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St. Stephen the Martyr welcomes opportunity for fresh start

Anglo-Catholic parish reaches out to new arts district neighbours

At right: Father John Gifford with the new sign welcoming worshippers to the Parish of St. Stephen's.



by Margaret Marshall

The sidewalk sign in front of St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Parish reads: "Stop, Rest and Pray". These are comforting words to an inner city Edmonton parish that was up-rooted to a new community less than a year ago.

The Anglo-Catholic parish has weathered many changes since leaving its crumbling home on Church Street last fall. Since the deconsecration of its former building on October 29, 2009, the parish has been in a period of transition. Bidding farewell to a sacred space that had sheltered many special faith moments and sacramental times, since 1914, was understandably difficult. But, as the saying goes, when one door closes, another door opens. St. Stephen's now has a chance for a new start in a new home with a new rector.

"The old building was beautiful," says Father John Gifford. "But it was an albatross. Every little bit we brought in went to fixing it up. There was a sense of relief when we moved on. We have so many wonderful opportunities to be church in this neighbourhood, and we will be able to offer much more in conjunction with the ministry at St. Faith's."

Now located at 11725-93 Street, St. Stephen's shares worship space, offices and a hall with the Parish of St. Faith's. Gifford, the new spiritual leader of St. Stephen's, is excited about

the opportunities the move brings. He is determined to make the church a visible presence in the neighbourhood.

After providing many years of faithful ministry to the parish, Father Will Drake, has entered into semi-retirement, though he will remain a member of the Interim Ministry Team.

"We want people to know we're approachable and accessible," Gifford says, recalling a time when an open church came to his rescue. As a teenager, Gifford and his brother found themselves stranded in a snowstorm in Kimberly, BC. The local Anglican church, open to the public 24/7, provided refuge. Fast asleep in the pews, the travellers awoke the morning after the blizzard to chords of the first hymn.

"They didn't even wake us," he recalls. "It was a wonderful thing."

"Obviously for security reasons the church can't be open all the time," Gifford says. "But I'll try to be here as much as possible."

Anglo-Catholicism, deeply rooted in faith and rich in tradition, is very evangelical, notes Gifford. He plans to make connections with the surrounding arts community and is exploring alternative forms of worship as a communications bridge.

To speak with Father Gifford, or for information about service times, please call the parish office at 780-422-3240.

Diocese sells historic Church Street property

Bishop Jane positive about new mission possibilities

by Margaret Marshall

At the end of July, after months of negotiations, two postponed demolition dates, and considerable media attention, Bishop Jane Alexander announced that an agreement had been reached to sell the diocese's historic Church Street property in inner city Edmonton (formerly St. Stephen's Anglican Church) to EVM Design Inc.

"This is the best possible outcome for everyone," says Bishop Jane. "EVM Design Inc. intends to preserve the integrity of the building and that's great for the community of McCauley. The diocese will be able to use the money it receives from the sale to enhance ministry opportunities at St. Stephen's."

In the fall of 2009, faced with mounting building maintenance costs, that neither the diocese nor the parish of St. Stephen could afford, Bishop Jane made the difficult decision to deconsecrate the crumbling brick Tudor-style church, built in 1914 on the corner of 96 Street and 109 Avenue (Church Street). The McCauley

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Bishop Jane Alexander

neighbourhood street is home to over a dozen churches and temples.

"We (the diocese) couldn't afford to fix the building,"

says Bishop Jane. "We hired an engineer who estimated it would take \$450,000 just to secure the structure. At the same time, St. Stephen's as a parish couldn't continue to support full-time ministry and keep up with maintenance costs."

In November of last year, the parish was relocated to 11725-93 Street, where it currently shares worship space, offices and a hall with St. Faith's Anglican Parish.

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diocesan events

Slave Lake to host 52nd diocesan synod

by Peter Clarke

On Thursday, October 14th elected delegates, clergy and People's Wardens from across the Diocese of Athabasca will gather in Slave Lake for the 52nd synod of the diocese. The synod will be held at the Northern Lakes College Gymnasium from October 14- 17th.

This will be the first synod chaired by Bishop Fraser Lawton. In addition to plenty of prayer and worship time, synod will feature presentations by two notable speakers: Michael Harvey, a core member of Back to Church Sunday in the UK, and Karla Mercaldo of Power to Change Ministries.



Michael Harvey

Harvey, from the Diocese of Manchester in England, will speak at 9:30 am and 1:45 pm on Friday, October 15th. He will challenge parishes to participate actively in Back to Church Sunday - now the single largest local church invitational initiative in the world. We will be asked to consider what sort of experience people will have if they do return to church. It should be a most interesting presentation.

On Saturday, Karla Mercaldo, of Power to Change Ministries, will give a presentation on "Soul Cravings". She will focus on how we

share our faith with those around us. A recent survey stated that 80% of non-churchgoers would consider returning to church. Yet, only 2% of people in the pews would consider asking anyone to church. These figures were slightly more promising when a similar survey was conducted at General Synod in June. Survey results aside, "Soul Cravings" should prove to be a most worthwhile presentation.

As much a family gathering as a business meeting, synod will be a forum for parishes to share ideas and discuss what measures they have taken in response to a Spring Conference in Peace River, led by Alan Roxburgh. Roxburgh's workshop focused on the words of Luke 10:1-12, calling us to be people of Christ, go out into our communities and share His Word among us. We were encouraged to listen, discern and then act.

Although only delegates can debate or vote on resolutions, Bishop Lawton reminds us that synod sessions are open to everyone. Those interested in learning more are welcome to come and listen to the guest speakers. Please advise the diocesan office (1-780-624-2767) of your plans to attend. Space may be limited and the arrangements committee would like to know what numbers to plan for.

If you would like more information on Back to Church Sunday, point your web browser to: www.backtochurch.co.uk. For more information on Power to Change go to: www.powertochange.com.

Fields ripe for harvesting - Diocese of Edmonton prepares for 62nd Synod

Nearly 300 delegates, clergy and laity, will gather on Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th, 2010 for the 62nd Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.

Bishop Jane Alexander will preside at the opening Eucharist service Friday evening at All Saints' Cathedral, 10035-103 Street, Edmonton at 7 pm. Bishop Jane will present the Bishop's Charge, reflecting on how we have progressed from "Maintenance to Mission" – the theme of the 61st Synod - to where we are now. She will also share her vision for the future: "Look Around...the Fields are Ripe for Harvest".

Delegates will meet at St. Matthias Anglican Church, 6210-188 Street, Edmonton, bright and

early Saturday morning to hear guest presenter Michael Harvey. Harvey, who is from the Diocese of Manchester, will be visiting Edmonton for the second time in a year. In April, he challenged the diocese to double its attendance on September 26th - Back to Church Sunday. It will be interesting to hear the results of Harvey's challenge!

Synod delegates will elect representatives to Executive Council, General Synod 2013, Provincial Synod 2012, the Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, and the lay and clerical recorders for the next synod.

For more information and updates on the 62nd Synod, visit: www.edmonton.anglican.org.

Being church in an emerging world

John Franke and Brian McLaren to stimulate missional church conversation at fall conference

by the Rev. Dr. Myron Penner

Apparently the world is getting "flatter." Or at least this is what Thomas Friedman tells us in his book *The World is Flat*, in which he analyzes how technology and globalization have "flattened" the earth to make it a more level playing field – economically, politically, socially, etc.

Whether Friedman is right about everything, it is undeniable that the world in which we live is rapidly and dramatically changing. Alternative social, economic and political patterns and practices are "emerging" out from traditional ways of relating to our global institutions.

Phyllis Tickle, who recently addressed the clergy of the Diocese of Edmonton at the annual diocesan clergy conference, uses the language of "Emergence Christianity" to signal that similar trends are emerging in the Church. It seems the way we "do Church" is shifting and changing along with the other structures of our societies, and how we live out faith – and even what we believe – is changing along with it.

John Franke, Clemons Professor of Missional Theology at Biblical Theological Seminary (Philadelphia, PA), who previously visited the Diocese of Edmonton, is coming back to Edmonton October 1 – 2, 2010, with author, speaker and pastor, Brian McLaren, to stimulate the missional church conversation among mainline churches in Western Canada.

Many Christians in Anglican, Lutheran, Presbyterian, and United churches are losing hope in the face of declining attendance and the seeming irrelevance of the Church to our society. Franke and McLaren, who are writing a book together on this, see the missional church conversation as orienting the Gospel of Jesus Christ so as to provide a hopeful future for the mainline church.

The missional church conversation covers a wide-variety of different kinds of Christians, ideas, approaches and topics, but generally it is an attempt to think about God and the Church in a way that acknowledges the changing and shifting times in which we live. At the core of the missional conversation is the theological conviction that mission is at the very heart of our concept – indeed, the character – of God. What is radical about this emphasis is its conscious critique of traditional ways of grounding theology and our understanding of God. This inevitably means, of course, that some of the church structures that serve the traditional church and theology so well will not hold the same place in a missional context. Both Franke and McLaren, however, see missional thinking as having the resources to move the Church past the traditional opposition between liberals and conservatives that has deadlocked the Church in modernity.

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bishop's corner

Know your faith and defend it before the world



Bishop Fraser Lawton

*"Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."
- St. Paul (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)*

This was my fifth General Synod, but it felt very new, as it was my first as a bishop. At least I knew what to expect and had already dealt with some "firsts." One

of these was to "speak up." I recall feeling it important to stand up and say something at the microphone during the debate and being intimidated by the thought of it. I suspect many "first-timers" at Synod also felt a need to summon their courage and speak up, either on the debate floor or in the discussion groups. Hopefully each found it, as I did, a far easier exercise than they feared. It ought to be a "given" that we will be heard in a church gathering. What isn't such a "given" is speaking up outside our church family. However, if it is important to speak up at things like synod, it is even more so outside them.

