Priest finds lost churches

Blog brings buildings back to life

BY CAROLYN PURDEN

SINCE the founding of the Diocese of Toronto in 1839, some 50 Anglican churches in the City of Toronto have disappeared—either torn down for new development or used for different purposes. The Rev. David Harrison, the incumbent of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, writes a blog, Lost Anglican Churches, that brings these churches back to life with photographs and anecdotes.

Since 2012, Mr. Harrison has uncovered the histories of 25 of the missing churches and intends to explore the remaining 25 churches in the next year or so.

He says that while his blog is about local history, it is also about death and resurrection. Congregations develop, churches are built, the local demographics change and the church is no longer required. But churches often serve new purposes—as worship centres for other Christian denominations, or else their names (and sometimes their furnishings) find new life in the suburbs.

In fact, Mr. Harrison experienced this himself in his previous parish, St. Thomas, Brooklin. A fast-growing area, Brooklin needed a new Anglican church and one was built. The new building incorporated some of the furnishings from St. Clement, Riverdale, which closed in 2006.

“Someday there will be a sense of continuity with the past,” Mr. Harrison says. “And we are about death and resurrection in our Christian journey, so that plays out in this story of lost Anglican churches.”

A historian by training, Mr. Harrison started investigating lost Anglican churches through his interest in St. Jude, Roncesvalles, where his grandfather was the rector and he was baptized.

Closed in the 1970s and later torn down, it had an interesting post-Anglican history: the church was used by other denominations, and the parish hall became a farmer’s market and then a dance hall.

“Sometimes he finds the church still exists but is no longer used for worship. After it was closed in 1909, St. Margaret’s at Queen Street and Spadina Avenue was given an art deco façade and is now a store crammed with fabrics. “You can see some of the architectural details are still there inside and along the exterior side of the building, but I walked by Queen and Spadina almost my entire life and had no idea that that was an Anglican church,” he says.

Sometimes Mr. Harrison has to do some sleuthing to find a church because it has disappeared. St. Barnabas, Halton, torn down in the 1970s, was described only as being on a corner at an intersection. However, Mr. Harrison found the site where he visited the locale and saw a building on one corner that was newer than the structures on the other corners.

In one case, even the land has disappeared. In 1911, St. Nicholas was built on Fisher’s Island, a sandbar that ran south from Cherry Beach. Church and island disappeared when the harbour area was filled in 1915.

Mr. Harrison is particularly interested in churches that have gone to other denominations. He talks of Eastern and Russian Orthodox churches that filled the plain interior of an Anglican church with icons and colour. “The shell is still there but all this richness has been added and they’re really quite spectacular,” he says.

In Toronto’s lost churches, there are another 126 lost churches outside the city. “That’s a long-term project, if I ever decide to tackle it,” he says.

“It wouldn’t have been possible to do this without the grant,” says Mr. Giffen. “The congregation is over the moon.”

Over the next five years, the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign will give millions of dollars in grants to parishes and ministries in the diocese that want to “reimagine church,” says Canon Paul Baston, chair of the Our Faith-Our Hope Allocations Committee.

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Stuart Mann, editor
First round of grants total $593,398

Application deadline Sept. 15

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The money will be given for work in the following areas: leadership development, pioneering ministry, communicating in a wireless world, adaptive reuse of parish facilities and enabling parishes to become multi-staffed.

The Church of the Transfiguration was one of eight applicants who received funding from the campaign in the spring. The deadline for applications for the next round of grants is Sept. 15.

Canon Baston said he was impressed with the first batch of applications. “It was clear that the parishes had taken an effort to be innovative and creative, in terms of developing a proposal. It was interesting to see the thoughts they had about what they could do to re-imagine church and really make an effort to spread the life of Christ more broadly throughout the diocese.”

In total, $593,398 was given out in the first round of funding. Grants were given in every category except adapting parish facilities. The grants ranged in size from $2,698 to assist a priest with professional development to $361,200 to support a new church.

The Rev. Canon Kim Beard, the incumbent of St. Paul on the Hill, Pickering, says a $13,000 grant he received would be used to update the church’s website, where they get a sense of their ministry and what’s going on here. “That’s where they’ll decide if they want to take the second step, which might be a phone call or a visit.”

He says St. Paul’s will be using the money to update the church’s audio-visual equipment and to create better online content, both to use during worship services and to share with the outside world. “The church is investing $22,776 of its own money to make this happen,” he says.

“We’re living in a time when people are very connected and sophisticated, in terms of technology, so you have to have a presence on the Internet and it has to be of good quality, which means you have to invest money in training and equipment,” he says.

He is thankful that the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign decided “We think what you are doing is good and here is a way to support it.” That financial gift is a real encouragement at the local level.”

The first grants were not limited to parishes. Wycliffe College received $75,000 to help launch a new program called the Graduate Certificate in Missional Leadership. The one-year course will equip clergy with practical skills in the areas of community engagement and formation, missional thinking, preaching and worship and leadership development.

“We want the program to be at the leading edges of growth and discovery for church ministry in our day,” says the Rev. Dr. Peter Robinson, professor of Proclamation, Worship and Ministry at Wycliffe.

He says the course, which draws heavily on practical experience and case-based learning, will provide important resources for both the college and the diocese. “We pray that through its graduates, this program will encourage renewed Christian discipleship in our day, a renewed sense of mission among Anglicans in this dio­cese and a renewed momentum in church growth – parish by parish.”

Canon Baston says the Alloca­tions Committee is looking forward to the next round of applications. “We encourage parishes to make applications and we’ll be delighted to consider them.”

The job of the committee is to review the applications, based on the criteria for each category, then to forward its recommendation for funding to Diocesan Council, which makes the final decision. To read the guidelines for applications or to learn more about the grants, visit the diocese’s website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.

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From left, Jeff Potter, Nicole Coates, the Rev. David Giffen, Giselle Trenaman and Becky Potter of the Church of the Transfiguration, Toronto, will hire a children’s ministry coordinator with a grant from the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDDON
PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Phillip Miret (left) and his brother Daniel hold an envelope with their allowance contribution to FaithWorks. Their gift prompted other family members and the congregation at St. Timothy, North Toronto, to give.

Brothers give to FaithWorks

BY SUSAN MCCULLOCH

DANIEL and Phillip Miret of St. Timothy, North Toronto, often wondered what they could do to help people in need. They were bombarded by television ads about starving children overseas, and they regularly saw people begging for spare change at the side of the road.

