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The gravestone of Walter Seymour Allward at St. John, York Mills. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Church plans special peal on Nov. 11

Cleric urges other parishes to ring bells for peace

BY STUART MANN

WALTER Seymour Allward would be glad.

Mr. Allward, who designed the majestic Canadian National Vimy Memorial in France, is buried in the quiet cemetery at St. John, York Mills.

On the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, which falls this year on Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m., the church plans to ring a "peal for peace."

The Rev. Canon Drew MacDonald, incumbent of St. John's, is encouraging other churches and places of worship across the diocese and the rest of Canada to ring their bells as well. "There's no better time for us to honour those who have made the ultimate sacrifice," he says.

Canon MacDonald says it is an easy and effective way for churches to mark the occasion. "There's no reason why we can't do it. It's

a very simple thing. It will be a Sunday, and we could all be ringing our bells for peace."

About 61,000 Canadians died and 172,000 were wounded in the First World War. Canon MacDonald says it is important to remember their sacrifice. "Some people talk about Remembrance Day as though we're glorifying war, but nothing could be further from the truth. We need to be reminded of the horrors of war and the sacrifices people make."

He says ringing the bells on Nov. 11 will be a call for peace, not war. "We're not celebrating war. We are remembering and committing ourselves to peace with justice, in keeping with our faith."

St. John's normally rings its bell three times before the 9 a.m. service, but it plans to ring it for a full minute on Nov. 11. It will be suspending its usual services to hold a single service of commemoration. It will be inviting



From left, verger Bill Dennis, the Rev. Canon Drew MacDonald and parishioners Eldon Coles, Andrew White, Simone Nieuwolt, Judy Cuttell and Aleksandra Harrington gather in the bell-ringing chamber at St. John's. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



A detail of the Vimy memorial in France, left, and a plaque commemorating its designer, Mr. Allward, at St. John's. PHOTOS BY THE REV. CANON DREW MACDONALD AND MICHAEL HUDSON

special guests, including staff and members of the Vimy Foundation.

St. John's has strong ties to the Vimy war memorial and its designer, Mr. Allward. In 2017, three Vimy Oak saplings were planted near his grave. The saplings came from cuttings of trees that began as acorns brought home from Vimy Ridge by Canadian soldier Leslie Miller. In 2007, the Fort York branch of the Royal Canadian Legion erected a plaque near Mr. Allward's grave. The dedication ceremony was at-



tended by members of St. John's, the Vimy Foundation and a small contingent of the Royal Highland Fusillers of Canada, a reserve unit of the Canadian Forces. The congregation was presented with a piece of discarded stone from the Vimy memorial.

The Royal Canadian Legion is also encouraging churches to ring their bells to mark the occasion. It is asking churches to ring their bells 100 times as the sun goes down on Nov. 11.

Service set for Sept. 29

THE Very Rev. Andrew Asbil, coadjutor bishop-elect, will be ordained bishop on Sept. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Cathedral, 65 Church St., Toronto. All are welcome to attend. Doors



Bishop-elect Andrew Asbil

will open at 9 a.m., and the congregation should be seated by 10:15 a.m. Clergy are invited to vest and process; the stole colour will be white. The service will also be live streamed through the diocese's Facebook page; there will be a link to it from the diocese's website.

Anyone wishing to make a donation toward the cost of vestments for Bishop-elect Asbil can visit the donation page on the diocese's website and use the drop-down list to designate their gift. Visit the website at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Bishop-elect Asbil was elected coadjutor bishop of the diocese by Synod on June 9. He will become the 12th Bishop of Toronto, or diocesan bishop, on Jan. 1, 2019. He will succeed Archbishop Colin Johnson, who is retiring at the end of the year.

Bishop-elect Asbil's installation service as Bishop of Toronto will take place in January. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Pre-Synod meetings planned

PRE-SYNOD meetings will be held in each of the episcopal areas in October to prepare for the upcoming Regular Session of Synod on Nov. 9-10. Agenda items for the meetings will include orientation

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New director for Congregational Development

BY STUART MANN

JANET Marshall is the new director of the diocese's Congregational Development department. She will begin on Oct. 1.

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be coming on board at this time," says Ms. Marshall, a member of St. Timothy, North Toronto. "There's so much potential for fresh vision and energy in the diocese."

The Congregational Development department helps parishes become active, healthy communities of hope and faith. It provides consultation, facilitation, training and education through a variety of programs, including Natural Church Development and Fresh



Janet Marshall

Start. Staff and volunteers help with parish re-configurations and realignments, parish selection committees and mission church initiatives.

Ms. Marshall brings a wealth of experience to the job. Over the past 25 years, she has worked with the Anglican, United, Lutheran and Presbyterian churches. She is currently the director of the Centre for Church Development and Leadership at the Toronto United Church Council.

Although she has worked at every level of the Church, she has

spent most of her time helping parishes, a job she clearly enjoys. "I've spent countless number of hours and been able to get to know deeply what the heart of these places are, the challenges they're feeling and facing, and with them finding ways to create new life, new hope and creative ways of reaching out and connecting with the world that we're called to serve," she says.

Ms. Marshall was on the staff of the diocese's Program Resources department (now named Congregational Development) from 1991 to 2004 and is looking forward to returning to work for the diocese. "It feels like I'm coming home," she says. "I chose to be an Anglican when I was in my early

twenties, and it feels wonderful to be able to come home and work again with the community that has meant so much to me over so many years."

She says her first goal as director is to enhance the resources provided by Congregational Development. "I believe every leader, lay or ordained, should be supported in their skills and confidence for leadership for the changes the Church is facing these days."

She is inspired by the possibilities. "The diocese is blessed with tremendously gifted, innovative and wise people who have a real heart for creating a Church that can invite people to know Jesus and share God's kingdom with others," she says. "It's going to

be a time of fresh energy, fresh ideas. It's an opportunity to look at what the diocese has been doing over the past number of years, learn from that and shape the next generation."

Angela Hantoumakos, the diocese's executive director, says she is delighted with the appointment. "Janet brings to the diocese a wealth of subject matter expertise in facilitation, field-based research, training, strategic analysis and planning with diverse congregations, dioceses and presbyteries. It is with immense pleasure that I welcome Janet 'home' to the diocese and look so forward to working with her and supporting her in her ministry."

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Archbishop guest speaker at Caribbean fundraiser

ARCHBISHOP Colin Johnson will be the guest speaker and celebrant at the 32nd annual Bishops Basil Tonks and Arthur Brown Fundraising Dinner on Nov. 3 at St. Andrew, Scarborough.

