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First female bishop for Niagara Diocese



Bishop Susan Bell on the steps of the cathedral.

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Susan heading to the Cathedral for her consecration.



Susan surrounded by 25 bishops at the laying on of hands.

wide, were asked if they wanted Susan as their bishop and if they would support her, the thunderous "Amen" (so be it) reverberated throughout the Cathedral and echoed across the internet.

She received gifts, symbolizing her ministry as a bishop: an episcopal ring, signifying her "love and fidelity to the church"; a pectoral cross, reminding her of God's love for all people as shown by Jesus' victorious resurrection; and a crozier (pastoral staff), indicating that as a bishop she is to "encourage the faithful, restore the lost and build up the Body of Christ."

In her sermon, Bishop Linda Nicholls of Huron Diocese focused on being a bishop in today's church and world. It "will stretch you in ways you have not yet imagined," she told the new bishop.

This, said Bishop Linda, means caring for "the smallest congregation while considering the long-term future of the diocese," making difficult decisions and choices and weighing "the needs of individuals alongside those of the whole diocese in the contexts of the worldwide church."

"It will at times be a lonely vocation and will send you to prayer more times than you can imagine," she predicted.

Preserving the unity of the church is "no easy task in times of disagreements and division," she continued. However, "whether we like each other or not—whether we agree with each other or not—we are one in Christ."

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HOLLIS HISCOCK

Around noon on Saturday, May 5, 2018, Susan Jennifer Anne Bell became a bishop.

It transpired when 25 bishops laid their hands on her head. "Send down your Holy Spirit on your servant Susan, whom we consecrate in your name to the office and work of a bishop in the Church."

This action—apostolic succession—flows through Jesus

Christ and time immemorial, when hands were laid on people setting them apart for special ministries. In the future, Bishop Susan will lay her hands on another bishop-elect ... the consecration succession continues.

The first female bishop consecrated in the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) was in 1994. Today there are ten.

Susan came to this moment by offering herself as a candidate for bishop. She was elected

at the March 3, 2018 Niagara synod. The bishops of the seven Anglican dioceses in Ontario agreed with the decision within two days.

On that sunny morning in May, Susan processed into Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton to minister as a bishop in the life of the church. She gave assurances and made promises, including accepting God's call and fulfilling Christ's trust.

She promised to be faithful in prayer and study and to preach the gospel, to support and nourish all people in their ministries, to guard the church and to share her ministry with other bishops.

Also, she gave assurance that she would be "merciful to all, show compassion to the poor and strangers, and defend those who have no helper".

When the 600 people attending the worship, plus others watching the streaming world-

Finding God in the silence

JANICE MALONEY-BROOKS

Walking the labyrinth, praying in the chapel privately, yoga and knitting are some practices of the contemplative.

It is about time to slow down and find that still, small voice of God speaking to you that draws people to the contemplative disciplines.

The Church of the Ascension Hamilton has a dynamic meditative ministry. It includes Centering Prayer each Thursday evening, monthly Taizé services on the fourth Sundays from 7:00 p.m. and quarterly silent retreats.

The spring's silent retreat offered an opportunity for people of different denominations and faiths to draw together to listen in silence to God's word to them. The day was spent sharing time and activities or concentrating on singular pur-



Left: Walking the labyrinth, a profoundly personal and spiritual experience, is different for each participant and different each time someone walks the maze.

suits; these opportunities meant a great day to the participants.

Walking the labyrinth is a profoundly personal and spiritual

experience. It is different for each participant and is different each time someone walks the labyrinth. "For me, this time, there was a beautiful, peaceful empowerment, especially during the standing meditation I spontaneously adopted at the finish of my labyrinth walk," said Nicole Smith who coordinates Ascension's Contemplative Ministries.

Eydie S. Zuk spent part of the day colouring meditation artwork, opening yet another contemplative practice. It was her first experience at a silent retreat. "Although we were alone in our silence, I strongly felt a presence of community and a deep presence of God. We were free to move about as inwardly guided, so I and the other women connected to God and ourselves through the spiritual



Below: First time attendee Eydie S. Zuk spend part of her day colouring meditation artwork, illustrating yet another contemplative practice.

Photos: Janice Maloney-Brooks

Letters

Unbelievable ... apparently not

I can never see or hear the name of John Spong without recalling the words of C.S.Lewis in addressing clergy in 1945:

"It is not ... for me to define to you what Anglican Christianity is ... but I insist that wherever you draw the lines, bounding lines must exist, beyond which your doctrine ceases to be Anglican or to be Christian ... and if you wish to go beyond them you must change your profession.

