

*See, I am Making  
 All Things New*



Photo by Diana Hutton

# CANADA COMES TO NIAGARA

DOZENS OF BISHOPS from across Canada greet Bishop Ralph Spence as they make their way into Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton. A special ceremony was held June 4 for the installation of Archbishop Andrew Hutchison as the newly elected primate of

the Anglican Church of Canada. The celebration marked the end of General Synod 2004 in St. Catharines May 28-June 4. Complete coverage can be found in this month's Anglican Journal. Local coverage can be found on pages 10-11 and 16.

## General Synod affirms 'integrity, sanctity' of same-sex unions

Dear Friends:

General Synod gathered at Brock University in St. Catharines (May 28-June 4). Archbishop Andrew Hutchison was elected and installed as primate of Canada. We assure him of our prayers and support. Inspired by the worship, and stirred by Stephen Lewis' call to address the HIV/AIDS pandemic in our world, we accomplished much.

I want to share with you my understanding of some of the decisions that were made regarding the issue of committed same-sex unions.

First, General Synod deferred consideration of the blessing of committed same-sex unions until General Synod 2007, and requested that our Canadian

Primate's Theological Commission consider whether the blessing of such is a matter of doctrine. The report is to be prepared for study by Provinces, Dioceses and the House of Bishops by 2006.

Second, we affirmed the continued need to study the subject through respectful dialogue examining the biblical, theological, liturgical, pastoral, scientific, psychological and social aspects of human sexuality. We recognized that indigenous and other communities will need to consider this matter in culturally appropriate ways.

We affirmed that, in spite of the variety of convictions held, we are members one of another in Christ Jesus through our baptism, and committed ourselves

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### *Bishop Spence speaks to faithful in Pastoral letter*

## *Empowering the people*

By DIANA HUTTON  
 Editor

In less than six months, a year-long consultation process about the future of the diocese in the future has ignited the passions of thousands of Niagara Anglicans.

What was a leap of faith just six months ago has become a catalyst for hope, change, and movement, says New Niagara's spokesperson, Christyn Perkons, a tireless volunteer who has devoted hundreds of hours to the process.

"People feel incredible ownership, they feel empowered (by the process)," Christyn said. "They believed the bishop when he said they could determine their future and the future of the diocese."

At diocesan synod in Nov. 2003, Bishop Ralph Spence announced he was undertaking the largest, most extensive consultation process in the history of the diocese. He wanted to know where Anglicans hoped to take the church in order to build a "New Niagara".

Bishop Spence asked for as much input and participation as possible, saying he wanted "every voice in the diocese" to be heard.

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## Youth Synod is about faith, fellowship

By JOSH MORRISON

You know, when most people think of the word synod - assuming they even know what it is or what it means - they tend to think of long, boring

debates about equally boring subjects followed by boring votes.

As the son of a priest, that's what I always thought.

So when I heard about Youth Synod, I really didn't think of it as something I'd want to go to.

Then I met a new guy who told me Youth Synod wasn't the boring debate I'd heard about and I figured I'd give it a go.

When I spent the weekend of April 30-May 2 at St. See YOUTH SYNOD / page 2

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DELEGATES WERE HARD at work at Saturday's motion-writing workshop during Youth Synod, which was held April 30-May 2 at St. Christopher's Church, Burlington.

## General Synod members vote on continued study, talks

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to strive for that communion into which Christ continually calls us. We also requested the House of Bishops to continue to do its work on the provision of adequate episcopal oversight and pastoral care for all.

Third, while deferring consideration of blessings, General Synod affirmed "the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same-sex relationships".

It was clear that this was a pastoral, not doctrinal, response to our faithful gay and lesbian church members.

While all of these issues passed with clear majorities, there were nine bishops who expressly disagreed with the use of the word "sanctity" referring to same-sex

relationships.

As you know, the Canadian bishops embody much of the diversity of opinion on these matters that is found in the Canadian Church as a whole. None of us takes these questions lightly. General Synod was painfully conscious of the different voices from within Canada, and outside of it, calling for diverse and incompatible responses. Yet our loyalties in Christ remain common – to scripture; to our sisters and brothers throughout the Communion, both now and across time; and to our ecumenical partners, and particularly to the people of our diocese committed to our charge.

It is clear that, in the Diocese of Niagara, we are further along than some in our study and consulta-

tions concerning these issues, but we are committed to continuing this process as we move towards our Diocesan Synod in November.

I commit myself as a Bishop of the Church to provide Episcopal care to all members of our diocese, not least to those who are distressed by the individual positions taken on this matter.

If we are faithful to our Lord's call to the costly love that alone can sustain us in our common life, then the world, whatever else it sees, will see the love of Jesus at work in our frailty and imperfection and find hope for its own future.

Peace.

**The Right Rev.  
D. Ralph Spence  
Bishop of Niagara**

## Attending GS was a privilege

By CAROL SUMMERS

The opening service of General Synod was held in the O'Sullivan Theatre and, when it was time to say the Lord's Prayer in several different languages, I had to stop speaking and just listen, as the entire row of people sitting behind me began speaking in Inuktitut.

I am fairly certain I would not have heard the Lord's Prayer in that language in Saint John's, York! I heard people speak in their own languages of Cree and French and was even given a lesson in the language of Newfoundland. What an amazing country this is and what a Church that would draw all these people together and grant me the privilege to be there to meet with them.

I cannot say how many hands I shook over the eight days at Brock University but I took Bishop Ralph Spence's instruction to heart and did my best to make everyone feel welcome. It was not difficult to talk to these people.

They were glad to be there, motivated and keen to share their parish experiences and to hear mine.

I heard familiar stories similar to our own in Niagara. We talked about the struggles to keep small churches open and the energy required, which we would rather be spending elsewhere.

Tales of the ACW and Altar Guild and of the very interesting people who form our congregations were also familiar.

I also heard of the hardships of trying to run a diocese in the Arctic, the huge distances involved, the social problems, and the sheer cost of everything.

I met a man who is translating the bible into Inuktitut and has found that he has to expand the language in order to do so.

Mostly, I met people who enjoyed being together, sharing their faith with others they did not know but who were not, by any means, strangers.

I came away with many invitations to churches all over the country. I will be able to go to some of these, but others I will probably not have the opportunity to visit.

For eight days I felt as if they had all come to me. Thank you for sending me.

*Carol Summers was a delegate to General Synod.*

## Youth Synod is more than just debates

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Christopher's in Burlington, I discovered my friend was so very right. Coming from a small rural town, I never knew so many cool kids my age thought the same about issues involving my faith, and that they loved the Church, God and Christianity as much as I did.

Just finding that out and having fun with the many friends I met there would have made it all worthwhile, but there was more than that.

While at Youth Synod, there was time to do some really heavy reflecting, praying and soul searching that I don't think I could have done in my regular environment, since it's not really in my routine.

Being around so many like me who shared my faith and beliefs let me open myself up to the Lord and discover much about myself and my faith. It also allowed me the chance to discern where God wants me to go in the future, both in terms of a career and in terms of where I should be setting my emotional and spiritual compass (to use a somewhat cliché, yet accurate, metaphor).

That inner sanctity mixed with a healthy dose of what might have been divine intervention gave me the inspiration for a song I have been trying to compose for quite a time now, a work still in progress.

This showed me that, as well as my gifts in music and so many other things, my inspiration and guidance really did come from the "Man Upstairs", not some quasi-mystical muse buried deep in my psyche.

It was just one more positive revelation to come out of an amazing two-and-a-half days in Burlington.

And of course, there was the whole synod thing too. The synod proper sessions and workshops surrounding them taught me a lot about issues involving the Church and its youth. As well, all the information and discussion helped me form my own opinions about issues that affect us today.

Overall, it was a very well-run, academic and informative event.

It seems to me the real point of Youth Synod is not just about debating issues but it's about friendship, fellowship, prayer, reflection, inspiration, guidance and, last but not most definitely not least, fun!

*Josh Morrison is a member of Holy Trinity, Hamilton. He lives in Caledonia.*

## Youth Synod motions

Canada's two Houses of Parliament will not receive a letter from Niagara Diocese's Youth Synod asking for the decriminalization or legalization of marijuana.

A motion supporting the legalization of cannabis was defeated at Youth Synod in a vote of more than two to one.

"It is a sad day when the government receives a letter from the Anglican Church wanting legalized drugs," one delegate said.

Other resolutions included:

- Youth Synod 2004 delegates will encourage their boards of education to establish a harassment policy that will specifically include sexual orientation, train teachers and staff to intervene when they hear negative comments based on sexual orientation; support the establishment of a Gay-Straight Alliance or similar student club; ensure students know where to go for information and support; and introduce curriculum that includes information about sexual orientation and gender identity. Delegates will also encourage the diocese and its churches to create a harassment policy that includes sexual orientation. Church leaders are also asked to use language that is respectful, supportive and inclusive of all youth regardless of their sexual orientation or gender identity.

- A unanimous vote for youth delegates to attend Open Space meetings to lend support for a child and youth counsellor for the diocese.

- Delegates of Youth Synod 2004 are encouraged to support stores with a good history of social and environmental policies. Youth also called on Niagara's Youth Ministry Department to try to buy products which come from ethical companies.

- All churches are encouraged to recognize and appreciate youth contributions, to give youth opportunities to take on meaningful tasks, to hold a youth appreciation weekend which might include a retreat, special services (put on by parishes for youth, not by youth), conferences/workshops (on topics the youth are interested in), guest speakers (motivational speakers, etc.), events with other churches from our diocese, fun theme nights/dances, coffee houses or day trips.

- Youth Synod 2004 requests the body with authority over the scheduling of Diocesan Synod to consider its mandate of participation and schedule Diocesan Synod to accommodate all delegates. Youth Synod suggests Diocesan Synod be scheduled over a weekend and that services be conducted in parishes on the Sunday morning to allow all active clergy to attend the full schedule of Diocesan Synod.

- Youth Synod 2004 delegates are encouraged to participate or promote a Diocesan Youth Mission trip within their parishes.

- Youth delegates are encouraged to bring petitions to their peers in an attempt to remove music censorship from our society. It is intended that these petitions will convey these discussions to the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) and encourage the elimination of censorship of music.

- Members tabled a motion against supporting the Cuban economy through the purchase of Cuban products in order to force the Cuban government to reconsider how it deals with human rights.



# Canadian Mothers' Union Conference in Niagara

*Making All Things New –  
Partners in Restoration*

**T**hey came to McMaster University in Hamilton from across Canada and there were also a number from the United States.

Worldwide president Trish Heywood was there from the U.K. and the banquet speaker, The Rev. Dr. George Sumner – the great nephew of the founder – came from Wycliffe College, Toronto.

The Mothers' Union name may seem a little archaic, but don't even think about changing it. It has been around since 1876 and its logo is proudly worn by more than three million members in the global

Anglican family.

In Canada, MU is dated to 1888. The organization has status at the United Nations and is very strong and influential in Third World countries and the Caribbean.

Only last fall it was instituted nationally in the United States, at the National Cathedral in Washington.

Founder Mary Sumner would be overwhelmed at what has emerged from her vision, in terms of empowering women and the aim of supporting the Christian home and family.

There are six branches in the Diocese of Niagara.

The conference officially got under way with a Eucharist at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, June 2, with the beginning of the exploration of the life,

ministry, death and resurrection of our Lord in terms that might prove to be more acceptable to the society in which we live.

#### A new approach

Archdeacon Richard Berryman, the Canadian National Chaplain, of Hamilton, expressed his own experience that trying to interpret the Incarnation in terms of the Hebrew sacrificial system is increasingly ineffective and inappropriate.

Slain lambs and blood sacrifices are repugnant to at least two generations of people unfamiliar with either Hebrew or Christian scriptures, he said.

Archdeacon Berryman spoke of another scriptural approach to Jesus and what He has done and does.

This is the concept of the Second Adam, a human remade in the image of God –

God's creation and His intention to do what He intended humans to do from the beginning, working hand in hand with Him.

This approach does not deny the divinity of Jesus, but asks that we concentrate on what we mean, when we say that Jesus was also "perfectly human".

The conference examined what it means to say we have been made part of the new humanity of Jesus, or "heirs with Him". As Paul says, we are called to be partners in the restoration of God's image in all creation.

The basis for the discussions was the book *A Totally Human Hope: The Restoration of the Image of God in Creation*, by Archdeacon Berryman, to be published this month.

It will be available at the Cathedral Shoppe.

## 'It is good to belong'

**I**t is so good to belong! These words were said and repeated by Mothers' Union worldwide president Trish Heywood at the opening Eucharist, of the Canadian MU Conference, June 2 at Christ's Church Cathedral.

More than 200 people attended the Eucharist, bringing branch banners from across Canada and several places in the United States.

Archdeacon Richard Berryman led the liturgy and retired Bishop Walter G. Asbil was celebrant.

Trish Heywood lives in Dunfermline, Scotland, but her work is based at Mary Sumner House, the central MU headquarters, in London.

She spoke of the beginnings of the movement in 1876 in England and its arrival in Canada in 1888.

#### Need for growth

She also spoke of the need for new growth in Canada and her hope the Holy Spirit would move and inspire the conference.

In her capacity as worldwide president, Mrs. Heywood travels the globe, meeting groups and individuals and learning of the work and, more recently, the success of two major initiatives launched in 2000.

The organization of parenting groups is in the spirit of MU founder Mary Sumner and seeks

to underpin the roles of parents in the Christian community and beyond. It is the organization's mission to reach into such places as health clinics, prisons, schools and sport centres.

In the United Kingdom, women and men from these groups are eager to share in the MU organization.

#### Worldwide programs

The second initiative, the Literacy and Development Program, is making a difference in such places as Burundi, Malawi and the Sudan.

The cost of teaching one woman to read and write is about \$50, hardly the price of a dinner out, but it is an opportunity that brings unforeseen benefits. Both projects have an exciting future.

MU has accreditation to the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations, which provides an important voice through its own programs.

#### Uganda

In Uganda, MU works with the Church of Uganda and its Archbishop on the Family Life Program and elsewhere with the underprivileged and helping those whose family life has met with adversity.

New work is in progress in violence against women and human



WHERE IN THE world is Mothers' Union? During an excursion to Niagara Falls and Niagara-on-the-Lake, they are at the historic Angel Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake. From the left are worldwide president Trish Heywood, Canadian president-elect, Kathleen Snow, and a group of delegates including Christine Berryman, Niagara Diocese, gathered in conversation over a brew.

sexuality and family relationships.

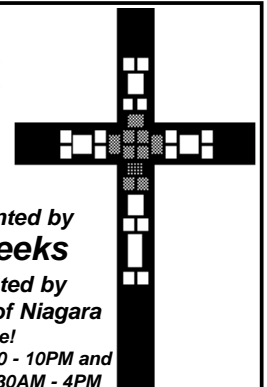
With its strength drawn from the vigorous enthusiasm of members, their prayers, quiet days and retreats, MU moves forward to embrace within its membership baptized men and women of all ages and of other Christian communities beyond Anglicanism.

Taking into account MU work, vision and ministry, it is clearly not difficult for Mrs. Heywood to say with feeling that it is so good to belong.



GATHERED AT THE Canadian Mothers' Union Banquet at McMaster University June 4 are (left) Canadian president Annette Graydon, Niagara; president-elect Kathleen Snow, Fredericton, New Brunswick; The Rev. Canon Dr. George Sumner, principal, Wycliffe College and member of the founding family; Trish Heywood, world-wide president; and Kathy Nason, diocesan president, Fredericton.

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- ✓ How can we make visitors want to return to our church and stay?
- ✓ I'm private and reserved; how can I 'do' evangelism in my church?
- ✓ Many members of my church are uncomfortable with 'evangelism' and are resistant to change; how can I motivate and interest them?

