

# Crosstalk

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## Affordable housing forum aims to engage parishes

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

Expert speakers will address a wide range of ways parishes can support affordable housing at a diocese-wide forum on May 11. The forum titled, *Welcoming Homes: A Diocesan Forum Highlighting Affordable Housing*, will be held at Christ Church Bells Corners. The forum will feature four workshop panels that are designed to help parishes contribute to the Diocese's campaign to create 125 new affordable housing units to celebrate its 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2021.

Keynote speaker Canon Sue Garvey who has just retired after 22 years as executive director of Cornerstone Housing for Women, will lead a plenary session on the theme, *Why Housing, Why Now, and Why us?* She will focus on the unique and powerful role of the church in creating opportunities for ending homelessness and building affordable housing.

"This is the obvious next step, and it's a great opportunity," said Archdeacon Dr. PJ Hobbs, director of mission. "I'm really excited about having many people from across the diocese come together to explore how we can meet our goal, with every parish engaged."

See AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM, p. 4



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*This bronze sculpture by Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz was installed in front of Ottawa's Christ Church Cathedral in May. Schmalz says he intended it to appear at first glance as a homeless person, but a closer look at details such as the wounds on the feet reveals it to be a sculpture of Jesus.*



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*Reconciliation—Diana Partridge hangs a string of hand-painted wooden tiles on a prayer screen at Church of the Ascension. The project honours children who attended Indian Residential Schools. See story p. 5*

## Greeting from *Crosstalk's* new editor

Dear Readers,  
We are back! Thank you for your patience with the interruption in our production and missed March issue while the Diocese reorganized its communications.

I look forward to meeting many of you, hearing and sharing your stories from across the diocese in my new role as editor of *Crosstalk*. But for now, I wanted to briefly introduce myself and to make sure you all know how to contact me to share news from your parishes and perspectives and your feedback.

I grew up in Alberta, but following university

in Edmonton and journalism school in Halifax, I moved to Toronto, where I worked for the Canadian edition of *TIME*, *Quill & Quire*, and *Publishers Weekly*. From 2008 to 2015, I was a staff writer at the Anglican Journal, where I may have met a few of you as I helped cover General Synod and Council of General Synod meetings.

I moved to the diocese of Ottawa with my husband and daughter in 2015. We live in Hull, Que., where I have been working as a freelance writer and editor.

I'm looking forward to getting to know the diocese much better. Please do email me if you have an idea for



a story for the newspaper or a letter to the editor, and please remember to include your phone number so I can follow up with you. My email address is [crosstalk@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:crosstalk@ottawa.anglican.ca). You can also share ideas and news about events using a communications form available on the diocesan website.

Thanks very much!  
**Leigh Anne Williams**

FROM THE ASSISTING BISHOP



**“At Easter we celebrate the power of God’s love for all humanity”**

— Michael Bird  
Assisting Bishop  
and Commissary

# We hold Bishop John in our hearts and prayers

**By The Rt. Rev. Michael Bird**

Dear Friends in Christ in the Diocese of Ottawa, Grace and peace to you as we enter our Church’s holiest of seasons.

As I write this message, we find ourselves at a time of challenge and uncertainty in our diocese. We are all holding our dear Bishop John, his wife Catherine, and their family in our hearts and in our prayers during this time of medical leave. They are foremost on our minds this Eastertide, and we pray that God’s healing embrace may continue to enfold them and uphold them in love.

For the duration of Bishop John’s absence it will be my privilege to serve the diocese as Commissary. It seems only right that I take a few moments to share with you some of my own story as a follower of Jesus.

I was ordained a deacon and then a priest in 1984, and for 23 years served as a parish priest, regional dean and archdeacon, first in Newfoundland and later in southern Ontario. I was humbled to be elected and then consecrated as the 11th Bishop of Niagara in September 2007. In embracing my ministry as a bishop, I have sought to work faithfully with clergy and lay leaders across our Church, inviting all members of the body to live out Christ’s dynamic and world-altering vision for ministry. I am a passionate advocate for social justice and have always sought to do my utmost to promote inclusion throughout the life of the Church and society at large.

My family has a long association with life in the Madawaska Valley, and in many ways, the diocese of

Ottawa is my second home. My parents built a cottage on the Madawaska River when I was one year old, and my wife Susan and I built a log cabin in the same region in 1998. Four years ago, we sold our cottage and built what was originally intended to be our retirement home on Lake Kamaniskeg, just outside of Barry’s Bay. Last year, I was honoured to be invited by Bishop John to take up a new ministry in our diocese as incumbent of the Parish of the Valley, which has been a source of profound delight and joy. In addition to my parish responsibilities, I serve as archdeacon of Pembroke and assisting bishop.

Susan and I have three grown children, and we were blessed in 2018 with the birth of our first grandchild. We enjoy jazz music, reading, hiking, cross-country

skiing, snowshoeing, boating and travel. We also have a real passion for curling!

At Easter, we celebrate the power of God’s love for all humanity. We rejoice in the knowledge that there is nothing in this world that can hold back the glory of Christ’s risen presence breaking through into our lives and into the lives of others. We find tremendous hope and encouragement as we gather in communities across our diocese to claim, once again, the promise of restoration, renewal and resurrection in the glory of the Easter Gospel. It is a privilege for me to share in this new life with you. May the blessings of this Eastertide fill us all with joy, hope, peace and love.