In media coverage of Christian events, I have observed a growing antagonism toward Christians. Christianity, at least in some eyes, is viewed as just another religion in Canada. Many people do not realize that all "religion" is not the same. Christianity has a unique and life-changing

message for the world. There are many good things that God's people do in our communities. These are the fruit of our faith though, not the foundation. Consider the words of a great hymn: "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord..." We exist because of, and for the sake of, Jesus. We need not be ashamed of him, or of the cross, or of giving our lives to follow him. In fact, there is nothing more attractive or compelling than an authentically-lived Christian life. Anglicanism has a tremendous heritage of evangelism. All around the world people have heard the gospel and encountered the Living God. Lives have been transformed because of faithful and courageous Anglicans.

Whatever people say about "religion" or institutions, there is a huge desire in people's hearts to know the love of God and to have His purpose in their lives. Take to heart St. Paul's words and be bold. We need to find and use our voice. There are always opportunities to share. It is not street corner preaching that changes a life, but sharing how Jesus has helped us meet our own needs and change our own lives. Too, we need to be bold in defending our faith before the world. This is something we need to do respectfully, calmly, but persuasively. Make no mistake, though: we must do it. Take the time to know your faith, to be prepared through prayer and study, and encourage one another in this. Be bold in the grace of God, sure of the truth and the power of the gospel.

+Fraser

*"... the brothers and sisters, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear."
- St. Paul (Philippians 1:14)*

Endless possibilities for ministry and worship



Bishop Jane Alexander

Dear Friends,

Well September has arrived and there is a lot going on. As I reflect on the June/July and the September issues of The Messenger, I am convinced that we are a church on the move. The Spirit is blowing through the Diocese and bringing so much good ministry to life and health. Travel-

ling through the diocese these past few months, I have met so many of you doing incredible ministry in the name of Christ. I give thanks for all of you in my prayers. Perhaps it is being around a little baby over the summer, but each morning brings new excitement and wonder. I believe that God views His church with the same excitement, and that we as part of the body of Christ are called to express awe and wonder at the goodness of God in the world.

Christ's church is a thing of beauty. In all our ministry and worship we give glory to God and witness to His marvelous doings in our lives. Please join with me this fall in prayers of thanksgiving for what God has done in our lives. Although we are approaching our Centennial as a diocese in 2013, I cannot help but think of the churches in the diocese of Edmonton as newborn. Places where there are limitless possibilities in ministry. Communities where we are only just beginning to see God's plans for healing and reconciliation.

There is such joy in sharing in what God is doing and in encouraging one another in our Christian lives. We look to the future with a sense of certainty, because we know that God is faithful. We look to the future with a sense of purpose, because God has told us that we have Good News to share. And we look to the future determined to extend our best efforts, because the church is Christ's body and as such must be healthy and whole.

As I look ahead to the coming months, I see all kinds of fresh opportunities for us to come together in worship and study, so that we can continue to grow the Kingdom of God in our communities. Look around Edmonton over the next few weeks and you may see a passing bus inviting you to come Back to Church. Have you made that all important invitation to a friend: "Would you like to come to church with me?" Let me know how that is going.

At the end of September, Brian McLaren and John Franke will be here to encourage and teach us at the Mainline Church Conference. Our synod follows in October and we will encourage one another to 'Look around for the time of the harvest is here.'

So, I encourage you my brothers and sisters to spend some time with God in the days to come, dreaming of the possibilities for the church. Let yourself feel that insatiable joy and excitement we ask for at baptism, when we pray for inquiring and discerning hearts, courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and love God and the gift of joy and wonder in all God's works. Grab that prayer, take it as your own and let it inspire you to follow Christ even more closely in the coming days. When I next see you, tell me of the things God is doing in your life and we will rejoice together.

+Jane



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diocesan and parish news

Executive Officer sees opportunities for growth

by Margaret Marschall

Balance, challenge, spirituality and excellence are the four words that complete Brian Popp's personal mission statement.

Popp is the new Executive Officer for the Diocese of Edmonton. He succeeds David Connell, who will continue to work part-time at the Synod Office as Planned Giving Officer.

Born and raised in Langenburg, SK, Popp's life has been a balance of rural and urban experiences. The former healthcare executive and his wife Louise, a retired nurse, have lived in Edmonton for the last four years.

After graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Commerce degree (he also has a Masters in Healthcare Administration) Popp joined the military as a member of the Canadian Forces medical services for 13 years.

Popp's military position, as well as his 30-year career as a hospital administrator, took his family, including daughters Melanie (Darren) and Michelle (Jason), all over Canada and Germany.

In May, 2009, major changes to Alberta's healthcare sector, left Popp trying to decide what to do with the rest of his life.

"I wasn't ready to stop working, so I took a job at Home Depot for six months," he says.

One day he received an email from St. Margaret's Rector the Rev. Tim Chesteron, asking him to coffee.

Chesteron suggested he meet with Bishop Jane about the executive officer position.

"I have always been active in parish life, and have come to know a lot of people in the diocese," says Popp who is also currently training to be a lay reader. "I was definitely ready for a new challenge."

Popp's spiritual journey led him to vestry positions in three dioceses:

Athabasca, Calgary and Edmonton. The Popp family lived in Slave Lake for a time, where they helped

build a joint Anglican, United and Lutheran church.

"I have been very fortunate to work with many First Nations people, who have taught me a lot about spirituality," he adds.

The Popp's lived in Didsbury for a number of years, and attended St. Paul's Church in Calgary.

Upon returning to Edmonton, they became members of St. Matthias, where Brian served on the search committees for rector Neil Gordon, and later, rector Kevin Kraglund. Currently, they are active members of St. Margaret's, their neighbourhood Anglican parish.

According to Popp, striving for excellence has always been a huge

motivator in both his work and personal life.

"Whatever I do, I do it to the best of my ability," he says.

Prior to being hired by the diocese, he joined the board of a seniors' housing foundation in Edmonton, and also serves on the board of the Rainbow Society of Alberta, an organization that grants wishes to chronically ill children. He has also spent the last 10 years visiting health regions across Canada, as a volunteer Health System Improvement and Quality Management Surveyor.

"Those were sort of my semi-retirement projects until this job came along," he laughs.

Popp will work part-time as executive officer, generally spending three days a week in the office. He and Louise share many favourite pastimes, including camping and golfing at Gleniffer Lake, and keeping up with their five grandchildren - all younger than the age of four.

"I'm really looking forward to my new position," says Popp. "There will certainly be challenges, but also so many opportunities for growth."



Brian Popp

Dean of Edmonton installed at All Saints' Cathedral



The Very Rev. Neil Gordon was installed as the Dean of Edmonton, and inducted as the Rector of All Saints' Cathedral, on Sunday, June 27, 2010.

Photo by the Rev. Joshua Phillpotts

by Margaret Marschall

On Sunday, June 27th, hundreds of friends, family and clergy gathered to celebrate the installation and induction of the Very Rev. Neil Gordon as Dean of Edmonton and Rector of All Saints' Cathedral.

All Saints' parishioners Temi Sonuga and Mary-Lou Cleveland, welcomed their new spiritual leader by sharing the Word of the Lord: readings from Ezekiel 34 and 2nd Timothy 4.

In her homily address, Bishop Jane Alexander urged the congrega-

tion to model their lives on the best qualities of St. Peter and St. Paul - the fisherman, and the tentmaker, who transformed their own lives to build up the church and follow Jesus.

"Peter and Paul are the ultimate role models for us this evening," Bishop Jane said. "We all have a role in building the kingdom of God. We have a responsibility to live and speak the Gospel... As visible Christians, people should be able to tell that Jesus is the foundation of our lives."

Both Peter and Paul were ordinary men who became larger than life figures, Bishop Jane said, alluding to Dean Gordon's towering stature. She went on to describe the

new Dean as "one of the most committed Christians that I know. He delights in this task and will not be easily discouraged."

As rector, Gordon will provide leadership for the Cathedral, the mother church of the diocese and

"Neil has a passion for getting to know people quickly and deeply..."

Bishop Jane Alexander

a vibrant parish, home to three distinct Sunday worship

services, a Thursday noon Eucharist, Taizé and Standing Stones services.

"Neil has a passion for getting to know people quickly and deeply," said Bishop Jane. "As the senior cleric of the Cathedral, he will be able to reach out to people, and he is never shy about talking about Jesus. He is a team player and we are blessed to have him as a colleague."

Dean Gordon renewed his ordination vows before Bishop Jane, and was inducted Rector of All Saints' Cathedral.

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Roadtrippin' with the rector



Photo by Ryan Veldkamp

The Rev. Chelsy Stevens

It's been just over three months since I have moved from the busyness of urban city life to rural life!! I have to confess, it's glorious! Growing up in a small town I swore I would never live in one again. When I first moved to Edmonton, I thought I was a city girl to the max. Apparently God had a different

plan, and I'm quite excited about this new turn.

As some of you may know, I spent my first eight months out of seminary working as the Curate at All Saints' Cathedral. In May of 2010, I was appointed and moved out to Vegreville to begin my ministry as the Rector of the three parishes of St. John's, Sedgewick, St. Matthew's, Viking and St. Mary's, Vegreville. It's been a

great few months thus far. I have the unique opportunity to live, work, play and get to know people in each of these communities.

