



Recovering the E word: Evangelism

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For the next 3 years, our Synods will tackle a bold subject: evangelism. Sometimes referred to as disciple-making or discipleship, we are taking a fresh look at this, sometimes controversial, word: evangelism and our call to be evangelists.

We struggle with evangelism for two main reasons.

First, many of us may have been put off by overly aggressive approaches to evangelism. When the Church still occupied a place of privilege in society many approached evangelism from a position of superiority. We assumed the rightness of our message but sometimes (ok, often) lacked the requisite humility. I well remember being evangelised as an Anglican Christian by someone who assumed I could not be an authentic Christian by virtue of being Anglican! Over time, evangelism has become the dirty word of the Church and

many believe it is not even appropriate to engage in evangelistic activities.

Second, in the Anglican Church, evangelism has not always been necessary. Our church grew because of successive waves of immigration into Canada that naturally fed our congregations, the fruit of which we still see today. Immigration from the UK and later from the Caribbean islands has brought rich cultural diversity to the Anglican scene here in Montreal.

"If we will not share our faith and invite others to explore relationship with Jesus Christ, how do we expect our faith communities to grow?"

Typically, new immigrants to a society search out religious community. But the sobering fact for us now is that immigration trends in Canada by no means favour Anglicans or even Christians. We cannot expect our communities to grow by natural increase.

For these two reasons, we have allowed our evangelistic

muscles to become weak. It is time for us to learn to flex these muscles but in a way that is appropriate for the society in which we live, which recognises our place in that society and which is modelled on Biblical principles.

Otherwise: what is the alternative? If we will not share our faith and invite others to explore relationship with Jesus Christ, how do we expect our faith communities to grow? Does someone have an answer? The Bible does: it's called evangelism.

Some Christians are trying to build a Church that takes Canadian society back to a mythical better time when the country was visibly Christian and went to church and lived by Christian values. They point to the motto of Canada He shall have dominion from sea to sea as a call to restore a Christian Canada. But they are looking back at a time that was mythical. A time when society was predominantly white and

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Annie Ittoshat Named Suffragan Bishop of Nunavut



The Rev'd Annie Ittoshat with Bishop Mary and the Rev'd Brian Perron at Epiphany/Verdun, September 2018.

JENNA SMITH

Mrs Jenna Smith is the Director of Innovation Youth.

Annie Ittoshat has been elected Suffragan Bishop of Nunavut, in the Diocese of the Arctic; she will be leaving Montreal by the summer to start her term.

She arrived in Montreal over 4 years ago in Lachine as a minister to Northern Indigenous people. She had a full load as a chaplain, visiting homes, hospitals and prisons, acting as liaison from the North to several people who were far from their families and doing evening services at Ullivik (the Northern Quebec Module) as well as memorial services at Chez Doris, a day centre for marginalized or itinerant women.

I met Annie through Church of the Epiphany, in Verdun, where she was serving alongside Rev. Brian Perron. I was struck by Annie's presence from my first encounters with her:

she would start out her sermons by singing in Inuktituk. People throughout the Christian community in Montreal would tell me how touched they were by her life story. We went out for coffee once to talk about youth work in the span of 15 minutes she had made 7 phone calls and referred 10 names of families to our services at Innovation Youth. Her network and connections with her community were rooted and strong.

"I personally felt ministered to by her, just by watching her at work."

She abashedly told me that her plan, when she arrived in the Diocese of Montreal, was to pass unnoticed and remain in the background. I replied, laughing, "you totally failed, and thank God for it!"

Henri Nouwen wrote, "More and more, the desire grows in me simply to walk around, greet

people, enter their homes, sit on their doorsteps, play ball, throw water, and be known as someone who wants to live with them. It is a privilege to have the time to practice this simple ministry of presence... It is difficult not to have plans, not to organize people around an urgent cause, and not to feel that you are working directly for social progress. But I wonder more and more if the first thing shouldn't be to know people by name, to eat and drink with them, to listen to their stories and tell your own, and to let them know with words, handshakes, and hugs that you do not simply like them, but truly love them."

I think of these words - this portrait of a ministry of presence - when I think of Annie Ittoshat. Of course, she was plenty busy as well with meetings, conferences and planning, as we all are, but she showed her true self when she was in the presence of her congregants,

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Bishop's Message



What do you pray about? What burdens concern you? Is it family, the church, the world? Climate change, political upheaval, victims of violence and injustice, the needy, the hungry, the hurting, the sick and the dying, the future... There are so many things to worry about in our world that I sometimes feel overwhelmed. It's hard to know how to pray and what to pray for.

Lists can be a helpful way to manage all the things we think we should pray about. Write down the concerns you have and then work through them, a little at a time. I remember a parishioner phoning me one day to ask about the names on the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin. She had taken the bulletin home so she could remember to pray for those people. Some people use prayer cycles and you can find several at montreal.anglican.ca or you can make your own up as you are led.

But prayer is talking to God, not telling God what to do! Sometimes when I am worried about too many things, I just put all the concerns to one side and open myself quietly to God's presence. The disciples saw Jesus praying and they asked him to help them learn to pray. You know the words he taught them... *Our Father who art in Heaven... Hallowed be your Name...* We can repeat them quite quickly or we can slow down and let our hearts and minds be adjusted and trained.

Here are some different translations from Luke chapter 11, verses 2-4. Perhaps you will find fresh insight by reading these new versions:

*"Father,
Reveal who you are.
Set the world right.
Keep us alive with three square meals.
Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others.
Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil."* (The Message)

*"Father, may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
Give us each day the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation."* (New Living Translation)

*"Father, help us to honour your name.
Come and set up your kingdom.
Give us each day the food we need.
Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us.
And keep us from being tempted."* (Contemporary English Version)

Prayer is more than hurriedly reciting a list of concerns and hoping that God has heard us. It is opening ourselves to the deep majesty of God and daring to speak of what is on our hearts. Perhaps this summer, you could try praying one thing: "Lord, teach me to pray" – and see where you are led.

Every blessing and happy summer!

+ Mary

160th Synod to Focus on Evangelism

JIM SHEPHERD

Mr Jim Shepherd is a parishioner of Church of the Epiphany and member of the Synod Planning Committee

Saturday, June 15th, 2019 will mark the 160th Synod of the Diocese of Montreal to be held at Fulford Hall, Cathedral Place, 1444 Union in Montreal.

This year will be a Business Synod with the theme *"The Challenges of Evangelism: To What Are We Inviting People?"*

Registration starts at 8am followed by New Delegates Orientation at 8:30am and confirmation of quorum.

Synod Eucharist starts at 9:05am celebrated by The Right Reverend Mary Irwin-Gibson, followed by her reading of the Bishop's Charge.

After the opening business and nominations, The Most Reverend Ron Cutler, Archbishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada will be our keynote speaker. Following lunch, there will be a presentation on Visioning followed by a Q&A with Archbishop Ron Cutler.