"This is your duty not specially as Christians or as priests but as honest men [sic]. There is a danger here of the clergy developing a special professional conscience which obscures the very plain moral issue. Men who have passed beyond these boundary lines in either direction are apt to protest that they have come by their unorthodox

opinions honestly ... But this simply misses the point which so gravely scandalizes the layman.

"We never doubted that the unorthodox opinions were honestly held: what we complain of is your continuing in your ministry after you have come to hold them. We always knew that a man who makes his living as a paid agent of the Conservative Party may honestly change his views and honestly become a Communist. What we deny is that he can honestly continue to be a Conservative agent and to receive money from one party while he supports the policy of the other."

One might even say it is "unbelievable," but apparently not.

John Bowen

St John the Evangelist Hamilton

practices."

She remarked her favourite part was when "we ended our sacred space together with Deacon Janice leading us through a silent liturgy. As a United Church of Canada member, I was overjoyed by the ecumenism we practice in Christ."

Upcoming silent retreats are planned for July 7 and October

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Laying loonies on the line

PETER SCOTT

At St. Mark's Orangeville the congregation celebrated our support for PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) by "Laying our Loonies on the Line" for this year's campaign.

Donors were invited to lay their loonies and toonies on the line - that is on the two-sided tape we ran up the centre aisle of the church on two Sundays in April.

We also had a large jar for those who preferred to put their

donations there.

We chose one of the many 2018 PWRDF projects. We are both excited and pleased that, with our donations, we are able to help support the Pikangikum Water Project in Northwestern Ontario.

The Venerable Peter Scott is Rector of St. Mark's Orangeville. rector@saintmark.ca



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HOLLISTorial

A modern twist on Jesus' parable

My wife Helen owns numerous sets of earrings. She usually wears silver hoops, her favourite. During the winter, she takes her dog Tyler into the back garden to play in the snow. One sunny cold winter afternoon in 2015, after an exhausting backyard playtime, Helen and Tyler returned to their cozy spot by their living room fireplace. Helen reached up to adjust her earrings and touched a naked ear. She rushed outside, searched through the snow and checked around the garden ... no silver hoop.

Back inside, she rummaged through the house, under the sofa cushions and even in her jacket pockets ... nothing. She was distressed! She placed the surviving earring in her jewelry box, just in case the lost would be found.

Winter turned to spring and with summer came the necessity to mow the ever-growing grass. One scorching hot July afternoon, Helen's son-in-law

was mowing the lawn when he found a muddy dirty earring. A smiling Gerald called Helen, inquiring if this might be the lost silver hoop. Of course, it was! Helen thoroughly cleaned the earring and retrieved the matching one from her jewelry box.

There was great joy and celebration in Helen's world as her favorite earrings once again bejeweled her daily attire. Life continued without any earring catastrophes until January 2018.

The Sunday closest to her birthday found her, as usual, worshipping in her parish church. Later at home, glancing in the mirror she noticed one silver hoop earring was missing. She rushed back to the



The silver hoop earrings are reunited after having been separated twice. Photo: Hollis Hiscock

church, searched the worship centre and the coffee hour room. The staff promised to keep their eyes open and notify her if it was found.

Sadly, Helen returned home and placed the other earring in her jewelry box, again – just in case.

Rachel found the earring shortly after Helen reported it missing and placed it in the church kitchen. Later another staff person moved it to a secure place in the church office, where it stayed for three months.


On Tuesday, April 10, 2018, Hollis was at the church and Rachel mentioned the earring. At home he said to Helen, "I have a gift for you."

It was the lost earring! Once again, the earrings were reunited. Helen said, "My silver hoops have begun their third life!"

Twenty centuries earlier, Jesus told a parable about a woman who had lost a valuable commodity. She had 10 gold coins, which represented all her wealth, including her retirement fund.

One day when she could find only nine, she became very distraught. In the middle of the afternoon, she lit the lamp and searched everywhere, even sweeping each corner of every room of her humble abode.

Just as her hope was almost lost, she spied the gold coin stuck in the most unusual place. She was so overjoyed that she ran throughout her small village, shouting her good news and inviting people to celebrate



with her. "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost!"

Helen shared her good news with her Facebook friends. "Rejoice with me, for I have found the earring that was lost." Over 75 friends joined in the celebration; some commented ... "I wonder if they will have nine lives."

"The prodigal earrings!" "Good story." "Happy for you that your pairs are reunited!" "God is good!" "Yay!!!! So glad to hear something sooo precious to your heart was recovered!!"

Jesus ended his story with this reminder "In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The same is true today.

