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Church wins top environmental award

Green ideas woven into parish's life

BY STUART MANN

St. Cuthbert, Leaside is an attractive red brick church, but in environmental circles it's known by another colour – dark green.

The church has won the Greening Sacred Spaces Award for 2018, given to the most environmentally friendly place of worship in Toronto. It is only the second Anglican church in the city to receive the award since it was established in 2000.

"We're delighted and pleased that our efforts are making a difference," says Heather Conolly, a member of the church and its property coordinator. "We're keepers of the world and we want to pass on to the next generation what was handed down to us."

The award is given by Faith & the Common Good, a national, interfaith network that assists congregations and spiritual groups to create more sustainable communities.

St. Cuthbert's has made many upgrades to its building over the



Donna Lang (right) presents award to members of St. Cuthbert, Leaside. Front row, from left: Heather Conolly, Nancy Wahlroth, Lorna Krawchuk and Chris Vyse. Back row, from left: Beth Preston, Bob Davies, Kathi Davies, Lorraine Green-LaFleur and the Rev. Ian LaFleur, incumbent. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

past decade, including installing two high efficiency boilers, LED lights inside and outside, and a protective layer for its stained glass windows. It has reconfigured its downspouts, put bike racks in the

parking lot for several years, introduced rain barrels and Green Bins, and started a community garden.

The church holds an environment fair and film festival each year, and in 2017 a Great White Oak

tree on the property that is more than 200 years old was designated as an Ontario Heritage Tree. The church's vestry passed a motion in 2015 that supported the diocese's advocacy for effective public policy

on climate change.

"St. Cuthbert's has a sense of responsibility to be stewards of creation," explains the Rev. Ian

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Discipleship, evangelism conference coming this fall

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

CHRISTIANS interested in discipleship and evangelism will have an opportunity to connect and learn together this fall. Discipulus'18, a new national conference, will be held Oct. 18-19 at St. Paul, Bloor Street in Toronto.

Discipulus'18 grew out of the Vital Church Planting Conference, an annual gathering that focused on planting new Christian communities and fresh expressions of church. "There's been a growing recognition that we may have put the cart before the horse, in that we've been talking about mission without focusing on the hard work of renewal," says the Rev. Canon Judy Paulsen, chair of the Discipulus'18 planning team. "That renewal is linked to evangelism, but first to discipleship and getting Christians excited and passionate to share what they've come to know



The Rev. Dr. Joan DeVries

about the faith."

Discipulus'18 will focus on how churches can make disciples in their own communities who will be energized to share their faith with others. "We want to draw a stronger link between evangelism and formation," says Canon Paulsen. "Both in equipping and resourcing, we're hoping to encourage churches, whether large or small, to really take disciple-making seriously as an important foundation of renewal."

This year's keynote speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Joan DeVries, a pastor in the Christian Reformed Church with practical experience as a liturgist, writer and teacher. "An important focus in her life, in her study and in her doctoral work is the connection

between the Christian community and formation, and how formation happens in outreach, small groups, worship, church structure and leadership," says Canon Paulsen.

Canon Paulsen says she also considers it a strength to have a keynote speaker from outside the Anglican tradition. "She is keenly aware of the context that is a challenge to all denominations now," she says. "I think she will bring a unique perspective to us that also addresses the cross-denominational pull of this conference."

In addition to three keynote talks, Discipulus'18 will offer two sets of workshops on making disciples in churches. On Thursday, the sessions will consider how discipleship can be at the centre of all church activity, from budgets and governance structures to worship and social activities. On Friday, workshops

will focus on specific programs and resources for discipleship, led by people who have used them in their own communities. Workshop leaders will be announced in the coming weeks.

While this is the first year for Discipulus'18, its organizers believe there is an audience across Canada eager to explore discipleship. "We're hoping this conference will attract anyone who's interested in the renewal of the church in Canada, and hopeful about that," says Canon Paulsen. "Ultimately the renewal of the church is at its heart, for the sake of the world."

Registration for Discipulus'18 is open, with an early bird price of \$200 per person until July 31. After that, the cost goes up to \$250. Theological students and postulants can attend for \$200. To learn more and register, visit www.discipulus.ca.

Election results available on website

THE results of the election of a coadjutor bishop on June 9 at St. James Cathedral will be posted on the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca, and shared on Facebook and Twitter. A story and photos of the election will be published in the September issue of *The Anglican*. The paper is not published in July and August.

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Alexandra McIntosh (above) plays rock-paper-scissors after the service. At right, youth from All Saints, Kingsway dramatize the gospel reading. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Commissioning service involves area's youth

Every part a 'labour of love'

BY STUART MANN

ALEXANDRA McIntosh is passionate about bringing youth and youth groups together, and her commissioning service as York-Credit Valley's new area youth ministry coordinator perfectly reflected that.

The service, held at St. George on-the-Hill, Toronto on April 20, was created by youth, for youth. "Every part of it was a labour of love by youth from different parts of the York-Credit Valley area," says Ms. McIntosh, who was assisted in the planning by the Rev. Andrew MacDonald, one of the episcopal area's liturgical officers.

When they started planning the service, Ms. McIntosh knew she wanted it to be a celebration of youth ministry and to involve as many young people as possible. "If we were to make it a service for the youth of the area, what would it look like?" she wondered.

She talked with youth leaders and young people, asking them what their favourite – and least favourite – parts of the Eucharist service were, what they would do differently and what part they would like to have in it. She found enthusiasm for every aspect of the service.

"We asked people what they'd like to do, and they stepped forward," she says. "What ended up happening was this beautiful service where everyone who was involved had their favourite part and made it their own."

The gospel reading was dramatized by the youth group from All Saints, Kingsway, complete with costumes and a narrator. The

prayers of the people were written by the youth group from St. John, West Toronto. Youth also served as readers, servers and eucharistic gift bearers.

Youth from eight churches took part in the service: All Saints, Kingsway, St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto, St. George on-the-Hill, Christ Church, Brampton, St. Olave, Swansea, St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto, St. John, West Toronto and St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale.

One of the highlights of the service was when all the youth were invited to stand and were asked by Bishop Jenny Anderson, the area bishop, to make a commitment. Together they said, "We promise to be engaged with leadership and not let ourselves be pushed aside and forgotten because we are young. We will be an example to others and will expect to be represented fully as the Church right now, and the promise of something new just over the horizon."

Ms. McIntosh says the service gave her great hope for York-Credit Valley. "A huge part of making events like this happen is building connections and relationships, so while it was a lot of work bringing it all together, everyone had an amazing time. A real momentum was started. There's a lot of possibility and a lot of hope."

Ms. McIntosh's job is to equip and empower youth leaders and to help youth ministry flourish in their parishes. She is working with Bishop Anderson to help the episcopal area discern its priorities and goals for youth ministry.

In addition to her job as the area youth ministry coordinator, Ms. McIntosh is the pastoral associate for youth and young adults at the Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. She is also studying for a Master of Theological Studies in Development degree at Wycliffe College.

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The congregation applauds the new deacons after their ordination.



The Rev. Canon Cheryl Palmer, incumbent of Christ Church, Deer Park, gives the homily.



