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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 sacrifices,” he says.

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

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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 Development and Fresh Start. Staff and volunteers help with parish re-configurations and realignments, parish selection committees and mis-sional 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 ministry.

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 Churches, 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 parishes 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 3 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, 416-646-6061; Sonia Perrin, 416-757-5909; 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 $3,000 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 cfwic.org. St. Andrew, Scarborough is located at 2533 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

Racism continues to be a problem across our diocese and the church, and as Christians we need to be part of the solution. The Anglican Church of Canada has a responsibility to stand against racism and to work towards a more inclusive and equitable society. This is not just a matter of personal conviction, but a matter of faith and duty. As members of the church, we are called to love our neighbors as ourselves and to work towards the common good. This means speaking out against racism when we see it, and supporting initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion. We need to be a model of a inclusive and welcoming community that reflects the rich diversity of our society.

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 including everyone and being inclusive. The church was founded by the Holy Spirit and led by Jesus Christ, and it was the church’s responsibility to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to all peoples. The church was also called to be a community of love and compassion, showing mercy and justice to the poor and marginalized.

Today, we face many challenges that are similar to those faced by the early church. We have seen the rise of nationalism and tribalism, the rise of religious extremism and violence, and the displacement of people due to conflict and climate change. These challenges require us to work together to promote peace and justice, and to build communities that are inclusive and respectful of all people. We need to stand against all forms of violence, whether it is violent crime, political violence, gender identity, disabilities, or any other form of oppression.

The Anglican Church of Canada is committed to working towards a more inclusive and equitable society. We have a responsibility to support initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion, and to work towards a society that is truly representative of all people. This means working with community partners, including First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities, and engaging with people from all backgrounds. We need to be a community of love and compassion, showing mercy and justice to the poor and marginalized.

We need to take a vocal and active stand against racism and violence, and to work towards a society that is inclusive and equitable. This means speaking out against racism and violence when we see it, and supporting initiatives that promote diversity and inclusion. We need to be a model of a inclusive and welcoming community that reflects the rich diversity of our society.

BISHOP’S OPINION

By Bishop Peter Fentey

There is also the tragic loss of life at the hands of family members or others. The pointing of fingers or the shaming of 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 issues. 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 John- son and the bishops, a retired bishop of a 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 politic Canadian racism in overlookng 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 changes and challenges over the past 26 years. We are tempted to lament that Canada is not what it used to be, the land of opportunity, what it was before. 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 clergy, 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 own human and cannot be tolerated. The proliferation of guns, the blatant disregard for human life and the impulsive (and sometimes deliber-.ately) 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 cities.”

I hope that we will hear the Arch- bishop’s response and are willing to be contributors to the solutions needed. We need to listen to each other and to 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.

ARCHBISHOP’S DIARY

By Archbishop Colin Johnson

is wounds. We need to take a vocal and active stand against this. But we also need to check our- selves 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 the world that informs us as Christians. Our baptismal vows include:

Will you persevere in resisting evil? Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself? Will you participate in the worship and work of the Church, moving its life forward? Will you hold in trust the treasures of faith received by the community of the baptized? Will you take responsibility for your faith community, making its learning, support and refreshment? So far, 276 clergy and their families. I had no idea

ment by his diocesan bishop, who

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The Archbishop’s office inviting me to meet with Bishop Finlay. When we entered his office, there was a warm and genuine welcome, as well as an invitation to sit down and talk. As we sat together, we quickly got to the purpose of our meeting and discussed the issues facing the diocese and the challenges we faced as a church. We talked about the need for greater transparency and accountability, and the importance of inclusivity and diversity.

The Anglican Church of Canada is a community of about 600,000 members in 35 dioceses, stretching from Vancouver Island to Newfoundland and north to the Arctic. The Anglican Church of Canada has a global community of 70 million Anglicans in 64,000 congregations in 164 countries.

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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 our children’s ministry, 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 children’s ministry.

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 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 my post-graduate degree 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 background has 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 when 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 13:8-13. This verse is part of a passage that people hear at weddings, but I started reflecting on it as I discerned ordination. In those moments, 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 necessary 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 I 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 Messenger

Primate expresses regret 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.

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RESOLUTIONS SIGNAL 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.”

