

## **OTHER REPORTS TO SYNOD - ADDENDUM**

The following reports were received by the Secretary of Synod's Office after the September 23, 2013 deadline and were not included in the Convening Circular for the 155<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod (November 29 and 30, 2013). The reports are printed verbatim.

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## **EPISCOPAL AREAS**

### **York Scarborough**

#### **Overview of the Area**

The mission of the Area Council is to support the Area Bishop in fulfilling God's mission in York-Scarborough. I believe it is appropriate to give an account of the general trends of the ministry in the Area as a whole.

York-Scarborough is the smallest of the Episcopal Areas geographically, but it is also the most densely inhabited in terms of the number of parishes, clergy and possible Parishioners. Since the last report we have learned from Congregational Development that the steepest decline of membership in the last ten years has occurred in this Area, notably in York Mills Deanery, Eglinton Deanery and Scarborough Deanery. Steps to address this decline include change of parish culture by participation in Diocesan initiatives such as Natural Church Development and support of "Reimagining Church" courses in the area. The course was developed by the Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College but is led by clergy or volunteers. We nominated select parishes for the two-year Missional Transformation program and helped parishes with Area funds when their contribution became an issue. To date the parishes that have undergone or are undergoing this initiative include: St. John, Toronto; St. Timothy, Agincourt; St. Matthew, Oriole; the Church of the Nativity; St. Andrew, Scarborough; St. Cuthbert; and Holy Trinity, Guildwood. We have approached several parishes in the Area for the third round of this tested method of changing parish culture. The Area has supported clergy in addition to the Professional Development funds by subsidizing leadership courses, the most notable being the Appreciative Way when it was taking place locally.

With my encouragement and the help of Diocesan staff and volunteers, we successfully redeployed or renewed our resources. St. George, Willowdale completed its new development and very appropriately renamed itself St. George on Yonge to highlight its new profile on Yonge Street. The dedication of the new building took place in December 2011. St. Patrick, which hosted the people of St. George while their new structure was under construction, came to a decision itself to disestablish. However, St. John, Toronto will move into the site from its current hidden location in Delhi Avenue, and become St. John, Willowdale. The last service of St. Patrick will be a joint one with St. John on July 7 of this year. St. John is expected to move into the renovated building in the beginning of September.

The planned amalgamation of the churches in South Scarborough, now renamed Grace Church, is complete. They currently worship at the old site of St. Giles while a new building for Grace is rising from the old Epiphany site. The Diocese supplemented the building budget as well as giving it a Ministry Development Grant for reaching the community once the move is complete. But Area Council is a minority partner in financial support as well.

Another innovative way the Area has been addressing decline involves St. Bartholomew. When it became apparent that it was not viable, the Cathedral stepped in, effectively making it a mission of the Cathedral, deploying its clergy to lead Sunday worship. A priest is now appointed who will have the responsibility for St. Bartholomew as well as leading young adults in the Cathedral. Other ongoing rebuilding or major renovations include St. Clement, St. John, York Mills, and Trinity East.

Not all attempts at addressing the issues of membership decline and building deterioration have met with success, however. St. Peter, Carlton Street saw its planned amalgamation with All Saints, Sherbourne, a project with some financial backing from the Area, come to naught. Attempts to go it alone have been accompanied by conflict and frustration. The Bishops have withdrawn support for the building project and the parish is currently under administration. Earlier this month St. Columba and All Hallows held yet another vestry meeting for disestablishment. The vote was split 16 to 16 and therefore did not meet the standard of voluntary disestablishment.

The outreach to Mandarin-speaking Chinese is now established at St. Paul, L'Amoreaux. That church was the home base for the Rev. Esther Deng who immersed herself with new immigrants and students. The Area, together with the Diocese, is offering financial and moral support. We are currently working on governance in the recruitment of a board of management. An unexpected outcome is the interest in the Anglican way from Chinese theological students studying at the Chinese wing of Tyndale Seminary. There is an attempt to achieve greater co-operation between the four Chinese Anglican churches for this ministry.

Over the last few years the Area has seen greater and more responsible financial stewardship. With the help of Diocesan staff and volunteers, notably in the Accounts Receivable committee, the number of parishes in serious debt and the amount of debt has greatly decreased. This was often accompanied by an incentive program consisting of some degree of co-payment from the Area. The Area also saw respectable participation in Our Faith, Our Hope and FaithWorks. The latter particularly saw some parishes increased its contribution significantly. This may be due to increased encouragement from the parish leaders.

Finally I note that for two years in a row York-Scarborough has led the Diocese in parish vacancies, exceeding ten openings in both 2011 and 2012. It stands to reason that the health of parishes often changes with changes in leadership.

#### Area Council

Membership in Area Council tends to turn over gradually. Its modes of operation have also evolved. Currently the Regional Deans take turns chairing Council meetings which rotate from Deanery to Deanery. The Budget and Grants Committee, having representation from each Deanery, continues to approve grants below \$2,000 and to make recommendations to the whole Council for applications exceeding this amount. It also sets the annual budget. We saw an increase of multi-year applications over the period covered by this report. Projects requesting funding vary from co-funding children and youth ministers to the improvement of sound systems. While the Council budgets a little less than \$50,000 for Area Grants, in reality they are able to approve more when there is room in the budget. FaithWorks grants are treated separately.