In this column I hope to share the stories of my adventures in rural ministry with you. I would like to share some of my personal reflections that take root and blossom while I'm on the road driving from parish to parish. I also hope to share the information and facts about rural ministry that I learn as I get to know the history of the small communities that I am serving, and the importance of the church, evangelism, and Christ-centered relationships within these communities. I'm super excited to share these experiences with you and hope that you will join me in my journeys as I road trip through the prairies and listen to the voice of God in my communities!!! It's going to be AWESOME!!!!

Thanks for joining me!! If you want to keep up with me on the road, you are welcome to check out my blog at <http://chelsy-road-trippin.blogspot.com/> !!

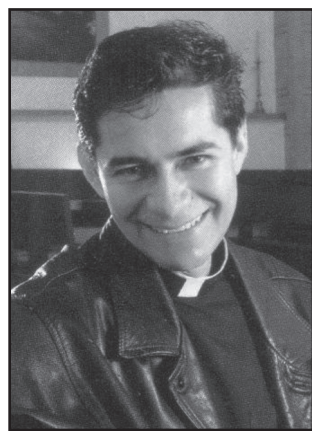
Fields Ripe for Harvest



Rural Ministry Canon Keith Marsh and Bishop Jane climb aboard a new combine at the Vermilion Agricultural Fair, July 30th. Can you spot Rev. Chelsy? Photo by Margaret Marschall

A mari usque ad mare - a stewardship perspective

Editor's Note: The Rev. Julio C. Martin, has been appointed Rector of St. Mary & St. George in Jasper, and of St. Francis of Assisi in Hinton. He has served as Rector of Mexico City's Anglican Cathedral for the last nine years and is a graduate of St. Andrews Anglican Seminary, and the School of Religious Sciences, La Salle University, Mexico. Julio and his wife, Imelda Bejar, a psychotherapist, Christian Education Teacher, and theology student at La Salle University, Mexico, hope to arrive in Canada in late September. With them will come baby son Julien, and family dog Mateo.



The Rev. Julio C. Martin

Years ago the Prince of Wales said the Koran was more protective of God's Creation than the book of Genesis. As Anglicans we may feel obliged to explain to His Royal Highness, and for that matter to any member of our diocese, that the unlimited wealth of theological material you can find

in Genesis makes a Christian greener than any radical member of Greenpeace. But, just as happens with Christian witnessing, to show someone who is un-churched or unconvinced the truth of Christian doctrines, we need to preach more with actions than with words.

This October we, as stewards of God's creation, may have an opportunity to model this ecologically-conscious doctrine. In order to prevent further depletion of the fish population in eastern Canada, the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) is proposing to kill over a quarter of a million baby seals on Sable Island each year at birthing season for the next

five years. The rationale of the federal government is simple: to preserve the profitability of over-fishing practices. The estimated cost to taxpayers is \$35 million. Yet, according to DFO scientists, long-term overfishing - not grey seals - has resulted in the current state of depleted cod stocks.

In addition, a DFO National Workshop on the Impact of Seals on Fish Populations in Eastern Canada concluded that there is no evidence to suggest that fewer grey seals would have a positive effect on fish stock recovery. So, it is clear that the depletion is not caused by the seal population, but by commercial over-fishing, a practice far from any Christian doctrine of stewardship. The goal of commercial fishing is profit, even though it could result in the decimation of part of a seal species. Furthermore, up to 50% of the fish catch is wasted, because only one species of fish is desired. The rest - already dead - are thrown back into the sea.

Of course, we need to revisit the theology that runs through Genesis. The visible and invisible Creation is an ad-extra extension of God himself. In other words: the world we see around us with all living creatures comes from God and is in fact an extension of God's being. For if creation is in fact an extension of God's divine nature, then we as Christians are called upon to recognize the sacredness of all living creatures,

"I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals."
Genesis 1:28

and therefore we are to defend those lives whether seal or human. Certainly humans and seals are not on the same level; as the psalmist puts it: we are little lower than angels: "You have made him

but little lower than the angels". Yet all living creatures - angels or not - come from God, and in that sense we should not forget that we "live and move and have our being" in our Heavenly Father. Other creatures living together with us on this planet may not have the same relationship we have with our creator, yet that does not mean



they are not creatures, as much as we are, of God, and that their lives come from the source of all life: the God of Genesis and the second Isaiah (where we find the oldest Old Testament text witnessing God as author of creation).

We must think locally, preach to and demand from our own local communities (business community, entrepreneur-

ial community, etc. etc.) ethical entrepreneurial behavior and ethical business practices. Notwithstanding, we have been called to think nationally and internationally as well. Sometimes Anglicans from far away see things differently, with a different Christian perspective, than those of us in the Edmonton diocese. We all have different ideas to contribute to the increasing debate/dialogue on ecology and Christian stewardship. A mari usque ad mare (from sea to sea).

General Synod

Athabasca editor shares General Synod experience

by Peter Clarke

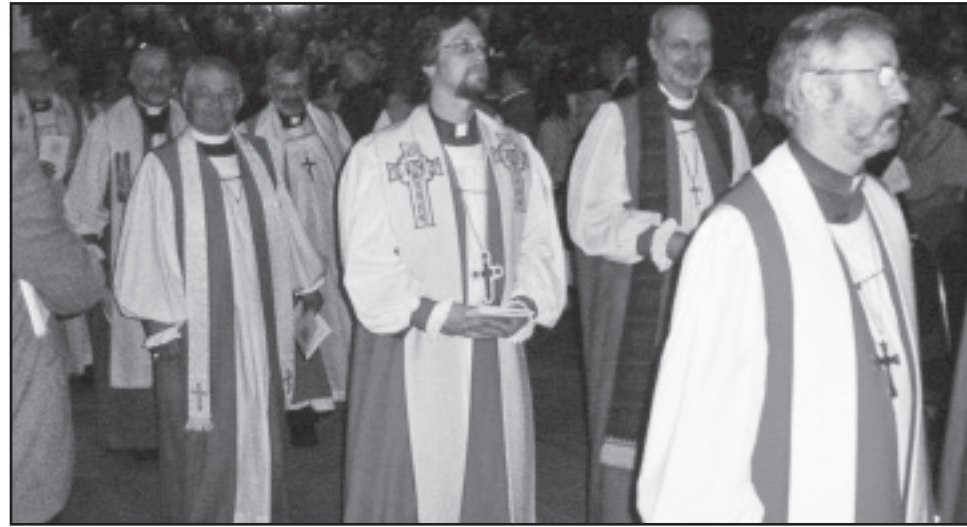
The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada, with the theme, "Feeling the Winds of God: Charting a New Course", took place June 3-11, 2010 at St. Mary's University Halifax, Nova Scotia. Delegates to General Synod from the Diocese of Athabasca included Bishop Fraser Lawton, Dean Iain Luke, Canon Terry Leer, Ross Whitelaw, Kimberly Greenwood and Peter Clarke. Synod was attended by over 300 delegates, partners from other churches and organizations and Church House staff.

A light rain fell on delegates as they processed through the streets of Halifax to the entrance of All Saints' Cathedral, for the opening worship service. Passing by a nearby house, many delegates waved to a family looking curiously out the window. I suspect that the small child at the window was delighted to be waved at by several hundred people!

On Sunday, June 6th, synod delegates were transported by bus to Exhibition Park in Halifax to join with hundreds from across the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to celebrate 300 years of continuous Anglican worship in the diocese. For an idea of the number of people present, imagine a large hockey arena with most seats filled, plus hundreds more seats on the floor of the arena. The Queen's representative was in attendance. The three-hour service included some vignettes of life in former times in the diocese. It was a wonderful celebration of 300 years of Anglican history and the start of

the next 300 years of Anglican presence in the area.

The following Tuesday, June 8th, synod worshipped with the local congregation at St. Paul's Church, Halifax. The church, built



Bishops, including Bishop Fraser Lawton, process in to celebration at Exhibition Park. Photo by Peter Clarke

in 1749, features an eerie window, blown out in the terrible 1917 Halifax explosion. The broken pane of glass was preserved for its likeness to the shape of a man's head. Some say the mysterious profile resembles that of the man who was vicar at the time of the explosion. The service featured many Portuguese songs in addition to prayers in several languages, a characteristic of General Synod services.

Later that day, a banquet was held at Pier 21, the point of entry for millions of immigrants into Canada. Following tours of the famous pier, members of synod sat down to a wonderful meal. Public addresses by local speaker Bill Carr and Primate Fred Hiltz brought comic relief, lifting the spirits of those

gathered to do the work of synod.

Most mornings delegates from across Canada gathered in Galley Groups of four to eight people for Bible Study and discussion. I was seated at a table with a priest from

General Secretary of the Anglican Communion who brought greetings and information from that office and Hellen Wangusa, the Anglican Observer to the United Nations who provided insight to her work.

Away from plenary, delegates were assigned to groups of 20-25 people in rooms all across campus, to discern where the Church is in relation to the matter of blessing of same-gender unions. The verbatim statements in each group were noted by an unbiased reporter from outside of synod. At the end of the session, usually one and a half hours long, the reporters from all groups would gather to coalesce what was said by the body as a whole. The results were reported back to synod the next day. The sessions were prayerfully led with each person having several chances to speak forthrightly, without interruption.

Within my group, opinions on the blessing of same-sex unions varied greatly. However, the discernment process was dignified, enabling a better understanding of all viewpoints. The majority of our group agreed that resolution A 115: Affirmation of Sexuality Discernment was a fair reflection of what people expected as an outcome of our discussions. Part of the discernment reads: "We (the Anglican Church of Canada) are in a time of ongoing discernment which requires mutual accountability through continuing dialogue, diocese to diocese and across the wider church."