Mark these dates on your calendars, and watch your church mail and this space for further information.

# Editorials

## Time to move on

It was undoubtedly with a heavy heart that many gay and lesbian Anglicans in Niagara and their friends and families watched 2004 General Synod vote down the blessing of same-sex unions.

Instead, they received tacit approval – a second best? – recognizing the sanctity of long-term, monogamous, same-sex unions. They also received assurances that the “issue” will be studied by a primates committee and will be returned to the table at the next General Synod in 2007 in Winnipeg.

Some will argue it's a start. And in some dioceses across the country, that may be so. But in others – Niagara, Montreal, Toronto, New Westminster, etc. – to suggest more dialogue is necessary borders on the ridiculous. The church has been engaged in this discussion for at least 28 years. Stalling the issue for another three years serves nothing.

We bless pets in this diocese, yet we won't openly bless a union between two people joined in life out of choice? Would the church bless the union of two heterosexuals who lived together for decades?

To be sure, the debate is as complex as one chooses to make it. Yes, a large quadrant of the world's Anglicans are loath to consider the issue. They are the same provinces that do not recognize the gifts brought to the church by women priests 25 years ago. Still, the worldwide church limps along in spite of this divisive issue.

Canada's Anglicans and individual dioceses owe it to their gay and lesbian brothers and sisters to “draw the circle wide” but not so wide as to lose sight of their mission.

### Call the question

Bishop Spence could call the question at the next diocesan synod later this fall. He has stated he would consider a local options policy if at least 70 per cent of his flock supported the idea. It's evident why he would want/need such a plurality.

Once again, as it did 25 years ago by being one of the first Canadian dioceses along with New Westminster and Toronto to ordain a woman into the priesthood, Niagara must show leadership and courage and call the question.

Bishop Spence could also reconsider his 70-per-cent plurality requirement. We are Niagara and his first pastoral duty is to his flock.

This diocese has long dismissed the notion of homosexuality as an abomination. It has journeyed to draw that circle wide in matters sexual. But it is now time to steer the debate away from sexuality and return it to its true realm – the realm of spirituality, the realm of God (to paraphrase Acting-Primate Archbishop David Crawley.)

As he laid himself out more than a year ago for our aboriginal brothers and sisters in the residential school settlement, our embattled bishop faces another crisis. This time it is the gay and lesbian community and their supporters in this diocese who call for his leadership.

We urge Niagara to publicly embrace what it has done in the past (albeit in something of a cloak of secrecy) bless these unions.

God will take it from there.

– **The Rev. Canon Charles Stirling, The Rev. David Ponting, John Janisse, The Rev. Kristine Swir Pam Claridge and Diana Hutton**

## Letter to the Editor

### A toast, tribute, thank you to St. James The Apostle

Bette and I were saddened to hear of the closure of St. James. I was in my third year as rector of St. Paul's, Palmerston, when Bishop Walter Bagnall called me into his office and said, “Pat Patterson would like you to work with him at St. James. I think you should go.” (Or something to that effect.)

In those days, we younger clergy were heavily inclined to think pretty much what the bishop thought. So we went, full of trepidation at the thought of serving in the great metropolis of Hamilton, being so close to the Synod Office, sharing the ministry with a dynamo like Pat Patterson in a large and thriving parish.

Pat was ahead of his time. Though we both knew the buck stopped with him as the rector of the parish, he made every attempt to split the work and the Christmas collections.

If the Pattersons were going out of town for a post-Christmas break, they got the folding stuff. If the Breeses were leaving, they got it.

Whoever stayed behind got the silver.

If we had differing views on what a sacrament did or did not accomplish, we managed to keep most of the congregation awake on a hot summer night by speaking on our view of the matter.

Pat had enough Irish in him to enjoy a scrap. He'd put candles on the altar, Mrs. Darby would take them off. If he had an argument with someone, he could recall what each person said.

I owe him much.

The day we arrived at Huxley Avenue, Betty Picton (rest her soul) and Molly Herdman had flowers for our table. Betty was godmother for our son, Peter, who brought up all over her at his baptism on a hot July Evensong. Betty never forgot his birthday.

So many beautiful people!

I wish I had kept a parish list or had a better memory. Mr. Baker made a table and chairs for

Paul (age three). Jack Shoesmith, the organist, would occasionally drop his hymn book if I spoke of the New Israel in the wrong context.

There was Rosie who waited at the door to follow the choir in procession. The Chi Rho, The AYP, The Servers Guild, the WA, the JA, the BAC – all with their regular get-togethers.

It seemed to us that Bette never attended a women's gathering without coming home with a gift; a cup and saucer, a memento of some kind. Talk of loving, gracious people!

I could go on and on.

Instead, “Here's to St. James, those who are still around, stiff knees and all, and to the faithful departed whose lives are surely richer where they are because of their time at St. James.”

In Christ,

**The Rev. Glen Breesee**  
Former clergy of  
St. James the Apostle



## The will and grace

The deferral of blessing same sex unions was seen by many at first as a virtuous compromise – a truly ‘Anglican’ way of treading middle ground, of ‘bearing with patience’, and a valuing of the unity of the national and global Church.

This all changed when the youth spoke in the second session of the debate and it became evident that there was at least a small amount of fear mixed in with all these virtues.

It was surely these young voices that banished this fear and inspired the delegates to pass the affirmation of the sanctity of same sex relationships. They acted as God's prophets, calling General Synod to a new vision.

The delegates listened, and heard the voice of God.

There are many other voices in our Church today, like the ones who spread fear and doubt, the ones who need God to be less.

There are also voices who are more concerned about the Church as an institution than they are about the Church as the embodiment of God in the world.

What has happened to the prophetic voice of the Church, the one that speaks the truth in love, and without fear? Have we gotten so used to being the voice of the establishment that we find ourselves uncomfortable or incapable in our prophetic role?

There are so many more important things for the Church to be doing than wasting energy talking amongst ourselves about sex.

Society is craving for meaning and needs to hear about another way of living besides the materialistic, selfish, egocentric messages that are so prevalent today.

This is what we need to get about being. And rocking society's boat on this would make same sex blessings look like a walk in the park. Case in point is the letter-writing campaign against the US ballistic missile defence program – a resolution also passed at General Synod.

Unfortunately, we as a Church are too hung up on our own maintenance to actually be looking out at the world.

Our new primate has promised to take on the role of being a prophetic voice of the Church to world. But surely he is not alone in the Canadian Church to take this role.

Our diocese, our parishes, and all of us need to take a lesson from our youth at synod, and start caring about the world more than we care about our own security.

We need to get some experience in being prophetic. Perhaps the blessing of same sex unions is the path that we need to take as a diocese, and as a Church in order to get that experience.

With the will and grace of God, we will.

– **John Janisse, M.Div**

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## Viewpoints

# Worship for all seasons Churches can celebrate past and build future

As I write this article, we are still celebrating the Easter season — the season which is marked by “alleluias” and joy-filled resurrection hymnody. While there is a sense that each and every Sunday of the year is an Easter celebration, as liturgical people we mark this season in particular ways, just as we mark the other seasons of the Church’s year in appropriate and sensitive ways. All of this is part of what makes liturgy.

The original Greek from which the word “liturgy” derives means simply the work of the people, and so it is both appropriate and important that the liturgy of a particular community reflects who makes up that community and what issues or concerns are particularly at work in that place.

### Specific questions

As diocesan liturgical officer, I am often contacted with very specific questions about various liturgical matters: What eucharistic prayers may we use? How can we help equip lectors and intercessors? Do we have rites for commissioning various ministries? What about lay eucharistic ministers who take the sacrament to the sick and shut-in?

Many of these requests can be answered by referring people to our various resources: the Book of Common Prayer, the Book of Alternative Services, the Book of Occasional Celebrations, and other authorized texts for eucharistic prayers, Service of the Word, and Night Prayer.

From time to time — and again at this year’s General Synod — minor changes are made to our authorized forms of worship or to our calendar. These changes are communicated to the Church through bishops and local diocesan liturgical officers.

### Norms

So what of all of this? Local communities (parishes) using authorized resources plan and implement worship week by week and day by day which we hope is involving, moving, life-giving and faithful.

Some norms could be:

- that worship is an enjoyable and inviting experience, both to the regular worshipper and to the newcomer

- that worship is participatory; i.e. that all may feel a part of the service, through music that invites full participation, through prayers that involve the needs of the local community as well as those of the world, and through preaching that is accessible and transformative.

- that worship is important. We read and hear the most important words ever written; we search for meaning and relevance in our own words these great words. It is necessary, therefore, that we carry out these acts to the best of our abilities.

- that worship is uplifting — providing those in attendance with an opportunity to be touched by God and to feel encouraged and empowered for the work and week which lies ahead.

- that worship is peaceful — giving those who worship together an opportunity to be “apart” for a few moments, to drink in the grace of God in healthy and holistic ways.

- that worship is authentic, reflecting honestly the needs and concerns of the gathered assembly.

We are the inheritors of great traditions and treasures. These treasures include our scripture and our own history as the Church.

While our worship is as old as the Church itself, it is also as new and as current as we are.

The challenge to us all is to bring all of these riches together into a whole that is quite miraculous. It also becomes, for us, the root out of which spring our lives as Christians.

All of our work through the week, both inside the parish and in our own individual lives, should come together in our weekly celebrations and be motivated by what we have done.

What an enormous privilege it is to worship together!



The Very Reverend Peter Wall, Dean

lives from these great words. It is necessary, therefore, that we carry out these acts to the best of our abilities.

## Sign of hope for community of Christians

“... Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life”  
Romans 14:19

It was a remarkable gathering. Thirty clergy from 14 denominations of the Christian Church. Twenty Americans, 10 Canadians. White, black, aboriginal, persons of colour. Twelve women, 18 men, all ranging in age from late 20s to late 60s. Two-thirds married or in a committed relationship, half of those in a second marriage, the rest never married, divorced or widowed, and one in a religious order. Three diocesan staff, four adjunct seminary professors, some the senior cleric, in a local church, some the assistants, some interim pastors, one a seminary student. Twenty eight students, two trainers.

We ranged in experience from not quite one year in Holy Orders to more than 40. We had come to the United Church Conference Centre in Paris, Ontario, from as far away as Berkeley, California; Lethbridge, Alberta; Fredericton, N.B.; and Alexandria, Virginia; and from as near as Dundas, Ontario, and Detroit, Michigan.

### Vocation to interim ministry

What brought us together was a vocation to interim ministry and a desire to learn how to do that particular ministry as well as possible.

From noon on Monday to noon on Friday, from 9 o’clock in the morning till 9 o’clock at night, we met to study the bible; pray with, and for, one another; learn about

research parishes in transition; become aware of the tools and tactics that can help parishes undergoing significant transitions;

and discern our own particular strengths, weaknesses and abilities to use those various tools and tactics.

And each evening, we gathered over snacks and drinks to relax, get to know each other, laugh over jokes, and discuss the significant issues facing our churches and our societies.

### Remarkable

What made it all the more remarkable was that, in spite of the diverse communities in which we serve, with their considerable differences in doctrine, polity, and practice, we were all able on the last night to sing, pray, break bread; and share the cup with each other, without either offence or embarrassment.

For me, it was a sign of hope for the wider community of Christians, far too many of whom seem intent on splitting themselves off instead of welcoming others in. But there were darker, more ominous signs as well. For much of its 27 years, the Interim Ministry Network has found itself training primarily two groups of clergy who have always outnumbered those who have long felt a vocation to, and a gift for, interim ministry. Those two other groups are composed of senior clergy within four to five years of retirement, who are looking at ways to continue to serve the church, but

through shorter periods of commitment; and a much smaller group of new clergy who have been seriously abused by dysfunctional congregations, inept administrations, or over-reactions to their own errors in judgment, but who still deeply desire to continue to serve the church.

Over the last five years, the network has experienced an upsurge in the numbers of clergy whom society at large would describe as being at the peak of their careers. They are clergy in their late 40s to early 50s, with solid reputations as gifted and compassionate pastors of large multi-staffed, prestigious congregations, who have unblemished records of strong leadership and growing communities.

And they were also present in this group at Paris. And they were exhausted, frustrated, and nearly burned out. Most had experienced the serious onset of some stress-related disease in the past 18 months, and had understood it to be a clear warning sign.

### Frustration

And they shared the common frustration of wondering if anyone in their congregation had heard and understood a single word of what was read from the scriptures Sunday by Sunday, or preached from the pulpit or the aisle week after week.

In community after community, across all the major denominations, we found examples of people distorting or defying the traditions of the church, and justifying their behaviour by claiming their personal interpretation of scripture was the only correct way to discern God’s will. And we found no common agreement amongst the members of their congregations as to just

what the role of the cleric was to be. And no one, not even the Apostle Paul, was successful in being all things to all people.

Some have suggested that the phenomenon we’ve noticed in the network is simply the consequences of people who were never suited to parish ministry in the first place. But the pension boards of all of the major denominations are reporting similar findings.

### Declining life expectancy

In a profession known for the longevity of its practitioners — which insurance actuaries have attributed to the view that clergy were people who enjoyed positions of high stature and low stress — life expectancy has begun to decline, primarily due to serious increases in stress-related diseases, breakdown; and long-term disability. And the actuaries now tell us that clergy are increasingly identified as an occupation of low status and high stress.

And yet, there is throughout North America a growing hunger for authentic spirituality and growth, particularly amongst those under 50. We Christians have a heritage reaching back more than 5,000 years from which to draw. Surely there is a way to draw on and be nourished by that experience and wisdom.

In fact, I know there is, because I experienced it in Paris. It began with the recognition that we each had much to learn from the others.

“In a word, accept one another as Christ accepted us, to the glory of God”. Romans 15:7



The Reverend Alan L. Hayes

Partly because I’m an historian and partly because my mother has dementia and can’t remember anything, I think a lot about the importance of memory.

For churches as well as for individuals, it’s important both to know your past and to be at some measure of peace with it. Otherwise, it can be hard to have a healthy sense of identity. And without a healthy sense of identity, it can be hard to have a strong sense of purpose.

So, I’m glad for those people — and most churches have them — who help us remember and give thanks to God for our parish histories.

There are two obvious ways to celebrate the history of a parish. One is to write a book. The other is to set up a display in the church.

### Niagara parish histories

In the Diocese of Niagara, I am aware of about 40 published books of parish history. A few, such as the one for St. Christopher’s, Burlington, are available on the Internet.

For others, you’ll need to get in touch with the parish itself or you can visit one of two important research collections. One of these is the diocesan archives in the basement of Mills Library at McMaster University. The other is the Anglican studies collection on the third floor in the Graham Library of Trinity and Wycliffe colleges in Toronto.

Both collections are open to the public and non-circulating. Incidentally, the organizer and steward of the Graham collection is a Niagara Anglican. Thomas Power (thomas.power@utoronto.ca, 416-946-352) is a member of St. George, Lowville.

If your parish has a written history which isn’t yet represented in the collection, I know he’d be glad to hear from you.

As for parish history displays, I came across a wonderful example one Sunday recently when I worshipped at Holy Trinity Church, Chippewa.

This must be one of the most recognized churches in the diocese. So

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# Different but exciting approaches to partnership

## Niagara's new partnership with Keewatin

By BEV GROOMBRIDGE

Partnership as we have known and experienced it involved the twinning of a parish in Niagara with a parish in a diocese in a different part of the country or world.

Our partnership with Cuba has taken on that traditional form of twinning. Parishes in Niagara were twinned one on one with parishes in Cuba, and for many parishes, it has been a wonderful and rewarding experience.

How does the twinning process happen? Initially, parishes in Niagara are asked to complete a

parish profile, which is sent to our partner diocese. This profile will assist our partner diocese to twin parishes that have similar interests and ministries.

