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Vancouver, July 2019 – Archbishop Fred Hiltz embraces Bishop Linda Nicholls following her election as the next primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Her election is an historic one as she will be the first woman to head the Canadian church.

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## Bishop Chapman welcomes newly elected primate

Bishop John Chapman extended his congratulations and a warm welcome to Archbishop Nicholls: I am overjoyed that Archbishop Linda will be leading the Church forward in these challenging times. Her vision, faith, wisdom, and gentle compassion will serve us well as we strive to serve God and express God's love to the world. I am praying for her as she prepares to step into this role, and I am looking forward to working with her as servants together in Christ.

And to our outgoing primate, dear friend of the Diocese, Archbishop Fred Hiltz. These words, among others, I offered when I had the honour on New Year's Day, at the Liturgy, to make Archbishop Fred a Canon of the Name of Jesus here, in our Cathedral Church.

"God placed among us, during this most turbulent past decade in our church's history, a person whose vision, determination, compassion, wisdom, and depth of faith has kept our church federated, together, work-

ing as one united body, for Jesus and the church. This work costs. It is sacrificial work, thankless work, always difficult, but so, so necessary. Thank you, Archbishop, for accepting this call because without your wisdom and sacrificial work I am not sure our Church on January 1, 2019, would be hopeful and confident, which we are!

"Personally, I would like to thank you for your unparalleled support for me and this wonderful diocese. I will miss you more than I can say."

## Ottawa delegates reflect on a momentous General Synod

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

While the vote on amending the marriage canon to allow same-sex couples to marry undeniably captured the most attention and headlines, General Synod 2019 in Vancouver encompassed many other seismic changes for the Anglican Church of Canada. *Crosstalk* asked Ottawa delegates for their

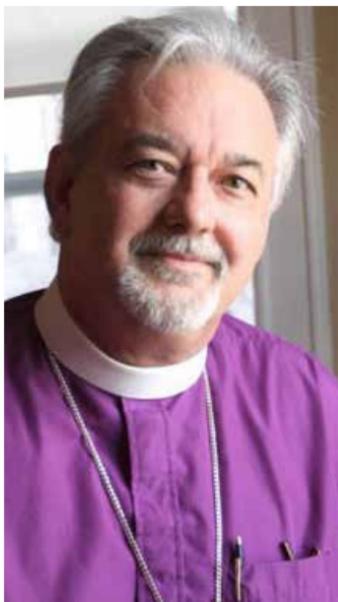
thoughts on the issues and their experience.

Bishop Chapman's statement on the marriage canon vote is reprinted in its entirety on Page 2.

Lay delegate John McBride described the atmosphere: "As the vote was read there was stillness and quiet - except for the crying."

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FROM THE BISHOP



**The Rt. Rev. John Chapman, Bishop of Ottawa**

*Bishop Chapman returned to work over the summer following his medical leave. He will return to this space in Crosstalk soon, but for now, he requested that we publish this statement issued during General Synod following the vote on amending the marriage canon.*

OTTAWA, ON (July 13, 2019)

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ

You will be pleased to know that our delegates are representing the interests of our diocese ably and well. On behalf of our diocese, may I thank The Right Rev. Michael Bird, The Venerable David Selzer, The Rev. Canon Beth Bretzlaff, Kim Chadsey, The Rev. Mark Whittall, The Rev. Monique Stone, John McBride, Lizzy Jones and Ann Chaplin.

While the work of General Synod continues, including the election of a new Primate, I think it is safe to say that many of you have followed with interest the conversations, debate and vote concerning the proposed change to the Marriage Canon to allow same sex couples to be married in the church. What follows outlines my pastoral response to this long-standing struggle among the people of God and to the result of the vote on the resolution.

Yesterday the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada voted on the proposal to amend the Marriage Canon XXI in our church. In order to be approved, this motion required a 2/3 majority in all three Orders – Bishops, Clergy, Laity. The proposal did not receive the necessary majorities required in all three Orders to approve the proposed amendment.

As many of you know, this decision will weigh very heavy upon many of our hearts and certainly mine as a bishop of the church and as bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa. Many of us are sharing a deep sense of disappointment today. Like many people, I have been engaged in seeking the full inclusion of ALL people seeking the sacraments and ministries of the church these last four decades. Many in the church and certainly in the Diocese of Ottawa have been seeking the same.

However, while the changes to Canon XXI did not achieve the required supermajority, a very significant step forward has been taken by our church which I celebrate. The General Synod adopted a document, with 85% support, called **A Word to the Church**. This document effectively allows dioceses (and bishops) to offer marriage to same sex couples. This is no small achievement. Previously, dioceses were obligated to function on their own in this matter. Now, the whole church affirms the right of each diocese to function, regarding same sex marriage, in a manner that best suits their theological understanding, practice, and tradition.

It is my intention, with the affirming support of the whole church with the passing of Motion A101-R1, **A Word to the Church**, to continue the practice of allowing same sex marriages in our diocese with the bishop's permission and following our normal protocols.

My sisters and brothers, I continue to pray for our church and for our diocese as we strive to respond faithfully to the great work that we are called to do in the name of Jesus in these changing and challenging times. I remain,

Yours in Christ

+ John: Ottawa



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STAFF NEWS

**Congratulations, Heidi D!**

This summer, Heidi Danson, who is conference and events coordinator, as well as social media co-ordinator for the Diocese, married Shane Fawcett and her name has changed to Heidi Fawcett. The wedding was officiated by the Rev. Jon Martin.

PHOTO: LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



**Thank you, Leslie Giddings!**

Diocesan learning facilitator Leslie Giddings left her job at the diocese in June. In tribute, Donna Rourke of the Youth Internship Program said, "Leslie helped change how we understand and do youth ministry." Donna thanked Leslie for encouraging everyone to examine old models, try new things and create new models, and to be more inclusive.

CLERGY NEWS

**The Rev. Simone Hurkmans**

has been appointed to be the Associate Incumbent of the Parish of All Saints Westboro with St. Matthias effective July 1, 2019.

**The Rev. Rosemary Parker**

has been appointed to be the Associate Incumbent of the Area Parish of Mississippi Lake effective Aug. 1, 2019.

**The Rev. Andrea Thomas**

is retiring effective July 22, 2019. Thomas has served the Diocese at St. Thomas, Stittsville; St. Helen's, Orleans; the Parish of Metcalfe, Vernon and Greely; Trinity Church, Ottawa; and as associate incumbent at St. James the Apostle, Manotick, since May 2013.

PHOTO GEOFF HOWE

### Ottawa delegates reflect on General Synod Continued from Page 1

It struck him, McBride wrote in a reflection, as “an example of the humanness of our gathering.”

The Rev. Mark Whittall, Incumbent, St. Albans Church et St-Bernard, fears that media coverage of the vote has left the general public with a misconception. “The Anglican Church of Canada is proceeding with same-sex marriage by local option. Already, dioceses covering more than 70% of the Canadian population are performing same-sex marriages, and within months they will be joined by additional dioceses to push this figure closer to 90%,” he wrote in an e-mail. “Same-sex marriage is a reality in our church and there’s no going back. But anyone who simply reads the headlines has been left with the message that the church rejected same sex marriage. Clearly, we’ve got some communications work to do!”

Aside from the outcome of that vote, delegates observed positive signs that the time and energy put into helping Anglicans deal with their differences in better ways is paying off. Archdeacon Selzer noted that delegates devoted a day to focus on this and they were invited to sign an agreement to work with each other respectfully. “R.E.S.P.E.C.T. stands for - taking Responsibility or what we say and feel; using Empathetic listening; being Sensitive to differences in communication style; Pondering what we hear and feel before speaking; Examining our own assumptions and perceptions; keeping Confidentiality; and Trusting ambiguity.”

Lay delegate Ann Chaplin observed, “As a first-time delegate to General Synod, I would say that the thing that impressed me the most is the degree to which it resembles a giant, (sometimes seemingly endless) church service, with the most varied Anglican congregation in the country. She added, “Everything that you can imagine that would be both good and bad about that were pres-



ent—diverse, sometimes jarring perspectives and liturgy, the need to really listen to people who are harmed by outdated or inappropriate church processes and structures, the hope represented by brand-new ideas of what our church can be, the deep passion of those who have committed their lives to Jesus.”

McBride found the practice of spending an hour each morning with prayer groups beneficial. “Prayer groups of eight interacted with and experienced the unique perspectives of each of our prayer partners: a bishop, a couple of clergy and collection of laity from all corners of country. We experienced different local “twangs”, religious background and experiences. We learned that each has a story to tell and be respected. We learned to listen.”

The Rev. Canon Beth Bretzlaff, Incumbent of St. John the Evangelist in Ottawa, said she has “never been more proud to be an Anglican. Despite the agony, despair and pain, we all stayed in the room together. Heartfelt and historic apologies were made and received. Cries and laughter were shared. Life changing and relationship building decisions were made. We have come out of this experience humbled, honed and changed into a better church.”

Highlights were different for each delegate.

For Whittall, they were “measures to provide for self-governance and self-determination for Indigenous communities within the Anglican Church of Canada, the apology for spiritual

### The Rev. Canon Beth Bretzlaff was one of the Ottawa diocese delegates at the Vancouver conference.

harm to Indigenous Peoples, the election of our first female Primate and gestures of reconciliation with the Jewish and Muslim faiths.”

For Selzer the highlight “was honouring the Primate, The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz with testimony as to his work and witness in the Church these past years.” Second to that, he wrote, “was the election of The Rt. Rev. Linda Nicholls as Primate, he said, foreseeing that she will be a good and much needed leader of the Anglican Church of Canada. “As a woman and church leader, she brings many gifts that will continue to enrich the Church in its vision and clarity.”

McBride described moving from the sorrow of the apology to Indigenous Anglicans for the spiritual harm the Church has caused through the theft of their culture and tradition to the joy of establishing the Fifth Ecclesiastical Province with the new Indigenous Archbishop, Mark McDonald and the “hope among participants that we might begin a true reconciliation with our Indigenous church members.”

He added that making new friends “even at my generous age of 70,” was a gift. “We learned what a magical Church this is, able to draw together so many varied humans.”

Looking ahead into the next triennium and beyond, Bretzlaff added, “There is much, much work to do but we have the will and the capacity to do it. Thanks be to the Creator! “

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Registration will include refreshments and lunch. The early bird fee is \$15 (by September 9) and the regular fee is \$20 (by September 17). For parishes that register three people or more, the early bird fee applies to all of the registrants. Area parish clergy teams are welcome, and the early bird fee will be applied. All participants will receive the I Intend discipleship booklet as well as a Giving Our Thanks & Praise Program guide and planning workbook.