Yours in Christ Jesus,  
**+Michael**

## CLERGY NEWS

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**The Rev. Jeannie Loughrey**

has been appointed as half-time Chaplain at Cornerstone Housing for Women in Ottawa effective Mar. 1. She will continue as the half-time Incumbent of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wakefield, Que. with responsibilities as Sponsor of the five chapels.

**The Rev. Cathy Davis**

has been appointed as interim part-time priest for St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Chelsea, Que., effective Mar. 3.



**LEAP OF FAITH** — The Rev. Jonathan Askwith, Incumbent of the Parishes of Maberly-Lanark/Parham-Sharbot Lake, raised \$980 for charity taking the Polar Plunge at Sharbot Lake in February. Frontenac News reported that as he emerged from the frigid water he “couldn’t resist a bit of preaching, loudly exclaiming “Jesus Christ!”



PHOTO: ART BABYCH

## Retiring leader of Cornerstone Housing for Women celebrated

**By Art Babych**

More than 100 people gathered at a reception in Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa on Feb. 27 to “celebrate with thanksgiving” the retirement of Canon Sue Garvey, executive director of Cornerstone Housing for Women.

Among them were Marianne Wilkinson, Kanata’s first mayor; Jacqueline Holzman, former mayor of Ottawa; Bishop Peter Coffin, retired former bishop of the diocese of Ottawa; and Canon Allen Box who, as program director for the diocese, hired Garvey almost 23 years ago.

Bishop John Chapman was unable to attend but sent a letter thanking Garvey and praising her as “a unique and gifted minister of the Gospel.”

In the letter, read at the reception by Archdeacon Dr. PJ Hobbs, director of mission, Chapman recounted how Garvey arrived at his office on his first day as Bishop of Ottawa and suggested he take a tour of the diocese’s various community ministries. “Well, it was not a tour,” he wrote. “It was

a spiritual journey into the heart of God’s mission.

“I was introduced to marginalized women and men struggling to exist in a world that seemed incapable of including them, loving them and embracing them. I knew I was being tested. Sue wanted to know clearly whether or not I was prepared to embrace the fullness of the ministry our diocese is called to engage. It was a day I will never forget. It was the day I met Sue.”

When Garvey assumed the role of executive director on Nov. 11, 1996, Cornerstone was known as the Women in Crisis Project, Hobbs told the gathering. It has since grown to include an emergency shelter and four affordable housing communities.

In 2018, Cornerstone provided short-term refuge and permanent homes for almost 500 women. Many of them moved on to independent housing in the community or to a Cornerstone residence as part of their healing journey.

“It really is an incredible legacy,” Hobbs said. “One can imagine all the meetings, the consultations, the com-

mittees, the project teams, the budgets, the strategic plans, the annual appeals, all of it that Sue would traverse with graceful determination.” Yet in the midst of it all, he added, “informed by a commitment to social justice and fueled by the blind faith in the God of love, has been Sue’s unyielding compassion for the women of this city who need safe, supportive and affordable housing.”

There’s no question that the spirit of God is at work in her, said Hobbs. “Every now and again a community is blessed with an individual who calls people to new ways of being in God’s world. Sue is just such a person.”

The title of Lay Canon, an honorary title for faithful and valuable service to the church, was conferred upon Garvey at the opening Eucharist to last fall’s diocesan synod. Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson recently announced he would be presenting Garvey with a key to the city.

Wilda Phillips, the chair of Cornerstone’s Board of Directors, said one of Garvey’s special qualities is her passion for developing staff. “Our Cornerstone family

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**Social Time begins at 6pm followed by Dinner at 7pm.**

**Please RSVP by Friday, April 12, 2019.**

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is so strong and dedicated because of this,” she said. “She has given her heart and soul to the diocese, to Cornerstone. She has been such a leader, loved by all and now we just wish you the best.”

Thanking the speakers and reception guests, Garvey said that through her 23 years as executive director two things were “seared into me.” The first was the power of a home. “It’s a basic human right,” she said. Drawing applause, she added, “It is the most basic of our human rights and there is no reason in a country and city like the one that we live in, that anybody should not have a home.” Everyone has a responsibility to do something about that, she said.

The second thing is the power of community, said

Garvey. “The women who live at Cornerstone are inspiring and strong and full of possibility, and they’re going through hell every single day of their lives,” she said. “Being able to be a part of their journey and to live some of their ups and downs has been such an incredible gift in my life.”

Although Garvey has retired as executive director, she plans to stay on as the chair of the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group, whose goal is to build 125 new units of affordable housing by 2021, the 125th anniversary of the diocese. “I am blessed to continue to help increase safe, affordable housing and communities of care for vulnerable people in our city,” she said.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING FORUM**  
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The program on Saturday, May 11 is expected to begin with registration at 9 a.m. and run until 3:30 p.m. On May 12, Homelessness Sunday, speakers will fan out to speak at churches throughout the diocese.

The Diocesan Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group (HAHWG) has a Speakers' Bureau with a list of people willing to speak in churches about the issue of homelessness and affordable housing. Parishes that would like a guest speaker to present during the sermon time or at a coffee hour with Power Point should contact Heidi Danson at the Synod Office (613) 232-7124 (222).

On Saturday (May 11) four sessions will be held, each running for 75 minutes with panelists presenting for 15 minutes, followed by a question period.

The morning sessions:

- Opportunities for Affordable Housing in Rural

Communities, facilitated by Jim Davison, member of the Diocesan Real Estate Advisory Committee, with Terrilee Kelford who has extensive experience with youth homelessness and affordable housing in Lanark County, and Vivian Chi, affordable housing consultant, Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC).