After hearing a FaithWorks speaker from The Bridge Prison Ministry, the boys’ mother, Mari-on, realized the family could make a difference. “I have always struggled with the passage from Matthew’s Gospel about the Judgment of the Nations, in which the righteous ask, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’”

When was it that we saw you?" And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? “I am deeply touched by the presentation, I realized that the Church knows who is in need and how to help them. I talked to my family and suggested that we make a family gift to FaithWorks. As soon as I mentioned this, both boys ran to their rooms to collect their allowances. My husband and I doubled the amount of their gift and the boys’ grandmothers matched them again.”

She asked her sons whether they would be comfortable having their pictures and story posted on St. Timothy’s website and the diocese’s Facebook page, to which Phillip responded: “It will help other people to become aware, please share our story.”

The boys’ generosity continues to make an impact. “Once the word about Daniel and Phillip’s leadership started to spread, the parish responded with abundances,” says the Rev. Canon Greg Symmes, incumbent. As of mid-July, the church had already exceeded its FaithWorks goal for this year by more than $1,000, with more gifts yet to come.

“Toward the end of the school year, when I thought the boys were not going to make an impact,” says Canon Symmes. “I am deeply touched by the boys’ generosity and grateful to their parents for teaching them that they could make a difference through FaithWorks to help change lives,” says Canon Symmes.

Susan McCulloch is the FaithWorks Campaign Manager. To make a secure, online donation to FaithWorks, visit www.faithworks.ca or contact Ms. McCulloch at 416-363-6021 or 1-866-668-8932, ext. 244 or email smcculloch@toronto.anglican.ca.

WITH HER GENEROUS LEGACY GIFT, THE MINISTRIES THAT ENID GLOVER CARED SO DEEPLY ABOUT WILL BE FUNDED IN PERPETUITY.

Sister Constance Murphy dies at 109

SISTER Constance Murphy, SSJD, died peacefully on Aug. 2 at the age of 109 at St. John’s Convent in Toronto. Sister Constance Murphy joined the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in 1936 and two years later was sent to teach at the Qu’Appelle Diocesan School in Regina, Sask. While there, she rose to the position of headmistress and returned to the Toronto convent in 1953. She was named administrator of the Church Home for the Aged in Toronto in 1958, a position she held until 1972. At the age of 94, she published a book of her memoirs, Other Little Ships. She had been honored for her work on many occasions: a requiem eucharist for her took place at St. James Cathedral on Aug. 10.

Enid Glover was a lifelong Anglican whose mother was the caretaker of the first St. George, Willowdale, a wooden church that was replaced in the 1920s. As a young girl, Enid and her family took a horse and buggy down Yonge Street to go to church. As an adult, she was an active member of the ACW and sang in the church choir there and later, at St. Patrick, Willowdale. After taking early retirement from Sears, Enid was busier than ever as a member of the Second Mile Club where she enjoyed square dancing, line dancing and needlecrafts. Her close friends, Ken and Ruth Loan, remember Enid as a woman whose faith allowed her to live each day to the fullest. “Although she was a reserved person, Enid truly cared about others and was a generous supporter of FaithWorks. She wanted to leave a legacy to ensure that those who needed her help would receive it for many years to come.”

Enid’s legacy gift to the FaithWorks Endowment Fund at The Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation will help ensure that the ministries she cared so deeply about will be funded in perpetuity.

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Annual review is useful

When my wife was contemplating retirement, she was asked whether she would regret the decision. In June of her last year of teaching, she looked over at me and exclaimed, “If I ever start to complain that I’m no longer teaching, just remind me about report cards!”

June is not “report card month” for me, but some have asked me over the past year: what needs to be altered, what goals need to be set for the coming year. It is not the only time for feedback, of course, but it is an annual opportunity to review and plan.

I review the four area bishops, the chief administrative officer and the diocesan executive assistant. My own review is conducted by the chancellor and a retired bishop.

My review process begins with a questionnaire to each of the area bishops from whom I’ve worked over the past year: an area bishop, a diocesan bishop in the province, some parish clergy, a couple of churchwardens, a diocesan director, staff and consultants, and some lay members of Synod. (Some of the people are the same from year to year for continuity; others are new, to bring a fresh point of view.)

The reviewers are asked: a) How have they observed the archbishop engaged in this? b) What is he doing well? c) What changes might they suggest? d) What else would they like the archbishop to do?

At the same time, I prepare a document reviewing what I’ve done during the year, and it is eventually circulated to members of Diocesan Council, along with some priorities for my ministry for the coming year and my personal development.

The responses to the questionnaire are sent confidentially to the chancellor, who then shares them with the bishop. They summarize them and then meet together with me to discuss the feedback, recommendations and goals. This then forms a reference point for the next year’s “report card.”

It is a useful process. It is not always easy, but it certainly helps. You get to see through others’ eyes what you are doing. Just as importantly, you see what you are doing over a span of time—that the scope of your ministry comes into better perspective—it is not just one thing after another. It becomes a chance to identify opportunities for new learning and growth, to see patterns (good and bad) that have developed and to set directions not only on your own work but with the input of the priors of the diocesan church.

And it’s not only about ministry or work. My wife and I set aside a while we’re on holiday to talk about our relationship—what are the pinches that are annoying us, what are the course corrections needed, and where can we rejoice in the ways we’ve been blessed.

It is a natural and normal part of the Christian spiritual life, whether it is the daily examination of conscience before bed, the time of reflection before saying the confession at a Sunday liturgy, an intentional re-treat or an annual “performance review.” It is a time to give thanks, to make corrections, to set directions. It is part of the ongoing conversion process of “growing into full maturity in Christ” (see Ephesians 4 and 6) and mutual accountability in the body of Christ.

Ministry is a mutual relationship, where together we respond to God’s invitation to join in God’s mission of healing and redeeming the world in Christ, using the gifts, the opportunities and the responsibilities we have been given.

I welcome your comments, too, either directly to me by email, or a letter written confidentially and marked for forwarding to the chancellor’s office—but please, only if you are not anonymous!

We hold faith for others

Despite living in a culture and time that yearns to be the doyenne of individualism, as Christians we are called to know ourselves as part of the body of Christ. We are invited to see ourselves and our personal gifts as part of the larger community of God’s people, for the good of all people.

The classic scriptural description of this is found in 1 Corinthians, where Paul describes the body of Christ and the gifts of the Spirit. “To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good” (1 Cor 12:7). We readily identify the gifts of healing, of giftedness or evangelism, but also included in the list is the gift of faith. Surely faith is expected of everyone who believes in God. Surely faith is not a gift just for some. Churches certainly give the impression that if you don’t have faith, you don’t belong.