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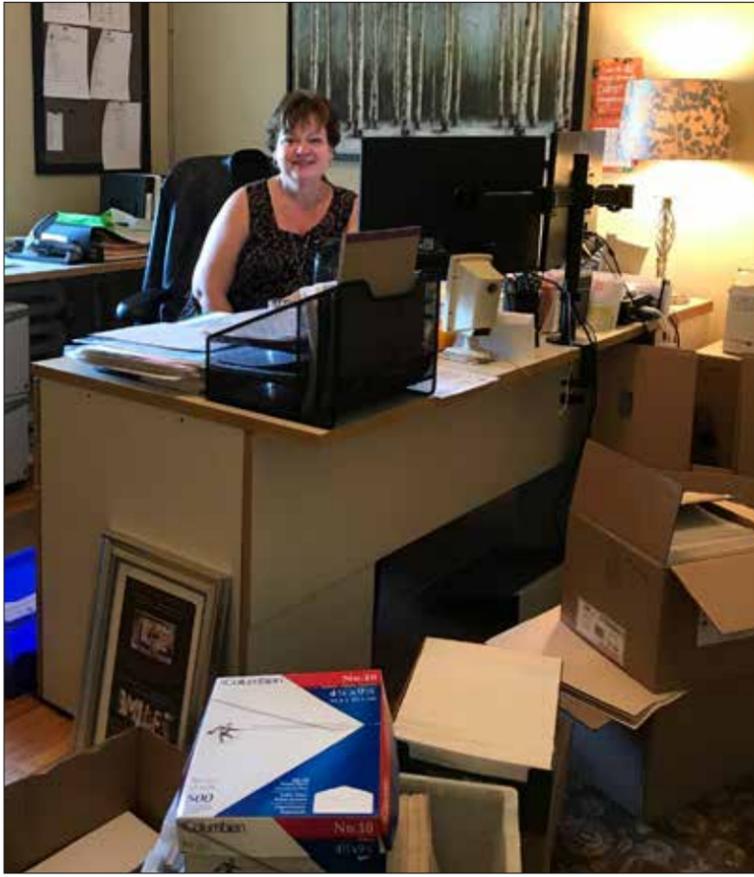
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*Executive Archdeacon David Selzer and Bishop's executive assistant Heidi Pizzuto got used to greeting visitors from behind boxes in June as they packed up their offices for the move.*

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## Synod Office relocated to the Cathedral

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Staff at the Diocesan Synod office moved from their offices at 71 Bronson Street in June to temporary office accommodations in the basement of Christ Church Cathedral. They will operate from the Cathedral while renovations to the house on Bronson happen.

Executive Archdeacon David Selzer explained that the Synod Office building is in need of infrastructure repairs such as a new furnace and roof.

Renovations are more complicated and costly because the building has been designated as a heritage building. "Any work we do has to be of heritage quality," he said.

Some of the changes such as replacing aluminum

windows, which were a more modern alteration of the house, will make the building more energy efficient and reduce heating and cooling costs, he said.

The renovations will also make the first floor of the building wheelchair accessible. "If people are meeting with staff on the second and third floor, then we can come down to meet with them on the first floor," explained the archdeacon. "That's a compromise, instead of putting an elevator in the building, which would add another huge chunk of money to the cost, and we opted not to do that."

The total cost of the renovation is \$2 million, although the archdeacon cautioned that construction costs are always higher. "We did ex-

tensive analysis of how much should we spend," he said. "If we opt to sell the Synod office, we'd have to bring it up to [to meet the building] code in the first place. ... If we sold it, we might not get the amount of money that is needed to bring it up to code. The renovation will at least bring it up [to code], so that if at some future time should we opt to sell it, at least we don't have to do all of the code stuff first," he explained.

Selzer added that they considered a number of other options for sites for the synod office. "We decided being downtown was critical as the diocese of Ottawa being next to the Cathedral was also critical." And because the city has given the building a heritage designation, tearing it down to build

something new was not possible either.

"This is two-and-a-half years of planning and thinking through this," he said. The archdeacon was quick to reassure Anglicans in the diocese that "funding for this project will absolutely not come out of fair share or diocesan apportionment. It will come from the income from the lease of the property to the senior apartments that will be on the east side of the cathedral." Construction of that new 18-storey building will begin in 2020.

Barry Padolsky Architects, the firm for the project, also worked on renovations to Center 454 and St. Alban.

The renovation is expected to take six to nine months, though Selzer cautioned that any kind of construction usually has some delays along the way.

Anyone visiting the Synod Offices should now come to the Cathedral, but the mailing address and phone numbers for the Synod Office staff remain unchanged.



### A brief history of Roper House

Diocese of Ottawa Synod and Episcopal Office

BY GLENN J LOCKWOOD

Designed by Ottawa architect George Bayly and constructed in 1893 for William Hutchison, Roper House at 71 Bronson Avenue is a rare Queen Anne Revival mansion of the late Victorian era. It fortunately survived the great Ottawa Fire of 1900, because the cliff (the side of a rift valley) protected it, whereas many houses on LeBreton Flats were completely destroyed. As originally built, it featured a wrap-around verandah on the south and west facades, an oriel window clad in terra cotta, and a full height basement partly meant to provide servants' quarters. The original Queen Anne Revival style three-storey mansion had a two-storey service wing added on the north end in 1902. It was first acquired by Christ Church Cathedral in the 1940s. When it was turned over to the Diocese as an administrative headquarters in the 1950s, the building was named for the second Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, John Charles Roper (1858-1940). Roper was bishop from 1915 to 1939. He originally hailed from the village of Frant in Sussex, and his grandfather was the executor of Colonel John By's will.



*Administrative assistant Kiran Otto greets visitors to the new offices.*



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PARISH NEWS

# Popular seniors outreach program returns to St. Mark's in Ottawa

BY LAURIE SLAUGHTER

Following a successful first year, St. Mark the Evangelist Anglican Church in Ottawa will start its second year of "Coffee, Company and Conversation," an outreach venture to address the social needs of seniors in its neighbourhood and beyond on Sept. 26 at 10 a.m.



Salsa dancing lesson.

When St. Mark's opened its doors to launch the program last September, more than 36 people came to enjoy coffee, tea, homemade goodies and live music performance by Chris White and his partner Mary whose guitar and banjo duo is called Folklore. They were followed on other Thursday mornings by musical acts such as Tartan and Tea (three harps and one flute), a well-known American solo guitarist, and a small group from our own choir



Canada Day desserts.

led by Joy Bowerman on keyboard just before Christmas. As well, speakers from the Council on Aging and crafts leaders from Julian of Norwich shared and entertained at different gatherings leading up to Christmas. It was a lively pilot program and the enthusiastic message from attendees was for this activity to continue in the New Year. Thus, on Jan. 31 2019, the weekly Thursday mornings, now dubbed the CCC Club, started up again and continued to the end of June.

The idea for this type of community outreach arose from feedback gathered over a two-year period by a New

Ministry committee. They met and interviewed local politicians, as well as representatives of social organizations and other churches in our area. The theme that kept recurring was a need for seniors' social opportunities and thus, "Coffee, Company and Conversation" came into being. It is a rewarding and much appreciated endeavour according to the feedback received and it is hoped that the project will evolve and expand in accordance with seniors' needs



Organizers and guests trying origami.

within their community. Gifts to support this outreach and weekly donations from the attendees, along with generous contributions of food and time by a group of St. Mark's helpers, have helped to sustain the program. This project has taught yet again, that reaching out to give in the community always addresses a need in ways that cannot be imagined.

*With notes from Georgia Roberts, Penny Miller and Suzanne Bisson*

## Community Ministries of Ottawa

### Annual Breakfast of Hope

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- St Luke's Table
- The Well

Each Ministry, in its own way, addresses social problems including issues associated with poverty, homelessness and mental health. To learn more, and to make a donation online, visit the link here: [www.communityministries.ca](http://www.communityministries.ca).

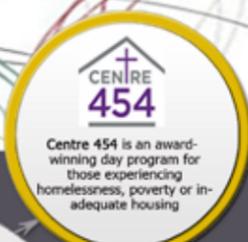
**The annual breakfast and silent auction will take place on September 26, 2019, 7:30 – 9:00 am, at Christ Church Cathedral Hall, 414 Sparks Street.**

Join with community builders and leaders from across Ottawa, including Bishop John Chapman, to enjoy a nutritious breakfast and support the Community Ministries.

Tickets are \$50 per person (income tax receipt provided for the donation portion). Tickets are available through this link: <https://breakfastofhope2019.eventbrite.ca/>. You may send your cheque (made out to Diocese of Ottawa) to Community Ministries, Anglican Diocese of Ottawa, 71 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 6G6.

RSVP by September 23, 2019. Inquiries to 613-232-7124, extension 225 or 222.

**The Community Ministries of Ottawa work in partnership with all three levels of government and individual and corporate donors to care for people experiencing mental health challenges, homelessness, poverty and inadequate housing. The people who walk through our doors will find a safe place and access to an array of services that address immediate concerns or lead to longer-term change in their lives.**



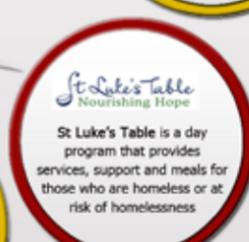
**Centre 454**  
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**The Well**  
The Well is a safe gathering place providing meals, services and resources for women and women with children who are living with poverty and issues surrounding homelessness

**Our guest speaker this year is the Mayor of Ottawa, Mr. Jim Watson. He will reflect on how we can effect change together for people struggling with issues associated with poverty, homelessness and mental health. He has said, "We all want a better city for the residents of today and for those of tomorrow. That should be our collective and aspirational goal, to leave our community in better shape than we found it."**



# Annual breakfast provides hope

BY JANE SCANLON

The Community Ministries of Ottawa Breakfast of Hope and Silent Auction supports a dynamic community social service network made up of Centre 454, Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, St. Luke's Table and The Well. They require ongoing support from current supporters and the broader community to help keep their doors open and to provide resources to assist people who are living on the margins, trying to make ends meet, and to simply get through the day. Together, the Community Ministries of Ottawa form an innovative grassroots system, with a deep-rooted history in a number of our Anglican churches. They continue to do so much to protect people and to offer practical assistance to people struggling with issues associ-

ated with poverty, homelessness and mental health.

Last year, a sell-out crowd of 140 people filled Cathedral Hall for the first annual breakfast. The crowd included Bishop John and Catherine Chapman, the executive directors and representatives from the community ministries, community leaders such as local politicians, representatives from business and non-profit organizations, as well as people from within the multi-faith community and from our own Anglican parishes. Through the participation of all of these people, and their generosity, \$50,000 was raised for these ministries.

The second annual Breakfast of Hope is on Sept. 26, 2019, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m., at Christ Church Cathedral Hall. Admission is \$50 per person, or \$400 for a table of 8. RSVP by Sept. 19, 2019.

Our special guest speaker this year is the Mayor of Ottawa, Jim Watson. He has said, "We all want a better city for the residents of today and for those of tomorrow. That should be our collective and aspirational goal, to leave our community in better shape than we found it." Join with community builders and leaders from across Ottawa, including Bishop Chapman and Watson, who will reflect on the current situation in our community for people who struggle with poverty and associated issues, and how together we can effect change.

Register now to support the community ministries. You will enjoy a nutritious breakfast and an opportunity to bid on some great silent auction items, while providing hope for our most vulnerable people. Similar to last year, leftover food will be delivered



Mayor Jim Watson, who brought greetings to the 2018 breakfast, will be this year's featured speaker.

to walk-in day program participants at the community ministries. Online reservations are available at <https://breakfastofhope2019.eventbrite.ca>, or send your cheque made payable to Diocese of Ottawa (Community Ministries of Ottawa in the memo section) to 71 Bronson Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario, K1R 6G6.

For more information

about the Breakfast, please call 613-232-7124, extension 222 (Heidi Fawcett), or extension 225 (Jane Scanlon). The Breakfast Planning Team is also made up of Lynn Burritt, Archdeacon Peter John Hobbs, Debbie Trickey and Warren Trickey. We are looking forward to seeing you at the Breakfast of Hope. Thank you for your support!

## Preparing for Synod 2019

BY GRAHAM SHEPPARD

The theme for the 138th Session of Diocesan Synod on Oct. 24 to 26 is Many Congregations, one Body 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few' - Matthew 9:37. This is a loaded concept, causing one to see both opportunity and challenge. Synod Management Working Group (SMWG) is tasked with the challenge of providing an environment through which the business of the Diocese can be achieved in a manner that facilitates the work of the church. This theme gives SMWG a helpful lens.

The objective of the Synod Management Working Group (SMWG) is to develop an agenda for Synod that addresses the business needs of the Diocese, to attend to all matters of logistics, and to provide a forum for the fulsome engagement of the parish representatives who comprise Synod membership. The process is one of continuous improvement and has evolved to address the changing needs of our church. Yes, we do use "church" and "change" in the same sentence!