The cost of registration for Synod is \$30 after May 15th, \$20 before that date. This fee includes all refreshments as well as lunch catered by Simply Wonderful.

Synod Delegates and visitors are invited and must register before Synod. Registration forms are available online at www.montreal.anglican.ca/synod.



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Pride Week at Christ Church Cathedral Semaine de la fierté à la cathédrale Christ Church

BERTRAND OLIVIER

The Very Reverend Bertrand Olivier is Dean of Christ Church Cathedral.

The congregation of Christ Church Cathedral is once again looking forward to joining the week long celebrations of Montreal Pride Week in August from 8 to 18 August. This is significant for us both because we have a significant number of members who define themselves as LGBTQ+, but also because we believe that the Gospel commands us to witness to God's love to all of God's creation.

Supporting Pride and allowing all our members to experience God's unconditional love is a long standing tradition at Christ Church, and this has been symbolized by the presence of a pride flag at the back of the Cathedral. Times have moved on significantly since the beginning of the gay liberation movement in the 1960s, but we live in a world in turmoil where the rights that have been granted in the last decades could easily be withdrawn. It is therefore as urgent as ever for Christ Church to publicly celebrate the fact that God loves us all without distinction, and that we are not simply following what civil society is doing but instead responding to the call of the Gospel in our lives in doing so.

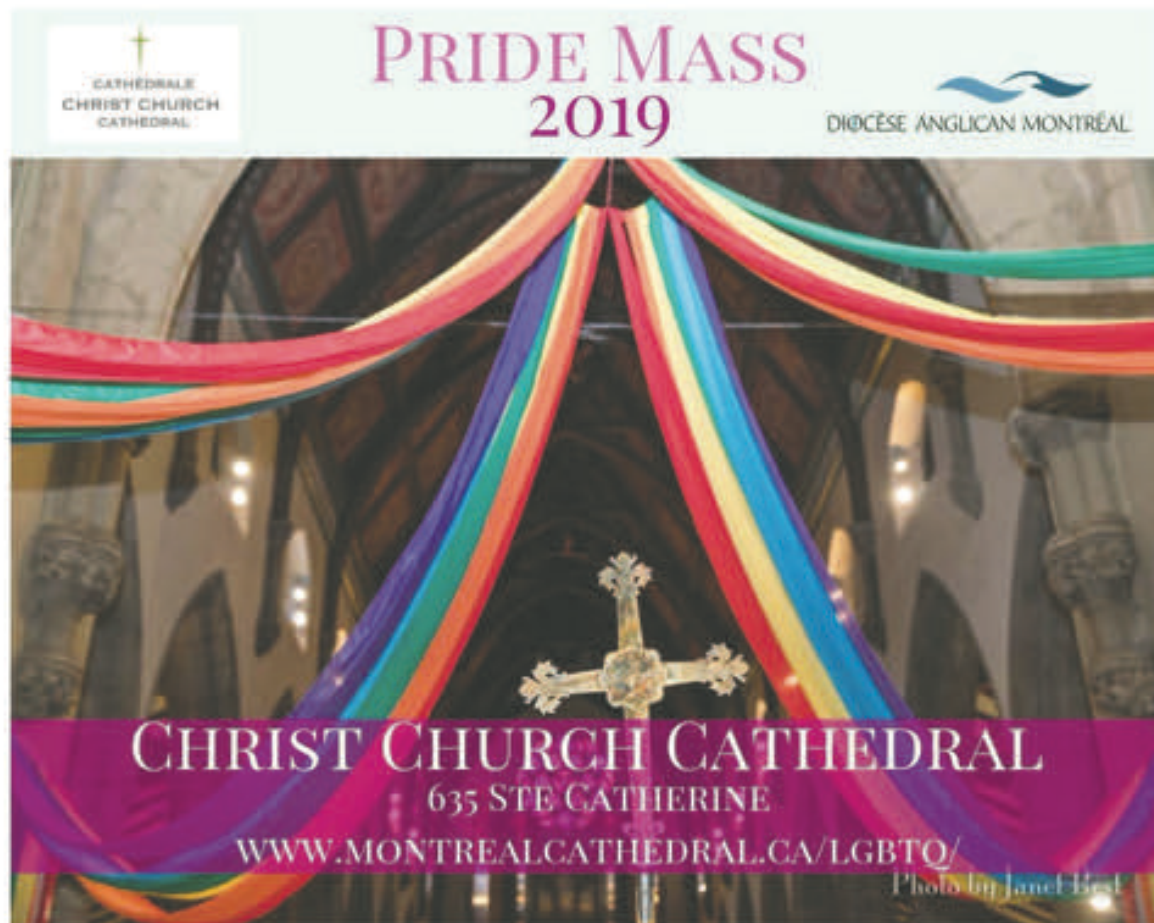
The annual pride service will take place on Sunday 11 August at 4 pm at the Cathedral, followed by ice creams on the cathedral forecourt.

A group from the Cathedral will take part in the Pride parade on 18 August – you are welcome to join us. We will go there from our 10.30 Choral Eucharist. All welcome.

La congrégation de la cathédrale Christ Church se réjouit encore une fois de participer aux célébrations de la semaine de la Semaine de la fierté de Montréal qui aura lieu du 8 au 18 août. C'est important pour nous à la fois parce que nous avons un nombre important de membres qui se définissent comme LGBTQ+, mais aussi parce que nous croyons que l'Évangile nous commande de témoigner de l'amour de Dieu à toute sa création.

Soutenir la Fierté et permettre à tous nos membres de faire l'expérience de l'amour inconditionnel de Dieu est une longue tradition à Christ Church, et ceci a été symbolisé par la présence d'un drapeau de fierté à l'arrière de la Cathédrale.

Les temps ont beaucoup évolué depuis le début du mouvement de libération des homosexuels dans les années 1960, mais nous vivons dans un monde en pleine tourmente où les droits qui ont été accordés



au cours des dernières décennies pourraient facilement être retirés. Il est donc plus urgent que jamais pour Christ Church de célébrer publiquement le fait que Dieu nous aime tous sans distinction, et que nous ne suivons pas simplement ce que fait la société, mais que nous répondons à l'appel de l'Évangile dans nos

vies en le faisant.

Le service annuel de la fierté aura lieu le dimanche 11 août à 16 h à la cathédrale, suivi de dégustation de crèmes glacées sur le parvis de la cathédrale.

Un groupe de la cathédrale participera au défilé de la Fierté le 18 août - vous êtes invités à vous joindre à nous. Nous y

irons en groupe à la fin de notre Eucharistie chorale de 10h30. Tout le monde est le bienvenu.

Time to Nominate Yourself for General Synod!

PETER WALL

Mr Peter Wall is Deputy Porlocutor Chair, General Synod Planning Committee

Are you interested in offering your skills for the ministry of the General Synod through its Coordinating and Standing Committees? Please read further to see how that may happen.