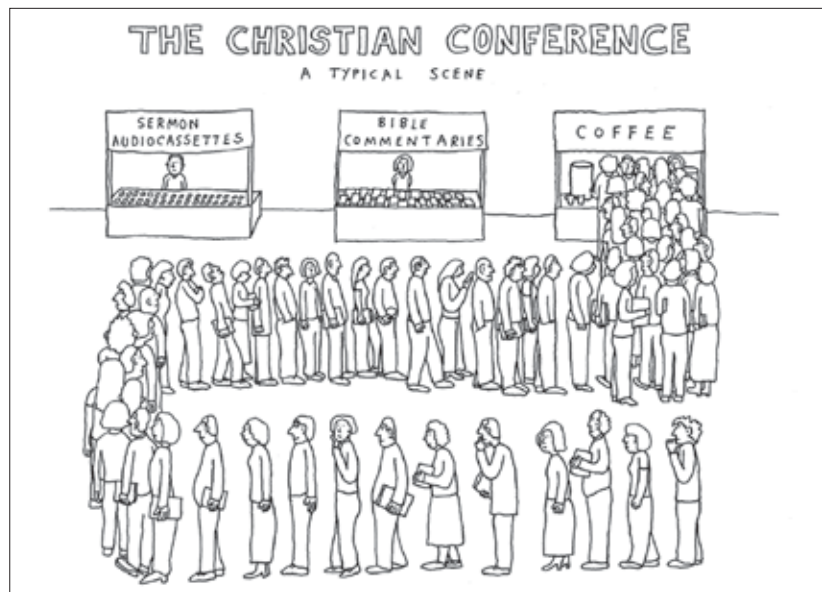
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Engage freedom! Anglicans against human trafficking and modern slavery

MICHAEL MONDLOCH

The scourge of human trafficking and modern slavery in Ontario was the focus of learning, planning for action and prayer from April 11 to 13 at the Manresa Centre in Pickering.

Representatives from seven dioceses composing the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario met, including four from Niagara diocese.

We were deeply moved as women and men shared their personal stories of victimization.

We heard horrific accounts of luring, grooming, coercion, manipulation and exploitation of girls and boys for sex trafficking. We learned from migrant and domestic workers who were trapped, essentially as slaves, by unscrupulous employers and agencies.

These personal accounts left me sad, angry, disgusted and in despair.

All was not darkness.

The victims' courage in sharing their stories, and their determination to save others



Photo: Bill Mous

from experiencing the hell that they have known, inspired.

Examples of local efforts to combat human trafficking and modern slavery, encouraged.

Tales of agencies, programs and government initiatives already in place and their openness to partnering with people of faith brought hope.

A Jesuit retreat centre was an ideal location for the consultation. The spiritual atmosphere of the place lent support to a common thread that God and personal faith sustained victims when people, the church and "the system" failed them.

As the diocesan representatives gathered for prayer and bible study, we felt the need to confess our failings and to acknowledge our dependency upon God in addressing human trafficking and modern slavery. Forgiveness could be found in that place.

As we worshipped in a beautiful chapel decorated for Easter, I was surprised by hope and joy with the assurance that God is fulfilling the promise of new creation.

How might you engage freedom and join with Anglicans against human trafficking and

The Rev. Rachel Carnegie, Co-Executive Director of the Anglican Alliance, offered us 7Ps toward ending modern slavery.

modern slavery?

The consultation offers an effective approach involving three interlaced components—we are called to learn, pray and act.

An introduction and opportunities for deeper learning can be found through the Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Coordination Office, the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking and our national church webpage (anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking). Such learning will emerge from, and illicit, prayer and action.

Through prayer, theological reflection and bible study we grow in our love of God and for what God loves. Our love for others, even those that we have yet to meet—like those who are or have been trafficked—deepens.

Reflecting upon our baptismal promise to guard and protect

the dignity of every person, compels us to respond. Our bold proclamation that God's power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine is confirmed when we act.

I am just beginning to explore the ways in which I am being called to act.

Writing this article is one such action.

I will be more attentive to signs of trafficking and modern slavery.

I will connect with people already working to combat this scourge.

Finally, providing examples of healthy human relationships is something each of us can do to foster a society more resistant to the evils of human trafficking and modern slavery.

What are you being called to do?

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I felt close to God on this sacred walk



JAN PEARCE

(In May 2017, Jan fulfilled her vision to be a pilgrim and walk the Camino de Santiago. Here we present an edited version of her pilgrimage. To receive a copy of Jan's full Camino story contact her at cyberjanp@gmail.com)

The Camino walk has been a religious pilgrimage for 1,000 years as pilgrims walked one of the paths to St. James' Cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

I walked the Camino Frances (the French Way), from St. Jean Pied de Port, France, at the foot of the Pyrenees, and along Spain's northern coast to Santiago (Sant Iago — St. James).

I wanted to experience the connection with Jesus, especially with his disciple James, Patron Saint of Spain and Pilgrims.