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Inclusion a hot topic for synod youth delegates

by Dakota Tranter

Diocese of Edmonton Youth Delegate, General Synod 2010

My experience as a Youth Delegate at General Synod was an eye-opening one. It was great to see the variety of ways Anglicans worship across Canada. A wide spectrum of different kinds of worship services were held during the nine days of General Synod. I loved learning about new approaches to worship, realizing that we are all very different in our ways praising God, yet we all are one family. It was great to see the diversity in our church.

Getting to know other people from across Canada was also fantastic because we could discuss various

issues from many points of view. Some of our issues were the same, some were different. We agreed on some issues and completely disagreed on others, but the important part of this was that it opened our eyes and minds to different people's thoughts and opinions.

My responsibilities as a youth delegate included attending all of the main sessions, voting on important issues, attending information sessions about various things going on in our church, and being a voice for youth. It was wonderful being a part of the voting process and having a voice at Synod. The two information sessions that I attended were PWRDF and Youth Initiatives. Both

sessions were very informative and made some very important points that I believe should be carried out within our own Diocese.

The main issues brought up by the youth delegates were: the need to recognize youth and face the issue of declining children and youth attendance in the church, and finding a way to include everyone in our Church. Inclusion was a huge issue that was discussed a lot throughout the week. A lot of the youth felt that they wanted to be included in the church that already exists, not treated differently, or as though they are separate. We want to worship with everyone else in a way that is appealing to us as well as the rest of

the church.

I feel that the church is beginning to address issues important to youth. I think we have a ways to go, but we are on the right track. We've acknowledged that children and youth are declining in numbers and there is a reason for that. There is a generational gap that is making it harder for everyone to worship together comfortably. Perhaps the church as a whole can brainstorm new ways to bridge the gap. A common thread is that we all want to worship and love God together.

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youth ministry

Social justice advocate inspires young people to get involved

Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. - Philippians 2:4

by Margaret Marschall

Following God and helping others bring Lauren Milner the greatest happiness.

A youth leader at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Lauren, 21, has recently been appointed Youth Social Justice Advocate for the Diocese of Edmonton.

Encouraged by her mother Sharon, Lauren began volunteering at a young age. At 16, she took part in a Rotary International exchange program and spent a year in Chile. While in South America, she says she looked for opportunities to volunteer.

"God calls us to give back to others," says Lauren, who is fluent in Spanish, as well as English. "By volunteering you are showing your love to God and to others."

By the time she returned to Canada to finish Grade 12, Lauren had put her heart into many mission projects in South America, includ-

ing building houses in the slums of Chile, and delivering toys (purchased with money she had raised from people back home) to children in hospitals.

While attending Ross Sheppard High School in Edmonton, Lauren says she had many teachers who were a positive influence in her life. She was encouraged to join social justice clubs and became a member of the Rotary Inner City Mentoring Program.

Currently pursuing her education degree at the University of Alberta, Lauren has made presentations at several high school classes and Rotary Club meetings on topics ranging from mission work (she spent six weeks in Kenya last year) to globalization, to democracy.

Lauren was a director for the Community Action Project (CAP) which was held in Edmonton in June. She was part of a team that mobilized youth to complete random acts of kindness and clean up

Edmonton.

This summer she worked for the Edmonton chapter of Youth for Christ (YfC), an international faith-based charity. At the end of July, Lauren took part in YfC's Daring to Reach Orphaned People (DROP) program, delivering supplies such as, toothbrushes, toothpaste, flashlights, multi-vitamins, peanut butter, soccer balls, toys and Christian music to an orphanage in Burundi, Africa. Bu-



Lauren Milner

rundi, one of the poorest countries in the world, has been torn apart by decades of civil war and genocide, leaving countless orphans.

During her mission trip to Burundi, Lauren met with the Rt. Rev. Sixbert Macumi, Bishop of Buyé. In May 2009, Bishop Sixbert visited the Diocese of Edmonton with his wife Clothilde, and signed a partnership agreement with Bishop Jane Alexander, to walk together in faith. Through the Building Hope Project, people in the Diocese of Edmonton

raised \$25,000 to purchase mosquito nets to protect the people of the Buyé Diocese from malaria.

"Since deciding to give my life over to God, so many amazing opportunities have come my way," Lauren says. She adds that meeting Bishop Jane, "who has offered me a job that's like my entire passion," is truly a blessing.

While Lauren has yet to work out all the details of her new position as Youth Social Justice Advocate for the Diocese, her ultimate goal is to inspire young people to get involved in a positive way. She hopes to be a liaison between parish youth groups, helping young people across the diocese connect with one another.

In the summer of 2011, Lauren will have the opportunity to return to South America, when she joins a mission to Brazil, with a team from St. Paul's and St John the Evangelist, Edmonton.

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CAP green team completes random acts of service and kindness



A wide variety of CAP volunteers including: Anglican youth group members, volunteers and clients of the Christian Care Centre, local residents and others (ranging in ages from 5 to 87) were mobilized to complete acts of service and kindness. "One resident thanked some of the youth for their clean-up efforts and then quickly joined in to help," said Amy Croy, St. Paul's Youth Ministry Leader. A barbecue, held in conjunction with the clean-up, was held in front of the freshly painted Christian Care Centre at 10137-150 Street. Volunteers from the Christian Care Centre, St. Paul's Anglican Church and the Salvation Army were joined by representatives from Edmonton Police Service to prepare and serve the food. "It was great to see how God provided for this project," says Croy. "Everyone is asking if we will do it again next year. The answer is yes - God willing." Pictured above: Karin Walker and Mark Williamson clean up Stony Plain Road.

by Lauren Milner
Youth Social Justice Advocate
Diocese of Edmonton

This summer, Edmonton is lucky enough to host "Rock the River West", an evangelical outreach concert for youth, sponsored by the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (BGEA). Leading up to "Rock the River", in an effort to prepare young people to be part of God's Kingdom, BGEA offers a community service program called the Community Action Project (CAP).

The CAP in Edmonton, held June 4th and 5th, was a huge success in our city and surrounding areas. More than 20 youth groups - totalling over 1000 youth - from Edmonton, St. Albert, and Sherwood Park participated in numerous community service activities. Sporting lime green T-shirts, youth devoted to serving the kingdom of God, undertook multiple clean-up projects throughout the city, creating partnerships between local not-for-profit organizations along the way.

Within the Diocese, three of our youth groups participated. St. John the Evangelist in south Edmonton, St. Mary's in east Edmonton and

St. Paul's in west Edmonton. Amy Croy, the youth and young adult pastor at St. Paul's was incredibly instrumental in the CAP project in the west end. She took initiative and partnered with the Stony Plain Road revitalization community, as well as the Edmonton Police Service's Neighbourhood Empowerment Team to place big bins garbage placed along Stony Plain Road.

On Saturday June 5th, St. Paul's youth joined several other youth groups to clean up the Stony Plain Road area. With the help of Bishop Jane and regular St. Paul parishioners, the CAP team also painted the Christian Care (outreach) Centre. It was an amazing picture of Christian love and fellowship and the group did Jesus proud that day.

The CAP team cleaned many corners of the city and it was deemed a major success! We are hoping that service projects like this one can become a regular occurrence for our youth and that through projects like CAP they will learn more about how to care for God's kingdom. Thank-you to anyone who supported the youth in their initiatives and hopefully we will see those lime green shirts again next year!

Architects plan to preserve integrity of Church Street building

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Eugene Silva, an architect and associate with EVM Design Inc., says his business partner, Ernst von Meijenfeldt, initially heard about St. Stephen's on Church Street from a client who was interested in converting it into a private residence, but ultimately decided not to purchase the building.

Currently located on Whyte Avenue, EVM Design Inc. had been actively searching for an appropriate location to house its expanding design practice. When the firm learned, from a July 15th *Edmonton Journal* article by Paula Simons, that the diocese was moving forward with its plans to demolish the building, it began to explore the possibility of purchasing the property.

According to Silva, an inspection of the building's interior and the brick structural elements revealed serious drainage and water management issues, as well as a "significant amount of deferred maintenance on the exterior brick work". Still, the firm made the decision to proceed with its plan to purchase, repair and restore St. Stephen's to be used as offices for its design practice.

"Weighing heavily in our deci-

sion was the offer from the City of Edmonton to assist with up to 50% of the exterior repairs and renovation efforts," says Silva. "We have received assurances from David Holdsworth, the Historic Resources Manager with Planning and Development, City of Edmonton, that they will be very flexible and accommodating regarding potential uses of the building. Any changes to the exterior will be in keeping with its history. One possibility we are considering is to expose and re-install the original west facing window that was removed when the new entry vestibule was added." (See photo insert).

Silva and von Meijenfeldt view the building as a long term investment. The partners plan to lease portions of the building as office or commercial space, and hope to include at least one or two small residential units. The building's close proximity to the recently expanded Italian Centre Shop provides the option for a retail component, Silva adds.

"A portion of the building might also be used as the McCauley Community League Hall," says Silva. "Once we have developed our restoration plan for the building, we will be actively seeking tenants."



The former St. Stephen the Martyr Church as it looked in March, 2010, and in 1940. New owners may re-install the original west-facing window (inset).