As a young priest, I expected that to be true. Over the years, however, I have come to see that faith is a diploma gift for others and a gift given to the whole community.

Clean water for Pikangikum

If you or your parish would like to get involved in providing clean water and sanitation to people living in Pikangikum, northern Ontario (see outreach opportunity on this page), contact Bishop Mark MacDonald, the national indigenous bishop, at mmacdonald@national.anglican.ca or call 1-888-560-0000. PWRDF has made a $100,000 commitment to this project. To help the PWRDF reach its goal, six churches in the Diocese of Toronto and one in Winnipeg have raised more than $36,000. The six churches in the Diocese of Toronto are: All Saints, Kingsway; Trinity, Aurora; St. David, Orillia; St. James, Orillia; St. Thomas, Brocklin; and All Saints, King City. Every dollar donated to PWRDF and marked “Pikangikum” goes to this extremely important work,” says Rev. Martha Tatarnick, the incumbent of St. David, Orillia, and a member of a group led by Bishop Macdonald who was looking at this over at me and exclaimed, “If I ever start to complain that I’m no longer teaching, just remind me about report cards!”
Start with a strategy

By Henrieta Paukov

Social Media

When dealing with multiple speakers, is family. Unfortunately, without clerical比如 that says “the funeral belongs to the

By Peter Mieszkow

Ten reasons to give

In an earlier article, I outlined 10 common objections that I have encountered on why people don’t give. Most of the excuses originate out a sense of scarcity of resources as opposed to abundance. Giving is presented as an afterthought, as something to be engaged in after every other thing else has been taken care of. In this sense, in this mindset of scarcity on its head, we can’t see all kinds of reasons why people should give—and give up front, before everything else takes place. In my experience, I am convinced that people want to give. They cannot help but see the ministry taking place in their midst. It is funded through re-source programs and parish activities. Yet they hold back out of fear, inadequacy, lack of information or misunderstanding. See the church like any other charity and giving back to God what is God’s in the first place.

A theology of abundance is one where we recognize the goodness of others and the awesome potential of generosity through the church. In his book, From Scarcity to Abundance: A Complete Guide to Parish Stewardship, David Pontifex reflects on this bounty: “In John 10:16, Jesus declares, ‘I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.’ Jesus does this so that the proverbial cup is not half empty or even half full, but overflowing.”

We are overflowing in riches, yet many of us persist in the belief that we will never have enough. As a result, insecurity becomes our constant companion. To help us overcome this tendency, here are 10 reasons why we should give to what we consider a way of life:

1. We have already given the free gift of life and its accompanying benefits.
2. We have a need to give thanks.
3. Giving is a way we live out our beatific promises.
4. Giving imitates God’s love for us.
5. It feels good to give.
6. It is a privilege to be asked.
7. Giving allows us to share our goodness and feel connected to a bigger cause.
8. In giving, we also receive. We recognize more fully than others of our experience the true nature of scarcity.
9. Giving transforms lives and makes the world and our experience in it better.
10. The church, as a vehicle for ministry, needs our support.

In all that we do to encourage generosity, it is important to avoid using guilt as a motivator. Guilt will never inspire joyful giving. It is one way of encouraging fear and dependency toward materialism.

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Church plants garden for community
One spring Sunday, as parishioners came out of the Fenelon Falls Baptist church, they were puzzled by a crowd of adults and children outside St. James Anglican Church across the road. A few of them wandered over to see what was going on and found they were witnessing the blessing of Fenelon Falls’ first community garden.

For several years, parishioners at St. James had looked at a large piece of land between the church and the rectory and had dreamed of putting in a garden. This year, with the help of a $5,000 Reach grant from the diocese, the dream became a reality. The church constructed 16 raised beds that are being planted by various people from the community—people who have no land, special needs high school students, senior citizens, altar guild members and parishioners.

The coordinator of the garden is Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, a parishioner who is also the biblical scholar for the deanery of Victoria Haliburton. She went around the community to gather donations of compost and topsoil from local businesses, and rallied volunteers to set up the beds. Dr. Keesmaat, who runs an organic cattle farm, is also holding a series of workshops to talk about the various aspects of organic garden practices, including enhancing the soil and companion planting. The Rev. Susan Spicer, the incumbent of St. James’, says the community garden has been greeted with great enthusiasm in the town and in the parish. “When we had a public meeting, people were very enthusiastic about the idea. They could see the potential and wanted to be part of this new initiative.”

The garden beds are a glorious mix. One bed contains nothing but gourds. Another has bean trellises. There are tomatoes and herbs, and some people are planting a mix of vegetables and flowers.

Shannon Quigley (centre) discusses her exhibit, Gothic Revival: Medieval vs. Modern, with visitors in the Archives and Museum of St. James Cathedral, Toronto. The exhibit, held in the spring, examined why the Victorian era—known for emphasizing progress—brought about a revival of medieval architecture. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

The garden is cared for by a variety of people in the town. The church supplies the soil and tools, and water is collected as it runs off the church’s roof.

“Is it lovely to look out on,” says Ms. Spicer. “I wake up every morning and go look out at the garden.”

By Carolyn Purden

Church gives scholarships to students
Two high school students who graduated this past spring were each given scholarships of $1,000 by All Saints, Whitby, for their continuing education. Xiwen Yin of Ajax will continue her education in Waterloo this September in mechatronics. Stephen Stoddart of Whitby will attend the University of Ontario Institute of Technology, Oshawa, to take a program in business technology. The students were presented with their scholarships at the church on June 2, with their families, friends and the congregation present. Funds for the scholarships were gathered from donated pennies and other coins, as well as proceeds from a dried soup sale. The scholarship committee is currently collecting pennies as well as other change in the church’s “penny jars” for next year’s scholarships. This is the second year for this outreach ministry, and the church is pleased to give a helping hand.

By Margaret McDavid

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Music director celebrates 50 years
Cake, coffee and a bagpiper were the order of the day on April 28 as the congregation of St. Peter, Erinrdale, celebrated music director Clement Carelse’s 50th anniversary of playing the organ. PHOTO BY JAMES BECKWITH

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Our special guests this year will be a Metro Toronto police officer and horse from the Mounted Unit.
Baptism may be a first for diocese

Jasmine El Bardeesy was possibly the first person in the diocese to be baptized using the new “creation care” question in the baptismal covenant. During her baptism at St. Stephen-in-the-Fields, Toronto, in July, the celebrant asked, “Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God’s creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?” and the congregation responded, “I will, with God’s help.” General Synod approved the addition of the question at its meeting in early July, and the Rev. Maggie Helwig, the priest-in-charge of St. Stephen’s, included it in Jasmine’s baptismal service the following Sunday. “Her family was very excited about her being the first official Anglican eco-warrior,” said Ms. Helwig. “It fits in well with some of the greening of the city we’ve been trying to do lately, especially in the area around the church.”

