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The Rev. Gerlyn Henry and her husband (at right, in centre of photo) enjoy activities in Toronto with guests who are staying at Holy Wisdom's rectory. The guests are refugees from Iran and Mexico. 'With the crisis that is happening now with refugees sleeping on the streets for weeks and months at a time, it's such a gift to be able to do this,' she says. PHOTOS COURTESY OF HOLY WISDOM



Church opens rectory to house refugees

Toronto in humanitarian crisis, says priest

BY STUART MANN

A single announcement in church has helped change the lives of five refugees – and their hosts.

When the Rev. Gerlyn Henry was a curate at St. Timothy, North Toronto, she heard a parishioner speak about the housing crisis facing refugees in Toronto. Shelters in the city were often full, she heard, leaving the newcomers with no place to live. Many ended up on the sidewalk.

The speaker urged members

of the congregation to open their home to a refugee if they had a spare room. Romero House, an agency that helps refugees in Toronto, would provide all the help necessary for this to happen.

Moved by the speaker's words, Rev. Henry discussed the idea with her husband. They had just gotten married and had moved into a two-bedroom apartment. "We had a spare bedroom and very little furniture, so we thought, let's do it," she recalls. It was to be the beginning of a transformative ex-

perience.

They signed up to be an "emergency host," providing a room for up to a week, until the guest found a place in a shelter. Romero House arranged all the details, and eventually a refugee from Iran arrived at their door after 18 months of travel.

"He didn't speak much English and he slept for the first three days," says Rev. Henry. "We barely saw him."

Not long afterwards, Rev. Henry became the priest-in-charge of Holy Wisdom, a church in Toronto. The

church came with a four-bedroom rectory, where she and her husband would live. Their guest from Iran hadn't found a spot in a shelter yet, so they invited him to come live in the rectory with them.

With the larger space of a rectory, the couple began to wonder if they couldn't help others as well. "I heard that the point of having four bedrooms in a rectory was originally to host bishops and priests when they were travelling, so we opened up our house a little bit more," she says.

Five refugees now live in the rectory, along with Rev. Henry and her husband. There is a couple from Mexico and three single people, from Mexico and Iran. They range in age from 23 to 37.

At first, the parish found the arrangement a little peculiar. "There was a rumour going around – why does the priest live with five men?" recalls Rev. Henry. "Over and over, I had to address that, saying that this is part of the parish's ministry. The point of the rectory is to

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Diocese supports Guest House

Tithe helps with renovations

THE diocese has made a gift of \$656,538 to the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine to assist with the renovation of its Guest House, which is located at its convent in Toronto. Synod Council has approved the gift.

The gift is being made in the form of a tithe from the diocese's Ministry Allocation Fund. Synod Council is allowed to make a tithe from time to time to support important and worthy initiatives and causes in the wider Church.

"The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine sends our most grateful thanks and appreciation for the wonderfully generous gift from the Diocese of Toronto to our Home for the Heart campaign in support of

the renovation of our Guest House," said the Sisters. "It is our hope to welcome many diocesan groups into an updated Guest House."

The sisterhood's fundraising campaign hopes to raise \$6 million for the renovations, which will include replacing the roof and windows; installing new, more environmentally friendly heating and cooling systems; updating and in some cases reconstructing bedrooms, bathrooms and meeting rooms; and creating an accessible entrance.

The Guest House has hosted thousands of guests since it was built in 1956. Its rooms are often filled with people on individual retreats, group retreats and facilitated workshops, as well as members of parish, diocesan and national committees. The space is also open to family members of long-term patients at nearby St. John's Rehab, hospital staff staying overnight during storms, refugee families and others who need temporary accommodation.

Staff



A sketch of the proposed new Guest House entrance by Sister Elizabeth Ann, SSJD. COURTESY OF THE SISTERHOOD OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Hosting refugees 'a gift'

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host. In the case of our church, the priest is hosting people who need housing."

She says the message has gotten through. "It's been a year now and I think people understand that this isn't just something we're doing here on the church's property – it's a ministry of the church. We are hosting refugees and helping them acclimate to this world."

Three of the guests are Christian and help out at church services. The other two help out where they can. Everyone in the rectory contributes

to buying groceries, making meals and cleaning. They have become friends and socialize together, going rollerblading, walking the dog and other activities.

"In the beginning it was quite novel – providing breakfast and that sort of thing – but over time, we have come to just share the space," says Rev. Henry. "We're no longer hosting them. We just live together. It has become community living, where everyone has free access to food and cooking. There's always an abundance of food, always an abundance of someone there to listen. I travel for work a lot, and I never come home to an empty house, which in some ways is a tremendous gift in the post-pandemic world."