"I'm very excited, honoured and blessed that Archbishop Johnson will be joining us," says Elsa Jones, chair of the Canadian Friends to West Indian Christians, an organization that supports Anglicans in the Caribbean.

Ms. Jones says the dinner will be an opportunity to thank Archbishop Johnson for his long-time support of the group and its work with partners in Canada and the Caribbean. Archbishop Johnson is retiring at the end of the year.

"It's going to be a great night," she says. "We're going to take this opportunity to recognize his service, devotion and commitment to the Church."

The evening will begin with a eucharist at 5 p.m., celebrated by Archbishop Johnson. It will be followed at 6:30 p.m. by the dinner, which will feature Caribbean-Canadian food. There will be presentations and speeches, including an address by Archbishop Johnson.

Tickets are \$60 (\$30 of which is tax deductible) and can be purchased from the following: Wilbur Anderson, 416-445-8664; Marjorie Fawcett, 416-446-6061; Sonia Perrin, 416-757-3909; and Elsa Jones, 416-654-7875.

The dinner has raised thousands

of dollars over the years to help Anglican churches and ministries in the Caribbean. Last year, the organization gave \$10,500 to the Diocese of the Northeast Caribbean and Aruba for hurricane relief. It also gave \$5,000 toward the restoration of St. George's Cathedral in the Diocese of the Windward Islands. A gift of \$2,500 is given annually to a school in Jamaica.

For more information about the dinner or to become a member of the Canadian Friends to West Indian Christians, visit its website at cftwic.com. St. Andrew, Scarborough is located at 2333 Victoria Park Ave., Toronto, at the southeast corner of Highway 401 and Victoria Park Avenue.

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We need to take an active stand



Racist graffiti was sprayed recently across property at the back of one of our churches. It was a vile display of bigotry and racism that is appallingly wounding not only to Blacks who were targeted but to all Christians. It is offensive to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The rise of abusive language and behaviour has been boosted by the online presence of trolls (a type of online bully who hangs out on the internet and spews venom at others they target for attack). Unfortunately, this has been augmented by the example of some of the most powerful leaders in our world, giving “permission” for such nastiness by the unfiltered and immoderate language they use both in public speech and in Twitter blasts. Muslims, Blacks, women, LGBTQs, immigrants, disabled, teachers, police, conservatives, liberals – anyone who is “other,” whether by race, gender, religion, profession or opinion, is a target.

This is not right! This is not healthy debate about contested issues. This is not free public discourse. This is bullying. This

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By ARCHBISHOP COLIN JOHNSON

is wounding.

We need to take a vocal and active stand against this. But we also need to check ourselves to see whether we not only tolerate it but repeat it in our own conversations in private, online and in public.

There is an alternative narrative to that of our world that informs us as Christians. Our baptismal vows include:

Will you persevere in resisting evil?

Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Jesus Christ?

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

These are not easy promises to make. They impinge on every aspect of daily life.

St. Paul's famous passage on love in 1 Corinthians, read so often at weddings, was actually written to a community deeply embroiled in conflict: anger about leadership; resentment about privilege; disparities

between rich and poor; polarized factions.

Sound vaguely familiar?

St. Paul writes about the truly transformative and redemptive power of God's love revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Love that is kind, not envious or boastful. Not arrogant or rude. Not insisting in its own way. Not irritable or resentful. Does not keep score of wrongs but rejoices in the truth.

What would our world be like, what would it look like, how would it feel different, if we predicated all our actions and our communication on the basis of such love? What would Twitter feeds and Facebook posts and news cycles look like if such love undergirded our mutual relationships?

It is not that differences of opinion would cease, but there would be a new tone of respectful engagement. A capacity to work together. The desire to make things different for the well-being of all, not just those in my camp.

Sir Jonathan Sacks has written that God has created all of us in God's image. If we cannot recognize the image of God in another person who does not look and think and act like us, then we have surely reversed things and made God in our own image. That is the essence of idolatry.

Let's work together to end violence



In Chapter 4 of the Acts of the Apostles, we read of the strong emphasis by the early Church on the importance of community. Members showed what belonging meant and how to care for others, especially the vulnerable

among them. Today, both in Church and the wider community, we must equally advocate for that same spirit of belonging in creating healthy and safe communities. All of us desire to live in safe and friendly neighbourhoods where our children and grandchildren can live and play without any fear of being harmed. This is true whether we live in an urban or rural area.

Our cities, towns and communities have grown considerably over the years, and there are many challenges facing them today. These challenges include issues such as mental health, addiction, family and societal violence, gender identity, disabilities, and racism. There must be a willingness to address these issues in a comprehensive manner.

One of the major challenges relates to the level of violence in the Greater Toronto Area; it is alarming and should be of concern to us all. It is very disturbing that at the time of writing this article, there were 74 reported homicides in the Toronto area for 2018. I am concerned that the frequency of violence in society can lead to an indifference on the part of many. We cannot and must not allow ourselves to become desensitized or feel hopeless in dealing with any form of violence.

Whenever a murder is committed, it means the loss of a life. It means that someone's relative – father, husband, son, daughter, grandparent – a child of God – has been killed, and the community has been robbed of a member. The presumption that “gangs” alone are responsible for the violence in our communities is erroneous. Unfortunately,

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By BISHOP PETER FENTY

there is also the tragic loss of life at the hands of family members or others. The pointing of fingers or apportioning blame does not address the issue of gun violence and other acts of violence in our communities. Working together to find ways to quell and ultimately eradicate the violence would be beneficial.

This requires the cooperation of leadership in governments at all levels, service clubs, social organizations, religious communities, families directly affected by this violence, youth leadership and any others who can contribute to solutions to these concerns. Vigils, marches, and solidarity gatherings are important in supporting those affected by such tragedies. However, seeking meaningful solutions to violence in our communities is critical.

In a recent letter to Archbishop Johnson and the bishops, a retired cleric of our diocese shared some of his concerns about the violence plaguing our communities. He sighted that any response requires “joining together of community partners (including the Church) to address the serious issues of mental illness and lack of resources to help people. What should come out of this is a larger public discussion on the issue of isolation that starts early in children's lives by bullying and stereotyping of the children who are ‘different’ in schools; the polite Canadian racism in overlooking the ‘different’ people for jobs, job promotion, housing; and the harassment of the ‘different’ young men by police for simply walking late on the streets or driving too expensive-looking cars.”

I share the cleric's sentiments and believe that we must confront and address issues that negatively impact our communities. Like

many who have made Canada our adopted home, I have witnessed significant differences and changes over the past 26 years. We are tempted to lament that Canada is not what it used to be 10, 20, 30 or more years ago. It is not. Nowhere is. Rather than lament, we need to face the realities of our times and take the action necessary to address the issues.