By Staff

Trent-Durham Anglicans discover ‘hidden treasure’

People from many places gathered at St. Peter, Cobourg, on April 13 for Trent-Durham’s Area Day of Celebration. They were treated to inspiring worship, excellent workshops by gifted leaders and a scrumptious lunch.

“This year’s theme was ‘Hidden Treasure: Discovering God’s Kingdom in Places Ranging from Scripture and Prayer to Books, Movies and the Faces of the Poor.’ Workshops included ‘Christians Against Poverty,’ ‘Godly Play,’ ‘Taking a Closer Look at the Parables’ and ‘How to Pray with an Anglican Rosary.’ A program for children was also available.

The day began with a talk by Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat, entitled “A Romp through the Bible.” She took us through a fascinating look at the Biblical story. She did this from the perspective of the hidden treasures by which the salvation story was passed from generation to generation. Dr. Keesmaat pointed out that this often happened through unexpected people like women, children, and绿城.

She concluded by saying that the reign of God continues to grow through ordinary people, in our daily lives as we strive to be faithful to God. She encouraged us to be captivated by God’s kingdom and the vision of who God calls us to be.

A highlight of the event was the musical leadership of Wine Before Breakfast, a worship group that is part of the campus ministry at the University of Toronto.

“It is great to know people regularly get together to share ideas,” said lead singer Deb Whalen about the day.

It was not only the leaders who found the day very informative. “I am glad I came.”

By the Rev. Stephen Vail

NEW CHAPEL

Bishop Philip Poole makes the sign of the cross in the centre of the Peace Chapel at St. John the Baptist, Dixie, Mississauga. The bishop consecrated the new chapel on June 23. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

FRESH AIR

A group from St. James Cathedral, Toronto, gathers for a Rogation Sunday worship service in the park beside the cathedral on May 5. Parishioners and clergy gather in the park each spring for a service of prayers and readings for stewardship of the environment. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

CONFIRMED

Bishop Patrick Yu confirmed four members St. Aidan, Toronto, on May 5. Joining him are, front row from left, Nicholas Sabatini, Grace Rockett, Michaela Budd and Valerie Sabatini. In the back row, from left, are the Rev. Lucy Reid and servers Spencer Leefe, James Dashwood and Aimee Delavigne.

By Thomas Alloway

The Rev. Canon Andrew Sheldon leads a Godly Play workshop at the Trent-Durham Area Day of Celebration on April 13 at St. Peter, Cobourg. PHOTO BY CLIFF HOPKINS

ROCK ON

Jason Smith (left) and Joao Vitor Felicio of We the Redeemed, a worship rock band, play for youth at St. George, Pickering Village, on June 5. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON
Vicar’s wedding dance goes viral

UNITED KINGDOM – After pro-
nouncing Gary and Tracy
Richardson husband and wife in
her ceremony, the Rev. Kate
Bottle led the congregation in
a flash mob dance. The three-
minute video of the event, to the
’tune ‘Everybody Dance Now,”
soon had 300,000
Internet views and topped the
BBC’s list of videos. Ms. Bottle
said the idea came up a couple of
months earlier at the service at
St. Mary and St. Martin in Blith,
Nottinghamshire, took shape. “I
asked if there was anything spe-
cial they wanted to include and
Tracy joked they should have a
flash mob. I said, ‘Why not?’”
The couple had no church con-
nexion when they approached
Ms. Bottle about the wedding.
They’ve now been attending the
church for six months and are
members of the congregation.

Anglicans Online

Cathedral serves deaf children

EGYPT – When the Archbishop of
Canterbury, Justin Welby, vis-
ted Cairo earlier this summer, a
group of deaf children led morn-
ing prayers at All Saints’ Cate-
dral in sign language. “Deaf chil-
dren come and stay with us and
in this way we can involve them
in the church programs,” said the
Rev. Faraj Hanna, priest-in-
charge of the Church for the
Deaf, a ministry of the cathedral.

Botswana’s fifth bishop, the Rt.
Rev. Metlahayolele Boleme, Bishop Boleme is the
first Botswana-born bishop to
load the diocese since it was
formed in 1972. Thousands of
Christians attended the service
at the Holy Cross Cathedral in
the African country’s capital,
Gaborone, in the Primate of Cen-
tral Africa, Archbishop Albertina
Chama, presided. After the con-
secration, a member of the con-
gregated group dressed in traditional
clothing presented a poem in the
Sesotho language, as an ap-
plause of those gathered.

Catholic News

Nation has first home-bred bishop

BOTSWANA – A five-hour cele-
bration marked the enthron-
ment and consecration of

Services planned for cardboard cathedral

NEW ZEALAND – A $3.1 million
cardboard cathedral in Christchurch, New Zealand, was
scheduled to open for worship in late August. The temporary An-
glican cathedral, which should last 50 years, was designed by
Japanese architect Shigeru Ban.
It incorporates 98 beams en-
cased in cardboard. It was sched-
uled to open in February but
construction and design delays
resulted in the late August date.
The controversial structure, sup-
ported by Bishop Victoria
Matthews, formerly of Toronto
and Edmonton dioceses, was
erected to serve as a replace-
ment for Christchurch’s Cathed-
dral, which was severely dam-
aged in the 2011 earthquake.

Church offers iBooks to tell its stories

UNITED STATES – The newest
form of communication for The
Episcopal Church is called
‘Wayfarer,” a free iBooks appli-
cation that can also be viewed
through the church’s website.
Wayfarer “allows us to go a little
deeper and tell longer, com-
pelling stories through multi-
media,” said Mike Collins, a
spokesperson for the communi-
cations office. The format is ide-
al for stories that don’t fit into
short news items. Recent fea-
ture stories included a church
society developed by nuns in New
York state, and a California com-
munity of worship and music.
Future plans include iBooks on
post-Katrina relief work in
Louisiana, a monk’s story from
Massachusetts, and a seminari-
an’s life at Yale university.