One of the triennial acts of the meeting of General Synod is to elect members to the various Standing and Coordinating Committees which oversee the work and planning of the many and varied ministries of the General Synod. A Nominating Committee, appointed by the Council of General Synod, toils away night and day at General Synod, receiving nominations from across the church, and preparing recommendations for the Synod to receive.

It is so important for these Standing and Coordinating Committees to represent the length and breadth of our

church from coast to coast to coast. For the most part, those elected by General Synod need not be members of General Synod, so nominations are sought far and wide.

Indeed, the more diverse the membership, the better the work, often! I was lucky enough to be a member of different Standing Committees (as they used to be called) or Coordinating Committees (as they are now called) over the years, and I always found those experiences to be rich and rewarding, - challenging me, and putting to use my good senses and my creativity, such as they are.

So, we invite you to nominate yourself and/or nominate others. Nomination forms along with descriptions of the work of the committees and some of the skills/abilities that would be helpful for committee members, will be available online at gs2019.anglican.ca or from your own diocesan synod office.

The committees that will be elected at General Synod are:

Standing Committees:

- Pensions and Financial Management (note: the Pensions Committee is the only committee elected by General Synod solely from among the members of General Synod)

Coordinating Committees:

- Communications
- Faith, Worship and Ministry Partners in Mission
- Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Resources for Mission

When forwarding a name to General Synod for election, the Nominating Committee will take into account the following:

1. Geographical representation and reflecting the diverse groups and individuals within the church and society.
2. Expertise, experience and interest in the areas related to the particular focus of the committee. Knowledge of and commitment to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.
3. Ability to work collaboratively and consultatively.
4. Committed to full participation in the work of the committees, including being prepared to commit to the meetings, either face-to-face, by telephone or by video-conference (some committees meet frequently by phone or video-conference) and to work on sub-committees or task groups as needed.
5. Possess gifts in listening and discernment.

Understanding the Nature of Change in God's Church

SUE WINN

Mrs Susan Winn is an active diocesan volunteer and Lay Secretary of Provincial Synod.

Many Montreal Lay Readers have served in churches that have been required to merge, or to move, or to close in recent years. Those who attended the Lay Reader Retreat, April 26th to 28th, were hungry to hear from a young priest who has worked with four neighboring congregations who closed their churches to become one, consolidated church family.

Rev. Eli Evans and his family live in Heart's Delight, Newfoundland and Labrador. Eli has been a priest in this area for eleven years. His first years were spent building relationships with the people, discovering their history and attachments, their fears and concerns. Many could sense that change was going to be necessary as their numbers diminished and their buildings were crumbling. But very few were willing to attend services in each other's

churches, or to change their patterns of worship.

Preaching from the Scriptures, Eli taught from stories in Exodus how God cared for His people, Israel, even as they lived as slaves in Egypt, and as they crossed the desert to reach their Promised Land. Eli taught from the gospels the stories of Jesus as He sought to live out God's will. Eventually Eli led his congregations through the closure of four churches into a new life in a repurposed school, a neutral space, where symbols from all the four churches enhanced a chapel and a larger worship space to accommodate the ongoing ministry of the people, and to draw them together as a family.

While Eli's message is a serious one, he is a gifted Newfoundland storyteller who had the Lay Readers laughing. We laughed to tears as each of us recognized the pitfalls and personalities that live in the midst of every congregation. In fact, Eli had us laughing at ourselves.



Eli Evans from Heart's Delight, Newfoundland initiates Lorne Eason as an honorary Newfoundlander.

Prayers of the People



STEVEN MACKISON

The Rev Canon Steven Mackison is the Liturgical Officer for the Diocese and Incumbent of St Georges Place du Canada.

"Let us Pray". Immediately after we recite the creed, these words "let us pray" summon the faithful worshipper to enter into dialogue with the One in whose faith we have just confessed. In other words, the moment after we describe the God in whom we believe, we reach out to God in whispered voices or "sighs too deep for words" so that we may go deeper into relationship with our maker. Like any of the most important relationships in our lives, what we say, what we ask for, and what desires we express, say something about that relationship.

If, for example, our prayers are the ceaseless badgering of the divine to fulfill our every whim and want, it can lead to a view of prayer as a never-ending "letter to Santa" where we wait with eager anticipation for the answer to our prayers to magically appear under the tree, as it were.

In contrast, the most heartfelt prayers often have nothing to do with our own wants and needs, but are powerful – and often poignant – pleadings on behalf of those who are suffer-

ing, dying, or enduring some other time of trial. We intercede, in prayer, because our own relationship with an omniscient God, inspires us to be compassionate ourselves towards our neighbour.

Well, having addressed "why," let's take a look at "how" and "for whom" we pray. You will have noticed that when we offer the Prayers of the People, Sunday by Sunday, the litanies follow a fairly consistent pattern. Whether the prayers are extemporaneous or culled from the litanies in the BAS or BCP, we typically pray, first, for the church. Far from being arbitrary, this reflects the incarnational nature of the church to which we all belong.

As Anglicans, we believe that the church is the instrument of God's grace in the world through the gift of God's abiding presence in the Holy Spirit. It is meant to both transform the world, in keeping with the values of the Kingdom of God – incarnate in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus – and serve as a witness to the world when it is not living in accordance with those values. So we pray for the church as a way of saying that it is only by God's grace – through the Spirit – that we can accomplish anything and that by the Spirit's indwelling God will accomplish – in and through the church – more than we can ask or imagine.

This explains why we pray first for our Bishop, as she or he is the successor to the apostles through whom the church was given birth when the Holy Spirit breathed Her new life into their midst. In other words, on that first Day of Pentecost, when a tongue of fire rested on each of the

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a woman's place was in the home. A time when ethnic and religious minorities lived ghettoized lives on the margins of society. A time when gay people lived underground. A time when the Church colluded with the state to place indigenous young people in residential schools. None of this is to say that there wasn't also a lot of good in our church culture in the past and many of us are deeply grateful for the foundation in faith that we have received. But let us not delude ourselves into thinking that going back is going to solve anything.

The gospel calls us forward. In the climate in which we live now the possibilities of sharing the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ are more rich and varied than ever. But they do call us to be a humble presence, a serving presence, a relational presence. As Jesus said to his disciples in John 1: *Come and see!* What a great model for evangelistic work.

