



Campus Ministry active on Lennoxville campus

By Heather Thomson,
Campus Minister

There always seems to be lots going on in Campus Ministry at Bishop's University and Champlain College Lennoxville. Here is a brief update. Campus Ministry is funded in part by a grant from Church Society which helps enormously in permitting the service to continue.

Empty Bowls: In October the annual Empty Bowls lunch took place with the collaboration of local potter Lucy Doheny. Our team worked hard to put on a wonderful soup lunch and we raised



money to help feed the hungry in our own area. The money raised went to the Lennoxville Elementary School Breakfast Program, The Cornerstone Food Bank and the Campus Ministry Pastoral Fund which assists needy students at Bishop's and Champlain. Everyone who attended chose their beautifully hand crafted bowl and took it home with them after the lunch to remind them that there are always hungry people who need help.

Prison volunteering: Campus Ministry has a group of very dedicated student volunteers who go to the Federal Penitentiary in Drummondville on Monday evenings to assist the prison chaplain with his weekly program. The role of volunteers in prison chaplaincy is to support and encourage the inmates as they seek to make positive chang-

es in their lives. In order to volunteer the students must take part in a training session which helps them to understand their responsibilities as volunteers.

Volunteer Kerry Anne, comments, "Coming into this volunteering experience, I had no idea what to expect. After spending time with other volunteers and inmates I have learned more than I ever thought would be possible outside of a classroom. Beyond applying theory and different perspectives that are taught in most social science classes, the social interactions which take place during

weekly visits have changed the way I see life and how I interact with individuals around me. Inmates have not become subjects in an experiment, but a diverse set of individuals who are honest and generous humans."

Prison volunteering is a humbling and rewarding experience. We are profoundly aware that our presence shows God's love for the inmates in a very tangible way. All of us who are involved with this project are very grateful to the Deanery of St. Francis for the grant which enables us to have the financial resources to make our ministry at the Drummond Institute possible.

St. Mark's Chapel: Regular Sunday worship takes place in the chapel during the academic year. We are blessed with a very enthusiastic and

talented choir director, Sarah Heath, and equally dedicated and talented choir members. Our annual Carol Service at the beginning of Advent is so popular that we have to hold it twice. We are also fortunate to be able to leave the chapel unlocked every day and many people take advantage of the peace of this sacred space to enjoy a few minutes of quiet during busy days. The chapel community came together to fill close to 50 shoeboxes for La Maison du Marin in the Port of Quebec and we packed and wrapped the boxes after church one Sunday in November. The children in our small Sunday school decorated the cards. Morning Prayer at the chapel is a tradition that has continued since Bishop's was founded in 1843. A small, faithful group meet Monday to Friday at 8:15 a.m. This fall we began using the new trial resource for Morning Prayer which is available on The Anglican Church of Canada website. We have appreciated the variety of prayers, canticles and responses that it provides. We welcome others to join us whenever schedules permit. <http://www3.ubishops.ca/chapel/index.html>

Refugee Sponsorship: Campus Ministry is closely linked with the World University Service of Canada local committee on the campus. The Campus Ministry office is also the WUSC office. Each year we sponsor two young refugee students to settle in Canada as permanent residents and continue their studies at either the university or the college. We welcomed two young Burundians in late August. This year we have exceptionally agreed to sponsor two additional students who have fled the conflict in Syria. One Syrian student arrived at the end of December and we expect the second in the coming months. If you would like to know more about the scope of this sponsorship project please visit our website: <http://www.refugeeproject.ubishops.ca/home.html>



Heather with some of the many handknitted tuques.
Photo: Matthew McCully, Sherbrooke Record

I recently gave a TEDx talk about the sponsorship project during an event on the campus. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R-C1sJz8xRo>

25,000 Tuques: The Campus Ministry office has also been the drop off point for 25,000 Tuques which is a grassroots movement to encourage knitters to make tuques for the Syrian refugees. The response has been overwhelming and many students, staff and faculty have been hard at work knitting and crocheting. The results are beautiful!! In total close to 300 tuques were dropped off.