Several interesting projects emerged during the last few years. The Area provides seed money for every church to participate in Natural Church Development, and this was made retroactive for early adaptors. We started a bursary program for those of our members entering post-secondary education. Perhaps the most interesting investment was a project which gave each parish in the Area \$200 in exchange for a report on how it used the money for outreach. Results were posted on the website. A very few returned the money, but most reported exciting and creative projects. One such example was the three neighbouring churches of the Ascension, St. Augustine, and St. Cuthbert, who combined their money to start a fundraising dinner for Camp Mooreland. They have

been able to contribute over \$2000 annually to charities, and have fostered cooperation at the same time.

Mr. Brian Fairbrother resigned from the position of Youth Animator last year. In reviewing the position we have expanded it to twice the number of hours. Ms. Rebecca Widdicombe, a graduate of our Diocesan Youth Internship Program who is currently serving at St. Clement, is now our Youth Animator and while she is on maternity leave her position is filled temporarily by Mr. Robert Robinson, the youth worker at the Church of the Nativity.

The above is a glimpse of the many things which have taken place in York-Scarborough in the last few years. To paraphrase John 21:25: if every one of them were written down, I suppose the report would be many pages longer.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu  
Area Bishop of York Scarborough

### **York Simcoe**

Since our last Synod the Area has undergone a major change when Bishop George Elliott announced that he would retire in April 2013. An Episcopal Election was held on April 6, 2013 and the Venerable Peter Fenty was elected. York-Simcoe was very pleased when the Archbishop announced that Peter would follow George as our Area Bishop. The Area came together on April 21, 2013 to celebrate Bishop Elliott's retirement and celebrate with his family, over 300 people packed the hall at St. George's Allandale to have a chance to thank Bishop George and Linda for all they had done in York-Simcoe. We came together again in September at All Saints, King City to welcome Bishop Fenty and his family to York-Simcoe. It was wonderful to see so many clergy and lay out to support our new bishop.

Throughout the transition of bishops the Council continued to work and strive to live out our vision, "To Encourage Healthy, Missional Parishes". In 2010 the Council refocused its work to six priorities that had been identified by the Area; being missional, supporting accessibility, encouraging collaborative ministry, developing an area communication strategy, encouraging social justice & advocacy ministries and honing our Area governance and finances. We continue to use these priorities, along with other tools to help us in making strategic decisions around funding and support for ministry ventures. Sub-committees were set up for each priority area to help in being pro-active in planning for ministry in these areas. One area in which the Council is still struggling with seems to be a lack of communication with in the Area and is looking at new and better ways to get our message out to all the parishes.

Our ministry is framed within the following context. The Episcopal Area of York-Simcoe is one of four in the Diocese of Toronto. Its 65 congregations which make up 47 parishes are located in York Region, Simcoe County, and a sliver of Dufferin/Gray County. Currently there are 41 full-time priests, 9 part-time priests, and 6 deacons. There are over 40 retired clergy and clergy widows living in York-Simcoe.

The population of York Region is now just over 1 million and Simcoe County is just over 500,000. York-Simcoe includes some of the fastest growing communities in Ontario along its southern border which include Markham, Richmond Hill, Vaughan and King and in communities farther north in the cities of Barrie, Orillia, and Collingwood. Much of this growth is the result of immigrants who bring to their new home a rich diversity of language, culture, and religious expression. The immigrant population in York Region is 43%, compared to provincial average of 28%. The majority are not Anglicans. Over the past twenty years urban sprawl has transformed what were once small towns and villages into ever expanding suburban communities across the Greater Toronto Area and paved over thousands of acres of prime farmland. Some of our congregations have embraced these changes and are vibrant and growing. Others continue to struggle and in some cases have closed.

We continue to be excited about the new ministry at St. David's Anglican/Lutheran Church in Orillia where the former Holy Cross Lutheran congregation has joined with St. David's in order to give birth to a fresh expression of the Joint Declaration made by Anglicans and Lutherans in 2001. We welcomed another joining of Anglican and Lutheran congregations when St. Mark's and Holy Cross made the decision to come together in Midland and we look forward to the new ministry that will unfold through them.

We saw several churches through the difficult decision to close their doors; St. Peter, Minesing was closed on April 7, 2013 and St. Albans, Nobleton was closed on June 23, 2013.

We support Anglican Chaplains at the Newmarket Courthouse; at Holy Trinity School, an Anglican affiliated school in Richmond Hill; at Markham/Stouffville Hospital; and at L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill. There is also an Anglican presence in the Military Chaplains who serve at Base Borden in Angus. With the opening of LOFT Bradford House in 2013, there are now four FaithWorks ministries located in York-Simcoe. Bradford House joins the David Busby Centre and Samaritan House in Barrie and the Couchiching Jubilee House in Orillia.

A major portion of our annual budget continues to go towards Ministry Development Grants.

