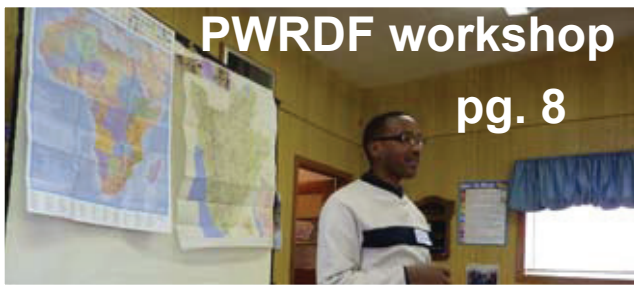




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Camp Reunion

Participants in the Diocese of Edmonton Summer Camps program gathered at Duke's Ranch, south of Edmonton, for a sleigh ride reunion on Sunday, February 28th. The weather was perfect for the happily reunited campers, counsellors and staff, who spent the afternoon gliding across fields of snow on horse-drawn sleighs. The group stopped at a clearing in the forest, where they sipped hot chocolate around a campfire, roasted marshmallows for S'mores (left), and listened to the radio broadcast of the Canada/USA Olympic hockey game, cheering when Sidney Crosby scored the winning goal.

See page 5 for information about 2010 summer camps program

Photo: Margaret Marshall

Standing Stones gathering a fresh expression of Jesus

by Margaret Marshall

It is Wednesday afternoon, and worshippers gather in a circle in the small chapel overlooking the sanctuary of All Saints' Cathedral.

In the center of the gathering, is a round altar draped in white cloth, upon which four symbolic objects rest: Sweetgrass and sage for a purifying smudge; an eagle feather for wisdom; a bowl of water for healing, and a bowl of cranberries and bannock for thanksgiving.

This sacred gathering of aboriginal and non-aboriginal people is, "Standing Stones" - a fresh expression of Jesus that fuses Cree symbols with Christian ceremony.

To the Rev. Travis Enright, an Anglican priest of Plains Cree descent, Standing Stones is more than the fusion of symbols and ceremony. It is the hope that, by acknowledging each other's beliefs and traditions, aboriginal and non-aboriginal people will develop a deeper love for God and for each other.

Standing Stones was developed by Rev. Travis as a unique way to explore God in an Aboriginal context. This new way of doing church together - a significant step toward reconciliation - has risen from the ashes of the Indian

residential school experience, where the spirit of aboriginal students was all but extinguished.

"My hope is that this gathering will be a means for Christ's reconciling love to heal ancient wounds and enlighten the next generation of Canadians," Travis says.

As Vicar of All Saints' Cathedral and a facilitator of the Kanata/Canada discussions between Christian and Aboriginal leaders, Enright believes that "Wicititowin" - Cree for sharing together- is the key to reconciliation.

He says that, by participating in the Kanata/Canada talks, the Diocese of Edmonton has opened doors to communication with the Aboriginal community. The Cathedral chapel has become a place of security and hope for many people, and Standing Stones provides an opportunity for healing and understanding.

Travis describes the Standing Stones gathering as the, "dancing smoke", because it incorporates symbols of Cree smudge and Anglican incense dancing together. The service begins with a smudging circle. Worshippers breathe the smoke of burnt offerings, such as sweetgrass, sage, tobacco, and cedar, used to purify the heart and soul, similar to the way incense is used in traditional Anglican services.

The wisdom circle focuses on a Scripture reading and a traditional Cree teaching story. Worshippers hold an eagle feather, symbolic of the wisdom of aboriginal elders, as they share their interpretation of the Word.

During the healing circle, worshippers hold a bowl of water - the symbol of baptism and replenishment - as they ask for healing and forgiveness.

"...gathering will be a means for Christ's reconciling love to heal ancient wounds..."

The Rev. Travis Enright

In the circle of thanksgiving, worshippers give thanks to God, and to the creator, as they share the bread of life, unleavened bread or bannock and berries.

Since its inception, Travis says that Standing Stones has evolved from a program he developed to help aboriginal men in a state of recovery, to a form of worship for anyone seeking God's grace. Rather than stand alone as a distinct service, Standing Stones has actually become part of the diverse Cathedral worshipping body.

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bishop's corner

Christ's extended hand pulls us into life



Bishop Jane Alexander

Dear friends,
It is a joy to write to you in this Easter season. Our joy is now complete for Christ is indeed risen and we are redeemed. Now we are to live as a people redeemed. Christ has opened a door

for us which all sense, all science, all tradition had said was closed forever, no going back.