"Of course, there are ups and downs with sharing a space with five people from different cultures," she adds. "But with the crisis that is happening now with refugees sleeping on the streets for weeks and months at a time, it's such a gift to be able to do this."

She says the experience has deepened her faith. "Poverty is once removed, and to embrace that reminds us of who we are, that

this is where our call as Christians began. It's such a great reminder of the ministry of the Christian life and the strength it takes to walk with people who are just surviving."

There is a scriptural imperative for Anglicans to respond, she says. "Our identity as Christians isn't just what we believe but it's how we live out what we believe, and to hear the call. I would encourage other priests who have four-bedroom rectories or parishioners who have spare bedrooms, to host people until they can stand on their own two feet."

The need is urgent, she says, especially with winter coming on. "In Toronto we're in a humanitarian crisis. People are on the streets without access to food and shelter, and some people don't know where to go. If we don't advocate or take action, they'll be stuck in limbo without shelter, food and health care."

For more information on hosting a refugee, contact the Rev. Gerlyn Henry at priest-churchoftheholylaw@toronto.anglican.ca or Romero House, www.romero-house.org.

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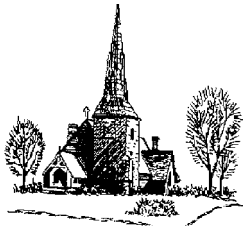
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Mary Lynne Stewart is the new Executive Director of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto Foundation.

Mary Lynne has been a professional fundraiser for over three decades, raising funds for a wide range of causes. Before joining the Diocese, she worked at March of Dimes

Canada as their Director of Philanthropy where she focused on National partnerships, events, and major gift programs.

Throughout her career, she has consulted for a variety of charities, assisting with the organization and facilitation of their philanthropy channels including direct marketing through mail, digital, direct response television, corporate philanthropy and sponsorship, foundation and government grants; special event development and execution. She believes that fundraising is a calling, and that stewardship is at the centre of philanthropy.

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Summer event brings winter warning

Fair mixes fun with advocacy

BY MARTHA HOLMEN

WINTER arrived early this year for the families, advocates and faith leaders who gathered in downtown Toronto on the afternoon of Aug. 27. More than 300 people stopped by the lawn outside St. James Cathedral for Summer Chill, an event of winter-themed activities that drew attention to the dire need for respite spaces for unhoused people, particularly during the upcoming winter.

Kids and adults alike enjoyed a “snow cannon” (shooting out environmentally friendly foam), cookie decorating, free ice cream, button making, face painting and games, all to a soundtrack of favourite Christmas carols provided by live musicians. A passport game encouraged participants to get a stamp from each station while answering questions about respites and warming centres in Toronto. Santa Claus could also be spotted wandering around the party, obviously on vacation in a festive tropical shirt.

The idea for Summer Chill came about when the Rev. Angie Hocking was considering new ways of engaging people with the issues around housing in Toronto. Ms. Hocking is the community minister at Regent Park Community Ministry, a United Church ministry. She’s also an Anglican vocational deacon working with All Saints, Sherbourne, St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, and St. Bartholomew.

“Many of us very much value and know the importance of protests and rallies. They’re really important. But if you’ve been engaged with that for a while, you start to see there are usually the same types of folks that show up, and they tend to be quite informed of the issues already,” she says.

As a mother of a school-aged child and a member of parent and school groups in her own neighbourhood, she noticed that while people in her networks care about housing issues, there’s not much opportunity for them to get involved. “If there’s a protest at two o’clock on a Tuesday down at city hall, even just the logistics are often really hard for people to make, and it’s not necessarily going to be fun for a kid,” she says. “The



Children and adults enjoy Summer Chill, held outside St. James Cathedral. The event combined kids’ activities with information about the need for more winter respite centres for unhoused people in Toronto. Mayor Olivia Chow (at right, in middle) attended and met with organizers. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON



idea came from a place of creating a space of advocacy and support for a very important issue that is family friendly, that is not going to be intimidating for families to come and have fun and also learn.”

The event was organized and supported by many churches and faith groups, including Anglican, United and Lutheran parishes, a Pentecostal church and a Hindu temple. “There were some that are not usually invited to those conversations or know how to navigate getting into those conversations, so I found even that was really exciting, to be at a table with new people represented,” says Ms. Hocking.