Humble: the days of Christian dominance are over. But the need remains the same. In a multi-cultural, religiously diverse context, we do not need to assert the superiority of our faith over others. Indeed we can exchange in lively and worthwhile dialogue with those of other faith traditions as equals. Nor should we assume that those who have created their own spirituality are somehow inferior to those of us in the Church. Humility calls us to be authentically Christian in an eclectic society and to acknowledge our own weaknesses. Where we are power hungry or out for control we do not reflect the values of our faith. The Apostle Paul gives good advice: *be completely humble and gentle; be patient.* (Ephesians 4:2) At the core of

our faith is Jesus Christ and it is into a relationship with Jesus Christ that evangelism invites people. We need to come to grips with Jesus Christ and that our faith says about Him. For either He is raised from the dead or he is not. If not He is of no importance. But if He is, He is vitally important for people to know. So let's share that faith with humble conviction.

To be a serving presence is so important for the church. We cannot live for ourselves alone and maintain our communities of faith for our own purposes. We must work to serve the people who live amongst us. That will take many different forms depending upon where your church is located. But be on the lookout for opportunities to serve others. Jesus is very passionate about this: *I was hungry and you fed me!* (Matthew 25) It might be a breakfast programme for local kids, a senior's lunch, a food cupboard or community meal. Nourishing people with hot meals is a powerful evangelistic tool before you ever say a word. There are many lonely people in our communities aching for relationship. So find ways to serve others, because when people see the Church serving, they see the Church fulfilling its divine mandate. There are many blessings for the Church when we extend ourselves in this way. Ministries like this create powerful bonds of relationship, which leads to my last point.

We need to be relational. Many of our parishes are focussed on trying to hold on in challenging times. But the gospel calls us to reach out in Jesus' name. Reaching out is another way of saying that we need to be relational. Past models of evangelism sometimes missed the relational bit

and kind of tried to make the sale quickly. We know now that we need to take the time to build relationships with others before we can take the privilege to share faith. At its best evangelism happens one conversation at a time, one invitation at a time. It includes the ways in which we organise the ministries of our churches, but it also includes the way we are present in relationship to those who do have not heard about Jesus Christ. For example your Church might decide to start doing the Alpha Course or some other Christian basics course. That is a good step to take. But it will be far more powerful if members of the congregation think and pray about people they know whom they can invite and bring with them. Whatever it is you choose to do, recognise that building relationships based on friendship and trust is the necessary precursor to evangelistic conversations and it can happen in any arena of your life. I have had many such conversations with my friends at the gym – you just never know when someone will be struggling. Some of the best advice in the Bible comes from 1 Peter 3: *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.* But do this with gentleness and respect.

Humble, serving and relational. We have much to think about together as the People of God. But there is so much potential just waiting for us if we will take up the challenge of evangelism.

Encouragement and Inspiration from the Lenten Misson Outreach Day (LMO)

LEE-ANN MATTHEWS

Lee-Ann Matthews is MTL Youth Project Coordinator and Diocesan Web & Social Media Coordinator

If I am to be perfectly honest I've found that in church ministry encouragement can be in short supply. Sometimes enthusiasm, passion and engagement can be in short supply too.

I have been a part of the Anglican Diocese of Montreal, aka MTL Youth project scene for several years and have been involved in children and youth ministry for longer. Having experimented with all kinds of efforts to engage young people in the church, from fitness to fine art, drama to scripture, I've enjoyed some very inspiring and fruitful outcomes.

But I have also encountered obstacles when it comes to ministry. For example, when

running a program where one option is oriented towards the church and the other is secular, I have found that it is easier to recruit for the project has no religious roots. This likely comes as no surprise to anyone who has seen the difference in response when inviting friends to dinner versus to a church service. The reactions are clear. Our culture can be suspicious of the church to say the least.

So when we were dreaming up the LMO last summer, I experienced a lot of anxiety. I feared that the day wouldn't attract young people, that it wouldn't be exciting enough, that no one would care... that we weren't relevant.

I am so delighted to report that I was wrong. The MTL Youth team assured me that the day would be an inspiring and effective way for young people

to grow their faith in community. And they were right!

Thanks to the organization and dedication of the team, the day was flawless. Patrick Wheeler's (St. Matthias) compelling keynote presentation set the tone with the message:

"You can make a difference. You can change the world. You young people are not the Church of the future, you are the Church of the present. You are the Church of now. And we need you. So, inspire us, show us how it's done. Show us what courage means. Show us what the love of Jesus looks like."

I was so grateful for to the passion and faith of our young people who came downtown on a beautiful spring day to live out their Christian faith through service. It filled me with hope!

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The kids took ownership of the day with open hearts. Photo by Janet Best.



We are grateful for the young people who came downtown on a beautiful spring day to live out their Christian faith through service! Photo by Janet Best.



Following the service projects, the youth attended the 6pm service at Christ Church Cathedral. Photo by Janet Best.



Zach Ingles instructs the participants at the Lenten Mission Outreach Day. Photo by Janet Best.

Around the Diocese



Sugar on Snow fundraiser in Iron Hill, April 7, 2019. Photo by Tim Smart.



Enjoying the ride at the Sugar on Snow fundraiser in Iron Hill, April 7, 2019. Photo by Tim Smart.



Yvonne Wakeland and Valerie Bennet (above) and Ros Macgregor and Jean Wilcox (right) at the Scared, the Scarred and our Sacred Duty event on March 13, 2019. Photos by Janet Best.



Clergy share a light moment at the Clergy Lenten Retreat in April of this year.



Supper Club, April 29, 2019. Above: Eduardo Sasso, Ryan Cook and Jen DeTracy enjoy a meal. Right: Curtis Matoga provides music for worship. Photos by Janet Best.



Baptism of Charlotte Isobel Vorwerk with her parents Stephanie and Steve, Church of the Ascension, West Brome, April 12, 2019. Photo by Tim Smart.



Fulford Residence is celebrating 164 years of caring service to senior ladies, launching a new website www.fulfordresidence.com. The executive of the Board of Directors: (l to r) Front, Flo Tracy, David McEntyre, Anna Belec Back: Kitty Lackenbauer, Douglas Dawson, Sue Winn.



March 23rd; the mens group of St Paul's Anglican church Greenfield Park held a fundraising breakfast for approximately 225 people. They were able to give \$1500 to the South shore reading council who run activities for adults with special needs.

Partnerships Committee Fosters Close Ties



Bishops Barbara and Mary at the House of Bishops in March of this year. The silk scarves had been made for all the women Bishops.

SUSAN WINN

Mrs Susan Winn is an active diocesan volunteer and Lay Secretary of Provincial Synod.

Prior to 2007, Montreal was in partnership with the Diocese of Southwest Brazil. In 1992, with three others, I visited our partners who lived close to the border of Uruguay. This was, for me, a life-changing experience. I believe that partnerships are essential to our growth and understanding as children of God, being the church together.

Currently, Montreal enjoys two formal partnerships, one with the Territory of the People in British Columbia, and the other with the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania.

Our Canadian partnership with APCI (Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior), now known as the Territory of the People, was launched in October 2008. Bishop Gordon Light and Bishop Barry Clarke

signed an agreement at our Synod, October 24th, 2008.

