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St. John's Anglican Church in Kawawachikamach.
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Honouring the call from Kawawachikamach The Parish of St. John, Kawawachikamach is made a region

The Diocesan Executive Council (DEC) met in Quebec City April 20 and 21, 2018. The DEC has been looking into a response to a motion of 2015 Diocesan Synod directing the diocesan leadership to address the issues surrounding representation of Naskapi Anglicans at Synod and in the life of our diocese. At that meeting the Bishop announced that after consultation with the parish he was removing the Parish of St. John, Kawawachikamach from the Deanery of the North Shore and with the approval of the DEC was hereby creating in our diocesan structure a new region, that of the Parish of St. John, Kawawachikamach effective April 20 2018.

Regions were introduced in the canonical changes made at our 2015 diocesan synod. As a region Kawawachikamach will be guaranteed the right to at least three seats at diocesan synods: two lay and one youth. In addition, beginning with the next synod, they will have two of their members of synod sitting on the DEC.

In other news from the DEC meetings:

The audited financial statements for 2017 were presented and approved as well as a modified 2018 budget. Included in the budget were grants of \$5000. for program-type funding to each of four deaneries: North Shore, Quebec, Gaspé and St. Francis. This was on the recommendation of the Grants Committee who in their report pointed out that the St-Laurent deanery and the new region already have funding for 2018 from other sources.

The DEC welcomed Me. Jacob Stone to his first DEC meeting in his role as Vice-Chancellor

The Chancellor introduced and spoke to the "Sexual Misconduct" document and the deliberations of the Sexual Misconduct Abuse Policy Committee. A discussion ensued regarding the recommendations and subsequent issues as presented in the report and draft policy. The Sexual Misconduct Abuse Policy sub-committee was directed to continue its reflection on the scope of the draft policy and bring a set of recommendations no later than the fall meeting of the DEC.

Jonathon Patton, diocesan coordinator and representative for PWRDF joined the meeting via SKYPE. The "World of Gifts" campaign is still on-going with over 8000 gifts being purchased for projects around the world. Funds have been made available for Indigenous ministries to help prevent suicide and provide seeds for farmers devastated by natural disasters. The website offers a wide variety of donation options; one can decide exactly where a donation can be put to work. Jonathon spoke about the PWRDF support of a B.C. shelter and the Fort McMurray area that has provided support to citizens disaffected by wildfires. Other projects include connecting Canadian farmers and churches, and community gardens in

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Aymen Derbali assiste au concert-bénéfice organisé pour lui à la cathédrale Holy Trinity. Photo : Radio-Canada

Émouvant concert-bénéfice à la Cathédrale Holy Trinity pour Aymen Derbali

Par : Ruddy Lelouche pour Les Immigrants de la Capitale

Après la rencontre amicale entre chrétiens et musulmans qu'elle a accueillie le 20 octobre 2017, la Cathédrale Anglicane Holy Trinity a reçu le dimanche 11 mars dernier une autre manifestation indirectement causée par la même tuerie du 29 janvier 2017. Cette fois, il s'agissait d'un concert, organisé à l'initiative de madame Béatrice Cadrin, ancienne directrice du chœur de la Cathédrale et habitant maintenant Montréal. Pourquoi la Cathédrale Holy Trinity ? Parce que naturellement elle la connaissait, et surtout pour que le concert se tienne dans la ville où avait eu lieu ce triste événement. Et pour quoi un concert-bénéfice, ou plutôt pour qui ? pour monsieur Aymen Derbali, qui a reçu sept balles ce 29 janvier en voulant protéger ses camarades, et s'est retrouvé tétraplégique après deux mois dans le coma, et se déplace maintenant en fauteuil roulant. Père de trois enfants, il habite actuellement dans un centre de réadaptation à Québec, et devra nécessairement acheter une maison plus adéquatement adaptée à son nouvel état que ne l'est son appartement.

Lorsque Béatrice Cadrin a demandé il y a trois mois déjà à Christian Schreiner, doyen de la cathédrale anglicane, d'accueillir ce concert projeté, celui-ci avait répondu par l'affirmative avec enthousiasme. Le 11 mars dernier, l'église contenait plus de 200 personnes, chrétiens et musulmans rassemblés. Cependant, après 10 minutes d'attente que le public ne comprenait pas, Christian Schreiner a dû prendre la parole. Cette situation lui a rappelé, a-t-il expliqué en souriant, celle d'un mariage où tout le monde attend la mariée ; ici, nous attendions le bénéficiaire du concert Aymen Derbali. Celui-ci est arrivé dans son fauteuil roulant quelques instants plus tard, et a été applaudi par tous comme un héros. Le concert pouvait enfin commencer, enfin presque.

Nous avons d'abord eu droit à deux allocutions, l'une de bienvenue du doyen Christian Schreiner, et l'autre de reconnaissance et d'invitation du public à la générosité de l'imam Hassan Guillet.

Entre l'autel et le public ont ensuite pris place des enfants (la plus jeune avait 2 ½ ans), les Jeux d'archets Suzuki, dirigés par leur professeur de violon Mélanie Grenier. Celle-ci les accompagnait avec attention de la voix et du corps. Différentes pièces ont été enchainées et interprétées comme lors d'une audition d'élèves, depuis quelques pièces très simples à l'unisson par les plus jeunes, jusqu'à des adaptations des Quatre saisons de Vivaldi et du tango La Cumparsita de l'Uruguayen Gerardo Matos Rodriguez par les plus expérimentés. Belle ovation du public, bien méritée.

Ensuite ce fut le tour du chœur de la Cathédrale, dirigé par sa chef actuelle Sandra Bender, et dont j'ai le plaisir de faire partie. Au programme : un Sicut cervus (tiré du psaume 42 : « Comme une biche soupire après l'eau du ruisseau, moi aussi je soupire après toi, ô Dieu ») de Palestrina, a cappella, le célèbre motet Ave verum corpus de Mozart, accompagné à l'orgue de chambre par Samuel Croreau, et la bénédiction Aaron's Blessing, dans une mise en musique de Ramsay.

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FROM THE BISHOP

A step along the way

Among a bishop's happier duties is presiding at confirmations, and since beginning episcopal ministry I've witnessed 42 young people in the diocese, most of them in their early teens, reaffirm for themselves the promises made on their behalves at their baptisms.

I've been trying to use those occasions to encourage each of these young women and men to reflect on the talents God has given them and how they might put those gifts to use in a way that both brings them joy and serves others. In other words, I invite them to discern their Christian vocation.

Not just for adolescent confirmants, this is an ongoing discernment for each of us as individual disciples of Jesus, no matter where we are in our Christian pilgrimage. It's also a discernment we undertake as communities of disciples, and so an ongoing task for our whole diocese is to reflect on the gifts God has given us, and how we might put those at the service of others, particularly those who we might call the least, the last, and the lost.

Such a task can seem overwhelming, especially given how numerically small our church is, and how limited our resources can seem. When tempted to discouragement about the potential scale of the task before our church, I sometimes turn to a prayer inspired by Archbishop Oscar Romero. Part of it goes like this: "We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest."

