierrefonds

15560 Cabot Street

Tuesday September 20, 7:30 pm

Come and be blessed.

Info: 514-626-4205

## CAFE WORSHIP

St. Paul's, Greenfield Park

321 Empire, Greenfield Park

Every month at 10:30

Upcoming dates August 28; September 25; October 30; November 13 and December 11. Come and enjoy this very relaxed service while having a cup of coffee and treats. Spend an hour singing some lovely spiritual music, listening to a special sermon and enjoying all the fellowship. Info 450-671-6000.

## SERVICES

St. James

328 Pine St. Rosemere, 450-621-6466

Every Sunday, 9:00 am

Services (1st & 3rd – Holy Communion – 2nd & 4th – Morning Prayer). Sunday, 2 October, 9:00 am – Pet Blessing, pets must be leashed, Pet certificate given as well as pet treats. Sunday 9 October, 9:00 am – Thanksgiving Communion Service. Sunday 6 November, 9:00 am – Remembrance Day Service with The Aeternal Ministries. Sunday, 11 December, 4:00 pm – Carols and Lessons by Candlelight – Seasonal refreshments. Donations of non-perishable goods for the needy in our community is the price of entry. Saturday, 24 December, 9:00 pm – Christmas Eve Service of Light.



All Saints' JAZZ Mass

Ros' 70th Birthday Light Lunch RSVP (514) 722-3061  
6341, de Lorimier (bw Bellechasse & Beaubien)

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