In fact, Christ did not only open the door from death to life, he actually blew it off its hinges, so that the door can never be closed and locked again. We talk about Jesus shattering the chains of death and hell, and in many pictures of the resurrected Christ, you will find those broken chains lying under his feet. You will quite often see him standing with his hand extended to us, to pull us into life from whatever draws us in the deaths of this life; the pettiness, the angers, the frus-

trations, and even pull us from the reality of our own death.

It is the ultimate liberation. We are drawn into the fullness of life that was always God's plan for us. Rowan Williams has said that it is when Christ's hand touches us, that something new becomes possible, and we are able to become human and to live fully in God's company (*The Dwelling of the Light*, p. 28). I love that phrase because it talks to me of the certain and intimate relationship we have with God. It speaks of the longing that God has for us that whatever we may do or not do, be or not be, nevertheless God extends that hand to us, that promise and that assurance of welcome.

In this season of resurrection we remember that everything has changed, and as an Easter people our question is: How shall we live now? So, my brothers and sisters, in the power of the risen Christ, grab the life you want with both hands, dream big, dare to believe. Anything is possible. Death is no more. Christ has taken the first step into eternity. The most amazing, most incredible thing about this is that he's turning, looking straight at each one of us. He has his hands extended and he is saying, "you can come too". The Lord is risen, He is risen indeed. AMEN. Alleluia!

+Jane

Changes in Cathedral leadership Bishop appoints new Dean of Edmonton



The Rev. Neil Gordon

Big changes are taking place in the leadership of All Saints' Cathedral. The Rev. Neil Gordon, 50, has been appointed Rector of All Saints' Cathedral and Dean of Edmonton. He will take over the position currently occupied by the Very Rev. Lee Bezanson.

Gordon may be stepping into a new role at All Saints', but the Cathedral has been a presence in his life of faith for over 30 years. He was ordained a deacon, and then priest, at the Cathedral in 1986.

"I look forward to serving a place which has meant a great deal to me over the years," says Gordon, who will begin his new appointment May 1, 2010.

"I look forward to meeting the community of the Cathedral. The persons I have met so far at the Cathedral appear to be positive, faith-filled and fun."

Gordon is certainly familiar with the Anglican community in Edmonton, having also served with the parishes of St. John the Evangelist and St. Matthias. Since 2007, he has been learning the ways of suburbia as Rector of St. Thomas, Sherwood Park. He also gained experience in rural ministry, serving as Priest-in-Charge of Holy Trinity, Tofield, in addition to his incumbency at St. Thomas.

He was elected Regional Dean of Battle River in January, 2010, and now as Dean of Edmonton, looks forward to working with Bishop Jane on a regular basis.

"I've admired and been inspired by Bishop Jane for years," he says, adding, "I hope I can be a solid

support for her in the years ahead."

In addition to his Diocesan responsibilities as Dean, Gordon hopes to develop a strong connection with the thousands of people who work downtown, and continue to grow the Cathedral's "ministry footprint" in the downtown core.

"These persons need to be invited to spend some of their day with the Lord, and to grow in His presence," he says. "I'm very aware of initiatives other cathedrals have taken to connect with the daytime working population around them, including efforts to meet with persons to study God's word and to pray in non-cathedral settings."

For the current Dean of Edmonton, the Very Rev. Lee Bezanson, coming face to face with homeless people in the downtown core every day, has been an eye opening experience.

"The interaction that I have had with street people will stay with me forever," says Bezanson, who was appointed Dean and Rector of All Saints' in the fall of 2008.

Helping serve pancake breakfasts and hot meals during the bitterly cold winter months to people without a permanent home, has given Bezanson a firsthand look at the homelessness crisis in Edmonton. He recalls his involvement with the Homelessness Symposium in October, 2009 as, "one of most moving experiences of my career."



The Rev. Lee Bezanson

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your thoughts

Peace Thoughts - challenge to make each day meaningful



Dr. Adenike Yesufu

Our dearly beloved mother passed away towards the end of 2009, and so with

my siblings, I spent the beginning of 2010 planning for her funeral. I have just returned from Nigeria where she was given what would be described as a befitting burial. I was reflecting on the whole process when a Psalm of Moses came to my thoughts. Moses lived to be 120 years old. My mother was 89. Moses' eyes were not dim and his bones were not weak, thankfully to God, neither were my mother's. In Psalm 90, Moses talked about time, the impermanence of our lives, how our life is like grass and how in the evening it is cut down. He also talked about the permanence of God: "...from everlasting to everlasting thou art God." he says. Moses reminds us that we all have a limited time and because of this, Moses

prayed what I thought is a remarkable prayer: Teach us to number our days...(Psalm 90:12)

But what does numbering our days mean? Is it merely counting and taking note of the days? If Moses would number his days, he would talk about being raised as a privileged prince in the court of Pharaoh while not being an Egyptian. He would talk about his burn-

Lord, teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.
Psalm 90:12

ing bush experience and his ensuing relationship with God. He would talk about the parting of the Red Sea, God's presence in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Above all he would number God's provision in the wilderness for forty years. If my mother were to number her days she would talk about how she was a teacher, a prin-

cipal, how she studied in Australia, married the man of her dreams and had eight children. She would talk about her life as a peace maker, an activist for the marginalized and her involvement in community organizations. She would certainly talk about her significant journey as a Christian and what she did as a member of the Body of Christ.