I'm writing this at the beginning of a meeting with a group of other Canadian bishops who also serve geographically large but numerically small dioceses. Together we'll be doing some discerning of our own—and learning from each other—about how we and the communities we serve might discover new ways "to do something, and to do it very well" for the kingdom of God. I hope the fruits of these discussions will help in our own discernment about what "something" to which God might be leading this diocese and each of our communities.

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urban areas. Parishes are encouraged to contact him for ideas on how they can be actively engaged in PWRDF initiatives.

Stephen Kohner, diocesan representative to the Anglican Foundation (AF), reviewed the membership figures. It was evident that our diocesan parish and individual memberships are very poor. Ruth Sheeran and S. Kohner will be working together to raise awareness, provide concrete ideas to parishes, and increase membership numbers over the next 18-24 months.

Regarding the method of voting in the election of lay delegates to our synod it was decided that the Secretary of Synod would convene a working group to analyze the most suitable methodology and present that to the DEC.

The DEC affirmed the withdrawal of the Diocese of Quebec's membership from the Council of the North while recognizing the Council's importance in the on-going life of the Anglican Church of Canada.

With the upcoming retirement of the property manager the diocese needs to assure itself that the work done by the property manager, and not already transferred to the Registrar, will continue. The DEC created a diocesan property committee, effective July 1, 2018, to take on this function.



Un pas sur la route

Parmi les nombreux devoirs d'un évêque, les cérémonies de confirmations figurent parmi les plus agréables et depuis le début de mon ministère épiscopal, j'ai vu 42 jeunes de notre diocèse, la plupart au début de leur adolescence, réaffirmer en personne les promesses faites en leur nom lors de leurs baptêmes.

J'essaie de profiter de ces occasions pour encourager chacun de ces jeunes femmes et jeunes hommes à réfléchir sur les talents que Dieu leur a donnés et à ce qu'ils pourraient faire pour utiliser ces dons de manière à s'épanouir tout en étant au service des autres. Autrement dit, je les invite à discerner leur vocation chrétienne.

Ce processus de recherche n'est pas réservé seulement aux candidats adolescents à la confirmation, ça devrait être un processus de discernement continu pour chacun de nous en tant que disciples individuels de Jésus, peu importe où nous en sommes dans notre pèlerinage chrétien. C'est aussi un processus de discernement que nous devons entreprendre en tant que communautés de disciples; par conséquent, un devoir perpétuel pour tout notre diocèse est de réfléchir sur les dons que Dieu nous a donnés, et de déceler comment ces dons pourraient être mis au service des autres, en particulier ceux que nous pouvons définir comme les plus faibles, les abandonnés et les désemparés.

Une telle tâche peut sembler écrasante, d'autant plus que notre église est numériquement petite et que nos ressources peuvent sembler très limitées. Quand je me sens un peu désemparé devant l'ampleur de la tâche confrontant notre église, me revient à l'esprit une prière inspirée par l'archevêque Oscar Romero. Ça va un peu comme ceci: « Nous ne pouvons pas tout faire, et il y a un sentiment de libération à réaliser cela. Cela nous permet de faire quelque chose, et de le faire très bien. Cela peut être inachevé, mais c'est un début, un pas sur la route, une opportunité pour la grâce du Seigneur d'entrer et de faire le reste. »

J'écris ces lignes au début de ma participation à une réunion avec un groupe d'autres évêques canadiens qui, eux aussi, sont à la tête de diocèses géographiquement vastes mais numériquement restreints. Ainsi regroupés, nous effectuerons notre propre recherche - et nous apprendrons les uns des autres - sur la façon dont nous et les communautés que nous servons pourrions découvrir de nouvelles façons de « faire quelque chose et de le faire très bien » pour le Royaume de Dieu. J'espère que les fruits de ces discussions pourront nous servir dans notre propre recherche au sujet de ce « quelque chose » vers lequel Dieu pourrait diriger notre diocèse et chacune de nos communautés.

+ Bruce

Algoma parishes offer worship services for developmentally challenged

Three parishes in the diocese of Algoma are partnering with a local special needs charity to offer worship services for people with developmental challenges.

For roughly a year, the parishes, all in Ontario's Muskoka region, have been working with Community Living South Muskoka, a registered charity that serves individuals with developmental disability and their families, to provide the twice-monthly services.

Each service begins with a review of sermons from previous gatherings, with questions addressed to congregants such as, "Who loves each and every one of us?", "No matter how old we are, we are all children of ____?" and "Who built the ark?" There are then prayers, hymns (often performed with actions and hand-held instruments) and a sermon accompanied by slides. The service concludes with a gathering to enjoy snacks.

From the Algoma Anglican , prepared by Anglican Journal staff writer Tali Folkins



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FAITHFUL REFLECTIONS

By Louisa Blair

Take me to a better world



I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one.... Sanctify them in the truth.

John 17: 15-17

"I am not asking you to take them out of the world," Jesus prayed for his friends. Well, yes, Jesus, actually that is exactly what I would like. There are a whole bunch of reasons why I don't want to be in the world right now. Couldn't you take me to a better one?

Russia and the US and Iran and Israel are playing with fire as they jostle out their fears, ideologies and ambitions in poor, destroyed and incredibly complex Syria. Rather the way the world powers got sucked into the complexities of the Balkans just before the First World War, but this time they have nuclear weapons to back them up.

Closer to home, I'm puzzling over the man in Toronto who drove a van into innocent people. The latest news is that the guy was angry that he couldn't find a girlfriend. His way of trying to get taken out of his painfully loveless world was to take eight women out of it.

Even closer, I have a very local pain that has been with me for several years and flared up again recently. I dread spending my life in pain. I can sympathize with people whose pain drives them to ask to be "taken out of the world." Another way to deal with pain and dread is to plonk myself down in that chair the Psalmist talks about: "happy are those who do not sit in the seat of scoffers" (Psalm 1). Listen here, God, sitting down for a good scoff can be a marvellous way to forget about fear and pain.

And closer to home than we realize, I was at a church conference last weekend about human trafficking and modern slavery. When you look out of your window, you may not see trains of slaves walking down your street with leg chains on. But there are more slaves today than there ever were throughout the transatlantic slave trade. Women, children and men (in that order) being bought and sold for forced labour, forced marriage, and forced sex work. Isn't that in other countries? You may ask. According to the 2016 Global Slavery Index we have at least 6500 slaves in Canada.

Well I'm not exploiting slaves I say, sinking back into my scoffing chair to do some scrolling on my phone. Not so fast. The batteries in my mobile phone, my laptop and my car are made with cobalt, much of which is dug out by hand in "artisanal mines" in the Congo. There is a massive increase in demand for cobalt (and electric cars take 1000 times as much as a cellphone), and it's literally impossible to ensure that it isn't being mined by children. This is exploitation that reaches its tentacles right around the world, and right into my pocket.

Listening to this litany of evil at this conference, it was hard to want to stay in this world. But then the others around the table began to tell their stories. They are not only resolutely staying in the world but, inspired by their faith in a loving God, are fearlessly fighting evil with love.

At a national level, the Anglican church is working to defeat trafficking and slavery through its international connections. Because it, too, has tentacles that reach all around the world—to 165 countries.