The Rev. Louise Peters, vicar of St. James Cathedral, helps the Rev. Morning Wang put on her vestments.



ORDAINED

Newly ordained transitional deacons, wearing red and white vestments, stand with Archbishop Colin Johnson, bishops and clergy after their ordination service at St. James Cathedral on May 6. They are, front row from left: the Rev. Morning Wang, the Rev. Johanna Pak, the Rev. Shelly-Ann Pollard and the Rev. Roshni Jayawardena. Second row from left: the Rev. Ken Johnstone, the Rev. Alison Hari-Singh, the Rev. Brian Suggs, the Rev. Andrew Kaye and the Rev. Jeff Boldt. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



The Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid, incumbent of St. Peter, Erindale, hugs the Rev. Roshni Jayawardena.



Family and friends take photos of the new deacons.

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Twenty-five minutes seemed like an eternity on that warm spring day in North York. Ordinary people were out doing ordinary things in the afternoon sunshine when, seemingly from nowhere, a van sped down the street and sidewalk, leaving a long trail of death and destruction in its wake. For those of us who call Toronto home, the events of that April day have left us shaken. Violence like this had happened in other places – London, Nice, Barcelona – but not here. And then it happened – here. At the end of those 25 minutes, 10 people were dead, more than a dozen were injured, and hundreds of eyewitnesses were left with scars that may last a lifetime.

As people of faith, the events of April 23 leave us asking some of the deepest questions of life: “Why is there evil in the world?” “Why do bad things happen to good people?” “How can we forgive?” I believe it’s important to sit with these questions and not settle for easy answers, but rather search for God in the midst of the deep pain and tragedy, and lean on the God in whom we have come to put our trust. Personally, I find encouragement in the words of Psalm 105: “Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.”

In trying to seek the Lord’s face in the midst of this tragedy, I have been moved by the outpouring of generosity and compas-

BISHOP'S OPINION

By BISHOP KEVIN ROBERTSON

sion from across the city and around the world. People of all faiths, and no faith at all, have come together in a common purpose to help and heal: the #torontostrong movement emerged, flowers and teddy bears were lovingly left at memorials throughout the city, tens of thousands of people attended the multi-faith vigil at Mel Lastman Square, and prayers for peace and healing were offered from different religious traditions. For Christians, this universal reaching-out is nothing less than the movement of God the Holy Spirit in our midst. We are reminded in that well-known hymn, “Where charity and love prevail, there God is ever found.”

I have also experienced the more explicit ways in which God’s love in Christ has been shared in the wake of this tragedy. Within hours of the terrible news, our churches were opening their doors as safe spaces for prayer, silence and pastoral care. Clergy and lay people across the diocese were gathering together to pray and check in with each other. Prayers were offered not only for the victims and their families, but also for the driver of the van and his family, reminding us of Jesus’ difficult teaching from the Sermon on the Mount: “Love your enemies, and pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44).

Exactly one week after the van attack, several hundred people joined us for a prayer walk down Yonge Street, to mark the stretch of road and sidewalk that had been a place of such carnage. As a processional cross was lifted high at the corner of Yonge and Finch, we walked behind it singing, *Ubi Caritas*: “Live in charity and steadfast love; God will dwell with you.” Some bystanders joined the walk, others stopped and made the sign of the cross, and still others stood and wept. Our witness as followers of Jesus was to reclaim the street in his name and for his sake. I hope that our presence was a sign to the community that, even in the face of inexplicable tragedy, this is still God’s world, God’s street, God’s sidewalk, God’s people.

At the conclusion of the prayer walk, we gathered for a vigil at St. George on Yonge, close to where some of the victims had died. I drew a connection between the Via Dolorosa that Christ walked, and our own Way of Sorrows that we had just walked. Both roads were marked by injustice, suffering, and the death of innocents, but it is our conviction and our Easter hope that both roads also lead to resurrection and new life. Nothing will bring back those who died on April 23, and so we pray that they now enter into the light of God’s nearer presence. For us who remain, may we be renewed in our commitment to build the Kingdom of God here on earth – a Kingdom of justice and mercy, of peace and love.

CANADA BRIEFS

Services offered for developmentally challenged 1

BRACEBRIDGE - Three parishes in the Diocese of Algoma are partnering with a local special needs charity to offer worship services for people with developmental challenges. For roughly a year, the parishes, all in Ontario’s Muskoka region, have been working with Community Living South Muskoka, a registered charity that serves individuals with developmental disabilities and their families, to provide the twice-monthly services.

The services are held at St. Thomas, Bracebridge; the lead cleric is the Rev. Margaret Morrison of Lake of Bays Anglican Parish; and St. James, Gravenhurst supplies a musician and prints the service bulletin. Clergy from St. Thomas and St. James also participate. Community Living South Muskoka publicizes the services, offers transportation and supplies any needed support workers.

Algoma Anglican

Niagara to host Cursillo conference 2

HAMILTON - Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, will give the keynote address at the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Triennial Conference, hosted by the Diocese of Niagara on June 22-24 at Renison University College in Waterloo. Participants will have a choice of attending two out of three workshops: “Discernment,” led by Sr. Elizabeth Ann Eckert of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in Toronto; “Your Spiritual Autobiography,” led by Canon Peter Davison of the Diocese of Niagara; and “Labyrinth,” led by Lori Haskings-Barber, a certified trainer in the use of spiritual labyrinths.

The Cursillo movement aims to support



and encourage Christians through short courses in areas such as grace, faith, evangelism and Christian community in action. Brief talks are followed by discussions by participants in small groups. The movement originated in Spain in the 1940s; the first meeting of the Canadian Anglican Cursillo was held in Toronto in 1977.

Niagara Anglican

Bishop plans fourth diocesan walk 3

FREDERICTON - For the fourth year in a row, Bishop David Edwards of the Diocese of Fredericton will be heading across one of the diocese’s archdeaconries on foot to visit parishes, pray with local Anglicans and bear witness to communities on the route. From May 23 to June 5, Edwards will be making his way through the archdeaconry of Woodstock, which covers New Brunswick’s north-west region, including the upper reaches of the Saint John River.

Highlights will include a visit to the McCain Foods factory in Florenceville; attending a meeting of Diocesan Council at Camp Brookwood, an Anglican youth camp; and a visit to a potato packing operation. The pilgrimage will include sections through a nature preserve and other walking trails. It

will finish up at All Saints, Magaguadavic. Members of the public are invited to walk alongside the bishop for one or more days.

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Group sees progress on homelessness 4

EDMONTON - Members of an interfaith group formed to fight homelessness here are making strides in terms of both learning how to work with one another and in their awareness of the housing potential of their property, attendees at a gathering of the group heard March 27.

Formed in 2011, the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative (CRIHI) includes groups from a variety of spiritual traditions, including Anglicanism. One of the group’s priorities, said a spokesperson, is to move from looking at homelessness “from a broad, city-wide perspective” to getting “boots on the ground,” and “to energize local communities, to engage local temples, mosques, churches and gurdwaras.”

The meeting on March 27 heard from representatives of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Moravian, Unitarian, Muslim and Jewish communities, as well as followers of Indian spiritual leader Sathya Sai Baba.