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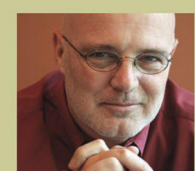
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Whether we talk about "Fresh Expressions," "the Emerging Church," or "Emergence Christianity," the important point of the missional conversation is that the Church continues to have a mission that is relevant even – and especially – in our emerging world. The Church, in other words, is still the Church! As McLaren would say,

Christians are still called to live in authentic community so that they may be and make followers of Jesus Christ for the good of the world. Even if it is flat!

For more information, or to register for the Mainline Church Conference, please visit: www.edmonton.anglican.org or <http://mainlinechurchconference.eventbrite.com> or contact the Diocese of Edmonton at 780-439-7344.

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A conference with noted authors and church leaders

Brian McLaren & John Franke



October 1 & 2, 2010
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All Saints' Cathedral welcomes new rector with gifts of ministry

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Representatives of the Cathedral congregation presented him with gifts of ministry. Archie Dean and Sarah Kemp presented a Bible, the Gospel and story of God's love and mercy. Sandra Munn and Ruth Starr presented a vessel of water, symbols of baptism and rebirth. Karen Manning and Karen Capelazo presented oil for reconciling and healing.

Peter Prinsen and Ian MacDonald presented a copy of the canons of the diocese, to assist the Dean with building up Christ's church. Carol Hawrish and Fran Armstrong presented their new rector with the keys to the church. Jay Adams and Iva Braham presented a prayer book, as they now look to Neil to lead them in prayer. Keith Driver and Percy Palmer presented bread and wine as symbols of the Com-

munion. The Rev. Travis Enright and the Rev. Akon Akon presented a hymn book to sing God's praises.

Following the presentation of gifts, Gordon signed a copy of his commitment to fulfill his duties as Dean of Edmonton, receiving a warm welcome from the congregation.

Psalm 65, a favourite of the Dean's, was sung by former Cathedral Curate, the Rev. Chelsy Ste-

vens.

Throughout the joyful service, the congregation rejoiced in song to beautiful music led by Musical Director and Organist Jeremy Spurgeon and the Cathedral Choir.

A bountiful post-service reception was provided by the Bercov family, and the hospitality ministries of All Saints' Cathedral, St. Matthias, Edmonton and St. Thomas, Sherwood Park.

parish events

Rexboro parish turns 100

by Sara Middleton
St. Aidan & St. Hilda Anglican Church

St. Aidan & St. Hilda Anglican Church in Rexboro, Alberta celebrated its 100th Anniversary on June 19 and 20, 2010 with a series of events that highlighted the history and development of the parish and its church, located west of Wabamun, along Highway 16.

The weekend of celebrations began on Saturday, June 19th with a Service of Thanksgiving and Holy Eucharist conducted by the Rt. Rev. Dr. Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton and the Rev. Coleen Lynch, Rector of St. Aidan & St. Hilda. Over 80 people were in attendance to remember the pioneer families who built the picturesque country church and to honour the faithful parishioners who have worked to maintain and sustain this living symbol of Alberta's pioneer past.

The service included the induction of the Rev. Coleen Lynch as Rector of St. Aidan & St. Hilda. Greetings and congratulations were offered during the service from Mayor Rob Wiedeman on behalf of Parkland County and from Bishop Jane Alexander on behalf of the Diocese of Edmonton.

Following the service, a reception and luncheon was held at Jubilee Hall in Wabamun. During the reception, Matthew Wangler, Manager of the Historic Places Designation Program with the Government of Alberta announced that St. Aidan & St. Hilda Anglican Church had been designated a Provincial

Historic Resource. This follows the church's 1977 designation as a Registered Historic Resource.

Elsie Veitch and Nessa Watt, long time members of the congregation assisted Bishop Jane Alexander in cutting a special 100th Anniversary cake.

Congratulatory messages were received from past clergy, former parishioners and from Fred Lindsay, MLA for Stony Plain and Lindsay Blackett, Minister of Culture & Community Spirit on behalf of the Government of Alberta and from Rob Merryfield, MP for Yellowhead on behalf of the Government of Canada.

A presentation about the history of the parish, church and neighbouring Rexboro Cemetery, along with an old-fashioned hymn-sing concluded the day of commemoration.

On Sunday, June 20, a Morning Prayer service was held at the church with the Rev. Coleen Lynch presiding. This service was attended by more than 50 people and was followed by a BBQ lunch and fellowship.

The congregation of St. Aidan & St. Hilda, along with the Rev. Coleen Lynch, Parish Rector and Bishop Jane Alexander, remain committed to strengthening and developing the work of the parish and sharing the word of God in the Wabamun area. Annual events at the church include regular Sunday services held May to October at 10:30 am and an Advent Lessons and Carols service on the second Sunday in December.



St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Rexboro

Photo by Bob Enders



Photo by Bob Enders

Bishop Jane Alexander, the Ven. Michael Rolph and the Rev. Coleen Lynch



Photo by Bob Enders

Elsie Veitch (r) Bishop Jane and Nessa Watt cut the Centennial cake.



Photo by Margaret Marschall

Griffin Wick, 2, and Rowan Wick, 4, attend Morning Prayer with their mom Sara Middleton.



Photo by Margaret Marschall

Fifty people attended the Morning Prayer Service on Sunday, June 20th, led by the Rev. Coleen Lynch.

St. Mary Abbots Confirmation



After almost a year of attending classes every Thursday after school, five teens from St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead enjoyed a wonderful Confirmation Service on June 27th, 2010. Pictured, left to right, are: the Rev. Donna Willer (Rector and instructor), Morgan Hollingsworth, Amanda Simoneau, Bishop Jane, Jordan Simoneau, Rita Milne (instructor), Tyler Bandola, Justin Hollingsworth.

Photo by Rita Milne

Boyle Community Outreach



The Athabasca Diocesan Spring Conference was based on Luke 10 and Outreach. St Paul's, Boyle decided to have a barbeque to celebrate the Boyle Community. The plan was to have it outside but the weather was awfully cold and wet and most of the fellowship was inside the church. Our Spirits were high, however, and we served about 50 people. A good time was had by all. Praise be to God.

Submitted by Jo Sedgwick

community

Young actors deliver powerful performance at HTR

by Colleen McGinnis

Canada Lutheran - Alberta Insert Editor

Everyone dreams. But not everyone turns their dreams into something tangible that can be shared with others.

In May, eight people – most of them strangers to each other and most of them youth – gathered in London, Ontario to explore their dream. They dreamed of reconciling people to each other. They dreamed of hope for the future, hope for the Church. They asked questions of themselves and of others, gathering stories from more than 70 people who told the raw truth of their joy or their pain. “Roots among the Rocks” a play by Melissa Glover, Karyn Guenther, Magdalena Jennings, Carolyn Pugh and John-Daniel Steele was born.



Karyn Guenther (l) and Magdalena Jennings in an expressive dance sequence during the July 13th performance of *Roots among the Rocks* at HTR.

“Over and over again,” say directors Jenny Salisbury and Peter Reinhardt, “we were told stories of journey, discovery, struggle and forgiveness.”

What does it mean to be Christian? What does it mean to be Church?

“I’ve always had the church,” says one person. “Church is my cocoon and I love it. I hate to think of leaving it.”

“Do the ones that don’t believe feel empty?” asks another.

“Somebody asked me, ‘aren’t you a Christian?’ I said yes, but I don’t take the bible literally. I guess I can’t be a Christian because I don’t believe in God the way I’m supposed to.”

A woman describes a beautiful scene, the perfect vacation, the perfect life, and then realizes that describing it doesn’t make it

happen. “I can’t be a Christian,” she says, “because I let fear rule my life.”

A man, struggling with alcohol, wades into a lake. Is he contemplating suicide? “I stood in the lake,” he says, “looked up at the stars and I laughed. I could see the cabin in the distance and walked back to it. That was when I started to believe in God. I can be a Christian because I know God is real, and I know God is real because I’m sober.”

These are some of the stories the group distilled into a collection of vignettes they began sharing in Halifax on June 8. Driving west they arrived in Alberta for a July 13th performance in Edmonton, hosted by Holy Trinity Riverbend Anglican and Holy Spirit Lutheran churches. By July 27th they had made it to Nanoose Bay on the West coast and will double back to Ontario to end their tour in Burlington on August 27th.

Producer, Judy Steers, says, “This presentation is youth ministry. Youth ministry is what happens when we give up enough of our own sense of power and comfort as ‘adults’ in the church and welcome young people into our midst as truth tellers.”

The truth is told. The dream lives. “We can be Christian because there’s a place for us.”

Local SSJD associates maintain a quiet presence

by Peggy Anne Field

The Sisters of St. John the Divine (SSJD) is an order of Anglican nuns, founded by Hannah Grier Coome on September 8, 1884. The SSJD celebrated its 125th anniversary last year. The current Reverend Mother, Sister Elizabeth Ann, resides at the Mother House in Toronto, and is a minister at St. John’s Rehabilitation Hospital (originally founded by SSJD in 1885). The Sisters are known for their retreat leadership and spiritual direction services. They make altar linens to order. Their guest house, in the Diocese of Montreal, operated for several years until its closure in 2009.

Currently, the Sisters have a house in Victoria, where four sisters and an oblate are providing active assistance to parishes. They lead quiet days and prayer retreats for both associates and other Christians in the Diocese of British Columbia.

The Sisters served in the Edmonton Diocese from 1936 to 2001. Initially, three sisters operated a home for unwed mothers. When the government took over those services, the Sisters developed a hospitality ministry for those who needed to pray or rest. They ran quiet days; served as hospital visitors; helped with children’s program and served on diocesan committees.