Generally, when we enumerate our achievements, we chronicle the events of our lives on a yearly basis. Like the year we graduated from school, got married, had children, came to Canada, bought a house and were ordained. In all these, we thank God for milestones. However Moses' prayer is not teach us to number our years, but our days. The implication is that God daily loads us with benefits and so we should be accountable to Him every day. The numbering of days involves four things: Has each day been meaningful to God? Has each day been fulfilling? Has each day been worthwhile? Is each day purposeful? I believe that Moses' days met this criteria. Remember he had that significant climax, being taken and buried by God. I preciousely expect that my mother's days, too, met

this criteria in God's evaluation and scrutiny.

My thoughts then shift to myself. How do I number my days? How do I make my days meaningful, fulfilling, worthwhile and purposeful? To do this, I need to ensure that I live each day for the good of humanity. That my days are more than to eat, drink and be merry. That each day is worth the effort. That each day has merit. That I make amends each day as I go on. That I make an effort to improve each day. That if I do not achieve what I set out to do one day, I should restructure the next day. That I give enough thought to each day. That I am not tossed up and down each day like a reed. And, above all, that I live each day for God. Numbering of days is a tedious task. Knowing that I cannot do it on my own, I intently say the prayer of Moses, "Lord, teach me to number my days that I may apply my heart unto wisdom." Amen.

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As I See It - Tiller's investigation of human intention



The Rev. Martin Hattersley

Sometimes think I live in two different worlds.

There is our everyday material world of three dimensions of space, plus that of time, bounded in extent by the speed of light, filled with circling particles of electricity separated by quantities of empty space, all obeying the laws of physics and chemistry.

And then there is a second, more mysterious world, containing a grab bag of unfamiliar phenomena. According to skeptics, ESP, intuition, prayer, miracles, metal bending, faith healing and Emotional Freedom Techniques, hypnosis, yoga, acupuncture, visions, ghosts, mysticism and the concept of heaven, hell and "the other side", the placebo effect, spirit guides, Ouija boards

and animal instincts, exist only in the imagination. Yet, these phenomena appear to have a certain amount of validity.

William A. Tiller spent forty years as a Professor of Materials Science at Stanford University, and to him I am indebted for some interesting concepts uniting these two worlds. For besides the highly orthodox teaching of his PhD classes, his avocation has been to investigate the manner in which human intention can actually influence events in the material world, a possibility almost universally ignored in conventional science and medicine. He devised a test to influence the acid/alkali balance of a vessel of water (in one case towards acid, in another towards alkali) by the power of human thought. Not only was he able to do this, but he could also augment the efficacy of enzymes, or increase the breeding speed of fruit flies, by exposing these in the same way to concentrated human intention.

More than that, he devised an

electronic machine (available for sale on his website) allowing intention to be stored, which can be used by others to reproduce his own experimental findings.

His explanation for what he has been able to achieve is interesting. Just as 60 years ago, the sound barrier was considered to be the limit on the speed of flight, since the vibration caused by travelling at Mach-1 would shatter any aircraft travelling at that speed, there is a similar "light barrier" which confines our material universe and what we can measure, to electrical phenomena that do not exceed the speed of light. Human consciousness, however, can operate at speeds beyond the speed of light, where a whole realm of experiences, connected with waves of magnetism rather than electricity become possible, and can be demonstrated to be capable of travelling without limits of time or distance, and can impinge on the universe of time, space and matter with which we are familiar.

The picture he gives is of a

single universe existing in the same space in two different modes, not normally connected with each other. Humans, however, have the power to make a connection through consciousness and intention that will make the supernatural able to influence the material.

Personally, I leave it to those who know more about calculus than I do to analyze the details of the universe that he postulates. It may well lead to the space travel of the future; to new forms of warfare (peace fare, perhaps) where missiles are rendered unreliable through mental energies beamed at them; to a society where the whole practice of medicine is transformed from reliance on pills and drugs to emotional and spiritual healing; perhaps also to a changed understanding of the whole nature and purpose of the universe. Who knows? But the possibilities seem worth following up, since so much of the Bible record is of events of this type.