Bishop Barbara Andrews has done much to foster our close ties with her Diocese in recent years. At the end of May, 2019, Bishop Mary and Archdeacon Michael Robson will attend an Assembly at Quesnel, BC. News of this visit will appear in the next issue of our newspaper.

Our international partnership with Masasi began in January 2007 with Bishop Patrick Mwachiko and our bishop Andrew Hutchison. This partnership has grown under the leadership of Bishop Barry Clarke and Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, with the new bishop of Masasi, James Almasi. A number of face to face meetings in both our countries have enabled a comfortable level of intimacy and comradeship. We continue to support one another as equal partners, strengthening our relationships

within the Anglican Communion.

A most recent visit in August, 2018 was strongly supported by Montreal churches who donated gifts through a project, "Bishop's Blessings Beyond the Diocese", enabling our bishop and her team to contribute to ministries within Masasi.

Two articles written by Mark Gibson and Rev. Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu will tell their personal stories of this very happy visit. All Montreal parishioners may be justly proud of the role of our Diocese in this fruitful relationship.

Mission et amitié : Voyage au Diocèse de Masasi en Tanzanie

VICTOR-DAVID MBUYI BIPUNGU

Rev'd Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu is Priest in Charge of Église de la Nativité

Du 24 juillet au 8 août 2018, j'ai eu la chance de visiter le Diocèse de Masasi en Tanzanie avec la délégation du diocèse de Montréal conduite par notre Évêque Mary et dont les autres membres étaient Mark Gibson, Beth Reed et moi-même. En quittant Montréal, je n'imaginais pas un seul instant que les deux semaines seraient aussi extraordinaires. Étant moi-même né en Afrique, dans un pays voisin de la Tanzanie, la République Démocratique du Congo, je ne m'attendais pas à voir autre chose que ce que je connaissais de ce continent même si je vis au Canada depuis 15 ans.

Masasi ce n'est pas Dar-es-Salam, bien sûr, mais j'ai été immédiatement charmé par l'accueil de ce peuple vivant, pieux et fraternel. Tout le monde était mobilisé, une organisation parfaitement planifiée. Les chants et la danse ont accompagné nos visites partout où nous sommes allés. Nous avons eu la chance de découvrir une église en croissance et promotrice du bien-être des populations locales et de la défense des droits humains. Une église qui accomplit sa mission en collaboration avec les autorités civiles établies et les membres d'autres religions, les musulmans en particulier. Une église déterminée à contribuer au développement de la société et qui s'engage de plus en plus dans la promotion de la femme.

Notre voyage nous a permis de vivre concrètement l'amitié qui unit nos deux diocèses à travers un partenariat qui dure depuis plusieurs années maintenant. En signe de cette amitié, notre Évêque a remis plusieurs

cadeaux au diocèse de Masasi au nom de notre diocèse de Montréal. Spécialement, l'aide a consisté à encourager et à soutenir les efforts du diocèse de Masasi dans la construction des églises, des dispensaires et des résidences paroissiales. Le plus important a été le soutien dans le domaine de l'éducation. A ce sujet, notre Évêque a soutenu le projet de construction de l'école Sainte Catherine pour les filles, qui est en cours de réalisation, et le groupe de femmes envoyées dans l'extrême Tanzanie pour y suivre une formation de catéchiste. Dans ce cadre d'encouragement de l'éducation, nous avons visité l'école de garçons qui va bientôt abriter un collège théologique régional.

En dépit de nos différences culturelles et théologiques, nous avons été chaleureusement et respectueusement accueillis. Les membres du clergé et les laïcs ont été ravis d'entendre notre Évêque parler de sa vocation en tant que prêtre et Évêque femme. Ce message a sans doute motivé plusieurs femmes qui sont engagées en Église, mais qui pensent que le ministère ordonné ne les concerne pas.

Quant à nous, nous avons beaucoup appris des anglicans de Masasi, en particulier en ce qui concerne la croissance d'églises dans un contexte non chrétien et privé des moyens financiers conséquents, la formation de communautés de foi, la beauté de la liturgie, la collaboration avec d'autres confessions religieuses, la création de partenariats avec les gouvernements locaux et le développement de ressources très limitées.

Oui, l'Esprit Saint est à l'œuvre car la moisson est abondante aussi bien à Montréal qu'à Masasi.

Bwana Yesu asifiwe! Amen!



Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu with Bishops James Almasi and Mary Irwin-Gibson in Masasi, July 2018.

What is the cost of partnership?

MARK GIBSON

Mr Mark Gibson is an associate at Trinity Centres Foundation and parishioner of St Jax Church.

The Diocese of Montréal and the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania have been partners since 2007; long enough to have involved a total of five bishops (three for our diocese and two for Masasi). The bishops, as well as a number of priests and lay people, have participated in visits back and forth. I was privileged to participate in the partnership visit in Summer 2018, along with Bishop Mary, Father Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu and Beth Reed, then chair of the Partnership Committee.

I approached the trip with skepticism. Travel is expensive; the needs in Africa are immense; their Province of the Anglican Communion seems to be “out of communion” with us because of our pastoral practices towards LGBTQ+ people; we don’t speak Swahili; we don’t want to be colonialist.... What could they have to offer us? What could we offer them, besides money? How would a visit help?

I was very pleasantly surprised! Our visit permitted us to advance several projects where we share common values, communicated more fully the reality on the ground there (explaining why we should care), and opened minds (ours and theirs).

Our group brought donations of about \$10,000 from individuals and congregations who had participated in the fundraising program Bishop’s Blessings Beyond the Diocese. This was my first learning: because of past trips, many Anglicans in the Montréal diocese care about the Anglicans in Masasi. With this, we were able to make donations that were significant steps forward in the projects illustrated here.

This is just a small part of the good work that we saw in a growing indigenous Tanzanian diocese that was both more “high church” than the Montréal diocese, and more oriented to modern local worship songs. We also met and prayed with 10 women being sent off to the far end of Tanzania for training as catechists, toured the boys’ school which was soon going to house a regional theological college, and participated in a confirmation of 130 young people from the Cathedral congregation.

In spite of our cultural and theological differences (both exemplified by Bishop Mary leading our group), we were warmly and respectfully welcomed. The clergy and lay people were delighted to hear the gospel preached by a Bishop who could speak about the Spirit’s work in her life, and who they could see understood about the gifts of the Spirit and the need for continually opening our hearts to God’s values of generosity and forgiveness. They appreciated her efforts in Swahili, too!

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Converting a parish guest house into a medical clinic

The parish of Tunduru in the western part of the diocese used to operate a guest house; when the need for that declined, they decided they could better serve the community by housing a medical dispensary (one of several we saw in the diocese). Our visit was attended by local civic officials as well as parishioners and representatives from other denominations. Our donation contributed financially and as an encouragement for their good work.