- Development 101: Getting Started, facilitated by Archdeacon Hobbs with Graeme Hussy, executive director, Centretown Affordable Housing Corporation, and Archdeacon Kathryn Otley, rector, Christ Church Bells Corners and founding member, HAHWG. The panel will examine the basic elements to be considered in development, a session of particular interest to parishes that have land with potential for affordable housing. The afternoon sessions:

- No Money: No Land? Ways your parish can get involved, facilitated by Archdeacon

Otley, with Moira Davis, founding member of HAHWG; the Rev. Canon Laurette Glasgow, diocesan government relations officer; and Joyce Potter, member, Cornerstone Housing for Women board of directors and member, Community Ministries Advocacy Committee.

- Creating Innovative Partnerships for Housing Projects, facilitated by Gay Richardson, founder, Multi-faith Housing Initiative and founding HAHWG member with Canon Garvey and the Rev. Monique Stone, rector, Julian of Norwich. This panel will consider ways to engage, internally within the parish and externally with the wider community and the role of advocacy and networking with potential partners.

An individual registration fee of \$25 on Saturday will include lunch.

Projects are under way at three city parishes that have the potential to make a major contribution towards the Diocese's target of 125 new

units. St Thomas the Apostle in Alta Vista is working on a plan that could double the existing 30 units at Ellwood House. A project at Christ Church Bells Corners could also provide at least 30 new units. And Julian of Norwich parish in the Merivale Road area is committed to developing affordable housing on its property.

According to the City of Ottawa, there are about 10,000 households on the centralized waiting list for social housing. More than 1,000 are seniors. Wait times can be up to five years or more. The Diocese highlighted the record of Cornerstone Housing for Women and its other Community Ministries in consultations with the federal government on the development of its National Housing Strategy.

As the strategy requires the support of the provinces and municipalities the Diocese has been active with other stakeholders in urging the Ontario government to implement the strategy effectively in the province.



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*Canon Sue Garvey, pictured above with Canon Allen Box, will be keynote speaker on May 11. She will also share her vast experience with affordable housing projects at the innovative partnerships session.*

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*Remembering the children*

# Commemorative tiles help pave the path to reconciliation

Project began during Lent 2018

**By Debbie Grisdale**

On Sunday, Feb. 17, parishioners at Ottawa's Church of the Ascension completed a project of reconciliation that they began as a part of their Lenten journey one year earlier, as they hung strings of hand-painted wooden tiles commemorating survivors of Indian Residential Schools (IRS) on a prayer screen in the church.

Last year, about 30 parishioners gathered at a workshop to learn about residential schools and their painful legacy. Over the

course of 100 years, more than 150,000 Indigenous children were separated from their families to be assimilated into white, European culture in a system Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission described as cultural genocide. Many students were abused.

Ascension's workshop focused on two Anglican-run schools—Shingwauk IRS, Sault Ste Marie, Ont. and St Michael's IRS, in Alert Bay B.C. Irene Barbeau, who attended Shingwauk and co-founded the Shingwauk IRS



PHOTO: DEBBIE GRISDALE/DAVID BROSCOE

*(Left to right) Irene Barbeau, Diana Partridge, Debbie Grisdale, Margaret Lemaire (co-chair of the diocesan All My Relations Working Group), and the Rev. Rhonda Waters enjoy a moment together beside the prayer screen at Church of the Ascension.*

Alumni Association, spoke about what she experienced as a student.

Later, workshop participants had a chance to make a gesture of reconciliation through art by decorating one or several wooden tiles. In keeping with the Project of Heart program, each tile commemorates either a child who never returned from the IRS experience (there are estimated to be more than 6,000 such children) or honours an IRS survivor.

At the time, Barbeau said, "The tiles were very powerful because it was a moment of a memorial exercise about survivors and their families."

A year later, on Feb. 17, parishioners gathered around the prayer screen and prayed a responsive prayer that the Rev. Rhonda

Waters had adapted from a Litany of Healing and Restoration from the Diocese of Rupert's Land. As they prayed, the individual strings of the tiles were hung by different members of the congregation and by Barbeau and Margaret Lemaire, who also attended a residential school and is co-chair of the All My Relations Working Group.

Diana Partridge, co-chair of All My Relations-Ascension, helped plan the workshop and prepare the tiles for their installation. "This year long-project has been a journey of learning and listening with the ear of my heart." She added that the tiles "became more and more like sacred objects as I handled them over and over in preparation to hang on the prayer screen. It feels

right to see them in place."

Barbeau, who attends Good Shepherd Barrhaven Anglican-Lutheran Church, said she was "honored to be invited to the unveiling of the commemoration tiles on the prayer screen.... It is one way of starting the process to the path of truth telling and reconciliation within the Diocese of Ottawa. There are many ways to start this process and this one is one of many. Keep up the work Ascension."



Debbie Grisdale is Co-chair of the Diocese's All My Relations Working Group



*Each hand-painted tile is intended to honour a child who did not return from an Indian Residential School or who is a survivor.*

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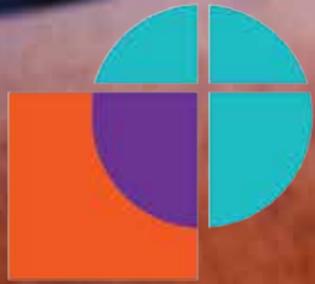
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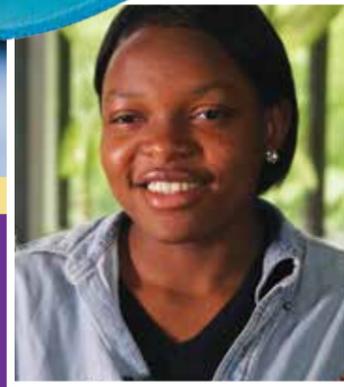
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From Marni and Leslie, Anglican Church Women  
**Dear Church Women friends**

Happy Easter to all, and our prayer is for ongoing friendships and well-supported parish outreach projects. We want to remind you of important upcoming ACW and parish dates.