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Quiet Garden offers comfort and serenity

For much of her life, spiritual director and hospital visitor, Maureen Bedford has provided compassion and support to those in need. The desire to help others attain a healthy mind and spirit, coupled with a love of gardening, has inspired Maureen to spearhead a new initiative. She has transformed her home and yard into a Quiet Garden, a place where people can find peace and comfort, while appreciating the beauty of nature.

Maureen, a Cathedral parishioner and longtime church volunteer, started her Quiet Garden in the fall of 2009. She was introduced to the Quiet Garden concept, while attending a training course with its founder, the Rev. Philip Roderick. Roderick launched the Quiet Garden movement in 1992 in Oxford, England, encouraging local homeowners, churches, and schools to provide a simple ministry of hospitality

and prayer. Today, there are over 300 Quiet Gardens worldwide, located in Canada, the United States, Australia, Africa, and Europe.



Prior to opening the Quiet Garden, Maureen a qualified spiritual director, trained as a chaplaincy visitor, and mindful of personal

privacy and confidentiality, led quiet days, and co-led others in Open Door Retreats, based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of

Loyola.

"I've always been an avid gardener, and I was immediately interested in the Quiet Garden concept,"

says Maureen, who also visits with patients at the Edmonton General once a week.

Located in a peaceful cul-de-sac in west Edmonton, Maureen's home and expansive yard are ideally suited for a Quiet Garden. A self-contained suite, once occupied by her son and his family, now provides comfortable accommodation for an overnight guest. The basement houses a library for reading or relaxing. The main floor has a prayer room and sitting area, and a coffee facility. In appropriate weather, the large organic garden, featuring a pond and waterfall, native plants and sheltering trees provides privacy and serenity in a natural setting. Maureen has spent many hours landscaping and beautifying her large pie-shaped yard, which is bordered by a prairie meadow, a fruit orchard and flower beds.

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Staying awake for victims of Haiti earthquake



Quake Awake participants, Tyler Bandola and Rylan Hollingsworth, stay awake, and entertained, by playing Xbox games.

by Elizabeth Hollingsworth

In the days after the earthquake in Haiti, the confirmation class at St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead, which meets weekly, decided that they wanted to do something to help. The group discussed that the people on the island must be doing their best to sleep in the streets, afraid of looting and falling rubble, as buildings in Haiti were too dangerous to enter. The class thought about how the people of Haiti must feel - afraid and uncertain of the future during this time. The class wondered how much sleep the people of Haiti were actually getting. Were they sleeping at all?

After prayer and brainstorming, the group decided that they would hold a, "Quake Awake", event on February 4 and 5.

The class challenged one another to stay awake as long as possible, during a 30-hour period. They set a goal to raise funds for the people of Haiti, by asking community members to sponsor them. Knowing that not everyone has the funds to sponsor with money, they decided to ask the people of the parish to donate their choice of treasure, time or talent. People gave of their time to play games with Quake Awake participants, and help keep them awake throughout the night. Dona-

tions of food were gladly accepted as talent contributions, and hungrily devoured by Quake Awake participants. This meant all proceeds from the fundraiser could be sent to Haiti for the earthquake victims, without the necessity of purchasing food for the class.

Each member of the class: Amanda, Jordan, Tyler, Justin and Morgan, as well as adult supervisors, Rita Milne, and Elizabeth Hollingsworth, was on his/her honor to be awake by 8 o'clock am the first day of the Quake Awake event. During the day, we went about our normal daily business until 6 o'clock pm, when we all gathered at St. Mary Abbots. A prayer station, planned by Samantha, 9, younger sister of Justin and Morgan, was set up for quiet prayer time during the night.

The group stayed awake by playing Wii and Xbox games, playing Scrabble, playing a mini floor hockey game, and completing a 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle. Several visitors, including our rector, the Rev. Donna Willer, the Rev. Chuck Mortimer and his wife Lois, and a local RCMP constable, who was familiar with our plans for the evening, dropped in throughout the night to show support.

Everyone managed to stay awake until 6 o'clock the next

morning, at which time a couple of the members fell asleep for a nap amidst the general chaos of games. Breakfast was declined, as we had all been nibbling throughout the night. After cleaning up after themselves (the church cleaning team sponsored \$75 for the group to clean the church) the group dispersed. Everyone had a fabulous time and many participants managed to stay up for 28 hours to raise more than \$1,000 for victims of the Haiti earthquake!



St. Mary Abbots' confirmation class played mini hockey, while staying awake for 28 hours during the Quake Awake event.

Exciting changes for Diocese of Edmonton summer camps

Dear Campers,

Summer 2010 is fast approaching, and I am very excited about summer camp this year and wanted to tell you some exciting news.

This year, instead of meeting and enjoying a week together as Camp Come Alive at Camp Oselia; Camp Come Alive and Hastings Lake Bible Camp are going to be joining together this summer. Hastings Lake Bible Camp is run through the Lutheran Church and is located off highway 14, past the turn off to Camp Van Es (where we used to have camp).