Exam Refreshments: At the end of each semester the Campus Ministry Committee hosts an evening of refreshments for students studying

in the library. The library administration very kindly lets us use the staff lounge for this event which provides a comfortable place for students to relax for a few minutes. Local church members and some members of the campus community provide the snacks. Students are so grateful for this very tangible encouragement. Many of them tell us that they have spent long hours studying in the library without leaving to get food. Their eyes light up when they see the delicious treats.

Pastoral Fund: There are a number of students who struggle financially and need assistance in order to remain in school. These students are referred to me by members of the student services teams at both Bishop's University and Champlain College. The

FROM THE BISHOP

Dear Friends,

On May 5th The Venerable Bruce Myers will be ordained a Bishop in the Holy Catholic Church. This is the penultimate step of a process which will culminate in his installation as the 13th Lord Bishop of Quebec.

I first met Bruce when he had a short curacy at the cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City. He was as full of energy and enthusiasm about ministry then as he is now. Shortly after that time he served for three years as Incumbent of the Magdalene Islands. As his archdeacon I had the opportunity to work with him and support him in his ministry among those people. It was an important time for him and for the people of the "Maggies."

After his time there he went for a year of study at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute. That year was pivotal for him and for the diocese of Quebec. The Church society of the Diocese of Quebec financially supported his education while the people of the Diocese supported him in prayer. It was through these studies that Bruce's love of ecumenism was transformed into a gift of ministry to the Church. When he came back to the Diocese he worked in Quebec as Incumbent of St Michael's Sillery and briefly at Trinity Church, St Foy. During that time, he sought to use his ecumenical skills to build closer relationships between the Christian Communities in our own region.

His education in Bossey and his practical experience in our diocese led to his moving to Toronto to pursue further ecumenical work and engaging in international ecumenical gatherings. The National Church has benefited from his efforts and I have been told how deeply they will miss his presence and the high standard of work that he has provided the National Office.

As we move through this time leading up to the ordination, I encourage you to think about Bruce and his many gifts. Think about his life commitment to the Gospel of Our Lord. Think also about how you will help him in his episcopal ministry. And pray that God will continue to bless him in the years ahead as well as blessing us, as we seek to follow him, who will soon become our Bishop and our new shepherd.

For my part, I thank God that he has sent us a man who is eager, capable and faithful to lead us in the years ahead.

God's blessing to you all.



Our diocese covers a large territory with vast spaces between our congregations. Please send in your stories, photos of events and interesting news from your part of the diocese to share via the *Quebec Diocesan Gazette* with the rest of us. Deadlines are as follows:

April 5th for the May paper and
May 3rd for the June paper

E-mail stories and photos to editor@quebec.anglican.ca

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help is usually in the form of gift cards to use at the local grocery store. This project is financed by the Empty Bowls event as well as individual donations and donations from local churches.

Other: I also work with the various religious clubs on the campus to promote understanding and tolerance. As well many students come to discuss the 'Big Life' questions and for help to deal with per-

sonal issues.

Financial Support for Campus Ministry:

Campus Ministry is supported by The Church Society, St. Mark's Chapel on the campus, The United Church of Canada, the local presbytery of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, St. Peter's Church, the Bishop's University Foundation and a grant from Student Services, Champlain College Lennoxville.

Mes chers amis,

Le 5 mai prochain, le vénérable Bruce Myers sera ordonné évêque de la sainte Église catholique. Il s'agit de l'avant-dernière étape du processus qui trouvera son aboutissement lors de son installation comme 13ème évêque de Québec.

Ma première rencontre avec Bruce a eu lieu alors qu'il œuvrait, pendant un court moment, comme vicaire à la cathédrale Holy Trinity de Québec. Il manifestait alors autant d'énergie et d'enthousiasme qu'aujourd'hui pour le ministère. Peu de temps après, il est devenu curé aux Îles-de-la-Madeleine. Puisque j'étais son archidiacre, j'ai eu l'opportunité de travailler avec lui et de soutenir son ministère auprès de ces fidèles. Cette époque s'est avérée un moment important tant pour lui que pour la population des Îles.