**Bales for the North**

Bale packing 2019 will be held on Monday, **April 29**, at St. John's, 67 Fowler St., Richmond from 9:00 am – noon. Also on Wednesday, **May 29**, at St. Columba's, 24 Sandridge Rd., Ottawa from 9:00 am - noon

Your donations of new clothing and dried goods go to people in small northern communities along the Mackenzie River in the Northwest Territories, as well as in Baffin Island, Nunavut. Please bring your donations to the bale packing session nearest to you, and stay to pack the bales. Men and women with strong arms are especially welcome!

**ACW Annual Meeting for 2019**

This year's meeting will be held on Wednesday, **May 22**, 2019, at St. Thomas, Stittsville, from 9:30 -2:30.

St. Thomas' is at 1619 Main St., Stittsville, with a parking lot behind the church. Garth Hampson, our special guest speaker, will speak about Eva Hasell, Iris Sayers and the Canadian Caravan Mission.

Please plan to join us. Register your church and group's names by **May 8**, by email to [acw@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:acw@ottawa.anglican.ca) or by phone 613-825-6223. Registration, including lunch, is \$10.

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**Greetings to Leigh Anne**

Finally, we **welcome** our new *Crosstalk* editor, Leigh Anne Williams, and encourage you to send her your event pictures with a sentence or two of explanation, so others can be encouraged by seeing the liveliness of the gospel in action in our parishes. Upcoming events may be listed on both the *Crosstalk* and website calendars, using the communications submission form available on the diocesan website.

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**Holy Communion is a joyous gift**

By the Rev. Canon Stewart Murray

Spring cleaning is one of the 'joys' of life as we emerge from the depths of another wonderful Canadian winter. Despite the truth that I would rather be in the garden, working in the earth, soaking up the warmth of the sun and enjoying the beauty of the world, spring cleaning can bring its own pleasures as well. Sorting through the cards and letters that accumulate on my desk I found a lovely card from Fr. James Koester, Superior of the Society of St. John The Evangelist, a religious community with a long history in Canada but now based in Cambridge Mass. The following quote on the card, from the writings of the founder of SSJE, Fr. Richard Benson, caused me to pause:

*Each communion should be, as it were, Adding some fresh point to the image of Christ within our souls. As each touch of the artist adds some fresh feature To the painting, so each communion is a touch of Christ, Which should develop some fresh feature of His own perfect likeness within us.*

This wonderful image is a simple but profound insight into the beauty and gift of the Eucharist that Christ has given to His Church.

One of the fruits of the liturgical renewal in the Church over the last 40 years is the return of the Eucharist as the focus of our life as a parish community. It is rare now to find an event in the Church that is not gathered around the altar while ones that find inspiration in the themes of the Eucharist are common.



PHOTO: ART BABYCH

**Canon Stewart Murray is Incumbent at St. Barnabas, Ottawa**

This development brings both joys and difficulties to our spiritual lives. The frequency of the celebration of the Eucharist and receiving of Holy Communion can lead to a loss of a deep sense of wonder at encountering Christ in such an intimate and personal way.

Fr Benson's image of Christ as the artist who in Holy Communion brings forth the beauty and goodness that is our life in the Risen Christ is key to renewing our love of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is both the intimate communion of the individual soul with Christ but also the drawing of the Body of Christ into one "We, being many are one body for we all share in the one bread." (BAS p.212) The Body refers not to just to the local community at a particular time and place, but the whole Communion of Saints on earth and in heaven.

The prayer "therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven..." attempts to capture

the truth that the Eucharist is in time and out of time, of earth and of heaven.

In light of the breadth and depth of the Eucharist, we do well to prepare ourselves to receive such a gift as St. Paul writes "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord." (I Corth. 11:27). To receive unworthily means without due consideration of what we are sharing in, without a sense of awe and wonder at God's grace being offered to all of us and/or not coming with an open heart and mind to hear Christ as He speaks to us as individuals and as parish communities.

I too often have been guilty of rushing in and finding a pew at the last minute, without making time to be still before God and acknowledge my need for healing, forgiveness and renewal.

There is only great benefit to our souls if we carve out a little time in preparation as we come to worship the living God and to be nourished by the Body and Blood of Christ. We can read over the readings of the day ahead of time or pray over the prayer requests in the bulletin. We can help others by creating a peaceful space in our Church before the service by avoiding unnecessary chat until the coffee time afterwards.

Can you think of other ways to intentionally create an atmosphere of prayer and peace for yourself and others?

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## STEWARDSHIP



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Development Officer for  
the Ottawa Diocese.

## Grant proposal database available to parishes

**By Jane Scanlon**

Parishes across our diocese are sustaining or initiating many important outreach and capital projects that help people both in their churches and in their communities. Researching and writing successful grant proposals is one way to attract additional funding for these projects. Access to a database called Grant Advance is now available through the Stewardship and Financial Development Office. This database is an effective tool for researching and applying to potential funders for grants.