Just like Camp Come Alive, Hastings Lake Bible Camp has lots of fun activities planned for summer camp, including: swimming, campfire, sports, archery, canoeing, fun and interactive worship and lots more. The theme for camp this year is Reveal, and the staff at Hastings Lake is really excited to meet you!

It's always a little scary going to camp for the first time, particularly a new camp. However, you have no need to worry about not knowing anyone at camp, because there will be at least ONE familiar face there! That's my face; I'm going to be going to Kidz Kamp 2 at Hastings Lake from August 8 – 13; the same week that you can register for! Darcy Albers is the director; he's a super cool guy, and he's also very excited to meet you. This is going

to be a great opportunity to meet new friends, to see old friends from camp, to learn more about God and to have fun together while doing it.

The registration process for camp this year is a bit different. Instead of getting a registration form in the mail, it is on the internet. All you have to do is fill out the form and submit it, and the office at Hastings Lake gets it immediately. You don't have to worry about it getting lost in the mail, or dropping it off at the Synod Office.

If you would like to learn more about Hastings Lake Bible Camp, please visit their website at www.hastingslake.com. You can find slideshows of previous years at camp, and frequently asked questions by parents and children.

This new partnership between Camp Come Alive and Hastings Lake Bible Camp is going to be really fun and I hope that you are able to come. If you have any questions about camp this year, or are having difficulty registering, please feel free to contact me (Chelsy) at the Cathedral at (780)482-6323 or Margaret at the Synod Office at (780)439-7344.

Darcy and I are looking forward to seeing you at Hastings Lake Bible Camp this summer from August 8- 13, 2010. Have a happy spring and get ready for a super exciting summer at Hastings Lake!!

Chelsy (Stevens)



Explore: canoeing adventure

The Diocese of Edmonton has extended its popular Camp Explore canoeing program by two days this summer. Camp Explore, for paddling enthusiasts in Grades 10-12, will run from Wednesday, June 30 to Sunday, July 4, 2010. Led by certified canoe instructor and wilderness medic, Priscilla Haskin, the

Explore adventure will take campers down the North Saskatchewan River to Rocky Mountain House and Nordegg.

This camp is a wonderful opportunity for teens to learn new canoeing and camping skills, and build lasting friendships.

Pristine lakes and cool woods await campers at Base Camp



My name is Mark Armstrong, and I am director of Base Camp.

Base Camp is a week away for junior high students - away from the city, away from the usual routine, away from parents and siblings (maybe for the first time!)

It is always neat to see the group gather for the bus on the first day - some shy, hesitant, and not sure what to expect - while returning campers greet peers and staff like old friends. By the end of a week with shared experiences, everyone has many new friends!

We leave behind the concrete and heat of the city, and head for the shade of the woods, and the coolness of freshwater lakes. Because canoeing (and sit-upon kayaking) are a big piece of what we do, we make sure that we are close to water. We have been to provincial parks at Lesser Slave Lake, Cold Lake, and

Jarvis Lake. This year, we are back to Pine Bay on Jarvis Lake, north-west of Hinton.

Through the week, the campers and staff come together as a family, or community. We put up tents together, eat together, and do all kinds of neat things together - from wide games to campfires, stargazing to hiking, singing to sleeping under the stars. It is called Base Camp because we do side trips, returning to Base. That may mean canoe trips, hikes, or bus trips.

Base Camp is relatively small: 15-28 campers. So everyone gets to know everyone else. Many of the staff return year after year, and some of the staff were campers themselves.

If you can find the courage to risk doing something for the first time, we will do the best we can to ensure you have a good time!

How to register for Hastings Lake Bible Camp

Step 1: Go to www.hastingslake.com.

Step 2: Scroll down the menu and click on the "Events" header.

Step 3: Click on "June – Aug 2010".

Step 4: Click on "August 8–13 Kidz Kamp 2 (Ages 8–11)".

A purple page will open on the right, click the underlined text that reads "Click here to register".



Anglican community

St. Matthew's, St. Albert - parish "laden with potential"

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"The resolve shared by all participants to move from simply talking about homelessness, towards acting to confront and ultimately ending it, was truly inspiring. It was good that the Cathedral, as the flagship of the Diocese, was seen as leading the way in justice issues," says Bezanson.

In the role of Dean, Bezanson engaged in diocesan, parish and personnel issues he had not previously encountered as a parish priest or military chaplain. He will bring a wealth of experience to St. Mat-

thew's, St. Albert, when he becomes rector of the parish on April 13th.