But the Newfoundlanders in a parish in St. John's were the ones who shamed me right out of my scoffing chair. They went to a local organization that helps young people in the sex trade to leave it, if they want to, or to get the services and support they need even if they don't. The church asked, what do you need? "Space for our office!" the organization said. So the church offered them space in the basement. When a sex worker was murdered in the city last year, the church organized a funeral and vigil. The sex workers now know that this church in St. John's does not judge them, but welcomes them, and some have started coming to church.

Okay so I finally read the end of Jesus' sentence, after fiercely resisting the first part. Jesus also prayed to the father, I ask you to protect them from the evil one ... sanctify them in the truth.

If God answered this prayer of Jesus, then as Christian communities we are sanctified – empowered to be special contagion agents of God's truth. And as we are protected from the evil one, we can be fearless, we are profoundly safe. Those Newfoundlanders I met were fearlessly living the truth of God's love for this world, especially for the people whom the world least loves, and who are the least safe.

They were contagion agents for me too. They re-convinced me through their actions that God does really love this very world – through you and me. Now I understand why the psalmist says "happy are those who do not sit in the seat of scoffers." Sitting in my scoffing chair, I'm a dead-end for God's love. As soon as it is given to others, it is renewed, because I am in the truth of God's unconditional and limitless love.

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S'en est suivi un quart d'heure de pause où le public a de nouveau été invité à être généreux, et où l'orchestre se mettait en place pour la seconde partie. Cet orchestre était composé en grande partie de membres de l'Orchestre philharmonique de la relève du Québec (fondé par Marie-France Mathieu en 2014), mais aussi d'autres musiciens.

Nous avons alors écouté la principale pièce du concert, la Troisième Symphonie de Beethoven, Héroïque, op. 55 en mi bémol majeur, dirigée par Béatrice Cadrin. Cette symphonie se trouve avoir plusieurs aspects qui la rendent particulièrement adaptée aux circonstances de ce concert, comme nous l'a indiqué Béatrice Cadrin. Par exemple, Beethoven y a inséré des références subtiles au mouvement des Lumières et à la franc-maçonnerie; cela s'exprime dans le choix et le traitement des thèmes, la récurrence fréquente du chiffre trois (tonalité, métrique, orchestration), des manipulations de la forme; un exemple spécifique en est le thème du dernier mouvement, qui correspond à un thème de contredanse à l'anglaise, un type de danse prisé des adeptes de l'Aufklärung (parallèle allemand du mouvement des Lumières) parce que les classes sociales étaient abolies le temps d'une danse: maîtres et serviteurs dansaient ensemble en nombres illimités. Par exemple encore, un mouvement présente successivement deux thèmes très différents, mais que Beethoven fait coexister plus loin. Ne sont-ce pas de beaux exemples du vivre-ensemble?

Après le premier mouvement, Allegro con brio, de cette Symphonie Héroïque, l'exécution a été interrompue par le départ anticipé de Aymen Derbali, très fatigué par sa longue station assise. Il a alors été de nouveau chaleureusement applaudi, comme l'a été la symphonie elle-même à la fin de son exécution. C'est alors que le responsable de la réception des dons a remis à Béatrice un papier indiquant le montant amassé : 3 178 dollars, beaucoup plus que ce qu'elle avait anticipé !

Après cette pièce se sont placés derrière l'orchestre quelques membres des Petits Chanteurs de Charlesbourg. Puis est entrée la soprano Jessica Latouche, suivie par la chef Marie-France Mathieu pour diriger l'ensemble. La pièce présentée s'intitule Hymne à l'espoir, titre particulièrement approprié pour cet événement-bénéfice et pour conclure le concert. Il s'agit en fait du poème symphonique patriotique Finlandia hymni, composé en 1899 par le finlandais Jean Sibelius. Cependant, les paroles qui nous ont été présentées ne sont pas celles en finlandais ajoutées en 1941 (et officiellement acceptées par Sibelius l'année suivante), mais celles en français créées pour la circonstance par le Québécois Gaston Déry, d'où le changement de titre. Après une brève introduction orchestrale, Jessica Latouche a magnifiquement entonné l'hymne, une première fois seule, puis une seconde fois rejoints par les choristes. Applaudissements frénétiques du public, pour Jessica, pour l'orchestre, pour cette pièce, mais aussi pour le concert dans son ensemble, et indirectement pour son dédicataire durement éprouvé par la vie, et qui continue de croire malgré tout que son avenir est toujours à Québec.



There is a two-month break for both the **Anglican Journal** and the **Quebec Diocesan Gazette**.

However, we know there are lots of activities still happening in churches around the diocese.

Please send in your articles and photos so they can be shared throughout the diocese.

The deadline for the September paper is August 1st. **Exceptionally the deadline for the October paper is August 27th**

Send them to editor@quebec.anglican.ca

Bishop's Report to the Diocesan Executive Council

Appointments and transitions

Since the Diocesan Executive Council (DEC) last met I have had the privilege of presiding at the ordinations of five individuals serving in various ways in different parts of the diocese.

The Rev. Carol Edgar and the Rev. Adele Finlayson were ordained priests on November 3. Residing in Quebec City, they each continue to provide pastoral care ministry to individuals sent there for specialized medical treatment. They have also been regularly helping with preaching and presiding in congregations in the Quebec and Saint-Laurent deaneries.

On November 26 the Gabriel Kwenga and the Gene Ross were ordained to the diaconate. Fitting for this order, they are each engaged in ministries of administration and pastoral care, respectively, in the Saint Francis Regional Ministry.

The Rev. Joshua Paetkau was ordained to the presbyterate on February 3 and in that same month was appointed the new incumbent of the parishes of New Carlisle-New Richmond and Chaleur Bay. This will be a half-time appointment until July 1, when it will become full time and Joshua and his family will move to the rectory in New Carlisle. In the meantime, they will continue to live in the Parish of Gaspé, where he has been assisting since last summer, so that his children can complete the school year there.

In April I accepted the resignation of the Rev. Denis Gévry, who has been serving as incumbent of St. James, Trois-Rivières. For health reasons he has chosen to concentrate his energy on his other ministry at Christ Church, Sorel, in the Diocese of Montreal, in which he is canonically resident. Denis' resignation is effective May 31, and Archdeacon Pierre Voyer and I hope to use the intervening time to begin discerning where the Anglican community in Trois-Rivières goes from here.

Canon Graham Jackson has concluded nearly 20 years of faithful ministry as

the lay incumbent of the congregations of St. Bartholomew, Bourg-Louis, and St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf. Graham has helped cultivate dedicated lay readers to help continue the provision of services in both congregations, and discussions about the longer-term shape of ministry in both communities are underway.

Two other congregations in the diocese, both the Eastern Townships, are also experiencing endings of a different kind. The congregation at Christ Church, Eustis, has chosen to close. The parish hall that the community had been using as its gathering place for several years will be sold.



In Magog, the congregation at St. Luke's has chosen to conclude its life as a parish corporation, sell the church building and parish hall, but to continue worshipping as a pastoral community. They have warmly been offered hospitality by the nearby Roman Catholic parish church.