The issue that united these faith groups is the lack of respites – year-round, low-barrier drop-in spaces that are consistent in location and in all weather – for people experi-



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A summer under strange skies



BY THE REV. CANON MAGGIE HELWIG

As Jerusalem fell in flame and death, or just after, as the population was scattered in a diaspora which has never really ended, and it seemed that empire had triumphed forever, someone we remember as Mark sat down and wrote, “This is the beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ.”

Around 1349, during the first and most horrific episode of the Black Death in Europe, John Clyn of the Friars Minor, Kilkenny, wrote a chronicle of events that includes blank pages at the end, and this passage: “... so that the writing does not perish with the writer, or the work fail with the workman, I leave parchment for continuing the work, in case anyone should still be alive in the future.”

Here, at my little church, I stand under a sky weirdly dim and orange, and smell the acrid scent of wildfires hundreds of miles away. The weather report some days reads simply, “Smoke,” and the people in power seem as unwilling or unable to take meaningful action as the kings of Israel and Judah were to listen to Amos, Isaiah, Jeremiah. The world is on fire, and nothing is normal anymore – there is no such thing. The food suppliers for our meal programs are increasingly likely to have shortages, and prices seem to rise every week. Refugees sleep on the street outside the Streets to Homes referral centre.

Crisis intersects with crisis, over and over. Late one night I have to crawl across the bathroom floor to get into a stall where someone has overdosed. A few days later someone goes down in the churchyard, but before my colleague and I get there, a small person dressed in black, with dark glasses, has taken control, grabbed a naloxone kit and administered the first dose, assigned my colleague to time doses while I am doing crowd control. When the man who went down is conscious and responding, the small dark person disappears. No one is sure who they were. A child of humanity, called to the moment.

I find myself obsessively watching livestreams from a feral cat rescue centre in British Columbia. Wildfires and smoke are their constant background too, but in the livestream, gentle people tend to small creatures with keen individual attention, responding to their particular needs, understanding their traumas, giving them the kind of precise and personal care I can only wish for every being in this world, the struggling people camped outside my church, the hurt people in the streets. If the feral cat livestream is the only place I can reliably find this model of care right now, that is at least something.

I think that I cannot summon the hopefulness of the writer we call Mark, but then I also remember that his telling of the good news concludes, in one of literature’s more daring moves, without a resurrection appearance, and with the sentence, “They said nothing to anyone, because they were

afraid.” Like us, Mark lived in a seesaw tension – the good news beginning, yet enveloped in silence and fear; perhaps, like John Clyn, leaving a blank space in case someone came after him, without even being sure that someone would. I search for ways to believe that there is a beginning in all this, for reasons to leave those blank pages towards the future. Last spring I cycled through a path of hurricane damage on Prince Edward Island; great trees devastated, dunes erased along the north shore, but below the fallen trunks the pale Jurassic shapes of ferns slowly unfolding, the survivors, so much older than anything human. Marsh marigolds along the stream banks, among the stripped branches. *Creation’s persistent, the dearest freshness deep down things* which Hopkins named. *Though the last lights off the black West went.*

So I get up every day under the strange skies, and I say morning prayer, and I try to take my anxious and irritable self into the world to hold on to a small island of humanity, a community which, we may hope, can bide in the shade of the great events, can try to believe still in the value of care, in the discipline of the needs of others carefully understood, in the possibility of acceptance, and of forgiveness when we fail. There is no certain future. But here and now, this is what we can do.

The Rev. Canon Maggie Helwig is the incumbent of St. Stephen in-the-Fields in Toronto.

Anglicans can model compassion, says housing advocate

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encing homelessness in Toronto. Last winter, the city had only four warming centres open intermittently, which regularly reached capacity within an hour or two of opening.

“They were extremely sporadic. They would only open at very cold temperatures, they would open for a couple days and then close, they moved a couple times – so, very unpredictable,” says Ms. Hocking. “It was very inaccessible for most people.”

Together, the four warming centres had a capacity of 134 people; meanwhile, city data from this summer showed that 273 people were being turned away from shelters every night, even before the winter weather arrived. The city has also been closing its shelter-hotels, temporary shelters that were opened during the pandemic. Meanwhile, more than 10,800 people experience homelessness every night in Toronto, a number that

is steadily rising.

“I’m very, very concerned about the winter,” says Ms. Hocking. “We keep pushing people away and moving people and re-traumatizing people.”