This was a walk of faith for me on the path that thousands have walked ... to slow down, reflect on life and feel gratitude for my many blessings of family, friends, good health and privilege.

Our 20 walkers divided into two groups — the energetic ones (Sportifs) walked 20+ km and my group (Tranquilo) 12-15 km daily.

Sometimes the Camino was more challenging — varying weather conditions, mountains, valleys, villages, towns and bleak rugged landscape of the meseta.

I felt weary with sore feet and minor blisters, but my senses were awakened by the beauty and serenity of the countryside, fragrant wild flowers and newly

cultivated fields; I steadily put one foot in front of the other.

It is more than a walk. Camino provides time for prayer, reflection and silence, but also for camaraderie with like-minded companions. We developed a friendly community — walking, eating, talking and laughing.

Camino included physical activity and emotional experiences. I felt close to God being immersed in nature on this sacred walk. Taking time from the busy-ness of my life at home was welcome. I enjoyed the fellowship and fun, especially greeting others with the traditional pilgrim's Buen Camino (Have a good Camino).

Being physically active in nature made me feel joyful and content, being grateful for my energy and stamina that allowed me to explore a new country and culture; it took me out of my comfort zone.

While walking along cobblestoned streets in Puente la Reina (Queen's Bridge), I felt a sense of the faith and endurance of early pilgrims who risked hazards and challenges that don't confront today's traveller.

Our guides called us Gucci Pilgrims, because we had bus support, pub/cafe lunches and stayed in fine accommodations, often Paradores, which are historic buildings turned into hotels.

I became aware of recent and medieval history. In Leon, the Hostal de San Marcos, now a Paradore, was a concentration camp/prison during the Spanish Civil War. On Mount Irago,

the Iron Cross (Cruz de Ferro) monument is where the earliest pilgrims prayed and placed a stone which they carried from home as penance. This 14th century tradition continues.

Many pilgrims attach the scallop shell, the symbol of the Camino, to their backpacks. The scallop's indented lines converge into a point, like how all Camino routes lead to their sole destination, Santiago.

Entering Santiago, we attended the noon Pilgrims' Mass in St. James' Cathedral with about 1,000 pilgrims. Six burgundy-robed attendants (tiraboleiros) swung a huge silver incense burner (botafumeiro) — four feet tall and 166 pounds — into the Cathedral's cavernous transept, swooping it low over our heads.

It was awe-inspiring! I felt connected to the thousands who have walked, biked or ridden horseback on the ancient spiritual Camino to the Cathedral, where St. James' bones are laid.

After one day in Santiago, we took a bus to Finisterre on the Atlantic Ocean, thought to be the end of the earth in Medieval times (finis — end, terre — earth).

My pilgrimage was enjoyable, making new friends, seeing picturesque towns and villages, visiting churches and monasteries and feeling the long history of pilgrims walking the Camino.

For me, my experience was a "Buen Camino"!

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Jan on her sacred awe-inspiring walk stops to rest and reflect.

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Book Review

A way to let darkness teach us what we need to know

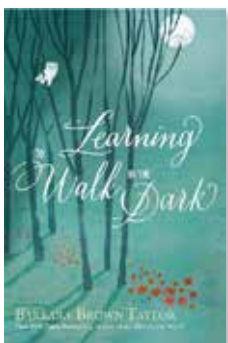
Learning to Walk in the Dark

Barbara Brown Taylor
(HarperCollins, 2015)

ROB ROI

"Christianity has never had anything nice to say about darkness. From earliest times, Christianity has used 'darkness' as a synonym for sin, ignorance, spiritual blindness and death."

This is a quote written by the author Barbara Brown Taylor,



who is an Episcopal priest and a professor of religion at Piedmont College.

Throughout this book, Barbara explains the various ways that she overcame her understanding of darkness. She went spelunking in unlit caves, learned to eat and cross the street as a blind person, discovered how "dark emotions" are prevented from seeing light from a psychiatrist and rereading scripture to see all the times

God shows up at night.

Barbara is our guide through a spirituality of the night time, teaching us how to find God even in darkness, and giving us a way to let darkness teach us what we need to know. "A bed, in short, is where you face your nearness to or farness from God." She quotes 1 John 1:5, "God is light and in him there is no darkness at all."

She believes we need darkness as well as light.

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Wasn't that a party!

THE WORSHIP SPACE AT CHRIST'S CHURCH CATHEDRAL HAMILTON WAS TRANSFORMED INTO A PARTY VENUE AS PEOPLE GATHERED FROM THROUGHOUT NIAGARA DIOCESE TO THANK MICHAEL BIRD FOR BEING THEIR BISHOP, AND TO SEND HIM FORWARD TO HIS NEXT MINISTRY ADVENTURE WITH GIFTS AND GOOD BLESSINGS.