Anglican Communion News

Anglicans receive Jubilee Medal

The following Anglicans in the
Diocese of Toronto have received
the Diamond Jubilee Medal, con-
memorating the 60th year of
Her Majesty’s reign as Queen of
Canada, which began on Feb. 6,
1952. These honours are given
for Canada to honour the Queen
for her service to this country. At
the same time, it serves to honour
significant contributions and
achievements by Canadians.

Clarke Mayhew

St. Thomas, Millbrook
Clarke Mayhew received the Di-
amond Jubilee Medal in recogni-
tion of his work for the church and
the community. Mr. Mayhew has
been a lay reader for 55
years, starting at the age of 15 at
Holy Trinity, Maynooth, before
moving to Millbrook. Since then,
he has held almost every volun-
teer position at St. Thomas. He
was a public school industrial
arts teacher for Peterborough
County until his retirement, and
has been a Millbrook Food Share
facilitator since its inception 10
years ago. Mr. Mayhew is an ac-
active member of J.B. Hall Masion-
e Lofts, and has organized an-
ual road cleanups for many years.

Bette Harpur

Christ Church, Campbellford
Bette Harpur is an honorary
member of the Girl Guides of
Canada with 45 years’ service.
She has held several positions
on the advisory board at Christ
Church. She sings in the choir
and volunteers with the local
School Breakfast Club program.
She also volunteers at the local
foodbank and has been on its
board of directors for the last
three years. She has a long and
volunteer role for Habitat for
Humanity Northumberland and
is currently serving on both the
selection and family mem-
bership committees. As a mem-
ber of the Trent Hills Grannies
for Africa, she endeavors to ed-
ucate others about the AIDS cri-
is in Africa and raises funds in
support of the Stephen Lewis
Foundation.

John Hayer

St. George, Allandale, Barrie
John Hayer is the recipient of
both the Golden and Diamond
Jubilee medals. As a volunteer,
he has served his fellow citizens
in many ways over the years,
from hospice worker to Canadi-
an vice-chancellor of an interna-
tional charitable organization.
He served the people of Ontario
and Canada for over a half cen-
tury as a career army officer.
He is also a recipient of the Ontario
Volunteer Service Award.

Dr. Robert Stephens

Christ Church, Campbellford
Dr. Bob, as he is known to his
friends and colleagues, has
spent a lifetime devoted to med-
ical outreach ministry. He has
spent time caring for Canada’s
aboriginal people. He served a
decade in the Belgian Congo,
during which time he estab-
lished a hospital. He was the ex-
ecutive director of BMAS (Edia-
cation, Medical Aid and Serv-
ices), which sends medical teams
to developing nations, offering
clinics and teaching medical
techniques to local medical per-
sonnel. He was the executive di-
rector of the Christian Medical
and Dental Association. He was
also the chair of the board of the
Medical Committee of Health
Partners International of Cana-
da, an organization that part-
ners with Canada’s pharmaceut-
ical industry to send medicines
to developing countries. He is a
founding member of Hospice
Northumberland and serves on
its board of directors. Dr.
Stephens has served as the peo-
ples’ warden at Christ Church;
has also been a youth mentor
and led two youth missions to
Cuba. In addition, he has organ-
ized and led two outreach mis-
sions to Africa in recent years.

The Rev. Orville Endicott

Memorial Cathedral, Toronto
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William Hullah

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Alberta church destroyed by fire

Anglicans in Morinville, Alta., woke on Sunday, June 16, to news that their beloved St. Andrew’s church had been destroyed by fire overnight. “It’s very sad for all the people who put their love into this place,” said Rev. Ron Horst, St. Andrew’s rector. He added that he awoke to the Lord’s voice saying, “I am always with you.” He was followed by a phone call informing him that the church had burned.

Local RCMP deemed the origins of the fire suspicious. Several community churches, among them a Dutch Christian Reformed church, have offered worship space to the congregation, which has been temporarily worshipping with Emmanuel Anglican Church in Gibbons since the fire.

The Messenger

Walk raises funds for restoration

Recent repair work on the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Saskatoon has cost $1 million, but much more remains to be done. Bishop Tom Morgan was inspired to start a walkathon fundraiser to help with the effort. From May 13 to 18, he and fellow Diefenbakers, with a dog, Puddles, walked 140 km from the Cathedral of St. Alban’s in Prince Albert to the cathedral in Saskatoon. Pledges for the 4-day event are being matched by the Saskatchewan Anglican diocese.

The Saskatchewan Anglican

With love from Halton Hills

On May 22, almost 2,500 pounds (146 boxes) of gifts were shipped from the Anglican church in Halton Hills, Ont., to three isolated communities in Nunavut and Nunavik. The outreach project began in 2009 when Connie Karlson, a parishioner at St. Paul, Norval, heard that there was a desperate need in those communities for babies and children to have warm clothing and other essential items. Since that time, 4,483 pieces of clothes, household items and food have been shipped via Air Inuit. The Halton Hills churches aim to enable the communities to be self-sustaining. They also intend to build relationships and partnerships to support local and national educational and employment opportunities for the Inuit people.

The Niagara Anglican

Church covered with quilts

Trinity Church, Cornwall, in the Diocese of Ottawa, was transformed into a kaleidoscope of colour April 19-20 as it welcomed Quilts on the Seaway, a quilt show put on by the Cornwall Quilters Guild. The church hall was decorated with 36 hanging quilts, and vendors from as far away as Brockville and Ottawa sold quilts related to the theme “Our 200-year-old church had every pew draped with more than 140 wonderful quilts,” said Sharon Magee, the show’s coordinator and a member of the church. “The sight was truly arresting. The sun coming through the stained glass windows above the quilts was wonderful to see.”

More than 650 people visited the exhibition, and the church sold refreshments.

Crosswalk

Cathedral plans for tourists

The Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City is embarking on an ambitious, multi-pronged plan that will open its doors wider to the millions of tourists who come to the historic city every year, hoping to generate more funds for mission and ministry. About 4.5 million tourists visit the city each year, but only about 145,000 find their way to the 200-year-old Anglican cathedral. The plan centres on the creation of a permanent museum exhibit inside the cathedral. “The King’s Treasurers” will display several gifts given by King George III for the cathedral’s dedication in 1804, which have been kept locked away. For the first time, tourists will be asked to pay to visit the cathedral, a common practice in many European cathedrals. Tours and multilingual audio guides will be offered. Visitors who indicate they are coming to the cathedral to pray will not be asked to pay. Donations left in a large chest near the door currently amount to about $8,500 annually. “Our challenge is to make this place known as a church, as a cathedral, and make sure its mission is known,” said Guy-laine Caron, chair of the cathedral steering committee. “It won’t be a revenue-making machine. It’s still a cathedral. The dream is to try to combine the three but stay respectful of the mission of this place.”