The search continues for a suitable full-time Anglican priest or United Church minister to serve the ecumenical shared ministry at Harrington Harbour and Chevery, on the Lower North Shore. In the meantime, itinerant pastoral and sacramental ministry has been offered by the Rev. Francie Keats, the Rev. Canon Curtis Patterson, and the Rev. Heather McClure of the United Church of Canada. Arrangements have been made for two retired priests of our diocese and a summer theological student to provide temporary ministry in both communities for the remainder of this year.

Honouring the call from Kawawachikamach

At the conclusion of our last meeting of the diocesan Synod, the two members from St. John, Kawawachikamach, put forward a motion (which was unanimously approved) requesting that the diocesan leadership

take seriously Naskapi Anglicans' experience of being on the margins of the life of our church. This motion included a specific request to "address the issues surrounding representation at Synod."

During a visit to Kawawachikamach in January I met with the congregation's leadership and proposed that the parish consider taking advantage of a new provision in our diocesan canons that would designate Kawawa as a separately defined region within the structures of the Diocese of Quebec. (Until now the parish has formed a part of the North Shore Deanery.)

Doing so would guarantee Naskapi representation both at Synod and on the Diocesan Executive Council, the two main decision-making bodies of our diocese. It would also reflect the wider Anglican Church of Canada's efforts to ensure that the voices of Indigenous members of our church can be more clearly heard and respected. The leadership of St. John's was unanimous in its support of this change. Therefore with the concurrence of the Diocesan Executive Council, I will sign the necessary episcopal enactments so that Kawawachikamach's status as a region of its own will be in effect as of the next meeting of the diocesan Synod.

Efforts are also being made to support the Naskapi Anglican community's local leadership in their ministries. In May the Rev. Deacon Silas Nabinicaboo and three others from Kawawachikamach will attend the Indigenous Leadership Week offered annually by Wycliffe College in Toronto. The community will also be represented at the ninth National Anglican Indigenous Sacred Circle, which will take place in August in Prince George, British Columbia. There are also plans for National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald to visit Kawawa with a small team to offer catechist training in the parish.

Supporting our lay readers

Lay readers have always contributed in important ways to ministry in every corner of this diocese. The time and effort they contrib-

ute to the life and work of our church is often substantial, and lay readers need and deserve support in their ministries.

In his capacity as Canon for Lay Ministries, the Rev. Canon Giuseppe Gagliano has begun organizing what is intended to become a series of regional workshops for lay readers throughout the diocese. Rather than asking lay readers from across our vast territory to come to one place for a daylong event, the hope is to take formation events to the regions. This will likely represent a cost savings, but will have the still more important benefit of lay readers learning within the context in which they are serving.

Canon Gagliano is also working on a helpful update to our diocesan guidelines for lay readers, which will bring clarity to matters such as continuing education and licensing.

BISHOP BRUCE'S ACTIVITIES (November 2017-April 2018)

LIFE AND WORK OF THE DIOCESE

3 Nov. Priestly ordination of Carol Edgar and Adele Finlayson (Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Québec)

5 Nov. Joint All Saints' Sunday service with la Paroisse de Tous les Saints and the Parish of Quebec (Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, Québec)

7 Nov. Quebec Deanery Council (Québec)

15-17 Nov. Visit of Bishop Stephen Lane of the Diocese of Maine (Québec & Lennoxville)

20 Nov. Visit to L'Arche community (Québec)

26 Nov. Diaconal ordination of Gabriel Kwenga and Gene Ross (St. George, Lennoxville)

4 Dec. Cathedral Steering Committee (Québec)

6 Dec. Meeting with trustees of Trinity Church, Sainte-Foy

Presided at midweek eucharist (Cathedral)

10 Dec. Parish of Quebec (Ca-

thedral) Service of Lessons and Carols (Cathedral)

12 Dec. Interview with La Revue Notre-Dame-du-Cap (Québec)

13 Dec. Conference call with wardens of New Carlisle, New Richmond, Port Daniel, Shigawake, and Hopetown

14 Dec. Planning meetings for multifaith commemoration of attack on the

15 Jan. Grand Mosque of Quebec City

20 Dec. Christmas communion at St. Brigid's Home (Québec)

22 Dec. Christmas lunch with Synod Office staff (Québec)

24 Dec. Ecumenical Christmas Eve service at Valcartier Middnigh mass at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Québec)

25 Dec. Christmas morning service at Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Québec)

5 Jan. "Stargazing" Epiphany service at St. Peter, Stoneham

6 Jan. Presided at funeral of Ralph Noseworthy (St. Peter, Stoneham)

7 Jan. St. Barnabas, North Hatley

9 Jan. Interview with The Living Church

16 Jan. Interview with The Anglican Journal

18 Jan. All Saints, Sept-Îles

19-23 Jan. St. John, Kawawachikamach

25 Jan. Interview with CBC Radio One

26 Jan. St. James, Trois-Rivières

27 Jan. Roundtable discussion on "vivre-ensemble" (Laval University)

28 Jan. Multifaith commemoration of Grand Mosque attack (Québec)

29 Jan. Civic commemoration of Grand Mosque attack (Québec)

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Rapport de l'évêque au Conseil exécutif diocésain

Mouvements de personnel

Depuis la dernière rencontre du Conseil exécutif diocésain (DEC), j'ai eu le privilège de présider aux ordinations de cinq personnes œuvrant de différentes manières dans diverses régions du diocèse.

La révérende Carol Edgar et la révérende Adele Finlayson ont été ordonnées prêtres le 3 novembre. Toutes deux résidentes de Québec, elles continuent d'offrir un ministère pastoral aux personnes qui y viennent pour recevoir des soins médicaux spécialisés. Elles soutiennent aussi régulièrement le ministère de prédication et de direction dans diverses congrégations des doyennés de Québec et de Saint-Laurent.

Le 26 novembre, 1 Gabriel Kwenga et Gene Ross ont été ordonnés au diaconat. En conformité avec les responsabilités de diacres, leurs engagements sont orientés respectivement dans les ministères de l'administration et de la pastorale au sein du regroupement de ministère régional de Saint Francis.

Le révérend Joshua Paetkau a été ordonné prêtre le 3 février et, au cours de ce même mois, il a été nommé nouveau curé des paroisses de New Carlisle - New Richmond et de Baie des Chaleurs. Il s'agira d'un emploi à temps partiel jusqu'au 1er juillet, date à laquelle il deviendra curé à plein temps et Joshua et sa famille emménageront alors dans le presbytère de New Carlisle. Entre-temps, ils continueront de vivre dans la paroisse de Gaspé, où il agit à titre d'assistant depuis l'été dernier, afin que ses enfants puissent terminer l'année scolaire là-bas.

En avril, j'ai accepté la démission du révérend Denis Gévry, qui occupait le poste de curé de St. James à Trois-Rivières. Pour des raisons de santé, il a choisi de concentrer ses énergies sur le ministère qu'il exerce à Christ Church, Sorel, dans le diocèse de Montréal, dont il est un résident canonique. La démission de Denis sera effective à compter du 31 mai, et l'archidiacre Pierre Voyer et moi-même espérons profiter de l'occasion pour amorcer les discussions

concernant l'avenir de la communauté anglicane de Trois-Rivières.