One of closing activities of Synod is the collection of

feedback forms from Synod members. In reviewing feedback from members, two specific areas of concern were predominant: Members asked firstly, for more interaction and secondly, for engagement through activity. We have heard you and will endeavour to address these two concerns within the structure of the Synod model. This model includes Great Chapter which is a valuable communication vehicle.

In July, Synod delegates should have received a package from the Diocese. This package contained important information regarding members' preparation for Synod, including a letter of welcome from Bishop John Chapman, the 'Members of Synod Guide', a list of important dates, and the schedule of Great Chapter meetings. We trust that members have perused this information, completed the registration process and participated in Great Chapter before Synod.

### Great Chapter meetings

These meetings are scheduled in each Deanery throughout the Diocese. This year there are nine such meetings scheduled. It is

intended that certain essential business components of Synod will be introduced at these meetings, enabling Synod members to learn about issues and have a preliminary discussion with colleagues and Diocesan representatives.

This is a budget year where we will consider our biennial Diocesan budget. Great Chapter will provide insight into the financial challenges and opportunities facing the Diocese. Also, as our theme suggests, the emerging organizational challenges that we face and how we address them will find a forum in Great Chapter. For example, our Diocese is testing new models of congregational organization such as area parishes. What are the findings?

In advance of Synod, Great Chapter meetings allow members to share thoughts, questions, and recommendations with others of their deanery, so that they attend Synod equipped with a body of knowledge to fulfil their contribution to the Synod decision making processes. Further information is outlined in the Members of Synod Guide, mentioned earlier. Please take advantage

of Great Chapter meetings in your Deanery.

### Accessing Synod info

SMWG recognizes the logistical challenges of producing paper documents. Such documents are quite voluminous and represent considerable expense. To address this, SMWG will capitalize on modern technology to harness this cost. Starting with the 2019 Synod, the Synod Circular and Financial Statements for the Diocese will only be available online. Also, our Synod registration is now an online procedure and we trust that members have taken advantage of the digital format, thereby exercising stewardship by using this cost-effective measure. Please periodically check the Diocesan website for updated information regarding Synod. Synod documents will be posted there as they become available.

### Our Diocesan Ministries – Sharing the Stories

In addition to our business activities, Synod is an opportunity where many of the ministries and friends of our Diocese display their activities and share information about the work they are doing. This all takes place in the display area adjacent to

the conference hall. SMWG is very happy to welcome Patricia Cocker as volunteer Coordinator of Displays. Building on the established model, Patricia has engaged all display participants with a view to optimizing the information sharing with Synod members, expanding ministry contact development, and celebrating the good work done by these ministries throughout the Diocese. We hope members will attend Synod, take advantage of this opportunity to learn, and share.

Synod 2019 will once again be held at the St. Elias Centre, 750 Ridgewood Avenue, Ottawa. We look forward to the improvements that our hosts have made to this already very welcoming facility. Being a Synod member extends far beyond committing to one weekend of meetings. Members are entrusted with a role throughout the year, involving discernment, implementation, and ambassadorship of the activities and initiatives adopted by our Diocese. We hope that in some small way, SMWG facilitates the opportunity that this task offers members. Have a wonderful and blessed Synod experience.

## PARISH NEWS

# Giving big at Christ Church, Aylmer

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Stephen Picard, the People's Warden at Christ Church Aylmer, says the church's first experience with hosting The Big Give on June 1 was a big success.

It started with a small seed of an idea planted, says Picard, when Mark Gauthier, a member of the parish council, attended the diocesan synod, saw a video about The Big Give and mentioned it to him.

The idea originated here in Ottawa in 2009 after an Ottawa church book group read *The 40 Days of Community* by Rick Warren, which challenged its readers to find a church-wide project that would reach out to their community. Kathy Blakely had the idea of hosting a garage sale where everything would be free. Her church hosted the first big give that year, and the idea caught on, spread through the city and is now becoming a national

movement of generosity. In 2019, groups registered events in 137 communities across Canada.

Picard was taken with the idea and started organizing an event to be hosted by Christ Church Aylmer. "I always think kind of big, so instead of doing it as a closed church event ... I saw this as an Aylmer event and contacted other churches to get volunteers." He was rewarded with help from the Reformed Baptist Church, Aylmer United, Redeemed Christian Church of God, and members of the nearby Presbyterian Church. The St. Mark's Catholic congregation offered the use of their parking lot. "I tell you, the blessings that have happened between all our churches and the people involved have been amazing," he said.

The churches worked together to fill tables of garage sale items and offer hot dogs, lemonade and coffee, all for

free. Nearby Café Mulligan provided the coffee. There were unexpected gifts, Picard said. Ted Wills, a man who attended a service with his elderly mother who had recently moved to Aylmer, brought some. It was the Sunday when Picard first presented the idea to the congregation. Afterwards, Wills volunteered to make balloon animals for kids, and he also provided all the equipment and lemons to make fresh squeezed lemonade, as he had previously owned a lemonade business. Musicians entertained.

Christ Church parishioner Mel Garner offered to do historical tours of the church.

Together, they built it, and the crowds came. Picard said that he looked out across the church grounds during the morning and could not see the tables for the crowds. He estimates about 500 people came to the event. People who had

been away from the church for many years told him they were interested in coming back.

"Everybody here has told me we're doing it again next year," Picard said, smiling. "And they want it twice as big."

**Stephen Picard**



**Denis Munro and Bernie Mossett from Aylmer United Church cooked the hot dogs.**



**On June 9, Bishop John Chapman and Bishop Michael Bird confirmed 32 candidates as part of the Pentecost service at Christ Church Cathedral.**

# Government Relations ministry hails win on housing strategy

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

Bishop John Chapman stood at a press conference on Parliament Hill on Oct. 16, 2017, and called upon the federal government to take a human rights-based approach to housing in its promised national housing strategy.

On May 31, 2019, the government introduced amendments to the *National Housing Strategy Act* that provide a strong commitment to housing as a fundamental human right, reflecting the position taken by Bishop Chapman and a coalition of advocacy groups.

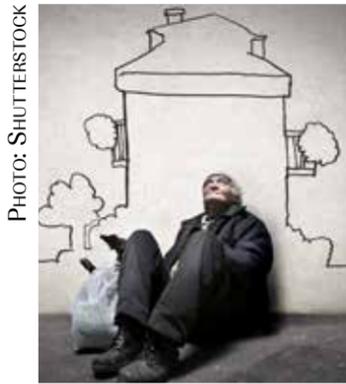
This is a notable achievement for the Diocese of Ottawa and its government relations ministry, as much so as for any of the other advocates that have, rightly, hailed their “historic win.”

The diocese was active in supporting its position during

the year and half between the bishop’s statement and the government’s acceptance. Earlier in 2017, the diocese filed its submission in the consultation process leading to a National Housing Strategy. A dialogue was opened with Adam Vaughan, the parliamentary secretary with special responsibility for developing the strategy.

Bishop Chapman welcomed the strategy when it was unveiled on Nov. 22, 2017, for its emphasis on supporting the most vulnerable in society and the importance of a human rights-based approach.

The strategy paper talked about the right of every Canadian to access adequate housing. And it outlined plans to require the government of the day to maintain a strategy and to establish a national housing advocate as well as adding some capac-



ity at Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

What it didn’t do was make a clear commitment to adequate housing as a fundamental human right with provisions in legislation to implement it.

To its credit, the government set up a consultation process specifically on the rights issue. The diocese filed a submission that drew attention to the deficiencies.

The amendments greatly strengthen the roles of the new National Housing Council and the federal Housing Advocate, two of

the pillars for implementing the right.

Of course, success was built through a coalition of housing stakeholders, as are many achievements in government relations. The diocese was there, making its voice heard, because the bishop established a government relations ministry almost a decade ago.

Success in influencing government comes through a meritorious, non-self-serving message, credibility and consistency of message.

The Community Ministries’ excellent track record in providing a range of services gave the diocese ample credibility. The Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group continues its work to expand the diocese’s footprint in affordable housing.

The work of the Rev Canon Laurette Glasgow, as special advisor for government relations to both the

bishop and the Anglican Church of Canada, has ensured consistency and accuracy of the messaging. She has been supported by an advisory panel with senior previous experience in government or in dealing with government: Peggy Morgan, Marie-Lucie Morin, Robert Orr and this writer.

In a report to the House of Bishops last year, Glasgow quoted the remarks of former Senator Hugh Segal speaking to a church symposium on the responsibility of all—religious and secular—to engage in the public policy process to ensure that freedom from want and freedom from fear become realities.

“The church has something to say,” Glasgow said, “and its proven track record on social justice issues and in the delivery of social services affords it respect and legitimacy in the public square.”

## Deciphering deacons’ duties

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Although many Anglicans may know someone who is a deacon, few, it seems, know exactly what a deacon is or does.

The experience of being a mystery to those around them or having their work misunderstood was one of the common themes that emerged as deacons and candidates for the diaconate from across the diocese met in Ottawa on June 15 for a day of discussion and mutual support.

Robert Sicard, who serves as part of the West Carleton ministry team, has been ordained for 15 years. Before transferring to Ottawa in 2017, he was a deacon in the diocese of Huron, which has had a large contingent of deacons. In his experience there, he said, “A third of the priests worked with us, loved us, it was like a brother and sisterhood; a third really didn’t know we existed; and a third really felt challenged.” The deacons always tried to reassure clergy who felt challenged that they did not want their jobs, he said.

Caroline Ducros, a deacon at St. John the Evangelist in Ottawa, said the bishop sent the congregation a letter as she began her ministry among them.

Nevertheless, she said it was not always clear that her diaconal ministry was not a transitional ministry or that she had studied theology at seminary, “I think it took about a year and a half for people to stop wondering ‘When are you going to finish and become a priest?’” She added that being instated with a letter was important because it opened the door for dialogue within the congregation and it established her among the ministry team at St. John’s, whom she says have been extremely welcoming.

Some people are ordained as transitional deacons on their way to becoming a priest, but for others, like Ducros, who also works full-time at the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission, are called to the diaconal ministry. In addition to preaching about once a month and doing pastoral care at St. John’s, she also ministers to prisoners at the Ottawa-Carleton Detention Centre. One of the key aspects of the diaconate that appeals to Ducros is the focus on being a bridge, by which she means by interpreting to the Church, the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world and by bringing hope to those on the

margins. Ducros strives to bring her lived experience as a mother, as a public servant, and her ministry to the marginalized and imprisoned to her ministry at St. John’s.

Tamara Connors, a student at St. Paul’s University, said she grew up in the church and heard a call to ministry at a young age, but she didn’t know what the diaconate was until she recently discovered it was her calling. Connors entered the Master of Divinity program, studying to become a priest. But she described her doubts about her abilities to manage all the administrative work required of parish priests. “I always had this little worry; ‘how do I get to the stuff I really want to do?’” she said. What she wanted to do were programs and outreach, she said. When she met with a postulancy panel as a part of her studies, they said they heard many diaconal things in what she said and asked if she had considered the diaconate. “As soon as I started looking at it, I thought ‘Oh my gosh, this is the thing. I’d always been sure of my place.’” She switched programs from the three-year Master of Divinity program to the two-year Master of Theological Studies and was



**Deacons (left to right) Elizabeth December, Christine Jannasch, and Caroline Ducros compare notes.**

completing her final courses.

Maylanne Maybee, who has been a deacon for 34 years and is currently the interim principal at the United Theological College in Montreal, was invited to speak to the deacons.

The word *diákonos* translates as “one who serves,” she said, noting that in the early church there was a role for women in ministries such as assisting women preparing for baptism and visiting women who were sick. After the 6th century, however, women’s roles as deaconesses all but disappeared. It began to re-emerge she said between the end of the Middle Ages and the Reformation, especially in the Protestant traditions and also in the Church of England.