Après son séjour aux Îles, il est allé étudier à l'Institut œcuménique de Bossey pendant un an. Cette année-là s'est avérée être un moment clé, tant pour lui que pour le diocèse de Québec. La Société d'église du Diocèse de Québec a soutenu financièrement son apprentissage et les fidèles du Diocèse de Québec l'ont encouragé par leurs prières. C'est pendant cette étape de formation que l'amour de Bruce pour l'œcuménisme s'est mué en habileté pour le ministère de l'Église. Lors de son retour dans le diocèse, il a été curé à St. Michael à Sillery et aussi à l'église Trinity de Sainte-Foy pendant un certain temps. Pendant cette période, il a mis à profit ses aptitudes œcuméniques pour créer des relations plus étroites entre les communautés chrétiennes de notre région.

Sa formation à Bossey et l'expérience pratique qu'il avait acquise dans notre diocèse ont mené à son départ en direction de Toronto, où il a poursuivi son travail œcuménique et s'est impliqué dans de nombreuses rencontres œcuméniques internationales. L'Église anglicane nationale a grandement tiré parti de son implication et certaines personnes du bureau national m'ont même fait savoir que sa présence et la très haute qualité de son travail vont leur manquer sérieusement.

Alors que nous progressons dans le temps vers son ordination, je vous encourage à penser à Bruce et à ses nombreux talents. Songez à son engagement de vie pour l'Évangile de Notre-Seigneur. Je vous invite aussi à réfléchir à ce que vous pourrez faire pour l'appuyer dans son ministère épiscopal. De même qu'à prier pour que Dieu continue à lui accorder Sa bénédiction tout au long des prochaines années, de même qu'à chacun de nous, alors que nous nous préparons à suivre celui qui sera bientôt notre nouvel évêque et notre nouveau berger.

Pour ma part, je remercie Dieu de nous avoir envoyé un homme passionné, chevronné et dévoué pour nous guider pendant les années qui viennent.

Que Dieu vous bénisse tous.



Many people assume that the Campus Minister is a university employee however I am actually employed by The Campus Ministry Committee. The university does provide an office and covers some office expenses. Our budget is very tight and Campus Ministry welcomes donations from individuals and churches. Sandra Gallichon is the chair of the committee and either Sandra or I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Your prayers and support for Campus Ministry are much appreciated. If you know of young people coming to study on the campus please let me know or encourage them to stop by. If you are ever in the Sherbrooke region please come for a visit.
<http://www3.ubishops.ca/campus-ministry/index.html>



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MY EDITORIAL OPINION

I have just returned from a meeting of the Council of General Synod (CoGS). It was the final meeting before July's General Synod and much of the time was taken up with preparation for that important synod in the life of our church. CoGS was mandated by General Synod 2013 to bring forward a motion for consideration at General Synod 2016 to provide for same-sex marriage in the same way that opposite-sex couples are married within our church.

The church national has been discussing, studying and talking about human sexuality since 1978. At General Synod 2004 we affirmed as a church "the integrity and sanctity of committed adult same-sex relationships." General Synod 2010 stated "we are deeply aware of the cost to people whose lives are implicated in the consequences of an ongoing discernment process. This is not just an 'issue' but is about people's daily lives and deeply held faith commitments."

CoGS formed the Commission on the Marriage Canon made up of members with diverse theological perspectives. They conducted broad consultation and provided biblical and theological rationale for the proposed canonical change. Their report *This Holy Estate* was published last fall. It was a topic of a presentation at our diocesan synod and is available for study on the web at: http://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/Marriage_Canon_REPORT_15Sept22.pdf Please read and study it as it provides an excellent theological basis for our church to formally change its stance on the providing of marriage to all couples, same-sex or opposite-sex.

Changes to canons on church doctrine require that two thirds of the bishops, clergy and lay, voting as separate blocks, approve such changes at two separate General Synods. Thus even if passed this July, same-sex marriages in our churches could not take place until 2020.

If passed, we would join with the other main stream churches in North America -the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Episcopal Church USA, and the United Church of Canada-who welcome all brothers and sisters in Christ in full participation in the liturgies of the church including same-sex marriage.

