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Director teaches compassion

Businesses learn how to help homeless

BY STUART MANN

ANGIE Hocking does a lot of things at Redeemer, Bloor St., but her latest task may be her most unusual yet.

Ms. Hocking, who is Redeemer's director of outreach services, is teaching staff at local businesses how to be more compassionate and helpful to people who are homeless or struggling with mental health issues.

She led a 90-minute workshop on "compassion training," as she calls it, at a bank in May. She also planned to lead workshops over the summer for the staff at a cafe and for a security team at an office tower. A clothing store and an eyeglass shop have also expressed interest.

"It's new and I don't know where it will go but I think it's a beautiful and important way to be present," she says. "In the end, the goal is to teach that we are all human beings and we all deserve respect. That's what we're called to do as Christians, and if we emulate that and teach that, it's a powerful witness and way to ensure that the gospel



Angie Hocking outside Redeemer, Bloor St. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

is being lived out."

Ms. Hocking says there are a lot of homeless and marginalized people who live or spend their days in the area around Redeemer, located at the corner of Bloor Street and Avenue Road in downtown Toronto. Some of them go into banks and other businesses and buildings for a variety of reasons – to sit down, to sleep, to get out of the cold, to ask for food or money – and the staff are unprepared to help them. Security guards are often called on

to eject them from the premises.

After one such incident at a local bank, Ms. Hocking spoke to the manager, to see if there was anything she could do. The manager explained that her staff were often scared and didn't know how to respond when a homeless or marginalized person entered the building and wanted to be served.

"The staff are doing their jobs as best they can but they don't know what to do when that happens, and they're not aware of any resources

in the neighbourhood that can help," says Ms. Hocking.

Out of that conversation, she came up with the idea of providing compassion training. Her workshop consists of three parts. First, she builds empathy by showing the sorts of challenges and barriers that homeless and marginalized people deal with every day. Second, she teaches de-escalation tactics and how to engage with the person instead of immediately

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Deacon honoured by peers

THE Rev. Claudette Taylor, a deacon at Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale, has been honoured by her peers in Canada and the United States.



The Rev. Claudette Taylor

Ms. Taylor, who is an Ambassador of Reconciliation in the diocese, received the Association of Episcopal Deacons' 2019 Stephen's Award at the group's conference in Rhode Island in June. The award recognizes diaconal ministry in the tradition of St. Stephen.

"It was very humbling and overwhelming," says Ms. Taylor. "I feel this award is not so much about me as it is about the work done by all the deacons in the Anglican Communion and in our diocese in particular."

There are about 50 deacons in the diocese. A deacon is an ordained person who is a servant minister, doing work in charity, social justice and pastoral care. They enable people to carry out their baptismal promise to seek and serve Christ in

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New archivist loves searching for answers

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

AFTER four years in the Finance department, Claire Wilton is back in the diocesan Archives, this time as the new Archivist and Privacy Officer. Having previously worked closely with Canon Mary-Anne Nicholls, who retired as Archivist last spring, Ms. Wilton knows she has big shoes to fill. "It feels good. Mary-Anne has a long legacy. She did some really incredible things," she says.

Working for the Anglican Church

was never part of Ms. Wilton's plans. After getting her Chartered Accountant designation in 2002, she went back to school to do a master's degree in library and information science. "I wanted to go into knowledge management in an accounting firm, but they all wanted five to seven years' experience," she said. Instead, she was hired for a contract position in the diocesan Archives, which turned into a permanent position.

While she says there's no typical day in the Archives, they almost



Claire Wilton in the diocese's Archives, located in the Diocesan Centre. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

always include some kind of research request. "Helping people find answers to questions is my favourite thing to do. I love to do

research," she says.

Her work with parishes and

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Stuart Mann, Editor

National church honours local Anglican

Trustee helps Church invest responsibly

BY STUART MANN

BOB Boeckner decided to stay in Toronto in his retirement so he could continue to help the various organizations he was involved in. "I wasn't one of those folks who decides to go to Florida for six months to play golf," he says.

Anglicans in Canada should be glad he made that choice. As a trustee of the General Synod Pension Plan and a member of the national church's Responsible Investing Task Force, Mr. Boeckner has helped the Church and Anglican-affiliated organizations to invest not only wisely but responsibly.

In recognition of his efforts, Mr. Boeckner has been chosen to receive the Anglican Award of Merit, which honours lay people for their contributions to the Anglican Church of Canada. Five other people across the country have also been named.

The new Primate, Bishop Linda Nicholls, will present the award to Mr. Boeckner at his home church of St. Clement, Eglinton at a mutually agreeable time.

Mr. Boeckner, who is a churchwarden at St. Clement's, says the award came as a surprise. "I hadn't expected it. I don't do what I do to gain recognition, but I was thrilled that it happened."

An actuary by profession, Mr. Boeckner worked as a pension and benefits consultant for the second half of his career before retiring. He



Bob Boeckner, shown outside St. Clement, Eglinton, says the Anglican Church needs to stay engaged with companies to bring about change on environmental, social and governance issues. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

joined the General Synod Pension Plan's board of trustees in 2008 at the invitation of a colleague.

"I thought that was great," he recalls. "It would give me a chance to use my experience for the benefit of the Church." The pension plan has a membership of more than 5,000 retired and active clergy and lay employees of the Anglican Church of Canada.

Mr. Boeckner chaired the board's ESG (environmental, social and governance) Subcommittee, which sought to ensure that the plan's funds were invested responsibly. "As stewards of God's creation, we're required to take care of it, so

those of us who are involved with investing want to be sure that the organizations we're investing in are doing the right thing," he says.

In addition to being a trustee, Mr. Boeckner became a member of the national church's Responsible Investing Task Force, created in 2016. The group's mandate was to review and, if deemed appropriate, recommend changes to the investment portfolio and the investment policies of the national church and the General Synod Pension Plan in relation to ESG concerns.

Soon after it began its work, the task force discovered there were about 30 other Anglican groups in

Canada that were also investing funds, including dioceses, theological colleges and foundations. The task force expanded its work to include those other organizations.

Mr. Boeckner says listening to Anglicans from across the country was a valuable learning experience. "Initially, many people were focused on a low-carbon economy, and therefore any church-related fund should not be investing in any oil and gas stock. But that's kind of a simplistic way to tackle it. As we moved along, we came to understand that it's a complex issue and as a Church we might be more effective in staying engaged in what's going on in the wider world."

A good example of how staying engaged can be effective, he says,

was when the Church of England went to the annual general meeting of ExxonMobil a couple of years ago and, along with other shareholders, forced the company to start reporting to shareholders what the impact on its business would likely be if the world's average temperature rose by 2 degrees. "If the Church of England had not held those shares, they wouldn't have been entitled to go to the AGM and make that case," he says.

The task force delivered a report to the Council of General Synod last year. It included theological foundations, highlights of current investing practices, and recommendations for increased engagement and updated practices by the General Synod Consolidated Trust Fund, the General Synod Pension Plan, and other funds associated with the Anglican Church of Canada.

In addition to the report, the task force produced a booklet called *Investing with a Mission: A Guide to Responsible Investment and Church Funds*. The booklet, which contains the task force's research and findings, is a valuable tool for organizations wishing to further their engagement on ESG issues.