<b>2011</b>		
St. Andrew's, Alliston	Music Ministry	\$3,000
St. John's, E. Orangeville	Fresh Expressions	\$2,500
St. Phillip's, Unionville	Youth Ministry	\$1,000
All Saints', Collingwood	Community Lunch & Learn Program	\$500
Christ Church, Holland Landing	Visioning	\$2,000
Emmanuel, Richvale	Family Ministry	\$15,600
Parishes of Lloydtown & King City	Joint Advertising/Visibility	\$5,000
St. David's, Orillia	Transition to Self Sustaining	\$15,000
St. James', Sharon	Transition to Self Sustaining	\$18,000
All Saints', Collingwood	Fresh Expressions	\$8,000
St. Andrew's, Alliston	Staffing for Retreat House	\$10,000
St. Mary's, Richmond Hill	Associate Priest	\$10,000
Parish of Coldwater/Medonte	University Chaplaincy	\$12,000
Parish of Stayner & Wasaga Beach	Youth Ministry	\$10,000

<b>Total 2011</b>		<b>\$110,600</b>
<b>2012</b>		
All Saints', Collingwood	Fresh Expression	\$500
Christ Church, Holland Landing	Visioning	\$1,000
Parishes of Lloydtown & King City	Joint Advertising/Visibility	\$2,500
St. David Anglican Lutheran, Orillia	Transition to Self Sustaining	\$14,000
St. James', Sharon	Transition to Self Sustaining	\$15,000
All Saints', Collingwood	Fresh Expressions	\$7,000
St. Mary, Richmond Hill	Associate Priest	\$5,000
Parish of Coldwater/Medonte	University Chaplaincy	\$10,000
Parish of Stayner & Wasaga Beach	Youth Ministry	\$8,000
Church of the Evangelists	Music Ministry	\$12,000
St. Paul, Newmarket	New Ministry Initiatives	\$10,000
<b>Total 2012</b>		<b>\$85,000</b>
<b>2013</b>		
St. Giles, Barrie	Worship Ministry	\$2,000
St. John, East Orangeville	Youth Ministry	\$5,500
St. Paul's, Newmarket	Transition Curate to Associate Priest	\$24,000
Trinity, Barrie	Youth Ministry	\$9,000
Church of the Evangelists	Music Ministry	\$7,000
All Saints', Collingwood	Fresh Expressions – Part Time Youth ministry Position	\$6,000
Emmanuel, Richvale		\$15,000
St. Mary, Richmond Hill	Associate Priest	\$2,500
Parish of Coldwater/Medonte	University Chaplaincy	\$8,000
Parish of Stayner & Wasaga Beach	Youth Ministry	\$6,000
<b>Total 2013</b>		<b>\$85,000</b>

We continue to use Annual FaithWorks grants to help support the Sibbald's Point Provincial Park summer chaplaincy ministry operated out of the Parish of Georgina and in 2012 we were able to support the Out of the Cold Program at St. Mary's, Richmond Hill.

On-going activities include support for our annual retired clergy, spouses, and widows' luncheon with Archbishop Johnson; our BBQ for clergy and their families; the Parish Leadership day for Churchwardens, Treasurers and Clergy and our annual Area clergy retreat held in October at Tally Ho Inn near Huntsville.

We continue to provide \$250 grants to parishes that are doing their first survey with the Natural Church Development program. Funding was also provided for several people who attended the Justice Camp held in our Diocese in 2012. A grant was given to St. Mark's and Holy Cross, Midland for a visioning weekend as they moved forward with joining their congregations. The parish of Cookstown & Churchill was given a grant of \$2,250 for their VBS program in 2013.

In the summer of 2012 our Area Youth Coordinator, the Rev. Dawn Leger was appointed Associate Priest at Christ Church in Stouffville and had to step down. By fall of the same year we had hired

Brian Suggs, the Family Pastor at St. Philips-on-the-Hill, Unionville to take on the job. He has been busy getting to know the Area and working with the other Area Youth Coordinators to create programs and opportunities for the youth of our Diocese.

The Area Council would like to acknowledge the dedication and committed to our common ministry shown by Bishop George Elliott. His leadership and boundless energy as he sought to provide spiritual care to both clergy and laity was always inspiring. The Council looks forward to a new chapter with Bishop Fenty as we continue to look at all matters brought to our attention on behalf of the Area of York-Simcoe. Finally, a special thanks to our Area Administrative Assistant, Jennipher Kean, for all she does in supporting the work of our Area Council.

York-Simcoe Area Council

## **DIOCESAN COMMITTEES**

### **Postulancy Committee**

The Postulancy Committee, under Canon 34, exists to discern vocations to the priesthood, to advise the Bishop and College of Bishops on the selection of postulants from among those who apply for postulancy, and to provide ongoing support and formation for postulants anticipating ordination.

The Chair of the Committee is the Bishop of Toronto, with additional leadership provided by the Diocesan Executive Assistant and two Coordinators, the Rev. Canon Greg Symmes and the Rev. Canon Heather McCance. The committee is made up of an additional ten clergy and five laypeople. Two suffragan bishops attend the regular meetings of the Postulancy Committee.

From time-to-time, small working groups are struck to address particular questions. Recently, a small working group reviewed the Core Values document – those characteristics that are required of priests of the Diocese of Toronto – comparing our standards with the new National Church’s “Competencies” document, with a view to adding a Core Value on “Mission”. Another small working group reviewed our Interview Day questions. A third has focused on recruitment, resulting in the production of an impressive video entitled: “Is God Calling You To Be An Anglican Priest?” Another recruitment initiative was a dinner held in November 2013, specifically to engage young women identified as potential vocations. This is a demographic category that has been under-represented in recent years.