Associates of the Sisters of St. John are people who desire to share the life and work of the Sisters, while pursuing their own Christian life in the community. When the Sisters still had



Pictured (left to right) are a few of the 50 SSJD associates in the Edmonton area: Vera Gowans, St. Thomas, Sherwood Park, Gen Ashwell, St. Timothy’s, Elizabeth Jolly, St. Thomas, Sherwood Park, Sister Beryl, SSJD, Toronto, Karen Capelazo, All Saints’ Cathedral, Peggy Anne Field, All Saints’ Cathedral, Betty Myles, Christ Church, Edmonton. Front Row (left to right): Lesley Bishton Fox, St. Augustine’s, Capilano, Beth-Anne Exham, St. Peter’s, Edmonton.

a house in Edmonton, many of us would visit and actively helped with chores. We prepared food hampers to Elizabeth House, where they lived the latter part of their time in Edmonton. Associate membership is open to all baptized Christians of both genders, and includes lay persons and priests.

Associates are expected to develop a Rule of Life with the assistance of members of the community. The responsibilities include daily prayers for the Sisters, regular attendance at the

Eucharist; attendance at quiet days, annual retreats (when possible) and an annual letter to the Warden. The Sisters appoint a Warden for each area of the country, who corresponds regularly with the Associates. Our current warden is Sister Doreen who resides in St. Johns House in Victoria. Usually the Warden makes an annual visit to each ward. In Edmonton, we are the Ward of Christ the King. The Ward runs two annual quiet days, one in Lent and one in Advent. These are intended for Associates and anyone else who would like to spend a day in silent, guided reflection. This past year, our Warden, Sister Doreen, suffered health problems and could not attend our annual meeting on May 22nd. Instead, we were pleased to welcome Sister Beryl, who came from the Convent in Toronto to be with us for the meeting.

When the Sisters were in Edmonton, it was easier to feel close to the community. Now we have to work a little harder. We receive a printed newsletter, *The Eagle*, twice a year and email (or snail mail) updates at regular intervals. Our annual Warden’s visit also keeps us up to date on current news. There are flourishing communities in areas where the Sisters have never had a physical presence, for example in the Maritimes.

Anyone interested in learning more about being an Associate, can email Sister Doreen at: doreen@ssjd; write to her at: St. Johns House, 3937 St. Peter’s Road, Victoria, BC, V8P 2J9; or call her at 250-920-7787.

your thoughts

Peace Thoughts - the pursuit of happiness



Dr. Adenike Yesufu

The dictionary defines happiness as a state; a condition of being pleased, delighted, favored, joyous, merry, gay, blissful, satisfied, felicitous, the absence of flutter or anxiety, experiencing an inner peace. We know that there are times when some of these

words do not describe our internal state. There are a myriad of things in this world that can put us in a state of unhappiness. Death of a loved one, personal and professional hardship and ill health can lead to despair. Much like the despair experienced by the character Chris Gardner in the movie *The Pursuit of Happiness*, ably played by Will Smith, when left without money, a job, a wife, and a home, but still a young son to provide for.

Our lot may not be as severe as this. Nonetheless unhappiness is a reality in the lives of many. When we have not achieved what we expected, we may be unhappy. We can be unhappy about our personal, family, and spiritual lives. Unhappiness is also the fear of the unknown. Fear of failure, and ridicule. Fear that things are not working out as expected. Fear of being alone without anyone to help, wondering whether God still cares. Fear that we have to face our battles by ourselves, not knowing what the outcome will

be, and fear that God is going to allow us to stew in it for so long that we might actually go under. The truth is everyone has had to face some harsh realities at one time or the other. Another truth is that unhappiness is not a permanent fixture in our lives. To coin a Shakespearean phrase: fear has its exits and entrances.

The Bible paints a different picture of happiness. Happiness is not jumping up and laughing out loud to cover the turmoil that may be going on inside of us. Nor is it dependent on whether we have problems or not. Deuteronomy 33:29 says: Happy are we, who is like us, a people saved by the Lord. If we are saved, sanctified and redeemed by the precious Blood of the Lamb, brought from darkness into His marvelous light we should be happy. Psalm 144:15 says: Happy are the people whose God is the Lord. Lordship means supreme. With the zillions of gods in this world, if our God is the Most Potentate, the Supreme one, the Most Holy One, we should be happy. Psalm 146:5 says: Happy is the one who has the God of Jacob for His help. Is our God our help in ages past? Does our help come from Him who makes heaven and earth, then we should be happy. In Proverbs 16:20 Solomon says: Happy is he who trusts in the Lord. Trust is to have faith in someone. Is our God the faithful One so unchanging? Is our God the one who says He is faithful even if we are not, then we should be happy. Job in

5:17 says: Happy is the man whom God corrects. Even if my present state of unhappiness is a chastisement from the Lord I should be happy. It means that I am still loved, that He cares for me. Even though he bruises me He will bind me up.

His hands will make me whole. God chastises whom He loves.

So now when you are unhappy, will you call on God in desperation like David did in Psalm 70: "Hasten, O God, to save me", or will you sit and

moan endlessly about how unjust the world is. If we allow ourselves to reflect, we will remember how God has picked us up, come to our rescue and made a way where there was no way. So whether we have jobs given the current state of the economy or not, we should be happy because we have the One who holds the future. Whether we are affected by the financial meltdown or not, we should be happy because all the gold and silver belong to our God. Whether our body is

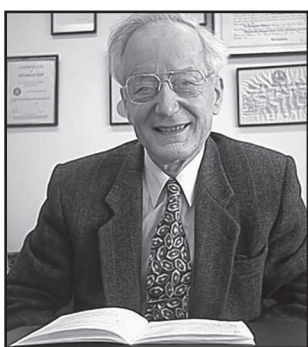
ridden with some ailment or not, we should be happy, because we have a Healer, the Great Physician, who heals in His own way, and in His own time makes all things beautiful. God did not

promise us that bad things will not happen to us, He says He will not give us more than we can bear. So as a songwriter has urged us, Rejoice in the Lord. Be Happy!

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As I See It - season of Pentecost a time to show love



The Rev. Martin Hattersley

There is a fascinating scene towards the end of St. John's Gospel. Jesus meets his disciples by the Sea of Galilee, and serves them breakfast after guiding them to an enormous catch of fish. After breakfast, he calls out Peter, the disciple who had denied him

three times in the court of the High Priest the evening of Maundy Thursday. He poses a question to him: (John 21.15) "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?" To which Peter replies: "Yes, Lord. You know that I love you". The identical words are repeated for a second time by both parties. Finally, Jesus asks the question once again, and Peter, exasperated by this time, says "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you", and is told once again to: "Take care of my sheep."

What does not appear in most English translations of this story is that there is a subtle and meaningful change in the words that Jesus uses, and this could well be what caused Peter to become so upset.

What is translated into "love" in English can be one of four different words in the original Greek. "Agape" is almost always used to refer to Divine and Christian love - most closely rendered as "caring", involving not simply a feeling, but rather a behaviour. Agape is the word Jesus uses to address Peter. Peter, however, replies using the word "philia", which could be rendered: "You are my friend". So when Jesus, the third time, instead of "Do you care?" asks "Are you my friend?" we can understand why Peter gets upset!

God's love, Divine love, is Covenant love. It is caring that will continue regardless of whether we respond to it or not, even though in the latter case, the caring may involve the same type of discipline that a caring father gives to a disobedient child. Human love is at a lower level. Contract love (philia) is for our own advantage. "You be nice to me, and I will be nice to you, but if you will not, then our relationship is at an end." Or, as a lawyer would define it: "Termination of Contract by Breach". How many marriag-

es in our modern world are failing, because what should have been a covenant has been treated as a contract!

In St. Luke's Gospel (6:32-35), Jesus is perfectly clear. "If you love only the people who love you, why should you receive a blessing? Even sinners love those who love them! ... No! Love your enemies and do good to them; lend and expect nothing back. You will then have a great reward, and be sons of the Most High God..."

On the human level, that is a very tall order, and all of us likely fall short at times, But that is precisely what this season of Pentecost is all about. God's gift of the Holy Spirit "to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13) is the key by which we are empowered to follow this higher and harder way. The door to the Kingdom of Heaven is opened for us, our life with God and our life with our neighbours moves from contract to covenant, and the Kingdom of Heaven, as a result of God's faithfulness, becomes His precious gift to us.

"God's love, divine love, is Covenant love."

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Ecumenism and mission movements here to stay

by Scott Sharman

June 14, 2010 marked the 100th anniversary of the 1910 World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. Though not very widely known, this event was surely a landmark in modern Church history. Some 1200 delegates from around the world and from dozens of Christian denominations all came together in the hope that the Great Commission of Matthew 28 (“Go into all nations and preach the Gospel”) could be carried out with greater effectiveness if the efforts of the major missionary societies were coordinated into a cooperative effort. Building on the missionary impulse of the 19th century, the theme of the conference sought to bring an even greater urgency of commitment with its ambitious goal: “The Evangelization of the World in this Generation.”

One somewhat unexpected outcome of the Edinburgh Conference was that it gave birth to a new sibling movement – that of modern ecumenism. As historically divided Christians began to take seriously the impetus for sharing the Gospel together, the terrible and contradictory scandal that in most cases the separated Christian churches could not share Communion together came increasingly to the fore of many people’s minds. Thus, with a depth of seriousness not seen for hundreds of years, Christians also began to see the imperative for them to devote themselves to another great commission given by Christ, that of John 17 (“May they all be one... so that the world may

believe”). The ecumenical movement is, at root, an extension of the commitment to mission. How can the world believe in the Gospel of reconciliation when the churches are not even at peace with one another? Christian mission and visible Christian unity must go hand in hand.