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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 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 soon 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, Aigincourt, 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 churches of Toronto, St. George on Yonge, and Montreal. Brother Crenshaw and Ms. Wesley also led discussion groups about the histories of black, Chinese and Indigenous peoples in Canada.

On radar screens

Since 2017, the group has been providing anti-racism training at 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, committee chairs and volunteers.

She says the Church needs to start doing this now. "Our worshipers 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 solutions and team-building opportunities.

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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 our task 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 ascribing blame, we can do it. It’s about recognizing that and working collectively to address it.”

He says the Church can do that, because 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. Karen Turner, the Rev. Adrienne Clements and the Rev. Leonard Leader of St. George on Yonge, Toronto, the Rev. Esteban, Toronto, Karen Turner of St. Hilary, Cooksville, the Rev. Maurice Francois of Parroquia San Andres, Toronto, the Rev. Dr. Pearce Carefoote of the Church of the Redeemer, Brooklin, from 7-9 p.m.Visit our website at www.toronto.anglican.ca

Pre-Synod meetings set

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for new Synod members, the marriage canon dialogue and elections for Diocesan Council. Attendance is important, as this is the setting for Diocesan Council.

The meetings will be held on the following dates:

• Trent-Durham: Oct. 17 at St. Thomas, 109 Wilson St. E., Brooklin, from 7:30 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, Mississauga, from 2-4 p.m. Registration starts at 1:45 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.

Thurs. 1st Nov, at 6 p.m. All Saints Communion (BCP) plus light supper at 6:40 and feature talk at 7:

REFORMATION AND THE PRINTING PRESS

with Dr. Pearce Carefoote

We conclude our year-long celebration of the Reformation (which started in 1517) as the Head of U of T’s rare-book collection explains in an illustrated talk that it couldn’t have happened if it weren’t for the invention of the printing press.

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CONTEMPORARY FIRE

Way Beyond Religion: A contemplative gathering with silence, celebration and gentle discussion.

Last Sunday of the month, 4.00pm to 5:30pm.

NEXT DATE: 28 OCTOBER.

St. Leonard's Anglican Church, 25 Wanless Avenue, Toronto.

Potluck to follow.

Contact info@contemplativefire.ca for more information. Future date will be Nov 25.

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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, such as Arabic, German, Spanish, Italian, French, Mandarin and Greek. Sessions will take place on Wednesdays from 4-6 p.m. Older youths and adults of any age are welcome to participate. The program is designed to help 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 Lamppman at llampman@stjamescathedral.ca or 416-364-7865, ext. 252.

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. Philips 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, the conference 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/thm.

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 mireia@parliamentofreligions.org.

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 Umback at kumback@pwrdf.org or call 416-924-9189 ext. 367.

Uxbridge marks Orange Shirt Day

Churches lead effort for reconciliation

PWRDF 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 about it 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, the town of Uxbridge will mark Orange Shirt Day. St. Andrew’s Chalmers Presbyterian Church, Mamawi Collective and the Uxbridge Library are planning activities to mark the day. 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 crafts, stories and games.

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

FOR SINGLE MOMS

All Saints, Peterborough donates $5,000 to Homeward Bound, a program for single mothers in Peterborough. The Rev. Maise Watson, manager of Homeward Bound, (second from right) receives the cheques from Karen Sadler, president of All Saints’ ACM. 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.
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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.

“This is a 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 in Saskatoon, with a population of 261,000.

Bishop-elect Harper said one of his priorities as bishop will be to try to bring everyone together as children of God. 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.”

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.”

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Thousands coming to Toronto

BY THE REV. CANON GARY VAN DER MEER

“For 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 of our church! 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.

Outreach, advocacy conference coming up

BY ANDRÉ LYN

The diocese’s annual Outreach and Advocacy Conference will be held on Oct. 27 at Havergal College, 1451 Ave. Rd., Toronto. This year’s theme is “Transforming Hearts, Transforming Structures.”

“As Christians, we understand that the love of Christ has power to transform our hearts,” said Elin Goulden, the diocese’s Social Justice and Advocacy consultant. “But how, and in what way does God’s love lead 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 Development 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 theist, 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, senior ministry, non-violent intervention techniques for drop-ins, and more. The conference 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.