In Spring of 2013, 18 individuals applied for postulancy, and sixteen were invited to be interviewed. Of these, seven applicants were accepted as postulants: six men and one woman. We currently have sixteen postulants in our two year process of formation. We anticipate ordaining eight of them in Spring 2014.

Postulancy Statistics for 2013:

Of the 16 postulants as of December 2013:

- 12 are men and 4 are women
- Their ages range from 26 to 68, with an average age of 42.
- Eight attend(ed) Wycliffe, six attend(ed) Trinity, one Emmanuel (with Trinity supplemental courses) and one Regent (with Trinity supplemental courses)

Ordained in 2013:

- Four transitional deacons (on May 5, 2013)
- Three vocational deacons
- Seven priests
- One transfer of Holy Orders from the Roman Catholic Church

## ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

### **Toronto Diocesan ACW Prayer**

*Almighty and Eternal God, enable us through Worship, Learning and Service, to live a life in Christ that strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we may show forth your love to others throughout the world. Amen.*

### **Our History**

In April 1885, Mrs. Roberta E Tilton and 7 brave ladies approached the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in Ottawa, to offer help with missionary work. They were given permission to form the Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada. The Woman's Auxiliary of Canada, known as the W.A. was then formed to support missionary endeavours of the Church overseas and in Canada. At that time, women had no rights, at home, in the community, the Church or politically, however the Woman's Auxiliary worked tirelessly, spreading the Word and supporting missionary endeavours.

Over 70 years later, during the 1960's, changes were taking place as women were becoming even more active in the life of the Church. For example, they were becoming delegates to Synod, Parish Vestry members and lay readers. A broader vision was born, the opportunity for women to be stronger together, to be better able to use their gifts in multiple areas, all to the Glory of God.

In 1966, by resolution of General Synod and acceptance by the Dominion Board, the Woman's Auxiliary was amalgamated with other women's ministries, specifically Mothers' Union, Chancel Guild and Church Year, to come under the umbrella of Anglican Church Women. The groups came together in various formats. Some simply changed their names and continued the basic structures and practices of the Woman's Auxiliary, others were formally incorporated.

In 1967, the Diocese of Toronto launched the Anglican Church Women. With the blessing of the Rt. Rev. George Snell, the diocesan presidents of the 4 women's organizations - the Woman's Auxiliary, the Mothers' Union, the Chancel Guild and the Church Year agreed to the amalgamation of the organizations.

The Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women was legally incorporated on Nov. 22, 1967, undertaking to carry forward the aims and programs of the 4 founding groups.

The purpose of the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women is to be a focus for Christian community among all Anglican Women, affirming their gifts and encouraging their ministries through worship, learning and service.



Today, the ministries of Anglican Church Women, A.C.W. are as varied as the God given gifts of these dedicated women who are committed to enhancing and growing the Kingdom of God and to responding to his call.

### **Our work**

Our work is guided by prayer, our purpose, our motto/ A.C.W. Hymn “The Love of Jesus Calls Us”, and our study of the Five Marks of Mission.

Across the Diocese of Toronto, our Parish Anglican Church Women continue to identify areas where they can make a difference. They are involved in every and all aspects of the life of the Church. Their gifts are being used in many ways - to name a few - lay readers, bible study leaders, Sunday school teachers, organizers of parish dinners, bazaars and events, prayer groups, book clubs, travel clubs, facilitators of educational lecture series, catering to bereaved families after funerals, knitting prayer shawls for the sick, sewing caps for cancer patients and dolls for sick children, visiting seniors and shut-ins.

They are advocating for the poor, the homeless and against violence and abuse. They are promoting justice and peace, lobbying in their communities. They are spreading the Word beyond their congregations, in their communities and beyond.

There is some fundraising, but our primary reason for existence is not fundraising, it is worship, learning, service and fellowship.

The work of the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women includes:

- The Council of the North - the mission work of the Woman's Auxiliary included sending money and bales to support the clergy and people of the North. As an extension of that work, the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Women continue to support the Council of the North by donating a large percentage of their funds.
- Provision of Theological Student Bursaries to assist women theological students, enrolled in a degree course and seeking ordination into the priesthood.
- Provision of Lay Ministry/ Vocational Deacon Bursaries to assist women wishing to take training in Christian Lay Ministry or training for the Vocational Diaconate.
- Pension Assistance to women who were missionaries before the work of women in ministry and in the mission fields was duly recognized and who are now long retired without entitlement to pension.
- Support to Threshold Ministries (formerly Church Army) to help their work and continued on behalf of the founding Chancel Guild commitment.
- Chancel training and information - knowledge of everything pertaining to the Chancels and Sanctuaries of our churches and chapels.
- The Ecclesiastical Needleworkers' Committee - a committee of the Chancel and a group of ladies who create and sell altar cloths and small linens as well as custom vestments and hangings with hand embroidery. Repairs and remounting of old hangings are also done.

The Ecclesiastical Needleworkers celebrated their 100th anniversary of work with an anniversary service on Sep. 28, 2013 at St. James Cathedral. Bishop Linda Nicholls was the Presiding Celebrant. The service was followed by a display of the needleworkers' own work. The display remained open in the Cathedral Centre Archives from Oct. 2 to Oct. 31, 2013.