To make your grant application process easier, Grant Advance includes a campaign manager/management centre, search engines and document generators. The campaign manager allows users to create a project library of all of their funding objectives. The search engines enable users to find the

right foundations that are potentially a good fit for funding their projects. As well, Grant Advance provides four unique document generators to assist in the creation of letters of inquiry, grant proposal, custom documents and project budgets. The document generator provides step-by-step instructions for each section of applications.

There are also helpful links that direct users to online tutorials and templates for preparing successful applications. If your parish would like to access the Grant Advance database to research funding opportunities that have the potential to be a great fit for your project(s), while making the process of applying for a grant easier, please call me at 613-232-7124, ext. 225, or email [jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca](mailto:jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca).

## PRAYER MATTERS

## Prayer Vigils: what, why, where and how long?

**By Paul Dumbrille**

We often hear about a “vigil” being held outside a home or at a specific location when a tragedy strikes. Dictionaries define a vigil as a period of keeping awake and watchful, especially during a time that is often spent asleep. However, when an event is announced as a Christian prayer vigil, we might wonder what it is; why it is being carried out; where one might be held; and how long it will last.

In a Christian setting a prayer vigil focuses prayer on a specific event, an urgent need, or a particular issue. For a set period, usually in a designated place, people concentrate on expectant listening and communicating with God. We do this in response to Jesus saying, “Watch and pray.” The vigil can be described as “watchfulness” and Scripture confirms that power is released through concerted prayer: Matt. 17:21; Matt. 18:20; Acts 1:14, Eph. 6:18-19.

Prayer vigils are held in a variety of places. One of the easiest places to keep focussed in prayer is before a cross in a church, but any place is a potential location where prayer can be offered. If indoors, as an aid to providing a focus for prayer, a cross, an open Bible, and perhaps a candle on a small covered table are helpful.

There is no set time for a prayer vigil, but ideally it lasts for a relatively lengthy time, often 12-24 hours continuously. Individuals

can pledge to participate for segments of 15, 30 or 60 minutes. Longer vigils for synods or conventions may cover up to two weeks during meeting hours, with many people participating. Sometimes a “virtual vigil” is organized with people not gathering in any specific place but committing to pray for an identified reason for a specific time. Participants in a prayer vigil may be anyone who believes in God and appreciates that God responds to our prayers in a variety of ways. Often existing prayer groups are a good source of people to keep vigil.

I have participated in several kinds of prayer vigils over the years. One of the most memorable was in a chapel in the cathedral in Winnipeg during the several hours of balloting and election of the current Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, in June 2007. I was also privileged to be part of a group of people from across the diocese praying at a prayer vigil in the chapel in Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa when Bishop John Chapman was elected Bishop of Ottawa in September 2007. It was quite a year! In both these instances there was no organized rotation or list of participants. The time and place were announced ahead of time and people came and went as they wished, but at least two people were always present.

I have also participated for many years in a very different type of prayer



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vigil. This vigil is held in the sanctuary and chapel of our parish church, Julian of Norwich, all night, starting after the Maundy Thursday evening worship service until the celebration of the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. In this case, the church is kept open all night, and people can come and go at any time, and stay for as long as they wish. However, there is a signup sheet for individuals or groups to commit to certain times ahead of time, so that there is a guarantee of at least one person being in the church at all times.

Organizing and carrying out a prayer vigil is neither complicated or difficult. Ideally, it is organized by 2-3 people who gather to pray and plan together. Here are some things they might consider.

- Advertising the vigil by preparing and publishing pa-

per and electronic material containing an invitation to join the vigil and an explanation of the vigil purpose, as well as the time and place and who to contact for more information.

- Producing signup sheets with space for times, names and perhaps phone numbers and email addresses so that organizers can contact individuals if necessary.
- Providing suggestion sheets of “What to do in a Vigil”, such as using appropriate Scriptures, encouraging listening, and how to use a prayer request basket (if used).
- Arranging furnishings at the location of the vigil,

and providing Bibles, prayer books, a basket or two for prayer requests, along with paper and pencils/pens.

Organizers should be prepared to help potential participants prepare for the prayer vigil ahead of time. This is particularly important when people are participating in large events (e.g. a synod). Providing people with answers to any questions they may have, or relief from any anxieties ahead of time, will allow them to say, “Now I can really pray!” when the vigil starts.

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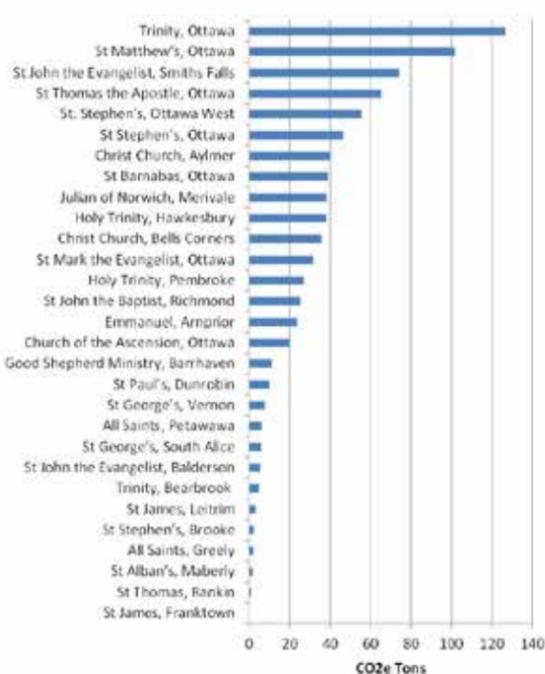
By William Nuttle

April 22 is Earth Day in Canada, but the need to make every day Earth Day was very clear as I recently read *Getting to Zero: Canada Confronts Global Warming* by activist Tony Clarke. His book is a call to action for Canadians to take the steps needed to combat climate change. Its release last fall coincided with an urgent report from scientists on the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change calling for aggressive measures to reduce the use of fossil fuels by half over the next 11 years. Burning coal, oil, and natural gas is increasing the amount of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere – the primary cause of global warming. Ultimately, we must stop using fossil fuels all together. That’s what “getting to zero” means.

a similar commitment, and just a few weeks before Paris Climate Accord made reducing the use of fossil fuels an international goal.

