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Laneway named after bishop

By Martha Holmen

A small piece of Toronto has a familiar new name. A laneway in the St. Clair West and Bathurst area is now officially known as Bishop Arthur Brown Lane, thanks to the initiative of several local Anglicans.

Evelyn and Robert Longworth, long-time members of St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto, first heard about the project from Didi Erb, the wife of the late Rev. Canon John Erb, a former incumbent. “She said she was part of a group getting various lanes named in Toronto,” says Mrs. Longworth. “She suggested Bishop Brown, and I thought that was perfect.”

Bishop Arthur Brown was the incumbent at St. Michael’s from 1962 to 1981, when he was consecrated suffragan bishop of Toronto. “We were the first couple he married there, 51 years ago,” says Mrs. Longworth. Mr. Longworth was also one of Bishop Brown’s churchwardens in the 1970s.

After hearing about the project, the Longworths learned that city councillor Joe Mihevc was asking Ward 21 residents to submit names that capture the spirit of the ward. “He encouraged people to submit names from various times and places in the community,” says Mrs. Longworth.

Ten lanes in Ward 21 are being named in 2016, with another 10 to follow next year. The project is intended both to commemorate local history and to help first responders and city services navigate the streets.

As part of their submission, the Longworths sent letters to everyone whose home backs onto the lane, which starts on Wychwood Avenue and continues west almost to Christie Street. “I must have printed about 50 or 60 letters,” says Mrs. Longworth.

In fact, she received several letters of support from neighbours. “One was from a woman who said she didn’t go to the church, but she knew how involved he had been in the community,” she says. Bishop Brown, his wife Norma and their three daughters lived in the rectory next door to St. Michael’s and were active members of the neighbourhood. “He wasn’t just a minister at the church; he got involved more than someone who just showed up on Sunday morning. I think it was because he had children in the community,” says Mrs. Longworth.

Perhaps his most lasting legacy in the area is the St. Michael and All Angels Day Care Centre, founded in 1976 and still flourishing today. “The daycare was founded because there was nothing available for kids over two years old at that time,” says Mr. Longworth. “There was a private daycare in the church, but once the kids turned two and a half, they all had to go to different places.”

After he left St. Michael’s, Bishop Brown continued to provide advice and financial support to the daycare until his death in 2011. One of his daughters, Carrie Brown, was the centre’s longest-serving supervisor.

The Longworths also want to recognize Bishop Brown’s advocacy around race relations and multiculturalism, something he is still known for across the diocese. “He was very active in promoting the West Indian community, and he had a strong sense of the of the civil rights movement in the States,” says Mr. Longworth. Bishop Brown invited many dignitaries to St. Michael’s over the years, welcoming guests such as Premier Bill Davis and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

That welcome was also extended to newcomers from around the world, whom he invited to take on leadership roles in the church. “He appointed our first black wardens and one of the first female wardens probably in the diocese,” says Mr. Longworth. “St. Michael’s became a socially active church largely because of him.”

A ceremony to celebrate the new name took place on April 29, with remarks, songs and an official unveiling of the sign. Joanne Brown, Bishop Brown’s daughter, the Very Rev. Duncan Abraham, dean emeritus of St. James Cathedral, and Councillor Mihevc attended.

City Councillor Joe Mihevc (kneeling) joins local Anglicans and friends after the dedication of Bishop Arthur Brown Lane near St. Michael and All Angels, Toronto. Standing behind Councillor Mihevc is the Very Rev. Duncan Abraham, a former dean of St. James Cathedral who took part in the ceremony. At right is the late Bishop Arthur Brown. Photos by Michael Hudson

Volunteers needed for General Synod

Volunteers are still needed to help at General Synod, being held July 7-12 in Richmond Hill. Possible tasks include greeting delegates, providing on-site hospitality, and staffing the registration and information desks. Volunteers will be reimbursed for travel to and from the hotel, receive meals on site, have access to a volunteer lounge and receive the opportunity to observe some of the sessions of General Synod.

“I have attended many General Synods and have made many friends who I still keep in touch with,” says Margaret Shawyer, a volunteer. “If you can spare the time, it is a very worthwhile experience.”

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Refugee family’s prayers answered

Course teaches Christian basics

German student stays at convent

Public engages with premier at church

Faith groups lauded for building up society

BY RYAN WESTON

MORE than 125 people gathered in the sanctuary of St. John, York Mills on May 9 to take part in a question and answer session on social justice and public policy with Premier Kathleen Wynne. Presented by the FaithWorks and Outreach Committee at St. John’s, along with Voices for a Just Society, a north Toronto ecumenical social justice network, the evening offered a unique opportunity for parishioners and members of the wider community to engage directly with the premier on a number of key issues facing her government.