Parishes will then be told of the name of their partner parish, and the process of building friendships begins.

### Twinning

Each parish twinning takes on its own unique personality. Some parishes have travelled in groups to visit their partner parish and returned home with new excitement, focus and energy.

Others have brought people from their partner parish to Canada to share this side of the partnership with them. Still other parishes have developed pen pals and have researched something of

the history and development of the church in that area.

### Growth, understanding

No matter how partnership develops, growth and new understanding take place, friendships are formed, and many of these friendships last long after our formal partnership is over. And this is how it should be!

Our new partnership with Keewatin offers us a new approach to partnership. While parishes here may be twinned with parishes in the southern region of Keewatin in the traditional parish-to-parish way, the same opportunity is not available to us with the aboriginal parishes in the northern portion of the diocese.

We realize this is very disappointing to many parishes who

had hoped to be twinned with aboriginal parishes. However, there is another way in which parishes can reach out in friendship to our aboriginal brothers and sisters in the northern portion of the diocese. Fundraising projects that will greatly benefit our aboriginal brothers and sisters may be undertaken.

### Choices

And so now parishes may choose which form of partnership they would like to get involved with by either twinning in the traditional way with a parish in the south or taking on the new challenge of joining with other churches from across the diocese to raise funds to support the work of the diocese of Keewatin.

As most of the projects have

large dollar figures attached we would like to challenge the churches in each region to consider working together on one project.

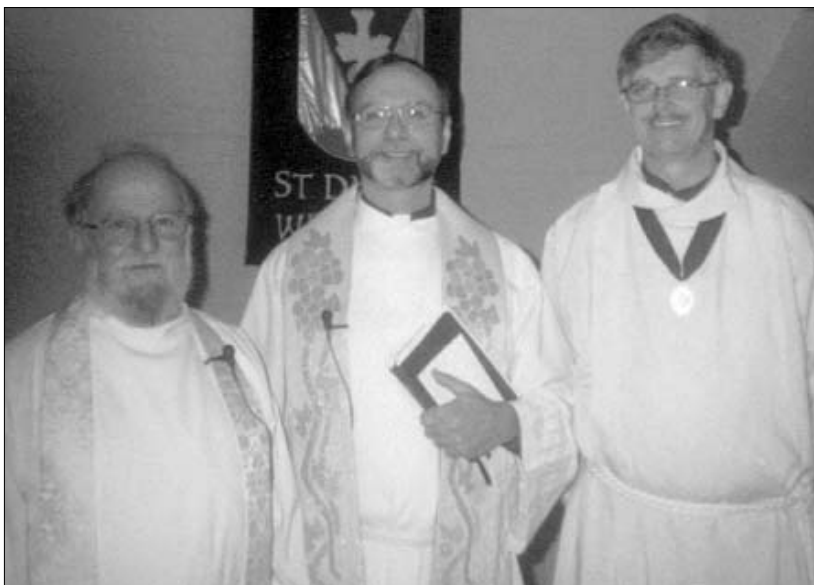
### Contact information

For more information contact Karen Nowicki at the Synod office 905-527-1316 ext. 380 or email to knowicki@niagara.anglican.ca.

Let's work together in the spirit of the New Agape to make our new partnership with the Diocese of Keewatin a real success.

The Partners in Mission Committee is available to answer your questions and help you in any way possible.

*Bev Groombridge is chair of Partners in Mission.*



THE REV. DR. JOHN COURSE (centre), rector of St. David's, Welland, poses for a celebratory photo with The Rev. David Thomas and layreader Richard Middleton on St. David's Day. In addition to the Patronal Festival, the parish marked Rev. Thomas' 50th birthday and the March 21 ordination of layreader Richard Middleton into the diaconate.

## Celebrating St. David's Day in St. David's way

By BERYL MARTIN

St. David's, Welland, celebrated St. David's Day in a special way.

Not only did the parish celebrate the Altar Guild's gift of new white altar hangings, but the day also marked the 50th birthday of rector The Rev. Dr. John E. Course and the anticipated March 21 ordination of layreader Richard Middleton to the diaconate.

The Rev. David Thomas was on hand to bring a touch of Wales to the celebration. David has been our guest preacher at both 8 and 10 a.m. services for several years marking the Patronal Festival.

Don Smith played the flugelhorn for the 8 a.m. congregation's rendition of "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah."

Welsh cakes were served during the coffee hour. A pot-luck luncheon followed the 10 a.m. service with a birthday cake for the rector.

The event was hosted by the Anglican Council of Women, under president Judy Metler.

Earlier this year, the parish celebrated Shrove Tuesday by marking the 15th annual pancake supper, convened by the deputy rector's warden Ray Alexander and his assistants, Murray Wall, David Middleton, Tian Dobbie and Wes Stonos.

The event was well attended and successful, organizers said.

Speculation is that it "must be the whipped cream and Ray's special strawberry topping that keeps people coming back year after year."

## Past offers hope for the future

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many of our churches are tucked out of the way and hard to find. But thousands and thousands of people have noticed Holy Trinity.

It stands on a handsome expanse of land separating the Niagara Parkway on one side from Portage Road on the other, and it's almost across the street from Marineland. A lovely brick church in early Gothic Revival style, with a spire visible from some distance, it grabs the attention and lifts the spirit.

In the southwest nave you'll find the historical display. There are pictures, memorabilia and a

large book containing letters, official documents, press clippings and other items illustrating the history of the church.

There are also two leaflets you can take home with you. One

*Holy Trinity,  
Chippewa,  
makes history  
as it moves  
into the future*

summarizes the important events of the parish since 1812. The other is a guide to some of the graves in the churchyard.

After the service, I happened to meet Eleanor Kerr, who has been a parishioner of Holy Trinity all her life. It turned out that she was one of the team that created this wonderful display. (Mavis Doherty and Doreen Mackey were others.)

In 2002 at the "Doors Open Ontario" event sponsored by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Eleanor and others dressed up in period costume and greeted visitors to the church.

A parish history was published

in the centennial year of Holy Trinity, which was 1920. It tells us that the land was given by a member of the so-called Family Compact of Upper Canada named Thomas Clark. His wife, a native Canadian, was related to the famous Mohawk chief Joseph Brant.

### Thomas Cummings

Another founder was Thomas Cummings, the first settler in Chippewa. He was a progenitor of the great Charles Henry Brent, the missionary bishop and ecumenist who is commemorated in our Anglican calendar on March 27. (See the BAS, page 24.)

Now, I know that some people and some churches can live so much in the past that they almost forget to think about the future. And that can be fine for an individual of late retirement age.

The psychoanalyst Erik Erikson thought that, by then, it was time to reflect, integrate and feel fulfilled in what one had accomplished.

But, for a church, being fixed on the past can be a problem.

So I want to assure readers that Holy Trinity, Chippewa, isn't just looking back. With a very able priest-in-charge and some new members from the recently closed St. Stephen's, Niagara Falls, it has a growing congregation, strong community connections, lots of program opportunities, solid preaching and, so far as a visitor can tell, a high morale.

It's continuing to make history as it moves into the future.

## SUMMER'S HERE

**At last, we can embrace the warmth of the summer sun. Enjoy this leisurely time of the year and all that God has to offer us. The members of the Publisher's Advisory Board – The Rev. Canon Charles Stirling, The Rev. David Ponting, The Rev. Kristine Swire, Pam Claridge and John Janisse – wish you and yours a safe and holy summer.**

# BDC is a 'gem' in adult Christian education

By CATHY HORTON

**“O**h! So are you going to be a priest?”

I'm always amazed at the number of people who ask that question when I mention I'm taking a Bishop's Diploma Course. My answer is always the same – “No, no I'm not” – and then I take the opportunity to talk about how much I enjoy the BDC program.

I'm amazed, but truth be told, until 2002, I didn't know what it was all about either.

I'm what you might call a late bloomer in the world of adult Christian education. You might even say I'm a Christian education dropout, because it pretty much ended for me after Sunday school.

Everything I needed to know I learned in my confirmation classes! Well, I was wrong and now I know it's never too late to start.

In fall 2002, I signed up for World Religions – just one of the eight courses offered as part of the BDC program.

## Hooked

After just one class, I was hooked.

Facilitated at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby, by the Reverend John Ripley, I found the program interesting, thought-provoking and a great way to engage in discussion with others in the diocese about other religions – some I'd never heard about.

In a post 9/11 world, I found the section on Islam particularly enlightening.

It's easy to get involved in BDC since there are no prerequisites. You simply need to register.

Let me share some information about the diploma program. Held



Photo by Jane Stewart

JOHN MOORE, (FRONT ROW LEFT), SUSAN SANDERS, Marlene Minken, Cathy Horton, The Rev. Canon Elaine Hooker, labyrinth workshop leader, Lesley Edwards, Mary Lou Murdza, Paul White. Back row (left-right) Rev. John Ripley, retreat facilitator, Robert Kirk, Mike Dufour. This BDC retreat was held April 16-17.

at various locations throughout the diocese, there are eight courses – two per year – fall and winter, running in eight week blocks. Classes cover such topics as the Old Testament, New Testament,

world religions, Anglicanism (how little I knew), ethics, spirituality, history and liturgy. There is a nominal cost of \$35 per course, including resource materials.

It is necessary to complete six

of the eight courses to receive a Bishop's Diploma. The resources are well chosen. The atmosphere is relaxed. I've just completed my fourth course and I have found each course very worthwhile.

In fact I wish there were more than just eight courses.

Participation in the BDC provides an opportunity to move beyond the walls of our individual parishes. It is a way to connect with others in our diocesan family.

Along with completion of six courses, it is also necessary to participate in a retreat. This year, a retreat was held April 16-17 at St. Andrew's Church, Grimsby. The retreat began Friday under the guidance of Rev. Ripley. The theme for the weekend was the

“Three Colours of Ministry” based on the book by Christian Schwarz.

We were a group of 12 representing parishes throughout the diocese. Together we discovered a lot about our gifts and how they might best be used to contribute to ministry. Through Schwarz's material, we were able to identify our God-given gifts and even uncover some of our latent gifts.

Also included in the retreat was an opportunity to walk the labyrinth. The Rev. Canon Elaine Hooker facilitated this portion of the retreat and brought her very special gift and passion for the labyrinth experience.

## Labyrinth

Once again, until my experience with the BDC, I wasn't clear on what a labyrinth was. I didn't know that it is an ancient tool for prayer and meditation, a unicursal path leading to a central space and then out again, a place of healing, of reconciliation – a place to ask God to order chaos in a busy and hectic world.

The 12 of us, who along with our gifted facilitators, shared our thoughts, shared the calming experience of the labyrinth. We shared a wonderful lunch prepared by Virginia and Steve Cummings, and discovered our gifts and how we might best share them with others.

In very simple surroundings, we shared the very special gift of God's peace, we shared the body and blood of Christ.

I went to my first BDC not really knowing what to expect or even if I'd stay. I went hoping I might discover a little about Islam.

I found so much more. My small investment of time and money has reaped many, many benefits.

After just four courses, I know a whole lot more about the Hebrew Bible, I know more about my world, and I know more about myself. In some way, each course has helped enrich my worship experience.

I highly recommend the BDC. It is a gem in the world of adult Christian education. I can hardly wait for the next course, and the one after that.

## St. James' parishioners explore many potential uses for new hall/gym space

By ROBERT MORROW

Parishioners from St. James', Dundas, recently met in a variety of members' homes to discuss the changes that should take place in the parish hall/gym.

The meetings provided an opportunity for all members of the congregation to help decide on the ultimate use of this space. The space will be renovated using Capital Campaign funds which raised \$400 000. Comments were recorded the comments and forwarded them to the Capital Campaign team and corporation for action.

## Canterbury Hills names new directors

By ROBERT MORROW

David Toth, St. Paul's, Glanford, has been appointed chair of the Canterbury Hills Board of Directors. Jim Rundle, St. Mary's, Bartonville, was named vice-chair and Jim Rundle, St. Mary's, Bartonville, was named secretary/treasurer.

The Canterbury Hills annual general meeting was held April 25 at Bagnall Lodge. Several new board members were welcomed including The Reverend Marni Nancekivell (St. Aidan's, Oakville), John Howard (St. Mary's, Bartonville, Hamilton), Rodger Boyd (St. Simon's, Oakville), Greg Murray (St. Matthias, Guelph) and The Rev. Barry Randle (Christ Church, Flamborough).

Returning and novice directors met again May 12 for an orientation session at Bagnall Lodge. At the meeting, new officers were elected for the Canterbury Hills Board of Directors. Also elected were Irene Pasel (St. James', Dundas) Synod Council representative, and Robert Morrow (St. James', Dundas) - past chair and recording secretary. John Layfield (St. John's, Ancaster) and Kirk Boyd (St. Simon's, Oakville), and Archdeacon Marion Vincett, executive officer, are also members of the board.



The REVEREND DAVID LINN explains to new and returning members of the Canterbury Hills Board of Directors, some of the finer points related to Bagnall Lodge while John Layfield takes the point for incoming deer.



# New Niagara readies for the number-crunchers

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Under the leadership of Sharon King of Starfield Consultants, Oakville, a team of 15 volunteers – clergy, senior staff and lay – was brought together to provide leadership to the diocese. They were trained in “appreciative inquiry”, a model used to develop a strategic direction for the diocese for the next three to five years.

The next step was to take the model to parishes where local committees would be trained to conduct their own “appreciative inquiry” within their communities. At other parishes, volunteer consultants took parishes through the process.

While excitement mounted in many areas of the diocese, there

were cynics who questioned the validity of the project.

But as the days and weeks passed, more became involved and excited, she said.

Seventy-three faith communities, from Fort Erie to Orangeville, completed the process which involved sharing peak faith moments, identifying values and wishes for the future.

All told, thousands of people were listened to, and their ideas and opinions validated. All results were tabulated.

From there, 25 people from across the diocese were invited to be part of the data compilation team. Members spent two days sorting values and wishes into common themes, which became the

basis of a document called Our Positive Core.

The paper revealed the 23 areas faith communities had identified as critical to the future of the Anglican Church in Niagara.

Team members compiled statements for each based on what they had read.

March 27 was Visioning Day. One-hundred people from across the diocese were invited to spend the day together. Their goal was to come up with a set of statements defining the New Niagara.

Four “Open Space” meetings followed across the diocese early in spring to give people an opportunity to review the statements, make amendments, alter, and always,

always “add”, Christyn said.

They were invited to create initiatives to address identified needs and opportunities. Open Space meetings were held at Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton, St. George’s, Guelph, St. George’s, St. Catharines, and St. Cuthbert’s, Oakville.

Over 300 people combined attended the four events. “Yes, it was lower than we had expected,” Christyn said.

The leadership team moved forward. Armed with the information compiled, they created three categories into which projects or initiatives could be put: local, regional or diocese-wide but requiring no funding only staff support, and diocese-wide requiring funding. The first two require no funding.

June 12 was another important day in the New Niagara calendar. Billed as a convergence day, it was held for all people who had initiated a funded project. The goal was to prioritize the top three to five initiatives and to begin costing for budgetary purposes for the next three years.

Submissions to the diocesan financial committee will be heard early this fall. There are six 10 pages of diocese-wide initiatives and five local and regional.

“It’s been an incredible experience,” Christyn said. “People are feeling so empowered, so excited as they see their initiatives unfold.”

She said the New Niagara process has re-energized thousands of people who have taken part.

“We’re all excited to see where it goes next,” Christyn said.

The success of New Niagara rests on the passions of its participants, she said. Initiatives and “actions” are available on the

diocesan website at [www.niagara.anglican.ca](http://www.niagara.anglican.ca).

“If someone doesn’t see (his/her) project or passion there, it’s not too late. They can contact me and we can work with them.”