Mr. Boeckner says the task force plans to survey Anglican-affiliated groups across Canada, to see if any of the recommendations have been implemented. In the meantime, the pension plan has already taken action, he says.

"We've been able to work with our investment managers to get them to implement responsible investing," he says. "Instead of taking our money away from them, we kept saying, what are you doing on ESG? Eventually they were prepared to become signatories to the UN-supported Principles for Responsible Investment. Now they'll be responsibly investing not only our money but all the other money they've got as well."

In addition to his work for the Church at the national level, Mr. Boeckner has been involved at St. Clement's, where he is a reader, greeter, sidesperson and a former Synod member. Outside of his church-related activities, he is a member of the University of Toronto's business board and its audit committee. He also chaired a mentorship program at U of T's University College, helping students learn from professionals in their field of interest.

He says his faith is one of the main reasons why he has been involved in so many activities over the years. "My religion has two major aspects. One is my relationship with God, and because of my relationship with God I'm called upon to serve others or serve the wider world. You can't have one without the other."

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Anglicans ensure bishop's ministry

Endowment to fully fund office by 2022

BY STUART MANN

ANGLICANS in the diocese have made a significant investment in the future. Due to a successful campaign that raised \$1.5 million for The John Strachan Trust, they've helped to ensure that the ministry of the Bishop of Toronto will be funded for generations to come.

"We've put a stake in the ground that helps us build into the future, that says we plan to be here for a very long time," says Bishop Andrew Asbil, the 12th and current Bishop of Toronto.

He thanked all those who took part in the campaign, which began last spring and ended with a reception at the Cathedral Centre on June 28. "I want to express a word of deep gratitude for the ministry of Anglicans across the diocese, and for their generous support of this program in particular," he says.

With the completion of the campaign, The John Strachan Trust now stands at about \$9 million. The trust provides most of the funding for the office of the Bishop of Toronto, with the rest coming from



Bishop Andrew Asbil and clergy take part in the ordination of the Rev. Morning Wang at St. George on Yonge, Toronto in May. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

the diocese's operating budget. The trust is expected to be able to fully fund the office by 2022, when all pledges to the recent campaign are expected to be fulfilled. The costs of the office include the bishop's stipend, housing, travel, support staff costs and other expenses related to his or her ministry.

The Bishop of Toronto is the chief pastor of the diocese, working with four suffragan bishops to provide

episcopal oversight to some 230 congregations and ministries in 183 parishes. The diocese extends from Mississauga to Brighton and north to Haliburton.

In addition to chairing Synod and other important meetings of the diocese, the Bishop of Toronto advocates on behalf of the poor, presides at confirmations and ordinations, and institutes clergy into their new parishes. The Bishop

of Toronto is the diocese's chief evangelist, teaching, preaching and interpreting the gospel in parishes and the wider community.

Endowing the office of the Bishop of Toronto is an important way to ensure the future of the Church, says Stephen Rodaway, ODT, chair of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation, the body that administers The John Strachan Trust.

"As a lifelong Anglican, I've in-

herited the Church and I need to make sure it's there for future generations, whether its my children or my grandchildren," he says. "The John Strachan Trust is a perfect example of how we can do that. It ensures that the support for the Bishop of Toronto is always there."

He says he was impressed by the response to the campaign. "Anglicans never cease to amaze me. When they're asked and there's a good reason to give, they will give. They're always willing to help and lend a hand."

Blake Goldring, ODT, a member of St. Clement, Eglinton and the Bishop's Company, says the endowment supports the Church's leadership. "When you see leaders up close, you realize it can be lonely at the top. Challenges can be quite daunting, especially in the face of limited time and financial resources. To the extent this fund can assist our bishop in achieving his goals with less stress and friction, that is a highly desirable outcome."

He praised Anglicans for their support of the campaign. "It is a great accomplishment and testament to the commitment among Anglicans in our community to ensure that our bishop is able to fulfil his mission in the best way possible," he says.

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We have failed the Church again



God is good. People make mistakes. In Inuvik in 2012, at the Northern National Event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools, Archbishop Terry Finlay said

with powerful humility and honesty, "We made a mistake. We have failed the Church." He was responding to the call for our Church to acknowledge and to begin to rebuild relationships from the pain, grief and genocidal damage of colonization, in our case done in the name of Jesus. We as a Church have acted in spiritual arrogance and ignorance in oppressing, denying and robbing the God-given gifts and inherent rights of language, faith, culture and land of the peoples of Turtle Island.

I am afraid we failed the Church again at our General Synod 2019, held this past July. Once again, we have acted in spiritual arrogance against those made in the image of God, this time our gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered and two-spirited siblings in Christ, in denying the validity and sacredness of their love within the sacrament of marriage. By doing this, we have also undermined the integrity of our Christian communities in inclusivity across racial, geographical, economic and social divides. We are excluding where we are called to include, and it is wrong.

With a solid one-fifth of the Church opposed to equal marriage, it is clear that we as a community are struggling to see God in the faces of one another and to recognize the intrinsic value in God-created difference.

BISHOP'S OPINION

BY BISHOP RISCYLLA SHAW

We as a Church are also wrestling with our theological understandings of salvation in relation to human sexuality. God does not make mistakes. How can we come to see our differences as a rich gift from our Creator, who made people and saw that they are good? How can we redeem ourselves when we have so harshly worked to dehumanize our siblings? What are the first steps we need to take in working towards reconciliation and right-relationship with those whom we have pushed to the margins? How can we decrease our human nature fearfulness and increase our Holy Spirit-inspired loving?

Saint Julian of Norwich teaches us that in the best cases, our mistakes bring us to self-knowledge and a humble seeking of God. In this painful and gut-wrenching case, what can we learn about ourselves as individuals, as Christians, as Anglicans, from this General Synod process? How can we move forward, recognizing that we have trespassed upon our own spirits when we have marginalized the vulnerable and the oppressed? Where are we being called to see and hear God's heart beating in our communities, in our families, in our own selves? How can we move away from making legislative decisions about such significant and sacred matters?

It has been revealed to us through the past 50 years, with theological stumbling blocks around re-marriage of divorced persons to this current and ongoing struggle for equal marriage, that the whole Church

holds marriage to be sacred. However, might it also be emerging that we are creating idols of ideals? Can we be fully human when we continue to deny others their humanity? In Archbishop Desmond Tutu's teaching on "ubuntu," he says: "My humanity is caught up, is inextricably bound up, in yours. In other words, we need one another in order to each discover our magnificence and allow it to shine by what we do with our lives." (*10 Pieces of Wisdom from Desmond Tutu on his Birthday*, article, October 2015.)

It is my responsibility as a bishop to be a defender of the faith. What does "defense" look like? And especially, what is it that I am defending? The prophet Micah calls us to "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God." (6:8) Is it humble to make decisions on behalf of God and other people, about the sacredness of their loving relationships? When is it kindness to listen to my siblings with my deaf ears and my hard heart, an unwillingness to have my mind changed? How is it justice to marginalize those who are actually beloved of God, made in the image of God, our own family members?

In the expansive and inclusive experience of becoming fully human, we both make mistakes and we are encouraged to abandon fear. It is often fear that binds us to narrow paths and judgements. It is freedom in Christ that opens our hearts to new understandings of how God operates in our lives. Christ teaches us to unbind the chains of righteous indignation, to bless those who curse us, to heal the one on the margins and to welcome and feed the strangers in our midst – to treat them like family, as indeed you are "all my relations."