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Remember our Christian values



BY ELIN GOULDEN

Ontarians will be going to the polls on June 7 to choose who will represent us at Queen's Park for the next four years. Not only do elections give us the right to have a say in choosing who will lead our province, but they give us the opportunity to consider what makes for a society of justice and dignity in which all can flourish.

There are two temptations that commonly arise during election campaigns. One is to cast our votes for those whose platforms appeal to our self-interest, without considering the impact those policies will have on those who are in greater need than ourselves. Many politicians directly pitch their platforms to those whose principal motivation is "what's in it for me." This can lead to the second temptation, which is to become cynical or apathetic about the process and decide not to vote.

Both these temptations represent an abdication of our responsibility as Christians to love our neighbours as ourselves. To vote only for those who benefit us, or to leave the choosing of those in government to others, squanders one of the chief opportunities our society affords us for contributing to the common good. It also fails to take advantage of the greatest form of influence we have over our political leaders.

Anglicans have a long history of con-



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tributing to and engaging in the public sphere. Many public institutions – hospitals, schools and universities, libraries and social service agencies – were originally founded by Anglicans. Today, we continue to serve our neighbours through outreach programs at the parish and diocesan levels. But Anglicans have also had a long history of using our voices to amplify the concerns of those

in need, and for pressing for long-term, systemic changes that address social injustices.

Scripture calls us to seek the welfare of the communities in which God has placed us (Jeremiah 29:7) and to speak out and judge righteously on behalf of those in need (Prov. 31:8-9). In the same vein, our baptismal covenant calls us to "seek and serve Christ in all persons," to "respect

the dignity of every human being" and to "strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation." These are values that we should carry with us at all times, including into the voting booth.

Before election day, take the time to learn about the various parties' platforms. Ask what their impact is likely to be on those who are most vulnerable, and on the natural environment that sustains us. Share your concerns with candidates who come to call, with friends, family members, neighbours and fellow parishioners. Don't forget to pray for those who will be elected, that they be given a spirit of wisdom and compassion to exercise their responsibilities for the good of all.

Finally, get out and vote! Whether or not your preferred party or candidate is elected, you have registered your interest in the life and future of the province – and of your community. At the same time, remember that, as important as it is, voting in an election is only one aspect of the ongoing work of civic engagement. Continue to pray for the government and other elected representatives, continue to learn about the issues that arise, and continue to speak up and to act for the building up of our common life.

Elin Goulden is the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant. The Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario has prepared an election backgrounder on housing and income security, with suggested questions for candidates. Visit www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/elections.

Work is underway on our strategic plan



BY ANGELA HANTOUMAKOS

I am delighted to bring you an update on Growing in Christ, our diocese's strategic plan. As you will recall, the plan lays out a bold vision for our diocese for the next four years: to be an Anglican community committed to proclaiming and embodying Jesus Christ through compassionate service, intelligent faith and Godly worship.

Since becoming Executive Director in December 2017, I have started working with many of the plan's working groups to help establish clear deliverables and frameworks for the strategic focus areas identified in the plan. It is heartening to see the level of commitment and collaboration on the part of volunteers and staff to enable our diocese to fulfill its mission to build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Governance and Decision-Making

Working Group is making substantial progress in identifying models of governance that will streamline and facilitate the decision-making process.

In our quest to continually become better stewards of our human and property resources, we are pleased to report that by year's end we will present recommendations from our Remuneration Working Group that address remuneration concerns of our clergy that reflect our values.

Our Property Working Group is focused on helping us to better track, manage and leverage our real estate resources. By mid-summer, we will have a comprehensive inventory of all our real estate holdings, a project we undertook last year with N. Barry Lyons Consultants. In January of 2018, a Request for Proposal was put out to market for engineering consulting services to assist us with a diocese-wide building condition assessment project. We are currently in the procurement phase of the engagement and are pleased to report that we have received positive responses from some of the country's most pre-eminent engineer-

ing consulting firms. This phase of work will end with the Request for Award, at which juncture we will evaluate the cost and commence rollout, subject to Diocesan Council approval.

Feedback from the Engagement Survey, already completed, together with additional input from our clergy and senior staff at the Diocesan Centre, will help to inform and corroborate the work of the Trust and Culture Working Group as it seeks ways to build a more collaborative and trusting culture in our diocese.

The Innovation Based on Evidence Working Group is working on defining clear deliverables that will enable the diocese to mitigate risk through adoption of best practices with respect to how data will be used to measure outcomes for continuous improvement.

Our Leadership and Formation Working Group is in the early stages of defining deliverables that will enable us to develop the clerical and lay leaders who will lead our transformation efforts. The diocesan Postulancy Committee has reviewed its procedures for the identifica-

tion of candidates for ordination and their formation.

We plan to bring recommendations from our working groups to our next Regular Session of Synod in November 2018.

The work of the strategic plan is often challenging but also immensely rewarding. I truly feel privileged to have the opportunity to work with the College of Bishops, talented diocesan staff and our dedicated volunteers to help implement our strategic plan.

I wish to thank you for welcoming me to the Diocese of Toronto as you have, and for your willingness and support to drive the positive change the implementation of our strategic plan will have in transforming our future by balancing our call to action for a bold vision, while maintaining our trust in Christ's faithfulness to his Church and honouring our rich heritage.

Angela Hantoumakos is the diocese's Executive Director. To learn more about Growing in Christ, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca.

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Correction

IN last month's issue, the caption of a photograph of York-Scarborough's town hall meeting contained incorrect information. The person speaking was the Rev. Claire Goodrich Dyer. *The Anglican* regrets the error.

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I have done nothing in Belize alone

Andy Harjula is a member of St. John, Ida and volunteers here and in Belize.

I have been retired for over 20 years. In the church, I am one of many on the "Greeter" crew. I also try to help publicize the church by supplying photos and stories about events to the newspaper. My other voluntary jobs include volunteering with the Canada Revenue Agency by preparing tax returns for low income Canadians. Last year, volunteers across Canada prepared 700,000 free tax returns. I also volunteer with the Peterborough Police Department on their Community Policing Committee. We monitor drivers for speeding and organize bike rodeos for local youth.

My wife and I returned to Belize in April for a week to celebrate my birthday and to assist a family that has fallen on challenging times. The father, Eduardo Diaz, was an electrician until one day when he came in touch with an electrical wire that blew off his hands and feet. He now supports his family by selling popcorn on the street. Our local hardware store held a fundraiser for Eduardo and purchased a popcorn popper, like the ones used in theaters. In addition, one of our congregation has donated a set of stainless steel pots for the Diaz family. The majority of people in Belize use aluminum pots rather than stainless steel because of their affordability. We brought these items on our trip, plus many other items for schools such as flip flops, soccer shoes, chalk and books.

To make it clear, I have done nothing



Andy Harjula (left) with Alex, a student in Belize who is studying to be an electrician. Alex's tuition is being funded by Dave Welch, an electrician in Canada. PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDY HARJULA

in Belize alone. All the efforts have been because of the tremendous support I have received from St. John's congregation, my tolerant wife and understanding adult children. I tell them I am spending their inheritance in Belize.