Le chanoine Graham Jackson a mis fin à près de 20 ans de ministère dévoué en tant que titulaire laïque des congrégations de Saint-Barthélemy à Bourg-Louis, et de Saint-John-the-Evangelist à Portneuf. Graham a assuré le développement des capacités de fervents lecteurs laïcs afin d'assurer la pérennité de la prestation de services dans les deux congrégations, et des discussions sont présentement en cours afin de déterminer la teneur du ministère dans les deux communautés à plus long terme.

Deux autres congrégations du diocèse, toutes les deux situées dans les Cantons-de-l'Est, s'engagent également sur la voie de dénouements d'un genre différent. La congrégation de Christ Church à Eustis, a choisi de fermer. La salle paroissiale que la communauté utilisait comme lieu de rassemblement depuis plusieurs années sera vendue.



À Magog, la congrégation de Saint-Luc a choisi de mettre un terme à son existence de corporation paroissiale, de vendre l'église et la salle paroissiale, mais de continuer à exister en tant que communauté de pastorale. L'église paroissiale catholique romaine voisine leur a chaleureusement offert l'hospitalité.

Les recherches se poursuivent pour trouver un prêtre anglican ou un ministre de l'Église Unie pour exercer à temps plein le ministère œcuménique partagé au sein des communautés d'Harrington Harbour et de Chevery, sur la Basse-Côte-Nord. Entre-temps, la révérende Francie Keats, le révérend chanoine Curtis Patterson et la révérende Heather McClure, de

l'Église Unie du Canada, offrent le ministère pastoral et sacramental de façon itinérante. Des dispositions ont été prises pour que deux prêtres retraités de notre diocèse et un étudiant d'été en théologie assurent un ministère temporaire dans les deux communautés pour le reste de l'année.

Prendre en considération les souhaits de Kawawachikamach

À la fin de notre dernière réunion du Synode diocésain, les deux membres de St. John, Kawawachikamach, ont fait une proposition (qui a été approuvée à l'unanimité) demandant aux dirigeants diocésains de prendre sérieusement en considération l'expérience des anglicans naskapis qui ont l'impression de vivre en marge de la vie de notre église. La proposition incluait une demande spécifique de « trouver réponse aux questions entourant leur représentation au Synode ».

Lors d'une visite à Kawawachikamach en janvier, j'ai rencontré les dirigeants de la congrégation et proposé que la paroisse envisage de profiter d'une nouvelle disposition de nos canons diocésains qui désignerait Kawawa comme une région distincte dans la structure du diocèse de Québec. (Jusqu'à maintenant, la paroisse faisait partie du doyenné de la Côte-Nord.)

Cela garantirait la représentation des Naskapis au Synode et au Conseil exécutif diocésain, les deux principaux corps décisionnels de notre diocèse. Cela refléterait également les efforts déployés au sein de l'Église anglicane du Canada dans son ensemble afin de faire en sorte que les voix des membres autochtones de notre Église soient mieux entendues et respectées. La direction de St. John a été unanime à soutenir ce changement. Par conséquent, avec l'accord du Conseil exécutif diocésain, je signerai les actes épiscopaux nécessaires pour que le statut de Kawawachikamach en tant que région soit en vigueur à compter de la prochaine réunion du Synode diocésain.

Des efforts sont également déployés pour appuyer la direction locale de la com-

munauté anglicane naskapie dans ses ministères. En mai, le révérend diacre Silas Nabini-caboo et trois autres personnes de Kawawachikamach assisteront à la Semaine du leadership autochtone tenue annuellement au Wycliffe College de Toronto. La communauté sera également représentée au neuvième Cercle sacré autochtone anglican national, qui aura lieu en août à Prince George, en Colombie-Britannique. Il est également prévu que l'évêque anglican autochtone national Mark MacDonald se rende à Kawawa avec une petite équipe pour offrir une formation de catéchisme dans la paroisse.

Soutenir nos lecteurs laïques

Les lecteurs laïcs ont toujours contribué de manière importante au ministère dans toutes les régions de notre diocèse. Le temps et les efforts qu'ils consacrent à la vie et au travail de notre église sont souvent substantiels, et les lecteurs laïcs ont besoin et méritent d'être soutenus dans leur ministère. En tant que chanoine pour les ministères laïcs, le révérend chanoine Giuseppe Gagliano a commencé à organiser ce qui est destiné à devenir une série d'ateliers régionaux pour les lecteurs laïcs à travers le diocèse. Plutôt que de demander aux lecteurs laïcs de l'ensemble de notre vaste territoire de se rendre à un endroit pour un événement d'une journée, le projet favorise plutôt la tenue de sessions de formation dans chacune des régions. Cela contribuera probablement une réduction des coûts, mais aura l'avantage encore plus notable de permettre l'apprentissage des lecteurs laïcs dans le contexte au sein duquel ils ont à travailler.

Le chanoine Gagliano travaille également sur une précieuse mise à jour des principes directeurs diocésains pour les lecteurs laïcs, qui permettra d'apporter certains éclaircissements à des sujets tels que la formation continue et les licences.

ACTIVITÉS DE L'ÉVÊQUE (Novembre 17-Avril 18)

VIE ET TRAVAUX DU DIOCÈSE

3 nov. Ordination de Carol

Edgar et d'Adele Finlayson à la prêtrise (Cathédrale Holy Trinity, Québec)

5 nov. Célébration eucharistique conjointe de la Toussaint avec la Paroisse de Tous les Saints et la Paroisse de Québec (Cathédrale Holy Trinity, Québec)

7 nov. Réunion du Conseil du doyenné de Québec (Québec)

15-17 nov. Visite de Mgr. Stephen Lane du diocèse du Maine (Québec & Lennoxville)

20 nov. Visite de la communauté de L'Arche (Québec)

26 nov. Ordination de Gabriel Kwenga et de Gene Ross au diaconat (St. George, Lennoxville)

4 déc. Réunion du Comité pour la mise en valeur de la Cathédrale (Québec)

6 déc. Rencontre avec les fiduciaires de Trinity Church, Sainte-Foy
Animation de l'eucharistie de mi-semaine (Cathédrale)

10 déc. Paroisse de Québec (Cathédrale)
Liturgie de leçons et de cantiques (Cathédrale)

12 déc. Entrevue avec La Revue Notre-Dame-du-Cap (Québec)

13 déc. Appel conférence avec les marguilliers de New Carlisle, New Richmond, Port Daniel, Shigawake et Hopetown

14 déc. Rencontre de planification des cérémonies de commémoration de la

15 jan. Messe à la Grande Mosquée de Québec

20 déc. Communion de Noël à St. Brigid's Home (Québec)

22 déc. Lunch du Temps des Fêtes avec le personnel du bureau diocésain (Québec)

24 déc. Célébration œcuménique de la Veille de Noël à Valcartier

Messe de minuit à la cathédrale Holy Trinity (Québec)

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Bishop's activities from page 4