Attendees at Summer Chill had the opportunity to sign a petition calling on the city to open safe, reliable respite spaces available year-round, 24/7. The petition also urges the city to prioritize the creation of affordable rental housing, including rent-geared-to-income units.

Ms. Hocking and her colleagues spent time talking one-on-one with people about these issues. “People are very receptive. There was very, very little pushback. A lot of people were saying, ‘Wow, I didn’t even know about this,’” she says.

Olivia Chow, the mayor of Toronto, and Kristyn Wong-Tam, the MPP for Toronto Centre, both stopped by St. James Park and spent time speaking with people.

“I do believe that they care deeply about these issues, but I think politicians really are paying attention to faith groups, so we need to figure out what it looks like to engage with our communities and really push for things well,” says Ms. Hocking.

That ground-level advocacy is one area where she says churches have a lot to offer, particularly within their neighbourhoods. With a rise in NIMBY-ism – the “not in my backyard” attitude that says services like respite and affordable housing should be built, but somewhere else – she says Anglicans can model what compassion and acceptance look like.

“I don’t think faith groups have to have all the answers about the issues – it’s just about saying, actually I’m ok with something opening up in my neighbourhood. What does it look like for us to support our neighbourhood and make sure it is safe for everybody, and it is

welcoming?”

She encourages parishes to consider what kind of events could help start conversations with their own neighbours, whether it’s a town hall, a Q&A, a local charity project or a family-oriented event like Summer Chill. “We should be embedded in our neighbourhoods, and we should know who are the subset of folks that are more resistant. How can we open up conversations with our neighbours? How can we hear them out?” she says.

As the role of churches in Canada continues to shift, she sees opportunities for parish communities to engage with local justice issues in new and creative ways. “As the Church is growing and changing and shrinking, let’s remember that the work of justice is God’s work,” she says. “If we just keep aligning ourselves to that, I think that it doesn’t really matter what kind of buildings we have or don’t have. We will be part of transformation.”



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Outreach conference addresses displacement

BY ELIN GOULDEN

THIS past summer, images of displacement had become inescapable. In June and July, hundreds of refugee claimants were forced to sleep on the streets of Toronto for lack of shelter, while municipal and federal governments wrangled over the cost. Entire cities, from Halifax to Yellowknife to Kelowna, had been forced to evacuate due to raging wildfires. And in communities across Ontario, growing numbers of unhoused people are forced to camp in parks and other public spaces for lack of affordable and supportive housing.

Refugees and refugee claimants, wildfire evacuees and residents of encampments may be the most visible examples of displacement before us in this moment, but there are many others. Indigenous people have experienced wave after wave of displacement from their lands, culture and families through removal from their traditional territories to the Indian residential school system to the Sixties Scoop and the ongoing impacts of the child welfare system. Migrant workers, unable to support their families at home due to economic and climate obstacles, must leave their families for months to work on Canadian farms under a system that denies them basic rights and protections and leaves them vulnerable to exploitation. Farmers themselves are displaced by once-protected agricultural lands being re-zoned for development, while native species of wildlife and flora face habitat loss that could lead to their extinction. Lower-income tenants are vulnerable to landlords who use above-guideline rent increases and renovations to replace them with higher-paying tenants. Inadequate wages and income support levels force more and more people to depend on food banks and meal programs – and that experience of food insecurity undermines people’s sense of their place in the world. Indeed, ours is a world of rampant displacement, physically, economically, socially and more.

How do we inhabit such a world? This is the theme of this year’s



An unhoused woman takes shelter under the stairs at Nathan Phillips Square in Toronto. PHOTO BY MICHAEL HUDSON

diocesan Outreach & Advocacy Conference: “Living in Exile: Inhabiting a World of Displacement.” The scriptures are full of themes of exile and displacement, and how we are to live faithfully in such conditions. In this age, we may have “no lasting city” (Hebrews 13:14), yet in the practices of trust in God, sharing what we have and building up our communities, we resist the powers that uproot and separate us from each other.

The original keynote speaker for this year’s conference, Dr. Mary Jo Leddy, well-known for her work with refugee claimants at Romero House, unfortunately had to withdraw in late August due to medical reasons. We are pleased

to announce that Dr. Brian Walsh has agreed to be our new keynote speaker. Dr. Walsh, who served for many years as adjunct professor at the Toronto School of Theology and pastor of the Wine Before Breakfast community at the University of Toronto, is the co-author of *Beyond Homelessness: Christian Faith in a Culture of Displacement*, whose 15th anniversary edition is being released this fall.