- A multi faithed exhibition, titled Sacred Stitches - Beauty and Holiness in the Needlework of Many Faiths was held in St. James Cathedral to mark the 100th anniversary of the ladies as well as showcase ecclesiastical embroidery and textile art of other faiths The Exhibition ran from Oct. 24 to Nov. 1, 2013 and attracted thousands of visitors.
- Interfaith work - we were pleased to be at Queen's Park in May 2013 as part of the recommitment of Ruth's Daughters of Canada, a non-profit organization launched by Parkdale-High Park NDP MPP Cheri DiNovo, in 2010 and committed to promoting freedom from violence for all women. The declaration was signed by faith leaders from many communities - Christian and non-Christian. I signed on the declaration on behalf of the Anglican Diocese, along with Bishop Patrick Yu.
- Ecumenical work including the Catholic Women's League, Baptist and United Church Women, from attending their annual meetings to participating in World Day of Prayer Services and other ecumenical events in our Diocese.
- Social Concern and Action Special Projects - building increased awareness amongst women of the Diocese, of their Christian social responsibility. In each Episcopal Area, the Toronto Diocesan Anglican Church Women financially support an organization, with programs and services that are in keeping with the Social Justice theme determined by our members' votes.

For the years, 2012 and 2013, the theme was "Homeless Youth". The organizations supported were:

Trent Durham-The Youth Emergency Shelter  
 York Credit Valley-Youth Without Shelter  
 York Scarborough-Second Base  
 York Simcoe-Pathways for Youth, Children and Families of York Region Inc.

Our diocesan funds are raised mostly from donations from Parish Anglican Church Women groups and designated for Council of the North, Bursaries, Social Concern and Action Special Projects. Other funds are raised from the sale of public relations items, sale of ACW pins, newsletter subscriptions, memorial book entries, individuals and the work of the Ecclesiastical Needleworkers' Committee.

Increased needs and requests at the parish level, church closures and the subsequent disbanding of those parish ACW groups as well as economic situations have resulted in reduced donations from parish groups to the Diocesan ACW. The reduced amounts impact our Diocesan outreach, however, our work continues.

We connect to parish groups by newsletter, by website, parish mailings, through the members of our Diocesan Board, deanery representatives, committee members, attending events, activities and Annual General Meetings.

For 2012, the Annual General Meeting was hosted in York Credit Valley by the Anglican Church Women of Christ the King, Etobicoke, the theme was "Justice For All". The keynote speaker was the Parkdale- High Park NDP MPP - Rev. Dr. Cheri DiNovo who shared her experiences as an United Church Minister, as a MPP as well as personal experiences with homelessness. Archbishop Colin Johnson brought greetings from the College of Bishops.

For 2013, we were in York Simcoe for the Annual General Meeting, hosted by St. James, Orillia. The theme was ``The Love of Jesus Calls Us``. The keynote speaker was Archbishop Terry Buckle who shared experiences of Council of the North. Bishop Yu and Mrs. Yu were in attendance.

We connect with our sisters across the nation through newsletters and attendance at the National Anglican Church Women of Canada Conferences.

The 2012 National ACW Conference was hosted by the Diocese of Calgary. Our Special Guest was the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. The Primate shared his `support of the White Ribbon Campaign and the White Ribbon Pledge “I will never commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women and girls.”

The 2013 National Conference was hosted by the Dioceses of Nova Scotia and PEI. Bishop Sue Moxley spent a great deal of time with us. Bishop Sue discussed stewardship of the earth, “drinkable water as a right and not a commodity”, social action and mobilizing our communities.

Also, at the Conference, we participated in a candlelit Sisters in Spirit vigil and added our names to the petition to Prime Minister Harper in support of holding a National Inquiry into the over 582 occurrences of missing and murdered aboriginal women and girls. Occurrences that remain unaddressed.

In 2012, Rev. Canon Anne Moore completed her time as our Diocesan ACW Chaplain and we welcomed Rev. Joan Cavanaugh - Clark into that role.

Our heartfelt thanks for your support and donations and we ask for your prayers as we continue our faith journey.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anita Gittens,  
President

*Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **FAITHWORKS MINISTRY PARTNERS**

### **AURA (Anglican-United Refugee Alliance)**

We at AURA are so very pleased to have this opportunity to express our most profound thanks to FaithWorks for its funding of the ministry of AURA. Because of FaithWorks funding we are able to aid in the dramatic changing of so many lives. Should we not have FaithWorks funding we would not be able to continue to:

- Educate Parishes regarding Refugee Issues
- Facilitate Refugee Sponsorship
- Aid in the development and education of so many people working to lift up the human condition all over the world
- Provide support and guidance to new Canadian families

We remain very grateful to have been in receipt of funding from FaithWorks in each of 2012 and 2013 in the order of \$46,400.00. This funding enables AURA to be able to carry out God's work in the name of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.

Ian McBride  
Executive Director

### **The BRIDGE Prison Ministry**

On behalf of the many men that your spiritual and financial support has allowed The BRIDGE to assist we Thank You. With your support our ministry and our critical programs have grown substantially. 2012/13 was a year of goals and dreams realized and we are proud and grateful that the Diocese was such an important partner to our ministry. Our goal for 2014 is to be of greater service to many more of our most marginalized community members.