The movement of deaconesses gave opportunity and authorization to women to do ministry, she noted. Maybee said that present-day deacons have inherited “a diaconate that represents the spirit of care and compassion for the poor and the sick, plus the social gospel movement for economic justice,” but one that has now been reintegrated with a liturgical role.

The roles of deacons vary widely from parish to parish and deacon to deacon. Those who attended described the diverse shapes of their work and ministries. They often combine work in another field with parish and/or community ministry since much of their work may be non-stipendiary.

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**50 years in the choir at St. Paul's**

The Rev. Tim Kehoe was pleased to dedicate a plaque acknowledging Gordon Cross for serving in the choir of St. Paul's, Renfrew for 50 years. Left to right: Gordon's son-in-law Terry Church, daughter Kelly, wife Beverley, Gordon, grandson Benjamin, Kehoe; and in front, Church Warden Shirley Yach, who received the plaque on behalf of the congregation. The plaque will be hung above the choir pews.

# Workshops are back at Synod!

## The 2019 Synod Workshop Series

BY REV. VICTORIA SCOTT,  
GRAHAM SHEPHERD

We are very pleased to announce that the 2019 Synod agenda will allow time for three workshops reflecting on topics that are very timely: managing change; building community relations; and having difficult conversations. Synod members will have an opportunity to attend two of the three workshops. It is hoped that Synod members from each parish will make workshop selections in advance. This will ensure that at least some members from the same parish will experience all three workshops and bring back useful items for the parish toolbox.

**Workshop 1  
Managing Change  
Instead of Letting  
Change Manage You**

We all know that change is inevitable but that doesn't mean we have to just let it happen. Understanding the dynamics of change means that we can plan for change and gives us the freedom—and capacity—to make choices about our parishes and their futures.

This workshop will provide tools for understanding change in your parish – how to see it coming (or even bring it on purpose) and how to use it creatively instead of destructively. The facilitators will present models from the School for Parish Development and then help you apply them to real life examples from the parishes in attendance.

**Workshop 2  
Beyond the Bake Sale:  
Rethinking our Fund-  
raising and Building  
Community Relations**

Some parishes have noted that the community bake sales, and annual bazaars no longer bring in as much money, or as many people as they used to do. A brave soul then tries to make suggestions or changes, and then quickly finds that there were unexpected guardians to be faced! In this workshop, we will explore the power dynamics at play around time honoured parish fundraisers, and hear some best practices, and new experiences that allowed other parishes to breathe new life into their

fundraising. It is possible to bring in significant financial support, make new connections with the communities we serve, and not burn out volunteers. We promise!

**Workshop 3  
Having Difficult  
Conversations:  
Boundaries, Behaviour,  
and Bullies! Oh My!**

Since at least the Second World War, the Western world has many people who don't know how to have difficult conversations when things are tense, or boundaries are crossed. In this workshop, we will explore unhealthy behaviours in parish life, describe what healthy boundaries and expectations look like, and develop practical skills on how to manage personal and group behaviours, as well as healthy group norms. Through lively debate and the sharing of fears and aspirations, the workshop participants will explore the nuances of these challenging aspects of congregational development.

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# Bishop encourages Anglicans to take active role in election

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

Bishop John Chapman has called on Anglicans to engage actively in the democratic process in the light of the upcoming federal election.

Showing up at the voting booth is important. But so is being well-informed on key public policy issues, raising public awareness, and giving voice to the Church's mission and commitment to support the most vulnerable in our society.

"Here in the Diocese of Ottawa we are partners with government in helping the homeless and those inadequately housed, children living in poverty and refugees," the bishop said. "The campaign is an opportunity to make candidates of all parties aware of our engagement and solicit their support. The Church's commitment to care for the environment is particularly relevant in the public eye

given the increased concern over the implications of climate change."

The bishop's Government Relations Advisory Panel (GRAP) points out that while the campaign is well under way it is not too late to participate in a meaningful way. An individual or a group in a parish could reach out to candidates in the constituency where the parish is located.

The first step is to be informed about some of the issues—homelessness and affordable housing, child poverty, refugees, climate change. The notes and links below are offered by the advisory panel to help with the preparations.

Step two is to identify the candidates running for election and their coordinates in the constituency. The diocese covers 13 federal ridings. (See below). Ideally, ask for a short meeting with the candidates to discuss the issues. If candidates aren't

known to you, find out about their background. If they are seeking re-election their party positions will be well-known. If a meeting with a candidate seems unlikely it's worthwhile to meet with an assistant.

At any meeting, time will be limited. Go straight to the point. Explain the church's concerns and involvement. Ask for the party's position; for example, on working for full implementation of the National Housing Strategy. Ask for their support.

Another option is to organize or participate in an all-candidate's meeting. Organizing one may be beyond the capacity of some parishes, but even offering a venue in the church hall, leaving the organization to others, would be a significant contribution. Failing that, simply attending a meeting organized by others and raising Anglican concerns would be helpful.



**The issues**

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## Homelessness and Affordable Housing

This is a priority for the diocese and, indeed, the Anglican Church of Canada. Candidates should be aware of the Community Ministries in the diocese: Cornerstone Housing for Women, Centre 454, The Well, St Luke's Table.

The diocese has a Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group. Its goal currently is 125 new affordable housing units for the 125th anniversary of the diocese in 2021. Several projects are well under way towards this goal. (Please see separate reports on page 11.)

Useful Link: <https://caeh.ca/right-to-housing-amendments-to-nhs-act/>

## Child Poverty

Campaign 2000, a non-partisan group, has identified two federal ridings, Ottawa-Vanier and Ottawa South, among areas having the highest child poverty rates in Canada. The federal government's Poverty Reduction Act was passed into law on June 24, 2019, and stakeholders are now advocating for effective implementation. Useful link: <https://cpj.ca/>

## Refugees

As a Sponsorship Agreement holder, the diocese has been a sponsor of refugees for more than 40 years. In 2018, the diocese partnered with Jewish Family Services and the University of Ottawa Refugee Hub in applying for 40 sponsorship applications, believed to be the largest among the 15 Anglican dioceses holding Sponsorship Agreements.

Read the full 2018 Refugee Ministry 3018 report: <https://ottawa.anglican.ca/.../Refugee-Ministry-Synod-2018-circular-report-final.docx>

## Climate Change

The Anglican Church's fifth Mark of Mission is, "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth."

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has underlined the dangers posed by climate change.

Anglican churches have strived for positive change through programs such as Greening Sacred Spaces, which helps parish and church groups conduct building audits to reduce their carbon footprints. The Diocese of Ottawa Synod voted to divest from fossil fuels and took a position to strive to make the diocese carbon neutral.

For suggestions about questions for federal election candidates and background on climate change, we recommend the Citizens for Public Justice website, climate change section. <https://cpj.ca/election-2019-ensuring-climate-justice/>

## Federal constituencies in the Diocese of Ottawa

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# “Welcoming homes” forum builds momentum for affordable housing campaign

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

The role of the church in responding to the needs of the wider community emerged as a key theme when 71 delegates from throughout the diocese came together in a forum on homelessness and affordable housing on May 11.

The forum represented a giant step forward in the campaign to create 125 new units to mark the diocese’s 125th anniversary in 2021.

With several projects well under way, the focus of the forum was helping parishes to participate regardless of their circumstances. Workshops offered experience and expert advice in the needs of rural communities; the basics of non-profit development; the situation facing parishes with no money and no land; and ways to create opportunities to partner with others.

Canon Sue Garvey and Archdeacon Dr P.J. Hobbs framed the workshops with inspirational keynote addresses that set a powerful theme for the day. Garvey recently retired after 22 years as executive director of Cornerstone Housing for Women, culminating in its expansion to include 373 Princeton Avenue with 42 units. Hobbs is the diocese’s director of mission who has been heavily engaged in moving the campaign forward. Both spoke about the role of the church in serving the community.

“We can’t keep doing it this way,” Garvey said. “Too many valuable assets are underused, and too many people’s time is being spent sitting in meetings about how to pay to fix a leaky roof instead of being out there, engaged in real life-changing ministry with the people who need us.”

She said the Diocese and the North American church generally are moving from an attitude of privilege, helping the needy, to acceptance of housing as a basic human right which everyone needs and that no one in this country should lack.

Hobbs, summing up the

day after the four workshops, talked about the “paradox of blessings”: parishes are strapped for cash, discouraged by demographics and yet are blessed with resources. “It so often seems like we have so little, when we have enough for the mission to which God calls us. In fact, we have an abundance, more than enough, the question is whether we have the courage and vision to unleash it.”

This was one of several key observations. Hobbs referred to the importance of partnerships. “We cannot do this alone.” He cited the variety of projects discussed during the forum, saying that no two are the same. “The spirit is moving us in many and varied directions. So, our initiatives are local with regional response to local needs.” But at the same time, he said, there is a need to stay connected and share experience and expertise.

## Workshop highlights

The workshop on rural communities heard a range of possibilities from developing church land to partnering with other organizations. The Rev. Jonathon Kouri, rector of St Paul’s Almonte, talked about a house adjacent to the church and rectory that was bequeathed to the parish. It is already housing a Syrian refugee family. In the longer term, the parish will consider a range of possibilities, from renting out its rectory to redeveloping its entire land to accommodate several affordable housing units. He pointed out that the lack of services is a challenge in rural communities.

Marian McGrath of St. Mary Magdalene, Chelsea, which she said is itself “in a state of suspended animation” nevertheless partners with another organization, making the church kitchen available for the production of jams that are sold in support of the Quebec Association of Independent Living.

For parishes with potential for development, the workshop offered a primer on getting started. Hobbs outlined the resources that the diocese

has available to help parishes, but the parishes must have some equity to contribute. Participants agreed that several studies are required before development can proceed, and they need funding. Graeme Hussey, president of Cahdco, Ottawa’s non-profit developer and consulting firm, said a project will take a minimum of five years from concept through construction.

There are many ways for parishes with no money and no land to contribute to participate, Joyce Potter told the workshop. The former vice-president of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation and director of City of Ottawa Housing and current board member of Cornerstone, said organizations are looking for partners. Parishes can also advocate for affordable housing and urge others to advocate. She recommended the Canadian Housing and Renewal Association (CHRA) [www.ahomeforeveryone.ca](http://www.ahomeforeveryone.ca) as a good primer on all aspects of affordable housing.

The Rev. Canon Laurette Glasgow, Special Adviser on Government Relations to the bishop and the Anglican Church of Canada, drew attention to the power of prayer. “Prayer is a powerful tool of awareness and engagement,” she said. “It should never be underestimated. And if you and your parish have nothing else to contribute to our mutual goals, prayer is by no means second best. It is vital.”

In the workshop on creating innovative partnerships, the Rev. Monique Stone, rector of Julian of Norwich parish, talked about the need for communications. “It is never good enough and always challenging.”

Her parish has completed feasibility studies and is on-track with plans for an affordable housing facility on its property, with construction expected in 2021. As the project proceeds, she says members of the parish hear statements in different ways and so, a lot of pastoral work is essential.

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**Archdeacon P.J. Hobbs encourages local initiatives: no two initiatives will be the same. Gay Richardson, who worked closely on St. John’s affordable living project in Centretown, helped organize the forum.**



**Rev. Monique Stone stressed the importance of good communications by development committees. Rev. Jonathan Kouri’s Almonte parish has inherited a property and is considering a variety of options for its use.**



During a lively question period the topic returned to the subject of trying to reconcile external generosity when the church is experiencing financial difficulties. It was pointed out that fundraising is not all “on us” but reaches out to the wider community because everyone is interested in addressing the need.

By getting involved, Anglicans in the diocese may well stimulate interest in the church by outsiders who sometimes feel the church isn’t meeting their needs.

The parishes that are outward-looking in their communities are the ones that are attracting interest, Archdeacon Kathryn Otley said. She is the rector of Christ Church Bells Corners that is moving ahead with development of part of its property for an affordable housing facility.