“From the countless thousands living on the streets, in shelters and squats under bridges, to an international socio-economic, geo-political and climate refugee crisis, to the literal burning up of our creational home in wildfires and temperatures that border upon uninhabitability,

displacement and homelessness have become the socio-economic, ecological, cultural and spiritual reality of our times,” writes Dr. Walsh. “We need to address this crisis with biblical depth, lived experience, comprehensive vision and radical hope.”

“Living in Exile: Inhabiting a World of Displacement” will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference will be held online via Zoom, with separate sessions for the opening plenary, morning and afternoon

workshops and the closing plenary discussion. Registration is required for each separate session. The closing plenary will offer a chance for participants to reflect together on what they have learned, and what they have been challenged or inspired to do differently going forward.

There is no charge for the conference. All are welcome to attend, for the entire day or only a part! Visit www.toronto.anglican.ca/outreach-conference for more details and to register.

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

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Pikangikum students visit church

Grade 8 class enjoys barbecue on grad trip

BY MARILYN CARTMILL

ALL Saints, King City hosted a barbecue on June 10 for 51 Grade 8 students and 12 adults from Eenchokay Birchstick School, Pikangikum First Nations and a few of their Indigenous allies. The guests enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, Caesar and pasta salads, cookies, watermelon, pop and ice cream. The dinner served by parishioners was the latest evidence of All Saints' ongoing commitment to this isolated northern Ontario Indigenous community and our commitment to active reconciliation with Indigenous siblings.

Our commitment began in 2017-18 with a major campaign to raise funds to buy winter clothes for children at the Eenchokay Birchstick School in Pikangikum, a remote fly-in northern Ontario First Nations community. The result was 65 boxes with snowsuits, jackets, pants, boots, mitts and hats, which were transported over the winter ice road by Rotary Honouring Indigenous Peoples in partnership with Trucks for Change.

In December 2018, the school's principal sent a letter to the National Indigenous Archbishop requesting financial support for the Grade 8 students who would be travelling to southern Ontario in June 2019 for their year-end graduation trip.

The request for donations was circulated to Anglican Indigenous allies, and because of All Saints' recent involvement with Pikangikum, we became the repository for the donations facilitated by Dave Gordon's connections with Indigenous allies.

Unfortunately, the students were not able to travel to southern Ontario as planned because it became necessary to evacuate the community due to forest fires two days before their flights to Toronto. Then concerns over COVID-19 prevented travel for the next three years. Fundraising continued during these years, resulting in a substantial sum.

Happily, the 2023 Grade 8 students were able to travel to southern Ontario for their year-end school trip. They arrived in Toronto



Students and adults from Eenchokay Birchstick School at Pikangikum First Nations gather with friends for a photo in front of All Saints, King City during a trip to southern Ontario. The church has been supporting the First Nations community in northern Ontario since 2017. COURTESY OF ALL SAINTS, KING CITY

on June 5 and spent a great week visiting the CN Tower, Ripley's Aquarium, Canada's Wonderland and the Ontario Science Centre. They also enjoyed a Blue Jays baseball game, the latest Spiderman movie, a trip to Niagara Falls and a shopping trip to Square One.

Donations being held by All

Saints were provided to the Pikangikum group prior to their travels. All Saints, King City, Christ Church, Kettleby, St. Mary Magdalene, Schomberg, Church of the Incarnation, Toronto and other Anglican church Indigenous allies provided funds to support the group's activities and additional

spending money for the students.

All Saints, King City maintains communications and relations with Eenchokay Birchstick School staff for future Grade 8 graduation trip opportunities.

Marilyn Cartmill is a member of All Saints King City.



The Rev. Michelle Jones with the new food cupboard at St. James, Caledon East. PHOTO COURTESY OF ST. JAMES, CALEDON EAST

New food cupboard helps community

BY DIANE ALLENGAME

THERE'S a new food cupboard in Caledon East. "Take what you need, leave what you can" is the motto for the new initiative of St. James Anglican Church.

The parish is celebrating 175 years of faith this year. To mark the milestone in a meaningful and outward-facing way, The Little Food Cupboard (TLFC) was created. Modelled after the little library kiosks in many neighbourhoods,

TLFC is a self-serve pantry designed to help those experiencing food scarcity.

Non-perishable food items are provided by members of the congregation. The community is also welcome to contribute food and toiletry items. Donations can be delivered to the church during office hours or left in the marked tote box at the eastern entrance to the office area. TLFC has been installed at the eastern entrance to the parking lot, accessible to the

Wildfires prompt PWRDF to start fund for Canada

BY JANICE BIEHNL

IN this year of unprecedented wildfires from coast to coast, PWRDF (Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) is establishing a fund specifically for in-Canada emergency response.