The Gazette

Penny rolls stretch length of nave

When the Bank of Canada announced that it would be phasing out the penny, the Rev. Sandra Tilley, the incumbent of St. John the Evangelist in Topaz, Conception Bay South, Newfoundland, had an idea. She challenged the congregation to pool all their pennies and give them to the PWRDF. A small table with a large glass jar was placed in the foyer of the church. The response was overwhelming: it was filled several times, enough to make 442 rolls of pennies. At the service on April 21, the children of the church laid out the rolls in the centre aisle; they stretched from the steps below the chancel to the front door—the complete length of the nave. “While some people might lament the demise of the penny, we here at St. John the Evangelist are proud of everyone’s efforts to utilize ours while they are still redeemable,” said Louise Smith, Anglican Life.

Art puts face on inmates’ lives

BY CAROLYN PURDUE

THE Bridge Prison Ministry showcased a large exhibition of art by current and former criminal offenders. The exhibit was intended to reveal the humanity of prison inmates to the general public.

Entitled Art from the Inside Out, the show was displayed at Brampton’s old jail and courthouse. The show featured 60 paintings and sculptures—that were created by adult and youth offenders in 10 correctional facilities across the province.

“Inmates are our brothers and sisters, our uncles and aunts. These are human in jail,” said Mr. Gowacki.

Partly funded by FaithWorks, the annual outreach appeal of the Diocese of Toronto, The Bridge helps ex-offenders to reintegrate into the community. It also reaches out to the community, especially through art.

Initially, the region of Peel asked The Bridge to run a program that removed graffiti and replaced it with art. Then PAMA, which is around the corner from The Bridge’s community centre, asked The Bridge to provide a mural for its post-renovation opening. It seemed a natural next step for PAMA to co-host an art exhibit with The Bridge.

For the PAMA show, Mr. Glowacki contacted the artists and received their permission to exhibit and sell their work. They will receive part of the proceeds, while the rest will go toward the purchase of art supplies. The opening reception attracted about 175 people, including some of the artists, three police officers and a contingent from St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Toronto. “The PAMA curator said it was probably the best opening they’ve had,” said Mr. Gowacki.

Another example of The Bridge’s outreach through art occurred with the death of a young Brampton boy who was recently shot through his townhouse window in the worst shooting in Brampton Church Public School, created an event to honour him, and The Bridge painted 24-inch by 48-inch canvasses bearing the school’s three founding principles, then invited students to paint something to express their feelings.

The six-panel mural, Change the World, now hangs in the school’s hallways.

Parish hit by oil spill

The Parish of Bright in the Diocese of Fredericton is struggling to recover from a catastrophic oil spill in April that occurred when a tanker full of oil spilled from a nearly full 700-litre oil tank to seep into the basement of St. Paul’s church in Fundy. The church will need to be moved to excavate the contaminated soil, with cost estimates at about $275,000. The church’s insurance policy excluded coverage due to acts of corrosion. In a written appeal, the Rev. Debra Edmonson asked people to keep the parish in their thoughts and prayers. She said the community has already stepped up to help raise funds. Financial contributions are greatly needed and appreciated, she added. Donations can be made directly to The Anglican Parish of Bright, c/o The Treasurer, 58 Alberni St., New Maryland, New Brunswick, E3C 1E4.

The New Brunswick Anglican
To submit items for Looking Ahead, email hpausky@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the November issue is October 1. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese’s website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Worship

SEPT. 15 – Christ Church, Holland Landing, 116 Peter St., invites all to a special service of celebration and Holy Communion to mark its 170 years of service in the community. Archdeacon Colin John- son will preside. For more details, visit www.christchurchhollandlanding.ca or call 905-653-7622.

SEPT. 29 – Join St. Peter’s, 188 Carlton St., Toronto, for a Jazz Ear- ncharit at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Tim Elliott will preach and celebrate, and his jazz band will perform. Call 416-924-1891 or visit www.stpeter-carlton.ca.

SEPT. 29 – Choral Evensong at St. Grade, Swanesee, 360 Windermere Ave, Toronto, with Nicola Eccles- am, a 28-voice choir devoted to au- sic, at 4 p.m. Followed by Peach Tea and a talk with Clem Carelse about the works of composer Benjamin Britten. Contributions appreciated. For more details, call 416-769-5868 or visit www.stolave.ca.

Sales

OCT. 10 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brook- e, Thornhill, will hold its fall rummage sale from 9 a.m. until noon. A large selection of clothes, household items, linens, books, games, toys, jewellery, and much more. For more information, call 905-488-5831.

NOV. 2 – St. Joseph of Nazareth, 209 Balmoral Dr, Bramalea, will hold its annual Christmas Bazaar. Call 905-783-8020.

NOV. 9 – Christmas Bazaar at the Church of Our Saviour, 1 Lauren- tide Dr., Don Mills, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Baking, jams, preserves, soups, griddle cakes, housemade hot dog, cream puff, house- made house bread house ruffle and house hostess baskets ruffle. For more information, call 416-385-1363.

NOV. 9 – “A ‘Faire’ to Remember,” a unique craft sale and bazaar at St. Peter’s Orillia, 1745 Dundas St. W., Mississauga, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Knitted and sewn goods, bak- ing, produce, jewelry, Christmas crafts and decorations, wood- working, silent auction, food, mu- seums, and other items. Proceeds will be used to support Diocesan Ministries. For more information, call 416-621-3630.

NOV. 23 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brook- e, Thornhill, will hold its Festi- val of Christmas from 10:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Hand-made gifts, de- corations, bake sale, raffle, and festive luncheon. For more informa- tion, call 905-989-5081.

NOV. 23 – Holy Berry Fair at St. Luke, Rast York, 901 Coxwell Ave, at Cosburn, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tea room, crafts, knitted goods, baking, quilt raffle, books, Christ- mas items, attic treasures. Call 416-421-6878 ext. 21.

Fundraisers

SEPT. 28 – Join the Cavan Hills Grown Homes, Peterborough, and Millbrook Food Share. 10k run, 10k walk, or 4k run/walk. For more information, visit http://stjohnsnda.com or www.runjumpcroc.com.


OCT. 25 – Holy Trinity, 140 Brook- e, Thornhill, presents, a “Pep- pertree Classic,” Women’s Fash- ion Show, at 7:30 p.m. Refresh- ments and door prizes available. The cost is $10. Tickets available at church Sundays from Sept. 15, or call 905-881-0386 from Sept. 22.