"St. Matthew's is a parish on the cusp of realizing significant growth in a community laden with potential," he says, noting that St. Matthew's is in the process of expanding its worship facility to be able to accommodate larger congregational gatherings.

"The tangible excitement and determination of St. Matthew's parishioners to become better known throughout St. Albert is infectious, and it has made me excited to share with them in this journey as their shepherd."



Margaret Marschall
Two sleighloads of summer camp alumni enjoyed sunny weather for their reunion at Duke's Ranch on February 28, 2010.

Cold Lake parishioners warmhearted

Don't let the name, Cold Lake, fool you. It can get cold here, yes, but there is no evidence of this in the warm hearts of our Parish.

St. John the Evangelist is a small parish in the rural northeast corner of the diocese. Small in numbers it may be, but not in enthusiasm, nor commitment and desire to know the Lord.

Come into any of the monthly dinners held for the less fortunate, the lonely, and for families who would find it difficult to have a meal out, and you will witness a flurry of busy men and women working tirelessly in the kitchen, good humour in abundance, and preparing and serving a terrific home-cooked meal.

The dinners are well attended by people of all ages, seniors welcoming a night out with friends, single parents and families.

Several times a year, the younger ladies of the parish host a night of crafts and activities, each time with a different theme, where parents and children work and play enthusiastically together. This evening is open to others in the community as well.

Every Tuesday, a noon hour, "Retreat for Prayer", is held in the church. During this hour, we focus on asking the Holy Spirit to come into our Church, our Diocese, and our community, as we seek to build Christ's body locally and in the world.

A Wednesday evening Bible study, led by our Pastor, Bill Patterson, is well attended. This is a time of fellowship and a great opportunity to know and deepen our relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

A hearty hot meal or soup and sandwiches are served in the hall after every Sunday service. We are tremendously blessed at St. John the Evangelist Church and we truly see the ministry of Jesus amongst us.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." Ephesians: 1:3..

Yours in Christ,
Brenda Patterson

"Little Seeds
of
Kindness"

**Diocese of Edmonton
ACW Annual Meeting
&
Life Members Meeting**

**Saturday, May 1, 2010
St. Matthias Church
6210-188 St., Edmonton**

**Registration at 9:30 am
Eucharist at 10 am**

**Fee is \$20 per person
Join "Lug a Mug" (bring
your own mug for coffee)**

St. Andrew's responds to needs of community

Submitted by
The Rev. Allan Bonertz

Throughout history, Christians have responded to the needs of others. On Sunday, December 20th, St. Andrew's, Morinville held a service of Lessons and Carols, featuring a Charlie Brown Christmas Tree.

The objective was to decorate the tree with mitts, scarves, socks, gloves, and other articles of clothing for homeless people living on the street. These items were knit or purchased for this purpose.

At the end of the service, and after the tree was decorated, we stood back, giving thanks for the people's generosity, and echoing the words

from the Charlie Brown Story:
"All it needed was love."

We donated two large garbage bags, one large cardboard box and a small amount of cash to the Bissell Centre.

During the Christmas season, we also donated to the Morinville Food Bank Christmas hamper drive, which provided hampers for 88 families.

We are hoping to initiate a project for the relief effort in Haiti in addition to contributions to PWRDF.

In all things we give thanks for God's generosity and unconditional love.



The Good Shepherd Anglican Church in Edmonton is celebrating its 100 anniversary. We are holding a "Return to Our Roots" Service on May 30, 2010 at 10:30 am. The service this day will be held in a tent as it was in 1910. It will be located in our Church parking lot (15495 Castle Downs Road). We encourage everyone attending to dress as if it were 1910. We would also like to extend an invitation to everyone that has attended services at the Good Shepherd. Please watch further announcements for our other celebrations in October, 2010. For further information please contact Kathy Lake at 780-456-1181.

parish news

Cathedral Chapel ideal space for sacred gathering



The Rev. Travis Enright (left) begins the smudging circle portion of the Standing Stones gathering, as Harold Roscher looks on.

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The circular design of the Cathedral chapel provides the ideal sanctuary for the Standing Stones service, but the elements can be easily transported to other locales. He has moved the sacred gathering downstairs to the Cathedral hall for the Mens' Breakfast and outside on the lawn for the Cathedral Youth

Group. Travis has also led Standing Stones services at the Bissell Centre, the Garneau United Church, and the Native Healing Centre.

Standing Stones is held at All Saints' Cathedral, the first and third Wednesday of each month. For more information, please contact the Rev. Travis Enright at: cathedralassociate@telus.net.