This is true to our roots. PWRDF was born in 1958 out of a compelling desire from Anglicans to offer assistance to families in the wake of a mine disaster in Springhill, Nova Scotia.

In recent years, Canada has experienced an increase in the frequency and severity of natural disasters such as wildfires, hurricanes and floods, affecting thousands of families and individuals. Some communities have been particularly devastated. Time and time again, Anglicans have generously offered their financial support through PWRDF.

Currently, PWRDF accepts donations when a disaster happens, then works with the dioceses affected by the emergency to disburse the

funds. This new fund will allow PWRDF to respond quickly when a diocese asks for support, rather than wait to raise funds for individual disasters.

Parishes have expertise in outreach, information-sharing and volunteer engagement, and they have an awareness of their communities. Churches know where and how to reach the most vulnerable, those overlooked by others. Clergy and parishioners may be some of the first responders in an emergency, and they are often among those who will still be there during mid-to longer-term recovery activities.

While PWRDF cannot respond to every emergency in Canada, it considers the severity and impact of the situation, response of other agencies including the government, availability of insurance coverage, and the extent to which additional support is needed. It looks to fill gaps not covered by others, avoiding duplication of services.

Dioceses can access the new In-Canada Emergency Fund by

requesting short-, medium- and longer-term support. This could include funds for emergency accommodations, gift cards to purchase food, water and essentials, counselling and post-trauma supports, or locally identified long-term recovery activities to help rebuild community assets and increase community resilience.

Together, we can make a significant impact in the lives of people in Canada affected by disasters, offering solidarity and hope for those who have lost so much.

Anglicans can donate directly to the In-Canada Emergency fund at any time online at www.pwrdf.org or by cheque to PWRDF at 80 Hayden St., 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2. Please indicate In-Canada Emergency in the memo field. Anglicans can also donate during business hours by calling 416-822-9083 (or leave a message toll-free at 1-866-308-7973).

Janice Biehn is PWRDF's communications officer.

street and handicapped parking.

TLFC is beautifully decorated with monarch butterflies, a symbol of resilience. It was built by members of the parish, with an initial donation from the Naylor family in memory of their mother, Kay Naylor

Peacock, a long-time supporter of outreach projects in the parish.

The Rev. Michelle Jones, priest-in-charge, sees TLFC as a sign of solidarity during difficult times. "Let's all pitch in and care for one another," she says. "Jesus said, 'I

was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me.'" (Matthew 25:35)

Diane Allengame is a member of St. James, Caledon East.

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IN MOTION

Appointments

- The Rev. Canon Michael Burgess, Honorary Assistant, St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle, Aug. 6.
- The Rev. Jillian Ruch, Chaplain, Havergal College, Sept. 1, in addition to her current appointment as Assistant Curate of St. Bride, Clarkson.

Vacant Incumbencies

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

Bishop's Direct Appointment Process

- (receiving names):
- St. Cyprian
- Christ Church, Scarborough
- Grace Church, Scarborough
- St. Mary, Richmond Hill
- St. George, Haliburton
- St. Paul the Apostle, Rexdale

- Christ Church, Bolton
- Trinity-St. Paul, Port Credit

Parish Selection Committee Process

First Phase - (not yet receiving names):

- Christ Church-St. James
- St. Martin in-the-Fields

Second Phase - (receiving names via Bishop):

- Holy Trinity, Thornhill
- Christ the King
- St. George Memorial, Oshawa
- St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges

Third Phase - (no longer receiving names):

- St. James Cathedral
- Grace Church on-the-Hill

Celebration of New Ministry

- The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin, Incumbent, St. Cuthbert, Leaside, Sept. 10.
- The Rev. Andrew Kuhl, Priest-in-Charge, Parish of

Craighurst & Midhurst, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m. at St. Paul, Midhurst.

Conclusions

- The Rev. Lori Pilatzke concluded her appointment as Incumbent of St. David Anglican-Lutheran Church, Orillia on July 30.
- The Rev. Peter Gachira concluded his appointment as Incumbent of St. John the Baptist, Lakefield on Aug. 27.

Death

- The Rev. Canon Trevor Denny died on Aug. 25. Ordained deacon in 1972 and priest in 1973, he served as assistant curate of St. George Memorial, Oshawa, and as incumbent of St. George, Haliburton, Emmanuel, Richvale and St. Peter, Scarborough. He had been an honorary assistant of St. John, Bowmanville since his retirement in 2008. His funeral was held on Sept. 2 at St. John, Bowmanville.