The national House of Bishops met in February and issued a statement that it was unlikely that the necessary two-thirds of its members would vote in favour of a change to the marriage canon. The releasing of such a statement in advance of General Synod was unfortunate as it was seen by many as the bishops trying to influence the will of the whole church.

Decisions around the marriage canon are the work of the General Synod as a whole. I believe in the Holy Spirit at work in our church and our community and so the Spirit will be at work at the meeting of the General Synod in July

There is a diversity of opinions and perspectives in the Anglican Church. In the past the church has dealt with potential divisive issues including the re-marriage of divorced persons and the ordination of women. The church as a whole is slow to change but that is not a reason not to change!

Please pray for all the delegates to General Synod, especially those from our diocese, as they try to find a way to finally allow same-sex couples to be fully included in the life of our church.

James Sweeny



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Par la grâce de Dieu
Bruce Joseph Andrew Myers OGS
 sera ordonné au sein de l'ordre sacré des Évêques
 le jour de la fête de l'Ascension de Notre Seigneur
jeudi le 5 mai 2016 à 18 h 30
 en la cathédrale Holy-Trinity
 31, rue des Jardins, Québec
Votre présence et vos prières y sont souhaitées.
Les membres du clergé et les ministres laïques sont invités
à porter leurs vêtements liturgiques (blanc/or).
Une réception informelle suivra.



By the Grace of God
Bruce Joseph Andrew Myers OGS
 will be ordained to the
 Sacred Order of Bishops
 on the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord
Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.
 in the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity
 31 rue des Jardins, Quebec City
Your prayers and presence are invited.
Clergy and lay readers are invited to vest (white/gold).
An informal reception will follow.



RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS

TEN APPROACHES



Gleanings

Gleanings is a monthly column by Meb Reisner Wright, the diocesan historian, who delves in to the back issues of the Quebec Diocesan Gazette to present us with interesting nuggets of our past.

One hundred years ago, as last month's "Gleanings" pointed out, parishes in all regions of the Diocese were encouraged to send in obituaries paying tribute to local parishioners whose record of participation in the life of their churches could be shared and celebrated in the widest possible way. It was very frequent in 1916 that any issue of the Diocesan Gazette would feature an "In Memoriam" section, often containing two or three tributes to valued members of widely separated congregations throughout the Diocese. Less frequently there would appear several obituaries, by different authors, for the same person. Such is the case for George Vibert of Corner of the Beach, Gaspé.

In the 1916 March issue, for example, there were no less than three tributes to the late George Vibert of Corner of the Beach, Gaspé, whose father, Peter Vibert,

Revd Canon George Radley-Walters (who himself would "pass within the Veil" in October of that year, as the Annual Report of the Church Society would put it) paid warm tribute to Vibert. He had known him since the day of his arrival at the Mission of Malbay in 1878, and mentioned that Vibert's father, Peter, together with Edward Mabe, had been "the first settlers at Corner Beach, coming originally from the Island of Jersey" as many of the founding members of Gaspesian settlements were.



Radley-Walters alludes to son George's faithfulness and help "in founding the Mission of Corner Beach, and in the building of the Church there." Furthermore, he continued, "of that Church [St Luke's] Mr Vibert was a most consistent and regular attendant at all services and Celebrations of the Holy Communion, never absent ... unless from sickness, or in the last few years, from bad

weather. A most liberal subscriber to all Church funds, the Church itself bears witness to many gifts presented to it by him."

Of the original parishioners he met with on his arrival from England, the old Canon reminisced, there were "now but three or four ... nearly all of the present members being younger persons he baptized and married, and in most instances baptized their children, and in one or two instances married their grandchildren."

"That it will be hard to replace our late esteemed old friend in the congregation goes without saying ..."

With his tribute, Canon Radley-Walters had enclosed a clipping from a local paper, the Campbellton Graphic which gives a number of details about the circumstances of the old gentleman's passing. It had had occurred at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 3rd in the 74th year of his age. The editor of the Gazette printed the clipping as well.