In 2012 /13 our dream of acquiring a Community Centre became a reality. While it has increased our financial responsibilities, it is also providing us with a physical and solid positive presence within the community that will allow us to continue our "mission" for years to come.

"Building Communities of Caring and Compassion" remains a focus of our mission and as a 'prison' ministry it is a necessity. Facilitating spiritual support groups within prisons and working hands-on to safely re-integrate ex-prisoners back into the community requires a caring and welcoming community. Through our diligence and our subscription to the principles of Restorative Justice, especially offender accountability and victim recognition, we have garnered the high level of respect and openness that supports our efforts. As such; our hard work in building supportive community partnerships continues to mutually benefit many, including; offenders, families, victims and the community in general.

Believing, that there are many ways to "do church", The BRIDGE prides itself on our courage and willingness to stretch the margins of our ministry by creating and facilitating unique and vibrant programs, including Inmate Art. Not only has this brought our vision to a colorful and exciting life but it has also generated a wide variety of supporters and community engagement.

Our Institutional Program remains one of the best attended and most popular groups within the Ontario Correctional Institute. As well because of our institutional connections, our 'hands on' mentoring, our community resource center and the support of a number of community agencies our Community Re-Integration Program continues to assist many men return to the community safely. In fact, during the past year, 65 – 70% of the men we assisted upon their release were; out of the shelter system, living in suitable housing, off welfare and working within 2 to 3 months. Almost all remain drug and crime free and are now useful whole contributing members of society. We know most of our men want to work and do not want to re-offend and because we also know that this program accomplishes both one of our main goals for 2014 is to further develop and firmly establish "The BRIDGE Ex-Offender Employment Readiness Program".

Knowing that we can only assist our members from our own place of strength we spent much of 2013 working with consultants to determine our strengths and weaknesses. Our efforts were so well regarded that the Region of Peel has granted us funding to "Strengthen our Organizational Effectiveness" and in 2014 we shall have a well-defined and clear strategy for our long-term future. Although we have existed for 37 years and have successfully assisted 1,000's of men to live

productive crime free lives we know that funding and sustainability is only achieved through diligent and wise governance. We have chosen to do our best to honor our own history and the contributions of our funders and supporters. While we are preparing for probable changes we welcome the opportunity to grow again.

Check out our website - <http://thebridgeprisonministry.com> for exciting updates.

See: <http://www.bramptonguardian.com/community-story/3070354-beyond-the-bars-the-bridge-opens-safe-haven-for-ex-offenders/>  
<http://www.bramptonguardian.com/whatson-story/4181162-community-hopes-message-sticks-in-graffiti-art-project/>

Garry Glowacki  
Executive Director

### **Couchiching Jubilee House**

As another year closes, it brings a time of reflection, celebration and praise for God's provisions. It's only fitting to share our points of celebration with you – our partner in supporting women for twelve years. Your ongoing commitment and support has enabled us to expand our programs and purchase a permanent residence. We wouldn't be where we are today, without you.

Here are just a few notes of praise for 2012:

- 9 families lived in the transitional house
- 69 women and 85 children lived in the transitional house, since opening our doors
- 35 (approximately) post resident families were supported through crisis & transitions
- 15 families on our waitlist at times
- 3 women began university studies
- 6 children returned home from Children's Aid Care
- 4 women found employment
- 6 families found safe and secure housing (the other 3 families are still living in the house)
- Most residents have either volunteered for CJH fundraising events or in the community
- 1 resident was awarded "Coach of the Year" for a junior soccer team
- 150 active volunteers

Once again, we thank you for your generosity and support of our programs.

Charlene Taylor  
Executive Director

### **The Dam**

With FaithWorks' vital support of \$64,040 in 2012 and 2013, The Dam is on track towards 15,000 youth visits to our programs in the Mississauga area. Our programs include reaching youth in our Meadowvale and Cooksville locations, youth we meet on outreach, as well as youth that attend speaking engagements. We are currently reaching a core group of 200 youth that are regularly taking part in daily drop-in and development programs. The Dam sees another 500 youth that casually attend programming at both of our sites. Outreach is a huge part of our work, as we reach over 2000 youth on the streets of Mississauga and another 3000 through various speaking engagements and school assemblies. The Dam also works closely with pregnant teens and young moms living in

Mississauga. We aim to create a community that seeks to be positive and supportive; growing our young moms into healthy individuals and families. We have a group of 15 moms and 20 children that participate in our weekly dinner program. The Dam performs an annual survey with our youth and young moms that helps us to determine specific needs within our community. We then adapt our programs to meet those needs. For more info on programs please visit [www.thedam.org](http://www.thedam.org). FaithWorks provides foundational support to The Dam and we are incredibly thankful to all the generous donors who make ministry through FaithWorks possible.