Top: Archbishop Michael Peers, accompanied by federal Finance Minister Ralph Goodale, signs the residential schools agreement for financial compensation by the Anglican Church of Canada to First Nations people at Church House in Toronto in 2003. Above: Archbishop Peers speaks at the Hiroshima Day Coalition's 66th anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 2010 at Holy Trinity, Trinity Square in Toronto. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL HUDSON

LOOKING AHEAD

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

Gatherings

- OCT. 1** - Blessing the Animals Service, 4 p.m., Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto.
- OCT. 4-NOV. 1** - Ignite Family Ministry's Children & Youth Midweek Program, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Jude, Wexford, 10 Howarth Ave., Toronto. For grades 3 to 6, crafts, drama, science, games, songs, stories and snacks. For grades 7-10, hang out, prayer, worship, games and snacks.
- OCT. 5-NOV. 1** - Ignite Family Ministry's Children & Youth Midweek Program, Thursdays, 6:30-8 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Law-

son Rd., Toronto. For grades 3 to 6, crafts, drama, science, games, songs, stories and snacks. For grades 7-10, hang out, prayer, worship, games and snacks.

OCT. 19 - Guildwood Tech Skills Workshop, 4 p.m., \$25 per session, Holy Trinity, Guildwood, 85 Livingston Rd., Toronto. Email denise@trinityguildwood.org or call 416-261-9503.

OCT. 28 - Wellness fair, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Christ Church Scarborough Village, 155 Markham Rd., Scarborough. Call the church at 416-261-4169 or visit christchurch-scarborough.com. Representatives from the wellness and vitality community will be on site to share their expertise and answer your questions on nutrition, exercise, disease prevention, self care, dental hygiene and more.

NOV. 1 - Holy Communion for All Saints Day at 7 p.m., followed by "Music and Your Health" at 7:30 p.m., when Dr. Kevin Komisaruk talks about healing through music as a vehicle for restoring wholeness. In person at St. Olave, Swansea, Bloor Street and Windermere Road.

NOV. 11 - Annual Christmas Bazaar, bake sale, jewelry, pictures with Santa and more, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Grace Church, Markham.

NOV. 18 - Christmas Market, home baking, silent auction, luncheon and more, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Christ Church, Stouffville, 254 Sunset Blvd., Stouffville.

NOV. 18 - Christmas Bazaar with crafts, bake table, food, jewellery and more, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Church of the Holy Family, 10446 Kennedy Rd. N., Brampton.

NOV. 18 - Holly Berry Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Dunstan of Canterbury, 56 Lawson Rd., Scarborough. Handicrafts, jewelry, home-baked goods, lunchroom and more. Santa and his helper will be on hand. Free Admission. Call the church office at 416-283-1844.

NOV. 18 - Christmas bazaar, hand crafts, bake shop and more, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., St. Timothy, Agincourt, 4125 Sheppard Ave. E., Toronto. Christmas lunch is \$15 each. Contact Xavier at 416-587-3181.

NOV. 25 - Mistletoe Market and Merry Tea, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the parish hall of St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle, 525 Bloor St. E., Toronto. Christmas gifts, antique treasures, bake sale and tea.

NOV. 25 - Festival of Christmas, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring Christmas baking, country store, Christmas past room, raffle & light lunch, Holy Trinity, 140 Brooke St., Thornhill.

PRAYER CYCLE

FOR OCTOBER

1. North Peel Deanery
2. St. James, Caledon East
3. Habitat for Humanity
4. Bishop's Committee on Creation Care
5. St. Joseph of Nazareth, Bramalea
6. St. Jude, Bramalea North
7. All Saints, Sherbourne St.
8. Foodbanks and food sharing ministries
9. Farmers and food providers

10. Holy Trinity, Trinity Square
11. Parroquia San Esteban
12. Redeemer, Bloor St.
13. San Lorenzo Ruiz Anglican Church
14. St. Andrew by-the-Lake
15. Bishop's Committee on Healing Ministries
16. Lay Pastoral Visitors and Lay Anointers
17. Diocesan Parish Nurse Network
18. Health Care Chaplains
19. St. Bartholomew
20. The Bishop's Company
21. The Members of Synod for the

- Diocese of Toronto
22. St. James Deanery
 23. St. James Cathedral
 24. St. Paul, Bloor Street
 25. St. Peter and St. Simon the Apostle
 26. Trinity East (Little Trinity)
 27. The Diocesan Outreach Conference
 28. Trinity College
 29. The Eastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada - Bishop Michael Pryse
 30. Wycliffe College
 31. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Primate led 'with courage'

THE 11th Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and one of its longest-serving leaders, Archbishop Michael Peers, died on July 27 in Toronto just four days short of his 89th birthday. His funeral was held at St. James Cathedral in Toronto

Archbishop Peers served as Primate from 1986 to 2004. Major events during his primacy included his official apology for the Church's role in the residential school system, as well as the achievement of a full communion partnership between the Anglican Church of Canada and Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC).