The cleric, like many of us, shares a view that the growing intolerance of new immigrants in some quarters should also be of great concern. The “us and them” mentality and, in some instances, the demonizing and stereotyping of particular ethnic or religious groups, must be rejected. I believe that the Church has a moral responsibility to call on its members, as well as society, to uphold the dignity of others, to affirm the equality of everyone and to respect those who differ from us.

In his response to the Danforth shooting, which was posted on our diocesan website, Archbishop Johnson stated, “Every act of violence, wherever it happens, is an abuse against the dignity of our common humanity and cannot be tolerated. The proliferation of guns, the blatant disregard for human life and the impulsive (and sometimes deliberate) resort to violent action and reaction are evils which we must address as a society. So, too, we must tackle together the underlying social issues of poverty, marginalization, mental health and hopelessness that afflict many in our city.”

I hope that we take to heart the Archbishop's response and are willing to be contributors to the solutions needed. We pray for our communities, ourselves and the Church that we will commit to working even harder in our daily lives to treat each other with dignity and respect. I call on all of us to reclaim what the early Church modelled in being a community that cares for everyone, especially the vulnerable.



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I wouldn't trade where I am for anything else

The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena is the assistant curate at Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street in Toronto.

As the assistant curate, I am trying to learn as much as I can about the parish's life and the roles and responsibilities of a priest. I am involved in several of the Redeemer's ministries, including outreach, liturgical planning, pastoral care, discipleship and parish administration. My position also has a particular focus on "Redeemer Kids" and their families. This gives me the privilege of walking alongside these individuals and groups on their faith journeys and nurturing their presence in the parish. I am involved in church school planning, times of fellowship and learning for families, baptism preparation and more. No day is ever the same!

Outside of the Redeemer, I have been invited to become a member of the executive of the Trinity Divinity Associates, an association for alumni of Trinity College's faculty of divinity. This group works to bring together current students, graduates, faculty members and friends. My time at Trinity College was so formative, as I was able to learn, ask questions, and get great experiences in ministry. I look forward to contributing to the Trinity College community in this new way.

One of the main things I have been working on over the summer and am excited for is the launch of Redeemer's



The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena

church school program. Although the program has existed for a long time, this year the leadership team and I are very focussed on exploring new approaches to learning to connect with the young people in our midst. The program has us teaching in new and innovative ways and working to involve Redeemer's kids more in our Sunday celebrations as they find their place in the larger community. It's a very exciting time as we are learning and preparing for the future of Redeemer's children's ministry.

taught me, encouraged me, and given me times of joy and laughter that truly make me love being part of our community.

The hardest part of my job right now is the sheer volume of information I am trying to take in. Working full time in a parish is still a bit of a shock to my system, as I learn more and more about budgets, building maintenance, and all of the ministries at Redeemer. It can be a bit overwhelming at times! Luckily, everyone has been so welcoming and patient as I learn the ins and outs of my role. Even on my hardest days I wouldn't trade where I am for anything else.

I was born and raised in Mississauga and continue to love living there. My parents, both from Sri Lanka, taught my sister and I a lot about religious diversity growing up, as they are an interfaith couple. My mom is Christian, my dad Buddhist, and my grandmother, who also lived with us, is Hindu. We certainly learned a lot! My family's faithful and open attitude towards religion was the norm for me. Today it is also a perspective that I am so grateful for, especially as my fiancé Farhaz and I prepare for our own interfaith marriage.

I completed my undergraduate degree at Wilfrid Laurier University, with a double major in communications and political science, and a minor in women and gender studies. I went on to complete a post-graduate certificate at Humber College in event management and worked in corporate event management before pursuing my Master of Divinity. It was during my time at Trinity College that I finally responded to my call to ordination, one that I think had been there for a while. It has been a bit of a winding journey, but I continue to tell my parents that my event management degree and experience will never go to waste in the Church!

I grew up as a chorister at St. Peter, Erindale, and this really began my faith formation and helped me to feel a sense of belonging in my church community. My spiritual journey went through trials in my teen years, and I briefly left the Church as I was challenged in my faith and questioned the type of God that existed. Despite these

challenges, I always continued to pray and reflect on the scriptures, and eventually came back to the Church with a faithfulness that was deeper and truly my own.

An important moment as I discerned my call towards ordination was the encouragement and affirmation of my community. In times where I struggled to believe I was called, or was enough to fulfill my call, my community and mentors encouraged me that God called me as I was, not as a new and improved version. It was largely this affirmation that gave me the confidence to listen and respond to my call to ordained ministry. Many people and events along my spiritual journey have taught me about myself and helped me to grow in life and faith. I still struggle in my spiritual journey from time to time, but my journey thus far has taught me to have trust in God's plan, and the self-confidence to follow it.

Five years from now I hope to be getting more involved and connected with our diocese's interfaith work. My interfaith background and reality is one that shapes me and has deepened my understanding of God. Consequently, I hope that one day I can help foster and deepen interfaith conversations and connections our diocese has in the community.

My favourite passage from scripture is 1 Corinthians 13:13. This verse is part of a passage that is usually read at weddings, but I started reflecting on it as I discerned ordination. In those moments, I didn't understand this passage as describing the love between a couple. I thought to myself: If this is what the Christian life is about, what my ministry could be about and come out of, I could do this. I felt called to faith, hope and love. In this passage, Paul is discussing the meaning, purpose and necessity of love within the Corinth Christian community. It is a love that is not necessarily about a couple, but rather radical communal love that unites differences. It is the words faith, hope and love that I work to abide by. It is these three words that I work to ground my ministry in and help me to embrace and know that I am God's child, and I am called to lead in God's church, united with all of God's people.