**Diocese of Athabasca
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presents:**

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**St. Andrew's Anglican/
Zion Lutheran Church,
Colinton, AB**

May 14th to 16th. 2010

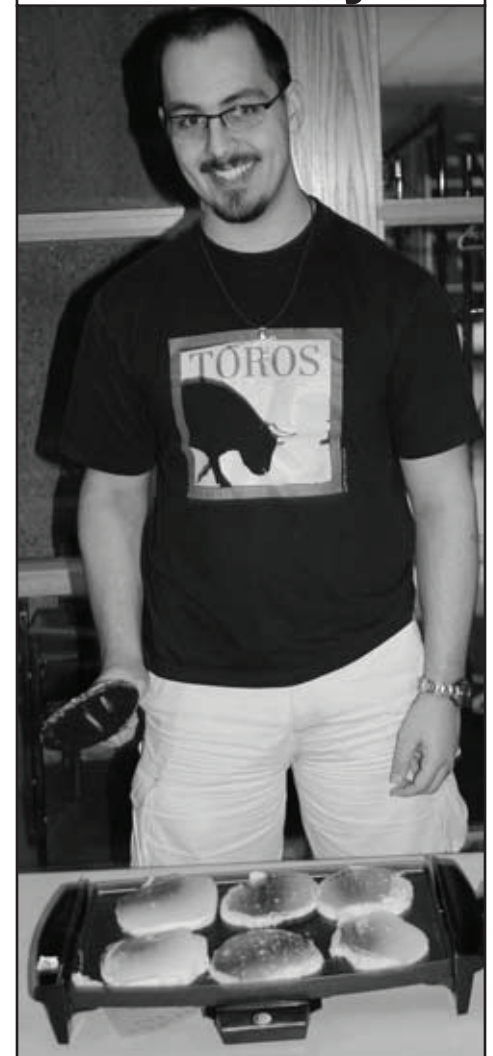
**Co-hosted by the Parish
of the Northern Lights
and All Saints' Anglican
Church, Athabasca**

**Guest Speaker:
The Rev. Leigh Sinclair
Spiritwood, SK**

**Building is wheelchair-
accessible**

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Shrove Tuesday



In true Anglican tradition, parishioners across the diocese prepared for Lent by consuming mounds of pancakes, sausages and ham on February, 16th. Adrian Boéré, a new member of All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, demonstrates his griddlin' skills.

Quiet Garden a peaceful, welcoming, receptive environment



Quiet Garden support group members (clockwise from top left): Melissa and Ed Lee, Karen Capelazo, Maureen Bedford (proprietor), and Nancy Craig. Missing from picture are: the Rev. Canon Maureen Crerar, Dr. William Craig and Lois Heritage.

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The Quiet Garden Movement is an ecumenical ministry. Those wanting to explore their faith, but who find church daunting, may find comfort in a Quiet Garden. Although Quiet Gardens are hosted by Christians, they are open to people of all faiths or none, offering meditation and silence in a welcoming, receptive environment. In these

quiet spaces individuals may rest, find spiritual refreshment and reflect in a context of natural beauty.

The Movement models the example of Christ, who withdrew into a natural setting, alone or with friends, to be with God. There is never a requirement to partake in any activity during the visit and guests are free to do what they wish, while maintaining stillness. Some

sit and read in the house or garden; others walk, pray, write and reflect. A Quiet Garden can provide a few hours of peace and relaxation away from home for a parent or other care-giver. Or, it can provide a simple outdoor oasis for someone seeking fresh air and sunshine in the garden.

A support team, including Maureen's next-door neighbours, Dr. William and Nancy Craig, as well as the Rev. Canon Maureen Crerar, Ed and Melissa Lee, Lois Heritage and Karen Capelazo, meets regularly. Team members help run the Quiet Garden, and can fill in for Maureen when she is away. The garden is officially open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 am to 3 pm, though hours of operation are flexible. The suggested daily donation is five to seven dollars. The overnight cost is \$30-40, while a small group quiet day is \$10 per person.

Those wishing to view the

facility, and individuals or small groups wanting to arrange a quiet day, a retreat, or spiritual direction can contact Maureen Bedford at 524 Wahstao Road NW, Edmonton AB T5T 2Y1; or at 780-432-8166. For more information on the Quiet Garden Movement, visit:

www.quietgarden.co.uk.

Quiet Garden Prayer

Lord Jesus, true gardener,
work in us
what you want of us, for without
you we
can do nothing. For you are
indeed the
true gardener, at once the maker
and
tiller and keeper of your garden,
you who
plant the word, water the spirit
and give
your increase with your power.
Amen

PWRDF fall workshop

The Diocese of Edmonton held its annual fall workshop for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) at St. Mary's, Edmonton on November 7, 2009.

Seven parish representatives and/or priests from the diocese attended, along with invited guest speakers: Graham McCaffrey from Toronto, and Edmond Bayisabe from Burundi. Hope Metzies of Christ Church, Edmonton also visited, and led our group on piano and in voice for the first public rendition of her award-winning PWRDF 50th Anniversary Hymn titled, "A Vision Fulfilled".