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Conference to provide ray of hope



"There are many who say, 'O that we might see some good!'"
- Psalm 4:6

BY ELIN GOULDEN

Climate change, worsening inequality, the rise of hate groups, racist and anti-immigrant rhetoric, exclusion, violence, and a polarized political climate – these factors all seem to be growing. For many people today, paying attention to the news seems to be an invitation to greater alienation, anxiety and despair. A popular cartoon features one person saying to another, "My desire to be well-informed is currently at odds with my desire to remain sane."

What does it mean to reach out to such a world, to seek God's justice in such a context? How can our churches become centres of resistance in the face of injustice and hope in the face of despair? This year's Outreach & Advocacy Conference will put such questions front and centre as we explore faith-

ful and hope-filled ways to engage with the world around us.

Thea Prescod, this year's keynote speaker, is a staff member at Sanctuary, a community ministry for street-involved people in downtown Toronto. She is also a member of the Wine Before Breakfast worshipping community, where she has preached on the prophetic call to "courageous, hopeful faithfulness." She was a keynote speaker at the Junia's Daughters conference for women in ministry this past May.

A diverse line-up of workshop leaders will wrestle with different ways in which churches can be "pockets of resilience" resisting the temptations of isolation and despair. Seasoned community advocate René Adams will examine the key role of compassion and love for neighbour in confronting the structural causes of poverty. Grant Jahnke and Karen Turner will look at how celebrating a Season of Creation transformed the capacity of their parish to address the looming threat of climate change, while the Rev. Stephen Drakeford and Angela Elzinga-Chen share how building partnerships with local environmental groups can enhance parish resistance, and young activist Lane Patriquin addresses the emotional, social and spiritual dimensions of ecological grief. The Rev. Lesley Barclay, Patricia Sinnott and Sharon O'Connor from the Durham-Northumberland region will explore

the unique challenges and opportunities of outreach work in smaller towns and rural communities. Basilian Father and Christian peacemaker Bob Holmes will lead a workshop on Unsettling the Word, a re-reading of scripture that challenges typical colonial interpretations, while the Rev. Leigh Kern explores ways to lift Indigenous land acknowledgements from perfunctory statements to living invitations to reconciliation. The Rev. Christian Harvey, executive director of the Warming Room Ministry and deacon at St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, will share possible ways for churches to respond to the crisis of homelessness with love, creativity and solidarity. And Tamiq Erskine and the Rev. Claudette Taylor will offer a follow-up to their popular "Turning Tables" workshop from 2018, delving into questions of racial injustice, anger and solidarity.

Youth age 11-18 are extended a special welcome to attend the conference. During the morning workshop session, Alexandra McIntosh and Jillian Ruch, youth coordinators for the York-Credit Valley and York-Scarborough episcopal areas, will host a discussion on youth and the radical call to justice. Youth participants are encouraged to join one of the afternoon workshops and will have an opportunity to share feedback during the closing worship. All youth qualify for the half-price registration fee of \$15.

The conference will be held on Oct. 19 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Havergal College, 1451 Avenue Rd., Toronto. This venue can be reached easily by car or TTC and is fully wheelchair accessible. To learn more and register, visit www.toronto.anglican.ca.

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Here's why some churches are growing

First, the good news: 28 per cent of the parishes in the diocese are experiencing growth in attendance, number of givers or both. That means 54 parishes among 194 are doing something that is setting them apart from the others.

The inconvenient truth about congregational health, however, is that nearly 70 per cent of our parishes are experiencing decline. For some, the decline is gentle and hardly noticeable. For others, the decline has been severe – losing 40 per cent or more of their Sunday worshippers since 2012. As the decline intensifies, it leads to low morale among existing congregants and may eventually signal the closure of a church and disestablishment of the parish. About 20 per cent of our parishes are in, or perilously close to, this reality.

Our Church is in decline in terms of attendance and participation; it cannot be avoided. Across the mainline Protestant denominations in Canada and the global West – including Anglican, Evangelical Lutheran, Presbyterian and United churches – the decline has been happening since the 1970s. It is only recently, however, with the aging and passing of the first-born of the boomer generation, that the pace has accelerated.

There are glimmers of hope. Diaspora congregations – whose homelands include China, the Middle East, Africa and the Philippines – are growing at an unprecedented rate in the diocese. There are at least 14 of these congregations in our churches, representing a Sunday worship population of close to 1,000. These congregations are not factored into the data noted earlier. Another sign of hope is the emergence of worship centres in locations that have lain dormant for some time. These are commonly referred to as “re-boots” in church language, and we currently have two.

The reasons for decline are countless. At the top of the list is societal change. When going to church stopped being obligatory, and when we abandoned the notion of a common pause day, it was

THE STEWARD

By PETER MISIASZEK

only a matter of time before church worship itself became just another choice.

It is very hard to grow a church – let alone start one from scratch, as we are doing at St. Stephen in Maple. It takes special leadership, commitment and a knack for thinking outside the box. If we assume that people have spiritual needs beyond a nice walk down a country footpath, then we need to find a mechanism that captures their attention and engages their participation. It might mean holding services at times other than Sunday morning, or framing worship around a meal or other community gathering.

To this end, I have identified seven indicators that lead to church vitality in our diocese. Not every parish that is growing is doing every one of these things, though most are.

- 1) Giving to church ministry is exceptional. In our diocese, the average gift per year through envelope giving or pre-authorized giving is \$1,509. In our healthiest parishes, the average gift is \$1,900. Our top-giving parish has an average of over \$4,000 per giver. Exactly 10 of our parishes have average giving over \$3,000 per giver.
- 2) There is a breadth of engagement in outreach. Our top parishes often give more than 10 per cent of their total offertory to outreach initiatives: food banks, hot lunches, Out of the Cold, after-school clubs, Faith-Works, mission trips to the developing world, etc. Some, like St. Stephen in-the-Fields, Toronto, take outreach so seriously that it defines who they are, and they dedicate well over 20 per cent of their giving to this purpose. Churches need to



look beyond their own walls and seek to involve as many parishioners as possible.

- 3) Newcomers are welcomed and invited to become involved in the ministry of the parish. The role of the greeter should be more than simply handing out the order of service. We need to present our very best to newcomers: welcome them at the door, interact with them at the Peace and during coffee hour, and then invite them to become involved in some ministry.
- 4) Clergy are active in promoting discipleship and Christian formation. The Rev. Canon Harold Percy notes in his book *Your Church Can Thrive* that “the failure to make disciple-making a priority is the basic cause of our current malaise and stagnation.” He contends that churches need to teach the gospel, teach people how to pray, read scripture, forgive, worship, give generously, model Christ in their lives and give witness to the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 5) The church makes connecting with young people a priority. Parish leaders often lament the absence of young people in their pews. Connecting with adolescents needs to be part of our core witness. How do we involve young people? Are they serving at the altar? Do they participate in reading the word of God, singing, playing an instrument, welcoming newcomers and organizing events? Young people are pining for opportunities to be active in the Church. We need to find ways to capture their energy and engage with them.
- 6) The church has a well-maintained website and uses various communication methods. If you're still promoting the strawberry social from 2014, something has gone amiss. Healthy parishes use their

online footprint to communicate with church members and seekers alike. They post sermons, weekly bulletins, ministry opportunities and lots of photos of church members doing stuff.