Building a larger church

A candid shot of Bishop James Almasi (foreground) and Archdeacon Douglas Msigala at the table beside Bishop Mary (the photographer) inside the church construction site after worship and speeches to celebrate the laying of a foundation stone in honour of our visit. The men standing are local church members. Note that while all of the guests (us and some local officials) were being given lunch, we had the only spot in the shade.



A view inside the church construction site at Mkomaindo. We gave a gift of money which is likely to help pay for more bricks and allow the work to continue. Once the simple metal roof is on, the inside may be painted but the floor is likely to remain dirt with some woven mats for the foreseeable future. It is interesting to see that in Tanzania, “saving” for a new church means adding another row of bricks whenever more money is received, and the same strategy is used by shopkeepers who want to open a new store...



Supporting the building of a girls’ school

St Catherine’s Girl’s School is the first diocesan school for girls, and provides a chance for families of all religions to access a safer, all-girls school being built on property owned by the diocese. Our financial contribution and presence provided political pressure for government officials (who were present) to ensure that their budgets also contributed. At a very practical level, it paid for a few more rows of bricks on the walls.



Building a house for the parish priest’s family

This one-story house will become the home of the priest serving Lisekese parish

Taking Steps to Eradicate Human Slavery

What you can do...

PENNY RANKIN

Mrs Penny Rankin is Chair of the Standing Committee on Mission

It is now almost three months since St Matthias hosted its' information forum on human trafficking- an event that attracted both a large diverse audience as well as good media exposure. "The Scared the Scarred and our Sacred Duty" proved to be a very successful first step in our effort to raise awareness and alarms about this prevalent and heinous crime.

We have since entered into a period of reflection and analysis as we and the Diocese digest all we have learned. As to next steps - please stay tuned...and read on!

In early May we will have held the first meeting of what should evolve into the an inter-faith coalition dedicated to raising awareness and challenging the broader community to join the worldwide movement to eradicate modern slavery. As to a possible program aimed at this, one that will have been put forward at this first meet-

ing would be a workshop organized by the RCMP and/or the SPVM. Again, stay tuned!

Independent of the coalition, a number of church groups and organizations have requested and are seeking to have presentations made to them...and we are set up to do just that.

There are some specific times across the year at which focusing on trafficking is encouraged:

June 12th: World day Against Child Labour

July 30th: World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

Election Opportunity:

The Federal election is now just a few months away. While some progress has been made to strengthen Canadian laws and our policing ability to enforce those laws...we lag behind our NATO partners as well as other nations when it comes to meeting our international commitment to help move towards a slave-free world.

As such, I join Bishop Mary in encouraging you to find out

both the awareness levels of your local candidates as well as their willingness to respond by asking them some questions:

- Do they know that the single greatest risk of being trafficked in Canada is to be born a girl?
- What is the average annual amount of "profit" generated by a trafficked girl? (\$280,000)
- Where do they stand on supply chain laws that Canada does not yet have and that consequently means unbeknown to us some of our purchases may indeed involve forced child labour?
- How do they propose to protect vulnerable populations including temporary foreign workers?
- Will their party contribute to the Global...Fund?
- Where do they stand on "name and shame"?
- Will they prioritize this issue with the RCMP?
- How do they propose to handle the cyber-live streamed sexual exploitation of children here in Canada as well as beyond our borders- market-



Anthony Horsefeather and Penny Rankin at Scared, Scarred and Our Sacred Duty on Photo by Janet Best.

ers, purchasers and promoters?

- If not currently in government (ie.Conservatives, Greens or NDP) will they reverse any of the laws that have come into effect under the current government?

Whether we are talking about sexual or labour exploitation this election represents an opportunity to hold our representatives accountable. This dynamic should not be limited to the Federal govern-

ment alone-cities and provinces have oversight as well.

If interested in learning more please contact me or look for MTL Anti-Human Trafficking on Facebook to receive updates on the issue.



Attention all Anglicans- Including very young Anglicans!

The Mission Standing Committee is excited to introduce a Competition! Your parish can win \$\$ while raising awareness of the Marks of Mission!

The Committee would like to raise awareness of the Five Marks of Mission BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Why the Five Marks of Mission? For our committee, the marks represent a vital reference point for evaluating and awarding grants. Moreover, they provide a framework to describe and encourage ministry and represent core values we should all be aware of in our faith practice.

So, we are asking you, or your Sunday School to take up the challenge by designing "MARKS OF MISSION PICTOGRAMS". (in other words, a

pictorial symbol for a word or phrase - in this case each of the Five Marks of Mission). This can definitely be a team effort... or that of an individual!

These pictograms will become visual reminders of The 5 Marks of Mission (see below!).

We are looking for a symbol for each "mark" and will award \$100 to the designer of each winning symbol. So, you can win up to \$500 for your parish's missional initiatives or Sunday School/youth programs.

All submissions must be shared with and reviewed by your parish priest. The deadline for the contest is Monday, September 30th. Good Luck and God Bless you all!

Marks of Mission

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The Way of the Needle

MURIEL DENOIX EATON

Ms Muriel Eaton is a parishioner of St George, Place du Canada

Inspiration comes in strange ways. This is the story of how I became inspired to create and mend our parish Eucharistic linens - and how I hope to inspire others to do so too.

When Fr. Steven (Mackison) began his ministry at St. George's in downtown Montreal, it was obvious that, to him, nothing is too beautiful for his church, including music, furnishings, and his own sartorial choices.

At the time, I was finishing a long treatment for a rather aggressive type of breast cancer. One of the chemotherapy drugs I was given ended up giving me a case of neuropathy in my fingers. That was all the more troublesome that I had been a harpist, at times a professional one, for a long time and now, my playing was horrible. I needed both something to do with my hands and a project.

One day, Josée Lemoine, who was in training in our parish, was changing the parament on the Altar while I was in the sanctuary. She said something about the state of disrepair of the frontal and somehow, I ended up offering to repair it.

This is how you put your finger in a cogwheel. I started repairing and restoring paraments, but soon after completing work on three sets, Fr Steven handed me a big yellow bag containing various used-up linens. Inspection showed that all were in such bad shape adding a stitch to any was use-

less. It then occurred to me that sewing new ones would be a better idea, all the more that I had been taught about constructing them in my convent school a long time ago. So, the first few that I made were very much at the school level. Sure they were presentable, but it was only a spring board for better work.

When starting a new piece, I begin by un-weaving a single thread from the fabric to find straight lines, but during that process, inspiration happens. I jot down ideas, sketches, and look online for a similar idea (probably an even better one!). This work is right up my alley,



because I seem to be channeling some cloistered sister of yore and I can spend hours repeating the same tiny gesture while my mind is on holiday. I sit there in the relative quiet and get totally absorbed in what I do. Some would say I am in a bubble, but that bubble is particularly solid. You have to knock-knock on the glass to get my attention.