The next step in the process will be determining funding for identified diocese-wide projects. The finance/budget committee will spend the summer developing various funding scenarios which priorities as well as taking into account the other initiatives and Our Positive Core, the summary of parish values and wishes.

These will be presented at the regional budget meetings. This is another opportunity for people to shape the diocese. People are encouraged to attend the meetings and vote for the scenario which best meets their values, wishes and priorities.

“We want as many people as possible to come out to the regional budget meetings. The more voices, the better. If people are genuinely passionate about something, they need to show their support.”

Bishop Ralph last year promised everything was up for grabs in the New Niagara. “Don’t let the small number of people who usually attend budget meetings determine the priorities of our diocese,” Christyn said. “Comeout and support your project and your values.”

Meeting dates will be posted on the website as they are confirmed.

Although it’s been an exhaustive process, Christyn said she feels “blessed” to have been part of this historic consultation.

“I used all of my gifts and I feel really connected. We’ve had great representation from the very young to the very old and I think that’s really cool.”

## Volunteer Opportunity Project Manager

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## Gallery 252 at the Cathedral

The most recent reincarnation of Gallery 252 at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton operates now with a few special showings through the year. They are advertised. In addition to these, as a summer project, Gallery 252 will dress cathedral altars in various liturgical colours complemented by displays of the matching or appropriate Eucharistic and festal vestments. Other Cathedral treasures from the archives will be displayed. The Cathedral is open for tourists from mid-morning to mid-afternoon on weekdays.

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# St. John's makes the connection

*Port Dalhousie parish's new narthex connects church with new parish centre*

Life is thriving at St. John's Church, Port Dalhousie. On Jan. 18, Bishop Ralph Spence officiated at the dedication of a new parish centre – a 450-square-metre (5,000-square-foot) addition which provides the parish with more space, new nursery facilities and an elevator, making the church buildings accessible to everyone.

More than \$200,000 in new money has already been raised within the congregation towards the \$500,000 cost of the centre. There were some rocky waters

through which the parish's building committee had to steer.

St. John's rector, The Rev. Canon Gordon Kinkley said committee chair Hap Lafferty (P.Eng.) did so with the assistance of Brian Leyden, "financial chair extraordinaire."

The parish's upper hall, constructed in 1912, has been completely refurbished and named Smiley Hall, in memory of William Charles Smiley, FCA.

"Bill Smiley ... was for most of his life a pillar of this parish and an indispensable servant to

the diocese," said Canon Kinkley.

A chartered accountant and partner-in-charge with Deloitte & Touche until his retirement, Mr. Smiley died Oct. 24, 1998.

### Rapid growth

For the past seven years, St. John's Church has been growing at a rate of 20 new families per year, Canon Kinkley said.

This past Easter Sunday, the parish set a 38-year record with 250 parishioners in attendance.

The growing number of parishioners was also evident during the church's annual Good Friday Walkathon. This year's walk raised more than \$1,300 for the Primates' World Relief and Development Fund.

Each year, under the direction of Barb Stone, St. John's Church sends more than \$3,000 to the work of the PWRDF.

Approximately 70 adults and young people take part in the annual walk through the streets of old Port Dalhousie carrying a large wooden cross. It is the same cross the parish uses earlier in the day walking the Stations of the Cross.

### Three areas

The parish growth comes from three areas: 30 per cent are people who have moved into Port Dalhousie (near Niagara Falls), 30 per cent are friends or relatives members and 40 per cent have come from outside of Port Dalhousie with no connections to the parish at all.

The latter group was "shopping" and found in St. John's Church "great vitality, a warm welcome and tolerance."

They decided to stay.

Canon Kinkley is now halfway through his 26th year at St. John's and he's seen the parish's operating budget grow 600 per cent from \$37,200 in 1978 to \$222,500 for 2004.

"It is a wonderful place to be,"

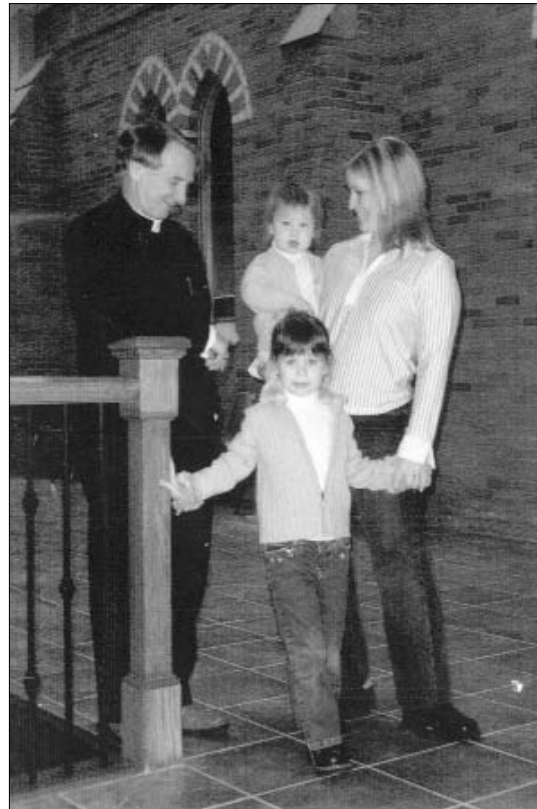


Photo by Greg Bokek

THE REV. CANON Gordon Kinkley stands in the new narthex which connects the new parish centre to the church. With him are youth worker Sonya Bokek and her daughters, Laryssa, 4, and Gillian, 18 months.

Canon Kinkley said. "The people are energetic, loving and very tolerant. I have been richly blessed."

On Sun., June 20, the parish was to have celebrated its Patronal Festival with the Feast of St. John the Baptist (transferred).

The event marks the 136th anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone for St. John's Church and the 170th anniversary of the parish.

Former Niagara Bishop John Bothwell celebrated the occasions with parishioners.



Photo by Stuart Bell

BUILDING COMMITTEE MEMBERS include chair Hap Lafferty, (front row left), Valerie Acott, Canon Gordon Kinkley, Brian Leyden, financial chair. (Second row left) Ed Storosko, Violet Priddle, ON, Wilma Howard, Gary Osmond. (Third row left) Theresa Bell, Kathleen Penton, Dave Cargill. (Top row left) Tom Turon, Roger Daniels, Dave Feasby, Joe Dobranski, Bill Filer, P.Eng, and diocesan representatives Roy Shoalts and Bryon Nicholson, P.Eng. Missing from the photo is Bruce Timmins, P.Eng.

## St. John's, Stewarttown celebrates 170th

St. John's, Stewarttown, is celebrating its 170th anniversary with an Evensong service on June 27. A special service will be held at the church at 5 p.m.

A strawberry social will precede the service starting at 3:30 p.m.

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# The 37th annual General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada



ACTING PRIMATE ARCHBISHOP David Crawley presides over the opening Eucharist of the 37th Session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. Niagara Archdeacon Lynne Corfield (far right) assists, and Bishop Ralph Spence can be seen behind Archbishop Crawley.

Photos by Diana Hutton



CHOIR MEMBERS CELEBRATE the opening Eucharist through song at Brock University, scene of the 37th session of General Synod.



MORE THAN 300 delegates, members and visitors attended the opening service on May 28 at the O'Sullivan Theatre, Brock University, St. Catharines.



THE FINAL BLESSING by acting Primate Archbishop David Crawley.

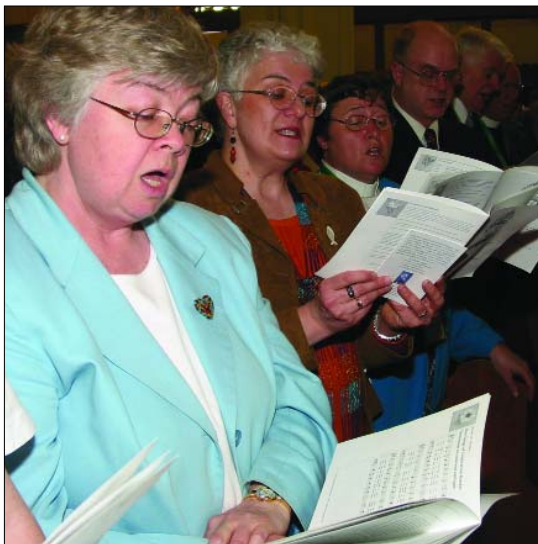


# The 37th annual General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada

ARCHBISHOP DAVID CRAWLEY (left) and newly elected Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, for the installation and closing Eucharist of General Synod. The Eucharist was highlighted by a procession through downtown Hamilton on June 4.



ARCHBISHOP HUTCHISON, primate, receives a gift from Aboriginal delegates.



CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL was filled to capacity June 4 for the installation of the Anglican Church of Canada's new primate. (Left photo) The faithful join in the celebration during the installation ceremony. (Right photo) Archbishop Hutchison accepts a gift from the Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. Several members of various faith traditions shared in the celebration, including the Jewish, Roman Catholic, United, and Islamic communities of Hamilton.



(LEFT PHOTO) A SPEAKER RAISES concerns over a motion during one of the many sessions of the 37th General Synod held at Brock University. (Right photo) In small working groups, synod delegates discuss a resolution about the blessing of same-sex unions. Niagara Bishop Ralph Spence can be seen at far right.





# Youth Page

## HEY! 24/7

*God is with you every minute of every day*



CHILDREN AT ST. JOHN the Evangelist, Hamilton take part in a special service during Children's Festival on April 24.

## Hundreds of young people celebrate a common faith

By SUSAN LITTLE

**H**ey! 24/7: God is with you every moment of every day! That's right, 24 hours, seven days a week.

That was the message of all Children's Festivals held April 24 or May 15 across the diocese.

Each location adopted this theme, 24/7, in its own way, but everyone – child or adult – will now think about 24/7 in a different way after the Children's Festivals.

At St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, more than 200 children and adults gathered for the 22nd Children's Festival.

It was one of the best for a number of reasons. One of the most outstanding features of this location is its wonderfully blessed musicians and singers.

### Everyday

The song, "Everyday", inspired and energized the children and adults throughout the day, challenging them to seek God's presence and to acknowledge God's power to overcome whatever obstacles they face in their lives.

Each age group rotated to singing during the day and their favourite was Pharaoh, Pharaoh.

The younger ones loved the rhythm instruments and the chorus

line chain they formed around the church as they sang the Veggie Tales "Forgiveness Song" that has a strong Mexican beat.

Quieter songs, like "God Is A Flashlight" gave children a chance to reflect, too, on the qualities of a God who is 24/7.

Older children liked the perennial favourite "The Days of Elijah".

Children went from one activity to another by following a person with balloons who played a song asking, "Children, children, will you come and follow me?" and they sang back the response, "Yes, Lord, yes."

Children had their choice of non-messy crafts. The favourite appeared to be a shield. They personalized a shield with symbols representing their particular awareness of God's 24/7 care for us.

Spiral mobiles, featuring creation and growth charts, and time capsules to measure or treasure developments were popular activities as well.

Glow-in-the-dark crosses or necklaces were a great take-home craft, gently assuring God's 24/7 presence in their lives.

In drama, a seven-year-old called Noah "an old geezer"

**Niagara's Children's Festivals – April 24, May 15**



CRAFTS, FRIENDS, FELLOWSHIP and fun were the order of the day for the annual Children's Festivals.



FACE PAINTING IS always a favourite pursuit at the diocese's Children's Festival. This one was held at St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton.

because Noah announced that he was 600 years old! Parents love it when someone else's child does this, don't they? Parents also loved the children's re-enactment of the story because they got to hold the squirt bottles.

### The flood

When the appropriate time in the drama came along, when the rains poured and poured for 40 days, the adults went crazy, spraying the ones on the ark (most of the most of the children were in the ark).

Fortunately, the children had umbrellas and rain slickers so there wasn't much damage.

The rainbow emerged at the end of the story as a sign of God's promises: 24/7.

To conclude the session, each child had some animal crackers to

munch on while an adult debriefed the story with them.

Games rated high again this year because of two old-time favourites: shoes and the parachute. All age groups enjoyed kicking their shoes or sorting them out from a pile for their friend. They also played with several different sizes of balls with the parachute.

The oldest groups raved about elbow tag. Adults delighted the children with the impossible knots they got themselves into.

By the end of the day, teen helpers were ready to crash, so the seasoned adults knew it had been a successful festival.

God's grace and spirit enabled so much to happen. But are we surprised? Of course not! After all, God is 24/7.



A STAR IS BORN

# GOD IS ALL AROUND US!

THE WELLINGTON CHILDREN'S Festival was a rousing success. (Top photo) The entire group poses for a fun photo outside the church after a celebratory parade through the neighbourhood to close the day. (Bottom left) Children between six and nine years old sing songs to celebrate God's presence in their lives 24/7. (Bottom right) Canon Reiny joined the children for lunch and shared some thoughts on God's presence all around them.



## Niagara Youth Conference an 'amazing experience' of friendship, faith development

The Niagara Youth Conference, better known as NYC, will take place in August, with approximately 110 participants and 58 years of history behind it.

This well-loved youth ministry program in Niagara welcomes youth ages 14-19 years for a week-long extravaganza of learning about themselves and others, community building, faith sharing, fun and frivolity.

NYC will take place from Aug. 29 to Sept. 3 at Camp Canterbury Hills.

As any past NYCer will tell you, the Niagara Youth Conference is an amazing experience of friendship and faith development, both for delegates and for the staff.

It is based on a conference model, so participants shouldn't expect a typical camp experience because that isn't what NYC is all about.

Some of the quotes from past conferences are:

- "An amazing experience. It rocks!"
- "Awesome to the full extent! We learn great

things."

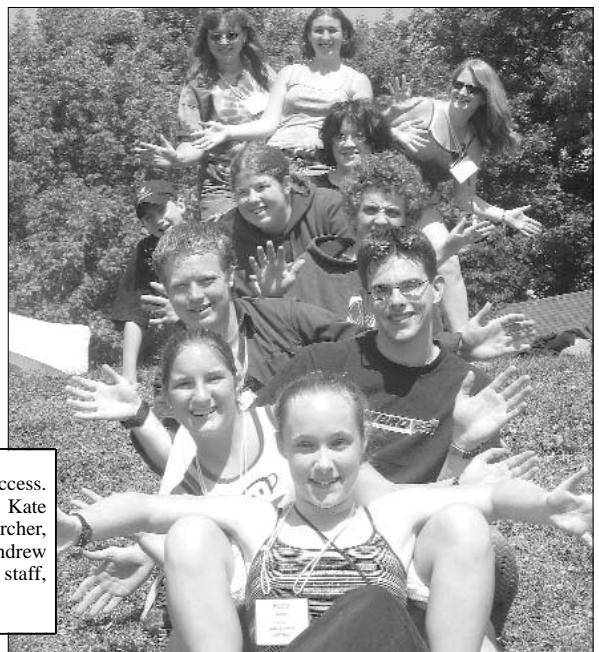
■ "You feel like you make a difference in people's lives."

■ "I have learned about myself, my qualities and abilities, and also how God talks to us."

If you would like more information about NYC, please contact Joyce Wilton at Cathedral Place at (905) 527-1316 ext. 430.

A limited number of bursaries are available for those delegates in need.

LAST SUMMER'S NYC was another huge success. Pictured here are (front to back) Katie Avery, Kate Kenel, Brian Perry, Drew Henry, Mitchell Archer, Erika Siebert, Sarah Johnston. (Back row) Andrew Schneider, The Reverend Kathy Morgan, staff, Sarah Warner, and Lyndsie Doyle, staff.



# Faith Journey

## The magic never dulls

Niagara Youth Conference (NYC) clearly stands out from all of my memories with the Church, specifically my first year as a delegate.

At 16, I had a million questions about life, about faith and about God.

NYC provided a forum for me to discuss such questions in a community that was accepting of who I was and in an environment that is one of a kind: a truly safe space.