- 7) Healthy churches experiment with new liturgies, music, missional engagement, giving vehicles and roles for volunteers. If we believe we have already tried that, or that a certain idea won't work, then we have no chance of being successful. I know of several churches that have grown their congregations by adding a third service targeted at a specific demographic or modifying the format of existing ones.

Our Church is going to experience unbelievable change over the next decade. We will become a lot leaner, and there will be fewer of us worshipping on Sundays in a traditional format. That doesn't mean the remaining churches can't be full of energy, vigour and hope. Perhaps worship will be held in the form of a sit-down meal or informal coffee hour. Perhaps our youth will be engaged in more hands-on ministry or mentored by lifelong members of the congregation. Perhaps

our missional engagement will take place in a pub or with community service providers.

We have seen that while there is a place for traditional ways of doing church, those that are thriving are doing things differently – they must. It means that stewardship education, too, will need to adapt, becoming more closely aligned with discipleship and faith formation.

Change is unavoidable, but decline can be reversed. Many churches will close or amalgamate. Others will reconfigure their ministry to better respond to their demographic or geographic reality. Can we, collectively, realign the Church to arrest decline and set our churches on the path to health and growth? Will you take up the challenge to do church differently in your own worship community and help lay the foundation for a healthy, vital Anglican presence in the years to come? Are you open to being creative in the way you connect with the community, newcomers and young people?

Thinking that says “we've tried that before” or “it didn't work” needs to be reconsidered. Just because an idea didn't work at one time isn't reason enough to not try again. A hallmark for any church of the future will be change and adaptability.

Trust supports bishop's ministry

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Michael Cassabon, manager of major gifts and legacy giving for the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation, said the campaign was a learning experience. Mr. Cassabon launched the campaign – his first in the diocese – shortly after taking up his position last year.

“One of the things I learned is that people have a great love for the diocese, the Church and the bishops, both past and present,” he says. “I heard so many good things about Archbishop Terence Finlay and Archbishop Colin Johnson, and about the hope, leadership and gifts that Bishop Asbil brings.”

He says it was often donors' personal connections to the bishops that inspired them to give. “They wanted to honour not only the office of the Bishop of Toronto but the individuals themselves,” he says.

He singled out Mr. Goldring, ODT, for his support and enthusiasm. In addition to making a large donation, he introduced Mr. Cassabon to others who could give major gifts. “To have someone of Blake's stature accompany me really affirmed the importance of the work we're doing. For Blake to invest his time in our campaign was really gratifying. It was an honour

to work with him.”

The dream of endowing the office of the Bishop of Toronto began more than 160 years ago with Bishop John Strachan, the diocese's founder. “His dream was for a secure foundation for the Church, knowing that change happens as we go from generation to generation,” says Mr. Cassabon. “It's helpful to know we now have the resources to help with that change, to make us more nimble and adaptable to fulfil our mission. I think that was Bishop Strachan's dream, and this is one of the ways that we have realized it.”

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The Rev. Claudette Taylor (fourth from right) stands with other deacons from the diocese at the conference in Rhode Island.

Deacon focuses on reconciliation

Efforts welcome and bring people together

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all persons.

A deacon for the past seven years, Ms. Taylor says her work is all about social justice and inclusivity. "I truly believe that is the gospel of Christ, so that is what I have focused on."

As an Ambassador of Reconciliation, she has helped her parish understand Indigenous issues through events such as the Blanket Exercise and organizing trips to Six

Nations of the Grand River. She has also raised up the contributions of black Anglicans in the Church and the wider community.

"I focus on how we, as the people of God in our diocese, can embrace each other and reconcile," she says. "I always ask, how can we work together to enrich and understand each other and join each other in faith?"

Ms. Taylor is a member of the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy Committee. She also started the Social Ministry Group at her church, providing hospitality to

members of the congregation and the neighbourhood through a community barbecue.

She says she enjoys being a deacon. "It teaches me and humbles me and makes me think what the gospel is really about."

Deacons are vital to the Church, she says. "Deacons are important because they bring us back to the crux of what Jesus was saying. What is it like to truly live a Christian life? As a deacon, you see the good, the bad and the ugly. It not only humbles you but allows you to examine yourself - who are you and how do you get the message of Christ to people in need, not by preaching to them but engaging with them in some way?"

About 14 deacons from the diocese attended the conference in June, with financial assistance from the Archbishop Johnson Leadership Trust. The conference included workshops on food security and advocacy for refugees, immigrants and asylum-seekers. Bishop Michael Curry, the presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church, was the keynote speaker. He spoke about deacons being the "defibrillators" of the Church, applying electricity to its heart and restoring it to the natural rhythm that Jesus Christ taught.

Christians urged to celebrate Season of Creation

Parish says efforts are 'transformative'

BY ELIN GOULDEN

SINCE 1989, the Orthodox Church has observed Sept. 1 as a day of prayer for creation. In the years following, many Christian churches around the world have started celebrating a "Season of Creation" or "Creation Time" between Sept. 1 and the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Oct. 4.

The Anglican Consultative Council first called on provinces of the Anglican Communion to "celebrate a liturgical Season of Creation as an integral part of the Church's yearly pattern of worship and teaching" in 2009. More recently, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, has joined other leaders in encouraging Christians around the world to mark the Season of Creation.

As the effects of climate change and loss of biodiversity are increasingly being felt around the world, the need for Christians to deepen their responsibility for care of creation has become more urgent. At General Synod this past July, delegates overwhelmingly supported a resolution to:

- adopt the Season of Creation in the Anglican Church of Canada as an annual time of prayer, education and action;
- encourage dioceses to engage with the Season of Creation and to develop initiatives, resources and suitably authorized liturgies for use during the season;
- ask the national Creation Matters Working Group to moni-

tor, network and share Season of Creation initiatives through the General Synod website and in other ways.

Some of this work is already being done at both national and local levels. In our diocese, Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St., celebrated its first Season of Creation in 2018. Parishioners Grant Jahnke and Karen Turner describe its effect on the parish as "transformative," offering the congregation a chance to lament the environmental crises facing the Earth and renew their commitment to creation care within the context of their faith. They will be offering a workshop at the diocese's outreach conference this October.

In his video message for the Season of Creation, Bishop Andrew Asbil says: "This season gives all of us the opportunity to lament and confess, to pray and to give thanks, to re-commit and to act as faithful stewards of creation. I invite your congregation to join Christians around the globe to immerse yourselves in this time of prayer and reflection, and to make it part of your yearly liturgical life."

Resources can be found on the Anglican Church of Canada website at www.anglican.ca/publicwitness/season-of-creation and at the global website www.seasonofcreation.org.

Elin Goulden is the diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy consultant.

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Bishop Jenny Andison, the Rev. Stephen Blackmore, confirmands, families and friends take part in the service. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Twenty-eight confirmed at outdoor service

Six languages spoken

TWENTY-EIGHT people were confirmed by Bishop Jenny Andison at a large outdoor service at Christ the King, Toronto on June 9. The confirmands came from the following churches: St. Matthew, Islington, Christ Church St. James, Toronto, Church of South India, Toronto, the Ghanaian Anglican Church of Toronto, St. Philip, Etobicoke and Christ the King. The readings and prayers were spoken in six languages, and music was provided by the Ghanaian church choir, the Church of South India choir and St. Matthew's praise band. In honour of a Ghanaian tradition, the confirmands were asked to dress in white. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed the food of different lands.