**Welcoming Homes—a Diocesan Workshop on Affordable Housing** was organized by the Homelessness and Affordable Housing Group, chaired by Garvey, whose membership includes Heidi Fawcett, Jim Davison, Canon Glasgow, Archdea-

con Otley, Gay Richardson, Moira Davis, Archdeacon Hobbs, Archdeacon Brian Kauk who chaired the event, Joyce Potter and Audrey Lawrence.

Diocesan Synod created the working group in 2014 as a means of meeting the challenge of the Anglican Church of Canada’s Joint Assembly to pray, learn, act and advocate on the issue of homelessness and affordable housing. Synod also set the goal of every parish engaged in a campaign to create 125 new units.

The diocese’s advocacy role predates even the Joint Assembly’s resolution. Bishop John Chapman set up an advisory panel on government relations with housing as a priority in 2010. He and Glasgow personally met with ministers and senior officials and the diocese participated in consultations leading to the National Housing Strategy, announced late in 2017.

The strategy has provided a favorable environment for church initiatives. Hobbs pointed out that all 125 new units in the campaign may well not be finished by 2021 but that having them under way would represent success.

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Taking a break from meetings, PWRDF staff and parish reps tried to stroll through Ottawa's tulip festival, but unseasonably cold spring weather soon sent them shivering back inside.

## Regional meeting of parish reps looked at their strategic plan's link to UN sustainable development goals

BY JANE MAXWELL

The Ottawa Working Group of The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund played host to the 2019 PWRDF Regional Meeting at St. Paul's University on May 10 to 11. Diocesan representatives and parish reps from the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and the Diocese of Montreal joined 22 parish reps from the Diocese of Ottawa. Four national staff from PWRDF provided both helpful insights and updates on PWRDF's international and local programs, along with information about new PWRDF resources.

Of special interest to participants was a session on PWRDF's new five-year Strategic Plan showing how

its five goals aimed to fulfill many of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. New to PWRDF gatherings was a panel discussion with clergy representatives on how parish reps and clergy could work together more effectively to promote the work of PWRDF. The group also tackled the challenging topic of a changing church across the country. We focused on how we might adjust our network structures (diocesan and parish reps) to meet the new reality of many Anglican parishes struggling to keep their doors open. Not surprisingly, this issue remains a 'work in progress.'

Day two was designed to provide hands-on, practical skills for PWRDF parish reps. PWRDF staff pre-viewed a new PowerPoint

presentation, toured the new PWRDF website, and introduced participants to the website's new Volunteer Portal. The latter provides information and resources on PWRDF programs, videos and photos. Staff also worked with parish reps on how to tell the PWRDF story in an engaging and powerful way.

Bishop Michael Bird joined us on Saturday to carry out a commissioning service for all the volunteers. He delivered an inspiring homily on his involvement and commitment to PWRDF over the course of his career as priest and bishop.

The PWRDF Working Group wishes to thank all the parish reps who attended. These events provide an important opportunity for our volunteers to come together, be informed and inspired about the life-giving work of The Primate's Fund. We hope that we all are recharged and ready to carry the "Good News" of PWRDF out to our parishes.

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## Youth interns celebrate

By Leigh Anne Williams

On June 11, participants and supporters gathered at Church of the Epiphany to celebrate and raise funds for the Youth Internship Program (YIP). The event marked the completion of the program for the six 2018-2019 interns.

"YIP is a starting point that can turn into a powerful, transformative experience. The needs of our youth are the primary focus of this program," co-ordinator Donna Rourke told the crowd. Initiated as an 18-month pilot program in 2015, she explained that "YIP's mission is to keep young adults connected to a faith community over the long-term to empower them to be future church and community leaders." Since its inception, 29 youth have participated in the program.

The program now has five components—work placement, faith formation, leadership skill development, Christian mentorship and co-ordinator coaching.

This year, the interns work placements included work with the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), the ecumenical social justice organization KAIROS, the diocesan All My Relations Committee, St. Paul's Kanata, the National Animator for Youth Ministries, and a day care.

KAIROS has had an intern every year since the program began. "It's been a rich experience at KAIROS to have so many interns cross our threshold. We consider it a very fortunate day when we were first introduced to the program," Ed Bianchi, KAIROS programs manager, told the crowd. "I can't say enough about Donna, because as many of you know, her enthusiasm for the program is contagious, and we caught the bug at KAIROS. I'm looking forward to working with more interns in the future."

Sheilagh McGlynn, National Animator for Youth Ministries for the Anglican Church of Canada, said, "The Church really benefits from youth ministry trying new things...I hold this up as a model of how to do youth ministry in a way that [fits] the context of the community."

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Above—Ed Bianchi and Sheilagh McGlynn  
Below—(l-r) Interns Mach, Gabby, Janet and Alexander



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# Meet Cornerstone's new executive director

Kia Rainbow has been hired as the new executive director of Cornerstone Housing for Women. She began work in June and says it has been wonderful so far.

She thanked former executive director Sue Garvey, who retired in the spring, for building bridges for her, arranging meetings with all the managers of programs at Cornerstone. "It is nice to meet everyone, and I'm really happy that the managers are clearly extremely competent and really easy to work with."

Garvey also set up meetings with all of Cornerstone's community partners such as Shepherds of Good Hope, Salvation Army, the Mission, Ottawa Community Health Centre, and Rainbow has been meeting major donors. "I'm excited as we move forward to work with all of our partners to better serve women," she said in an interview with *Crosstalk*.

Rainbow is from Ottawa and earned both her Bachelor and Master of Social Work degrees from Carleton University, where she has also been teaching in the School of Social Work as a contract instructor for 11 years. She will continue to teach one course even while heading Cornerstone. "Teaching is very important to me. It keeps my skills current because I learn from the students, and then I also bring 25 years of experience

in the field to the students, so it is a real win-win," she said.

Aside from her academic work, Rainbow also brings a wealth of experience to Cornerstone.

She worked at Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre for many years, including as the program manager of Chrysalis House, a shelter for abused women and children. "As the manager there, I was responsible for developing the budget, ensuring the budget was maintained and followed. I was responsible for the building, the staff, the human resources, and so it sort of started getting me prepared for the job I am in now."

Rainbow worked to help Chrysalis House better serve women. "They weren't allowed to have male children over the age of 12 in the building and I changed that immediately. And we did some cutting-edge work where we integrated the violence against women shelter system with the Children's Aid Society and police. We built all sorts of community partnerships," she said.

Later, she worked at Tungasuvvingat Inuit. "The Mamisarvik Healing Centre is an eight-week treatment centre for Inuit who

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## Kia Rainbow

are struggling with severe trauma, addictions, and mental health [issues]. I was there for three years, so that certainly helped me learn more about mental health and addictions issues that Cornerstone clientele faces."

Rainbow also worked in China for four months on an HIV/AIDS project with the Chinese health department in a mountainous area where heroin was being smuggled across the border from Myanmar. "There were a lot of addicted people," she said. "Drug users who didn't even know anything about HIV or AIDS."

Later, Rainbow became the executive director of Interval House of Ottawa. "That was my first position as an executive director, so my responsibilities were a few more than I had been doing as director in other positions, so I worked with the board of directors, recruiting, screening, training. I was responsible for the HR, the finances, the building, and

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for, of course, community relations." During her tenure, Interval House became the first shelter in Ottawa (and third in Ontario) to allow women and children fleeing violence to bring their pets into the house instead of having to leave them

behind in the violence. Not only are the pets a comfort to the women and children, Rainbow says that bringing them to the shelter also saves the pets' lives. "That was a beautiful project," she said.

Throughout her work in the violence-against-women sector in Ottawa, Rainbow says she and her colleagues always have always depended on Cornerstone because it is tailored to women. "I am really thrilled to be here because I genuinely believe that Cornerstone is amazing in the work that they do."

She added, "In the social work community we call women struggling with homelessness the hardest to serve population because they have so many needs and there are so many gaps and barriers to service. I always think, 'Thank goodness the Anglican diocese took on women and homelessness as their major focus.'"



Canon Sue Garvey and Larry Langlois (right) pose with the Rev. Brian Kauk and Sue's prestigious diocesan award.

## 2019 Social Justice Champion

On June 4, Canon Sue Garvey, Kia's predecessor at Cornerstone, received the 2019 Social Justice Champion Award from Ottawa Community Ministries. "This year we are presenting the award someone who has been, I would say, a transformative leader in our midst," said Archdeacon P.J. Hobbs. "[someone] who calls us together beyond ourselves to do things that we never thought that we could have imagined."

Garvey responded by saying "you have been my family for almost 25 years now. Thank you for this incredibly humbling honor and for being here with me through all of this and for the journey that we have had together. ... I am going to stay with the housing and homelessness working group for the diocese, so I'll still be around and I'll still see all of you."



## The Bishop's Gala a cause for celebration

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Annual Bishop's Gala Dinner and Silent Auction is always a wonderful opportunity to gather and celebrate shared faith, fellowship and mission, but the 37th annual gala, held at the Ottawa Conference and Event Centre on May 8, had an extra measure of joy. The crowd of 250 gathered to raise funds for the Bishop's discretionary fund, but they were also celebrating Bishop John Chapman's first appearance in the diocese since taking a medical leave to undergo lung surgery in early April.

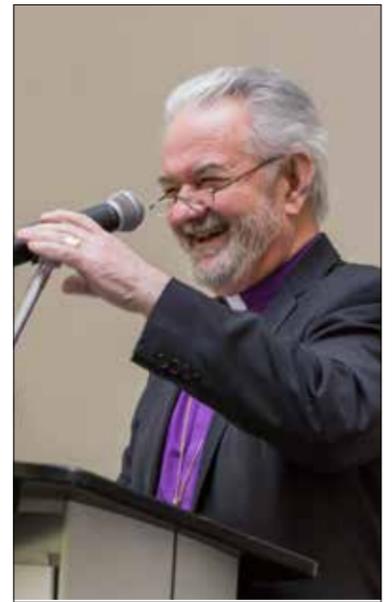
In his address, Bishop Chapman said that he looks forward to the gala each year, and he had set attend-

ing this one as a personal goal as he recovered. He thanked Assisting Bishop Michael Bird for graciously stepping into the Episcopal Office during his absence, as well as Executive Archdeacon David Selzer, his Synod Office staff, clergy, and volunteers for their extra time and energy keeping the diocese, parishes, and community ministries running smoothly in his absence. He added that he was very grateful for the gift of being able to step back from his job and know that everything was in capable, caring hands. Several wry remarks demonstrated that his sense of humour was entirely healthy.



*Bishops (Michael Bird, left, and John Chapman, right) at the podium—both contributed to the evening's fun. Scenes from the 2019 Bishop's Gala, May 8, 2019.*

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Guests enjoyed music performed by the Nepean High School Jazz Combo and bid on more than 100 donated items and services in the silent auction during the cocktail hour and in between courses of the gourmet dinner.

Toasts were offered by the Master of Ceremonies, Jamie Tomlinson; the Rev. Mark Whittall of St. Alban the Martyr; Christ Church Cathedral Administrator Josephine Hall; and Assisting Bishop Michael Bird.

The evening was a great success raising almost \$20,000 for the Bishop's discretionary fund, which enables Bishop Chapman to respond quickly and compassionately to compelling and often unexpected situations locally, nationally, and internationally that are beyond the diocesan budget.

Bishop John thanked Jamie Tomlinson for his wit and skill as Master of Ceremonies. He also thanked "the Heidis", Heidi Pizzuto and Heidi Danson (now Heidi Fawcett) for their work as co-chairs of the Gala Planning Committee along with Jane Scanlon and Gillian Keane, and volunteers Breanna Pizzuto and Don Krull.

He extended special thanks to the gala's corporate sponsors (see notice at left) with special mention to Floral Envy Inc. for the lovely table arrangements.