The best part of my job is working with such a faithful, dedicated and talented team of people. I am so thankful that I have the opportunity to learn from each one of them as they share their gifts and talents with me. The staff and the lay leadership at Redeemer have

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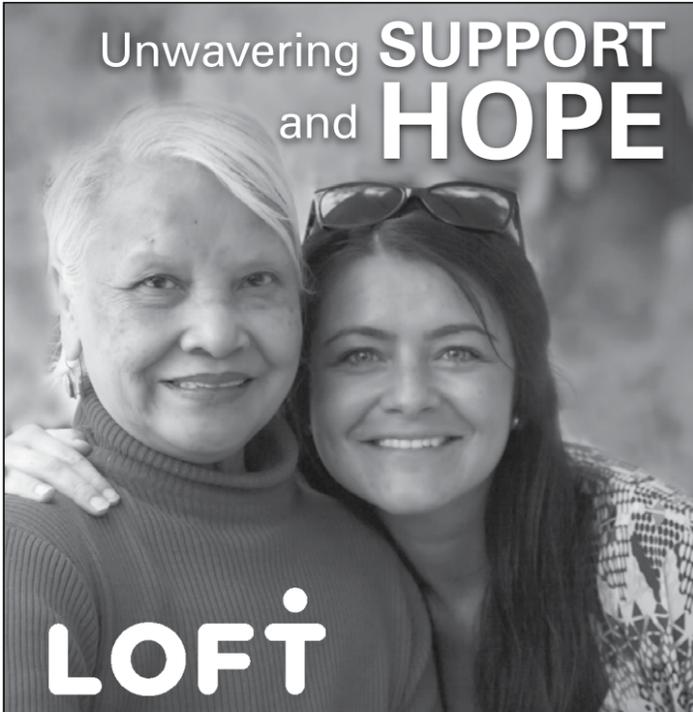
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Seniors' residence ¹ hires Anglican chaplain

EDMONTON - An Anglican chaplain has been hired to provide four-day-a-week spiritual support to residents of a faith-based Edmonton seniors' residence. Since April 2018, the Rev. Joanne Webster has been serving as chaplain at Canterbury Court, a seniors' residence with links to local Anglican churches.

Both her position and the residence are funded by Canterbury Foundation, a charity formed in 1972 by members of two local Anglican parishes. Ms. Webster works one-on-one with residents and collaborates with clergy from the two parishes to provide the residents with Anglican and non-denominational services, Bible study groups, communion and support in prayer. She is also planning a special worship service for residents in the home's dementia unit.

"If we can be healthy in spirit, the journey of body and mind can be less painful," she says. "I hope to be able to bring comfort and a sense of peace to residents who are grieving the loss of things they have no control over and who may be wondering 'Where is God?' and 'Has God forgotten me?'"

Canterbury Foundation, meanwhile, is planning to expand the residence, adding a hospice and enlarging its dementia wing.

The Messenger



Primate expresses regret ² over debate's prominence

LONDON - Archbishop Fred Hiltz, who will resign as Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada in July 2019, says his biggest regret is that the Church's debate over same-sex marriage has led it to neglect other issues.

"If I have one big, single regret, it is that in my time as Primate we have spent so much time on human sexuality that we haven't given other important matters the kind of attention that is due," Archbishop Hiltz said in an interview. "I'm always reminded of that when I go to an international gathering where the picture is big, and the world is huge and complex. Some of the stuff we think is so important,

so crucial to the life of the Church, to the unity of the Church – all of a sudden you see them in a different perspective."

Archbishop Hiltz was elected Primate in 2007, at the same General Synod that declared that blessing rites for same-sex couples are not in conflict with core doctrine. In 2013, General Synod approved a resolution to bring the issue of same-sex marriage to a vote. A resolution to amend the marriage canon to allow for same-sex marriages passed its first reading at General Synod in 2016, and its second reading is slated for the synod's next meeting in July 2019.

Archbishop Hiltz also reflected on other issues, including his decision to resign, the advice he would have for his successor and what the Canadian church might

learn from other Anglican churches around the world.
Huron Church News

Resolutions signal ³ change at provincial Synod

QUEBEC CITY - The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada will no longer be required to meet every three years if a resolution that passed its first reading this June clears its second reading at the body's next meeting.

According to the resolution, the Synod will meet only if called upon to do so by a certain number of bishops and delegates, Archbishop Ron Cutler, metropolitan, wrote in an article about the Synod, which met in Halifax June 8-10. Since the resolution concerns a change to the province's constitution, it will have to be passed again before it can take effect, he wrote.

Another resolution passed by the Synod specifies that it will meet electronically unless at least one-third of the body's elected members request an in-person meeting. In another change, the line dedicated to costs for ministry in the province's three-year budget was removed, reducing the amount that dioceses must contribute to the province. This change, Archbishop Cutler wrote, "recognizes that ministry and mission is best undertaken at the local (diocesan and parish) or national level."

Commented Dale Keats, a member from the Diocese of Quebec, "It seems as if we are in the process of eliminating what we know of as provincial Synod."

The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada includes the dioceses of Central Newfoundland; Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador; Western Newfoundland; Fredericton; Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island; Montreal; and Quebec.
Quebec Diocesan Gazette



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HOME RUN DAY

Eight teams played in the 57th annual Scarborough Anglican Youth Movement baseball tournament in Ajax on Aug. 18. The following churches sent teams: St. Andrew, Scarborough, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, Wesley Chapel Baptist, Agincourt Baptist, Scarborough Baptist, Christ Church/St. Bede, Scarborough and St. Paul, L'Amoreaux. There was also a team made up of players from various other churches. Clockwise from above: the winning team from Christ Church/St. Bede enjoys the moment after beating Holy Trinity 8-6 in the final; players from Christ Church/St. Bede and Holy Trinity congratulate each other after the game; Christ Church/St. Bede's player Daniel Yasnik (right) makes it safely into second base; coach and player Martin Walks of Christ Church/St. Bede's holds the Rev. Peter Trant Memorial Trophy; Nicole Chan of Holy Trinity takes a swing. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Group takes aim at racism, inequity

Issues often 'elephant in the room,' says co-chair

BY STUART MANN

WHEN Christina Yu joined the Archbishop's Working Group on Intercultural Ministry four years ago, she thought the job of tackling racism in the diocese would be simple and straightforward. "I took it for granted that I only had to tick a certain number of boxes and do X, Y and Z – and poof! – racism would be cured and I could leave the committee."

She has since learned that's not the case. "It's very, very hard and emotionally draining, and it's uncomfortable and involves a lot of suffering," she says. "But in the end, to not strive for the kingdom of heaven on earth would be a complete shame."

Ms. Yu, a member of St. Timothy, Agincourt, is co-chair of the group along with André Lyn, a member of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea. Together with seven other people in the group, both clergy and lay, they've been raising awareness about racism and inequity in the diocese and developing ways to address them. They will be making a presentation at the diocese's upcoming Synod in November.

In 2015-16, the group held two anti-racism workshops led by Brother Reginald Crenshaw, OHC, and Esther Wesley, coordinator of the national church's Anglican Healing Fund. The first workshop was attended by about 25 people from the dioceses of Toronto, Niagara and Montreal. Brother Crenshaw and Ms. Wesley also led discussion groups about the histories of black, Chinese and Indigenous people in Canada.