The joint confirmation service, attended by about 300 people, was organized by clergy in York-Credit Valley's Etobicoke-Humber Deanery. "It really was a Pentecost experience, one of the most unique events

I've ever been a part of," says the Rev. Stephen Blackmore, the incumbent of St. Matthew's and coordinator of the event. "It really showed the diversity within the diocese and our area, and it was amazing to see how people came together. Everyone talked and laughed and prayed with each other."

He says the deanery will probably hold more joint confirmation services in the future, and possibly joint confirmation classes as well. "In a world that's so divided and polarized, the Church's message of being together under the banner of the risen Christ is a powerful message and one that we really want to embody and celebrate."

The service also gave the younger confirmands an appreciation of the wider Church, he adds. "Hopefully moments like this, when they see how big and diverse the Church is, will prepare them for a future life in the Church," he says.

Space shortage presents challenge for archivist

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individuals gives her plenty of that. "Often it's people calling for a copy of their marriage record or baptismal record," she says. "And then we get requests from parishes about their history, or what to do about certain records that they have, and whether we want them or not." She and Sue Halwa, the Archives Assistant, also field requests from diocesan staff for old meeting minutes or information on

the history of the diocese.

As she reacclimatizes to the Archives, Ms. Wilton says she'd like to spend some time considering how to manage the diocese's electronic files. "Right now, they're kind of just sitting in limbo," she says. "Programs change, and sometimes you can't open old documents, so it's important to figure out how to store them permanently so they can still be accessed."

This is something other church archivists are exploring as well. "There's quite a nice little group of church archivists, and we touch base with each other. We're all kind of exploring similar things, like electronic records management," she says. "How do we do this, how do we budget for it, how do we implement it?"

Along with parish and diocesan records, the Archives also holds a

few more unique items. "We have very old clerical garb that the Archbishop once wore to a historical society dinner. It's interesting that we have these items and we don't really get to display them," she says. "We do hope to do a display at Synod on the Archives this year."

In the longer term, Ms. Wilton says she'd like to keep developing resources to help parishes and researchers explore the Archives.

"Mary-Anne coordinated the project to create the Guide to the Holdings of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. It's a great resource. So hopefully we can create some other resources more specific to the Diocese of Toronto," she says.

For now, she'll keep doing what she loves best – helping individuals, parishes, staff and researchers learn more about their own past and the history of the diocese.



Volunteer Val Whalley gives the sermon.



Elizabeth McCaffrey, the diocese's Volunteer Resources Coordinator, speaks to volunteers at the conference.

Bishop joins volunteer corps at conference

BY SHARRON LAMOUR
AND KIRK VANDEZANDE

BISHOP Andrew Asbil joined 40 stewardship and congregational development volunteers who gathered on May 11-12 at The Briars resort at Jacksons Point to worship, listen and generate recommendations from the field.

The diocese boasts a volunteer corps of more than 75 trained coaches and volunteers from all walks of life. They come from all corners of the diocese and from every size of parish. Last year, they provided over 2,400 hours of unpaid professional consultancy to 200 parishes. Working closely with the

area bishops, they help parish leaders plan reconfigurations, prepare parish profiles, navigate clergy transitions and strengthen parishes for healthy growth, effective mission and long-term sustainability.

The volunteers are subject-matter experts who bring local knowledge and boundless enthusiasm to their assignments. They help parishes tackle changing demographic and have pledged to continue working on aspects where they can make a difference.

Bishop Asbil's opening address introduced four words that highlight his vision for the diocese: creation, diversity, discipleship and mission. Bishop Asbil and

Janet Marshall, the director of Congregational Development, summarized what they had heard at the conference and promised to carry those insights and opinions back to the Diocesan Centre and the College of Bishops.

The volunteers came away from the weekend renewed, hopeful and committed to think outside the box. As one volunteer put it, "I feel like I am part of a family of volunteers, inspired to be more effective." The closing words, from the sermon by volunteer Val Whalley, encouraged those present "to listen for the Shepherd's voice in everything you do. Try to look beyond the processes we use and



Bishop Andrew Asbil with Heather Steeves, the diocese's former Volunteer Management Consultant and current member of the volunteer corps.

the busyness we get involved in, and remember to seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Do you know anyone who would be a good stewardship or congregational development volunteer – maybe even you? Any of the volunteer corps members would be delighted to chat with you. If

you don't know one of the volunteers, please contact the Diocesan Volunteer Resources Coordinator, Elizabeth McCaffrey, at emccaffrey@toronto.anglican.ca.

Sharron Lamour and Kirk Vandezande are members of the diocese's volunteer corps.

Orillia church honours Sir Sam

ORILLIA is well known for its diversity of summer music festivals, farm-to-table events and celebratory parades. Sunday, June 23 was no exception. After months of planning, St. James, Orillia hosted an historic commemoration of Sir Sam Steele, the Northwest Mounted Police officer and army veteran who was born in Medonte Township in 1848 and baptized in St. James more than 100 years ago.

The Rev. Colin Bowler, interim priest-in-charge of St. James, welcomed uniformed guests from CFB Borden, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, The Grey and Simcoe Foresters, the Ontario Provincial Police, the Lord Strathcona Horse (Royal Canadians), the Orillia Royal Canadian Legion and the 1st Orillia Scouts. Guest vocalist Jean Miso, a recipient of the Minister of Veterans Affairs



Clergy walk at the head of the parade with police and military personnel. PHOTO BY MICHAEL GOLLINGER

Commendation for her ongoing work in support of veterans, sang O Canada in three languages (Cree, French and English) while signing for the hearing impaired. Bishop Philip Poole, a retired bishop of the diocese, officiated at the service. Simcoe North MP Bruce Stanton attended and Mayor Steve Clarke proclaimed June 23 as Sir Sam Steele day in Orillia.

The RCMP chaplain, the Rev. Gerry McMillan, laid a wreath

in tribute during the service and offered a prayer of blessing for the occasion. Alan Cooper, a member of the choir, played Amazing Grace on the bagpipes during the recessional. Sir Sam, who died in 1919, was portrayed by local actor Mike Beresford. In place of a traditional sermon, he spoke about his life during the gold rush and later in the Boer War.

A parade began at St. James,

with the church bells ringing, and ended 30 minutes later at the Royal Canadian Legion with a reception for all participants.

Thanks go to Bishop Poole, all parade participants, the organizing committee and Jacqueline Soczka for a memorable event.

Submitted by the Communications Ministry of St. James, Orillia.

BRIEFLY

Subscription deadline pushed back

The deadline for re-subscribing to the diocesan and national newspapers, *The Anglican* and *Anglican Journal*, has been moved to Oct. 31. Readers who haven't already done so need to re-subscribe by that date to continue to receive the print versions of the papers. The original deadline was the end of June. Readers are being asked to re-subscribe so that the papers' subscription list is updated and cost-effective. To re-subscribe, call the *Anglican Journal* at 1-866-333-0959 and leave a message that includes your name, address and phone number, or visit www.anglicanjournal.com/yes.