Bishop Mary sure got my attention when she told me that practically ALL parishes had no new linens. They have become too expensive to be regularly included in most annual budgets. I offered to

organize a linen sewing group at the diocesan level, but although some showed interest (including a young seminarian) and even continued, it eventually petered out. No problem. This is the way a lot of good ideas work in church life.

Then last spring, several of my sewing students needed further instruction, but I was due to go home to France for several months. The solution was to write them down and make a few sketches.

Fast forward to this January, when the 'Making Linens' document was sitting in my computer under an Altar Inventory folder. As I am the current editor of our parish newsletter, I had the Publisher program for book-writing. So I began to write! The document became a manual with 37 pages, including pictures and sketches. By the time this newspaper goes to print, the manual will be available on our diocesan website for you to read and - hopefully - become inspired yourself to pick up a needle. (the title is *On Pins and Needles* and can be found at montreal.anglican.ca)

Despite the slow output, I find this work rewarding in that there is constant progress towards some achievement every day, even when deciding that something is not working and I'd better start over. Finally, all those tiny stitches line up the way I want them to, every thread of the fabric is accounted for, all the basting thread sections disappear and the whole piece can finally get laundered and ironed.

You are familiar with the idiom whereby *the devil is in the details*; originally, it was God.

Equipping the Saints

JESSE ZINK

The Rev Dr Jesse Zink is principal of Montreal Diocesan Theological College

I am writing this at the end of the school year. As I look back at the past academic year, there is much to give thanks for.

We had a large intake of new students this year. They brought with them energy and enthusiasm for ministry, the church, and the college. They also came with a diverse set of backgrounds, including their national origin, age, educational background, and much else. We had students from Turkey, Costa Rica, the United States, and Canada. We had a student in every decade of age from their 20s to their 70s. All of this diversity came together over the course of the year into an energizing community that prayed, ate, studied, and celebrated together, and worked to support one another throughout the year.

At Convocation on May 6, we graduated three students—two from the Diocese of Montreal and one from the Diocese of Quebec—and sent them off into ministry in God’s church and world. We also conferred honorary doctorates on Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson of Montreal and Bishop Bruce Myers of Quebec, recognizing the historic teaching role of bishops and honouring the fact that

for the first time in history the bishops of both Montreal and Quebec are graduates of Dio.

We recognize that our students are not just those who are preparing for ordained ministry. The college is called to serve Christians across the church more broadly. So in the past year the college led a “journey into Luke.” In the fall, we hosted a five-session online course introducing some of the key themes of the Gospel of Luke, the focus of the Sunday lectionary readings this year. More than 80 students from eight dioceses in the U.S. and Canada joined in that journey. Then in February, we hosted a training day to help people lead a Bible study in Luke in their congregations during Lent. A participant in one of those Bible study groups wrote back to us afterwards, “I feel a greater connection with the Diocesan College by using this curriculum you’ve prepared. It has helped our growth, education, and formation.”

Not only do we want more people in the diocese to be connected with the college, we want the college to connect with more people in this diocese, this city, and this province. I’ve enjoyed my trips around the diocese to continue to preach in churches. But it is our students who have blazed the way in building new relationships. This year we had students spend time with the



Montreal Diocesan Theological 2019 graduates gather with college faculty, May 6, 2019.

Wolf Pack Street Patrol based at St. George’s Place du Canada, at Mile End Mission, St. Michael’s Mission, the Mission to Seafarers, and others. Our students and this college have so much to learn from what is already happening in ministry in our midst.

At the beginning of the year, our Board of Governors set a series of ambitious financial goals for ourselves: that we would triple our average income from donations, that we would double our income from tuition revenue, and that we would have 100 members of our renewed college Corporation. Now, at the end of the

year, we can say that we have met and exceeded each one of these goals. That we have been able to do so is a testament to the growing community of support that exists in this diocese and beyond. It is a community that is committed to our success and rooting for our flourishing.

As we reach the end of one year, we are already looking ahead to the next: we are recruiting a new and similarly diverse class of entering students. We are making plans for new course offerings that will serve the church in the broadest possible way. We are looking to deepen and expand our

relationships in this city. And we are setting even more ambitious financial and institutional goals for ourselves so that we can continue to build on our success and serve the church in ever more creative and sustainable ways.

But as the year concludes and the summer looms, let me conclude simply by saying thank you to the many people who support us in prayer, in your time, and in your giving. None of what we do is possible without you.

Lenten Mission Outreach *cont from page 5*

I was humbled by the way the kids showed up and took ownership of the day with such open hearts. Even though some felt challenged and fearful of being away from their parents and friends, they pushed beyond their comfort zones. They trusted us and the experience enough to try.

Each young person chose to participate in one of three service projects that brought them into the surrounding community: one was on homelessness and poverty with Zack Ingles (The Open Door) and Steven Mackson, (St. George’s Place du Canada), one on urban agriculture with Jenna Smith (director of Youth Innovation) and one on seniors ministry with Neil Mancor (congregational development) at Fulford Residence.

When the youth returned from the projects, they were brimming with enthusiasm and new life! Some admitted to feeling cautious and uncertain at first about what they would encounter, but were transformed by the people they encountered. Some were touched at how their actions made a difference in the lives of those they served. We heard also that they learned something new about themselves, their community and what it means to

be of service to others.

Following the service projects and the supper, we went to the 6pm worship service at Christ Church Cathedral. The service, which has been offered for several years, is ecumenical, inclusive, bilingual, contemporary and it is so ENCOURAGING! Throngs of young people flock to this Cathedral service twice monthly as they continue to build a supportive community under the skilled leadership of Jean Daniel O Donnéada. I was so happy to witness the ways young people are participating meaningfully and creatively; the music team was incredible, the prayers were deeply heartfelt and personal. In short, this worship service was the icing on the LMO cake!

Thanks to the Lenten Mission and Outreach Day Project I am newly encouraged to see that there are young people who are interested in nurturing their faith through service, community and worship in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal.

And that is all of the encouragement that I need! Looking forward to where we are called next! Thanks be to God!

4th Edition of Wan-der-lust to Benefit Mile End Mission

On Monday, June 17th, Station Acoustique will present its 4th Edition of Wan-der-lust, a fabulous musical and culinary voyage taking us to the heart of Canada, Ukraine and Italy. This lively fundraiser will be held once again at the magnificent Rialto Theatre, with proceeds helping to support the Mile End Mission’s many programs and services for individuals and families living in and around Mile End.

We hope you’ll come join the fun and help support the Mile End Mission!

Dinner-show \$125 Balcony show \$25. Tickets are available at the Rialto 514 770-7773 or online at www.Ticketpro.ca by typing the word Wanderlust in the Quebec map’s search bar.

If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation or help sponsor a Mission member to attend the event, it would be greatly appreciated.

A \$40 tax receipt is available upon request for ‘Dinner & Show’ tickets.