Carol Reist  
Executive Director

### **David Busby Street Centre**

Through the support of FaithWorks the David Busby Street Centre continues to open our doors at our day program 5 days per week to over 2200 unique vulnerable individuals as well as provides outreach services in Barrie, Ontario. In 2012 we handed out over 1655 pairs of sock, assisted over 240 individuals with bus fare to attend job interviews, doctors' appointments and housing appointments. Through our outreach program we handed out over 5184 emergency food bag to individuals and families in need. The year 2013 is our 20th year of service. During 2013 we have expanded our day program to facilitate a healthy breakfast service 2 days per week. On average we feed over 90 individuals per breakfast session. On behalf of the staff, volunteers, our community and especially our participants would like to express our appreciation for the ongoing support from FaithWorks.

Sara Peddle  
Executive Director

### **North House Shelter**

North House has expanded its services in north Durham to ensure a seamless continuum of homelessness support services. We now offer homelessness prevention and outreach as well as facilitation of the wraparound support process and rent subsidies. We were the successful applicant for this federal funding in north Durham. This funding covers our new staff's salaries and a 'bridging the gap' fund for clients; however it does not cover our administration and overhead costs.

In addition to the above new responsibilities, our social enterprise, North House Catering (pls. see [www.northhousecatering.ca](http://www.northhousecatering.ca)) is growing. With support from Southlake Community Futures Development Corporation we were able to hire a catering intern. We hired a young woman from the area who has a catering background and since then we have been growing in leaps and bounds. Currently, our clients are working an average of two jobs a week as well as our soup lunch in Uxbridge once per month. We are working towards a model of a self-sustaining business that can eventually channel funds back into North House's core funding. We are on track with our projections and look forward to another successful year!

Our community garden, 'The Garden of Eatin'' again supplied the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank in Uxbridge with 16 weeks of fruit and veggies, beginning in April with asparagus and ending in October with squash, corn and grapes. New this year, we piloted an intergenerational gardening project called 'Seed to Blossom'. This project explored gardening and preserving with young and old, cultivating a love of healthy, delicious food and renewed respect amongst several generations.

Without core funding North House would not have the flexibility to explore new projects and offer exciting, fun and educational opportunities that make our community more accepting and inclusive. Thank you!

Ann Watson  
Program Manager

### **Philip Aziz Centre Spiritual Care Program**

Thank you for your ongoing generous and valuable contribution and support of our HIV positive client programs. In the past year we have supported 104 HIV clients, either through men's HIV support groups, one on one counselling and after school and recreation programs for children whose parent(s) are living with HIV. These programs, which include day and overnight camp experiences in summer, after school programs, swimming lessons, tutoring, basketball and arts therapies, allow parents a respite break from caregiving (time to focus on their own needs and physical and mental health).

Outreach into the HIV community continues to be a focus for us, to increase awareness of our spiritual care programs and ensure access to them. PAC continues to work with organizations such as BlackCap (Black Coalition for AIDS prevention), Casey House and APAA (Africans in partnership against AIDS), providing spiritual care services to their clients. Spiritual care offers a safe place to talk, process issues related to living with HIV, and lessens the sense of isolation associated with living with this, stigmatized disease. It is essential to maintaining a sense of overall physical and mental well-being, offering hope for the future and strength for today.

Your support allows us to continue to reach out into the HIV community and offer our services. Thank you for partnering with us to better the lives of people living with HIV.

The Rev. Rauni Salminen  
Executive Director

### **PWRDF**

[The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund](#) (PWRDF) connects Anglicans in Canada to communities in 22 countries, working in partnerships to advance development, respond to emergencies, assist refugees and to act for positive change. Through funding from the Department of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Development (DFATD), PWRDF supports five-year (2012-2017) food security and preventive health programs in Burundi, Tanzania, Mozambique, South Africa and Bangladesh, and was invited to be a founding member of the Canadian Network for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health. New work in 2012-2013 included the development and launch of a three-year ["Fred Says"](#) food security campaign, successful application for accreditation in the [Imagine Canada Standards Program](#), and participation in the development and governance of the [Anglican Alliance](#) for development, relief and advocacy within the worldwide Anglican Communion.

Of particular interest for the Diocese of Toronto is the development of PWRDF's Connections program *enabling Canadian Anglicans and PWRDF partners to experience more, different and closer connections to their mutual ministry and work through PWRDF partners' programs and projects. Connections will bring people together in new ways, eliciting new gifts and resources for all concerned.*

One of the first Connections projects has been with Pimatisiwin Nipi (Living Waters), a group from across the diocese and beyond, which meets regularly at Trinity Aurora to build relationships, learn, advocate and raise strategic funding for access to clean water in northern Canadian Aboriginal communities. Its first project in partnership with PWRDF is in Pikangikum First Nation (Beekahncheekahmeeng Paymahteeseewahch), supporting provision of water to 10 households designated by the community.

Thank you to FaithWorks supporters in the Diocese of Toronto who make the work of PWRDF possible.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Adele Finney  
Executive Director

### **Samaritan House Community Ministries**

Samaritan House Community Ministries is a ministry devoted to serving the most vulnerable within our community of Simcoe County. It is our passion to extend our assistance and services to those struggling from various social and physical setbacks.

The generous contributions from FaithWorks over the past several years have enabled Samaritan House to reach out to these families and individuals who live in our own community. Individuals whom we have been able to serve include those struggling with poverty including many working poor families or single parents struggling to survive on a minimum wage income. Others are recovering from domestic abuse situations, addictions, mental or physical illness, as well as unemployment issues.