- 30 Jan. Committee to discuss future use of All Saints' Chapel (Québec)
- Conference call with wardens of New Carlisle, New Richmond, Port Daniel, Shigawake, and Hopetown
- 31 Jan. Corporation meeting of St. George, Drummondville
- 3 Feb. Priestly ordination of Joshua Paetkau, collation of Vicar General, and installation of Canon Theologian and Canon for Lay Ministries (Cathedral)
- 4 Feb. Parish of Quebec
- 5 Feb. Meeting with wardens of St. Michael, Sillery
- 7 Feb. St. Philip, Kegaska
- 9 Feb. St. Christopher, Bra-dore (confirmations)
- 11 Feb. St. Paul, St. Pauls' River (confirmations)
St. Peter, Old Fort (confirmations)
- 14 Feb. St. Augustine, St. Au-gustine (Ash Wednesday)
- 15 Feb. St. Andrew, La Tabatière
- 18 Feb. St. Clement, Mutton Bay (confirmations)
- 20 Feb. Christ Church, Harrington Harbour
- 22 Feb. St. Michael and All Angels, Chevery
- 24 Feb. Visit with Mgr Jean-Pierre Blais, Roman Catholic Bishop of Baie-Comeau (Baie-Comeau)
- 25 Feb. St. Andrew & St. George, Baie-Comeau
- 4 March St. Michael, Sillery
- 10 March Ordination of Mgr Pierre Goudreault, Roman Catholic Bishop of Sainte-Anne-de-la-Pocatière (La Pocatière)
- 18 March St. Paul, Bury
St. Peter, Cookshire
- 22 March Interview with The Living Church
- 25 March St. George, Ayer's Cliff (Palm Sunday)
St. Stephen, Coaticook (Palm Sunday)
- 27 March Chrism mass at St. Michael Roman Catholic Cathedral (Sherbrooke)
- 29 March Maundy Thursday liturgy, Cathedral of the Holy Trinity (Québec)
- 30 March Ecumenical Good Friday Walk with the Cross (Québec)
- 31 March Easter Service at St. Brigid's Home (Québec)
- 1 April St. Bartholomew, Bourg-Louis (Easter Sunday)
St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf (Easter Sunday)
- 10 April Central Board of the Church Society conference call
- 15 April All Saints, Hereford (confirmations)
- 20-21 April Diocesan Executive Council (Québec)
- 21 April Church Society annual general meeting (Québec)
- LIFE AND WORK OF THE WIDER CHURCH**
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- 1 Nov. Installation of the Most Rev. Ronald Cutler as Metropolitan of Canada (All Saints' Cathedral, Halifax)
- 2 Nov. Provincial House of Bishops (Halifax)
- 9 Nov. Meetings at General Synod office (Toronto)
- 10-12 Nov. Council of General Synod (Mississauga)
- 13 Nov. Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue of Canada (Québec)
- 18 Nov. Presentation to Montreal Lay Readers Association (Montreal)
- 25 Dec. Christmas lunch and talk with Ursuline sisters (Québec)
- 24 Jan. Guest preacher at Montreal Diocesan Theological College
- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity guest speaker at gathering of Eudist Fathers

- (Québec)
- 1 Feb. Meeting of Québec Philanthrope Board of Governors (Québec)
- 5 Feb. Funeral of Mgr Maurice Couture (Québec)
- 11 March Installation of the Very Rev. Bertrand Olivier as Dean of Montreal (Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal)
- 9-13 April National House of Bishops (Niagara Falls)
- 8 April Preached and presided at St. Stephen-in-the-Fields, Toronto
- 13 April House of Bishops Standing Committee on Religious Communities (Niagara Falls)
- 15 April Preached at installation of the Rev. Jesse Zink as principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College (Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal)
- 24-26 April Bishops of "small dioceses" gathering (Winnipeg)
- CONTINUING EDUCATION / RETREAT**
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- 27-30 Nov. Oratory of the Good Shepherd fall chapter (New York)
- 12-16 Mar. Doctor of ministry research at Saint Paul University (Ottawa)
- 6-8 April Canadian new bishops orientation (Toronto)
- 26 Dec. 2017-2 Jan. 2018
- ACTIVITÉS DE L'ÉVÊQUE**
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- 25 déc. Messe du matin de Noël à la cathédrale Holy Trinity (Québec)
- 5 jan. Messe de l'Épiphanie « à la belle étoile » à St. Peter, Stoneham
- 6 jan. Direction des funérailles de Ralph Noseworthy (St. Peter, Stoneham)
- 7 jan. St. Barnabas, North Hatley
- 9 jan. Entrevue avec The Living Church
- 16 jan. Entrevue avec The Anglican Journal
- 18 jan. All Saints, Sept-Îles
- 19-23 jan. St. John, Kawawachikamach
- 25 jan. Entrevue avec CBC Radio One
- 26 jan. St. James, Trois-Rivières
- 27 jan. Participation à une table ronde sur le « vivre-ensemble » (Université Laval)
- 28 jan. Commémoration multiconfessionnelle de la tuerie à la Grande Mosquée de Québec (Québec)
- 29 jan. Commémoration civique de la tuerie à la Grande Mosquée de Québec (Québec)
- 30 jan. Réunion du comité chargé de discuter de l'utilisation future de la chapelle All Saints' (Québec)
Appel conférence avec les marguilliers de New Carlisle, New Richmond, Port Daniel, Shigawake et Hopetown
- 31 jan. Réunion de la corporation de St. George, Drummondville
- 3 févr. Ordination de Joshua Paetkau à la prêtrise, collation du Vicaire général, et installations des Chanoine théologien et Chanoine pour les ministères laïques (Cathédrale)
- 4 févr. Paroisse de Québec
- 5 févr. Rencontre avec les marguilliers de St. Michael, Sillery
- 7 févr. St. Philip, Kegaska
- 9 févr. St. Christopher, Bra-dore (confirmations)
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- 25 mars St. George, Ayer's Cliff (Dimanche des Rameaux)
St. Stephen, Coaticook (Dimanche des Rameaux)
- 27 mars Messe chrismale à la basilique-cathédrale Saint-Michel, archevêché catholique romain de Sherbrooke (Sherbrooke)
- 29 mars Liturgie du Jeudi-Saint, Cathédrale Holy Trinity
- 30 mars Marche œcuménique du Vendredi-Saint avec la croix (Québec)
- 31 mars Liturgie pascale à St. Brigid's Home (Québec)
- 1er avril St. Bartholomew, Bourg-Louis (Dimanche de Pâques)
St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf (Dimanche de Pâques)
- 10 avril Appel conférence du conseil central de la Société d'église du diocèse de Québec
- 15 avril All Saints, Hereford (confirmations)
- 20-21 avril Réunion du conseil exécutif diocésain (Québec)
- 21 avril Assemblée générale annuelle de la Société d'église du diocèse de Québec (Québec)
- VIE ET TRAVAUX DE L'ÉGLISE ÉLARGIE**
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ler en tant que Métropolitain du Canada (Cathédrale All Saints', Halifax)

2 nov. Réunion de la Maison provinciale des Évêques (Halifax)

9 nov. Rencontres aux bureaux du Synode général (Toronto)

10-12 nov. Réunion du Conseil du Synode général (Mississauga)

13 nov. Réunion du Dialogue anglican-catholique romain du Canada (Québec)

18 nov. Présentation devant les membres de l'Association

des lecteurs laïcs de Montréal (Montréal)

25 déc. Dîner de Noël et discussions avec les Ursulines (Québec)

24 jan. Prédicateur invité au Montreal Diocesan Theological College

Conférencier invité à la Semaine de prière pour l'unité chrétienne lors d'une rencontre des Eudistes (Québec)

1er févr. Participation à une rencontre du conseil des gouverneurs de Québec Philanthrope (Québec)

5 févr. Funérailles de Mgr.