I began volunteering in developing countries after trying to help with rebuilding projects in New Orleans from Hurricane Katrina. The U.S. immigration officers delayed my entry to such an extent that that unpleasant experience dissuaded me from ever trying to help there again. Then I helped each winter in Ecuador, Panama and Guatemala. Each of these countries is

Spanish-speaking and I struggled with their language; I felt embarrassed in not being able to talk to them in their own language in their country. Then I discovered Belize, formerly British Honduras, a British protectorate since the early 1600s. To me it was obvious that one of the major problems in Belize was that they imported the majority of their food, even though they had the climate and soils to be self-sufficient in food production. My efforts, and those of other like-minded people such as Bev Hilditch, have purchased, supplied and planted fruit trees to help Belizeans become self sufficient by growing some of their own food. In addition, funds have been raised in Canada through auctions and dinners to supply food to school lunch programs there. Initially, I also supported a priest who was attempting to acclimatize superior chicken breeds that would survive in the tropical heat.

The Belize Project has raised sufficient funds now to support 10 students with tuition fees so they can attend high school. High school fees represent 30 per cent of a labourer's income. The primary source of local jobs in the Dangriga area of Belize is

orchard work, which includes orange, lime, banana and coconut orchards. In the case of the Diaz family, the new popcorn popper will permit Eduardo to make additional volumes of popcorn and thereby make a difference for his family.

I was born in a snowbank and raised out of a suitcase. I have lived in 14 different houses, beginning in Finland, Sweden, the U.S. and Canada. My career was with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, where I was invited to go to new positions throughout the province. I enjoy helping people solve their personal problems and consequently after retirement I worked with the Ontario Human Rights Commission investigating harassment and discrimination complaints, resolving the complaint and closing the files.

My volunteerism probably stems from my father, now deceased, who would go and volunteer on any works at the drop of a hat. My sister possessed a similar trait and she put a lot of effort into helping immigrants settle in Canada. Before she passed on, she immigrated to Ecuador and helped people by starting a school and raising chickens.

Five years from now I would like to enjoy distributing the proceeds of a lottery – if I won – in Belize by establishing a long-term education scholarship that would help students pull themselves up by their bootstraps to a better life through education. I would also enjoy helping additional volunteers come to Belize and experience the local life, and to help the volunteers lend their helping hands to one of the many projects that are crying for help.

My understanding of the Bible is very limited, but I like the King James's version that says, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you: do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets." The parallel Buddhist version is, "Each day try to do one good thing. If you can't accomplish that, at least try to avoid doing anything bad towards others." I am not perfect, but I aim for that each day.

To learn more about the Belize Project, including volunteer and fundraising opportunities, contact Mr. Harjula at andy-harjula@gmail.com or at 705-277-1825.

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Thirty-two confirmands and two who reaffirmed their baptismal vows join Archbishop Colin Johnson and sponsoring clergy and laity after the Diocesan Confirmation Service at St. James Cathedral on April 29. They came from the following churches: St. John, West Toronto, St. Matthew, First Avenue, Toronto, St. James, Caledon East, St. Matthias, Etobicoke, St. James the Apostle, Sharon, St. Hilary, Cooksville, Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, St. Jude, Bramalea North, St. Mary and St. Martha, Toronto, St. John the Baptist, Norway and St. Michael the Archangel, Toronto. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



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ROAD READY

The Rev. Andrew MacDonald blesses bicycles at St. Martin in-the-Fields, Toronto on April 28. People from the High Park neighbourhood, parishioners and two Toronto auxiliary police officers brought their bikes for the annual Blessing of the Bicycles service. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Church part of growing trend to go green

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LaFleur, incumbent. "That sensitivity is an important part of the DNA of this community." He adds: "While it may be a lot of work, we're doing it because we can do no other. To be disciples of Jesus Christ is to be engaged in the care of God's creation."

The church's efforts to weave environmental thinking and action into all aspects of its life, including its worship, administration and building, was the reason why it was chosen to receive the award, says Donna Lang, Faith & the Common Good's Toronto animator.

"I've been working with the parish for the past three years and have been impressed with the dedication of their Environmental Study Group and their ability to get things done," says Ms. Lang. "We carefully select the winner every year and this year St. Cuthbert's has definitely warranted it."

She was impressed not only with the church's dedication but its innovation as well. "It was things like the bike racks and LED lights in the parking lot and the community garden," she says. "It's really cutting edge to have a faith building producing produce for the neighbourhood."

Ms. Conolly says there is a practical side to the church's green initiatives. While there is an up-front cost to upgrades, there are savings as well, she says. Since the church installed the new boilers in 2011, for example, they have not needed

any repairs. The LED lights could last for decades before they need to be replaced.

"When we look at any project, large or small, we always look at the green angle," she says. "Is there a way to do this that has a recycling component or how can we try to save energy and costs? That's how we always try to make decisions."

Ms. Lang says St. Cuthbert's is part of a trend among faith groups to invest time and money in going green. "Faith buildings nowadays are spending a lot of money on energy audits and retrofits. I've been doing this job for eight years and I've noticed that faith buildings are getting a lot more serious about this."

She says the shift is due to climate change being a regular and visible part of daily life. "We're seeing that we're part of it – it's not just something way out there anymore."

In addition to its ongoing green initiatives, St. Cuthbert's is one of four Anglican churches participating in Faith & the Common Good's three-year Energy Benchmark Program, which tracks gas and electricity consumption, green house gases costs and energy usage intensity. The other Anglican churches taking part are Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., Christ Church, Deer Park, and Holy Trinity, Thornhill. For more information on the program, contact Ms. Lang at dlang@faithcommongood.org.

Conference explores Christian heritage of peacemaking

Topics include loving enemies, non-violence

BY PAUL PYNKOSKI

HOW might Christians respond to violence and war? How do we understand Christ's call to be peacemakers? How might we give voice and action to our vocation to peace?

These were theoretical questions for me until two years ago. But they gained urgency with the arrival of our first grandchild – female, Ojibwe and living on a First Nations reserve – born amid the upsurge in nuclear rhetoric between the United States and North Korea, and finding out that my own country was selling military equipment to Saudi Arabia. What sort of a world would she inherit? What could my single voice do to change any of this? These questions paralyzed me.

But reading Thomas Merton, the Trappist monk and mystic, gave me hope. I found in his writings the ancient Christian wisdom of non-violence and peacemaking, restated in a modern key. Hope led to dreaming, and sharing those dreams led to collaborative action.

Our collective dreaming became Voices for Peace, a conference on peace held at the Cardinal Flahiff Centre in Toronto on April 28. The Church of the Redeemer, the Henri Nouwen Society, Citizens for Public Justice, and the Basilian Centre for Peace and Justice brought together a team of new and seasoned advocates for contemplative practices



More than 125 people attend the Voices for Peace conference in Toronto. At right, hip hop artist Shad speaks about the intersection of art and peacemaking. PHOTOS BY CASSIDY HALL

and active resistance. More than 125 people from across Ontario and as far away as Amsterdam and Los Angeles came to explore our Christian heritage of peacemaking, loving enemies, and non-violent resistance to evil.