The heart of our agency is to offer hope and to create community. Samaritan House Community Ministries strives to accomplish this through meeting our client's needs via advocacy, housing or many of the programs we offer to assist them. It is our goal that we can work with our clients to empower such persons to become self-sufficient.

The following is a brief description of the programs we offer and personally work through with our clients.

### **Resource Centre – Drop In**

Our Resource Centre offers a safe comfortable place where families can enjoy a warm cup of coffee or tea and without shame select from various articles of clothing and household items, linens, etc., to help ease their financial burden. It is here that we can build an ongoing relationship with the client. They will then feel at ease to discuss some of their core problems that led them to the situation they are in. We are then able to determine if and what programs may assist the client. Often we have a program that they can access to ease their burden. Other times we are able to advocate for them or refer them to other resources within the community. Other times they simply need assistance with clothing or household needs and friendly people to associate with. Whatever the situations, this is a safe, confidential, compassionate environment for them.

### **Transitional Safe Housing**

Our Transitional Housing provides safe housing for Women and Children recovering from domestic abuse or violence. Our program provides comfortable, affordable, furnished apartments



where women and children can feel safe in order to rebuild their lives. We provide programming that will educate women on identifying abuse patterns and breaking the cycle of violence. We also provide Life Skills, Parenting, Budgeting, Computer and Job Search training. Our programs will educate and empower women with self-confidence and the necessary skill sets to become self-sufficient over the long term.

#### Adult Computer Training and Job Search

This program will help to provide workplace skills, knowledge and guidance to help people enhance their employment prospects and/or acquire employment and ultimately become financially self-sufficient.

#### Children's Literacy Program

Our Children's Literacy is designed to boost achievement levels and self-confidence of elementary aged children. It is our goal to help struggling children to improve as they acquire the skills, work habits and tools to support their individual learning styles and become lifelong learners. Parents and children are equipped with transferable skills and tools which enhance their child's achievement levels as he or she progresses towards the next level. Parents become more engaged in and knowledgeable about their child's education.

#### Children's Sponsorship Program

This program was developed from the growing and continued struggles our clients deal with on a regular basis. This program is designed to provide children from low or fixed income families with financial resources to meet their health, safety and social-related needs which their families are unable to meet due to poverty or family breakdown or illness.

#### Families in Transition

Here, Samaritan House determines the needs of individuals or families experiencing transition in their lives and provide or refer them to the appropriate resources (i.e. sponsorship, clothing, community and government agencies) to help them secure housing and basic needs, as well as the skill sets they need to establish a positive and productive life for themselves.

Through our many programs provided by Samaritan House, it is our desire to demonstrate God's love through our unconditional acceptance of our clients. As God's servants, our clients are accepted with respect, compassion and love.

With God's Blessings, our gratitude and appreciation,  
Kerry Ploughman  
Executive Director

#### Street to Trail Association

It is my pleasure to provide a brief update on Street to Trail's activities through the first nine months of 2013. During this time all donor funds were used as planned at the beginning of the year with trip activity as planned, participation ahead of plans and expenditures within budget. Operations were suspended in October, to allow the Board to reflect on the S2T's future direction.

Principal activities: 15 day hikes, three 4-day canoe-camping trips, one 3-day winter camping trip, overnight New Year's Eve camping trip, two multi-day training and land stewardship programs on Snowshoe Island. Participant/trips were running about 15% ahead of 2012 levels and had reached approximately 275 by October. Two fundraising events: concert hosted by Rosedale United

Church; 6th annual Hike-a-thon in Taylor Creek Park. In total, S2T has raised \$69,500 this year. We have spent roughly \$63,000 with \$5,000 restricted for a capital purchase.

Outreach: in addition to regular attendance at drop-ins and lunch programs, including St James Cathedral's Tuesday afternoon drop-in, S2T made presentations at several churches and attends annual events such as Mountain Equipment's Paddle fest. Thanks so much for all your support.

Denton Creighton  
Board Chair

**Toronto Urban Native Ministry (TUNM)**

During the past year, the funding which FaithWorks provides to the Toronto Urban Native Ministry has continued to support TUNM's women's ministry and the work of our social and pastoral worker, Sandra Campbell. She has continued her established work of pastoral visiting to shut-ins and the bereaved, street outreach to women living in shelters and on the streets, regularly scheduled counselling through Council Fire, the Toronto Christian Resource Centre, and the Elizabeth Fry Society, facilitation of groups of residential-school (and intergenerational) survivors, and a women's singing and drumming group. In collaboration with her TUNM colleagues, she has worked extensively on events associated with the work of the national Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and new programmes connected with the "Sixties Scoop". Sandra has expanded her reach to include clients at the 416 Drop-in, the YWCA Native Women's housing programme on Edward Street, and the Native Women's Resource Centre. Her speaking engagements with Anglican and United Church congregations have helped to advance TUNM's work of building right relationship between Aboriginal and settler peoples, as has her work with the ecumenical justice programmes and initiatives of KAIROS. Sandra has also been involved in the planning and facilitation of worship services for First Nations Christians and non-Aboriginal Christians interested in connecting with Aboriginal traditions in a Christian context, at the Gathering-Place drop-in (Council Fire), Metropolitan United Church, and the Toronto Christian Resource Centre.

The Rev. Andrea Budgey  
Board Member