THE NIAGARA ANGLICAN PRESENTS A PICTORIAL SAMPLING OF THE APRIL 21, 2018 ACTIVITIES.



Clockwise from top-left: A piper greeted the guests of honour to the Cathedral; Bishop Michael and Susan listened to the many kind words and thanks; Emcee Dean Peter Wall welcomed people to the party; Michael and Alison D'Atri, who was Executive Administrator throughout Michael's episcopacy; Matthew, Michael Jr. and Sarah Bird spoke about their family journey; Archbishop Colin Johnson, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

Photos: Alexander (Sandy) Darling and Bill Mous

 Celebration of the ministry of Bishop Michael, April 21



Clockwise from top-left: Susan Bird received a prayer shawl for the journey; Michael and Susan model gifts for their new life in the wilds of the Ottawa Valley; A rainbow stole was given as a symbol of inclusivity; Bishop Susan Bell and Bishop Michael share a special moment to wish each other well in their respective journeys; The band kept the music flowing; Long-time associate and friend the Reverend Neil Kellett described Michael's ministry in Newfoundland-Labrador.

Photos: Alexander (Sandy) Darling and Bill Mous



LAST CALL for Camp Artaban submissions

SUSAN LITTLE

The Board of Directors is calling for submissions from anyone who went to Camp Artaban (1937-1966) or can tell stories about people affected by this camp. Stories about the founders of Camp Artaban (Camp) or those who built it are especially needed.

The goal of a proposed book, at this stage called The Memories Booklet, is to conclude the life of Camp with the creation of a living testimony. It is a humble record of the power of God's Spirit transforming lives and making God known through service to others.

On May 25, 2019, Camp is hosting a final reunion because there will be no more reason for the Board to exist.

Over the last 50 years, the original investment from the sale of the property (1968) has funded hundreds and hundreds of children and youth to go to camp.

It is estimated over 2,000 children have been able to go to camp with financial assistance from the legacy of Camp. However, once the fund is empty, the real legacy of Camp will continue in the lives of people who learned how to live

and love as Jesus taught.

The plan is to publish the booklet of memories featuring the kind of stories described earlier, plus descriptions of traditions which characterized the experience of Camp as we knew it.

Although the draft already has the archives of the early days of Camp, as well as newspaper clippings of important events, reunions and celebrations, it still needs the voices of all those who made Camp the life-changing place that it was.

We want all the voices at Camp to be heard.

After all, it was the cooks, the work boys, the potentates, the hut chiefs and the unusual campers who added zest and inspiration to our time spent at Camp. It was the special events that made our time there so memorable. What happened at Camp has created a lasting difference in the lives of many and we hope that The Memories Booklet will gather them together to be a permanent record of Camp Artaban's legacy.

You can help by providing the following:

1. Tell us your name, what roles

you or the person you are writing about had at Camp, the years you attended, your camp name and /or your maiden name. Include your email, phone number and mailing address.

2. Why did you go to Camp and what kept you returning?
3. What was the highlight of your camping experience? Recount as stories any incident or a series of them which illustrate life at Camp.
4. What impact has Camp had on your life?

Send your memories (encourage others to do the same) to our editor, Dave McKay (dmckay2@cogeco.ca) or 27 Miles Court, Hamilton ON L8P4G7.

You can also call Dave at 905-522-6801 to have somebody record your stories.

The deadline is September 15, 2018.

Susan Little is a member of the Board of Directors of Camp Artaban.



What my parish means to me ...



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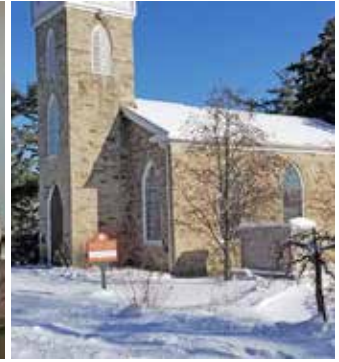


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St. John's Jordan

JOYCE RICHARDSON

This is truly a special place.

The parishioners are a warm, welcoming and loving group who strive to teach others, through work and example, about Jesus and the call to follow and serve him.

What truly overwhelms me is the wide variety of ministries which exemplify the generosity of our volunteers, who give abundantly of their time, talent and treasure.

The Altar Guild and Flower Guild work diligently to serve God by making our parish a very beautiful and reverent place of worship.

The choir leads the congrega-

tion in spiritual music with a willingness to explore new music for worship.

A very successful Christian Stewardship campaign reinforced our church finances.

Our Events Committee organizes fellowship and fund-raising activities, and our Outreach Ministry supports Community Care, Village Of Hope and St. Stephen's Orphanage in Kenya.