The magnitude of ecumenical progress in the last hundred years can hardly be overstated. That the majority of Christians understand one another better, have overcome many of their historic doctrinal divisions, and now see themselves as in some form of real but imperfect communion with one another, regardless of church membership, is truly a gift of God in our time.

However, despite many signs of a growing Christian unity, it has also become increasingly commonplace in recent years to speak of a “stagnation,” “tiredness,” or “malaise,” and even an “ecumenical winter.” To some, ecumenical work has become little more than the Church’s self-indulgent naval gazing – as something that absorbs our energy and time when there is real work out there to be done. Perhaps the formal ecumenical movement has run its course and we should all just get back to business?

It is just over two years ago now since the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander was consecrated 10th Bishop of

Edmonton in May of 2008. In her Charge to the Diocese following the 61st Synod in the fall of that same year, she spoke of her vision to see a shift in the character of ministry undertaken during her episcopate from one of ‘Maintenance to one of Mission.’ Since that time there has been ample evidence of that change of focus in our diocese, with

tremendous resources and efforts being dedicated to figuring out how Edmonton Anglicans can once again join in enthusiastically

and effectively with God’s mission in the world.

What place does working for Christian unity have in the Diocese of Edmonton today? Of course, there are formal relationships between Anglicans and Lutherans, connections with Baptists or Roman Catholics, and people who serve as ecumenical officers and represent Anglicans in official councils and committees. Of course, the meetings and discussions and shared activities by church leaders at the local and international level still go on. But how many people in the pews know about what these people or groups are doing? How many care? Does the imperative for the full visible unity of churches still truly grip us as a command of Christ, or is it something we merely give lip service to as just another official church activity that an esoteric few choose to involve themselves in?

“The ecumenical movement is, at root, an extension of the commitment to mission.”

In 1910, a group of Christians committed to mission had hearts broken by the implications of the Church’s divisions. They came to understand that their commitment to seeing their neighbors at home and abroad embrace the Gospel of Christ meant dealing with the sins that keep them out of communion with their fellow Christians. As people whose bishop has charged us to be missional, we too must come to this conclusion.

The ecumenical movement is not just a passing fad that had its day in the sun once upon a time. It is the responsibility of every disciple at all times and in all places. So find out about it: Ask your priest about it; get in touch with the diocesan ecumenical contacts (<http://edmonton.anglican.org/outreach/ministry.htm>) and ask them about what is going on. Do some reading (see the Anglican Communion site <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/ministry/ecumenical>; or have a look at <http://www.ecumenism.net> for news and information). Do something at the grassroots level (a great resource for ways the regular lay person can get engaged in ecumenism is the brief and readable Handbook of Spiritual Ecumenism by Walter Kasper). Most importantly, pray (check out the ecumenical cycle of prayer online at <http://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle.html>). Just as with mission, the ecumenical movement is too important for you not to be involved. A 100th anniversary is the perfect time to start!

St. Luke’s Anglican Church

Invites You To Celebrate

The 100th Anniversary
Of the Parish
On

The Feast of St. Luke
October 17th, 2010, 10:00 a.m.

Celebrant: The Rt. Rev’d Dr. Jane Alexander,
Bishop of Edmonton

Preacher: The Rt. Rev’d Andrew Atagotaaluk,
Bishop of the Arctic

100th Anniversary Banquet
October 16th, 2010, 6:30 p.m.

At
The Oldtimers’ Cabin
For tickets, call 780 466 2061



On May 2nd, 2010 wardens, vestry and lay administrators were installed at St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Boyle. This was a very special occasion. It seems that we need so many to contribute to our meaningful services. 1st Corinthians 7:7 “...But each has his own special gift from God: one has this gift, another has that.”
Submitted by Jo Sedgwick

Not leftover fourteen year-olds: A Look at the Emerging Adults in our Midst

by the Rev. Susan Oliver
Anglican Chaplain at the University of Alberta

I recently took a course on pastoral counselling with adolescents, during which the professor referred to young adults who were still living at home, hadn't gotten a real job yet, and who were still in school, as 'delayed adolescents'. My ears perked up and I had to disagree with the term and the sentiment.

Jeffery Arnett, an American sociologist, coined the term 'emerging adult' in 2000 when he presented his research on young people who are in their late teens and early twenties (18-25). Emerging adulthood is proposed as a new stage of development, which takes into consideration the shift in many cultures that allows for further education and getting married later in life.

"Having left the dependency of childhood and adolescence, and

having not yet entered the enduring responsibilities that are normative in adulthood, emerging adults often explore a variety of possible life directions in love, work, and world-views." (Jeffery Arnett: American Journal of Psychology: Volume 55)

In terms of spiritual and religious journeying, this stage of development in an emerging adult's life is often marked by the desire to examine more closely the faith of his or her parents and decide for themselves what they believe and how they will express their belief.

One of the characteristics of the faith system of emerging adults is their tendency to combine a variety of practices and beliefs. Denominational loyalty is a thing of the past and often the beliefs of an emerg-

ing adult appear incongruous to the naked eye. One of the strong marks of the faith of these young people is their desire to live out their faith through service and love in the

world. Experience tells me that inviting an emerging adult to help serve a meal at the local soup kitchen will elicit a far greater response than inviting them to a Bible study or church service. But when they do come to the latter, they are searching for community and acceptance from their peers and their priest.

Speaking of priests, another characteristic of emerging adults is their desire for continued guidance through meaningful relationships with adults. In *Souls in Transition: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of Emerging Adults* by Christian Smith and Patricia Snell (Oxford

University Press 2009), the authors suggest that these relationships help to solidify religious beliefs and animate moral maturation. Going for coffee is yet another defining feature of this age group and so I would encourage you to invite the emerging adults in your congregation or your family, out for a latte in order to build those relationships and listen to how they are working out their salvation... often with fear and trembling, as the Apostle Paul suggests.

Another academic year is almost upon us and I am reminded of the words that we pray for those who are being baptized: that they would have a discerning heart and an inquiring mind. That is my continued prayer for the emerging adults in our midst, that as they have been baptized into the faith they may 'own it' and continue to grow in it, nurtured by the love of God and the community of God's people.



The Rev. Susan Oliver

Dates to remember...

Anglican Student Ministry at the University of Alberta

Rev. Susan Oliver (gikhyi@gmail.com)
 Chris Dowdeswell (cjdowdeswell@hotmail.com)
 St. George's Anglican Church
 11737 87th Ave
 (at the edge of campus and across from Lister Hall)

Are you: a first year looking to connect with a Christian community?
 A graduate student who is desperate to connect with your peer group and sick of spending time in your lab?

If you answered yes to either the above questions Why not check out the Anglican student ministry? We are an ordinary group of students who are trying to follow Jesus, be in community and worship God together. We eat, pray, talk and laugh together. We are a very accepting and eclectic group of students where no judgment is passed and all are welcome.

Here is when we gather and what we do:

Sundays

10 AM Holy Eucharist Service

Great preaching, authentic worship, fair trade coffee, and community.

6 PM The Worship Room

Free supper, ancient/modern worship service, wonderful community, and a mix of people: graduate students, undergrads, young Anglicans in their 20's and 30's who are working in the neighbourhood, and a couple of young priests.

Thursdays

5:00 PM Crossroads

We meet at Sue's house for a Bible study, a home cooked meal, and social events. We are mostly undergraduate students.

Anytime/all the time

Coffee and a chat with Sue or Chris

The Corporate Communion for Life Members of the ACW will be celebrated at All Saints' Cathedral at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Got bottles?

Youth from the 25th Christ Church Scouts are fundraising for a once-in-a-lifetime trip to the 22nd World Scouting Jamboree in Sweden, Summer 2011. Your bottles and cans can help! The trip costs \$4,400 per youth (that's a lot of recyclables – but we can do it!). We'd be happy to come and collect any recyclables from church, business or home. Please send a note to Scouter Kelly at kelz.fowler@gmail.com to arrange collection. All donations are gratefully accepted!

St. Margaret's Anniversary

On Sunday September 30th at 10 am, St. Margaret's Anglican Church, 12603 Ellerslie Road, Edmonton will be celebrating their 30th anniversary. Everyone is welcome, and we would love to see some past parishioners at the celebration. There will be a barbeque and reception following the service. We are proud to have Bishop Jane Alexander presiding at the service. For more information, please contact St. Margaret's at (780) 437-7231 or stmag@telus.net.

St. Faith's Anglican Church Centennial Service

The Parish of St. Faith's, 11725-93th Street, Edmonton, invites you to join with us for the celebration of our 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 24th at 1 pm. Reception in the Hall to follow. For more information, please call (780) 477-5931

Synod guided by the Holy Spirit

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Marie Wilson, Head of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, spoke at length to synod about the work of the commission. She outlined the history and timeline of residential schools, along with some of the actions that occurred in the schools and the lasting effects of those actions. Though the work of the commission varies according to local needs, it centers on the gathering of stories. While the pain and hurt caused by residential schools can never be completely resolved, synod voted unanimously in favour of Resolution A179: Anglican Participation in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. The resolution affirms the six goals of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada, asking the General Secretary and the Council of General Synod to provide the Anglican Church of Canada with the resources to participate in the commission over the next five years. Currently, the church has budgeted up to \$35,000 for Truth and Reconciliation events and commission support.

A total of 61 resolutions were placed before synod, plus one resolution that was ruled out of order and two resolutions that were withdrawn by their presenters. Delegates read over 600 pages of reports that accompanied the resolutions. One resolution, C003: Process Regarding the Proposed Budgetary Cuts for 2011, was defeated. All others were carried, some after lengthy debate and some after due amendment.