"I am grateful for leadership modelled by +Michael," Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, said in a prepared statement on Aug. 1. "He led our Church with courage, humility and grace tempered with humour and a deep compassion. His legacy lives in the work we continue today in reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, the dignity of every human being and our relationships as family with all Christians. May we honour that legacy through our work to live into these gospel commitments."

National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Chris Harper said that from an Indigenous perspective, Archbishop Peers "started the whole process of reconciliation" with his 1993 apology. Archbishop Harper

said the late former Primate would be remembered as "prayerful, courageous and at the same time a man with great vision to see ... the path we have to walk together for healing for all the Church."

Archbishop Peers was born in Vancouver and raised in the Anglican Church, but left it as a teen. He graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1956 with an undergraduate degree in languages, then earned a degree in translation from the University of Heidelberg the following year.

A polyglot who spoke fluent English, French, German, Spanish and Russian, Archbishop Peers initially planned to pursue a career as a diplomat. But when a friend invited him back to church, he shifted career goals. Obtaining a licentiate in theology from Trinity College, he was ordained as a priest in the Diocese of Ottawa in 1960.

He went on to serve as a university chaplain in Ottawa from 1961 to 1966 and parish priest in Winnipeg from 1966 to 1974. He then began serving as dean of Qu'Appelle. In 1977 he was elected bishop of Qu'Appelle and in 1982 metropolitan of Rupert's Land, before his election as Primate four years later.

Archbishop Peers is survived by wife Dorothy, three adult children and four grandchildren.

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CANADA BRIEFS



ACW provides snacks and a prayer 1

ST. JOHN'S - Garnish is a fishing town located in Fortune Bay, Newfoundland. Lobster is the largest species fished in the area. Each day, nearly 70 people leave the harbour to haul in their pots and return at the end of day. This year has been challenging with persistent winds and swell. The ACW at St. Giles Anglican Church decided to show its concern for their safety by packing treat bags of bottled water, muffins, soft molasses cookies and a prayer for their safety on the water. They handed out the bags on the wharf as the boats returned. "It was a lovely day, we felt blessed to share God's love with these hard-working men and women, and it was greatly appreciated," said an ACW member.

Anglican Life

Good food and drink on tap at event 2

VICTORIA - For the second year running, St. Peter, Comox organized an ecumenical outreach event to mark "International Buy a Priest a Beer Day" on Sept. 9. Parishioners and the local com-

munity were invited to get to know some of their local church leaders at the RAD Brewing Company in the Comox Mall. "As much as anyone, clergy enjoy socializing over good food and drink, and are fun to hang out with," said an organizer. "They also deserve some appreciation for the often difficult work they do." The event gave participants a chance to make new connections and have conversations in a fun and friendly way. At least four local church leaders planned to make themselves available, including the Rev. Sulin Milne of St. Peter Anglican Church, Comox, the Rev. Alastair Hunting of St. John the Divine Anglican Church, Courtenay and Padre Kevin Stieva, the military chaplain serving at 19 Wing, Comox.

Faith Tides

Diocese considers capital campaign 3

HAMILTON - This fall will see the launch of a feasibility study in the

Diocese of Niagara to determine the level of support for a parish-focused capital campaign. "The whole campaign is designed to support local ministry. The health, well-being, confidence, and mission-driven life of our parishes and missions is the goal of all we do as a diocese," said Bishop Susan Bell. "This campaign presents an important opportunity to resource our local mission action plans." In addition to raising money for parish ministry, the campaign would create a new leadership endowment to support curacies as well as the ministries of missionaries and church planters. The campaign would also provide a one-time gift to the Anglican Church of Canada's Healing Fund, or to support the emerging Indigenous Anglican Church in Canada. It would also provide major one-time gifts to support the ministries of St. Matthew's House, Canterbury Hills endowment, and Christ's Church Cathedral.

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