The first thing to know about reducing fossil fuel use is that there is no single path to getting to zero. Each church starts at a different place. A survey of utility use by churches in the diocese in 2016 reveals a tremendous range in their annual emissions of carbon dioxide, a direct measure of fossil fuel use. This reflects differences among church buildings, such as size, age, and condition, and differences in the ways that they are used. Older churches in urban centers have higher emissions because they tend to be larger and because they are used more intensively, to provide day care and other services in the community.

Ottawa Diocese Building Emissions



**A survey of utility use by churches in the diocese in 2016 reveals a tremendous range in their annual emissions of carbon dioxide**

Many have already taken up this challenge, and the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa was among the first. In 2015, delegates to Synod committed to action on climate change in three areas: divesting money from the fossil fuel industry, informing people of the challenges of climate change, and “chart[ing] a course for complete decarbonization of all the buildings of the Diocese.” Decarbonization of the buildings means ending reliance on fossil fuels as a source of energy for heat and power. The Diocese of Ottawa set its sights on getting to zero only a few months after the United Church of Canada made

Rural church buildings use less energy, and they are more likely to use electricity for heating. Electricity generation in Ontario uses very little fossil fuel.

As we start down this path the exact course, or courses, we must follow are not known. The first steps will be easy—use energy more efficiently and make improvements to our buildings so that they require less energy for heating and cooling. Ultimately, completely eliminating the use of fossil fuels will require that we do things differently.

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Allison Recollett and Isabelle Meaqasige spoke as members of a Grandmothers' Council addressing violence and exploitation.

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## Indigenous peoples are targeted by human traffickers

*It is a statistic that is both shocking and telling. Although First Nation, Métis and Inuit peoples make up less than 5% of the Canadian population, Indigenous women and girls make up 51% of all people who are trafficked in Canada (from the 2014 National Task Force on the Trafficking of Women and Girls in Canada).*

*Feb. 22 is Human Trafficking Awareness Day in Canada, and this year, Anti-Violence & Coercion Taskforce for Indigenous Organizations & Networks (ACTION) organized a one-day community dialogue to expand current knowledge of the exploitation of and violence towards Indigenous peoples. There was a focus on the two-spirited LGBTQ within First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities using a client-centred, trauma-informed approach.*

*More than 100 people gathered in a downtown Ottawa hotel for the event, which was open to non-Indigenous attendees in the afternoon. Audrey Lawrence, an Indigenous Anglican and member of St. Helen's parish, and Debbie Grisdale, co-chair of the diocesan All My Relations Working Group, share some of what they heard and learned below.*

In a culturally safe environment, participants were able to openly discuss their experiences and offer recommendations and insights. People involved with missing and murdered Indigenous women pointed out that Indigenous women are deliberately targeted for sexual exploitation or trafficking, even being approached when they are simply walking to school or work.

Percy Lezard, an Indigenous lecturer at the Univer-

sity of Manitoba faculty of Social Work, spoke eloquently on the issue. Lezard pointed out that some Indigenous women are sex workers of their own choice and should not be lumped into the same category as those who are trafficked because that subjects them to interpersonal and legal violence that only marginalizes them further. Lezard stressed that those sex workers need to be supported, not stigmatized.

Lezard said that while there are still more questions than solutions, the principles of cultural humility and cultural safety are the most useful approaches. Cultural humility is the lifelong process of self-reflection, listening without judgement, and being open to learning about others. Cultural safety involves systemic and sustained change to ensure people feel respected and are able to work in partnership with service providers to improve their life and/or health circumstances.

During the presentation, Lezard highlighted that “We are all medicine bundles and we need to do our work to maintain those bundles ..by learning and supporting each other.”

— **Audrey Lawrence**

As a non-Indigenous person, it was a privilege to attend the afternoon session of this event organized from Indigenous perspectives and experiences of human trafficking. One speaker highlighted the link to residential schools saying that because many

survivors were separated from their parents and therefore did not have a chance to learn parenting skills, their children often ended up in foster care and group homes – and that these are the very young women and girls targeted by traffickers.

The afternoon provided unique perspectives from urban Inuit frontline workers from Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa. Key speakers Tina Pisuktie and Mikka Komak-siutiksak spoke passionately about the challenges and barriers to providing services for victims of trafficking when funding and resources are limited or non-existent and can't operate around the clock.

Three grandmothers from the *Kii-Ga-Do-Waak* (Grandmother Council) spoke about their work to address sexual violence, exploitation and human trafficking in Anishinaabe communities along the north shore of Ontario. Among other activities, the *Kii-Ga-Do-Waak* holds an annual fall gathering in Sault Ste Marie. This special organization, that has no external funding, continues because of the love, wisdom and commitment of these grandmothers.

At the day's end many people expressed their appreciation to the sponsors—Minwaashin Lodge and Tungasuvvingat Inuit—and their hope that this day of community, support, resiliency and healing would be held again next year.