Resolutions passed by General Synod 2010 include the following:

Resolution A018: Declaration of Principles — Membership of National Indigenous Anglican Bishop in General Synod. This resolution gives a full seat at General Synod to the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald.

Resolution A086 calls on the General Synod to Repudiate the Doctrine of Discovery.

Resolution A136 officially recognizes June 21st as the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer in the Anglican Church Calendar.

Resolution A114 adopts the report of the Vision 2019 Task Force “Dream the Church 2019” and its strategic plan centered on the Five Marks of Mission.

Resolution A030 reduces the

size of the Council of General Synod (CoGS) from 42 members (the formula used to be one member per diocese) to 31 members. Eleven of the Anglican Church of Canada’s 30 dioceses will have no members on the Council of General Synod (CoGS) for the next three years. The resolution also gives voting privileges to two members of the Anglican Council of Indigenous People (ACIP), and one member of our ELCIC partner.

Resolution A029 changes the basis for determining the number of clerical and lay members of General Synod from each diocese. This much-debated resolution was defeated on the first vote, revised, and then passed on a second vote. The purpose of the resolution is to change the unit for determining the number of clerical and lay members which a diocese is entitled to send to General Synod. The resolution provides for a minimum of two clergy and two lay representatives from each diocese (in addition to its bishop (s) and youth member). The remaining 50 members are allocated proportionately by comparing attendance at Easter communion services in a particular diocese to the total attendance in the 30 dioceses.

One interesting sideline to synod was the introduction of the Silent Night Project. The project, modelled after the hugely successful Amazing Grace Project, which raised over \$100,000 for suicide prevention and the Council of the North, encourages parishes to collect loonie or toonie donations and record their version of Silent Night. The project will support the military ordinariate. Donations and video recordings will be accepted by Church House until December 14.

General Synod concluded with a closing Eucharist presided by Bishop Susan Johnson from the ELCIC and Primate Fred Hiltz. As we left plenary for the final time and said our farewells to both Bishop Johnson and Primate Hiltz we reflected on how this was a spirit-led synod.

Though the work of General Synod at times seemed daunting, there was plenty of time for prayer, even during debate.

General Synod 2013, to be held in Ottawa, will be a joint gathering with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and I feel sure that it, too, will be a wonderful experience. To God be the Glory.

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Delegates pleased to have audience with Primate at synod

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I think that in order to attract and maintain youth the church needs to be ministering to the youth. We have this misconception that we need big fancy events to lure them in, but really they are looking for guidance and belonging. By inviting them into our community, by informing them of youth events, and by including them

in our worship, we are already carrying out a ministry. I don’t think that it’s necessary to completely change services so that they are “youth friendly”. However, why not change up a service by including a new and different song, or by having a younger person lead a song or do a reading, thus giving them a sense of belonging to the church. I’m not saying put young people on display, but rather include them in the worship that is already occurring within your church.

Going into General Synod I really had no idea what to expect. I figured we’d be discussing lots, praying lots, and talking as well as listening a lot. Turns out, that’s pretty much what Synod is. It actu-

ally turned out to be better than what I expected because you get to meet amazing people and really connect with Anglicans from all across Canada.

What surprised me most at Synod was that, despite some very controversial topics, people were fairly respectful of other people’s opinions and ideas. People were calm in approaching the issues in general and, I think overall,

everyone was simply trying to open their ears and hearts to each other as well as to God.

There was free time every evening to socialize so I was able to get to know other youth from across Canada which was great!

We also got to have lunch with the primate as well as dinner during our time at Synod. I discovered that Primate Fred Hiltz was interested to hear about the issues that we, as young people, are facing in the Anglican Church of Canada, which is fantastic. He really made us feel like we have a voice and an important role in the Church.

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Turning good marriages into great unions

Edmonton and area Marriage Encounter program gears up for annual Fall Weekend



by Margaret Marschall

Marriage is a work in progress and even the happiest unions can benefit from a little extra attention.

The Edmonton Anglican Marriage Encounter Fall Weekend, to be held November 5-7, 2010 at Providence Renewal Centre, 3005-119 St. Edmonton, is a unique opportunity for couples seeking to strengthen their lifelong commitment to each other.

Described as the "48 hours that will change your life", the Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity for couples to share one another's feelings, hopes and dreams, in a spirit of love and understanding, away from the distractions of everyday life. Designed to make "good marriages into great ones", Marriage Encounter teaches a communication technique couples can use to strengthen their relationship.

The weekend is sponsored by the Anglican Church, but welcomes couples from all faiths and those who have no religious affiliation.

During the weekend couples attend a series of presentations given by a team of facilitators, including a clergy couple. Facilitators are not counsellors. Their presentations are based on their own personal experiences and are designed to help couples explore their own feelings about various aspects of their marriage. After each presentation, couples have time for personal discussion in the privacy of their own rooms.

"God made men and women's brains slightly different," says Art Bailey, who has been married to his wife Ruth for 47 years. "While you may think you have explained yourself clearly, it's possible your partner has heard something entirely different."

The Baileys, members of St. Paul's Anglican Parish, attended their first Marriage Encounter weekend in 2004. "But Ruth wanted me to go at least 30 years ago," Art says with a smile.

"Marriage Encounter is for people who view marriage as a journey, and would like some support along that journey," says Ruth. "With so many demands on our time, it's difficult to take time to focus on one another."

A worldwide organization, Marriage Encounter was first held in Edmonton in 1982. Heather and Garry Tansem attended the weekend in 1996, and immediately assumed leadership roles as coordinators of the fall weekends.

"The key to the success of the program is active spiral groups," says Heather.

Spirals are an opportunity for couples who have attended a weekend to gather for a social evening and practice the communication techniques they learned at the weekend. Edmonton is currently home to five spirals, and St. Albert has two. The Baileys belong to the North Spiral, which has stepped up to organize this year's the fall weekend. Meanwhile, Heather and Garry have moved on to embrace new leadership opportunities as area coordinators.

Ruth agrees that spiral groups



Art and Ruth Bailey

are an integral part of the Marriage Encounter program.

"We have built friendships with couples of all ages in our spiral group," Ruth says. "It has really enabled us to expand our social circle."

Marriage Encounter is a non-profit organization, funded by member contributions.

At the end of the weekend couples

are asked to give a donation to help cover the expenses of lodging, food and materials.

Early bird registration for the Fall Weekend is \$55 before September 30th. Registration after September 30th is \$75. To register by the October 15th deadline, contact Gottfried and Virginia Haase at virginia@scenites.com, or call 780-438-3892. For more information, or to download a brochure, please see the following links: www.edmonton.anglican.org or www3.telus.net/public/viscorp/marriage-encounter/.

Quiet Garden Open House



On Saturday, July 24th Maureen Bedford led 29 people on tours through her Quiet Garden retreat home, located at 524 Wahstao Road, Edmonton. Pictured above (l to r) are: Ruth Starr, Karen Capelazo and Maureen Bedford. Photos by Lois Heritage

Mid-summer Harvest Celebration



On August 1st the people of St. Mary's Edgerton celebrated Lammas Day, using resources from the Australian Church. Lammas Day is an agricultural festival dating from the reign of King Alfred the Great of Wessex. It was a celebration of the mid-summer harvest, and a hopeful anticipation of a bountiful harvest in the fall. Traditionally the communion bread would come from a fresh barley loaf, made from the grain of the early harvest. St. Mary's celebrated Lammas Day in an outdoor service, followed by a picnic and social. Father Dana Dean presided and Mr. Jim Fraser spoke for the farming community.

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Summer Fun!



Parishioners friends and family of St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Vermilion prepared over 2,500 servings of chili to be sold at the Vermilion Agricultural Fair, July 30th to August 1st. The fair concession stand, an annual fundraiser for the parish, brought in over \$11,000 this year. Left: John Jorgensen and 91-year-old Joe Hart wash dishes while awaiting the next shift of workers.

Photos by Margaret Marschall



St. Saviour's concession volunteer Mickey Moore hands Bishop Jane a chili hotdog.



Synod Office staff (pictured ordering from Cheryl Scott) had many delicious lunch items to choose from. Taco-in-bag was a favourite.



The Diocese of Edmonton hosted Messy Church practitioner Lucy Moore for a few days in June. In 2004, Lucy started a Messy Church group in an Anglican Church near Portsmouth, England. Lucy describes Messy Church as a church for families who find it hard to go to church on a Sunday. A typical session includes arts and crafts, celebration, food and lots of fun! While in Edmonton, Lucy led training and information workshops full of fresh ideas for building Christ-centered communities. Although the Messy Church movement can appear polished – Moore has published two books on the subject – Lucy says it started in an “ordinary church, with ordinary people. It’s nice to know God uses ordinary people in extraordinary ways.” For more information on Messy Church, please visit www.messy-church.org.uk. A list of parishes currently offering their own version of “messy” worship in our own diocese can be found at www.edmonton.anglican.org.



Clergy and laity travelled from as far away as Fort St. John, B.C. to attend the Messy Church Training Workshop and Messy Fiesta, held June 26th at St. Augustine's Anglican Parish, Spruce Grove. Pictured above: Lucy and Sam Strikwerda model people out of cornstarch noodles.



Young volunteers like 11-year-old Addison Brown (pictured), play a huge role in the success of Messy Church at St. Augustine's, Parkland. “We draw heavily on Addi's creativity and imagination,” says the Rev. Madeleine Urion, Associate Priest in Mission. “I can't imagine who we'd be without her input.”