There were two keynote speakers: Jim Forest and Shad Kabango. On the surface, it appeared an unlikely pairing – a 76-year-old writer and lifelong peace activist and a 35-year-old Juno award-winning hip hop artist and broadcaster. But their messages provided both counterpoint and harmony for the day.

Mr. Forest's presentation focused not on theory but on the lived wisdom distilled from his friendships with Dorothy Day, Henri Nouwen, Daniel Berrigan and Thomas Mer-

ton. Each lived peacemaking in a different way. A fundamental principle for Mr. Forest is the need to disarm our own hearts, to bring into the light of day our own violent and aggressive tendencies, before attempting to disarm the hearts of our enemies. Compassion, love of enemies, and non-violent encounter were emphasized. We need first to see the humanity of our "enemy" because disarmament occurs not when we defeat our enemy in debate, but when we win their hearts.

Shad spoke on the intersection of art and peacemaking. He, too, emphasized the personal. Music and film are storytelling. Both arts offer deeply personal stories, but as they are offered those stories become social, assisting us in cross-



ing our lines of human separation. Music maker at heart, he could not resist translating the fourth verse of "Remember to Remember" into spoken word poetry.

Newcomers to activism were able to take a small first step and sign a petition against nuclear weapons. Connections were made with Project Plowshares and Christian Peacemaker Teams. Books were purchased and friendships formed.

Voices for Peace closed with song and prayer. Music lifted to the heights of the chapel, perhaps to the heavens. As we sang, I realized I was finding my voice, and that we were finding our voices, for peace.

And with the psalmist, "our sound has gone out into all lands/and their message to the ends of the earth."

Paul Pynkoski is a member of Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street, and was one of the organizers of Voices for Peace. He facilitates literature and film discussions at Church of the Redeemer's drop-in program for those who are homeless or at risk. Jim Forest's speech is available at <http://jimandnancyforest.com/2018/04/becoming-peacemakers/> and Shad's spoken word poetry is at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_NBp2wwN5Is.

Ping pong helps church reach out

Local students join club

BY THE REV. CANON PHILIP DER

A group of parishioners at St. Christopher, Richmond Hill has been playing ping pong for years, but it wasn't until last fall that our ping pong ministry really started to flourish. As our church went through a three-year missional transformation, we built a close relationship with a local high school, Bayview Secondary. We discovered that many teens also loved to play ping pong, but they had no place to play. As a result, our church started a ping pong and board game club on Thursday afternoons. Michele Taylor, our English ministry pastor, spearheaded this new outreach to the local students. We also purchased 16 new ping pong rackets.

The club started with eight youth and has steadily grown to 25 students. Every Thursday at 4:30 p.m., Pastor Michele leads a discussion time with the teens about mental health issues or Christian teachings. In the meantime, a new couple who joined the church last spring brought over 10 new people to play ping pong weekly. As a result, St. Christopher's now has ping pong sessions on Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Dozens of people are playing ping pong weekly at St. Christopher's!



Local students take part in a ping pong marathon, helping to raise \$9,002 for FaithWorks. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ST. CHRISTOPHER'S

Besides being a great outreach opportunity, we wondered how we could channel this enthusiasm for an even greater good. We decided to use the momentum to both strengthen our church's team spirit and to raise money for a great cause – FaithWorks. As there are 18 organizations under the FaithWorks umbrella, we made it our goal to try to have an 18-hour ping pong relay marathon. Once the idea was shared with the leaders, everyone got excited about making it happen and an organizing com-

mittee set two goals: raise \$6,000 for FaithWorks and have 60 people participate in the relay.

All the players endeavoured to find sponsors, and in our church announcements we urged parishioners, "If you are not playing, please sponsor someone to play." The response was extremely positive.

We started each of the two marathon relay days (March 22 and 24) with a prayer to remember the ministries of all 18 FaithWorks organizations. There was tremen-

dous energy in the room. Then the games began. Some came to play for an hour, others for six hours. By the end of the first day, we had raised \$2,950 with 53 players. By the 12th hour of the second day, we were edging close to our target of \$6,000. By the end of the 18th hour, we had surpassed our target and reached \$8,812. Donations continued to flow and at the end, we raised \$9,002 for FaithWorks. Over 60 players contributed to the project!

Parishioners not only had a great

time playing but also had opportunities for fellowship with new and potential church members from the community. One person has started to join our Thursday YEAH (outreach) club. We thank God for all these blessings. As Paul says in Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."

The Rev. Canon Philip Der is the incumbent of St. Christopher, Richmond Hill.

Bishop to open cricket festival

BY STUART MANN

BISHOP Jenny Anderson has learned a lot of things since becoming the area bishop of York-Credit Valley. She can soon add cricket to that list.

As the special guest of the Anglican Church Cricket Festival, Bishop Anderson will take part in the opening ceremonies and try her hand at bowling and batting. Although she's never played the game before, she's up for the challenge.

The tournament will be held on June 23 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Credit Valley/Sandalwood Park, 10530 Creditview Rd., Brampton. Church teams and individuals are invited to participate, no experience necessary. The venue is bigger this year, allowing two matches to be played at the same time.

Five teams have already signed up to play – St. Peter, Erindale, St. Thomas à Becket, Erin Mills South, Holy Family, Heart Lake, Trinity, Streetsville and St. James the Apostle, Brampton. There will also be a team made up of individuals who want to play but aren't part of a church team.

Ranil Mendis, one of the organizers, says the purpose of the tourney

is to have fun and develop friendships. "It's friendly, not competitive," he says. "Whether you're a seasoned cricketer or just beginning, you're welcome to come and play or just enjoy the day."

In addition to cricket, there will be music and food, including tea and cucumber sandwiches. There is no entry fee. "All we're asking of the churches is to come and bring some food," he says. He advises first-timers to wear light, comfortable clothing and running shoes. Spectators should bring a lawn chair if possible.

This is the festival's third year, and a friendly rivalry has developed between the teams, some of which wear shirts with their church's logo on them. Last year's winner was the team from St. Peter, Erindale.

Mr. Mendis says there is a lot of interest in cricket in the diocese because of people who have come here from all over the world. "Cricket being a global sport, they'd love to have that opportunity to meet with fellow parishioners and enjoy a game of cricket," he says. "That's the reason behind it."

For more information, email anglican.cricket.festival@gmail.com.

Human trafficking consultation held in Pickering

BY MATT GARDNER

THE Anglican Church of Canada held the first of four consultations on human trafficking and modern slavery on April 10-13 at the Manresa Jesuit Retreat Centre in Pickering. The consultations, called Engage Freedom! Anglicans Against Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery, are being held in each of the ecclesiastical provinces in Canada and are intended to help the national church develop a more comprehensive policy towards the elimination of human trafficking.

The meeting in Pickering heard from government representatives, Indigenous leaders, Anglican Communion partners, and professionals engaged in efforts to end trafficking and modern slavery.

Ryan Weston, co-chair of the national church's Human Trafficking Reference Group, said the aim of the meeting was to engage the wider Church as much as possible. "We've got folks from across the ecclesiastical province of Ontario that we hope will learn some things together and build some networks,

and then go home and help lead some initiatives and engagement in their local areas," he said, adding that there will be a focus on the issue at General Synod.