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# Conference examines Area Parish experience

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*The Rev. Susan Lewis (Renfrew-Pontiac) spoke up.*

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

Clergy and lay representative from the six area parishes in the diocese met at Christ Church Cathedral on June 14 and 15 to talk about the challenges and gifts they are finding within the new area parish model of ministry and what they need to move forward in it.

Bishop John Chapman gave the homily at the opening Eucharist and then keynote speaker the Rev. Canon Dr. Todd Townsend, Dean of the Faculty of Theology at Huron College and Canon Theologian for the diocese of Huron offered inspiring reflections on mission and “What Makes the Church the Church?”

to each other and learn from each other.” The other important goal was to provide a forum for the bishop and people at the synod office to hear how things are going and what is needed in the area parishes.

He circulated a draft document written after previous consultations with area parishes and asked for feedback and comments on it. “It’s not a total blueprint for what an area parish looks like, but it’s a way for us to give people something to work with as they continue to develop the area parish or if they consider being part of it.”

The day included a panel

to listen deeply and carefully to what is happening in the community around them and then draw on the resources of their faith to respond and to imagine how the gospel might speak into that context in a fresh way.”

“What do we need in order to do mission in the context of area parishes?” the moderator asked Kauk. “What we need depends a lot on how that mission is framed. If we frame it around maintaining our buildings and paying for full-time ministry, it’s really easy to answer that question, we need money,” he said. “But if we are going to frame the mission differently, which is



*Four incumbents of area parishes— Eric Morin (Renfrew-Pontiac), Carolyn Seabrook (South Carleton), Brian Kauk (Mississippi Lake) and Patrick Stephens (St. Lawrence) had experiences to share and practices to consider.*

The next day, Bishop Michael Bird, Incumbent in the Area Parish of the Valley and Assisting Bishop in the Diocese, outlined the intent of the conference. Quoting from Bishop John Chapman’s comments the evening before, he said, “When we’re doing things in the church in this day and age ... where we have to strike out without a detailed road map of where we are headed, it is often good to at least stop and take a compass read.” The conference, he said, was organized to give people in the area parishes a chance to “look at how our work relates to the wider subject of mission and to also to have lots of opportunity to speak

discussion with the Rev. Carolyn Seabrook from the Area Parish of South Carleton, Archdeacon Brian Kauk from the Area Parish of Mississippi Lake, the Rev. Eric Morin from the Area Parish of Renfrew-Pontiac, and Patrick Stephens from the Parish of St. Lawrence fielding questions from a moderator.

Seabrook reminded everyone that the panelists were not speaking as experts but only sharing their thoughts and reflections based their experiences in area parishes. When asked what a mission-shaped church looked like, Seabrook said: “A mission-shaped church is prepared

what I think we are being called to do in this age... It seems like what we bring to the wider society is an engine of community. That’s who we are, that’s what we do...so we might be able to frame mission... by creating and sustaining community with the Christ.” For that, he suggested what is needed is leadership, commitment, and creativity.

“How do we cultivate the imaginations of our people to detect what the Spirit is up to in our neighbourhoods?” the moderator asked Stevens. “I think partnerships are really important,” he said, noting that Centre 105, the community

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drop-in, is quickly becoming an ecumenical and interfaith initiative that also works with secular agencies. “Once we start working with neighbours, with friends, people who have similar goals and motives but maybe not the same articulated theology, and once we’re on track together, it seems to affirm that discernment that the spirit is moving,” he said. “Part of that is also sharing our needs with our partners,” he added, musing that perhaps “We are so used to being the missional church that gives that we’re kind of shy to receive or to present ourselves as vulnerable and in need of support from our friends.”

“Many small churches have folks who are exhausted simply keeping their buildings afloat. In what ways can we ensure the well-being of our people and clergy by working together in area parishes?” the moderator asked.

“I stepped into the area parish that was formed from three previous parishes, two of them being multi-points,” said Morin. “What strikes me is the commitment of a solid group of volunteers who dedicate hours upon hours of time to keep this thing going, which is amazing. One of the things I think we can do to keep going and not get exhausted is to give permission to let go of things, to explore honestly

what is sustainable, to not just give permission but to be willing to let go of things and to do things differently. There’s that scary word again, change. Doing that doesn’t necessarily mean that we are dying. It means that we are aware of our reality and adjusting to it.”

Seabrook suggested that “Things move forward at the speed of trust.... I think in our area parish we’re thinking less of the lines between us and more of how can we serve this shared geographic area together, how can we be stronger together in terms of serving this whole area, how do we combine our human and financial resources to do more than we could apart from one another, but that requires trust.”

Bishop Bird acknowledged that coping with and facing these kinds of challenges have been a struggle for the church. “As area parishes, many of us have decided that they are prepared to take a leap of faith and to do the best we can in addressing how we it is that we can continue to be the church and proclaim the gospel in a day and age that is very difficult,” he said. “I want to pay tribute to all of you and to all of your parishes, to the bishop and to the diocese for making that commitment and taking that leap of faith in the ways we have.”

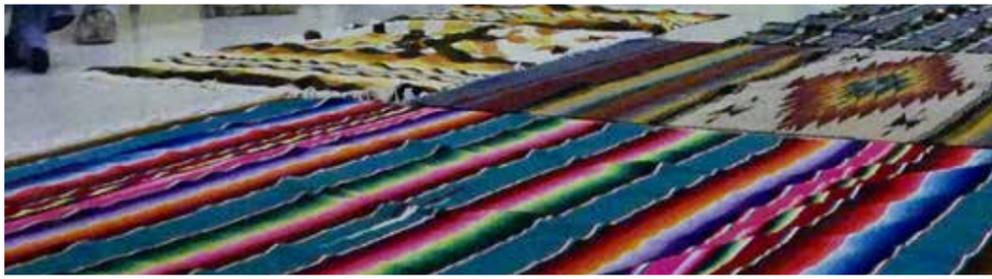
# Stepping into the Blanket Exercise

BY GWYNNETH EVANS

In May, I was among 33 people gathered at St. Paul's, Kanata to participate in a blanket exercise. By now, many Anglicans may be familiar with the exercise, an interactive history lesson developed by Indigenous Elders working with the ecumenical social justice organization KAIROS to help both Indigenous and non-Indigenous people understand the impacts of colonialism in Canada. The June issue of *Crosstalk* included an article about one such exercise that took place in Almonte, but it is an experience that is unique for everyone and profoundly moving. Education is a key to the path of reconciliation, and I hope this my account will encourage everyone in the diocese to take part themselves:

We stepped into the sunlight outside to be smudged, and then returned to the circle in the spacious hall, each with our own expectations, experiences and evocations.

Welcomed by members of



the parish and diocesan All My Relations committees, we were introduced to the three leaders, who each had a distinct role to play: Alice Beaudoin, the knowledge keeper, provided historical background and a personal story of her life and the inspiration and strength her mother has given her. Martine Robitaille and Jennifer Tenasco were facilitators, also from kitigan zibi anishnabeg.

The basic exercise revolves around blankets being laid in a circle and participants choosing a place to stand. Then cards of different colours are distributed to each person as the history of pre-contact, the making of treaties with the British and the harrowing history of colonization is told. Individuals are removed from the blankets on which they stand

and the amount of territory occupied by Indigenous people is visibly diminished. When each blanket is empty, it is removed from the circle. During the exercise the facilitators remind us not only of the past and major causes of death and displacement – outbreaks of disease, the effects of residential schools, hidden and unexplained disappearances. In the exercise, I was wiped out from the Métis territory by a European disease and realized the trauma of disease that decimated populations at different periods of history in Canada.

The crucial portion of the exercise for me followed in the circle where each person was encouraged to share his or her reflections. I listened and absorbed the reactions of others. Then it was my turn. “Each blanket exercise

is a unique experience. And this one has been powerful. I will remember its impact

as I reflect on our separate pasts.” My own response was coloured by those of the other participants, including a lawyer who had travelled throughout the country with National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women as a lawyer and another who had been up for nights because her home on the Ottawa River had been flooded but felt called to participate that morning.

I had previously taken part in a blanket exercise on Parliament Hill and protested in solidarity with Chief Teresa Spence of Atawapiskat First Nation, but for me each blanket exercise is unique and deepens my understanding. Much of the impact rests in the sharing of responses and hearing about the harm and pain Indigenous families have suffered.

Our diocese is rich in opportunities to learn and to participate. In recent months, the Cathedral has appointed Albert Dumont as Resident Elder and invited all to come listen to his seasonal teachings. On Canada Day, Dumont hosted a sunrise event on Parliament Hill and with other indigenous leaders and performers offered an opportunity for many to learn and to celebrate the traditions of different tribes.

The Church of the Ascension sponsored a series of four film nights on the Doctrine of Discovery during spring 2019, where Barbara Dumont Hill assisted with our questions and our interpretations. On June 21, National Indigenous Day, St. Margaret's in Vanier hosted a luncheon and afternoon of Arctic Games. These occasions provide us with time together to listen and discern how to strengthen our resolve to reconnect with God's compassion and His call to live justly and inclusively in the world.

## All My Relations Working Group encourages honouring Orange Shirt Day

BY MARIAN MCGRATH

On her first day of school, Phyllis was wearing a brand new orange shirt that her grandmother had given her. New clothes were rare and very special for a First Nations girl growing up in her grandmother's care. As soon as Phyllis entered the school, she was stripped of the shirt, which was replaced by the school's institutional uniform. The impact of that action stayed with Phyllis for many years. She felt worthless and insignificant.

Phyllis Webstad's story is the catalyst for a national movement to recognize the experience of survivors of residential schools, to honour the survivors and to undertake a collective commitment that “every child matters.” The event calls for every Canadian to wear an orange shirt on Sept. 30 in the spirit of healing and reconciliation.

### Why wear an Orange Shirt?

The All My Relations Working Group (AMR) is encouraging parishes in the Diocese of Ottawa to observe “Orange Shirt Day” on Sunday, Sept., 29, 2019 by wearing an orange shirt. This occasion is consistent with the “Calls to Action”, as set out in the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, for the churches involved with the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement to educate Canadians about the legacy of Residential Schools.

Orange Shirt Day is a movement that began officially in 2013, but its origin is grounded in the experience of Phyllis Webstad, who in 1973 at six years of age entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School outside of Williams Lake, B.C. Orange Shirt Day is an occasion to honour the Indigenous children who

were sent away to residential schools in Canada and to learn more about the history of those schools.

### Why September 30?

The date (Sept. 30) was chosen because it represents the time of year when the trucks and buses would enter the communities to “collect” the children and deliver them to the Residential Schools.

“This time of year when school starts I still get very sad and emotional, knowing that I would be separated from my loving family for ten months of the year. I would not see them during this time. It lingers forever so long”, said Margaret Lemaire, who attended an Indian Residential School, and is the co-chair of the AMR Working Group.

The observance of Orange Shirt Day is not intended to be complicated. Parishioners can simply wear an orange shirt that they



**This orange shirt design was designed by Vinita Rathod, a Grade 12 student in Surrey B.C. Her design was chosen by Orange Shirt Day organizers as the official one for 2019 and can be ordered from the website, but people are encouraged to make or wear any orange shirt of their choosing.**

already own or buy a plain orange t-shirt. If they so desire, parishioners could have the words “Every child matters” printed on the t-shirt. If parishioners wish to order orange shirts, they may wish to visit: [http://](http://www.orangeshirtday.org)

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For background on Orange Shirt Day see Phyllis Webstad tell her story on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E3vUqr01kAk>.

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Music contributes to reconciliation and plays a key role in the mission of the Kateri Native Ministry.