NOV. 20 – Divine Diva Night at St. Dunstan’s, 56 Law- son Rd., Scarborough, featuring the Toronto Firefighter Calendar Boys and Elvis. Tickets are $40 each. Light supper, dessert, cash bar, silent and live auction. Pro- ceeds to St. Dunstan’s and toward pancreatic cancer research at Princess Margaret Hospital. Call 416-283-1844.

NOV. 2 – All are invited to a fundraising dinner in support of Emily’s House Children’s Hospice at St. Cuthbert, Leaside, 1399 Bayview Ave., Toronto, at 6:30 p.m. Roast beef and apple crisp. The guest speaker will be Rauni Salmi- nen, executive director of the Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care. Tick- ets are $40. Call 416-465-6329.

Music

SEP. 27, 28, 29 – Lunchtime Chamber Music at Christ Church, Deer Park, 1570 Yonge St., Toronto, Thursdays at 12:10 p.m. Sept. 27, Trio Estonia, with violin, pi- ano and cello; Oct. 3, Mehdi Ghazi on piano. Admission free; dona- tions welcome. For more informa- tion, visit www.churchdeer- park.org.

THE ANGLICANS ORGANIZE MPP MEETINGS

ANGLCANS involved in food- banks, Out of the Cold services and other survival programs know that times remain as tough as ever for low-income Canadi- ans. That’s why the diocese’s So- cial Justice and Advocacy com- mittee is organizing delegations of Anglicans to meet with their local MPP’s this fall to call for action to address poverty and issues of affordability. All Anglicans are in- vited to take part in this non-par- tisan initiative. No prior experi- ence in lobbying is needed, and information will be provided about the issues. Meeting dates have not yet been set. Anglicans are encouraged to take part and to invite others from their parish who might be interested. For more information, contact Mur- ray MacAdam, the diocese’s So- cial Justice and Advocacy con- sultant, at 1-800-668-8932 or 416- 363-6021, ext.240, or mmacadam@ toronto.anglican.ca.

Send your parish news to editor@toronto.anglican.ca.

155th Regular Session of the Synod

Notice of Meeting

To the clergy and lay members of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto

The Archbishop of Toronto, the Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, has called all Synod members in the Diocese of Toronto to assemble at the Doubletree by Hilton-Toronto Airport in Toronto for the 155th Regular Session of Synod starting on the morning of Friday, November 29, 2013 and ending at mid-day on Saturday, November 30, 2013.

Diocesan Council will approve the Agenda for Synod at its September 26, 2013 meeting. Therefore, all agenda items must be received by September 13, 2013 for consideration. For more information, contact Pamela Bosvort, Assistant Secretary of Synod, at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca, or call 416-383-6021, ext. 231 or 1-800-668-8932, ext. 231.

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Pledges reach $41 million

Money flowing back to parishes

BY STUART MANN

As of June, $41 million had been pledged to the diocese’s Our Faith-Our Hope campaign, which supports parish ministry, dioce- san ministries and church work in other parts of Canada.

About $5.5 million has been re- turned to the parishes, and more will be sent out over the next five years as pledges are fulfilled. “We’re getting a really good re- sponse from people who continue to send in their funds very dili- gent,” says Peter Misiaszek, the diocese’s director of Stewardship Development.

If the campaign reaches its goal of $80 million, $77 million will be returned to the parishes, $2 million will be made available as grants to help re-imagine church, and a further $8 million will be given to others beyond the dio- cese.

Mr. Misiaszek thanks all those who have given to the campaign. “Every gift is vital and precious, and we are grateful for every con- tribution that people have been able to make.”

In an effort to reach the cam- paign’s goal of $80 million, Stew- ardship Development is asking those who have already fulfilled their pledge to continue giving for another year or two. “We’ve had a very positive response to this ini- tiative,” says Mr. Misiaszek. “People recognize the investment in ministry and they are supporting it.”

Stewardship Development is al- so asking Anglicans to consider leaving a financial gift to their parish church or the diocese and its ministries in their will. Two large gifts have already been made to FaithWorks.

In a letter to campaign support- ers, Archbishop Colin Johnson said a legacy gift or bequest “will build on the solid foundations laid for us by generations past. A lega- cy will ensure that the good work that the people of God in this dio- cese do today will continue strong for the next generations.”

For more information on the Our Faith-Our Hope campaign or leaving a gift in your will, visit the diocese’s website, www.toronto.anglican.ca, or contact Peter Mis- iaszek at missiaszek@toronto.ang- lican.ca.

Looking Ahead

September 2013

The churchwardens’ badges of office, keys and wands are passed from St. Patrick, Willowdale, to St. John, Willowdale, during a service celebrating the ministries of the two churches on July 7. St. Patrick’s closed at the end of June and the building became the new home for St. John, Willowdale. Taking part in the tran- sition are Bishop Patrick Yu, St. Patrick’s churchwardens John Chandler and Julie Holstead, and St. John’s churchwardens John Wong and Timothy Tong. Photo by MICHAEL HUDSON
Judges lead 12 tribes

After the death of Joshua, who had brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, we enter the era of Judges. This era lasted about 200 years. The area in and around Canaan was made up of some large city-states and a number of smaller settlements. Israel had 12 such tribes. The tribal leaders were referred to as “judges,” which could be translated as “chieftains.” These judges exercised some judicial authority, but mostly they were military leaders. The Book of Judges lists 12 such leaders. The recurring theme throughout Judges is sin, punishment, repentance and redemption. A tribe would turn away from worshipping God, usually through intermarriage. When Hebrew men married outside their clan, they often worshipped the gods of their non-Hewish wives. As they fell away from God, Yahweh would allow them to be conquered by their enemy. They would cry out for relief. God would raise up a military leader to free them from their bondage, and peace would reign in the land for a time. These encounters were usually confined to one or two tribes, and the judge would lead this group into warfare. Judges were chosen by God. They were often charismatic—that is, filled with the Holy Spirit—and would lead the people back to worshiping the God of the Hebrews. Let’s look at the two most popular of these judges. Deborah, the only woman listed, was from the tribe of Ephraim. Her fight was against the Canaanites. She was called by God to help her people. She sent General Barak to lead 10,000 soldiers from the tribes of Naphtali and Zebulun. General Barak insisted that Deborah, who was the one with God’s charisma, must ride with him. His army was successful and the soldiers of the Canaanites were destroyed with the help of God. Meanwhile, Sisera, the Canaanite general, escaped. He took refuge with a Kenite (non-Hebrew) woman, who killed him in his sleep. Thus two women were responsible for the success of the Israelites over the Canaanites. The Song of Deborah (Judges 5) was a victory hymn recalling these deeds. It may be the oldest written text in the Hebrew Bible. Probably the most popular judge was the Tanakh, from the tribe of Dan (Judges 13-15). Samson was not a military leader. He was a folkloric legendary strongman. He was born under unique circumstances. His mother was barren until she became pregnant with Samson. Several of the patriarchs in the Hebrew Bible were barren before giving birth to a special child. He was born a Nazirite—no alcohol or cutting of his hair.