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YLTP as seen by a mentor



CRAIG LUCCOCK

It has been a privilege to be part of the diocesan Youth Leadership Training Program (YLTP) for the past three years and facilitate six outstanding young men and women in their leadership journey at YLTP.

While I have only been in the diocese for a short time, I have gained a deep appreciation for the rich legacy the YLTP program has had in Niagara Diocese. We all see the fruit borne from the seeds planted year after year during March Break at Canterbury Hills.

My journey began in March of 2016 when I met the young

people whom I would mentor through the YLTP program. What I noticed right away about the group was their genuine desire to engage with the program. In addition, they bonded very quickly, and I could see the beginnings of what will, no doubt, be lifelong friendships.

The first year of the program focuses on the phrase "I am". Year 1 provides the opportunity to begin the journey of self-discovery. Participants learn their strengths, as well as those areas for growth and development.

In the second year, Maria Nightingale joined me as co-mentor to the group. Maria's ability to bring in a strong reflec-

Above: Mentors Maria Nightingale (left) and Craig Luccock (second from left) with young people of the YLTP program.

tive practice in the learning process was greatly appreciated.

Year 2 focuses on the phrase "I Can" and is designed to help the participants develop the necessary skills to carry out a Year 3 project. There they seek to make a meaningful positive impact on their community, while also furthering their own social, emotional and spiritual development.

In Year 3, our focus is on "I



The outdoors in March at Canterbury Hills provides an ideal location for Niagara's Youth Leadership Training Program.

Photos: Su McLeod

Will". While there is a reflective piece on their completed Year 3 projects, the real focus is on how they will be future leaders in the church and community.

Maria and I were very impressed with the quality and diversity of Year 3 projects. These included raising money and school supplies for a school in Belize and the implementation of a Sunday School program at a local church. In addition,

there were clothing drives, bake sales, food drives and a fundraising event for local charities.

It was a profoundly impactful experience for me and I feel blessed and privileged to be a part of the YLTP program.

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Collaboration highlights Sew North outreach program

JOHN DENNIS

The Church of St. Matthias and St. James the Apostle Guelph collected sewing machines and sewing materials to send north.

The project, Sew North, was carried out in collaboration with the Guelph Tool Library and St. Paul's Church in Norval. The goal was to collect and tune up sewing machines and gather sewing materials to send to First Nations communities in Northern Quebec. The program ran from April 14 to May 12 and donations were collected at both the church and the Guelph Tool Library.

The idea for the project came from Environment and Social Justice Committee member Mary Ann Robinson. She said, "this is an excellent project both to provide assistance where needed, and at the same time moving some things out of



Photo: John Dennis

Volunteer Brendan Reilly is one of the many talented fixers who repairs sewing machines at the Repair Café Guelph. He also builds custom made clocks.

your own storage after you no longer use them. Downsize with purpose!"

Sew North is part of the Inuit Outreach Project (IOP) which has been running for nine years in Niagara Diocese.

Materials are sent to the north

through a program offered by Air Inuit. It flies to a number of communities in Northern Quebec and provides free transportation for donated materials when they have unused cargo space.

Program Coordinator George Gastle of St. Paul's says their

aims are twofold, firstly "to provide essential items for daily living and secondly, to learn about yesterday's and today's Inuit culture and share information about living conditions for our northern neighbours".

George reported shipments have gone to nine communities in the past nine years.

After the project ended on Saturday, May 12, the church hosted a packing and fixing day. Volunteers from the Repair Café Guelph (RCG) serviced and tuned up all the machines going north. RCG is an outreach program of the Guelph Tool Library that holds free events every two months around Guelph.

At the Repair Cafés, anyone can have their items looked at and potentially repaired by volunteer fixers. The goals of the RCG are to teach people simple repairs and avoid throwing away items that can be easily repaired.

The program has served over 500 people and seen nearly 3,000 kilograms of waste diverted from local landfills.

Stephanie Clarke, who is the Tool Library Coordinator, said, "Sew North was a natural collaboration between the church and the Guelph Tool Library. We have our volunteer fixers from our Repair Cafés and the church has a need to service and tune up a number of sewing machines. The church was also the host of the first ever Repair Café Guelph in August 2016, so we have a history of working together."

The Repair Café Guelph will be returning this August to the church.

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Rob Fead: faithful priest, friend of many, servant of God

HOLLIS HISCOCK

The hymn, All Things Bright and Beautiful, set the inspiring tone for the celebration of life service for Major The Reverend Canon Robert Joseph Fead.

The funeral service was held at Christ's Church Cathedral Hamilton on Monday, May 7, 2018—on the twenty-fourth anniversary of his priestly ordination.