Maurice Couture (Québec)

11 mars Installation du très révérend Bertrand Olivier comme doyen de Montréal (Cathédrale Christ Church, Montréal)

9-13 avril Réunion de la Maison des Évêques (Niagara Falls)

8 avril Homélie et animation d'une célébration à St. Stephen-in-the-Fields, Toronto

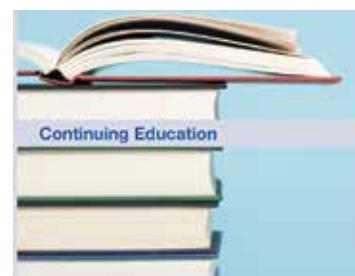
13 avril Réunion du comité permanent de la Maison des Évêques sur les communautés religieuses (Niagara Falls)

15 avril Homélie à l'occasion

de l'installation du révérend Jesse Zink en tant que directeur du Montreal Diocesan Theological College (Cathédrale Christ Church, Montréal)

24-26 avril Rencontre des évêques de diocèses « de taille restreinte » (Winnipeg)

FORMATION CONTINUE / RETRAITE



30 nov. Session d'automne à l'Oratoire du Bon Pasteur (New York)

12-16 mars Recherche dans le cadre de la complétiion du doctorat en ministère à l'Université Saint Paul (Ottawa)

6-8 avril Atelier d'orientation pour les nouveaux évêques (Toronto)

VACANCES

26 déc. 2017 - 2 jan. 2018

The wise man did not build his house on the sewage pipes

By Allison Blair

Allison Blair is a missioner of Holy Trinity Cathedral. She has lived in Burundi for 20 years. She runs BRAVO Ministries, a sewing workshop that offers an alternative income to young women in the sex trade, giving them a safe way to support themselves and their children. Her blog is at bravoministries.wordpress.com.



For Jacky, finding her rent is not an issue at the moment, since her house Not Built on Rock, fell down on top of her in the middle of the night of April 9. Buried in cheap mud bricks, miraculously the damage was limited to a broken leg, in plaster since yesterday. The owner of the house, who I feel morally owes her for the accident, has graciously been hosting her since Jacky returned from hospital. Thus Jacky becomes the twelfth resident in the diminutive house next door, living on the sofa at Grand Central Station, as my Dad would say. Children of all shapes and sizes constantly appear in threadbare school uniforms and disappear behind tantalising curtains. Then reappear in this lunchtime choreography. Children who, as they go to school and as they return, weave around night ladies and their multiple neglected offspring in this muddy rabbit warren. This is normal life.

I fall in love with Aru. Aru's shorts are so filthy they are as stiff as leatherhosen, somehow defying gravity and staying up halfway down his already precarious nappy. I hardly dare imagine the state of his nappy in this economic zone. Aru can scarcely walk but has great faith and wobbles around in his familiar playground of scary mud and active drains, threatened by his exhausted mum at every move. 'Ndagukubita' must be the most frequently used word around here: 'I'm going to beat you'. 'Amafaranga' (money) would be a close second. On our circuitous way to visit Jacky we were almost knocked over by a screaming, crying half-naked small person closely pursued by a frazzled, undernourished mum with a large stick yelling, 'Ndagukubita!'

Two neighbours join us where Jacky lies in the peeling Pentecostal living room, decorated with a couple of pink and mauve stuffed creatures atop a sparsely filled cupboard. The room fills with intense, fascinating real life stories of pain, fear, poverty, rejection, betrayal, death, epilepsy, black magic and suffering. Who needs a TV with this world of technicolour tragedies to follow daily in your own neighbourhood? How could you uproot someone from this close knit community, however unhealthy it may be? How could you miss the next addictive episode, of which you are an inexorable part?

But O beloved Jacky, how can you leave behind your addictive night life if you don't move away? After a few hours exchanging, we pray holding hands then conquer the maze homeward bound. En route we pass M preparing to cook beans in the alley, scantly clad and not because of the mid afternoon heat. The baby cries. Holy Spirit, come and have your way in our midst. You can do it.

QUEBEC KISSING ANGLICANS

By David W. T. Brattston

Saint Paul commanded Christians to "Greet one another with a holy kiss" (Romans 16.16; 1 Corinthians 16.20; 2 Corinthians 13.12). He also exhorted: "Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss" (1 Thessalonians 5.26), while 1 Peter 5.14 says "Greet one another with a kiss of charity [love]."

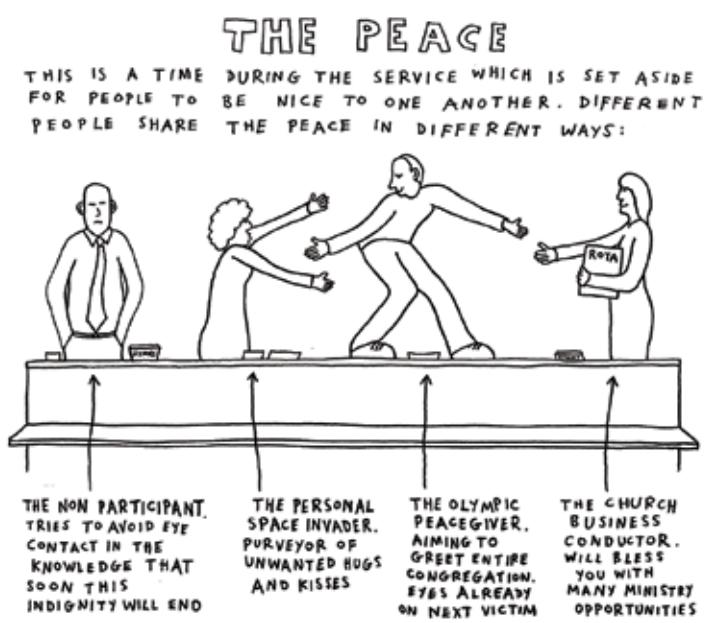
The earliest Christians did this literally. Around AD 246 the church father Origen noted that "the custom has been handed down to the churches for brothers to welcome each other with a kiss after the prayers". In describing typical Christian worship, Justin Martyr around AD 160 narrated that worshippers regularly exchanged a kiss. Four decades later, the church father Tertullian wrote that it should take precedence over private devotions and held that "no prayer is complete if divorced from the 'holy kiss'".