— **Debbie Grisdale**

## DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J. Lockwood

It's not easy to find out much about the church in Wales from the standard sources. Not, at least, until you look under the entry for Wales in the *Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*. There we find much information:

In the early 19th century the influence of the Church of Wales was at its lowest ebb. Methodism, preached by H. Harris and assisted by the popular hymns of William Williams spread widely, but its adherents remained within the Church until Calvinistic Methodists (the only Christian denomination to originate in Wales) broke away in 1811. The abortive proposal to amalgamate two sees in the 1840s was unpopular, while the zeal and teaching of Tractarian clergy met with little sympathy. At least for a time.

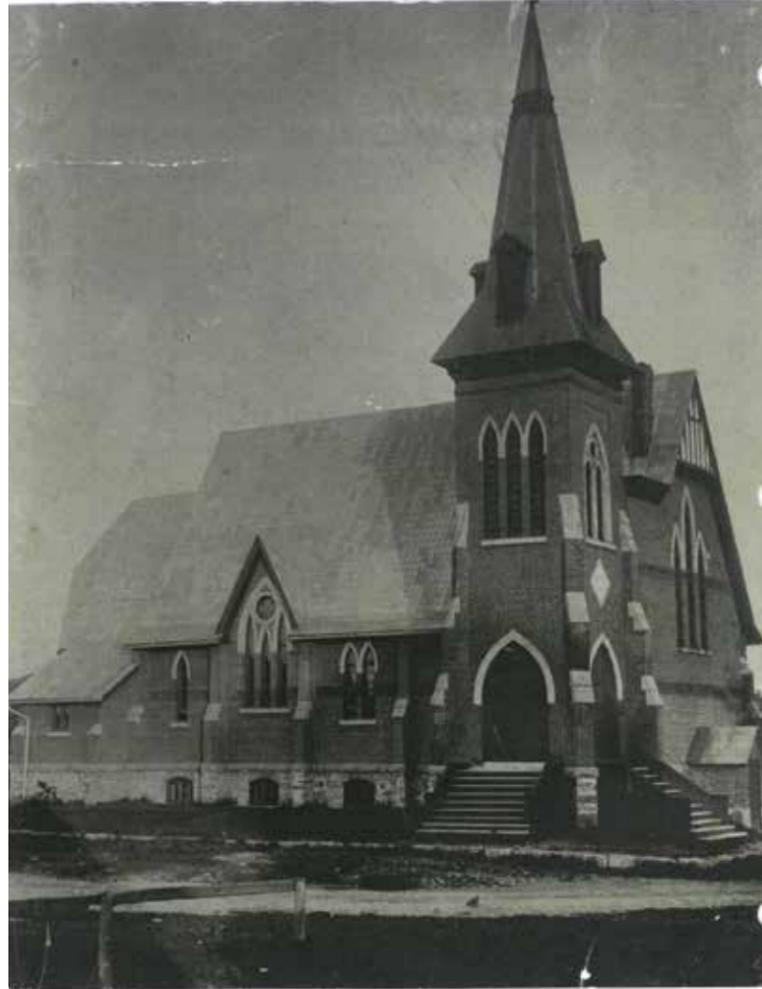
While the Church of Wales failed to adapt to a great increase in population, Nonconformity grew: in 1800, there were 50 Nonconformist chapels in the diocese of Llandaff, but in 1850 there were some 550. A split developed in Wales: the landowners and many ironmasters were English-speaking, Anglican and Tory; the tenant farmers and the new miners and industrial workers were Welsh-speaking, Nonconformist and radical. Nonconformists appear to have formed about three-quarters of the Church- or chapel-going population in 1851, but there was an Anglican revival underway at Saint David's.

The Disestablishment of the Irish Church (1869), the Englishness of the Church in Wales, and Non-conformist fears that the reviving Church might become the largest single religious body in Wales led to demands

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to disestablish the Welsh Church. It was not until 1914 that the Welsh Church was disestablished, but it did not take effect until 1920, when regular services were conducted both in Welsh and English, as the church increased in both influence and numbers.

Just a minute. I have just learned that this issue of *Crosstalk* will appear the first day of April 2019.

Furthermore, the editor lets it be known, it would be more appropriate to be discussing here NOT the Church in Wales the country, but rather Saint David's Church at Wales the former community on the upper St Lawrence that was submerged by the Saint Lawrence Seaway. The community came to be named Wales to commemorate when the visiting Prince of Wales (later King Edward VII) got off the train at this point in 1860 to set out to run the Long Sault Rapids.

It was not until 1879 that Anglican services began to be held at Wales, and the cornerstone of this house of worship was laid in July 1888 and opened for worship on Feb. 27, 1889. On Feb. 1, 1895, Saint David's Church at Wales was consecrated by Bishop Charles Hamilton of Niagara, who, little more than a year later, would become translated as first Anglican Bishop of the new Diocese of Ottawa.

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

## Youth Internship Program models "fearless" ministry

By Sheilagh McGlynn

Part of my job as animator for youth ministries is to connect with youth leaders in each diocese, learn what they are doing, and share their stories. When I hear that one diocese wants to build a youth or young adult ministry, I can connect people there with other leaders who have successful programs in similar contexts.

When I learned about the Diocese of Ottawa's Youth Internship (YIP) program, I knew immediately that this was a program to hold up across the country.

Young people need to work in meaningful ways, get life experience, and build up their résumés. The YIP offers them all of that and more. Churches and NGOs need work done and having young people offer that work brings fresh ideas and perspective. The mentoring and the community building aspects built into the program allow for relationship-

building which is essential in youth ministry.