Ed Broadbent to speak at church

Former NDP leader Ed Broadbent will be the main speaker at "Celebrating Those Who Stood with Japanese Canadians," a potluck event at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto, on Oct. 5 beginning at 5 p.m. All are invited. For more information, contact: Joy Kogawa, jkogawa@rogers.com.



CELEBRATION

Christ Church, Deer Park's Church on Tap community celebrates Pride month on June 14 with a Eucharist, followed by a drag show in the parish hall. Clockwise from top right: drag performer Carlotta Carlisle reads the gospel during the service; the Rev. Molly Finlay celebrates the Eucharist, accompanied by Lyds Keesmaat-Walsh; Deb Whalen-Blaize sings and plays the guitar; the Rev. Dawn Leger and others sing 'We Belong' by Pat Benatar; the Rev. Canon Cheryl Palmer, incumbent of Christ Church, thanks the performers and organizers. Church on Tap is a gathering at the church on the fourth Friday of every month, featuring a Eucharist followed by snacks and beverages. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



Compassion training produces results

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calling security. Third, she focuses on resources in the vicinity, including Redeemer's outreach program, called The Common Table, which provides meals, counselling and activities.

She says trained staff can make a big difference in the lives of homeless and marginalized people. "If we can train people and places to be compassionate, engaging and human – that's a great outcome. If people are treated well, they might access a service that takes them to the next level of stability."

Her connection with the bank has already produced results. Not only did the training go well, but the staff volunteered at The Common Table for a day and donated \$1,000. The bank has also expressed interest in doing some fundraising for The Common Table and bringing in donated clothing in the fall.

"It's been a great partnership," says Ms. Hocking. "It's still in the infancy stage but we're definitely partners in a whole different kind of way than I've seen with some other partnerships."

She says providing the training

to local businesses is a practical way for the Church to be a witness in the neighbourhood. "I think it's really exciting. How often do you hear of a church teaching a bank? It's such a great way to be present with our neighbours."

The workshop might also change people's impression of the Church, she says. "Sometimes churches that do large outreach can be seen as a sore spot in the neighbourhood, like they're dragging in the riff-raff, but in fact those places are alleviating a lot of the issues that would otherwise be on the street. This is another way of showing that we are a strong, positive presence. We are an asset to our communities, and we have a lot of skill that benefits the businesses in the neighbourhood."

She says the bank didn't have a problem with the fact that she comes from a church. "Sometimes I think that's more of a Church worry than an outside worry. Sometimes we make a big deal of that, but if we just be us and do the work, I think we'd be surprised at how welcome the world is for us to be present."

Call for Provincial Synod 2021 Nominations

The Nominating Committee of the Diocese of Toronto is calling for nominations for Provincial Synod 2021. All voting members of Diocesan Synod are entitled to make nominations of any voting members of Synod. The election will take place at the 159th Regular Session of Synod on November 8 and 9, 2019.

The next Session of Provincial Synod will take place in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, hosted by the Diocese of Algoma in the fall of 2021.

Provincial Synod meets every three years and the term of office is for three years beginning at Provincial Synod 2021. Nominees to Provincial Synod will be required to remain a member of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto for the duration of their term, they must be willing and able to attend all meetings of Provincial Synod, and must be willing to serve on a sub-committee or working group should they be asked or elected to do so. Expenses incurred are covered according to diocesan policy.

The Nominating Committee is requesting that nominations be submitted by **September 24, 2019** at 12:00 noon to the Secretary of Synod. Nominations must be submitted using the **Nomination Form** which can be found on our homepage at www.toronto.anglican.ca.

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Students start holidays at church

Event shows kids, parents 'we care,' says priest

ON the last day of school in June, about 60 students from King Albert Public School in Lindsay headed over to St. Paul, Lindsay for a couple hours of games and refreshments before starting their summer holidays. The outdoor celebration was hosted by St. Paul's and four other local churches.

"It was a way to celebrate the end of school and say to the families of the children that the churches are here for you, we care about you, and we're available to talk about God and faith if you want to," said the Rev. Dr. Warren Leibovitch, incumbent of St. Paul's. "It's also a way for families can get to know who we are and be a little less intimidated about coming into the church and checking us out."

King Albert, located behind the church, is considered an inner-city school and many of the families are dependent on some form of social assistance. The kids, from Kindergarten to Grade 6, were accompanied by their parents to the celebration.

The event featured a barbecue, a bouncy castle, games and "summer survival kits" for the kids that included sunscreen and toothpaste. Volunteers from the churches helped out, bringing the total number of people to about 140. St. Paul's received a \$500 grant from the Trent-Durham Area Council to



Students, parents and volunteers enjoy the festivities outside St. Paul, Lindsay. At right, volunteers get ready to provide lunch. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ST. PAUL, LINDSAY

help defray the costs.

Mr. Leibovitch said the celebration was both an outreach initiative and an ecumenical opportunity. "Coming together as a group of churches is always good for showing that we're in solidarity and we want to do something positive for the community, that we're available to people. This event allows us to have direct contact with families that we don't normally see."

It's the second year that St. Paul's has hosted the end-of-school celebration. The other Lindsay churches taking part were Bethel Church, Centre Church, Cambridge Street Baptist Church and People's Full Gospel Church.



Mr. Leibovitch said the parents were happy with the event. "They were very grateful that the churches would think about them and their children."

The churches are thinking about

holding an event in the fall at St. Paul's to welcome the children back to school. For the past several years, the church has been hosting Christmas and Easter events for the kids.

Executive director to retire

ANGELA Hantoumakos, the diocese's Executive Director, has decided to retire at the end of September. A keen cyclist, she says she is looking forward to spending more time with her family and getting out on her bike.

"I've loved working for the Church," she says. "It's been a privilege to work with the College of Bishops, the staff and so many dedicated clergy



Angela Hantoumakos

and parishioners. But I've been feeling for a while now that it's time to change gears, and now seems like the right time to do it."

The diocese's Executive Director has oversight of all the administrative and program functions of the Diocesan Centre, including administration, archives, communications, congregational development, finance, human resources, property resources, stewardship development and social justice and advocacy.

Since joining the diocese in 2017, Ms. Hantoumakos has worked on several major initiatives. She has developed and facilitated a process to help the diocese make strategic decisions about church properties. She has also worked with the Governance and Decision-Making Working Group to propose changes to the diocese's governance structure that would make its decision-making more efficient and focused on strategic initiatives.

Ms. Hantoumakos will be succeeded by Rob Saffrey, the Director of Operations and Finance at St. James Cathedral. Mr. Saffrey is no stranger to the diocese, hav-



Rob Saffrey

ing started as its comptroller in 1992 and eventually becoming its Director of Finance before moving to the cathedral in 2008. He will start at the diocese in early October.

Mr. Saffrey worked for Bishop Asbil when he was the dean of the cathedral from 2016 to 2018 and says that played a big part in his decision to accept the job at the diocese. "I really like Andrew's vision for the Church and for the diocese. He is committed to the things that need to happen to help the Church at this time."

Bishop Asbil says he is looking forward to working with Mr. Saffrey again. "Rob brings a tremendous amount of experience and knowledge of the Church. I'm delighted that he will be joining us."