The Rev. Canon Drew MacDonnell, incumbent of St. John’s, opened the gathering with a prayer and moderated the discussion throughout the evening. “The reason for this event is that we are celebrating our 200th anniversary here at St. John’s,” he said, adding that this was just one in a series of events to commemorate the long history of the parish.

Premier Wynne began her remarks by referring to a passage from St. Paul’s epistle to the Thessalonians (5:3): “Wherefore comfort yourselves together and edify one another, even as also ye do.” “Bidy” is one of the Apostle Paul’s favourite words and metaphorical concepts, and translated to the modern context it means to build up,” she told the audience. “I started with this because, when I talk about the plan we put in place in Ontario, it is about building Ontario up. It is about building us up. Now that it can mean bridges and hospitals, but it can also be taken metaphorically, that our plan is about building each other up. Because in a very basic sense, that’s what I think that we are here to do, and what all the faiths of the world ask of us.”

Ms. Wynne also highlighted the important role of faith communities in advocating for policy changes around social justice issues. “I think that there are many, many ways in which government has to work with communities,” she said. “Where social justice and poverty alleviation are concerned, the individual and non-government institutions, including faith groups, play critical roles.

We have a responsibility to lead, a responsibility to be always finding ways to build a province that takes care of its most vulnerable and helps everyone to live with dignity and the independence that they deserve. And that work is not done,” she continued. “That’s why you’re here to push me, and I so appreciate that. It’s very important.”

Following the premier’s remarks, the floor was opened for questions, which covered a diverse range of issues from social assistance reform to medically assisted death, and from seniors’ housing needs to funding for autism therapies. The premier’s visit was not without some controversy. A small group gathered at the entrance to the church property with signs and leaflets challenging the Ontario government’s policy of ending the funding of Intensive Behavioural Intervention therapy for children with autism once they reach the age of five. Inside the sanctuary, representatives from Put Food in the Budget, a grassroots organization working to end poverty, presented the premier with a survey, held up a banner during her presentation, and then walked out in protest at the beginning of the question and answer session, encouraging others to join them.

Scott McDougall, a parishioner at St. John’s and one of the organizers of the premier’s visit, was still satisfied with the event and emphasized the importance of engaging with political representatives.

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Premier Kathleen Wynne speaks at St. John, York Mills during a question and answer session. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

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New course teaches the basics

Laity can lead it in churches

BY STUART MANN

THE Rev Canon Judy Paulsen was on a flight to the Maritimes when the idea came to her. For some time, she had been troubled by the lack of knowledge among some of her students at Wycliffe College, an Anglican seminary in Toronto.

“There were students coming into the college, offering themselves as leaders in the church, who were really missing what I think are basic catechetical pieces,” she says. “They may have had a very spotty understanding of scripture or may not have known anything about the spiritual disciplines.”

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By Stuart Mann

Rebecca Hanson-Symes of Christ Memorial, Oshawa plans to take the Christian Foundations course. With her is the Rev. Stephanie Douglas-Bowman, incumbent. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Church plans to invite other party leaders

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tives. “We have to reach out, not only to the premier but to opposition leaders, and let them have an opportunity to hear from grass-roots people who are involved in social policy issues and can present alternatives to some of the problems they are facing,” he said.

“I was very pleased with the questions. We had good, thoughtful people,” he continued. “The main thing is to try to get straight answers, and to try to get politicians thinking out of the box. The premier would like to be the social justice premier. Show me what I think are basic catechetical pieces,” she says. “They may have had a very spotty understanding of scripture or may not have known anything about the spiritual disciplines.”

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The roles of a bishop

**Bishop's Opinion**

By Bishop Peter Fentey

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**Gift of the Spirit empowers us all**

One of the joys of my ministry is that I have the privilege of being in a different parish each week. I enjoy the opportunity to visit with clergy and people in their parishes, to worship with them and learn of all that is happening in these homes. My visits have taught me much about the faithfulness of clergy and people, and their dedication to their work. There are many in many and varying ways. I have also come to appreciate that in some parishes with limited resources, financial, creative efforts are made to sustain their ministry. This does not mean that they may need something or other to be less faith-filled. What I do mean is that we are often overwhelmed with the issue of the vision and the required plan for the future.

The importance of the order of laity is new.

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**Archbishop's Diary**

By Archbishop Colin Johnson

Pray for those who will test their call to be an effective communicator. More crucially, a Christian has to be a person of deep faith in Jesus Christ. This is the content of the communication. He or she must be able to live that faith authentically, understand the nuances of the tradition, and articulate it winsomely.