I remember, vividly, the final worship service outside, a fabulous and new type of worship for me:

surrounded by God's creation, surrounded by new friends, in a space filled with "cool and lively" music, sharing the peace, as family should, through hugs and not handshakes. I remember the engaging liturgy and prayers, designed by the delegates, I remember getting chills throughout the service thinking about how great God is.

I've been going to NYC now for seven years and the magic that is NYC never dulls.

Bill Mous  
Fonthill



A DELEGATE TO LAST SUMMER'S NYC tries to wrestle a watergun from the hands of Bishop Ralph Spence. For many, NYC is recalled as a defining week in their lives

## The prodigal daughter



Rev. Chris McMaster's contributions to the local paper, The Sachem.

It seemed to be speaking directly to me, and I just knew I had to return to my roots and go back to what I regarded as my church and my faith.

The people of St. Paul's have become my spiritual family. Finally I have peace and confidence in myself with the help of Jesus Christ.

My life is much more fulfilled. I help with nursery and chalice, am on the Altar Guild and work in pastoral care.

Coming back to my faith has meant more to me than I can ever say. The help of Rev. Chris and the parishioners of St. Paul's have made me a far better person. May God bless you all.

Christine Gillies

I was born and educated in England. We were always Church of England (Anglican) members of our local church – St. Mary's, East Molesey.

My mother and father were married there, and both my sister and I were christened there. I joined Brownies, Girl Guides and finally Land Rangers. We then worshipped at St. Nicholas Church in Thames Ditton, Surrey. I was confirmed at St. Nicholas when I was 15.

Unfortunately, my church attendance lapsed sadly after immigrating to Canada.

I did attend an Anglican Church in Oakville on occasion. We moved to Caledonia in 1988. My husband was Catholic and we attended Christmas and Easter services at the local Roman Church.

I never felt any peace or reverence from attending these services.

My husband became very ill and I was the sole caregiver for over four years. At a real low point in my life, I read one of The

## An extended hand

Up until the time I had my two boys (in 1995 and 1997), my attendance at church was quite sporadic.

I went along because mom and dad encouraged me (bugged me a lot) and I felt it was a good thing to do for my children.

My roots go pretty far back at St. Matthew's on the Plains, Burlington.

My brother was baptized there, my aunt was married there, I was married there and my children were baptized there.

But even though my family had a history here, I never truly felt a part of the congregation.

I was always on the outside looking in – until a fellow parishioner, who was the co-ordinator for the ushers, asked if I would like to join one of the usher teams.

He said he needed me and it would be nice to have some younger females since there were too many men. Without hesitation I said yes!

It was the first time I felt a sense of belonging at church and realized that someone had noticed I was there.

Thank goodness we had support with the nursery. Knowing the boys were looked after enabled me to do my part on my scheduled days.

This encounter led me to a much larger involvement in the church both physically and spiritually, and I have one parishioner to thank for extending me that first invitation.

Leslie Gerlofs  
St. Matthew on the Plains, Burlington

## 9/11 tragedy strengthens faith

While still living in England, my husband and I attended Church of England services. When we moved to Canada, we went to an Anglican church where our last child was baptized. We worshipped there for two years.

Then we became very disillusioned and left. We talked a few times over the years about wanting to find another church, but it never happened.

Then in 2001, 9/11 occurred. It was a tragedy that deeply affected us.

English relatives worried about us and our assumed close proximity to New York City.

But our hearts went out to the families of the thousands killed in the Trade Towers.

### Compassion

Then we felt great compassion for firefighters and police officers, who worked long hours during the day of the crashes and in the weeks that followed.

We wanted to help and we decided to look for a church. We went to a church but found we really missed Anglican services.

Eventually, we tried St. George's, Homer, because we live in Virgil and it is in our area.

On our first visit there, we felt so welcomed. People were friendly to us at the coffee hour and we knew we had found a new home.

Since then, health issues have come up, and we have been so grateful for the support of our new church friends.

Tragedy brought us back to church and from here our faith has been strengthened.

Linda Brevitt  
St. George's, Homer.

## Family love brings new life

Have you ever prayed (bargained) for your life? What did you offer in exchange? On April 3, 1995, as my wife, Shirley, and I sat in Dr. Wilson's office at the Hamilton General Hospital, he told us I had multiple myeloma, a bone cancer.

Dr. Wilson showed us a 67-minute video, explaining how your bones produce your blood cells.

A decrease in red cells causes anemia. Your immune system has difficulty fighting infections without white blood cells. Platelets enable blood to clot; this can lead to kidney failure. I have played this video a number of times, to refresh my memory and remind myself how lucky I am to be here.

Dr. Foley at the Cancer Centre warned Shirley while I was in hospital in early 2003 that I was on the edge of life. He asked if we would try the drug thalidomide.

With the support of many church friends,

driving me back and forth to hospital and praying for me, I have made great progress. I thank the Lord for prayers answered.

Douglas Woodburn, O.N.

In December 2002, my husband Doug crashed in his health. He has a blood cancer. Our son, Scott, and daughter-in-law, Katherine, who live in Belleville, brought us home from the hospital and we spent some very worrying times together. In January, Doug went back to the Cancer Centre in Hamilton. The outlook was very poor.

Doug spent three weeks in hospital and then came home. The prognosis was not good. The doctor again suggested that I call my son home and make funeral arrangements as Doug would wish them to be.

During the time he was in hospital, my church family surrounded both of us with care and prayers. They saw to it that I did not miss

a day to visit in the hospital (I do not drive) and also fed me. They did many other chores for me and took me shopping and banking and to visits to my own doctor.

When Sundays came they saw that I was able to attend church. When I walked in the doors of St. Paul's, I could feel the love and care of my church family surround me. With all the prayers for Doug and the good care of his blood doctor, Doug was put on a new drug. This turned him around. He continues to attend worship weekly and is currently the people's warden.

The faith and prayers given on our behalf and the love of all surrounding us have given us new life. We continue to go forward with our trust in the Lord and humbly thank God for all of the care extended to us through the people of St. Paul's.

Shirley Woodburn



# Reducing anxiety, educating, healing

## Canon William Thomas is director of Interim Ministry

Ask Bill Thomas, "So, what do you do?" and you'll hear his warm chuckle followed by a thoughtful "Well..." as he begins describing his current ministry.

Since his ordination in 1980, Bill has served Niagara as a parish priest, director of Canterbury Hills, and canon pastor at Christ's Church Cathedral, where he still has an office.

Chairing Niagara's Transitional Ministry Committee, Bill assembles representatives of pastoral leadership change: interim clergy ("about 14 qualified folks right now"), Fresh Start Training teams, and Voluntary Transition consultants.

This committee advises the bishop and executive officer on policy, procedure and placement of interim clergy "in a variety of settings – hardly anything is normal any more," Bill said.

### Interim Ministry Network

Bill is also chair of the Judicatory Liaison Committee of the Interim Ministry Network (IMN), currently active in over 36 denominations in Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand.

"I help them design and conduct workshops and information events to introduce senior church executives to the whole concept of Interim Ministry."

A member of IMN's teaching faculty, Bill trains clergy of many denominations in transitional ministry, in several locations across North America.

Bill is himself an interim pastor for Niagara, first at Oakville's Church of the Incarnation, then at St. James and St. Alban's, Hamilton, and currently for the Church of the Ascension, Hamilton.

Why this interest in interim ministry? Referring to Canadian research, Bill warns that experience, "recorded in a rogues'

gallery of rectors," has shown that "after a rector has been in place for five to seven years or longer, the transition is difficult, and results in an unintentional interim that only lasts two to three years."

Also, Bill explains, "the rate of change in society and in the Church is steadily increasing, which tends to make people anxious," which can lead to poor decisions and difficult behaviours. IMN's goal is to "develop non-anxious clergy who hopefully can come in and guide congregations through a process of discernment as they prepare to search for a new rector."

## Getting to Know You

– The Rev. Fran Darlington

"You can push the analogy too far, but no one would counsel a recently divorced or widowed person to find a new partner quickly," Bill said. "The parallel is that neither in a voluntary organization is it wise to immediately seek a new rector."

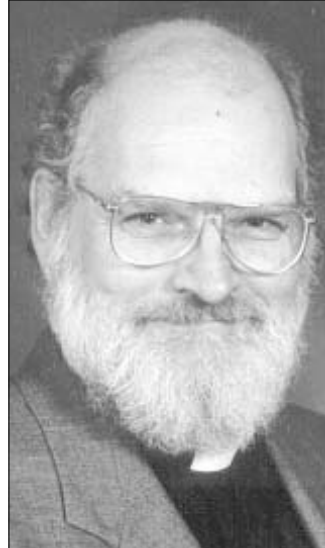
Bill cautions of a "tendency in parishes to see Interim Ministry as a time when they can hire part-time clergy and save money. The fact is that there is more work to be done, not less. The downside is that, (in dealing) with interim clergy on a part-time basis, parishes find themselves confronted with very different choices, for example the priorities of pastoral care versus necessary administration.

"Many parishes tend to define themselves in relationship to the current rector," he said. "They want to find a clone or the opposite, and miss the huge area between."

### Directions

Without reflection on "the parish and the neighbourhood, they concentrate on keeping the wheels on the wagon without looking at where the whole thing is going."

For example, Bill describes a recent exercise at his current placement, looking at past history, "identifying myths that hang around the place, ways of looking at ourselves that bear no relevance to ourselves today, (which have) no meaning whatever to someone who has a) never been part of a church, or b) is rediscovering church after a



THE REV. CANON WILLIAM THOMAS

long absence.

"The really positive aspect of Interim Ministry is to try out various things in (for example) worship, ministry, Bible study, evangelism ... without long-term commitment because ... the cleric is only there for a short time."

Big questions are also considered, such as "the viability of a parish, whether it needs to downsize and share a cleric, or a shift in local culture."

For example, when the Church of the Incarnation moved from a school cafeteria into its own building, more time and energy to manage that building became essential.

Other issues demanding serious attention include grief over the departure of a beloved rector or, conversely, distress at the end of a difficult relationship.

"Older generations say, 'Get on with it,' but younger folk respond, 'We don't work that way,'" Bill said. "All these need some healing before rushing off to search for a new rector."

In any relationship undergoing transition, those involved need to "discover who they were ... how they have grown and changed, (that) they are not the same as when they entered the relationship."

Drawing a parallel with a family trying to deal with a difficult relative, he says, "Hopefully, interim clergy are being helped to identify healthy systems ... and to figure out how to help heal unhealthy ones."

### Reducing anxiety

Summing up, Bill explains, "The interim process is largely about reducing anxiety, educating about what is normal, healing what is abnormal, and trying as much as possible to engage the whole community in the process of self-examination, visioning and decision-making."

In his personal life, Bill is able to instantly provide a list of helpful websites from memory. Bill says he "got into computers by necessity, to get work done," but he's also "fascinated with gadgets."

He also enjoys 3-D puzzles, particularly the Cathedral Series, of which he has completed several, and now awaits St. Peter's in Rome.

A former high school geography department head, Bill says, "I go canoeing every chance I get, (but) not as often as I'd like."

Also a keen reader, Bill enjoys "lots of sci-fi, some of the great classics from way before the Dune series, by Robert Heinlein or Isaac Asimov."

### Enjoys interim ministry

Bill knows himself well, admitting "I really do enjoy Interim Ministry, though I need to stretch the time between places. I think I'm looking forward to retirement, though there are days when it can't come fast enough."

Bill's wife, Jette, would second that idea. Asked what his plans are, he grins widely, "I want to build z-gauge train sets inside glass-topped coffee tables – that's something I need to do."

Under Bill Thomas' leadership, Interim Ministry in the Diocese of Niagara is in good hands. Bill appreciates the variety of opportunities, and the challenges of looking at the in-between times as much more than a span of being "on hold" until a new rector arrives in our parishes, and his guidance will benefit our diocese for years to come.

# The labyrinth of life offers pause, prayer

By NANCY F. REVIE

Yesterday, I walked the labyrinth. Let me explain. The church where I work has a labyrinth on loan.

It is really a huge piece of canvas with a maze-like circular drawing on it. It takes you on a long, winding path, ending up in the middle.

There is even a place where, if you so choose, you can step out of the labyrinth without completing your journey.

The canvas is right in the middle of the church's sanctuary and takes up pretty much all the available space.

It was quiet, with soft music playing in the background.

### Called to pray

As I walked, I felt called to pray for each part of the church and what lay beyond the walls. I prayed for the staff in the office as I passed by and for the people who lived in the homes past the office and beyond the city.

The same was true for each winding path – prayer for the building; angels surrounding and protecting it; the choir; the services; the leaders; the congregation; the church that shares the space and all who enter in.

Prayers kept pouring out of me – for



AT MOUNT CARMEL Spiritual Centre in Niagara Falls, Alpha program leaders at a recent retreat walked the labyrinth.

family; friends that are hurting; joys in my life. Prayers for my husband, my children, that they would have a hope and future.

I prayed without ceasing and it felt good! When I reached the middle, there set before me was a beautiful communion

table. There was room for everyone I had thought to pray for and all others as well.

I shared communion with two of my sisters-in-Christ – leaders in the Church. What joy filled my soul.

After communion, we repeated words to

a benediction.

Some of them included:

"Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine."

While my journey out of the labyrinth followed the same path as going in, I did not recognize it. It felt different.

As I got nearer and nearer to the end of my walk, I was moved to step up my pace. I was excited to be sent into the world to teach the good news of Jesus Christ.

I was refreshed and renewed, having spent only a few moments focusing on my Lord and creator.

My devotion that morning was 1 Samuel, Chapter 3. The verse that stayed with me was verse 19: "The Lord was with Samuel as he grew up, and he let none of his words fall to the ground."

As you walk your labyrinth of life, pray without ceasing, and when God speaks to you, answer, "Speak, for your servant is listening".

What joy will fill your soul.

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# AWARE: changing the lives of believers



RUTH COPLAND, with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, was the speaker for the AWARE weekend, held April 30-May 2 at the Guelph Bible Conference Centre. The theme this year was Living a Life of Peace.

By CHERYL MCNICHOL

**A**WARE is a special time away: two days of discovery, worship, prayer, praise, sharing and laughter.

The weekend includes speakers, worshipful music leaders, small group discussion, fun and fellowship.

This year's speaker was Ruth Copland from Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship.

Our worship leader was Ruth Wright and our priest was The Reverend Sandy Copland.

The theme was Living a Life of Peace. The following are some experiences in prose and poetry from some women who attended.

#### First AWARE

"This was the first AWARE I've been to. The impression on me was phenomenal. I went there longing to worship God but it had been a long time since I've been in a group with such intense praise. I learned that each year a banner is created to reflect the theme. The banner this year had a background of batik flames, with Bible verses about peace hidden throughout it. A translucent Jesus stood among the flames with His hands outstretched offering us His gift of peace during our personal times of fire."

#### Finding 'true' peace

"It applied to my life and I

came away from this weekend with such perfection. I couldn't feel true peace before because the fires around me have been burning me. Boiling inside from the emotion, I found it hard to write on the paper all that I tried to hide within me. How could anyone here understand? New faces, women with perfect lives, basically strangers, surrounded me. But then we were encouraged to share. I wasn't ready, this was too deep. At that moment, as I heard the others talk, their faces turned into something more. I found out I'm not the only one with complex and equally painful problems."

#### No judgments

"I was thankful to find out there were art supplies at the back. I like to express myself through art, especially while listening to worship music. I've missed having time to draw. Unfortunately I always judge my work and ask, 'does it look professional or is it good enough for my age' in my head. I realize now that is not how God judges it. He isn't looking to award a first prize to someone's work. Those questions stemmed from school and I no longer need to ask them."