During our morning session, volunteer Graham McCaffrey of the PWRDF Youth Initiative gave a stimulating summary of the goals of "justgeneration.ca".

The afternoon session was highlighted with an inspiring talk from Edmond Bayisabe, youth coordinator for the Anglican Diocese of Bujumbura in Burundi, who had been invited to Canada by PWRDF and sent to Edmonton with Graham for our workshop. Edmond showed how PWRDF funding has helped the people of Bujumbura, and spoke passionately about his country, one of the poorest nations on Earth in terms of GDP, but rich in culture.

Burundi is still recovering from the terrible genocide of Rwanda and Burundi during the 1990s. Edmond spoke eloquently about healing and reconciliation taking place that enacts Christ's main message of forgiveness, and how this little country is becoming a role model for the rest of Africa. We have so much to learn

about Christianity from so-called third-world countries.

This year we again extend to parishes in the diocese our offer to provide PWRDF material for sermons or presentations, or to come and give the presentation. Half a dozen parishes accepted this offer in 2009. Please contact Diocesan Representative Geoff Strong to make arrangements.

Keeping track of PWRDF Parish Representatives is my most difficult task. The Edmonton diocese has more than 60 parishes, but I have names for only 28 Parish Representatives, and almost half of those have lapsed. Please help us fill those positions, if they are presently vacant in your parish. Ask your incumbent priest, and please contact me.

PWRDF aid and development work are carried out with minimal overhead, and without any conditions imposed on the recipients. This work is one of the most visible signs of our calling by Christ to go out in the world and feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and befriend strangers. In this work, we reaffirm our own faith in Jesus Christ, and bring Christ to those in need. The recent earthquake disaster in Haiti brought out the best in Canadian Anglicans, as we contributed more than \$2 million in aid, matched equally by the federal government.

Well done Anglicans!

Geoff Strong
Edmonton Diocese PWRDF
Representative
Email: geoff.strong@shaw.ca

"A Vision Fulfilled" PWRDF 50th Anniversary Hymn

(Written by Hope Metzies, September 2009)

*In this world where fear and hunger lead so many to despair,
Lord, we thank you that our people faithfully are helping there.
And we thank you for the vision that the years have seen fulfilled.
That in hope and expectation, we can help, and we can build.*

*In our world there is no corner where our workers will not go;
Feeding, healing, teaching, building, making living waters flow.
May they never feel abandoned, may they know how much we care,
Joined by faith across the oceans, linked by our concern and prayer.*

*In this world of wars and terror, crops destroyed and dwellings
burned,
Can we show a better way by using lessons we have learned?
Lord we thank you for the vision that these years have seen fulfilled.
Now in hope and expectation we will help and we will build.*



Front to back (L-R): Elaine Taschuk and Hope Metzies (Christ Church), Adenike Yesufu (St. Faith), Graham McCaffrey (PWRDF Youth Initiative), Geoff Strong (St. Mary), Edmond Bayisabe (Anglican youth coordinator in Burundi), Gen Ashwell (St. Timothy), Rev. Stephen Hallford (St. Peter), Rev. Ron Horst (Gibbons-BonAccord-RedWater), and Rev. Mark Vigrass (St. Patrick).



The Diocese of Edmonton will host the Vital Church Planting – West Conference, May 18-20, 2010, at Taylor Seminary in Edmonton, AB.

Themed, "Church | Culture | Hope", this church planting conference is the first of its kind in western Canada. Participants from across the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Rupert's Land, British Columbia and Yukon will gather to explore ways the church can meet the changing needs of society.

"This conference is unique because of its focus on ministries in rural and aboriginal communities, in addition to ministries in urban cen-

ters," says the Rev. Thomas Brauer, a member of the Vital Church Planting Conference West organizing committee.

Guest speakers will include: The Rev. Canon Phil Potter, Fresh Expressions practitioner, and Director of Pioneer Ministry for the Diocese of Liverpool; and Harold Roscher, Director/Chaplain of the Edmonton Native Healing Centre.

Registration is \$250/person. Teams of three or more can register for \$200/person. A special student rate of \$75 is also available.

For more information, please visit: www.edmonton.anglican.org

*The Diocese of Edmonton Invites You To Celebrate
The 100th Anniversaries
of
St. Faith's, Edmonton
St. Michael & All Angels', Edmonton
The Church of the Good Shepherd, Edmonton
and
St. Luke's, Edmonton
on
The Feast of Pentecost
May 23rd, 2010, 7:00 pm
at
All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
Celebrant: The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander
Preacher: The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz
Clergy are asked to Vest (Red)
Reception to follow*