"Mr Vibert had been ailing for some time," the Graphic's article stated, "but his death had not been expected so suddenly. He was around and about and had been out of doors shortly before his death. Mrs Vibert had been away from the house for a short time, and during her absence Mr Vibert fell from his chair and on her return found him in an unconscious state." The doctor had been sent for immediately, but, before he could reach the house, "he has expired." The account goes on to mention that Vibert "was the last but two" of a family of ten. "The passing away one by one of his brothers and sisters had saddened his life, but had not impaired his essentially kindly and hospitable nature and unselfish disposition."

At his funeral, held at St Luke's Church, "the hymns sung were 'Art Thou Weary', 'Nearer My God to Thee' and 'Rock of Ages'. The body was laid beside his late brothers and sisters. Mrs Vibert and his brother-in-law Mr Burton have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement."

Officiating at the funeral was the Revd Sydney Radley-Walters, the old Canon's son, and a third obituary was contributed by him. It concludes as follows: "he was regarded by everyone, not only with respect, but also with a sincere attachment. Yet it is almost a certainty that he himself never for one moment suspected the love and admiration in which he was generally held."

Who would not wish to be remembered in such terms as these? And how fortunate we are to have such evidence of the simple annals of the faithful parishioners who built, supported and honoured our churches in the past.

Faithful Reflections

By Louisa Blair

The Gospel in movable type

You still see churches that have signs outside with black movable type, like the hymn boards at church. So quaint, so undigital, so human. Last week we couldn't use our hymn board because we ran out of fours—all the hymns had one or more fours in them. Our dean had to go even lower-tech. He announced them in his undigital voice, and never ran out of fours.

Church signs in Canada tend to carry movable-type messages about bingo and pumpkin pies, while in the southern US, they're liable to be about homosexuality and hell, or how evolution and climate change are lies. Traditionally these signs said comforting, homely things like, "Sinners repent! The wages of sin are death!" Most people I know, who don't go to church, still have such messages printed in their minds, in unmovable type, about what Christianity is all about.

That's not to say that the message of the Gospel changes every day. It is always the same. But we change, and as for God, he never wrote anything, even in movable type. The message changes from one era to the next, one generation to the next, as we change and think differently. Even from day to day, I have to find new ways of talking to God, or thinking about God, or imagining God, because the old ones feel empty after a while. God seems to want me to look for her, all the time. She won't let me stick the letters down on the sign and turn her into a law or a formula.

Today for example, my movable type for the church sign would be "Sick of yourself? Come to church and get over it." It's just a translation of the "sinners repent" message. Sinning is being only concerned about myself. It may seem more appealing on the surface, but in the end it is boring, sickening, and ultimately a vortex that sucks me into a black hole of nothingness. Church is a gathering of people who share the experience that if we turn around and look outside ourselves, we are turning towards freedom, love, and life. Paradoxically, it may not seem appealing on the surface at all. But we have someone who is beside us the minute we turn.

What would this person who was sick of herself find, if she came to your church? Would she find people who were caring for each other without judgment, people who took an interest in her, people who could stand with her in her struggle to turn around, which can seem so unappealing? NO SHE WOULDN'T, WOULD SHE! WELL YOU KNOW WHAT! THE WAGES OF SIN ARE DEATH!

Just kidding. It's so easy to fall back on the old messages, instead of trying to find God again today. Remember, it's movable type, and in God's world the fours are unlimited.



The Annual General Meeting of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec will be held for the purposes of receiving audited financial Statements, electing members and other business on:

Friday, April 29, 2016
6:00 p.m.
At Carter Hall in the Parish Hall of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity.

Followed by a cocktail dinatoire to honour our Executive Archdeacon, The Ven. Garth Bulmer

L'Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société d'Église du Diocèse de Québec se tiendra aux fins de réception des états financiers vérifiés, d'élection des membres et autres affaires:

Vendredi le 29 AVRIL 2016
à compter de 18H00
au Carter Hall dans la salle paroissiale de la Cathédrale de la Sainte Trinité.

L'Assemblée sera suivie d'un cocktail dinatoire en l'honneur de notre Archidiacre exécutif, Le Ven. Garth Bulmer.