#### God's timing

"There was something I was still waiting for, a moment of release, a moment of prayer and a moment of peace. But I was waiting for God's timing and the people He chose. It came while at the art table. On Saturday, as a few of us began to talk about our problems, I couldn't help but break into tears, and two women prayed for me. God gave me true peace in my soul."

#### Holy Spirit

"The service on Sunday was a whole new experience for me. It was the communion and an anointing filled with the Holy Spirit, His

presence ran through my anointer and tears ran down my face. My heart was filled with God's everlasting love."

#### My Shepherd's side

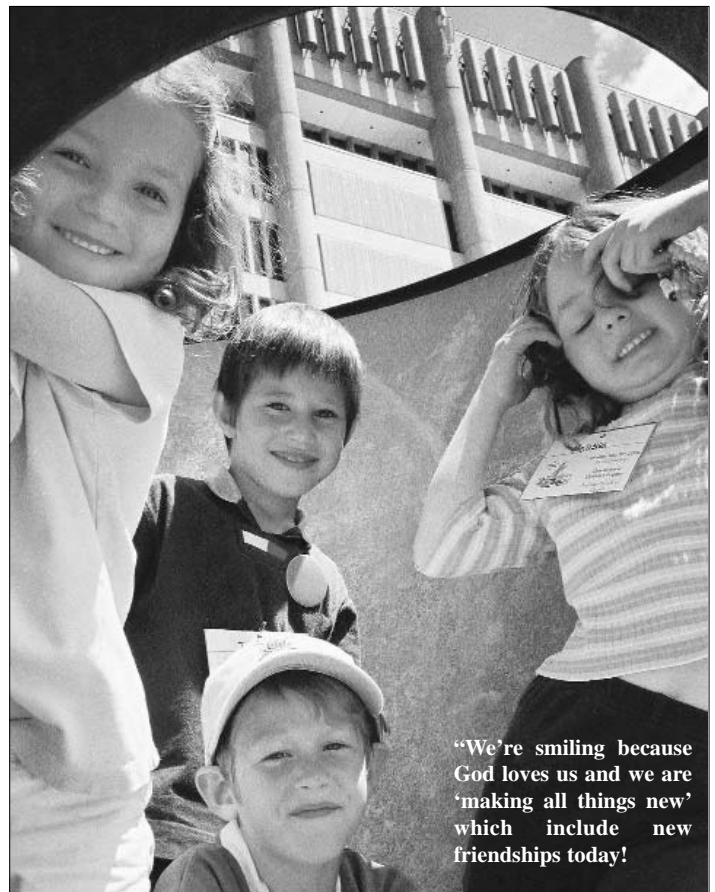
"This weekend, even though it was only a couple days long, brought me back to my Shepherd's side. I want to follow along the path He takes me."

*Cheryl McNichol is from Zion United Church in Gowanstown. Sharon Jenkins is a member of St. John the Evangelist, in Elora.*



A CHILDREN'S PROGRAM participant holds her group sign for others to follow in the various activities led throughout the day.

## General Synod Children's Program



"We're smiling because God loves us and we are 'making all things new' which include new friendships today!"



## Cycle of Prayer

By KAREN NOWICKI

June 16 – September 15, 2004

### June 16

Cueibet (The Sudan), Reuben Maciir Makoi. Niagara Retired Clergy: The Ven. Harold Llewellyn, Rev. Duncan Lyon, Rev. George Martyn, Rev. Canon James Maxwell. Cuba: La Santa Cruz parish in Santa Cruz del Norte; the Very Rev. Juan Ramon de la Paz Cerezo, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Ear Falls, Ontario; Southern Region; the Rev. Audrey Hazelwood, rector, parishioners.

### June 17

Cuernavaca (Mexico), Ramiro Delgado Vega. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Donald McIntyre, Ven. John McMulklin, Rev. Canon Eric Mills. Cuba: San Francisco de Asis parish in Cardenas; the Rev. Emilio Martin Fumero, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. George's Church in Emo, Ontario; Southern Region; the Rev. Eileen Bragg, rector, and parishioners

### June 18

Cuttack (North India), Dharendra Kumar Mohanty. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Charles Mitchell, Rt. Rev. Clarence Mitchell, Rev. Paul Moore. Cuba: Santa Maria Virger parish in Itabo; the Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Christ Church in Fort Alexander; Holy Trinity, Minnitaki, Ontario; St. George's, Little Black River, St. Phillip's, Manigotagan and Christ Church, Wanipigow, Manitoba; Southern Region; the Rev. Nancy Bruyere, rector, and the congregations.

### June 19

Corpus Christi. Cyangugu (Rwanda), Geoffrey Rwubusisi. Niagara Retired Clergy: Ven. Peter Moore, Rev. Carol Overing, Ven. Kenneth Patterson. Cuba: San Juan Evangelista in Coliseo; the Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John the Baptist in Fort Frances, Ontario; Southern Region; the Rev. Wayne McIntosh, rector and acting archdeacon in the Southern Region, and parishioners.

### June 20

Give thanks for the Province of Melanesia, The Most Rev. Sir Ellison Leslie Pogo. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Jack Pearce, Rev. Barbara Pettit, Rev. Canon Norman Pilcher. Cuba: Fieles a Jesus parish in Matanzas; the Ven. Pablo Oden Marichal Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Emmanuel Church in Ignace, Ontario; Southern Region; Jeanne Bryan, layleader-in-charge, and parishioners.

### June 21

Dallas (Province VII, U.S.), James M. Stanton. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Ruth Pogson, Rev. Canon William Rainey, Ven. John Rathbone. Cuba: San Felipe Diacono in Limonar; the Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Rodriguez Barreras, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Keewatin, Ontario; Southern Region; the Rev. Canon Cathy Giroux, rector, and parishioners.

### June 22

St. Alban. Damaturu (Province III, Nigeria), Daniel Abu Yisa. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Clarke Raymond, Rev. Larry Reese, Rev. Canon Fred Roberts. Cuba: La Trinidad in Bermeja; the Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Barreras Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Alban's Cathedral in Kenora, Ontario; Southern Region; the Very Rev. Hugh Matheson, dean, and parishioners.

### June 23

Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania), Valentino Mokiwa. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon Richard Rokeby, Rev. Edward Sewell. Cuba: San Pablo in Bolondron; the Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Barreras Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba; Southern Region; the Rev. Sandra Tankard and parishioners.

### June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist. Delaware (Province III, U.S.), Wayne Parker Wright. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon Beverley Shanley, Rev. Olive Shepherd, Ven. Robert Snelling. Cuba: El Buen Pastor in Guira de Macurijes; the Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Barreras Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Pinawa Christian Fellowship in Pinawa, Manitoba; Southern Region; the Rev. Robert Murray, rector, and parishioners.

### June 25

Delhi (North India), Karam Masih. Niagara Retired Clergy: Canon Charles Stirling, Rev. Henk Stokreef, Rev. Ian Stuart. Cuba: La Trinidad in Los Arabos; the Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Church of the Advent in Pine Falls, Manitoba; Southern Region; the Rev. Sandra Tankard, rector, and parishioners.

### June 26

Derby (Canterbury, England), Jonathan Sansbury Bailey. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. James Styles, Rev. Stuart Summerhayes, Rev. Canon Paul Taylor. Cuba: Jesus Nazareno in Santa Clara; the Rev. Julio Alonso Milián, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Rainy River, Ontario; Southern Region; rector to be chosen, and parishioners.

### June 27

Give thanks for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico, The Most Rev. Samuel Espinoza-Venegas, primate. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Canon William Thistle, Rev. David Thomas, Rev. Robert Thorne. Cuba: San Pablo in Cienfuegos; Rev. Hector Pablo Conde Suarez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Church of Cleopas, shared ministry parish with the United Church of Canada in Red Lake, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Canon Terry McNear, rector, and parishioners.

### June 28

Derby-Repton (Canterbury, England), David Christopher Hawtin. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Dorothy Thorpe, Rev. Graham Thorpe, Rev. Robert Tilbury. Cuba: Santa Maria in Rodas; Rev. Hector Pablo Conde Suarez, ministro encargado and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mary's Church in Sioux Lookout, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Susan Barclay and parishioners.

### June 29

St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles. Derry and Raphoe (Armagh, Ireland), Kenneth Raymond Good. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Arthur Tribe, Rev. Clifford Ward, Rev. Alan Whitton. Cuba: San Bernabe in Sancti Spiritus; Rev. Hector Pablo Conde Suarez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Wabigoon, Ontario; Southern Region; rector to be chosen, and parishioners.

### June 30

The Diocese in Europe (Canterbury, England), Geoffrey Rowell; David Hamid. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Tom Wilding, Rev. Neil Williams, Rev. Canon Constance Williston. Cuba: Todos los Santos in Guantanamo; the Ven. Carlos Manuel Rivero de Fera, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's, Big Trout Lake, Ontario; Northern Manitoba Region; the Rev. John Albany, deacon-in-charge, and parishioners.

### July 1

Dogura (Papua New Guinea), Tevita Talanoa. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rt. Rev. Walter Asbil, Ven. Harry Bagnall, Sister

Benedetta. Cuba: Santa Maria in Santiago de Cuba; Rev. Ulises Aguero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Churchill, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Hannah Bazlik, rector, and parishioners.

### July 2

Dominican Republic (Province IX, U.S.), Julio Cesar Holguin Khoury. Niagara Retired Clergy: Ven. Richard Berryman, Rev. Jack Bielby, Ven. Laughton Binns. Cuba: San Lucas in Santiago de Cuba; Rev. Ulises Aguero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Luke's Church, Bird in Gillam, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Catherine Beady, rector, and parishioners.

### July 3

Dornakal (South India), Rajarathnam Allu. Niagara Retired Clergy: Niagara: Rev. Canon David Blackwood, Rev. William Blott, Rev. David Bolton, Rt. Rev. John Bothwell. Cuba: San Agustin in Mirando; Rev. Ulises Aquero Prendes, rector and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Andrew's Church in Gillam, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Verna Jebb, rector, and parishioners.

### July 4

Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma), The Most Rev. Samuel San Si Htay, primate. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Glen Bresee, Rev. Canon Paul Brillinger, Rev. Donald Brown, Rev. John Burke. Cuba: San Juan Bautista in Plama Soriano; Rev. Ulises Aquero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John the Divine in Long Dog Lake and St. Mary's in Lac Seul, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Jeremiah Nanokeesic, priest-in-charge, and the people of those congregations.

### July 5

Down and Dromore (Armagh, Ireland), Harold Creeth Miller. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Brian Burrows, Rev. Arthur Capper, Ven. Ken Cardwell, Ven. Earl Clark. Cuba: San Andres in Manati; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's Church in Norway House, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Lawrence Apetagon, rector, and parishioners.

### July 6

Dublin and Glendalough (Dublin, Ireland), John Robert Winder Neill. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Morley Clark, Rev. Donald Coombe, Rev. Stephen Coombs, Rev. Ted Crabtree. Cuba: San Jorge in Bartle; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Shamattawa, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Mary Ann Miles, rector, and parishioners.

### July 7

Durgapur (North India), Niagara Retired Clergy: Ven. Harry Dawson, Ven. Ian Dingwall, Rev. John Docker, Rev. John Dunn. Cuba: San Pedro in Jobabo; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John the Baptist Church in Tataskweyak (Split Lake), Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Martha Spence, priest-in-charge and parishioners.

### July 8

Durham (York, England), Michael Turnbull. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Joseph Edwards, Rev. Donald Eustace, Ven. Malcolm Evans. Cuba: San Pablo in Camaguey; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Tadoule Lake and St. James in Thicket Portage, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Ven. Gordon Swanson, archdeacon of the Northern Manitoba Region and people of those congregations.

### July 9

Durham-Jarrow (York, England), Michael Turnbull; John L. Pritchard. Niagara Retired Clergy: Canon Desmond Fleming, Rt. Rev. Joachim Fricker, Rev. Robert

Gallagher. Cuba: San Lucas in Sibanicu; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's Church in Pikwitonei, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; and parishioners.

### July 10

Dutse (Province III, Nigeria), Yesufu Ibrahim Lumu. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Robert Gardner, Rev. Canon Lloyd Gesner, Rev. Norman Green. Cuba: San Juan Evangelista in Vertientes; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Stephen's Church in Ilford and the Anglican Mission in Island Lake, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; and those congregations.

### July 11

Give thanks for the Church of North India (United), The Most Rev. Zechariah James Terom, primate. Niagara Retired Clergy: Rev. Ian Grieve, Ven. Robert Grigg, Rev. David Hamilton. Cuba: The parish of San Miguel in Nuevitas; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Thompson, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. David Maynard and parishioners.

### July 12

St. Benedict (Trans., East Ankole (Uganda), Elisha Kyamugambi. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. John's, Ancaster; Rev. David Pickett, rector, Rev. Pamela Guyatt, assistant curate, Rev. Olive Shepherd, Canon Philip Jefferson, honorary assistants and parishioners. Cuba: La Santisima Trinidad in La Gloria; Rev. Evelio Perez Rubi, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in York Landing, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Obediah Wastesicoot, layleader-in-charge, and parishioners.

### July 13

East Carolina (Province IV, U.S.), Clifton Daniel. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. Paul, Caledonia; Rev. Christine McMaster, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: El Buen Pastor in Esmeralda; Rev. Evelio Perez Rubi, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Bearskin Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Ven. Alex Fox, Archdeacon, Rev. Howie McKay, rector, and parishioners.

### July 14

East Tennessee (Province IV, U.S.), Charles Glen vonRosenberg. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. John the Divine, Cayuga and St. John, York; rector to be chosen, and people of those congregations. Cuba: La Santisima Trinidad in Moron; Rev. Alfredo Nuno Sierra, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Big Trout Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Thaddeus Cutfeet, rector, and parishioners.

### July 15

Eastern Himalayas (North India), Dharendra Kumar Sahu. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. John, Cheapside and All Saints, Hagersville; Rev. Lynne Thackwray, rector, Rev. John Docker, honorary assistant, and those congregations. Cuba: La Anunciacion in Florida; Rev. Aurelio de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Cat Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Titus Keewaycabo, rector, and parishioners.

### July 16

Eastern Kowloon (Hong Kong), Louis Tsui. Western Kowloon (Hong Kong), Thomas Yee-po Soo. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. James, Dundas; Canon James Sandilands, rector, Rev. Stephen Murray, assistant curate, Ven. Robert Grigg, Rev. David Linn, honorary assistants and parishioners. Cuba: Santa Maria de la Gracia in Cespedes; Rev. Aurelio de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Fort Hope, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Clara Nate and parishioners.

### July 17

Eastern Michigan (Province V, U.S.), Edwin Max Leidel. Niagara: (Mohawk) Christ Church, Flamborough; Canon Barry

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Randle, rector, Rev. Donald McIntyre, Canon Wendy Roy, honorary assistants and parishioners. Cuba: San Juan Bautista in Florencia; Rev. Alfredo Nuno Sierra, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Fort Severn, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Moses Kakekaspan, rector, and parishioners.

## July 18

Give thanks for the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), The Most Rev. Peter Jasper Akinola, primate. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. Paul, Glanford; Rev. Kristine Swire, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: Santiago Apostol in Baragua; Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's Church in Kasabonika, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Stewart Nanokeesic, rector, and parishioners.

## July 19

Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Canada), Donald F. Harvey. Niagara: (Mohawk) Holy Trinity, Hamilton; Rev. Victoria Hedelius, rector, Rev. Morley Clark, Rev. Keith Morrison, honorary assistants, and parishioners. Cuba: San Lucas in Ciego de Avila; Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Matthew's Church in Kingfisher Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Samuel Winter, rector, and parishioners.