Samson had unusual strength. His one weakness was Philistine women. He had several encounters with the Philistines, but never led an army. He was a one-man show. After his betrayal by Delilah, who cut his hair, he was imprisoned by the Philistines and put into slavery. They brought him to their temple during a religious festival. Having regained his strength, he managed to bring the temple down upon his enemies.

The only time the Hebrews were united in Judges was in a civil war—the 11 tribes against the tribe of Benjamin, who had killed a wife of one of the Levites. The 11 tribes actually united and almost obliterated the small tribe of Benjamin (Judges 19-21). King Saul came from this tribe, as we will see in a future column. The Book of Judges moves in a slow progression towards the need for a king. The only way they could govern a nation was to be united under a monarch. The final authors of this part of the Tanakh have a different agenda. They may be the oldest written text in the Hebrew Bible.
In a new video, Anglicans are being asked to look beyond charity to the larger issues of poverty and homelessness. "Turning the Tide: From Charity to Advocacy in Ontario is available on the diocese’s YouTube channel and on DVD. Directed by Tim Harry and produced by Murray MacAdam, it features homeless people, poverty activists, clergy and politicians. It comes with a user’s guide to help parishes discuss the issues raised. The video is narrated by Judy Madlener, a former CBC journalist and member of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto.

At the launch of the video in Toronto on June 26, Archbishop Colin Johnson said Anglicans need to work on poverty issues with other denominations and faith groups as much as possible to build coalitions. “Don’t give up,” he said. “And don’t become cynical. We are not just taxpayers: we are citizens.”

During a panel discussion, Murray MacAdam, the diocese’s Social Justice and Advocacy consultant, said disasters like the recent floods in Alberta not only bring out popular support but prompt government aid: “Every one springs into action,” he said, yet poverty becomes accepted as a routine part of life. “How can we reconcile this with the call of our faith to take the message of Jesus seriously, to care for the marginalized and to act in response?”

The video is an attempt to help parishes move beyond existing charitable efforts, which are much needed, to address changes needed to provide better housing, social assistance and job creation. Political advocacy can work, said MacAdam, noting the success of the interfaith coalition that helped stop a casino in downtown Toronto. “We don’t need more consultations,” he said. “We need action.”

The Rev. David Opheim calls for a higher minimum wage and fairer tax rates during a panel discussion at the launch of the video “Turning the Tide: From Charity to Advocacy in Ontario,” at the Church of the Redeemer in Toronto. Joining him on the panel are Sharon Norman and Toronto Star columnist Carol Goar (far right). PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUSON

"POVERTY IS EVERYONE’S BUSINESS,” he said. “Poverty is not a choice.” He noted that the real solution is a living wage, more jobs and a fairer taxation system, which would involve higher taxes for corporations and high wage earners.

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The video can also be viewed on the diocese’s YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/torontocathedral.

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THE REV. MARTHA TATARINIC’S enthusiasm is understandable. Thanks to a partnership with PWBDF, a fledgling water project inspired by Bishop Mark MacDonald has developed into an initiative that will provide about 70 people living in 10 homes in Pikangikum, northern Ontario, with clean water and sewage disposal facilities. Every sign of hope counts in this First Nations community, which is marked by deep poverty and a high suicide rate.

In the months ahead, the water project will expand to include education, jobs, skills training, advocacy and partnerships with First Nations people. “We don’t want it to be just about raising money,” says Ms. Tatarinic, the incumbent of St. David, Orillia.

The germ for the project was planted by Bishop MacDonald at the diocese’s annual Outreach Networking Conference, and it illustrates how this event goes well beyond talking about the issues facing society to taking action in response.

This year’s conference takes place on Oct. 5 at Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill. The conference offers a unique opportunity to meet and worship with Anglicans who share the same values, to be challenged by a dynamic keynote speaker, and to learn practical skills to take back to the parish.

The keynote speaker will be Keren Elmir, a member of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, who will outline how her church is reaching out to its neighbours to build new connections. All interested Anglicans are invited to attend the conference, not only people currently involved with parish outreach and advocacy ministry. A special program for young Anglicans (ages 14 to 20) will be led by Catherine because it is present with people in the midst of life on the street. “Pover- ty is everyone’s business,” he said. “Poverty is not a choice.” He noted that the real solution is a living wage, more jobs and a fairer taxation system, which would involve higher taxes for corpora- tions and high wage earners.

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THE REV. MARTHA TATARINIC’S enthusiasm is understandable. Thanks to a partnership with PWBDF, a fledgling water project inspired by Bishop Mark MacDonald has developed into an initiative that will provide about 70 people living in 10 homes in Pikangikum, northern Ontario, with clean water and sewage disposal facilities. Every sign of hope counts in this First Nations community, which is marked by deep poverty and a high suicide rate.

In the months ahead, the water project will expand to include education, jobs, skills training, advocacy and partnerships with First Nations people. “We don’t want it to be just about raising money,” says Ms. Tatarinic, the incumbent of St. David, Orillia.

The germ for the project was planted by Bishop MacDonald at the diocese’s annual Outreach Networking Conference, and it illustrates how this event goes well beyond talking about the issues facing society to taking action in response.

This year’s conference takes place on Oct. 5 at Holy Trinity School in Richmond Hill. The conference offers a unique opportunity to meet and worship with Anglicans who share the same values, to be challenged by a dynamic keynote speaker, and to learn practical skills to take back to the parish.

The keynote speaker will be Keren Elmir, a member of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, who will outline how her church is reaching out to its neighbours to build new connections. All interested Anglicans are invited to attend the conference, not only people currently involved with parish outreach and advocacy ministry. A special program for young Anglicans (ages 14 to 20) will be led by Catherine because it is present with people in the midst of life on the street. “Pover- ty is everyone’s business,” he said. “Poverty is not a choice.” He noted that the real solution is a living wage, more jobs and a fairer taxation system, which would involve higher taxes for corpora- tions and high wage earners.

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