Rob died in a motor vehicle collision on Monday, April 30, 2018.

Speaking for the family, Karrie Wickett told people crowded into the overflowing Cathedral Rob's was "a life well lived".

Major Carlo Tittarcelli of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada said Chaplain Rob related to all ranks of the military, showing kindness and empathy to everyone.

In his homily Bishop Ralph Spence described the first time Rob came to his office seeking to be a priest in the Anglican Church. "Moving from one denomination to another is never easy," he said, "the church



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puts boulders in the way". But Rob persisted and in 2002 he transferred Orders to Niagara Diocese.

He described Rob's wife Veronica as the anchor that kept Rob's sail tied to the ship.

He told the military personnel that they were blessed to have Major Rob as their Chaplain - being "called to serve".

To Rob's former parishioners, Bishop Ralph said you have lost a good shepherd who stood by you during difficult times, with prayer and humour.

"We are Easter people. The resurrection is with us. God is with us. God be praised," concluded Bishop Ralph.

During the week after Rob's death, Niagara's Bishops Michael



Photos: Hollis Hiscock

Above: The body of Rob Fead is carried from Christ's Church Cathedral by his regimental comrades.

Right: Bishops Susan Bell and Michael Bird greet mourners leaving the vigil held at St. Jude's Oakville.



Bird and Susan Bell were constantly at St. Jude's helping people deal with their grief and loss.

At a vigil held on Wednesday evening, May 2 at St. Jude's, Bishop Michael reminded worshippers that during any tragedy we need to come together for strength and support. Bishop Susan told the con-

gregation death is not the final word; when grief is too great for us, Jesus calls us to lay it on him. The bells tolled for Rob as people sat in silence. Afterwards, the two bishops comforted people as they left the church.

Following graduation from the University of Western Ontario, Rob was ordained priest in 1994 and ministered in several Roman Catholic Parishes in Hamilton Diocese before transferring to Niagara. Before becoming Rector of St. Jude's Oakville, where he had served as Curate, he was Rector at St. George's St. Catharines. He also served the Canadian Forces as Chaplain in the Royal Canadian Chaplain Service Ottawa.

Rob was a candidate in Niagara's recent Episcopal election. He called the experience quite a journey and honour. "I am so happy for Bishop Elect Susan," he wrote in the *Niagara Anglican*. "I have no doubt that her ministry among us and with us will be a tremendous blessing for the Diocese of Niagara."

Veronica and Rob went sky-diving on their first date. After 16 years of marriage he wrote, "Veronica makes me a better man and that makes me a better priest ... I simply love you more than words can say! I am so very blessed."



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WOW ... \$90,000 investment made this year to encourage new ministries

BILL MOUS

Five years ago, synod council approved an innovative grant program designed to support new ministry initiatives or initiatives that deepen or broaden the scope of current ministries.

The goal is to provide financial resources to launch transformatonal, creative, innovative and inspiring ministries that are both missional and vision-centred.

Since its inception, the Walking on Water (WOW) grants discernment team has received more than 65 applications from parishes and related ministries, in all regions of the diocese. Each year the team meets to review applications and ultimately hears pitches from applicants about why their dream for ministry should receive funds.

One of this year's recipients is Holy Trinity Welland, whose dream for ministry involved renovating their antiquated kitchen facilities, enabling them

to serve better meals to the hundreds of people who use their food and hygiene bank. They are also expanding their hospitality ministry to include food delivery to vulnerable people in their community.

Warden John Wellwood said receiving their WOW Grant generated "a new level of enthusiasm within our Church members and enabled conversations about additional opportunities to serve our community at large".

The WOW grants program is supported by the annual growth of funds from the sale of several church properties, which have been set aside for this purpose. While applicants can apply for up to \$20,000, the average grant awarded is closer to \$7,500.

At a critical moment in their history, St. Matthew's House Hamilton received funds to complete a strategic plan for their upcoming annual general meeting. "With these funds we have been able to engage our

community, our staff and most importantly those who use our services, to help inform our board on the direction we need to take in the years ahead," said Board Chair Barbara Busing, who is a parishioner at St. James Dundas. "Thanks to the WOW grant we believe that we have a clearer future ahead after listening to advice from many people who know and love St. Matthew's House as we do."

The vast majority of applications are funded to some degree, as the intention of the program is to build up the ministry of the diocese. In 2018, the WOW Grants team approved ten funding proposals totaling just over \$90,000.

The next call for applications is expected in the fall of 2018.