On radar screens

Since 2017, the group has been providing anti-racism training at



Members of the Archbishop's Working Group on Intercultural Ministry join other Anglicans and staff at the White Privilege Conference in Toronto. From left are Christina Yu, the Rev. Jacqueline Daley, the Rev. Vernal Savage, Val Whalley, Brother Reginald Crenshaw, OHC, Elizabeth McCaffrey, André Lyn, Karen Turner, Pamela Boisvert and Lance Wilson, ODT. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Momentum, the diocese's professional development program for newly ordained clergy. Ms. Yu says it's important that new clergy learn about racism early in their ministry. "It's a way of putting it on their radar screens, that this is something they have to deal with and it does affect their congregations."

Last spring, the group attended the White Privilege Conference in Toronto, along with some other people from the diocese. The gathering examined concepts of privilege and oppression and offered solutions and team-building strategies. Ms. Yu found the event inspiring.

"In some ways I was relieved to hear these topics that I have wrestled with more and more as I've grown up in the Church and spoken about with frankness

and emotional honesty," she says. "I found it refreshing that even though everyone expressed a lot of passion and, in some cases, anger, at no time did I feel as though it descended into hate. I think the anger was very motivational at boosting each other up and fighting for change."

She hopes the group's anti-racism training will become part of other diocesan programs as well, such as Fresh Start, a resource for clergy and congregations in transition. Ideally, she'd like to see the training become mandatory for all clergy, staff, committee chairs and volunteers.

She says the Church needs to start doing this now. "Our worshippers are becoming more diverse but our leadership is not. We can't ignore the different ways in which

structural racism in our Church turns off people who are racialized or makes the Anglican Church an unpalatable choice to them."

The group's work is not new. For the past three decades, Anglicans in the diocese have been seeking ways for the Church to embrace others and to be transformed by their diversity. The group was created in 2014 to implement the recommendations contained in the report "Being Multicultural: Becoming Intercultural," issued by the Ethnic Ministry Consultation Committee in 2011. Prior to that was the report, "Multicultural Mission and Ministry: Recommendations for Multicultural Mission and Ministry in the Diocese of Toronto," completed in 2002. The diocese also created a staff position to assist with this work.

Afraid to talk

Mr. Lyn, who will be the keynote speaker at the diocese's Outreach and Advocacy conference on Oct. 27, says inequity in the Church is often the "elephant in the room" that people are afraid to talk about.

He points out that equity is different from equality. "Equality is about sameness; equity is about fairness," he says. "We know there are disproportionalities and disparities, so the question is, how do we address those from an equity perspective as opposed to an equality perspective?"

He suggests the answer may be to work with specific groups that have experienced inequity due to racism, colonialism or other forms of injustice. "We don't all start at the same place and have the same resources, so it may require us to single out certain groups and populations and work differently with them to achieve equity. If we're able to create equity for one group, then all groups will benefit."

He is hopeful that can be achieved. "If I weren't, I wouldn't be a person of faith," he says. "It may take longer than my lifetime, but I'm hopeful. If we are deliberate and intentional about addressing inequity and not assigning blame, we can do it. It's about recognizing that it exists and working collectively to address it."

He says the Church can do that in ways that secular institutions cannot. "We have the opportunity to do it differently because we come from a faith position and we can do it with love, compassion and prayer. Other big institutions don't have that same kind of opportunity."

The other members of the group are the Rev. Adrienne Clements of St. Hilary, Cooksville, the Rev. Maurice Francois of Parroquia San Esteban, Toronto, Karen Turner of the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street, Lance Wilson, ODT, of St. John the Divine, Scarborough, the Rev. Leonard Leader of St. George on Yonge, Toronto, Bishop Riscylla Shaw, the area bishop of Trent-Durham and the Rev. Susanne McKim of Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit.

Pre-Synod meetings set

Continued from Page 1

for new Synod members, the marriage canon dialogue and elections for Diocesan Council. Attendance is important, as this is the setting for Synod members to engage in discussion and debate on items being brought before Synod for approval. The meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Trent-Durham: Oct. 17 at St. Thomas, 101 Winchester Rd. E., Brooklin, from 7-9 p.m. Registration starts at 6:45 p.m.
- York-Scarborough: Oct. 18 at

St. John, York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., Toronto, from 7-9 p.m. Registration starts at 6:45 p.m.

- York-Simcoe: Oct. 20 at St. George, Allandale, 9 Granville St., Barrie, from 10 a.m. to noon. Registration starts at 9:45 a.m.
- York-Credit Valley: Oct. 20 at St. John the Baptist, Dixie, 719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga, from 2-4 p.m. Registration starts at 1:45 p.m.

Thurs. 1st Nov. at 6 p.m.
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BRIEFLY

Church launches 'language café'

Grace Church in Scarborough is launching a language café to increase multicultural communication in a light-hearted way. Starting in October, each month will focus on a different language: German, Spanish, Italian, French, Mandarin and Greek. Sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Older youth and adults of any age are welcome to participate. The program will be loosely structured and requires the ability to use a free app or website for language learning. The church is located at 700 Kennedy Rd., Toronto. For more details, contact Alice Stewart at alice@gracechurchscarborough.com.

Parish nurse event builds network

The diocesan network of parish nurses, in partnership with St. James Cathedral, invites parish nurses and those involved in healing ministries to a time of fellowship and reflection on Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the cathedral, 65 Church St., Toronto. Participants will be encouraged to share the wisdom and experience of their healing ministries, with the goal of building an informal network where skills development and learning activities can be planned. For information and to register, contact Lanadee Lampman at llampman@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865, ext. 232.

Parish hosts overview of lay pastoral care

Lay pastoral care teams in the diocese are invited to attend an all-day overview of lay pastoral

care with Dr. Shelley Tidy at St. Philip, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Rd., Toronto, on Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Contact the church office at 416-244-0088 to confirm your attendance.

Evangelism conference coming up

Discipulus'18, a new national conference, will take place Oct. 18-19 at St. Paul, Bloor Street, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Sponsored by the diocese and the Institute of Evangelism, it will focus on how churches can make disciples in their own communities who will be energized to share their faith with others. In addition to a keynote speaker, there will be workshops on strategies, tools and resources for evangelism and disciple-making. The cost is \$250 per person. Learn more and register at www.discipulus.ca.

Conference focuses on intercultural ministry

Clergy and laity who want to learn about intercultural ministry are invited to Engage Difference, a conference held Nov. 26-30 in Barrie. The ecumenical event, sponsored by the Canadian Council of Churches, will include learning, worship and practical ideas. Participants must register by Oct. 15. Bursaries are available. For more information, visit intercultural-leadership.ca/duim.