For more info, contact Lou or Lori at 514 274-3401 or visit the event page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/482078878997138/>

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Notables

Sunday, June 9th
The members of *St. Barnabas* are planning a special birthday celebration for Mrs. Mabel Georges who will be 100 years young on June 28th. This special event will be held after the 10:30 service in the Church Hall 12301 Colin St., Pierrefonds.

Sunday, June 9th
St. Stephen's will celebrate the 197th Anniversary of the Founding of the Parish. The church building is the oldest Anglican church on the Island of Montreal. The celebratory Eucharist will begin at 11am followed by a reception at the back of the

Annie Ittoshat *cont from p. 1*

parishioners and clients outside of the church walls. Her multiple pictures and stories on social media, and the reach of her ministry bear witness to the impact she had in the life of many around her.
I personally felt ministered

Prayers of the People *cont from p. 4*

apostles, they became the symbol of unity through whom the Holy Spirit accomplishes God's work through the church in the world. Thus when we pray for the church, we pray first for the Bishop as that symbol of unity who was consecrated through the laying on of hands in an unbroken embrace that reaches back in time to the day the church was born.

As an interesting aside, you may notice that some Anglican parishes pray first for our Primate, then our Metropolitan, then, lastly, our Diocesan Bishop. This is a classic example of the first being last and the last first. For, while it is true that the Primate is the symbol

church. Our guest speaker is Matthew Pearce, president and director-general of the Old Brewery Mission. Everyone is welcome. For information, call 514-488-5137 or 514-637-9814.

Meditatio is ongoing at *All Saints by the Lake* for the summer and fall. We gather on Tuesday evenings at 7pm to pray, listen to a spiritual reflection, and meditate, following John Main's method of Christian meditation. All are welcome! 865 Lakeshore Drive, Dorval. For information, contact Stacey Neale at 514-631-9796 or sj.neale@sympatico.ca

to by her, just by watching her at work.

Thanks Annie, for blessing us with your work, your ministry and your presence! The Diocese of the Arctic will be blessed to have you!

of unity over all Canadian Anglicans, and a Metropolitan (Archbishop) oversees one of the four provinces of the Anglican Church of Canada, our connection to other Anglicans, here and abroad flows through our diocesan Bishop. All of our structures of authority, discipline and governance, are incarnate in the local church, thus our prayers begin in our own local context, with our Bishop, then reach beyond to embrace the church throughout the world. This is not a matter of "putting down the Primate" or "maligning the Metropolitan." Rather, it is beginning our prayers in the right place and for the right (reverend) person.

The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer - Canada A Prayer from the Diocesan Representatives



Heavenly Father, we thank you for the wisdom and insight that brought about the formation of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. As we celebrate its 60th anniversary, we praise you for all the ways in which you have helped this organization fulfill and expand its mission. We pray for all those who work or volunteer for PWRDF, for those who give generously to its good works and for all those who benefit from its diverse programming.

This year the Montreal Branch of PWRDF chose as its awareness and fundraising theme maternal health. Gracious God and Healing Spirit, we give you thanks and praise for creating the opportunity to have been able to present a symposium in partnership with the MUHC devoted to this most critical issue.

We thank you Lord for the staff at the MUHC and their willingness to collaborate with our team to produce such an event. We are also grateful for the PWRDF members and those of the research institute of the MUHC who worked tirelessly to make the symposium a success. We pray that all mothers here and around the world get access to the care they need at this most important moment in their lives and in their children's lives.

In this year of celebration, we also give thanks for all the hard work and dedication of Archbishop Fred Hiltz. Through his efforts, we are more aware of such issues as food scarcity and insecurity, preventative health initiatives for HIV/AIDS and TB, and Indigenous programming.

We pray for the continued success of PWRDF and beseech you dear Lord to help ensure that its work continues to achieve positive change through existing programs or new projects. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

God bless,

Valerie and Stacey

For more information on AFP-C, contact
Valerie Bennett and Stacey Neale at valstacey@bell.net

The cost of partnership *cont from page 9*

We have much to learn from the Anglicans in Masasi, particularly about growing churches in a non-Christian context, forming worshipping communities, collaborating with other denominations, forming partnerships with local governments and thriving with very few resources. There is a culture and a church with much to be proud of, and it was good for us to see that and to step out of our Western

World "bubble".

So yes, this trip was expensive. The gifts we brought had about the same value as what we spent on travel. Those gifts supported some very good work. But more importantly, our presence created valuable links within a strained Anglican Church. It also served to help us in our Diocese be reminded, or perhaps to learn for the first time, that our partners and those in the dioceses

around them are human beings who are living ordinary but difficult lives, shaped by and trying to influence very different non-Western cultures, often studying expressions of theology that our churches wrote many years ago, and authentically animated by the same Holy Spirit who is patient with us and our limitations.

Bwana Yesu asifiwe! Praise to the Lord Jesus!

Canada Briefs

Prepared by Joelle Kidd, Anglican Journal staff writer

Nova Scotia priest blesses brews

As members of the Craft Brewers Association of Nova Scotia gathered in February to create their third annual collaboration beer at Saltbox Brewery in Mahone Bay, N.S., Mahone Bay Parish Rector Fr. Chad McCharles was on hand to bless the brewers and their new brew. The brewery and the parish formed a friendship in 2017, when the parish began hosting an Oktoberfest event as a community connection opportunity, and Saltbox Brewery supplied the beer. Since then, the brewery has been involved with The Three Churches Foundation, of which St. James' Mahone Bay is a founding member. A percentage of every can of Saltbox's "Three Churches" beer sold goes toward the foundation.

McCharles was honored to be asked by the brewers to bless their beer.

"To have the opportunity to engage with the community at any level is an honour and a privilege.... Being invited to bless the brewers and their beer was a chance to connect the narrative of Jesus Christ, that of the blessing and love of God for all aspects of our life and creation, with the dominant secular narrative. I see that as mission," he says.
—The Diocesan Times

Diocesan bowling tournament raises almost \$40,000
Anglicans and friends in the diocese of New Brunswick raised \$39,476 for organizations that combat child hunger during the third annual diocesan bowling tournament April 6 and 7. Proceeds from the event will go to school breakfast and lunch programs and food banks in the province. In Fredericton,

the money raised will help fund the Student Hunger Program at Fredericton Community Kitchens, which provides close to 2,000 lunches a week to area students.

The tournament began two years ago in Fredericton with a few local parishes and has grown to include bowlers from parishes across the diocese. In Saint John, member of All Saint's in East Saint John and manager of Fairview Lanes bowling alley Bob Cormier set up a silent auction, adding hundreds of dollars to the proceeds. Money raised in Saint John went to fund the Inner City Youth Ministry's Lunch Connection, which provides about 47,000 meals per year for children in Saint John.

More than 300 bowlers and many more cheerleaders from across the diocese took to their local lanes for the event.
—The New Brunswick Anglican