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Canterbury Hills Camp	To expand the Adventure Camp program by assisting with the purchase of canoes, equipment and transitional program funding.	\$4,000
St. James Fergus	To transform the parish's existing Butterfly Garden into a community hub through enhanced outreach and hospitality.	\$3,000
Church of the Resurrection Hamilton	To offer sewing classes, in partnership with HARRRP, that will support newcomers to build community, practice English and connect with local social services.	\$7,500
St. Matthews House	To develop a strategic plan to guide the revitalization of the organization after the loss of a major program.	\$4,000
The Bridge Hamilton	To develop a new home care program to reduce social isolation and loneliness amongst men recently released from incarceration.	\$5,550
Christ Church McNab	To add a new Latino worship service and support for migrant farm workers in the general vicinity of the parish.	\$11,900
Anglican Chinese Ministry in Oakville	To foster relationships with Mandarin-speaking residents of Oakville and area churches through the deployment of a missionary.	\$15,000
St. James & St. Brendan Port Colborne	To restore water service and create a distribution system at the community space envisioned by the parish's Bless the City project.	\$14,500
St. George's St. Catharines	To install a permanent sound system in a newly renovated worship space for the Advent Café community.	\$5,000
Holy Trinity Welland	To renovate and upgrade the parish kitchen so that their outreach ministry can expand to meet pressing community needs.	\$20,000

In their Easter best



Paisley DeCock and Elise Augustine, both age 3, in their Easter best, presenting Easter eggs to the Reverend Trevor Jones at Christ Church Woodburn.

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Bishop consecrated

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Addressing members of Niagara Diocese, she emphasized the importance of people working with Susan, using their talents and living the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“Our task is to be faithful to the calling we have been given – in all our frailty and at times brokenness—seeking the Spirit as our guide—trusting the gifts of the whole people of God and rejoicing that God is faithful in every generation,” she emphasized at the end of her sermon.

Susan came into the Cathedral as a priest. During the consecration service she was transformed. After the service, to spontaneous deafening applause, she walked out a bishop to begin a new ministry for herself as well as for Niagara Diocese.

To get to know our Bishop Susan better see In Conversation with her (Niagara Anglican, April 2018) and Candidates for Bishop profiles (Niagara Anglican, February 2018).



Top left: Bishop Susan addressed the congregation after her consecration.

Top right: Preacher Bishop Linda Nicholls of Huron Diocese.



Left: The sun shone as people congratulated Bishop Susan at the reception in Bishop's Gate, outside the Cathedral.



The Bell family: Susan, husband Tom, and children Emily, Olivia, Andrew and Nicholas.

Photos: Michael Hudson



Four bishops pose: (l-r) Bishop Michael Bird; Coadjutor Bishop Susan Bell; Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz; and Metropolitan, Archbishop Colin Johnston.



Bishop Susan gives her first episcopal blessing.



Bishop Susan leaving the Cathedral.

Bishop Susan writes ...

Dear friends,

My heart is full of gratitude as I reflect upon the service to ordain and consecrate me to be your bishop. I will cherish this day for the whole of my life and I am so grateful to God for leading me back home to minister with and among you.

There were so many people whose gifts helped make my consecration truly become a liturgy—a work of the people; one that was infused with the Spirit's presence in so many beautiful and sacred ways. I want to offer my thanks to all who were present at the service to affirm my call to episcopal ministry, as well as to those who viewed the service online and their offered prayers and best wishes from wherever they were. The warmth of your diocesan welcome will travel with me through my episcopacy.

At the consecration, I invited those present (and those watching from home) to bottle up all the joy, confidence, light and

comfort that was felt on that glorious day and to give it away to those we meet on our journey. This is what Jesus invites us to do, and what all the saints who have gone before us in this diocese and in the wider church have done from generation to generation.

Even in these early days of my episcopacy, I have seen time and again this selfless sharing of God's love perhaps no more so than in response to Canon Robert Fead's tragic death. The people of the diocese came together to offer compassion, love and hope to all who mourned his death, even as we celebrated his faithful witness and ministry. I was blessed to have known Canon Fead for many years as a colleague, and our diocese was blessed to have him serve in our midst.

Over the past decade, Bishop Michael Bird has prayerfully and courageously served our diocese as the 11th Bishop of Niagara. His grace and generosity in

sharing his love of this diocese with me has been a great help as I begin my episcopacy. God is calling him to serve in a new way, and I know that all of us will continue to hold him in our prayers as he returns to parish ministry.

Episcopal motto draws on a passage from the Gospel of Mark, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." In the coming months, I look forward to reacquainting myself to the many ministries of our diocese; watching for Christ at work in our communities, listening for the Spirit's leading, and renewing God's mission in the world we serve. I look forward to saying more about all of this at my seating as your diocesan bishop in the fall, and to our synod in November.

May the Lord richly and deeply bless the beautiful diocese of Niagara as a fount of God's love!