## July 20

Eastern Oregon (Province VIII, U.S.), William Otis Gregg. Niagara: (Mohawk) Church of the Resurrection, Hamilton; Ven. Dr. Richard Jones, rector, Rev. Leon Burke, Rev. Elizabeth Loring, assistant curates, Rev. Victoria Hedelius, priest associate, Ven. Marion Vincett, honorary assistant, Rev. Howard Gorle, deacon assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: Miguel y Todos los Angeles in Ceballos; Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Matthew's Church in Muskrat Dam, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Morris Fiddler and the parishioners.

## July 21

Eastern Zambia (Central Africa), John Osmer. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. Michael, Hamilton; Rev. Lynda Kealey, rector, Canon Fred Roberts, Ven. Harold Llewellyn, honorary assistants, and parishioners. Cuba: Cristo Rey in Cuatro Esquinas; Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Osnaburgh, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Virginia Masakeyash, layleader-in-charge, and parishioners.

## July 22

St. Mary Magdalene. Easton (Province III, U.S.), Charles L. Longest. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. Paul, Hamilton; Canon Patrick Doran, rector, Rev. Dr. Brian Ruttan, Rev. Dr. Michael Knowles, honorary assistants, and parishioners. Cuba: El Buen Pastor in Boqueron; Ven. Carlos Manuel Rivero de Feria, ministro encargado, and the people of parishioners. Keewatin: St. Clement's Church in Sachigo Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Solomon Beardy, rector, and parishioners.

## July 23

Eau Claire (Province V, U.S.), Keith Bernard Whitmore. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. Stephen-on-the-Mount, Hamilton; Canon Scott McNaughton, rector, Ven. John Rathbone, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: San Jorge in Chaparra; Rev. Aurelio de la Paz Cot, ministro encargado and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Barnabas Church in Summer Beaver, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Georgina Neshinapaise, rector, and parishioners.

## July 24

Edinburgh (Scotland), Brian Arthur Smith. Niagara: (Mohawk) St. Paul, Jarvis and Christ Church, Nanticoke; Rev. Erin Marriott, priest-in-charge, and those con-

gregations. Cuba: El Espiritu Santo; Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, ministro encargado and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Wapekeka, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Rita Cutfeet, rector, and parishioners.

## July 25

Give thanks for the Church of Pakistan (United), Most Rev. Samuel Azariah, primate. Niagara: (Mohawk) Christ Church, Woodburn; Rev. Kathy Morgan, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: The parish of El Redentor in Las Tunas; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Weagamow Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Sarah Sakachekapo, rector, and parishioners.

## July 26

St. James the Apostle (Trans.) Edmonton (Rupert's Land, Canada), Victoria Matthews. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Christopher, Burlington; Canon Dr. Fred Gosse, rector, Rev. Jean Archbell, priest associate, Rev. Daniel Tarnic, assistant curate, Rev. Stephen Coombs, Canon Lloyd Gesner, honorary assistants, Ven. Ian Dingwall, honorary priest associate and parishioners. Cuba: Santa Maria in San Manuel; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: Church of the Messiah in Webeque, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Stephen Ashpanaquestum, rector, and parishioners.

## July 27

Egba (Province I, Nigeria), Matthew Oluremi Owadayo. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Elizabeth, Burlington; Rev. Roger Forster, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: San Pedro in Santiago de Cuba; Rev. Ulises Mario Aguero Prendes, ministro encargado and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Wunnumin Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Joel Bighead, rector, and parishioners.

## July 28

Egbu (Province II, Nigeria), Emmanuel Uchechukwu Iheagwam. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. John, Burlington; Rev. Victoria Edgeworth-Pitcher, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: La Transfiguracion in Solá; Rev. Evelio Perez Rubi, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: The Diocese of Keewatin; Rt. Rev. David N. Ashdown, bishop, his wife, Penny, and their family.

## July 29

Egypt (Jerusalem and The Middle East), Mouneer Hanna Anis. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Luke, Burlington; Canon Michael Bird, rector, Rev. Robert Hurkmans, assistant curate, Rev. Dr. Sharyn Hall, parish vicar, Rev. William Gibb, honorary deacon assistant, Rev. Deacon Anne Crawford and parishioners. Cuba: La Transfiguracion in Tabor; Rev. Evelio Perez Rubi, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: Church of the Good Shepherd in Atikokan, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Robert Faykes, rector, and parishioners.

## July 30

Ekiti (Province I, Nigeria), Samuel Adedaye Abe. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Matthew, Burlington; Canon Carol Skidmore, rector, Rev. Suzanne Craven, assistant curate, and parishioners. Cuba: San Pedro Apostol in Zorrilla; Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, ministro encargado, and the parish. Keewatin: St. Luke's Parish in Dryden, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Patricia Cleghorn, rector, and parishioners.

## July 31

Ekiti West (Province I, Nigeria), Samuel Oludare Oke. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Philip, Burlington; Rev. Susan Nicolls, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: Episcopal Diocese of Cuba; Interim Bishop Miguel Tamayo Zaldivar, his wife, Martha Lopez Riutort, and their family. Keewatin: St. Paul's, Church in Ear Falls, Ontario;

Southern Region; Rev. Audrey Hazelwood, rector, and parishioners.

## August 1

Give thanks for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea, The Mt. Rev. James Simon Ayong, primate. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. George, Georgetown; Rev. Robert Park, rector, Ven. John McMulklin, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: The Worcester Seminario Evangelico de Teologia in the city of Matanzas and students and faculty. Keewatin: St. George's Church in Emo, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Eileen Bragg, rector, and parishioners.

## August 2

El Camino Real (Province VIII, U.S.), Richard L. Shimpfky. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Alban, Glen Williams; Rev. Grahame Stap, priest-in-charge and parishioners. Cuba: Cathedral of La Santisima Trinidad in Havana; the Very Rev. Juan Ramon de la Paz Cerezo, dean, and parishioners. Keewatin: Christ Church in Fort Alexander; Holy Trinity, Minnitaki, Ontario; St. George's, Little Black River, St. Phillip's, Manigotagan and Christ Church, Wanipigow, Manitoba; Southern Region; Rev. Nancy Bruyere, rector, and those congregations.

## August 3

El-Obeid (The Sudan), Ismail Abudigin Kawo Gibreil. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Stephen, Hornby and St. John, Stewarttown; Rev. Tim Novis, rector and the people of those congregations. Cuba: The parish of El Calvario in Jesus del Monte; Rev. Ian Gonzalez Tasse, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John the Baptist in Fort Frances, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Wayne McIntosh, rector and acting archdeacon in the Southern Region, and parishioners.

## August 4

Eldoret (Kenya), Thomas Kogo. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. George, Lowville and St. John, Nassagaweya; Canon Charles Masters, rector, Rev. Jerome Salloum, priest associate, Rev. Peter Case, honorary assistant, Rev. Deacon William Phipps and those congregations. Cuba: San Juan Evangelista in Bacuranao; Rev. Nerva Luisa Cot Aguilera, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Emmanuel Church in Ignace, Ontario; Southern Region; Jeanne Bryan, layleader-in-charge, and parishioners.

## August 5

Ely (Canterbury, England), Anthony John Russell. Niagara: (Trafalgar) Grace Church, Milton; Canon Dr. Mark McDermott, rector, Rev. Randall Johnson, Rev. Carole Langlotz, honorary assistants, and parishioners. Cuba: La Santa Cruz in Santa Cruz del Norte; Very Rev. Juan Ramon de la Paz Cerezo, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Keewatin, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Canon Cathy Giroux, rector, and parishioners.

## August 6

The Transfiguration of Our Lord. Ely-Huntingdon (Canterbury, England), John Robert Flack. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Paul, Norval; Rev. Dr. Richard Ruggle, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: San Francisco de Asis in Cardenas; Rev. Emilio Martin Fumero, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Alban's Cathedral in Kenora, Ontario; Southern Region; Very Rev. Hugh Matheson, dean, and parishioners.

## August 7

Give thanks for Sacristans and those who serve on altar guilds. Niagara: (Trafalgar) Church of the Epiphany, Oakville; Canon Robert McCord, rector, Rev. Philip Santram, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: Santa Maria Virger in Itabo; Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Lac Du Bonnet, Manitoba; Southern Region; Rev. Sandra Tankard and parishioners.

## August 8

Give thanks for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines, The Most Rev. Ignacio

Capuyan Soliba, primate. Niagara: (Trafalgar) Church of the Incarnation, Oakville; Canon Trudy Lebas, rector, Rev. Ian Grievie, priest emeritus, and parishioners. Cuba: San Juan Evangelista in Coliseo; Rev. Griselda Delgado del Carpio, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Pinawa Christian Fellowship in Pinawa, Manitoba; Southern Region; Rev. Robert Murray, rector, and parishioners.

## August 9

Embu (Kenya), Moses Njeru Njue. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Aidan's, Oakville; Canon Marni Nancekivell, rector, Rev. Mary Lucas, honorary assistant and parishioners. Cuba: Fieles a Jesus in Matanzas; Ven. Pablo Oden Marichal Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Church of the Advent in Pine Falls, Manitoba; Southern Region; Rev. Sandra Tankard, rector, and parishioners.

## August 10

Enugu (Province II, Nigeria), Emmanuel O Chukwuma. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Cuthbert, Oakville; Rev. Joseph Asselin, rector, Rev. Audrey Conard, honorary assistant, Rev. Cheryl Gaver, youth co-ordinator, and parishioners. Cuba: San Felipe Diacono in Limonar; Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Rodriguez Barreras, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Rainy River, Ontario; Southern Region; rector to be chosen, and parishioners.

## August 11

Esan (Province II, Nigeria), Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Hilda, Oakville; Rev. Paul Charbonneau, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: La Trinidad in Bermeja; Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Barreras Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: Church of Cleopas, shared ministry parish with the United Church in Red Lake, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Canon Terry McNear, rector, and parishioners.

## August 12

Convocation of American Churches in Europe (Province II, U.S.), Pierre Welté Whalon. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Jude's, Oakville; Rev. Michael Thompson, rector, Rev. Martha Tarnic, assistant curate, Canon Norman Pilcher, honorary assistant, Ven. Harry Dawson, pastoral associate, and parishioners. Cuba: San Pablo in Bolondron; Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Barreras Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mary's Church in Sioux Lookout, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Susan Barclay and parishioners.

## August 13

Exeter (Canterbury, England), Michael Laurence Langrish. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Simon's, Oakville; Rev. Darcey Lazerte, rector, Rev. Owen Ash, assistant curate, Rev. Robert Gardner, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: El Buen Pastor in Guira de Macurijes; Rev. Dr. Juan Manuel Barreras Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Wabigoon, Ontario; Southern Region; rector to be chosen, and parishioners.

## August 14

Exeter-Crediton (Canterbury, England), Richard Stephen Hawkins. Niagara: (Trafalgar) Appleby College, Oakville; Rev. Robert Lennox, chaplain, and students and faculty members. Cuba: La Trinidad in Los Arabos; Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's, Big Trout Lake, Ontario; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. John Albany, deacon-in-charge, and parishioners.

## August 15

Give thanks for the Province de L'Eglise Episcopal du Rwanda, The Most Rev. Emmanuel Mbona Kolini, primate. Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Mildred-Lightbourn School, Oakville; Rev. Maria Nightingale, chaplain, and students and faculty. Cuba: Jesus Nazareno in Santa Clara; Rev. Julio Alonso Milian, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Churchill, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba

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Region; Rev. Hannah Bazlik, rector, and parishioners.

### August 16

St. Mary the Virgin (Trans.) Exeter-Plymouth (Canterbury, England), John Henry Garton, Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Michael's Convent; Sister Michael and staff. Cuba: San Pablo in Cienfuegos; Rev. Hector Pablo Conde Suarez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Luke's Church, Bird in Gillam, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Catherine Beardy, rector, and parishioners.

### August 17

Ezo (The Sudan), Benjamin John Ruati, Niagara: (Trafalgar) St. Luke's, Palermo; Rev. Linda Corry, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: Santa Maria in Rodas; Rev. Hector Pablo Conde Suarez, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Andrew's Church in Gillam, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Verna Jebb, rector, and parishioners.

### August 18

Faisalabad (Pakistan), John Samuel, Niagara: (Trafalgar) Grace Church, Waterdown; Canon Laurence Duby, rector, and the parishioners. Cuba: San Bernabe in Sancti Spiritus; Rev. Hector Pablo Conde Suarez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John the Divine in Long Dog Lake and St. Mary's in Lac Seul, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Jeremiah Naokeesic, priest-in-charge and those congregations.

### August 19

Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean), Gilbert Rateloser Rakotondravelo, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. Alban, Acton; Rev. Mark Tiller, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: Todos los Santos in Guantnamo; Ven. Carlos Manuel Rivero de Fera, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's Church in Norway House, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Lawrence Apetagon, rector, and parishioners.

### August 20

Florida (Province IV, U.S.), Stephen Hays Jecko, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) Grace Church, Arthur and St. Paul, Mount Forest; Rev. Steele Lazerte, rector, and those congregations. Cuba: Santa Maria in Santiago de Cuba; Rev. Ulises Agüero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Shamattawa, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Mary Ann Miles, rector, and parishioners.

### August 21

Fond du Lac (Province V, U.S.), Russell Edward Jacobus, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. John's, Elora; Canon Robert Hulse, rector, Rev. Lincoln McKeon, assistant curate, Rev. John Burke, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: San Lucas in Santiago de Cuba; Rev. Ulises Agüero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John the Baptist Church in Tataskweyak (Split Lake), Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. Martha Spence, priest-in-charge, and parishioners.

### August 22

Give thanks for the Church of the Southern Cone (Iglesia Anglicana del Cono Sur de America), Rt. Rev. Gregory James Venables, primate, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) All Saints, Erin; Rev. Amy Cousineau, rector, Canon Muriel Hornby, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: San Agustin in Miranda; Rev. Ulises Agüero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Tadoule Lake and St. James in Thicket Portage, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Ven. Gordon Swanson, archdeacon of the Northern Manitoba Region, and those congregations.

### August 23

Fort Worth (Province VII, U.S.), Jack Leo Iker, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. James, Fergus; Rev. Stephen Wichter, rector, Rev. Nigel Bunce, assistant curate and parishioners. Cuba: San Juan Bautista in Plama Soriano; Rev. Ulises Agüero Prendes, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's

Church in Pikwitonei, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; and parishioners.

### August 24

St. Bartholomew, Fredericton (Canada, Canada), William J. Hockin, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. David & St. Patrick, Guelph; Rev. David Howells, rector, Rev. Pauline Head, assistant curate, Canon Lucy Reid, honorary assistant and parishioners. Cuba: San Andres in Manati; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Stephen's Church in Ilford and the Anglican Mission in Island Lake, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; and those congregations.

### August 25

Freetown, Sierra Leone (West Africa), Julius Olotu Prince Lynch, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. George, Guelph; Ven. Thomas Greene, rector, Rev. Jean Mitchell, Rev. Stephen Berryman, assistant priests, Canon William Rainey, honorary assistant, and parishioners. Cuba: San Jorge in Bartle; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Thompson, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Rev. David Maynard and parishioners.

### August 26

Gahini (Rwanda), Alexis Bilinda-bagabo, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. James, Guelph; Rev. Kevin Bothwell, rector, Canon John Garrett, Canon Emery Harris, Rev. Barbara Pettit, Canon Constance Williston, honorary assistants, and parishioners. Cuba: San Pedro in Jobabo; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: The parish of St. John's Church in York Landing, Manitoba; Northern Manitoba Region; Obediah Wastesicoot, layleader-in-charge, and parishioners.

### August 27

Gambia, The Gambia (West Africa), Solomon Tilewa Johnson, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. Matthias, Guelph; Canon Margaret Murray, rector, Canon Richard Rokeby, honorary assistant, Rev. Deacon John Rokeby and parishioners. Cuba: San Pablo in Camaguey; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Bearskin Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Ven. Alex Fox, archdeacon, Rev. Howie McKay, rector, and parishioners.