I recently heard one youth leader say, "Youth ministry is all about building relationships. The programs we offer are just an excuse to get young people involved so that we can get to know them, care for them, and let them know that God loves them."

One of the aspects of youth ministry I most admire is a willingness to take risks and venture into unknown territory. I see this in the YIP program. The church needs this type of adventuring to grow and flourish. Too many times we err on the side of doing it the way we always have. Don't get me wrong. Some things are worth repeating, but sometimes fear holds us back from change.

Mark Yaconelli is a leader, writer and speaker who suggests that youth ministry, and in fact, all ministry needs to be based in love and not fear. When we work from a place



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of fear, we do not have our priorities in the right place. That doesn't mean ignoring fears or safety concerns. If you are taking a youth group to an amusement park, you want to ensure you have permission forms and emergency contact numbers for everyone. But when we are visioning the work we are called to do, operating out of a place for love is essential.

- Fear based leadership is based in **control**. Love based leadership focuses on **contemplation**. Wondering and being open to possibilities instead of holding a tight grip is where our energy needs to be.
- Fear based leadership is based in **conformity**. Love based leadership focuses on **creativity**. There is no need to continue doing things because this is always how they have been done, we need to be open to trying new and different things.
- Fear based leadership is based in **results**. Love based leadership focuses on **relationships**. How many times have we heard the question – how many people were in attendance? What if we shifted that question to – were the people present able to connect to what we were offering? Were they able to connect to each other?
- Fear based leadership highlights **problems**. Love

based leadership highlights **process**. If we get stuck in the problem, we may not get out of it. If we focus on how we are working, the process will shift us somewhere different.

- Fear based leadership wants things to happen **faster**. Love based leadership is ok with things being **slower**. If we take our time and let things evolve as they should, we will end up with more sustainable results.

- Fear based leadership focuses on **programs**. Love based leadership focuses on **presence**. Planning another program to get people inside the church may take away from how we need to be present to the people to whom we are ministering.

I see youth ministry trying this new way of working every day. I am grateful that the Diocese of Ottawa has led with love in the creation of the Youth Internship Program.

## CALENDAR

**April 5 – 7**  
**A Weekend with the Sisters of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE):**

At St. Barnabas Apostle and Martyr, 70 James St., Ottawa.

**April 5, 7 p.m.**

Exploring the Ministry and Witness of the Religious Life in the Anglican Tradition.

**April 6, 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

A Lenten Quiet Day with Sr. Elizabeth Anne Eckert SSJD. Bring a bag lunch soup and refreshments provided.

**April 7**

Sr. Elizabeth Anne will preach at the 10:30 a.m. High Mass

Registration is not required but please let us know you are coming if possible.  
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**April 6**  
**Ascension Concert with Thomas Annan and Laura Nerenberg:**

7 p.m. at Church of the Ascension, 253 Echo Dr., Ottawa. Info: 613-236-3958

**April 7**  
**Jazz Vespers:**

4 p.m. at All Saints' Westboro with St. Matthias, 347 Richmond Road, Ottawa. Info: 613-725-9487

**April 14**  
**St. Luke's Recital Series:**  
 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at St. Luke's, 760 Somerset St. W. Info: 613-235-3416

**April 29**  
**Bales For The North:**  
 Bale Packing 2019  
 St. John's, 67 Fowler St., Richmond. 9:00 am – noon. Please bring your donations and stay to pack the bales. Donations of new clothing and dried goods go to support people in small communities in the NWT and Nunavut.

**May 3**  
**Labyrinth Walk - World Labyrinth Day:**  
 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Luke's, 760 Somerset St. W., Ottawa. Info: 613-235-3416

**May 5**  
**Jazz Vespers:**  
 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at All Saints' Westboro with St. Matthias, 347 Richmond Road, Ottawa. Info: 613-725-9487

**May 11**  
**Welcoming Homes – A Diocesan Forum on Affordable Housing:**  
 At Christ Church Bells Corners, 3861 Old Richmond Road, Nepean, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (For details, see story p. 1)

**May 12**  
**St. Luke's Recital Series:**  
 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. at St. Luke's, 760 Somerset St. W. Info: 613-235-3416

**May 22**  
**Anglican Church Women (ACW) Annual Meeting:**  
 St. Thomas, 1619 Main St., Stittsville, Ont. – 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Guest speaker Garth Hampson. Register your group's names and your church by **May 8**, by email to acw@ottawa.anglican.ca or by phone 613-825-6223. Registration, including lunch, is \$10.

**May 25 – 26**  
**Support Cornerstone at the Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend:**  
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**May 29**  
**Bales For The North:**  
 Bale Packing will be held at St. Columba's, 24 Sandridge Rd., Ottawa – 9:00 am - noon.

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► **September 21** for the deaneries of Ottawa East and Stormont, 9 am – 3 pm, Epiphany Anglican Church, Ottawa (early bird registration by September 9, regular registration by September 17)

Registration will include refreshments and lunch. The early bird fee is \$15, and the regular fee is \$20. For parishes that register more than three people, the early bird registration fee applies to all of the registrants. Registered parishes will receive the I Intend discipleship booklet as well as a Giving Our Thanks & Praise program guide and planning workbook.

Register now at <https://thxpraise.eventbrite.ca>, or by cheque made out to the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa (Giving Thanks & Praise in the memo section). Your parish may choose to register for a workshop at the location or date that is most convenient for your team. Please send your cheque to Heidi Danson, Events Coordinator, Diocese of Ottawa, 71 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, ON, K1R 6G6

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