## Healing and reconciliation fund at work in Chelsea

BY MARIAN MCGRATH

On June 2, Saint Mary Magdalene Church in Chelsea offered a Service of Reconciliation for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. The Rev. Cathy Davis, interim assisting priest at Saint Mary Magdalene Church (SMM) in Chelsea, Quebec, invited Donna Naughton, executive director, and Father Hasina Rakotoariso, priest-in-charge of Kateri Native Ministry (KNM) to collaborate with her in creating the service that was grounded in both Indigenous and Christian spirituality and featured songs in English, French and Cree.

KNM and SMM worshiped together at a Service of Reconciliation for Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in response to the “Calls to Action” set out in the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

KNM is a part of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Ottawa. Their work is focused on reconciliation based on two pillars: healing and training. Although Naughton and Rakotoariso travel all across Canada, the visit to Chelsea was the first time that they shared their

ministry in West Quebec.

Naughton, an Ojibway-Cree Elder, spoke about traditional Indigenous teachings, performed smudging and explained the significance of the gift of sacred tobacco presented to her by Davis. Naughton led the congregation in song while playing her guitar accompanied by Rakotoariso, who is also an accomplished guitarist. Originally from Madagascar, Rakotoariso pointed out that two people with different cultural backgrounds worshipping and singing together was emblematic of reconciliation.

Following the theme of reconciliation, Barbara Gagné, People’s Warden of SMM, obtained traditional Indigenous plants of cedar and sage to be planted in the garden at SMM. During the offering, children at SMM presented the traditional Indigenous plants to Davis for blessing.

“Each week we acknowledge that the grounds on which we gather are the unceded lands of the Algonquin nation and through our Reconciliation Services deepen our understanding of the culture and history of our indigenous brothers and



Jane Scanlon is Stewardship Development Officer for the Ottawa Diocese.

Susan Graham Walker, Resources for Mission Manager for the Anglican Church of Canada, has introduced Giving Our Thanks & Praise in many dioceses. Here in Ottawa she has offered two of these workshops on September 22, 2018, and March 30, 2019. The workshops and the program are well received with positive feedback from parishes that have benefited from this resource. The next Giving Our Thanks & Praise Workshop is on Saturday, September 21, 2019, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Epiphany Anglican Church, Gloucester. Online registration is available at <https://thxpraise.eventbrite.ca>.

During the workshop, Susan introduces the three pillars—Inspire, Invite and Thank—and shares many ideas, resources and current stewardship best practices. By the end of the workshop, you will be guaranteed to have some new ideas and best practices to take back to your congregations. If you haven’t already participated in this workshop, here are

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sidering creating a narrative budget. Other parishes are introducing new ways to “thank” people for sharing their gifts—both volunteer and financial.

Registration details are available at <https://thxpraise.eventbrite.ca>. Clergy are encouraged to register and to identify representatives from among their lay leadership, wardens and stewardship committees to register. Area parish clergy teams are also welcome to register. Parish and clergy teams will leave the workshop with hands-on training and the tools to take the first steps to effectively implement the program in their congregations. Registration includes refreshments and lunch. Each participant will receive the Giving our Thanks & Praise Program Guide, the Parish Giving Program Planning Workbook, and the *I Intend* discipleship booklet. The fee is \$15 by September 17.

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). Please send your cheque to Heidi Danson, Events Coordinator, Diocese of Ottawa, 71 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, ON, K1R 6G6.

ing of an indigenous garden. As we walk on their lands, we will tend to a few of their sacred plants and remember,” said Gagné.

SMM was very grateful for the grant received from the All My Relations Healing and Reconciliation Fund. Without the grant the Service would not have been financially viable for SMM. Margaret Lemaire and Debbie Grisdale, co-chairs of the All My Relations Working Group, attended the Service. Lemaire read the Prayers of the People.

“Music helps to stimulate

our hearts as well as our minds, and opens up the possibility of deeper spiritual insight. The service at SMM was a wonderful reflection of the Healing and Reconciliation Fund’s purpose,” said Grisdale.

The service was attended by members of St Stephen’s Roman Catholic Church, Grace United Church and other visitors. Afterwards, all were invited to have lunch and speak with Naughton and Rakotoariso. For more information about the Kateri Native Ministry see: [katerinativeministry.ca](http://katerinativeministry.ca).

### The Healing and Reconciliation Fund of the Diocese of Ottawa

The purpose of the Fund is to encourage and support the development of small projects in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa that foster and contribute to healing; support education about the legacy of the residential school system and; promote reconciliation among Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples.

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## ACW Annual Meeting 2019

# “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

BY MARNI CROSSLEY

A wonderful diocesan ACW gathering was held at St. Thomas, Stittsville on May 22 to celebrate our time of worship, learning, fellowship, friendship and service! Generous hospitality of coffee, tea and muffins was provided by the ACW, and it was good to renew old friendships and make new connections as we gathered. We were privileged to have Bishop Michael Bird present with us, in the absence of Bishop John Chapman, as he recuperated from surgery. In his homily, Bishop Michael spoke, with great appreciation, of the work of the ACW and their contribu-

tions to the life of the Church. He reminded us of the responsibilities of discipleship, as he spoke of the story of Mary and Martha, how both learning and service, hospitality and friendship are essentials for all people. The

service of Eucharist was led by the Rev. Lee Lambert closing with the beautiful ACW Hymn, “The Love Of Jesus Calls Us”.

The General Meeting was chaired by co-convenors Leslie Worden and Marni Crossley, reporting on the activities of the past year. Our involvement was shared, on behalf of all the women of the diocese, the Council of Women, the National Presidents Conference and Cornerstone Housing for Women. The Bales program in 2019 was very well supported and 36 bales were sent to six communities on the Mackenzie River in the western Arctic and 56 bales were sent by the Northern Shopper to five communities around Baffin Island in the eastern Arctic. The continued financial support from parishes allows the Bales Program to continue with grateful thanks from those people who receive them. It was voted that the

offering of \$400 be sent to the Inuit Lunch Program at St. Margaret’s, Vanier. After a delicious lunch, Garth Hampson was introduced and took us on an historical journey following “The Vanners.” This mission began in 1920 in England, “when the fledging Anglican Church in Canada told its parent, the Church of England, that it was ready to assume its own responsibilities. However, as the west began to fill with British and European settlers, the young Canadian church couldn’t adequately support settlers living in remote areas as they coped with isolation and deprivation. “The

financial support must come from the British for many years to come,” said British woman Eva Hasell. She designed, procured, and paid for a van, which served as home and office as she and a friend brought the Sunday School Caravan Mission to children and

families in isolated communities.

The “Vanners” were licensed by the Bishop to baptize, lead public worship and run Church School classes across many western dioceses, the forerunner of the Bishop’s Messengers. This ministry was a very important part of Garth’s life both in northern Alberta and here in Ottawa where Miss Hasell was presented with the Order of Canada. Her ministry continued to 1973! She died in England in 1974.

The afternoon closed with a wonderful hymn sing with Garth leading us in “What a Friend We have in Jesus,” “Jesus Bids us Shine,” “This Little light of Mine” and more.

A special thank you to Mary Passmore, such an accomplished and spontaneous organist, as well as to Diane Clement, the ACW and the Altar Guild of St. Thomas Stittsville for a great day.



Eva Hasell

PHOTO: JAMES CALKIN



## Cathedral Girls’ Choir travels to Japan, Hong Kong

BY JAMES CALKIN

After nearly three years of planning and fundraising the Cathedral Girls’ Choir traveled to Asia in July for a series of liturgical and concert performances as well as rich encounters with the culture and people of this dynamic part of the world. Nineteen choristers along with seven chaperones and one director made the journey on July 7 from Ottawa to Tokyo, then to Kyoto and finally Hong Kong, returning to Ottawa the evening of July 23. During this time, the Girls sang five liturgies and four concerts representing the music ministry of the Cathedral as well as the youth of our diocese while encountering historic links and common bonds between these distant parts of the world and our own.

The tour began in Tokyo where the choir sang evensong at St. Alban’s Episcopal Church on July 11. In attendance that night was the Girls Choir of Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin school who joined in a post-office mini concert. Toyo Eiwa Jogakuin was founded by Canadian missionaries and continues to nurture a special bond with Canada and Canadians. The next day, Friday, July 12, the Choir were guests of Rikkyo University (formerly St. Paul’s University and the largest Anglican affiliated university in Japan). All Saints Chapel on campus was the venue for a noon-hour concert sung to a capacity audience followed later in the

day by evensong complete with hymns sung in Japanese by our choristers! In between these “work days” our itinerary was packed with excursions to some of the most important and famous sights in this immense urban landscape: the Shibuya Crossing, Meiji Shrine, Gardens of the Imperial Palace, the Tokyo National Museum, & the iconic SkyTree, to name a few. Shopping and mealtimes were equally opportunities for discovery and exploration which we all took full advantage of (especially the shopping!!).

The tour then moved (by bullet train no less) to the historic imperial capital of Kyoto where, on Sunday, July 14, the Girls sang choral eucharist at St. Agnes Episcopal Church opposite the Imperial Gardens. This was also the weekend of the Gion Festival in Kyoto and its ancient laneways and modern avenues were packed with colourful floats and costumes alongside the sounds and smells of traditional Japanese music and food. A visit to the picturesque environs of Arashiyama with its bamboo grove and, most exciting of all, monkey park rounded off our stay in Japan and, on Tuesday, July 16, the choir flew from Osaka to Hong Kong for the second main leg of the tour.

Whilst in Hong Kong, we were guests of the Diocesan Boys School and its dormitory in central Kowloon served as our base for a series of concerts and liturgies: the first on Wednesday, July 17 at All Saints Cathedral

in Mong Kok followed on Friday, July 19 by the same program at the Methodist International Church (MICHK) in Wan Chai. In between these events we explored many of the landmarks of this “city in a hurry”: The Ladies Market, HK Museum of History thence Victoria Peak via Star Ferry. Perhaps most memorable of all, though, was our Junk Boat cruise from Kowloon Pier around the southern tip of Hong Kong Island to the beachfront community of Stanley capped with a refreshing swim in the South China Sea!

Our final musical events were a traditional choral “double-header” on Sunday, July 21 at St. John’s Cathedral in the Central district where the Dean of Hong Kong made a gracious presentation to the choir during the morning service and where, at the end of evensong, we marked the end of this incredible journey for girls, parents, and director.

As I write this, I give thanks for the safe passage of our choristers and chaperones, for the music we offered, as well as the cultures and people we encountered. Most especially, I offer my sincere thanks for the support, good wishes and prayers from our Cathedral Church and Diocese that accompanied us on our tour and that continue to uphold the Cathedral Girls’ Choir in all its service. A multimedia presentation and report on the tour will be scheduled later in the fall. Please stay tuned for the date and do join us if you can!!

## DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

## Exemplar

A frame church at Metcalfe was built in 1856 on land donated by Adam J. Baker. In early 1897, the old church was torn down and construction began on a new stone church, with services temporarily held in the town hall. The new church was completed that autumn, opened by Bishop Hamilton on Dec. 8, 1897, and it was consecrated on Nov. 17, 1901.

There is a danger in reading history of somehow assuming things were much easier in the past. The Rev. Robert Shannon in his 50th Anniversary history of the parish (1947) had no such illusions. He told how his predecessor, the Rev. C.B. Clarke, made a complete survey of the entire community and decided that the time had come when the old wooden church at Metcalfe was no longer able to meet the needs of the parish. He called a meeting to discuss the possibilities of building a new church, and, after much deliberation, it was decided that, to repair or enlarge the old church was out of the question, and yet to build a complete new church of the size and style the Rector wanted seemed to most of the parishioners impossible.

“I suppose everyone agreed that such a substantial building was necessary,



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but how could it be done—where are we to get the money?” Shannon wrote. Still, Clarke had a vision, regardless of the cost. It must be a stone structure, the architecture and furnishings of which must compare with the best in any city Church.... [N]othing but the best was good enough for God’s Sanctuary, and he

taught that those who gave the best to the Church were never left in want.”

After getting 30 people to subscribe a building fund of \$355, early in the spring of 1897 “the old church was torn down and construction work began on the new church.” And here Shannon reveals the work of clergy of that generation as unac-

knowledged architects and contractors, when he wrote: “Under the able leadership of the Rector, who acted as architect, carpenter, stone mason and labourer, the church was completed and ready for the service of dedication in the fall of the same year.”

Such an example had its effect. Members of the

parish hauled the stone and sand free of charge, the stone came from local quarries, and was all given free except for the cost of blasting. A stone tower was added to the church in 1924 and was consecrated by Bishop John Charles Roper in October 1926.

Clarke’s example was not lost on one particular parishioner. When it became known that a new church was to be built, a Mrs. Stanley, an invalid confined to bed, felt discouraged in not being able to do her share. She had visualized a certain type of window she would like to see installed in the new church. In June 1896, she conceived a plan of how she could do her share of the work and accomplish her ambition. She started a subscription list to be used for the installation of the new west window, and everyone who came to see her was asked for a subscription. The result can still be viewed today.

If you would like to help the Archives preserve the records of the Diocese and its parishes, why not become a Friend of the Archives? Your \$20 annual membership fee brings you three issues of the lively, informative Newsletter, and you will receive a tax receipt for further donations above that amount.

## New program helps parishes reduce carbon footprint

BY CHARLIE SCROMEDA

Greening Sacred Spaces Ottawa is launching a free Energy Benchmarking Program for faith communities. Understanding your current energy use is the first step in reducing it — you can’t manage if you don’t measure. This program, funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation and supported by Faith and the Common Good, helps faith communities take practical steps toward reducing their use of fossil fuels through tracking and lowering their energy use and emissions.

Buildings account for about 42% of a typical faith community’s carbon footprint. Energy benchmarking is the process of measuring

a building’s energy use and comparing those measurements to its energy performance in previous and subsequent years, and to the performance of other, similar buildings. When a faith community knows how much energy its building is using, it is able to accurately access the effectiveness of energy-saving measures and confidently plan future projects.

Signing up for the Energy Benchmarking Program is simple. Project animators can present the program to faith community councils and help complete the intake form with information on the building. Finally, faith communities will fill out consent forms to their hydro and gas suppliers, giving

permission for Greening Sacred Spaces to access to their energy data. By allowing Greening Sacred Spaces to view this information, which will be kept private, the organization is able to efficiently collect and analyze the data for faith communities, saving communities time and resources.

Over the course of this three-year project, 50 participating faith communities will receive several benchmarking reports. The initial report will create a baseline from the faith communities’ past three years of hydro and gas bills and will calculate the total cost of energy, the total greenhouse gas emissions, and the weather normalized site EUI. This last metric measures the

building’s total energy use divided by its square footage, and adjusted for annual differences in weather, so as to accurately compare energy use from year to year. In the program’s two subsequent years, Greening Sacred Spaces will send out annual personalized energy reports along with an anonymous comparison of the energy usage of faith buildings in the same region.

Greening Sacred Spaces offers other resources and tools that can help faith communities reduce their carbon footprints, including funding for energy audits and information on energy-saving incentives. The organization works closely alongside faith communities to identify means of decreasing

energy consumption, both through on-site visits and educational events. One of these was a workshop held at Kitchissippi United Church on April 29, 2019, where faith communities in Ottawa discussed the lessons learned from their energy-related projects. Representatives from six communities described steps they have taken to reduce energy use — including solar panels and lighting, green audits, furnaces, and LEED projects.

To learn more about this free program and Greening Sacred Spaces events, please visit [faithcommongood.org/energy\\_benchmarking](http://faithcommongood.org/energy_benchmarking) or contact Charlie Scromeda at [greeningsacredspacesottawa@gmail.com](mailto:greeningsacredspacesottawa@gmail.com).

## CALENDAR

**Sept. 7**  
**Christ Church**  
**Bells Corners Golf**  
**Tournament Fundraiser**

12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Canadian Golf and Country Club (7800 Golf Club Way) Ashton, Ont. ccbc@bellnet.ca (613) 829-1826 <https://canadiangolfclub.com/collections/christ-church-golf-tournament>

**Sept. 10**  
**Diocesan Council**  
**Meeting**

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral in Ottawa heidi-danson@ottawa.anglican.ca (613) 232-7124x222

**Sept. 14**  
**Cornerstone's Purple**  
**Tie Gala**

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Ottawa Art Gallery  
 A sophisticated night of cocktails, gourmet food, live music, art and dance. A silent and live auction will include an African safari, event tickets, gift baskets and more. jessie-lee.wallace@cornerstonewomen.ca (613) 254-6584

**Sept. 19**  
**Smorgasbord**

4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. at St. James, (12 Harvey St.) Perth. Roast beef, turkey, am, baked beans, mashed potatoes, salads, pies and squares. Adults: \$15; Children Under 10: \$5; Children Under 3: Free. stjamesperth@gmail.com (613) 267-1163

**Sept. 21**  
**In the Image — Art Day**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St John's, South March (325 Sandhill Road) Kanata North. Calling all artists! Bring your own art materials and find inspiration in the peaceful country-like setting of St John's. Explore the grounds and cemetery, and the church building dating from 1839. Draw, paint, write, photograph, embroider... Free admission (we will gratefully accept donations). Laurel O'Connor: laur.music@gmail.com

**Sept. 22**  
**Music for a Sunday Af-**  
**ternoon**

3 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. at St. John's, South March (325 Sandhill Road) Kanata North. Join Graham Lindsey and Kristan Couture of "From Away" as they blend voice, fiddle and mandolins for driving jigs, reels and timeless songs by a prairie folk singer. Admission by donation.

**Sept. 26**  
**Coffee, Company & Con-**  
**versation**

10 a.m. to noon at St. Mark's (1606 Fisher Ave.) Ottawa. See story p. 5.

**Sept. 27**  
**Fish Fry Dinner and**  
**Silent Auction**

5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle (2345 Alta Vista Drive, Ottawa). Tickets: adults \$16, children



\$8. (613) 733-0336

**Sept. 27 and 28**  
**Cursillo Day of Deeper**  
**Understanding and**  
**AGM** at Christ Church

Bell's Corners [www.oacm.ca](http://www.oacm.ca)

**Sept. 29**  
**English High Tea**

served in two sittings — 3 p.m.-3:45 p.m. and 4 p.m.-4:45 p.m. at Trinity Cornwall Anglican Church (105 Second St. West) Cornwall, Ont. \$15. Note\*: Seatings for the tea are limited and must be reserved in advance (*no at the door sales*). Reservations can be made by contacting Stephen Barkway (office administrator) by email at sbarkway@trinity-anglican-cornwall.ca or at (613) 933-3991.

**Choral Evensong**

5 p.m. at Trinity Cornwall Anglican Church (105 Second St. West) Cornwall, Ont. Evening Prayer on the feast day of St. Michael and All Angels, in the tradition of the Canadian *Book of Common Prayer*. The service will feature the combined choirs of St. Lawrence Parish, under the direction of

organist and choir director Brian Hubelit.

**Orange Shirt Day**  
 (see story p. 16)

**Oct. 3**  
**The Dean's Annual**  
**Michaelmas Gala**

6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St., Ottawa) featuring dining by Michael Blackie of NeXT and fine sounds from Cathedral musicians. This fundraiser benefits all of the Cathedral's ministries. Tickets will be available at the Cathedral's reception desk or by calling (613) 236-9149.

**Oct. 5**  
**Autumn Teachings**

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St), Ottawa  
 Following three successful Teachings and Poetry sessions, Albert Dumont, Algonquin Spiritual Teacher in Residence, will be offering the final seasonal teaching circle in this series — presented in the Great Hall. No registration or ticket required.

**Altar Guild AGM**

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Cornwall (105 Second St. W.) Cornwall, Ont. Registration including lunch is \$12 (payable at the door). You can reserve your spot for lunch for your group by phoning Barbara Petepiece (613) 931-2239 or by emailing petepiecebarbara8@gmail.com by Sept. 27.

**Ride for Refuge**

Refugees walk thousands of kilometers for a better life. Can you walk 5 km or bike 10 km, 25 km, or 50km to help PWRDF help refugees? Contact Henry Troup, htroup@acm.org or

613-851-5095 and register with the ride <https://ridefor-refuge.org/location/ottawa>

**Oct. 6**  
**Nadine Anyan**

An afternoon of Art Songs and Opera at 3 p.m. at Trinity Cornwall (105 Second St. West) featuring a young soprano from the Toronto City Opera Company. Tickets are \$20 (sold at the door).

**Oct. 20**  
**Book Club**

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Julian of Norwich (8 Withrow Ave.) Nepean Ont. The Journeying as Allies Reading Group is back for another year to discuss four books by Indigenous authors. rhonddam50@gmail.com (613) 727-0394 <https://julianofnorwichottawa.ca>

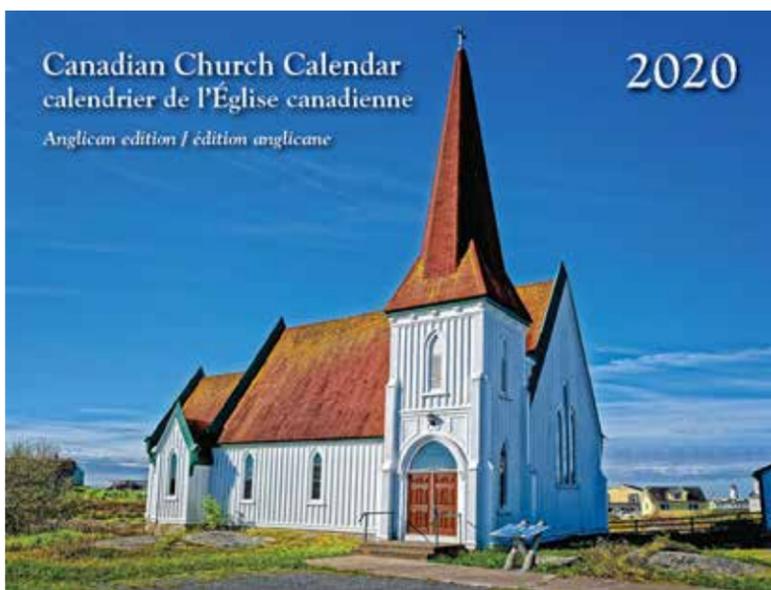
**Oct. 24**  
**Diocesan Synod: Open-**  
**ing Eucharist**

7 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral (414 Sparks St.) Ottawa

**Oct. 25 and 26**  
**Diocesan Synod**  
**St. Elias Centre, Confer-**  
**ence and Banquet Facil-**  
**ity** (750 Ridgewood Dr.)  
 Ottawa  
 Info: (613) 232-7124 x 222

**Oct. 27**  
**Pork Loin Roast**

Two sittings, 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m, at Holy Trinity, Metcalfe (8140 Victoria St.) Metcalfe, Ont. A great way to start off the fall season is to attend this feast with all the trimmings and homemade pie for dessert. Tickets: \$15 — Call Marjorie Stanley at (613) 233-1556.



**A sneak peek at the cover of the 2020 church calendar!**  
 Prices are the same as last year—\$4 per calendar. I am expecting to have calendars for pick up at the Altar Guild AGM in Cornwall on October 5th, Synod at the end of October, or at my home. Please ensure that you have a cheque made out to **Cynthia Greer** when you pick up your calendars, if you have not already paid. You can contact me by phone, email or post: Cynthia Greer, 1628 Senio Avenue, Ottawa ON K2C 1T8 (613) 723-2680 greercynthia69@yahoo

**OCT 5**  
**WALK A THON**

 Come join the fun as we walk around Parliament Hill and along the river in support of the Centretown Emergency Food Centre.

Register at 1:30 at City Hall.

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