The Rev. Theodore Hunt, incumbent of St. Stephen's, with Cynthia Knight, Velma Tucker and Carmen Carty. At right, church members and neighbours enjoy the food and activities. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

Cultures celebrated

ST. Stephen, Downsview held its annual Cultures Festival and Parish Fair on June 29. The cultures of many lands were represented, including Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Ghana, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Nigeria, Trinidad and Tobago, Sierra Leone, and St. Vincent and the Grenadines. There was also a lively Junkanoo performance, music, delicious food, face paint-

ing and a bouncy castle for the kids. "The festival allows us to showcase the various cultures within our parish and community, and to reach out to welcome our friends, neighbours and local businesses in Downsview," says the Rev. Theodore Hunt, incumbent. "It also enables us to raise funds to support and continue the work of the parish in our outreach among our neighbours."

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LOOKING AHEAD

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Music & Worship

SEPT. 11 – DEC. 18 - Organix Kingsway Organ Recital Series, 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p.m., All Saints, Kingsway, 2850 Bloor St. W., Etobicoke. Recitals Sept. 11 & 25, Oct. 9 & 23, Nov. 6 & 20; Dec. 4 & 18. Admission is free but a free-will offering will be accepted.

SEPT. 22 - Rock Eucharist, featuring the music of Pink Floyd, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

SEPT. 29 - Bach Vespers, BWV 130: Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir, 7 p.m., Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street and Avenue Road, Toronto.

OCT. 5 - As part of its 150th anniversary celebrations, St. Thomas, Brooklin is presenting a Harvest Concert at 7 p.m. featuring well-known tenor John McDermott. Tickets are available through the church office, 905-655-3883.

Eucharistic celebration. The cost is \$35 per person (\$25 for students), with a rate of \$125 for a team of up to five people. To learn more, visit www.liturgy.ca.

SEPT. 28 - Lay Anointers Refresher Day, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., St. James, 58 Peter St. N., Orillia. The is an opportunity for continued learning, worship and to come together with other anointers – a mix of speakers, worship, fellowship time and workshops. Registration closes Sept. 23. Cost \$30 at the door includes light breakfast and refreshments throughout the day. Bring your own lunch. For more information, contact the Rev. Jo-Anne Billinger at j.billinger@rogers.com.

SEPT. 29 - Choral Evensong for Michaelmas at 4 p.m., with the choir of St. Peter, Erindale, followed by Peach Tea, during which the choir's director, Clement Carelse, will discuss the life of Sir David Willcocks (1919-2015), whom he knew while at King's College, Cambridge, at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

OCT. 5 - "Celebrating Those Who Stood with Japanese Canadians," 5-9 p.m., Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto. Ed Broadbent will be the main speaker at a potluck event where many redress rallies and actions were initiated during the 1980s as the call for redress was underway. Other speakers include former MP John Brewin, who will speak of his father Andrew Brewin. For more information, contact Joy Kogawa, jkogawa@rogers.com.

OCT. 5 - "Grace in the Moment: Reflections upon grief, faith and pastoral care." Lay pastoral visitors are invited to attend this workshop with the Rev. Max Woolaver, exploring the intersection of grief, faith and ministry. To register, contact the Rev. Canon Joanne Davies, joanne.davies@sunnybrook.ca.

OCT. 18 - Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., followed by light supper and an illustrated talk on India by Debbie Cowling, including slides of the Taj Mahal, Delhi, Mumbai, Jaipur, a tiger safari and Goa's beaches and churches, at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

OCT. 18-19 - Riverdale Art Show and Sale at St. Barnabas, 361 Danforth Ave., Toronto. More than 22 local artists with over 200 original art pieces. Opening night with reception is on Oct. 18 from 6-9 p.m. Continues Oct. 19th, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

OCT. 19 - Girls Night Out at St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. Dinner, live and silent auctions, and entertainment. Proceeds split 50/50 with UOIT Cardiovascular Research. Advance ticket sales only through church office, 416-283-1844. VISA accepted.

OCT. 27 - Choral Evensong for St. Simon and St. Jude at 4:30 p.m., followed by Pumpkin High Tea, during which St. James Cathedral's music director, Robert Busiakiewicz, will discuss his life in music as composer, conductor and tenor, including his early years in Vienna, Stratford, London and at King's College, Cambridge, at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto.

- PRAYER CYCLE**
- FOR SEPTEMBER
1. Bishop's Youth Ministry Team
 2. Citizens for Public Justice
 3. Teachers and Students
 4. Bishop Strachan School, Toronto
 5. Holy Trinity School, Richmond Hill
 6. Royal St. George's College School, Toronto
 7. School Chaplains
 8. The Sisterhood of St John the Divine
 9. St. Clement's School, Toronto
 10. Lakefield College School
 11. The Postulants of the Diocese
 12. Kingsway College School, Toronto

13. Trinity College School, Port Hope
14. The Order of the Holy Cross
15. Bishop Jenny Andison
16. Havergal College, Toronto
17. Chaplains to the Retired Clergy of the Diocese
18. Parish of Georgina
19. St. Paul, Newmarket
20. St. Stephen, Maple
21. Trinity Church, Aurora
22. Holland Deanery
23. All Saints, King City
24. Christ Church, Holland Landing
25. Christ Church, Kettleby
26. Christ Church, Roches Point
27. St. James the Apostle, Sharon

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29. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
30. St. George, (Clarke) Newcastle

- IN MOTION**
- Appointments**
- The Rev. James Liu, Associate Priest, St. James Cathedral, with pastoral oversight of Mandarin Ministries, May 7.
 - The Rev. Dawn Leger, Priest-in-Charge, St. John, West Toronto, June 15.
 - The Rev. Johanna Pak, Assistant Curate, St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, July 1.
 - The Ven. Stephen Vail, Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral, July 28.
 - The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison (Diocese of Montreal), Incumbent, Redeemer, Bloor St., Aug. 1.
 - The Rev. Bradley Smith, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Parish of Belmont, May 1.
 - The Rev. Canon Anthony Jemmott, Commissary to the Area Bishop for Trent-Durham, May 16.
 - The Rev. Steven Smith, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. John, Lakefield, May 21.
 - The Rev. Richard Webb, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Incarnation, Aug. 1.
 - The Rev. Lee McNaughton, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Ninian, Scarborough and St. John the Divine, Scarborough, Aug. 1.
 - The Rev. Deborah Wilson, Chaplain, Bishop Strachan School, Aug. 19.
 - The Rev. Carol Friesen, Associate Priest, All Saints, Sherbourne St., June 24.
 - The Rev. Geoff Lloyd, Interim Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Whitby, June 28.
 - The Rev. David Howells, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St.

- Andrew by-the-Lake, Toronto, July 1.
- The Rev. Eileen Steele, Incumbent, Parish of Penetanguishene and Waubaushene, July 1.
- The Rev. Dan Graves, Associate Priest, Trinity, Aurora, Aug. 15.
- The Rev. Liska Stefko, Associate Priest, St. Clement, Eglinton, Aug. 15.
- The Rev. Karen Isaacs, Associate Priest, St. Paul, Bloor Street, Sept. 1.
- The Rev. Julie Burn, Incumbent, Church of the Resurrection, Toronto, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Jonathan Turtle, Incumbent, the Parish of Craighurst & Midhurst, Aug. 1.
- The Rev. Lesley Barclay, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. George, Grafton, Sept. 15.