Throughout the consultation, participants learned about the experience of trafficking and its scope across Ontario and Canada. Leora Rich, manager of clinical services for East Metro Youth Services, which provides trauma therapy and peer mentorship for young people, reported an increase in the last four years in young people coming into the Scarborough office and detailing their experiences in the sex trade.

The consultation heard that Ontario accounts for more than two-thirds of trafficking cases across the country. Sex traffickers most often target women and girls, homeless and marginalized youth, and young people who struggle with low-self esteem, bullying, addiction, or mental health issues. The age of recruitment can be as low as 12 or 13. Indigenous women and girls are particularly likely to be trafficked.

The final day of the consulta-

tion saw participants reflecting on how to increase awareness in their areas towards the elimination of human trafficking, as well as efforts to build networks, and advance the issue in the run-up to General Synod 2019.

Similar consultations have followed or will take place for the ecclesiastical provinces of Canada, Rupert's Land, and B.C. and Yukon. The Province of Canada event took place from April 16-18 at Memorial University in St. John's, Nfld.

"If we're going to be effective (in working to eliminate human trafficking), it needs to be engaged in at every level of the Church," said Mr. Weston. "So we want the grassroots parish folks to be aware and engaged and praying and taking action as much as folks that are closely affiliated with national initiatives."

Matt Gardner is the corporate communicator for the Anglican Church of Canada. This is a condensed version of an article that was first published on the national church's website.

Cope restored after three-year effort

Bishop has connection to local church

BY WILLEM HART

BISHOP John Charles Roper (1858–1940) was appointed vicar of St. Thomas, Huron Street in Toronto in 1888, when the parish had dwindled to only six people. He is largely responsible for having revived it and introducing the parish to the Anglo-Catholic tradition. Before going to St. Thomas, he had been the Keble Professor of Theology at Trinity College, Oxford, a position he relinquished to become the chaplain of the newly formed Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in Toronto, where he formed a close relationship to its founder, Mother Hannah Grier Coome.

In 1897, he accepted a position as professor of theology at the General Theological Seminary in New York City. In 1912, he became the third Bishop of British Columbia and was translated to be the Bishop of Ottawa three years later, serving for 24 years, the last six as the Metropolitan of Ontario. It is not unlikely that Bishop Roper was presented with the beautifully embroidered “Roper Cope,” made by the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, when he became the Bishop of Ottawa. The cope was gifted to the parish of St. Thomas upon his retirement from the Diocese of Ottawa in 1939.

In *Household of God, A Parish History of St. Thomas's Church*, the late Merrium Clancy notes that, “Whether in the bishop’s day, or after it came to us, the cope became very worn and the stole is now missing, though there is a reference in the 1949 Altar Guild minutes to its being in need of cleaning. The best that we can do now is to try to preserve it so that we can gaze upon it from time to time.” A speculative version of the cope can also be seen worn by Bishop



The ACW Ecclesiastical Needleworkers gather around the Bishop Charles Roper cope on April 23 after spending three years restoring it. From left are Heather James, Valerie Chambers, Anne Robson, Joyce Connell, Sheila Wilgar, Peggy Perkins, Joy Horswell, Doreen Stanton, Elaine Rowe and Louise Reid. At right, Louise Reid shows details of the cope. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Roper in a fine triptych painted by Suan-Seh Foo, a parishioner, which hangs in the church’s Lady altar.

In the early 1990s, Altar Guild members Doreen Stanton and Donald McTaggart thought better of the cope than treating it as an archival object to be admired, and set about its restoration. Ms. Stanton obtained samples of cloth from Watts & Co. in London, England and, after a choice was made, sewed a replica. The plan was to transpose the original embroidery from the old cope to the new one. This entailed a vast amount of work since the original embroidery was badly worn and too fine to transpose. A fatal illness prevented Ms. McTaggart from completing



the work and eventually in 2015 it was turned over to the diocese’s Ecclesiastical Needlework Committee, supported by the patronage of Margaret Hardacre in honour of her husband Walter.

Many, many hours have gone into producing the current version, under the direction of Louise Reid, by sewer Doreen Stanton, and especially embroiderer Peggy Perkins. As much as possible, the

original embroidery and details were retained where repair was possible, or completely renewed. The new braids and cords were custom made, as were other details. Today the new cope, although somewhat different from when it was presented to Bishop Roper in 1915, is a beautiful example of fine needlework and embroidery. The Ecclesiastical Needlework Committee is thrilled with the results



Bishop John Roper



Details of the cope, above and below.



and the parish of St. Thomas is privileged to use the cope for years to come in worship to the honour of God.

Willem Hart is a member of St. Thomas, Huron Street.



The Rev. Maria Nightingale (centre) with St. Peter’s parishioners in the forest. PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. PETER’S

Outdoor service refreshes

BY LILLIAN NEWBERY

LIKE a special blessing after a long winter, sunshine and a canopy of cloudless blue sky hung over the group engaged in St. Peter, Erindale’s first Christian Meditation in Nature service.

The service to mark Earth Day on April 22 was created and led by the Rev. Maria Nightingale, the church’s associate priest and chaplain to seniors, and youth minister Lydia Cordie. It was based on the idea of “forest bathing,” suggested by Cathy Robertson, the parish’s environment officer.

A group spanning seven decades in age strolled from the church to Erindale Park, acknowledging the traditional territory of the Huron/Wendat, Seneca and Mississaugas of the Credit River. As red-winged blackbirds trilled, Ms.

Cordie began with prayer, then we walked to a spot in the woodland overlooking the Credit River.

Ms. Nightingale led the meditation, guiding us to an awareness of sound, feel, touch, smell and sight. Afterwards, everyone in the circle spoke of what they had noticed – the rushing sound of the river, traffic and passers-by on the path, the feel of sunlight and the breeze on skin, the smell of decaying leaves, the look of bright sunlight, green moss, red sumac panicles, silvery branches, light dancing on the river and a feeling of calm.

We listened to Psalm 148, which speaks of all of creation praising God, and concluded with prayer as we left the park refreshed.

Lillian Newbery is a member of St. Peter, Erindale.

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Music & Worship

MAY 27 - Rock Eucharist: The Music
of Blue Rodeo, 7 p.m., Church of
the Redeemer, Bloor Street and
Avenue Road, Toronto.

JUNE 3 - Choral Evensong for the
Queen's coronation at 4 p.m., fol-
lowed by Strawberry Tea. At 5 p.m.,
guitarist Doug Hibovski presents a
program of music with royal con-
nections from the time of Elizabeth
I and John Dowland to the popular
and classical music of the current
Queen's reign, on the day after the
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JULY 11 - Christ's College Chapel
Choir from Cambridge, England,
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dents/seniors. Contact music@stmarksporthope.ca.

JULY 12 - Les Petits Chanteurs de
Bordeaux (45-voice boys' choir from
France), 7 p.m., St. Mark, 51 King
St., Port Hope. Free admission; col-
lection for choir expenses. Contact:
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Sales

MAY 26 - Plant sale, 9 a.m. to noon,
Christ Church, Stouffville, 254 Sun-
set Blvd., Stouffville. Indoor sale of
perennials, annuals, house plants,
cement mushrooms and stepping
stones.