### August 28

George (Southern Africa), Donald Frederick Harker, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. Alban, Grand Valley; Rev. Susan Wilson, deacon-in-charge and parishioners. Cuba: San Lucas in Sibanicu; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Big Trout Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Thaddeus Cutfeet, rector, and parishioners.

### August 29

Give thanks for the Church of South India (United), The Most Rev. K. J. Samuel, primate, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. Mark, Orangeville; Rev. Peter Scott, rector, Rev. Patricia Lucy, assistant curate, Rev. George Martyn, honorary assistant, Rev. Deacon Ronald Pincoe and parishioners. Cuba: San Juan Evangelista in Vertientes; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Cat Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Titus Keewaycabo, rector, and parishioners.

### August 30

Georgia (Province IV, U.S.), Henry Irving Louttit, Niagara: (Greater Wellington) St. John, Rockwood; Rev. Susan Wells, rector, Canon William Rainey, interim pastor, and parishioners. Cuba: The parish of San Miguel in Nuevitas; Ven. Juan Antonio Gonzalez Rodriguez, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. James Church in Fort Hope, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Clara Nate and parishioners.

### August 31

Gippsland (Victoria, Australia), Jeffrey William Driver, Niagara: (Greater

Wellington) St. Paul, Shelburne, St. James, Dundalk, Christ Church, Whitfield; Rev. Richard Moore, rector, and those congregations. Cuba: La Santisima Trinidad in La Gloria; Rev. Evelio Perez Rubi, rector and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Fort Severn, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Moses Kakekaspan, rector, and parishioners.

### September 1

Gitega (Burundi), Jean W. Nduwayo, Niagara: (Undermount) Cathedral Place, Hamilton; Rt. Rev. D. Ralph Spence, bishop, the Synod Office and Cathedral staff. Cuba: El Buen Pastor in Esmeralda; Rev. Evelio Perez Rubi, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Mark's Church in Kasabonika, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Stewart Nanokeesic, rector, and parishioners.

### September 2

Glasgow and Galloway (Scotland), Idris Jones, Niagara: (Undermount) All Saints, Hamilton; Rev. Gale Macaulay-Newcombe, rector; Rev. Paul Crippen, assistant curate, Canon Terry DeForest, Rev. Robert Tilbury, honorary assistants, and parishioners. Cuba: La Santisima Trinidad in Moron; Rev. Alfredo Nuno Sierra, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Matthew's Church in Kingfisher Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Samuel Winter, rector, and parishioners.

### September 3

Gloucester (Canterbury, England), David Edward Bentley, Niagara: (Undermount) Ascension, Hamilton; Canon William Thomas, interim pastor, Rev. Neil Williams, Rev. James Styles, honorary assistants and parishioners. Cuba: La Anunciacion in Florida; Rev. Aurelio de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Matthew's Church in Muskrat Dam, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Morris Fiddler and parishioners.

### September 4

Gloucester-Tewkesbury (Canterbury, England), John Stewart Went, Niagara: (Undermount) Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton; Very Rev. Peter Wall, rector, Rev. Daniel Brereton, vicar, Ven. Richard Berryman, Canon Desmond Fleming, Rev. Neil Follett, Rev. Gerald Holmes, Rev. James Lefebvre, Canon Eric Mills, Rt. Rev. Clarence Mitchell, Canon Charles Stirling, Canon William Thomas, honorary assistants and the people of that parish. Cuba: The parish of Santa Maria de la Gracia in Cespedes; Rev. Aurelio de la Paz Cot, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. John's Church in Osnaburgh, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Virginia Masakeyash, layleader-in-charge, and parishioners.

### September 5

Give thanks for The Scottish Episcopal Church, The Most Rev. Andrew Bruce Cameron, primate, Niagara: (Undermount) Grace Church, Hamilton; Rev. Timothy Morgan, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: San Juan Bautista in Florencia; Rev. Alfredo Nuno Sierra, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: The parish of St. Clement's Church in Sachigo Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Solomon Beardy, rector, and parishioners.

### September 6

Gombe (Province III, Nigeria), Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba, Undermount) St. Alban, Hamilton; Rev. Dianne Distler, deacon-in-charge, and parishioners. Cuba: Santiago Apostol in Baragua; Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Barnabas Church in Summer Beaver, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Georgina Neshinapaise, rector, and parishioners.

### September 7

Grafton (New South Wales, Australia), Philip James Huggins, Niagara: (Undermount) St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton; Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins, rector, and parishioners. Cuba: San Lucas in Ciego de Avila; Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, rector, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's Church in Wapekeka, Ontario;

Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Rita Cutfeet, rector, and the parish.

### September 8

Grahamstown (Southern Africa), David Patrick Hamilton Russell; Thabo Cecil Makgoba, Niagara: (Undermount) St. Luke, Hamilton; Rev. Robert Hudson, rector, Rev. David Lennerton, honorary assistant, and the parish. Cuba: San Miguel y Todos los Angeles in Ceballos; Rev. Jose Angel Gutierrez Ferro, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Peter's Church in Weagamow Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Sarah Sakachekapo, rector, and parishioners.

### September 9

Guatemala (Central America), Armando Roman Guerra Soria, Niagara: (Undermount) St. Mary, Hamilton; Rev. Frances Darlington, rector, Rev. Katherine Feher, Rev. Robert Linklater, honorary assistants, Rev. Jack Pearce, associate priest, Ven. Earl Clark, rector emeritus, Rev. Deacon Derek Perry and the parish. Cuba: Cristo Rey in Cuatro Esquinas; Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, rector, and the parish. Keewatin: The Church of the Messiah in Webequie, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Stephen Ashpanaquestum, rector, and the parish.

### September 10

Guildford (Canterbury, England), John Gladwin, The Mission to Seafarers, Hamilton; Rev. Robert Hudson, chaplain and staff. Cuba: El Buen Pastor in Boqueron; Ven. Carlos Manuel Rivero de Fera, ministro encargado and the parish. Keewatin: St. James Church in Wunnumin Lake, Ontario; Northern Ontario Region; Rev. Joel Bighead, rector, and the parish.

### September 11

Guildford-Dorking (Canterbury, England), James Brackley, Niagara: (Undermount) St. Matthew's House, Hamilton; Canon Wendy Roy, executive director, and staff. Cuba: San Jorge in Chaparra; Rev. Aurelio de la Paz Cot, ministro encargado, and the parish. Keewatin: The Diocese of Keewatin; Rt. Rev. David N. Ashdown, bishop, his wife Penny, and their family.

### September 12

Give thanks for the Province of the Anglican Church in South East Asia, The Most Rev. Datuk Yong Ping Chung, primate, Niagara: (Undermount) St. Peter, Hamilton; Rev. Sandra Copland, rector and the parish. Cuba: El Espiritu Santo; Rev. Carlos Alberto Tamayo Lopez, ministro encargado, and the parish. Keewatin: Church of the Good Shepherd in Atikokan, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Robert Faykes, rector, and parishioners.

### September 13

Guinea (West Africa), Albert D. Gomez, Niagara: (Undermount) Church of Our Saviour, Stoney Creek; Rev. Jack Cox, rector, and the parish. Cuba: El Redentor in Las Tunas; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, ministro encargado, and parish. Keewatin: St. Luke's Parish in Dryden, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Patricia Cleghorn, rector, and parishioners.

### September 14

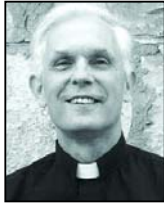
Holy Cross Day, Gujarat (North India), Vinodkumar Mathushellah Malaviya, Niagara: (Undermount) Church of the Redeemer, Stoney Creek; Ven. Robert Leckey, rector, Rev. Donald Coombe, honorary assistant and parishioners. Cuba: Santa Maria in San Manuel; Rev. Aurelio Bernabe de la Paz Cot, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. Paul's, Church in Ear Falls, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Audrey Hazelwood, rector, and parishioners.

### September 15

Gusau (Province III, Nigeria), Simon Bala, Niagara: (Undermount) St. John, Winona; Rev. Jack Cox, rector and the parish. Cuba: San Pedro in Santiago de Cuba; Rev. Ulises Mario Agüero Prendes, ministro encargado, and parishioners. Keewatin: St. George's Church in Emo, Ontario; Southern Region; Rev. Eileen Bragg, rector, and parishioners.



Dianne Bell Distler



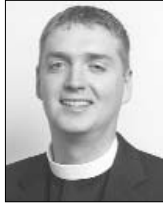
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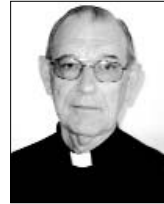
Pauline Head



Robert Hurkmans



Valerie Kerr



William Steinman



Martha Tatarnic

## Eight new deacons ordained to diaconate

Ordination to the diaconate was held on May 20, at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, by Bishop D. Ralph Spence. Ordained to the diaconate were Kevin James Block, Nigel James Bunce, Dianne Bell Distler, Pauline Elizabeth Head, Robert William Hurkmans, Valerie Dianne Kerr, William Howard Steinman and Martha Jean Tatarnic.

### People In The News

— Alison D'Atri

#### Retirement

The Rev. David Long, director of ministry support, and priest-in-charge of St. Margaret's,

Hamilton, will retire effective July 31. In September, he will become director of ministry support and human resources, on a part-time basis.

#### Appointments

##### Thompson at St. Jude's

The Rev. Michael Thompson, principal secretary to the primate, has been appointed as rector of St. Jude's, Oakville, effective June 15.

##### Tatarnic assistant curate

Martha Tatarnic has accepted the appointment of assistant curate at St. Jude's, Oakville, effective Aug. 23.

##### New LARC member

The Rev. Dorothy Hewlett, rector of St. George's, Homer and Christ Church, McNab, was appointed a member of the LARC Group, working with the Rev. Dr. Sharyn Hall as Niagara representatives.

#### Sympathy

##### Fehér Family

Sympathy is extended to the Rev. Katherine Fehér, honorary assistant at St. Mary's, Hamilton, and family on the death of her

mother, Helen, who died April 3.

##### Anderson family

Sympathy is extended to Kathy Anderson and the Rev. David Anderson, All Saints, Ridgeway and St. John's, Ridgemount, and the bereaved family, on the death of Kathy's grandfather, Horace Fisher, who died on April 24.

##### Graydon family

Sympathy is extended to Annette Graydon, parishioner of St. Alban's, Glen Williams, and president of the Canadian Council of Mothers Union, on the death of her mother, Meta Bonsma.

##### Administering the chalice

Permission to administer the chalice was given to Jeff Biggs, Erin Biggs and Don Kirby at St. John the Evangelist, Hamilton, under the direction of the Rev. Dr. Stephen Hopkins; Dave Bartlett at St. Stephen's, Hornby, under the direction of the Rev. Tim Novis; and Valerie Cowling at St. John's, Stewarttown, under the direction of the Rev. Tim Novis.

##### Order of Niagara

Order of Niagara celebrations

for 2004 are scheduled for Sun., Sept. 19 for the regions of Trafalgar, Brock and Undermount and on Sun., Sept. 26 for the regions of Greater Wellington, Lincoln and Mohawk.

#### Clarification

In the last People Column, it was stated The Rev. Ann Macdonald was a priest in good standing in the diocese. This was meant to convey that Ann is presently without interim assignment and could be available for vacation fill in, associate or other priestly ministries in the diocese until her next interim assignment.

#### Intergenerational service

The parish of St. Luke's, Hamilton, holds an intergenerational service on June 20, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday school children and other young people will join in this special service. They will dress up in costume and take part in many aspects of the service and liturgy through action, song and the spoken word.

## Bishop's Itinerary - summer 2004

**June 4**, General Synod concludes

**June 6**, morning, St. James the Apostle, Guelph, parish visit

**June 8**, 11 a.m., Cathedral Place, meeting of supervising rectors

**June 8**, 5 p.m., Cathedral Place, meeting of synod council

**June 9**, 6 p.m., Cathedral Place, meeting with vocational deacons

**June 10**, LARC Day of Renewal

**June 13**, 10 a.m., St. Margaret's Church, Hamilton, service of disestablishment

**June 15**, 1:30 p.m., Cathedral Place, meeting of the candidates committee

**June 16**, Day with new ordinands and dinner

**June 22**, 11 a.m., Cathedral Place, meeting of supervising rectors (vocational deacons)

**June 24**, 11:30 a.m., Brock University, St. Catharines, Lutheran Synod Assembly

**June 27**, morning, Grace Church, St. Catharines, parish visit

**June 27**, 3 p.m., Holy Trinity, Fonthill, Brock confirmation service

**June 29**, 7 p.m., Christ's Church Cathedral, meeting of Integrity

**June 30** to July 6, Diocese of Keewatin

July 12 to August 1 – Vacation

### August

**August 8**, 10 a.m., Shelburne Arena, Ecumenical Service

**August 12 to 15**, Anglican/Lutheran Youth Gathering

## Trusting, asking, believing

*'Whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive'. Matt.- 21v 22*

Heavenly Father, gratefully we acknowledge Thy continued loving kindness to us, waking and sleeping, protecting us at all times, keeping our dear ones and precious ones from harm, knowing our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking and providing for our daily needs.

### Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

— By Annette Harris

Forgive us if we become so used to the regularity of Your gifts which we take for granted and that leads to forgetfulness of the provider and the care which is constant.

Above all else, we thank You for Your rarest gift, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our saviour and redeemer, Your most gracious gift of all.

Help us to meditate upon this gift, and in every way come to know Him personally, as guide, brother and friend in every situation of life, and when the day is

done, reflect again where He has led us, what He has told us.

The prayer life will thus become deeper and more meaningful.

We pray to the Father in heaven, hallowed be His name, through the Son, His gift to us. The one we come to know personally.

'Whatever' the Son told us 'ye ask in prayer, believing', ye shall receive'. Jesus did not say today, He did say 'ye shall....'

It is all in the believing as part of prayer, and the promise to us that He, Jesus, made.

If you believe in Him, the most amazing gift our heavenly Father made to humankind.

The lines of Matthew Ch. 21 v. 22 will become a reality of the prayer life. Belief and trust in the Father and the Son are essential elements in the life of prayer.

### St. Cuthbert's, Oakville, seeks music director

We are seeking an experienced, creative, and self-motivated music director to build and enrich our music ministry. St. Cuthbert's is a friendly and welcoming church located in east Oakville in the Diocese of Niagara. We have a Rodgers 2-manual organ, a piano, a traditional choir of approximately 15 members, and a contemporary group of three musicians (keyboard and guitars) and five singers. We wish to expand and develop our music program and provide blended worship for all ages, including developing a Junior Choir. We are searching for a candidate with an interest in, and knowledge of, a wide variety of musical styles ranging from classical to contemporary, and an appreciation of Christian traditions. Ability to play the organ and piano and proficiency in choral direction are essential. Skills in other instruments would be beneficial. The Music Director will lead all worship services, organize and lead practices and select music in consultation with the clergy. Availability to play at weddings and funerals, and other special services during the year would be an asset.

The position will average 13 – 17 hours per week, with more time required during busier seasons (e.g. Christmas, Easter) and less time during the summer months. Salary is in accordance with RCO guidelines.

Please reply with cover letter and resume to the Rector at stcuthbert@bellnet.ca or mail to St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church, 1541 Oakhill Drive, Oakville, Ontario, L6J 1Y6. For further enquiries phone 905-844-6200.

### Organist/Choir Director required Sept. 1/04

Contemporary and traditional liturgies. Conn electronic organ with MIDI and sequencer facilities. Small adult SA vocal ensemble.

Apply with resume and references to: Organist Search, St. Columba Anglican Church, 7 St. Columba Dr., St. Catharines, ON L2N 3G4