Volunteers needed for religion parliament

The 7th Parliament of the World's Religions is gathering in Toronto on Nov. 1-7. Volunteers are needed starting immediately to help now and during the event. Individuals or groups can apply. Volunteers must be at least 18 years old. For more details, contact miriam@parliamentofreligions.org.



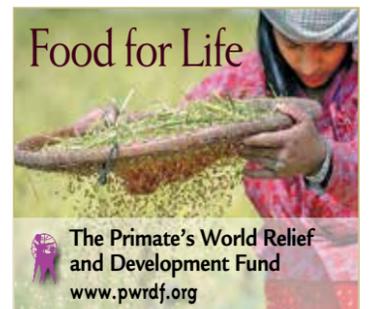
DEACONS IN REGINA

Deacons from the diocese attend the Ecumenical Conference on the Diaconate in Regina in May. From left: the Rev. Barbara Russell, the Rev. Michael Shapcott, the Rev. Evelyn Butler, Archdeacon Kyn Barker, the Rev. Claudette Taylor, the Rev. Debbie Wilson, the Rev. Alison Kemper, the Rev. Canon Jacquie Boutheon, the Rev. Maylanne Maybee, the Rev. Judy Allen, the Rev. Jennifer Cameron and the Rev. Thomas Lapp. The conference looked at the role of deacons in the church. Topics include the liturgical role of deacons, women and the diaconate, the prophetic role of the deacon, and relationships between deacons and other ordained ministers. The conference was sponsored by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina.

PWRDF seeks volunteers for campaign

PWRDF's World of Gifts annual gift-giving campaign is looking for energetic volunteers who enjoy speaking on the phone and who are passionate about making a difference to people and communities around the world. The job entails taking phone orders for the

World of Gifts guide from Anglicans across Canada and completing the orders using the online process. This opportunity is for weekdays in PWRDF's Toronto office from late October to January. Training will take place in early October. For more information, contact Kim Umbach at kumbach@pwrdf.org or call 416-924-9199 ext. 367.



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Uxbridge marks Orange Shirt Day

Churches lead effort for reconciliation

PHYLIS Webstad was six years old when the new orange shirt she excitedly chose for her first day of school at St. Joseph's Residential School in Williams Lake, B.C. was stripped off her back. She never saw the shirt again. This happened in the early 1970s.

"The colour orange has always reminded me of that, and how my feelings didn't matter, how no one cared and how I felt I was worth nothing," says Ms. Webstad. It took her 40 years to find a way to re-frame her experience to fight racism and bullying.

On Sept. 30, 2013, Ms. Webstad organized the first Orange Shirt Day in Williams Lake to acknowledge the harm that Canada's residential school system has done to generations of Indigenous families and their communities. Every year on Sept. 30, Canadians are asked to



Organizers of the Orange Shirt Day in Uxbridge don their shirts in preparation for the event. Photo courtesy of St. Paul, Uxbridge

wear orange as a sign of support. A growing number of people have responded each year.

On Sept. 30, the town of Uxbridge will mark Orange Shirt Day. St. Andrew's-Chalmers Presbyterian Church, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Mamawi Collective and the Uxbridge Library are planning activities to mark the date. Everyone is welcome. The day will begin with a

community church service at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's, followed by lunch at Elgin Park. At 2 p.m., Jacob Charles and the Ashunyung Singers will lead a program of education and entertainment. They will bring Indigenous artifacts and drums and tell the story of their history through singing and dancing. At the same time, children will be able to take part in a program of



FOR SINGLE MOMS

All Saints, Peterborough donates \$6,000 to Homeward Bound, a program for single mothers in Peterborough. The Rev. Maisie Watson, manager of Homeward Bound, (second from right) receives the cheques from Karen Sadler, president All Saints' ACW. Also in the picture are, from left, Ann Bell, a member of the church's Heritage Trust Fund, and the Rev. Suzanne McMillan, a deacon at the church. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALL SAINTS.

crafts, stories and games.

At 6 p.m., there will be a dinner at St. Paul's. Tickets are \$25 (limited to 100) and are available at the Uxbridge Library. After dinner, Matthew Stevens, the cultural coordinator of the Mississaugas of Seugog Island First Nation, will speak. The Hon. Jane Philpott, the

federal minister for Indigenous Services, will also speak. A limited number of Orange Shirt Day t-shirts will be available for purchase (\$15) at the library. For more information about the day, visit www.stpauls-uxbridge.ca.

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10. St. Luke, Rosemont
11. St. Peter, Churchill
12. The Chapel of St. John, New Tecumseth
13. Trinity Church, Bradford
14. The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and new Metropolitan
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24. Romeo House (Director – Jenn McIntyre)
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26. Toronto Urban Native Ministry
27. Council Fire
28. The Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada – Bishop Michael Pryse
29. The Ecumenical and Interfaith Officers of the Diocese
30. Ecumenical Dialogues of the Anglican Church of Canada
31. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada – Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop

LOOKING AHEAD

To submit items for Looking Ahead, email editor@toronto.anglican.ca. The deadline for the November issue is Oct. 1. Parishes can also promote their events on the diocese's website Calendar at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

Music & Worship

SEPT. 29 – Consecration of Coadjutor Bishop-elect Andrew Asbil, 10:30 a.m., St. James Cathedral, Church and King streets, Toronto. All invited. Please be seated by 10:15 a.m. This service will be live streamed on the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.

SEPT. 30 - Rock Eucharist: The Music of Mumford and Sons, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street, Toronto.

SEPT. 30 - This year marks the diamond anniversary (60 years) of St. John the Divine, Scarborough. All are invited to the 11 a.m. service on Sept. 30. There will be a guest speaker, a photo and archives display and a luncheon with live music. For more information, visit www.stjd.ca.

SEPT. 30 - Choral Evensong for Michaelmas, 4 p.m., with the choir of St. Peter, Erindale, followed by Peach Tea, during which the choir's director, Clement Carelse, will discuss the dramatic changes in church music that resulted from the Oxford Movement, beginning with Victorian composers such as Samuel Sebastian Wesley and Thomas Attwood Walmisley. At St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

SEPT. 30 - Modern Worship Service with special guest the Rev. Don Downer, 10:30 a.m. Music, choir and children's program with barbecue at noon. Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

OCT. 10 - DEC. 19 - Kingsway Organ Recital Series at All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Toronto. All concerts begin at 12:30 p.m. and end at 1:15 p.m. Admission free but freewill offering gratefully accepted. For program details, visit www.organixconcerts.ca.