As pastor the reason a bishop carries the cross (as she or his staff) much of the bishop’s work is by delegation. The bishop’s pastoral task is one of discernment of the needs in gifts of others, so that across a large array of different places, the church can be built up through a strong sacramental life, in how they carry out their ministry. However, the catechesis of both seekers and the baptized, and the administration that parishes require to function well. The bishop must be a leader, a mentor and a team player because each area bishop will be working with more than 100 exceptionally well-trained, competent priests and deacons, and hundreds of dedicated and gifted lay leaders. This is not the work for someone for people. The bishop’s role is defined as an “overseer,” which is the meaning of the adjective “episcopal.” If he or she is my work for God’s sake, discerned by the community of faith. An episcopal election is not a political leadership council but a prayerful gathering of the clergy and laity representing the church in the diocese to discern whom God has chosen to be the next bishop in the church.

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Big day for newly ordained deacons


Justice advocate to receive top award

BY STUART MANN

JENNIFER Henry says Canada is having a “kairos moment” for Indigenous rights. “It’s a moment when I think the country is starting to understand the need to address the colonial legacy and to begin to put in place justice actions that are going to bring about reconciliation.”

It’s a moment that Ms. Henry, the executive director of KAIROS and a member of Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, has worked hard for over the past 25 years. She is being given the Anglican Award of Merit, the national church’s highest honour for lay people, in recognition of her efforts.

Growing up in the Anglican Church and being involved in youth ministry, Ms. Henry met people who had a “fire in the belly” for social justice. Inspired by their passion, she has dedicated her life to making the world a better place.

“I feel very strongly that our faith compels us into action for justice in the world, that we collaborate with God in bringing about hopeful transformation,” she says. “That’s my passion, that’s my vocation and it is my privilege that I’m able to also make it my job.”

KAIROS is a non-profit agency that brings together 11 churches and religious organizations in a collective commitment to ecological justice and human rights. It has a staff of about 18, with an office in Toronto and another in Ottawa. It does research and policy development, education and advocacy. Its priorities are Indigenous rights, climate justice, migrant justice and working with partners around the world on human rights and gender justice.

Ms. Henry says its top priority is Indigenous rights, in particular the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission’s Calls to Action. It is currently rolling out a campaign directed at every provincial legislature and territorial government about Call to Action #62, which calls for mandatory curriculum in every school that focuses on treaties, the history of residential schools and the contributions of First Nations, Metis and Inuit people to Canada. In March, church leaders, including Primate Fred Hiltz

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Family’s prayers answered

Refugees baptized, join church

BY STUART MANN

ON a Wednesday evening in late April, Bachir and Mahfouze Brimo and their four young daughters sat down to a dinner of lasagna and salad in a comfortable home in north Toronto. Joining them were their hosts, Heather Gilley and Peter Singer, and their translator, Rula Haman.

A few months earlier, this scene would have been unimaginable to the Brimos. Members of the Yazidi community, a religious minority that has been persecuted in Iraq and Syria, the family lived in a small apartment in Beirut. The Brimos were able to leave Lebanon because of the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the efforts of their local church.

Their situation was precarious. Mr. Brimo’s job in a shoe factory and a monthly allowance from the United Nations office didn’t cover the cost of rent, food and other necessities. They had applied to the UN to come to Canada but were told that their chances were remote. They considered making the risky trip to Europe via Turkey and the Mediterranean Sea but did not have enough money to pay the smugglers.

To make matters worse, the family were told that they could not become Christians, as did many other Yazidis and even some Muslim refugees, they say. But the hard times got worse. Unable to meet the rent, they moved out of the city, away from the church. They started to accumulate debt to buy food.

Mr. Brimo began to break down. One day after work, wracked by a severe headache and backache, he sat down alone and spoke to Jesus. “I’ll do anything you want, just please help my wife and daughters,” he said. The next day, he received a telephone call at work. It was the UN office calling, asking if he would like to take his family to Canada. “I couldn’t believe it,” he said. When he hung up, he prayed and thanked God. The family landed in Canada on April 7. “We are so lucky to be here – so lucky and grateful,” says Mr. Brimo through Ms. Haman, the translator. He attended church twice a week while Mrs. Brimo went four times a week. They wanted to be baptized and become Christians, as did many other Yazidis and even some Muslim refugees, they say. But the hard times got worse. Unable to meet the rent, they moved out of the city, away from the church. They started to accumulate debt to buy food.

The format will be a pursuit race, with each boat assigned a starting position. The race will take place on June 25 (International Seafarers’ Day) at 11 a.m. in Toronto Harbour, open to any Anglican skipper on the lake. “This is about friendly competition, old-fashioned fellowship and, of course, bragging rights,” says Canon Doug Robinson, one of the organizers.