MAY 26 - Yard Sale Day, 8 a.m., Holy
Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston
Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 2 - St. Paul, Innisfil's annual
plant sale, plus crafts, trunk sale,
barbecue and bake table, corner of
Yonge Street and Maplevue Drive,
Barrie, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JUNE 16 - Neighbourhood lawn sale,
hosted by the church's ACW, St.

Olave, Bloor Street and Wind-
ermere Avenue, Toronto. Tables \$20;
to rent, call the church at 416-769-
5686 or email stolaves@stolaves.ca

Workshops & Gatherings

MAY 25 - "Broadway on Yonge," a
night of song and dance presented
by the Yorkminstrels Show Choir,
7:30 p.m., St. George on Yonge, 5350
Yonge St., Toronto. Tickets \$15 for
adults, \$10 for children. Email lballie@rogers.com or call the church
office at 416-225-1922 for tickets or
information.

MAY 29 - Handbell workshop, 7 p.m.,
Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Living-
ston Rd., Toronto.

JUNE 2 - The Big Give, 8-10 a.m., muf-
fins and juice/water to Guildwood
Day participants and attendees,
Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Liv-
ingston Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 3 - FaithWorks Sunday, 10:30
a.m. to 12 noon, guest speaker the
Rev. Chris Harper, the diocese's
Indigenous Native Priest, Holy
Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston
Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 5 - Youth trivia night, 7-9 p.m.,
prizes and food, Holy Trinity, Guild-
wood, 85 Livingston Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 9-10 - 160th anniversary of
St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave.,
Toronto. If you were a member of
St. Barnabas in the past or have
family connections with the church,
contact office@stbarnabas-toronto.com. There will be a dinner and
variety show at 6 p.m. on June 9
and the anniversary service at
10:30 a.m. on June 10.

JUNE 10 - Not Your Average Church
Service, 10:30 a.m., theme "The Stig-
ma Surrounding Mental Health"
with guest speaker Rebecca Higgins
of the Canadian Mental Health As-
sociation, Holy Trinity, Guildwood,
85 Livingston Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 12 - Youth party, 7-9 p.m., Holy
Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston
Ave., Toronto.

JUNE 23 - Fun fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St.
Martin in-the-Fields, 151 Glenlake
Ave., Toronto.

JULY 29 - Choral Evensong for St.
Olave's Day, 4 p.m., followed by
barbecue, St. Olave, Bloor Street
and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

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15. St. Bede
16. St. David, Donlands
17. Toronto East Deanery
18. St. Saviour, Toronto
19. St. Luke, East York
20. AURA - Anglican-United Refugee Alliance
21. St. Matthew, First Avenue
22. St. Monica
23. St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff
24. Oshawa Deanery
25. St. John the Baptist, Norway
26. All Saints, Whitby
27. Ascension, Port Perry
28. St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering
29. St. Paul, Uxbridge
30. St. Peter, Oshawa

FOR JULY

1. The Anglican Church of Canada - Archbishop Fred Hiltz, Primate
2. The General Synod and Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada

3. St. John, Whitby
4. St. Martin, Bay Ridges (Pickering)
5. St. Martin, Courtice
6. St. Matthew, Oshawa
7. Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa
8. Mission to Seafarers
9. St. George Memorial, Oshawa
10. St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)
11. St. Thomas, Brooklin
12. All Saints, Kingsway
13. Atonement, Alderwood
14. Christ Church St. James, Toronto
15. Etobicoke-Humber Deanery
16. Christ the King, Toronto
17. Church of South India (CSI), Toronto
18. Ghanaian Anglican Church of Toronto (GACOT)
19. San Lorenzo-Dufferin
20. St. Hugh and St. Edmund, Mississauga
21. Camp Couchiching
22. St. Margaret, New Toronto
23. St. Matthew, Islington
24. St. Matthias, Etobicoke
25. St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale
26. St. Philip, Etobicoke
27. St. Stephen, Downsview
28. York Central Deanery
29. All Saints, Markham
30. Christ Church, Stouffville

FOR AUGUST

1. Christ Church, Woodbridge
2. Emmanuel, Richvale (Richmond Hill)
3. Grace Church, Markham
4. Holy Trinity, Thornhill
5. Flemingdon Park Ministry
6. St. Christopher, Richmond Hill
7. St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges
8. St. Mary, Richmond Hill
9. St. Philip on-the-Hill, Unionville
10. Samaritan House Community Ministries
11. Diocesan Girls' Choir School
12. The Religious Communities of the

Redeemer, Bloor St., Toronto,
May 1.

- The Rev. Brian Suggs, As-
sistant Curate, All Saints,
Kingsway, May 1.
- The Rev. Morning Wang, As-
sistant Curate, St. George on
Yonge, Toronto, May 1.
- The Rev. Shelly Pollard, As-
sistant Curate, St. John, York
Mills, May 7.
- The Rev. Ken Johnstone, As-
sistant Curate, St. Margaret
in-the-Pines, West Hill, May 15.
- The Rev. Bob Bettson, Interim
Priest-in-Charge, St. Hugh and
St. Edmund, Mississauga, May
21.
- The Ven. Paul Feheley, Interim
Priest-in-Charge, St. Michael
and All Angels, Toronto, June 1.

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13. Matthew House
14. North House Shelter
15. The Philip Aziz Centre for Hospice Care
16. St. John's Community Outreach Ministries
17. Lakefield After-School Program
18. LOFT Community Services
19. Bishop Riscylla Shaw
20. The Bridge Prison Ministry
21. Couchiching Jubilee House
22. The Dam
23. The David Busby Centre
24. Downsview Youth Covenant
25. Lakefield After-School Program
26. Diocesan Council
27. Executive Board and Trusts Committee
28. Trent-Durham Area Council
29. York-Credit Valley Area Council
30. York-Scarborough Area Council
31. York-Simcoe Area Council

- The Rev. Johanna Pak, As-
sistant Curate, St. Timothy, Ag-
incourt and Havergal College,
June 1.
- The Rev. Jeff Boldt, Assistant
Curate, Trinity, Streetsville,
June 1.
- The Rev. Adrienne Clements,
Priest-in-Charge, St. Hilary
(Cooksville), Mississauga, June
8.
- The Rev. C.J. Adams, Interim
Priest-in-Charge, St. Thomas à
Becket, Erin Mills South, July 1.
- The Rev. Stephen Blackmore,
Regional Dean, Etobicoke-
Humber Deanery, Sept. 1.
- The Rev. Alison Hari-Singh,
Assistant Curate, Grace
Church on-the-Hill, Toronto,
Sept. 1.

IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Mary Pataki, Honor-
ary Assistant, St. Stephen,
Maple, April 5.
- The Rev. Jacqueline Daley,
Interim Priest-in-Charge, St.
Margaret, New Toronto, May 1.
- The Rev. Fran Kovar, Interim
Priest-in-Charge, Parish of
Fenelon Falls, May 1.
- The Rev. MacIvan Rogers, In-
terim Priest-in-Charge, Church
of the Atonement, Alderwood,
May 1.
- The Rev. Andrew Kaye, Assis-
tant Curate, St. Timothy, North
Toronto, May 1.
- The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena,
Assistant Curate, Church of the

- The Rev. Jeff Boldt
- The Rev. Alison Hari-Singh
- The Rev. Roshni Jayawardena
- The Rev. Ken Johnstone
- The Rev. Andrew Kaye
- The Rev. Johanna Pak
- The Rev. Shelley Pollard
- The Rev. Brian Suggs
- The Rev. Morning Wang

The Rev. Karen Isaacs will be
ordained a Priest at St. Mary and
St. Martha, Toronto on May 27
at 4 p.m.

Death

- The Rev. Donald French died
on Feb. 24. Ordained priest
in 1960, he served as deacon
assistant of St. Andrew by-the-
Lake, Toronto, incumbent of
the Parish of Stayner, rector
of St. George, Allandale, and
honorary assistant of Trinity,
Barrie and St. Paul, Innisfil.
His celebration of life was held
on April 7 at St. George,
Allandale.

Churches respond in wake of tragedy

Anglicans organize prayer walk

BY STUART MANN

JUST hours after the deadly van rampage that killed 10 people and injured more than a dozen others in North York on April 23, the Church of the Incarnation at Bayview Avenue and Sheppard Avenue East opened its doors for a candlelight vigil.

By the next day, nine more Anglican churches on the Yonge Street corridor between North York and Lake Ontario were open for prayers and pastoral care. Soon churches across the city and elsewhere in the diocese were providing space and special services for those dealing with the shock and grief.

"I think the churches have responded remarkably," said Bishop Kevin Robertson, the area bishop of York-Scarborough, where the tragedy occurred. "People who were hearing the news were in shock and were looking for comfort and peace and some answers. I think they were looking to be together as well."

In an interview shortly after the tragedy, he said he had talked to many people in the area, including one person who had seen the van drive by. "I'm hearing stories of Anglicans feeling vulnerable and, in some cases, afraid. But there is a strong sense of getting together with other people to pray. Many Anglicans are trying to make sense of what's happened over the past couple of days by being together in community and making time for prayer and silence."

The churches in York Mills Deanery organized a prayer walk on April 30 that followed the start of the van driver's route. The walk began at the Finch subway station and proceeded down to St. George on Yonge, concluding with a vigil at the church. Anglicans also attended a multi-faith service on April 29 at Mel Lastman Square.

The vigil at the Church of the



The Rev. Leonard Leader of St. George on Yonge, Toronto, speaks to a reporter before a prayer walk organized by the York Mills deanery a week after the tragedy. At right, Anglicans walk down Yonge Street, following the van driver's route. Top right, the sign outside the Church of the Incarnation, Toronto, shows support for the community. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON AND SUBMITTED BY CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION.

Incarnation on the night of the tragedy was attended by about 20 people, including Bishop Robertson. "It was very beautiful and comforting" said the Rev. Heather Gwynne-Timothy, incumbent. "Bishop Kevin led us in prayers and there was lots of silence for those who had been affected. The church was very beautiful and we all had a candle to hold."

The vigil included Taize songs, psalms and prayers for the victims and their families, and also for the driver of the van and his family. "It was very poignant, very moving," said Ms. Gwynne-Timothy.

She said the clergy in the area were devastated by the tragedy



but were focussed on supporting others. "It's hard to put into words how much this shakes you up, but you have to stay grounded so you can help other people cope."

The vigil had to be held at the Church of the Incarnation because the church closest to the scene of the rampage, St. George on Yonge, was cordoned off as police shut down that part of Yonge Street. St. George's is located on Yonge Street just two stoplights south of Finch Avenue, near where the killings began.

"We're right in the midst of it," said the Rev. Leonard Leader, the priest-in-charge of St. George's, in an interview on April 25. He said the van had passed in front of the church and killed a pedestrian nearby.

The police barriers outside St. George's were taken down on April 24 and the church planned to stay open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day for the remainder of the week. The church had received lots of offers of help, especially from clergy. "They're saying, 'If I'm needed, please let me know.' It's coming from across the diocese."

Mr. Leader said the church provided space for private prayer, both in the chapel and the main sanctuary. Most people just wanted some time to pray. "Those who have come in so far have been pretty

reflective," he said.

Bishop Robertson visited St. George's on the following Sunday, joining the church for its two English-speaking services and its Mandarin-speaking service. "It's an opportunity for us to reclaim the space and try to bring some healing to that community," he said.

At St. James Cathedral in downtown Toronto, the bell tolled for 10 minutes at noon on April 24-25 for those who had died. At the Church of the Redeemer on the corner of Bloor Street and Avenue Road, people were invited to write prayers and comments in chalk on a wall outside the church. By the end of the day, messages filled the wall and the pavement in front of it.

"A lot of messages were rooted in hope," said the Rev. David Giffen, incumbent. Hundreds of people visited the church throughout the day, and in the evening, there was a community vigil. Bishop Robertson attended, as did people from some churches in the Yonge Street corridor and elsewhere. "We really just took time to grieve together and to put our hope in the resurrection of Jesus Christ," said Mr. Giffen.

Archbishop Colin Johnson posted a statement on the diocese's website and social media just hours after the rampage on April 23. "Tragedy has struck our city today," he wrote. "I weep for those



who have died. I join in prayer for those who are physically injured or suffering emotionally from having witnessed such carnage, and for having lost loved ones. It is hard to comprehend such violence."

He wrote that on the Sunday before the tragedy, many Christian churches had celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday, recalling Jesus as the one who cares for all his people in times of anguish. "Psalm 23 was read, which includes the verse 'though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me.' In the midst of such trauma, in the fear and confusion, anger and heartache, may we know that God is with us, with mercy and justice, healing and compassion. As the events unfold may we find ways to comfort one another in grief and support each in our resolve to be a community of freedom, unity and peace." Archbishop Fred Hiltz, the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, posted a statement as well.

Churches and individuals took to social media soon after the tragedy to express their sorrow and support. The Rev. Chris Harper, the diocese's Indigenous Native Priest, wrote on Facebook, "With all our prayers ascending, may the peace and love of God our Creator be drawn in to embrace all affected." Flemingdon Park Ministry, a diocesan outreach in Don Mills, wrote on Facebook: "We are praying today for our fellow Torontonians who have been taken, and those that remain. Today we pray, tomorrow we show the world that our city will not be divided but come together in the face of tragedy."

Messages of support and encouragement poured in from around the world on social media. Archbishop Francisco de Assis da Silva, Primate of Brazil, said on Twitter: "Prayers raised for consolation and hope to the people of Toronto. Our full solidarity with Canadian brothers and sisters!"

See you in September

THE Anglican will not be published in July and August. It will resume publishing in September. To keep up with news and events, visit the diocese's website, www.toronto.anglican.ca. The staff and volunteers of *The Anglican* wish you a pleasant summer.



NEW BISHOP

Bishop Susan Bell, a former priest of the Diocese of Toronto, addresses the congregation during her ordination and consecration as the coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Niagara in Hamilton on May 5. Bishop Bell will become the Bishop of Niagara upon Bishop Michael Bird's retirement. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON