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A new day to remember and listen

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BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

On Sept. 30, Canada's first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Parliament Hill was awash in orange.

It's the colour of the special shirt that six-year-old Phyllis Jack Webstad's granny bought her, taken away from her when she arrived at a B.C. Indian Residential School in 1973. As participation in Orange Shirt Day spread across Canada in recent years, the colour became a reminder of the ways the schools took culture and self-esteem from generations of Indigenous children and a reclaiming of what was taken. And it is the colour of the declaration that "Every Child Matters," emblazoned on flags and T-shirts worn by Indigenous and non-Indigenous people at the Parliament Hill gathering and others like it across the country.

The colour and that declaration took on more meaning and power after the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc First Nation announced that they had found 215 unmarked graves on the grounds of the former Kamloops



Indigenous women made their voices heard on Parliament Hill on Sept. 30.

Indian Residential School and in the months since as more unmarked graves have been located at more school sites.

"Today, we are gathered to honour all those children who did not make it home," Algonquin Elder Claudette Commanda's said with her voice breaking slightly as she told the crowd on the Hill, "215 little voices woke the country, 215 voices spoke to the world....Let us hold those children in our hearts forevermore and hold all the children that will continue to be found. Let us hold all the children who made it home, you the survivors.

"Today, we come together. September 30 marks a National Day of Truth and Reconciliation," she added in a powerful address, holding eagle feathers. "It is a day to reflect. It is a day to honour. It is a day to grieve. It is a day to mourn. It is a day to shed tears for tears speak of love....Let our tears flow from our heart and our spirit for the survivors of Indian Residential Schools. And we know there are other traumas too of those policies — day schools, 60s scoop, child welfare system, the dispossession of our lands, natural resources, the bro-

ken promises of treaties, missing and murdered Indigenous women.... We must speak about these uncomfortable truths."

Commanda added, "It's a time when Canada must come together to learn, to listen and to understand. And my prayer for everyone who is here — for the families, for the survivors, for the children, is that there will be listening, open your hearts, listen, open your spirit to hear, open your mind to understand. And as we come to this process of understanding, there is acknowledgement, then truth, and then reconciliation and healing."

The gathering at Parliament Hill, called "Remember Me," which included Indigenous drummers, singers and poets, was organized by the Indigenous Art Collective of Canada. Jenny Šáwanohk Sutherland welcomed everyone on behalf of the Art Collective. "We are so full of emotion today, as we have been in the many days leading up to this event — sorrow, hope and so much love, especially as I look at all of you who have gathered with us today," she said.

Sutherland, a granddaughter of residential school survivors and an

Indigenous healer, said she has been studying residential schools for a long time in order to "understand how to better support the healing of my people, how to bridge together the Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, so we can mend our broken relationships and learn to respectfully and lovingly put our minds and hearts together to do what is in the best interest of our children, but that means all children and the land, which we all need to exist."

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Algonquin Elder Claudette Commanda: "My prayer for everyone who is here... is that there will be listening ... open your spirit to hear."

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FROM OUR BISHOP

The encompassing communion of “all my relations”

As the child of Irish immigrants, I grew up with the expression “back home.” We moved frequently as a military family and, without a permanent home and relatives in Canada, there was a pervasive sense of belonging to a place we had never seen and people we had never met.

In 1968, we were posted to Germany, which carried the bonus of finally being able to meet our relatives. The first visit was that summer, when my father arranged for my mother to take us to London on a military aircraft (a massive C-130 Hercules). We travelled by train to Liverpool, where we were warmly greeted by two uncles and their families. From Liverpool we travelled to Dublin to meet more maternal and paternal relatives. It was very exciting to be in the midst of extended family for the first time.

Our visit was cut short when the Soviet Union invaded Czechoslovakia to suppress a reformist movement. We were instructed to return immediately, so there was a mad dash across the Irish Sea by passenger ferry, to be met by an uncle, who sped us to Heathrow to catch a military flight back to Germany. We returned to Ireland that Christmas, accompanied



A stone wall back home in Ireland

by my father, and had reunions with all of our uncles, aunts and cousins, and our two ancient grandmothers.

Some of us are blessed with strong families, and the sense of surety and support that comes from knowing you will always belong to people who care about you no matter what. There is, though, a much more encompassing blessing, a much greater cluster of relations that we all belong to.

In Christian theology we call this “communion.” Communion means each person belongs equally to Christ, and to one another. This is expressed in baptism when we sign with the cross and “mark you as Christ’s own forever” and when we say “we receive you into the household of God.” Communion also describes the interconnectedness of all creation: every person, every living creature, all of nature, all that comes from God.

This belief in encompassing communion is also found in the spirituality of Indigenous Peoples. The late Richard Wagamese, an Ojibwe author, wrote of this in an essay published in the *Kamloops Daily News* (June 11, 2013):

“To be here as morning breaks is to feel unity. It’s to feel connected to everything around you and to absorb it, bring it into the very fiber of your being, like learning to breathe all over again. It’s to come to understand that you are alive because everything else is. It is to comprehend what your people mean when they say ‘All my relations.’”

It means everything. It’s not uttered in a casual way nor is it meant to be. In its solemnity it is meant as a benediction, a blessing and a call to this unity you feel all around you in the depth of morning. This phrase, this articulation of spirit, is a clarion call to consciousness.

It means that you recognize everything as alive and elemental to your being. There is nothing that matters less than anything else. By virtue of its being, all things are vital, necessary and a part of the grand whole, because unity cannot exist where exclusion is allowed to happen. This is the great teaching of this statement.

‘All my relations,’ means all. When a speaker makes this statement it’s meant as recognition of the principles of harmony, unity and equality.

It’s a way of saying that you recognize your place in the universe and that you recognize the place of others and of other things in the realm of the real and the living. In that it is a powerful evocation of truth.

Because when you say those words you mean everything that you are kin to. Not just those people who look like you, talk like you, act like you, sing, dance, celebrate, worship or pray like you. Everyone. You also mean everything that relies on air, water, sunlight and the power of the Earth and the universe itself for sustenance and perpetuation. It’s recognition of the fact that we are all one body moving through time and space together...

Your people say these words as an act of ceremony and here in this majestic light of morning you feel that ritual glow within you like an ember from a fire. All things connected. All things related. All things grown equally out of the one single act of Creation that spawned us. This is what you feel and this is what you mean.

You come to realize too, that if we could all glean the power of this one short statement, we could change the world. We could evoke brotherhood and sisterhood. We could remind ourselves and each other that we need each other, that there is not a single life that is not important to the whole or a single thing that is not worth protecting and honoring.”

As the month of November unfolds, celebrating our communion with all saints and all souls, and remembering the catastrophic consequences of war and violence; as the ground begins to freeze and the trees stand stark against the sky as we await the winter months; and as we heal from a global pandemic, it is good to remember that we need one another.

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An Indigenous veteran led the walk to Confederation Park.

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The Anglican Church caring for the Community

CLERGY NEWS

The Rev. Canon Kenneth Davis has been appointed to the Cathedral Canonry of Saint Deborah, effective Oct. 1, 2021.

The Rev. Dr. Caroline Ducros has been appointed Assistant Curate (part-time) of the parishes of St. Alban the Martyr and St. Bernard-de-Clairvaux, effective Nov. 1, 2021.

Multifaith Housing Initiative: an affordable housing partner

BY THE RT. REV. PETER R. COFFIN

Our diocesan commitment to affordable housing, so well covered in David Humphrey's articles in the September issue of *Crosstalk* and the work of the diocesan Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group, has involved many partners including the Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) which will celebrate its 20th anniversary next year. The Rev. Canon Garth Bulmer and Gay Richardson of St John the Evangelist, Ottawa, were there at the beginning. Garth was president and Gay was secretary. Gay has continued to be active up to the present.

This has been an exemplary model of how faith communities can come together to fulfil what the prophet Micah envisioned. The requirements of faith would come about as people "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with their God" (Micah 6:8). This is now a coalition of over 70 faith communities, including the Diocese of Ottawa and a number of our parishes with Bishop Shane as a patron of MHI. With Suzanne Le, MHI's executive director, and a small but dedicated staff supported by a myriad of volunteers and generous donors within and beyond the faith communities, MHI has grown considerably.

MHI's modest beginning was with Kent House with five units purchased in 2005. There are now five different property sites composed of 179 units, housing an estimated 400 people. More units are on the way, one being in partnership with the Parish of



PHOTO JAMES PARK FOR MHI

Above— Suzanne Le, executive director of MHI, and Andy Carswell at the cornerstone laying of the Veteran's House, Sept. 15, 2019.



PHOTO MHI

Left — Many Anglican parishes send active members and financial contributions to Multifaith Housing's annual Tulipathon fundraiser.

Julian of Norwich, Ottawa.

This Remembrance Day will be the first for veterans in their new home in the Veterans' House—the

Andy Carswell Building of 40 units, appropriately located on the site of the former Rockcliffe RCAF Base which was just awaiting a project

such as this. In response to homeless veterans of the Canadian Forces and the RCMP, many of whom were 'living rough', this has been a unique project involving partnerships with a number of veterans' organizations as well as the community at large and it is planned to be a model for similar projects across the country.

Veterans' House is honoured to bear the name of Andrew "Andy" Carswell, who at age 19 flew Lancaster Bombers and became a prisoner of war in Poland in 1943. After the war, he re-joined the RCAF and flew PBY Cansos on the West Coast on search and rescue missions. In 1958, Her Majesty awarded him the Air Force Cross. Andy died in July of this year having seen the opening of a building bearing his name and that would honour veterans by providing them with homes.

There is also the ongoing need to enhance and maintain these properties well and to support the residents by providing subsidies so that their homes are truly affordable. MHI members and volunteers, a generous public, and many partner organizations make this happen. MHI's major annual fundraiser is the "Tulipathon," which previously was a walk through the tulips but has had to be virtual these past two years with amazing results (raising an astonishing \$105,405 this year). And, of course, there are regular donors and our member communities sharing the endeavour. Check out MHI and see the whole story at www.multifaithhousing.ca.

Minority government should be good news for affordable housing, refugees

By David Humphreys

The federal election results should bode well for stakeholders concerned with homelessness, affordable housing and refugee sponsorship and support. These include Anglican Diocese of Ottawa Community Ministries: Cornerstone Housing for Women, Centre 454, The Well, St Luke's Table, Centre 105 and the Refugee Ministry.

While they benefit from the just-completed Building a Community of Hope Fundraiser, they also depend on public funding to operate as effectively as they do. And while much of the funding comes through the City or the Province, it is substantially backed up by federal programs and policies.

That's why it's important for the diocese to join with others and make the experience and the needs of the Community Ministries

known to government. Housing was a paramount election issue. And perhaps it isn't coincidental that a lobby of 175 stakeholders participated in a campaign to hold the parties' feet to the fire on housing issues.

What is the impact of a re-elected Liberal minority government that will need at least 11 votes from the opposition parties to pass legislation? (Final results were 159 Liberal, 119 Conservative, 33 Bloc Quebecois, 25 NDP and 2 Green.)

The 2021 Liberal budget plan to invest \$2.5 billion and re-allocate \$1.3 billion to speed construction, repair or support 35,000 affordable housing units will go ahead. The same goes for the \$1.5 billion in new funding for converting non-housing facilities into affordable housing.

The \$567 million in the budget of new funding for cities to prevent and reduce homelessness will be secure. As well, the budget provided \$2 million to strengthen the refugee Settle-

ment Program.

Tim Richter, president of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness, has called the \$567 million "a lifesaving investment" that will play a leading role in the campaign to end homelessness. That is all good news for an emergency shelter badly in need of new facilities.

The budget will prove more significant than the Liberal election platform which was heavily-weighted in favour of market housing and home ownership. It is always possible that one of the opposition parties which did place strong emphasis on supportive housing, could use one of their promises as a bargaining chip in the negotiations that are inevitable in a minority parliament.

These include waiving the GST on construction of affordable housing (NDP); a permanent increase in funding to end homelessness (Bloc); and measures to encourage investment in rental housing (Conservative).

The election results are equally positive for stakeholders in refugee settlement. Faced with the Afghan disaster, the Liberals promised to raise the number of eligible refugees from 20,000 to 40,000. There was no dissent from the other main parties.

Again, re-election of the Liberal minority signals a continuation of measures the government took earlier this year to expedite the processing of applications and to improve pre- and post-arrival support services for the highly successful private sponsorship program, of which the Refugee Ministry has played a significant role over the years. In 2019 the Diocese in cooperation with other groups landed a record 242 refugees.

The Refugee Ministry has been in a "holding pattern," awaiting details from the government and ready once again to facilitate another wave of refugees.



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PARISH NEWS

St. Margaret's Vanier hosts a church school picnic, COVID-style

By Jane Waterston

“DON’T bring food!” was the unusual request sent out to St. Margaret’s families in advance of their Sept. 12 church school picnic in Strathcona Park. Instead, lemonade in cans and small bags of chips (vastly popular with children raised on granola bars) were supplied.

Everyone brought their masks. Isabel McEwen and her father Malcolm took charge of the scattered games, most emphasizing good eye-hand coordination, and an art station — all great for parents as well as kids. There was even a traditional coconut shy (Malcolm comes from England where they are a great favourite).

The best part though, was Richard Kelley’s recitation and then singing in a circle with Rev. Colin — who came with shakers and songsheets.



Rev. Colin McFarland and his new percussion back-up.

Although the children had not met up in more than a year, only the coconuts were shy. It was a happy time for old and young, revving them

up for a busy set of Sunday morning sessions on Zoom, following a new (and so far great) curriculum, Illustrated Ministry’s Mini-Revolutions.



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A large crowd gathered in solidarity with Indian Residential School Survivors.

► **New National Day, from p. 1**

But, she added, “I have learned that we cannot heal from past mistakes when they are existing presently in the systemic racism that this country was founded on. When there is such a lack of awareness, knowledge, truth and understanding, how can we reconcile?... Thousands of children dying at residential schools is genocide. And that’s why we need a day like Remembrance Day, a day like today.”

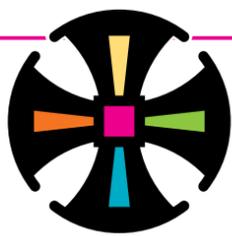
Sutherland reminded the crowd that the ceremony was not intended as a protest but as a peaceful gathering to remember and honour Indigenous children and families affected by residential schools and other child apprehension programs.

“We remember the children who never returned home. For many years, the Indigenous community has been asking for residential school grounds to be searched, so with the uncovering of the 215

children at Kamloops, the nation is finally awakening to our story. And I can feel you feeling us, finally, our anguish, our pleas, and there is a collective wound here too of shame....So let us hold you in sacred space today, for you to mourn with us, mum to mum, auntie to auntie, grandmother to grandmother, neighbour to neighbour, heart to heart.”

Archdeacon Chris Dunn, Incumbent of All Saints Westboro, attended the ceremony and said he was encouraged to see people from all walks of life, including many non-Indigenous people, coming to listen and learn, wearing orange in solidarity. “We have a long way to go,” he said.

After listening to the speakers and performers, organizers led a procession of survivors, families and then supporters in a walk from Parliament Hill to Confederation Park where the day’s events continued.