Area Bishop's Direct Appointment Process

- St. Hilda, Fairbank

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

- First Phase - Parish Selection Committee in Formation (not yet receiving names):**
- Incarnation, Toronto
 - St. Margaret in-the-Pines, Toronto
 - St. Martin, Bay Ridges
 - Parish of Fenelon Falls
 - Parish of Lakefield
 - All Saints, Whitby
 - Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth
 - St. Paul, Newmarket

- Second Phase - Parish Selection Committee (receiving names via Area Bishop):**
- Christ Church, Stouffville
 - St. Christopher, Richmond Hill (Associate Priest)
 - St. John, York Mills (Associate Priest)
- Celebration of New Ministry**
- St. James Cathedral**
- The Rev. Canon Stephen Vail, Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral, Sept. 8 at 4:30 p.m.
- York-Credit Valley**
- The Rev. Dawn Leger, Priest-in-Charge, St. John, West Toronto, Sept. 22 at 4 p.m.
 - The Rev. Jeff Stone, Incumbent, St. Jude, Bramalea North, Sept. 29 at 4 p.m.
 - The Rev. Jacqueline Daley, Priest-in-Charge, St. Margaret, New Toronto, Oct. 27 at 4 p.m.

- York-Scarborough**
- The Rev. Canon Steven Mackison, Incumbent, Redeemer, Bloor St., Sept. 15 at 4 p.m.

- Conclusions**
- The Rev. Sean Davidson concluded his ministry at Church of the Resurrection, Toronto on May 31 to take up a new ministry appointment with the Diocese of Fredericton.
 - The Rev. Naomi Miller concluded her ministry at the Church of the Evangelists, New Tecumseth on Aug. 4 to take up a new ministry appointment in the Diocese of Niagara.

- Sales**
- NOV. 9 - Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., featuring bake table, cafe, gift gallery, knitting, collectables, jewellery, books and more, St. Joseph of Nazareth, 290 Balmoral Dr., Brampton.
- NOV. 23 - Annual Christmas Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. James the Apostle, 3 Cathedral Rd., Brampton, featuring a lunch of homemade soups, sandwiches and dessert, a silent auction, an art sale, handmade jewelry, vendors with many different items for Christmas, and bake table.

- Workshops & Gatherings**
- SEPT. 13 - Evening Prayer at 6 p.m., followed by a light supper and a talk at 7 p.m. by the Rev. Alexandra Pohlod, the curate at St. Olave, Swansea, on private prayer throughout history, at St. Olave, Bloor Street and Windermere Avenue, Toronto. This is the first in a four-part series.
- SEPT. 21 - Scarborough Steeplechase Scavenger Hunt, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., awards ceremony 4-6 p.m. Co-ordinated with Grace Church Scarborough. Proceeds to support PWRDF. Open to all (minors must be accompanied by a guardian). For more information, contact Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 416-261-9503.
- SEPT. 28 - Liturgy Canada presents "God Sends Us in Mission," the fifth event in its Renewing Liturgy series, at All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph. This conference will help to restore the Sending as an essential act in the



CRICKET FESTIVAL

Nine teams and their fans participate in the third annual Anglican Church Cricket Festival in Brampton on June 15. St. Peter, Erindale beat St. Bede, Scarborough, 114-81 in the final to win the tournament. Teams from Trinity, Streetsville, St. Jude, Brampton, St. James the Apostle, Brampton, Holy Family, Heart Lake (Brampton), St. Margaret in-the-Pines, Scarborough, St. Joseph of Nazareth, Brampton and St. Thomas à Beckett, Erin Mills South, also took part. Clockwise from top right: the team from St. Peter, Erindale hoists the winner's trophy; Lucky Liyahage of St. James, Brampton shows off his team's new jerseys; St. Peter's bowler delivers; providing and enjoying the music; St. Joseph of Nazareth supporters cheer. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



New president seeks ways to rejuvenate ACW

BY STUART MANN

ENID Corbett, ODT, the new president of the diocesan Anglican Church Women, is already looking for her successor.

Ms. Corbett, who took over the reins of the organization in April, would like to see a younger woman step into the role when her term expires in 2022 – or sooner, if possible.

“I consider myself an in-between president,” she says.

Ms. Corbett's succession plan is part of a wider effort to engage younger women in the ACW. The group has seen its membership decline and age over the past few decades and is exploring ways to reverse that.

“I've started my own questing, asking women, how can the ACW help you grow in your spirituality and affirm your gifts and provide opportunities for you?” she says. “We're going to need out-of-the-box ideas, and that means talking to out-of-the-box thinkers.”

Even though its membership is smaller, the ACW is still an active and vital organization, she says. At the parish level, ACW groups

and individuals provide a wide range of services, from supporting food banks and providing community lunches to looking after chancel linens and raising money for needy causes. At the diocesan level, the ACW raises awareness of social issues that affect women and children. It also provides funds to groups and individuals, including the Council of the North and women who are studying for ordination or going on mission trips.

Ms. Corbett says the organization's most important function is to provide support and fellowship to other women. She's been a member of Holy Trinity, Thornhill's ACW since 1970 and has seen countless examples of that over the years.

“When you have major life events, like the loss of a spouse or a child, having that support behind you – both the spiritual



Enid Corbett, ODT

and emotional support – makes a big difference,” she says. “The ACW also gives you a core group with whom to do your Christian service. You're not alone.”

As president of the diocesan ACW, Ms. Corbett will chair its board meetings, represent the board when requested at parish ACW events and represent the ACW at Diocesan Council and Synod. She will also liaise with the presidents of other diocesan ACWs in Canada and attend the annual national conference.

She brings a lot of experience to the position. She joined the diocesan ACW's finance committee in 1997 and served two terms as the organization's treasurer. She is currently a diocesan volunteer, helping churches with their finances. She was a member of the diocese's treasury board and sits on Wycliffe College's finance committee. In her parish, she has been a churchwarden and is chair of the cemetery committee.

She succeeds Anita Gittens, ODT, who served as diocesan ACW president for 11 years. She says Ms. Gittens's leadership was inspiring. “Anita was knowledgeable, com-

passionate and a good shepherd,” she says. “She was very kind when sharing her knowledge and put in many hours late at night to keep

on top of things. We are thankful and privileged that she guided us for so many years. Her leadership will be missed.”

In Motion

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Relinquishments

- The Rev. Simon Davis has voluntarily relinquished the exercise of ministry as priest in the Anglican Church of Canada as of April 3.

Retirement

- The Rev. Dr. John Stephenson's last Sunday at St. John the Divine, Scarborough was July 28.

Death

- The Rev. A. David Wainwright died on June 25. Ordained deacon and priest in 1978, he served as assistant curate at the Parish of Cavan-Manvers, incumbent of the Parish of Belmont and St. Alban, Peterborough, and retired in 1989. His

funeral was held at St. John the Evangelist, Havelock on July 3.

- The Ven. Gordon Finney died on July 23. Ordained in 1979, he served as assistant curate at St. Paul, Bloor Street, incumbent of the Parish of Elmvalle, incumbent of St. Peter, Carlton Street, incumbent of St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough, Archdeacon of Trent-Durham, of St. Timothy, North Toronto. He retired with his wife Adele to Vancouver in 2016, where he occasionally served at Christ Church Cathedral and provided supply service in the Diocese of New Westminster. His funeral was held at Christ Church Cathedral on Aug. 14.