According to the Book of Common Prayer, Anglicans believe that persons in authority in the church have jurisdiction to change rites and ceremonies so that the people may better understand and implement their purpose. The church can change them from time whenever necessary. Every national church has authority to change ceremonies to fit the different circumstances of its country, times, and customs. In Quebec, the customary signs of Christian love and fellowship are handshakes, hugs, or brief kisses. It was therefore expedient for church authorities to modify the gesture so that the people may better follow its original purpose. A local option is to omit any outward sign.

Whatever the form, we should remember the statement of Tertullian that no prayer service is complete if separated from the holy kiss, and the statement of Origen that it should be without the hypocrisy of the kiss of Judas, and "have peace and sincerity in itself with unfeigned love."

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1. Origen Commentary on the Epistle to the Romans 10.33 translated by Thomas P. Scheck (Washington, D.C.: Catholic University of America Press, © copyright 2002).
2. Justin Martyr 1 Apology 65.
3. "Of Ceremonies: Why Some be Abolished and Some Retained (1549)"
4. "The Preface Prefixed at the Revision of 1662"
5. Thirty-Nine Articles "Article XXXIV: Of the Traditions of the Church"
6. Origen loc. cit.



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.

1918 was a Synod year. The 32nd regular session of the Synod of the Diocese was held in the city of Quebec on the 4th, 5th and 6th of June "under the presidency of the Right Rev. Lennox Williams, D.D., sixth Lord Bishop of Quebec."

"The [first] day began with a celebration of the Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 7:30 a.m., at which the Dean of the Cathedral [the Very Revd Richmond Shreve] was the celebrant, assisted by the Rev. E[vered] M[arsh] Templeman, incumbent of the Magdalen Islands.

"Morning Prayer was said at 9 o'clock. The Synod Service was at 10 o'clock. Members assembled in the Church Hall [today's Carter Hall] and walked in procession to the Cathedral, lay delegates in front, then the clergy in their robes, followed by the Cathedral Chapter and the Bishop of Fredericton and the Bishop of Quebec, attended by their chaplains.

"The processional hymn was 'The Church's One Foundation.' The Litany was sung ... Merbecke's setting for the Communion was used, the Bishop of Quebec being the celebrant ... The sermon

was preached by the Bishop of Fredericton, his eloquent and forceful message bearing additional interest because of the fact that he has lately returned from the Front."

The Rt Revd John Andrew Richardson, third Bishop of Fredericton had gone to France "at the request of the House of Bishops of the Canadian Church that he might report on the spiritual conditions and needs of the men there for the guidance of the Church at home." Some details of the rest of the service were given before getting to the business of Synod which was opened in the Church Hall at 12:15 p.m. but adjourned at 12:45 to allow those present to "attend the Intercessions in connection with the war held daily in the Cathedral."

The afternoon session, which opened at 2:30 p.m. consisted of the election of Officers, the reading of the Bishop's Charge, passing of a resolution of thanks "to the preacher of the morning and requesting him to allow the publication of his sermon in the Journal of Synod," and the presentation of two Memorials, one on Prayer Book revision, the other, "from the Diocese of Niagara recom-

mending that no meeting of the General Synod be held this year owing to the necessity of curtailing expenses on account of the war ..."

Both motions in support of the Memorials were defeated, the former because it was thought that any revision of the Prayer Book should be deferred until after the war, and the second because "there are many urgent questions concerning the Church's welfare" which needed to be considered by General Synod "at this time."

On the second day, among other items of business, "a message of sympathy ... was conveyed to the Diocese of Nova Scotia [regarding] the loss suffered by the Church there in the great [Halifax] explosion last December."

Holding Annual Vestry Meetings was, in 1918, as it continues to be today, an important duty in the life of every parish throughout each Diocese in the Canadian Church, but one hundred years ago there was much less flexibility about when such meetings should take place. During the second day of Synod, "a proposal to permit of the holding of the annual

Vestry meeting on the second Monday in March instead of Easter Monday, was brought forward by the Rev. H[enry] R[eginald] Bigg, rector of Sherbrooke. The change was urged on account of the fact that in the country parishes the roads are generally at their worst about Easter time. After considerable discussion the motion was adopted."

Another proposal, namely that women receive the right to vote at Vestry meetings fared less well. After being put forward, it was "referred to a committee to consider and report at the next session of Synod."

It appears that the notion was disposed of both quickly and smoothly. "The short discussion which took place upon the subject called out warm testimony to the magnificent patriotic work being done by women today." Women were in fact granted voting rights at Vestry two years later, but, (as far as the Diocese of Quebec was concerned) were barred from attending Diocesan Synod as delegates for another 50 years.

Probably the most significant piece of business at Synod was the formation "of a committee to forward in the diocese the Social Service work of the Church." A motion was introduced, seconded and carried unanimously, that the Bishop appoint seven laymen to "give careful study

to the various practical problems which affect the Diocese in this connection ... to advise as to which questions under the local conditions are the most urgent, and ... to take such steps as may appear to be practicable ..." to secure the local organization to implement them. Thus began a committee which continued to function in the Diocese for more than half a century.

That same afternoon, "after votes of thanks had been passed to the proprietors of Columbus Hall for their kindness in lending the hall free of charge for the Bishop of Fredericton's lecture on Wednesday evening; to the Bishop for his able and impartial conduct in the Chair; to the Mayor and Corporation for their action in putting down sand outside the Hall in Garden Street [rue Desjardins—to deaden the sounds of horses' hoofs]; to the Organist and Choir of the Cathedral; to those who so kindly extended hospitality to the visiting clergy; to the Officers of Synod, and to the Morning Chronicle and Daily Telegraph for so fully reporting the proceedings, the session came to a close at 6 o'clock, the Bishop leaving the chair after pronouncing the Benediction."

It is worth noting that the offerings "at all the services during the sessions of Synod" were devoted to the Synod Expense Fund.



Easter Service St. Batholomew's, St-Raymond, and St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf

Submitted by
Rosemary Minnich

On Easter Sunday, St. Batholomew's, St-Raymond, and St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf, were honoured with the presence of our bishop, Bruce Myers, who celebrated the eucharist in both French and English at our respec-

tive services. A reception was held afterwards at the home of Rosemary Minnich and Sylvain Laperrière in Portneuf where members of both churches, along with Bishop Bruce, shared a meal and enjoyed a time of fellowship.

Les paroisses St. Bartholomew's, St-Raymond, et

St. John the Evangelist, Portneuf, ont célébrés Pâques en compagnie de Mgr. Bruce Myers dans leur église respective. Les membres des deux paroisses ont pu fraterniser avec Mgr. Bruce Myers lors d'une réception donnée au domicile de Rosemary Minnich et Sylvain Laperrière de Portneuf.



Left to right, William Lepitre, Molly Gaudette, Maison Owen. Bishop Bruce and Rev. Rose Howe.

Confirmation Service at All Saints Anglican Church, Hereford

Submitted by Rose Howe

On April 15 All Saints Anglican Church Hereford Quebec had a Confirmation Service, followed by a delicious dinner. We were pleased to have the folks from St. Stephen's Colebrook join us for a combined service. Thanks to all family and friends for making this day a very special one. A special thanks to Bishop Bruce, the organist Odette Crawford, the lay readers, Linda Woodard, Jane Kirk, and all the ladies that worked so hard.