The format will be a pursuit race, with each boat assigned a starting time based in its PHRF-LO (non-flying sail) rating, so all boats will finish at the same time. The course starts in Toronto Harbour off Queen City Yacht Club, goes out the eastern gap and around one or more of the fixed navigational buoys, and comes back in the gap to finish off at Queen City Yacht Club for refreshments. An awards ceremony and fundraising dinner will follow at the Mission to Seafarers, a Unwin Ave., Toronto. The entry fee is a minimum donation of $57 per boat to Mission to Seafarers. To register or for more information, contact Canon Robinson at drobinson@toronto.anglican.ca.
Student lives alongside sisters

German woman takes break from studies

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

THE Sisterhood of St. John the Divine has found an enthusiastic advocate for its new Companions program. Katja Nack, a 23-year-old university student from Germany, arrived at St. John’s Convent in March for a three-month internship as an Alongside.

“I study English and Protestant religion to become a teacher. We have to go abroad for at least 12 weeks to finish our Bachelor in English,” she says. “I was not ready to give up one subject just for the other one. I started to think, where can I connect both of them? Finally I ended up with the thought, what about asking a convent if I could stay?”

After a quick Google search, Ms. Nack emailed Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, coordinator of both the Alongsiders and the Companions program. “I talked to Connie a lot on Skype, and we were writing emails back and forth,” she says. “Sometimes sisters would drop by her office while we were Skyping. It seemed like everyone was interested.”

Starting in September, the sisters will welcome up to 10 women age 22 to 40 to live at the convent, where they will experience the Benedictine life of prayer, study, recreation and service to others.

Ms. Nack says she thinks the program will be a great experience for young women. “It’s a time to step back, to look at the whole picture you’ve created and see if it’s really what you want. To have some silence to think about yourself. To experience places where you can go and help,” she says.

In particular, she sees the year-long program as a valuable opportunity for students like her to recharge. “When you’ve just lost your homework, you can find yourself a very safe bubble you can enter,” she says. “In all the silence, I began to think a lot about myself and about home.”

Ms. Nack admits she found it difficult to adjust to the slower pace of life at first, but she soon learned to appreciate the time for silence and prayer. “I look after myself more often, to calm down more, to not hurry, to not rush too much,” she says. “In all the silence, I began to think a lot about myself and about home.”

She also understands young women’s fears about how their friends and family will react if they decide to become Companions. While Ms. Nack was confident in her decision to join the convent, her friends were skeptical at first. “They said I’m crazy. Everyone was expecting that I would come back like a nun, and some of my friends were afraid that I won’t come back at all,” she says.

Ms. Nack’s mentor during her stay, is Constance Joanna, the Companions coordinator, at companions@ssjd.ca or 416-226-2201, ext. 316.

Moment for change, says advocate

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and National Indigenous Bishop Mary Brown implement Call to Action #48, which calls on churches and faith groups to “adopt and comply with the principles, norms and standards” of the UN Declaration of the Rights on Indigenous Peoples as a framework for reconciliation.

“We have this moment now, and the churches are coming together to support this moment,” says Ms. Henry. “It’s a very important time because if we don’t make changes in this moment, we’re going to lose some of the momentum that has been gained.”

In addition to its advocacy efforts at the federal and provincial levels, KAIROS works hard to provide education, advocacy and resources at the local level, she says. One of its most powerful and powerful resources is the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, used by churches and other groups across the country to learn about the historic and contemporary relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada. Mass Blanket Exercises are planned at provincial and territorial capitals across Canada around June 3, the one-year anniversary of the TRC’s release of its Calls to Action.

“We’ve worked very hard with our communities across the country to increase an understanding of Indigenous rights and to develop relationships with Indigenous communities,” she says. “Now what we have is an incredibly strong network of people, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, who are working to see the rights that we have long sought be realized.”

She says the Anglican Church is critical to that effort. “In Anglican churches across the country, people participate in ecumenical social action, lifting up the kinds of resources that KAIROS has to offer and engaging with people of other churches in action in their communities. The Anglican Church is vitally involved at that level, but it’s also engaged in the board of KAIROS and in the ecumenical circles that support KAIROS, so that we can use the energy that we have to be more effective.”

She says it is a privilege to work at KAIROS at this moment in history, but is quick to give credit to others across the country. “The energy comes from the people who we work with across the country, people who are working really passionately, who really believe there can be a better world, and are putting their faith into action in that way. Those are the people who give hope and keep you inspired.”

As for receiving the Anglican Award of Merit, she is honoured to be recognized by her peers in this way. “The real delight comes from the fact that the folks who put my name forward were my colleagues. I feel very grateful for that, and it’s an honour to have the nomination come from them,” she says.

Sister Debra Johnston, Ms. Nack’s mentor during her stay, isn’t surprised. “It’s kind of standard, when you say you’re going to join a convent. This is very counter-cultural,” she says.

For women who aren’t sure whether they should join the Companions program, Ms. Nack recommends they try staying in the convent’s Guest House or speaking with the sisters and Alongsiders. “Make sure that you are ready to live with you and your faith,” she says. “When you’re struggling, it’s fine. You don’t have to be sure. But you have to be sure that you want to work on your faith and want to think about your faith.”

“As her internship comes to an end, Ms. Nack says what she will miss most is her shared life with the sisters. “I really feel like part of this, and I really enjoy being with all of them,” she says. “Each of these women here is wondrous in herself. I will miss all of them very much.”

The deadline for applications to the Companions program is June 15. For more information, visit the Companions website www.ssjd-companions.org or contact Sr. Constance Joanna, the Companions coordinator, at companions@ssjd.ca or 416-226-2201, ext. 316.

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Celebrate seniors! June is Ontario Seniors Month!
Youth team heading to the Yukon

Teens will learn from local Indigenous community

By the Rev. Megan Jull

Almost every day, our news sources draw our attention to the tragic circumstances and abject poverty of so many of our Indigenous brothers and sisters. The news is overwhelming, even paralyzing. How can we help? Where do we find hope?

We can look to our young people. On April 10, 10 teens and their parents piled into the boardroom at the Church of the Redeemer, Toronto to meet with Bishop Larry Robertson of the Diocese of Yukon. With rapt attention, they listened to his stories about ministry in Canada’s north: stories of Gospel and gold rush, isolation and inspiration, heartbreak and hope; and about a whole different way of being church and engaging with our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

Over the last year, our youth group has done intentional work to learn about Indigenous history and culture, particularly the impact of residential schools in Canada. This summer, these young people will travel north to the Yukon and work in the communities of Mayo and Dawson City. They will lead a Vacation Bible Camp, meet with Indigenous elders, immerse themselves in local celebrations and worship, and help complete a number of service tasks for the community – even chopping wood for winter!

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission insists that youth engagement is central to reconciliation. The purpose of this service trip is to learn from the local Indigenous community. The tribes of the Yukon River Valley have successfully resolved their land claim and are self-governing. We plan to observe this model of healthier relationships between church, Indigenous communities and non-Indigenous communities. We hope this opportunity will inspire and inform our young people as we continue with the challenge of healing, reconciliation and right relationships closer to home.

Bishop Robertson’s visit was the parish kick-off for this project. After meeting with the teens, he joined our worship services and spoke to both congregations about his work in the north. He drew our attention to this fact: “Church of the Redeemer has three paid clergy on staff. The entire Diocese of Yukon has three paid clergy on staff.” The work of the church in the north relies primarily on volunteers, non-stipendiary ministry and support from churches in the south.

This is an ambitious trip, but it is also one that will form our young people as Christian disciples. We hope to inspire them to become agents of hope, healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Please hold these young people in your prayers as they continue to prepare and plan for travel to the Yukon at the end of June.

The Rev. Megan Jull is the associate priest at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street.

Donations to the Yukon youth trip should be sent to Church of the Redeemer, 162 Bloor St. W., Toronto, ON M5S 1M4. A tax receipt will be issued.

Farewell

Bishop Linda Nicholls is presented with a canoe paddle from parishioners of Church of the Ascension, Port Perry at her farewell celebration at St. Thomas, Brooklin on April 23. She also received a paddle from St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough and an Inuit sculpture and flowers from the people of Trent-Durham, presented by Heather Burton. Bishop Nicholls, the former bishop of Trent-Durham, is now the coadjutor bishop in the Diocese of Huron. Photos by Michael Hudson.
Be courageous, says bishop

Dinner raises $90,000

By Stuart Mann

Mark MacDonald, the national Indigenous bishop, says Anglicans will need faith, vision and courage to achieve the kind of future they want to have, both in their relations with First Nations people and for the church as a whole.

Bishop MacDonald was the keynote speaker at the 55th annual Bishop’s Company Dinner, held on April 21 in downtown Toronto.

The event raised $90,000 to help clergy and their families in need and to provide scholarships for theological students.

“We are being called to a time of faith, vision and courage like nothing you or I have ever seen in our lives,” said Bishop MacDonald, speaking to about 330 guests.

He said Anglicans need to have a faith that gives life to a vision. “We have to believe that God is doing something in this world – that God is not just something to believe in to make us feel better, but that the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks of a living Word that is active, militant and present in the world.”

That vision includes “seeing things where no one sees them,” he said. He gave examples of how people of deep faith had taken the Gospel to remote and even hostile communities or had recruited unlikely candidates for ministry. He told the story of the Rev. Robert McDonald, a missionary in the Far North who spent nearly four decades working with the Gwich’in people, one of the most independent First Nations communities in North America.

“He went to that situation and saw something wonderful,” he said. “He believed that he had something that was so great and so wonderful that he would change all of the negative dynamics and make it into something great. He had the faith and the vision to be able to see what no one else could see.”

He spoke about how the Rev. Walter Hannon, who was in charge of a mission at Fort Yukon in Alaska, recruited a former trapper and chief to ordained ministry. The Rev. Chief David Salmon became one of the most influential priests in Alaska and a hero to his people.

“I think we are at a position where it is absolutely necessary for us to develop that kind of vision – to believe that God has something in store for Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area, that God wants to call people to know and love the Spirit, to understand and hear the Good News,” he said. “These people probably will not all look like us or act like us. But we have to have the faith that will animate the vision to see people who we cannot see today.”

He spoke about the high rates of suicide among young people in First Nations communities and of the courage they need to transform their lives. He said Anglicans need to be equally courageous if they want the church to do more than merely survive.

“You folks are going to have to be more courageous than anything you’ve ever seen,” he said. “If we’re going to look beyond just merely surviving, we have to have the faith and the vision, but most importantly, we have to have the courage to try and to fail sometimes. This is the kind of courage that is necessary for us to turn around the situation we’re in, to grab the opportunity that is before us. We need to grasp this moment and live into it with all of our hearts.”

He said the Diocese of Toronto is capable of doing great things. “You’ve got so much here and I hope, I beg you, to see the possibilities, to see what could happen, if we developed the courage to say, ‘I see what you need, and I’m going to make myself responsible for it.’ A group like this could change not just Toronto but the world. And I don’t think God is going to allow us to ask of each other anything less.”

After his speech, Bishop MacDonald received a standing ovation. Among those attending the dinner were the bishops of the diocese, Archbishop Thomas Collins of the Archdiocese of Toronto, and the Rev. Dr. Karen Hamilton and the Rev. Canon Abyon Barnett-Cowan of the Canadian Council of Churches.

As in previous years, scholarship recipients were announced at the dinner: Roshni Jayawarde-

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healthy spirituality and commitment of members of our diocese to their baptismal covenant. While there are no expectations of any reward, the diocese endorses the idea of the faithful named by their parishes, and in other instances by the Bishop of Toronto. The Order of St. John the Baptist of Toronto in recognition of their work and witness in their parishes and beyond. The recognition of these persons is in no way to minimize the value we place on the many who work faithfully for the love of God and church.

We recently celebrated the Feast of Pentecost, which is a reminder to us that God has and continues to breathe his Spirit upon the church and the world. The gift of the Spirit is to enable believers in exercising their respective callings, and to empower us all for the work of ministry and the building up of God’s reign on earth. It is because of this continuous outpouring of the Spirit on the church that all of us have been given opportunity to do wonderful and amazing things in the name of and for the sake of the Gospel. Pentecost encourages us to continue teaching, preaching, healing, caring for the poor, reaching out to the marginalized and standing up for justice for all.

The Spirit poured out at Pentecost continues to be poured out upon the church today. We are experiencing new life being breathed into our diocese, where parishes are facing the challenges before them with courage and willingness to do things differently. In some parishes, congregations are making difficult decisions to close and distribute their resources to new forms of ministry. In some places, congregations are choosing to repurpose their buildings, or their land, to help them reach out in new forms of ministry. Other parishes are reaching out to their neighbours in response to their needs. These are being done by faithful Anglicans across our Diocese, and I encourage others to join in this journey of Christian faith and witness in whatever manner you are able. We are grateful for all that is done in the name of Jesus Christ in the life and work of our diocese.

I encourage us to be open to the Spirit’s leading and not be afraid to ask, “What is the Spirit saying to the church today?” May we be open to hearing and responding to its prompting.

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The Anglican will not be published in June and August. The deadline for the September issue is Aug. 2. Parishes can also publish events on the Diocese’s website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Music & Worship

MAY 27–29 – “First Annual Toronto Bach Festival,” presented and performed by musicians in Four Centuries of Bach, St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto. 8 p.m. on May 27 and 2 p.m. on May 28 and 8 p.m. on May 29. Pre-Festival concert is the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, 1372 King St. W., Toronto.

MAY 3 – Organ, Sarah Swenson, 7:30 p.m., St. Paul, Bloor Street, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Adminis-

JUNE 3 – “Broadway on Yonge,” a night of song and dance presented by The Yorkminstrels Show Choir, 7:30 p.m., St. George on Yonge, 5530 Yonge St. Tickets $15 for adults, $10 for children. Call 905-984-1443.

JUNE 8, 22 – Noon-hour organ recitals at All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Toronto.

JUNE 12, 26 – While St. Philip, Kipliochke is closed for renovations, the Jazz Vespers series will be held at All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Toronto, June 12 at 4 p.m. and June 26 at 4 p.m.

JUNE 17 – Patronal Festival for St. Olave’s and celebration of new ministry for the Rev. Robert Mitchell. Service at 6 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. on the lawn, weather permitting. St. Olave’s is located at Bloor and Windermere streets, Toronto.

AUG. 7 – The Celestial Voices of Barbados, 4 p.m., St. Jude, Bra-
malea North, 1000 Central Park Dr., Brampton. Tickets are $20 per person. Call 905-791-2660.

Rummage Sales & Fairs

JUNE 12 – Church of the Ascen-

dion community festival, 12-3 p.m. Food, fun for kids, music, Scottish dancers, gift shop and more. The church is located at 53 Overland Dr., Toronto.

WORKSHOPS & GATHERINGS

MAY 21 – A screening of the award-winning documentary “We Call Them Intruders,” a film about the impact of Canadian mining projects in Africa, followed by a panel discussion with experts from the financial, ac-
tivist, humanitarian, church and academic worlds, to help find practical steps to address the ethical issues raised in the film, 7 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene, 477 Manning Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 11 – The Royal School of Church Music Canada will be holding its annual general meeting at St. Aidan, 70 Silver Birch Ave., Toronto, preceded by Morning Prayer (BCP) at 10 a.m. All are welcome. Contact Joy Horswill at johallynetrover.com.

JUNE 12 – St. Olave’s marks the 9th birthday of the Queen with a celebration featuring drama, poetry, music and songs, beginning with a Choral Eucharist at 4 p.m. St. Olave’s is located at Bloor and Windermere streets, Toronto.

JUNE 18 – Yard sale, St. Olave’s, Windermere and Bloor streets, Toronto.

AUG. 22–26 – Christ Church, Deer Park’s Amazing Technicolour Bible Camp, an adventure-filled week with “Joseph,” hair 11 broth-
ers and the Pharoh of Egypt. Kids will make their very own technicolour clothing, explore the sights, sounds and smells of the Egyptian marketplace and learn all about sibling rivalry. Daily from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with an option for extended full-day care. Camp costs $75 per child (+ $50 for extended care). Kids ages 4-12 are welcome. To register, email coordinator Hilary Keachie at hkeachie@christchurchdeerpark.org.

CAND A BRIEFS

Goats help with cemetery maintenance

ST. JOHN’S – St. Augustine’s Anglican Church in the small Newfound-land community of New Perlican found an innovative an-
swer to the question of how it should maintain one of its ceme-
teries when it invited a neigh-
bouring farmer to graze his goats on the land.

The idea arose in 2014, when vestry member Eileen Matthews suggested introducing goats to the plot of land might be an easy way to keep the cemetery clean and the graves accessible. The cemetery features many old headstones decorated in a de-
tailed ornamental fashion, and while it often attracts visitors who come to the outport commu-
nity on Trinity Bay, in recent years it has become overgrown with elders and vegetation. While some of the other vestry members were hesitant about the idea, Trudi Martin, the church’s treasurer, agreed to join Ms. Matthews in speaking to a local man, Ronnie Peddle, who keeps goats and other animals. Mr. Peddle assured Ms. Matthews and Ms. Martin that his goats would eat the elders and other plants. However, he cau-
tioned that a fence would be needed keep the goats in.

Following vestry’s leadership, local Anglicans quickly raised $4,000 – twice as much as was needed – and put up a fence. “The goats have been chewing away since the fall of 2015, and it is amazing the difference al-
ready,” said Ms. Matthews and Ms. Martin. “Driving by now, one can see the various headstones from the road. We are excited to see the finished results.”
PRAYER CYCLE

FOR JUNE
3. St. Peter, Maple Lake of Canada
8. St. George, Haliburton
9. St. James, Fenelon Falls
13. St. John, Rosedale
21. Toronto Urban Native Ministry
23. Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth
24. Parish of Mulmur

FOR JULY
1. Archbishop Fred Wiltz and the Anglican Church of Canada
3. St. Peter, Churchill
5. Nazarene Church
6. The Chapel of St. John, New Tecumseth
6. Threshold Ministries (formerly The Church Army)
7. General Synod
9. General Synod
10. General Synod
11. General Synod
12. General Synod
14. Clergy Program of the Diocese of Trent Durham
5. St. John the Apostle
6. St. John, East Orangeville

FOR AUGUST
1. Citizens for Public Justice
2. St. Thomas, Huron Court
4. Christ Church, Roxton Park
5. Christ Church, Brantford
6. Founders and Benefactors of the Diocese of Toronto
7. North Peel Diocese
8. St. James the Apostle, Brampton
9. St. James, Lake Couchiching
10. St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea
11. St. Jude, Bramalea North
12. Trinity Church, Campbell's Cross
13. Holy Family, Woodbridge (Bradford)
14. Wasaga Beach
15. All Saints, Crediton
16. Christ Church-St. Jude, Ivy
17. Christ Church, Bathurst
18. Good Shepherd, Stoney Creek
19. Prince of Peace, Whitby
20. Church of the Redeemer, Dunrobin
21. The Bishop's Company
22. St. George, Allandale
23. St. George, Uxbridge
24. St. Giles, Barrie
25. St. John, Ajax
26. St. John, East Orangeville
27. St. Luke, St. Andrew
28. St. Martin, Mount Royal
29. St. Luke, Mississauga
30. St. Paul, Woodbridge

IN MOTION

Appointments
- The Rev. Marg Tandy, Honorary Assistant, St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope, April 17.
- The Rev. Canon Leonard Mitchell, Associate Priest, St. Andrew, Scarborough, June 1.
- The Rev. Robert Armstrong, Incumbent, St. Andrew, Oshawa, July 1.

Vacant Incumendencies
- Clergy from outside the diocese with permission of their bishop may apply through the Diocesan Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Coloffle.
- Trent Durham

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Church cheers on runners

BY JILL MACRAE

WHAT does a church community do when a busy race route runs past the front door every year? For the parish of Christ Church, Deer Park (CCDP), the answer was clear: get out and cheer on the runners. On Sunday, May 8, some 27,000 participants stumped down Yonge Street in the annual Sporting Life 10K run. Walkers, runners and joggers gave their best effort to raise funds to give children with cancer an opportunity to attend summer camp. As the racers made their way up the crest of the hill at Heath Street, they were greeted by an enthusiastic bunch of supporters in front of the church clapping, cheering and offering high-fives and shouts of encouragement.

For the second year in a row, Barbara Johnston led the parish to organize and host the “Heath Street Cheer Station” to show support for the racers, the charity and the community. “As a Yonge Street church, it’s part of our neighbourhood. And with all the runners, walkers, and Fitbit enthusiasts in our congregation, it’s a natural fit.” In addition to setting up the cheer station, CCDP was proud to enter a team of runners for the event. Among them were the Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson, incumbent, and Abdi Alkadri, the head of a family of Syrian refugees sponsored by CCDP who arrived in Toronto earlier this year. Mr. Alkadri’s wife and daughter were at the cheer station to join the parishioners and volunteers in cheering on the racers.

Radio station 102.1 The Edge came out to set the beat for the morning, with a music tent, prizes and games, while members from CCDP added snacks, coffee and spirit. The cheer station was filled with members from the congregation, the choir and even the Sunday School. But one member of the cheer station was especially memorable. Cee-Cee the church mouse made his appearance once again, dancing and cheering, offering hugs and hi-fives and posing for pictures with runners of all ages.

Canon Robertson was able to get a first-hand appreciation of the impact of the cheering section in front of the church. His verdict was decisive: “We had the best cheer section between the start line and the finish line.” He noted the responses of the racers around him. “It was great to hear my fellow runners as we went by the church. They were both surprised and motivated by the enthusiastic encouragement and high-fives from the CCDP front lawn.”

Canon Robertson himself demonstrated that Sunday morning community activities are not necessarily an alternative to church but can be an addition to it. He managed to finish the race and be back in time for the 10 a.m. service.

Jill MacRae is a member of Christ Church, Deer Park.

Canadian Blood Services hold a bone marrow clinic at St. Peter, Erindale on May 8 for Nate, a young member of the church who has Fanconi anemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. At left are Nate and his mother Jennifer Bland in front of roses that were given to people who came out to register. About 36 people between the ages of 17 and 35 provided a swab of the inside of their cheek and personal information to become a stem cell donor. Canadian Blood Services will determine if there is a match between Nate and a donor. PHOTOS BY GILLIAN FLOYD