OCT. 12 - Fundraising concert featuring Robert Graham and his band The Fairest and Best, together with students and ensembles from Sir Wilfrid Laurier Collegiate Institute, at Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto. For time

of concert, visit www.trinityguildwood.org or call 416-261-9503.

OCT. 14 - Blessing of the Animals Service, 4 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto. All animals welcomed for a blessing.

OCT. 16 - Messy Church, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.

OCT. 28 - "Evening of Music," 4:30 p.m., Christ Church, Scarborough Village, 155 Markham Rd., Scarborough. Admission \$20. Call: 416-261-4169.

OCT. 28 - Choral Evensong for St. Simon and St. Jude, featuring St. Paul's Cathedral Choir from London, Ont., 5 p.m., St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto. Community supper follows.

NOV. 10 - Bach Children's Chorus & Bach Chamber Youth Choir present "Resonant Reflection," 7:30 p.m., St. John the Baptist, Norway, 470 Woodbine Ave., Toronto. A benefit concert for the East End Refugee Committee. Tickets \$20; students \$10. Tickets available at 416-691-4560 or at the door.

Sales

OCT. 12-13 – Riverdale Art Show and Sale featuring high-quality original art at modest prices, generally in the \$50 to \$500 range, at St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto. Open Oct. 12 from 6-8 p.m. and Oct. 13 from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the 30th anniversary of the show, and the church is celebrating its 160th anniversary this year. Total sales over the past 29 years have raised over \$25,000 for church projects. Visit www.stbarnabas-toronto.com.

OCT. 13 - Fall rummage sale, 8:30 a.m. to noon, Grace Church, 19 Parkway Ave., Markham. Bargains on household items, clothing, linens, books and toys. Call 905-294-3184.

OCT. 13 - Community bazaar and craft sale, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. George on Yonge, 5350 Yonge St. Silent auction, treasures, white elephant, baking and more.

NOV. 3 - Christmas Bazaar, noon to 3 p.m., St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, 1512 Kingston Rd. Crafts, baked goods and more.

NOV. 3 - Bazaar with bake table, café, jewelry and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Balmoral Dr., Brampton. Call 905-793-8020.

NOV. 3 - Annual Christmas Bazaar featuring a lunch of homemade soup, sandwiches and dessert, a si-

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lent auction, an art sale, handmade jewelry and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James the Apostle, 3 Cathedral Road, Brampton. Call 905-451-7711.

NOV. 3 - Annual Craft Club Christmas Sale featuring knitting, sewn and handcrafted one-of-a-kind items, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Timothy, Agincourt, 4125 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto.

NOV. 3 – Christmas market, hand-crafts, raffle, bake table and more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 3 - Poinsettia bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Matthew, 135 Wilson Rd. S., Oshawa. Knitting, baking, country store and more. Lunch room available.

NOV. 3 - Sugar Plum Christmas Bazaar, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Margaret in-the-Pines, 4130 Lawrence Ave. E., Scarborough. Baked goods, craft table, collectible table, lunch room and more. Tables available for rent as well. Call 416-284-4121.

NOV. 3 – Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of St. Mary & St. Martha, 1149 Weston Rd., Toronto. Deli, bake table, crafts and more.

NOV. 10 - Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grace Church, 19 Parkway Ave., Markham. Featuring antiques, baking, knitting, sewing, lunch and more. Call 905-294-3184.

NOV. 17 – Nutcracker Fair with silent auction, home-baked goods, crafts and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Martin in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake Ave., Toronto.

NOV. 17 - Holly Berry Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Handicrafts, jewelry, home-baked

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Mark Regis, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul, Bloor Street, Sept. 1 while the incumbent is on leave.
- The Rev. Colin Bowler, Associate Priest, St. James, Orillia, Oct. 1.
- The Very Rev. Greg Gilson (Diocese of Moosonee), Incumbent, Parish of Churchill and Cookstown, Oct. 1.

Vacant Incumbencies
Clergy from outside the diocese with the permission of their bishop may apply through the Diocesan Executive Assistant, Mrs. Mary Conliffe.

First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation (not yet receiving names):

- St. Hugh and St. Edmund, Mississauga

goods and more.

NOV. 24 – Snowflake Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. St. John, 11 Temperance St., Bowmanville, Lunch room, bake sale, handmade knits, crafts and more.

DEC. 1 - Old Fashioned Christmas Bazaar with lunch room, homemade home décor and gift items, baked goods and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Ascension, 266 North St., Port Perry.

Workshops & Gatherings

SEPT. 16-DEC. 2 - Christopher Leadership Course, designed to enhance your leadership and communication skills, and your confidence, 3-6 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto. Register by calling 416-410-7776 or 1-800-418-8925 or email clctorontoeast@gmail.com.

OCT. 27 - "Spirituality for Activists," led by the Rev. Maylanne Maybee, a deacon who is the former principal of the Centre for Christian Studies in Winnipeg, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., St. John's Convent, 233 Cummer Ave., Toronto. \$30 (\$25 for associates and oblates) if you bring a bag

- St. Thomas à Becket, Erin Mills South
- St. Andrew by-the-Lake, Toronto Islands (Half Time)

Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee (receiving names via Area Bishop):

- St. Andrew, Scarborough
- St. John, Bowmanville
- All Saints Church-Community Centre, Toronto

Third Phase - Parish Selection Committee Interviewing (no longer receiving names):

- Trinity, Aurora

Retirement

- The Rev. Anne Crosthwait is moving to British Columbia and will be continuing her ministry with Contemplative Fire in the Diocese of New Westminster.

lunch; a hot meal is an additional \$15. For more information, visit www.ssjd.ca or call 416-226-2201, ext. 305. Members of Propitiation, a fellowship of LGBTQ Anglicans who prefer the Book of Common Prayer, will be attending this event. For more information on Propitiation, call 416-977-4359.

OCT. 27 - Lay pastoral care teams are invited to attend an overview of lay pastoral care with Dr. Shelley Tidy, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Philip, Etobicoke, 25 St. Phillips Road, Etobicoke. Lunch provided. Call 416-244-0088 to confirm attendance.

DEC. 7-23 - The Christmas Story, a Toronto tradition since 1938 featuring professional musicians and a volunteer cast in this hour-long nativity pageant, Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto (behind the Eaton Centre). Suggested donation is \$25 for adults and \$5 for children. Evening and matinee performances. For times and reservations, visit www.thechristmasstory.ca or call 416-598-4521, ext. 301. American Sign Language interpretation is available at selected performances.

Priest elected in Saskatoon

Led parishes, clergy toward reconciliation

BY STUART MANN

THE Rev. Chris Harper, the Diocese of Toronto's Indigenous Native Priest, has been elected the 13th Bishop of Saskatoon. The election took place on Sept. 8 at the cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

"I'm still in shock. It's only now starting to settle in," he said in an interview after the election. "I've been receiving an amazing amount of support and calls of encouragement from bishops across Canada and even internationally."

Bishop-elect Harper will begin his new duties in the Diocese of Saskatoon in October. He will be ordained a bishop on Nov. 17 at St. John's cathedral. He will succeed Bishop David Irving, who is retiring.

As diocesan bishop, Bishop-elect Harper will be the chief pastor of the Diocese of Saskatoon, which has 18 parishes and 32 congregations. The diocese spans the central agricultural area of Saskatchewan, from the Manitoba border to Alberta. The largest city is Saskatoon, with a population of 261,000.

Bishop-elect Harper said one of his priorities as bishop will be to carry on much of the work he has been doing in the Diocese of Toronto. "I will continue to be a bridge-builder and at the same time be an invitation to healing, peace, understanding and an acknowledgment of who we all are as children of God. I will continue to try to bring everyone together as we are meant to be."



Bishop-elect Chris Harper speaks to the Diocese of Toronto's Synod last year. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

As the diocese's Indigenous Native Priest since 2016, Bishop-elect Harper ministered to the diocese's Indigenous population and led and supported parishes and clergy working towards healing and reconciliation. He visited 38 parishes and spoke about Indigenous spirituality, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, Canada's missing and murdered Indigenous women, the Sixties Scoop and other issues. Before coming to Toronto, he was the rector of a parish in Thunder Bay.

He said he will miss the Diocese of Toronto. "Here I have been allowed to be who and what I am. I've experienced love and support from the clergy and the congregations I've been incredibly blessed to visit. Even though I didn't have

my own parish, I was part of every parish in the diocese. I gained so many friends – I now count them as family."

Bishop-elect Harper said moving to the Diocese of Saskatoon will be like returning home for him and his wife. "Saskatchewan and Alberta have always been our old stomping grounds and we grew up there. Wherever we've placed our pillow is home, but now we're going to be surrounded by family and people we've known for many years."

As he prepared for the next stage of his life and ministry, he thanked Archbishop Colin Johnson and the area bishops for their leadership and support. "With amazing grace, trust and faith, they allowed me to

form and shape what I was doing in my ministry here. They allowed me to reach out and respond to the Church, which means they had faith. To me, that was paramount."

Archbishop Johnson said he was delighted with the election. "Chris Harper's election as Bishop of Saskatoon increases the voice of our Indigenous sisters and brothers in the leadership of our Church to historic levels, in itself an effective route to alter the ongoing relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Anglicans. He has been an articulate and effective advocate for healing and reconciliation during his short ministry in the Diocese of Toronto. He builds bridges of understanding and support. He will be hard to replace!"

Outreach, advocacy conference coming up

THE diocese's annual Outreach and Advocacy Conference will be held on Oct. 27 at Havergal College, 1451 Avenue Rd., Toronto. This year's theme is "Transforming



André Lyn

Hearts, Transforming Structures."

"As Christians, we understand that the love of Christ has power to transform our hearts," says Elin Goulden, the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant. "But it doesn't stop there. Christ's love leads us and empowers us to challenge injustice in our society and institutions."

This is something keynote speaker André Lyn knows well. A member of St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea, Mr. Lyn has extensive experience in working for positive change both in the Church and in secular society. He has worked as senior manager of Community Investment for the United Way of Peel Region and, most recently, led the implementation of the Ontario Black Youth Action Plan for the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

Mr. Lyn was also instrumental in developing the Homeless Hub, an online library of research on homelessness. He supported the creation of a documentary on homelessness in Peel, and has contributed a chapter on women living in homelessness to a text on women's mental health. He currently teaches in the Community Development program at Sheridan College. Within the diocese, he serves as co-chair of the Archbishop's Committee on Intercultural Ministry and on the Trust and Culture working group for Growing in Christ, the diocese's strategic plan.

Along with Mr. Lyn's keynote address, the conference will feature morning and afternoon workshops on a wide range of topics. Participants will learn about anti-poverty activism, Indigenous land and water protection, migrant worker ministry, youth and social justice, housing for vulnerable seniors, non-violent intervention techniques for drop-ins, and more.

Havergal College offers a fully accessible, central location that can be easily reached by car or transit. The cost is \$30 for the day (\$15 for students or low-income individuals), which includes a hot lunch. To learn more and to register, visit www.toronto.anglican.ca/outreachconference.

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Thousands coming to Toronto

BY THE REV. CANON
GARY VAN DER MEER

"WE would like to fly a drone inside your church." When we received this strange request at St. Anne's, the wheels started turning right away: We could get some great pictures for our website! Are there any leaks up there? It would be nice to get a closer view without the expense of scaffolding.

So we said, "Sure, come!" It turned out that the request was from a filmmaker who was visiting a variety of houses of religion in Toronto. He was preparing a promotional video for the Parliament of the World's Religions, a huge conference that would be coming to Toronto. The resulting video is beautiful – churches, mosques, synagogues and temples of all kinds. It was a joy to recognize so many Anglican churches included among them. It made me want to be a tourist in my own city – to see holy places and meet

the people who pray there.

Now is the time to do it. The Parliament of the World's Religions will be at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre on Nov. 1-7. We haven't seen anything like it here before. If you have been to the Royal Winter Fair or the National Home Show, you can imagine a world fair for religion. There will be representatives of all the major world faiths, plus many smaller ones.

We will be there. Local Anglicans are offering workshops. The Anglican Church of Canada has booked a booth for the whole week, and we need local Anglicans to be hosts. Imagine the kinds of questions you might have if you stopped by the Hindu booth. Please get in touch with me if you would be interested in helping us offer this kind of hospitality. In previous years, when the parliament has been held in other cities (Chicago, Cape Town, Barcelona, Melbourne, Salt Lake City) there have been 8,000 to 12,000 visitors.

The parliament is a conference that helps bring us together with other people of faith to learn from each other, but also to support and share in each other's justice work. There will be workshops and lectures that address the following themes: Countering War, Hate and Violence; Economic Justice; Climate Action; Indigenous Peoples; Women's Roles; Growing the Next Generation of People of Faith.

We are grateful to have volunteers. But even more that that, I hope you will attend the parliament; it is for all ages and includes children's programming. For ticket prices and to register, visit www.parliamentofreligions.org/webform/2018-parliament-registration.

The Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer is the incumbent of St. Anne, Toronto and the diocese's Interfaith Officer. He can be reached at gary.vandermeer@saintanne.ca.

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