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PARISH NEWS

St. Matthew's online treasures auction returns

By Margret Brady Nankivell

Last year, St. Matthew's online auction raised about \$40,000. It was such a fun event that the church is planning another that will feature art, fashion and home cooking. The auction site will open for bidding on Friday, Nov. 12 and run until Saturday, Nov. 20.

This year's outreach partner is the FACES refugee group, which is arranging a sponsorship for another family. At least 20 percent of the net profits will go to help them raise the money needed for this initiative.

The auction's major auction sponsors have renewed their support: McKeen Metro Glebe, Tracy Arnett Realty Ltd. and Capital Home Hardware in the Glebe. This year, they are joined by Amica The Glebe, which is opening a "seniors' lifestyles" building in the Glebe next spring. These sponsorships will cover most of the



The auction includes: Winterscape by Mireille Laroche (above), an earthenware Asian horse and these funky Baci shoes.



event costs, such as the auction website and software, graphic design and promotion.

The church is building a superb catalogue that will open to preview on Nov. 1. More than 200 items are already listed, including some lovely works of art, such as paintings and exotic sculptures, antique and intriguing books and—like last year—travel certificates for resorts in Antigua, Bermuda, the Grenadines and Panama. New this year will be the use of a large Québec cottage for a week in 2022.

Last year's offerings of Christmas baked goods and delivered meals were so popular that they will be featured again. Fashion is a new category so expect opportunities to bid on chic gifts. Registration for the auction can be reached through St. Matthew's website (www.stmatthew-sottawa.ca) or charityauction.bid/StMatthews2021Auction.



Ascension and St. Aidan parishes share light for PWRDF

Debbie and Barb Grisdale "Share the Light" with the Rev. Rosemary Parker; these members of Ascension and St Aidan's met up halfway between their parishes, then continued on to bike and run in support of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. The "Share the Light" campaign helps provide solar suitcases, which give light for midwives helping mothers and babies in Mozambique.



Orange Shirt Day at St. Aidan's Ottawa

Thirty members of St Aidan's community gathered on Sept. 30, to offer Prayers for Reconciliation and mark the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Reflecting on the Anglican Church's role in these issues, we read an excerpt of Primate Fred Hiltz' 2019 Apology for Spiritual Harm. Participants were also invited to walk the St Aidan's Labyrinth, and down our walkway to the road--where we placed orange hearts, to invite others to journey on this shared path towards Reconciliation. — The Rev. Rosemary Parker



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Anglicans mark National Day for Truth and Reconciliation at Beechwood Cemetery

By Leigh Anne Williams

In honour of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30, the Beechwood Cemetery Foundation partnered with the Project of Heart, the Assembly of 7 Generations, and the First Nations Child and Family Caring Society to host a public Day of Reconciliation education and action. Local Anglicans came to the national cemetery to listen, learn and reflect on Canada's history with Indigenous people, particularly the impact of Indian Residential Schools.

Project of Heart

For the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Beechwood did something it has never done before. It closed its sacred space for three days in order to host the creation of a memory labyrinth made with 57,000 Project of Heart tiles painted by school children across the country in memory of children who attended Indian Residential Schools. The tiles were arranged in the labyrinth pattern, which were linked with the names of Indian Residential Schools by members of the Assembly of 7 Generations youth. One evening was reserved for survivors of the schools and Elders, but on Sept. 30, members of the public were invited to walk the labyrinth and to reflect on the children who attended the schools, those who survived and those who did not.

Beechwood also asked Dr. Cindy Blackstock, executive director of the

First Nations Child and Family Caring Society of Canada, to be a part of its events. At a press conference, she was asked about her thoughts as she walked among the tiles and read the names of the schools. "I would remember a survivor telling me what happened in that school," she said. "In Shubenacadie, where children were abused, and babies were buried under the floorboards of the school and children would have to walk over it. In Cooper Island, there was profound sexual abuse. In Port Alberni Residential School and also in Edmonton School, where a lot of my family members would have been sent, where the abuse and malnourishment was profound. We need to remember that these were real children, and sometime that's easy to forget."

Kathryn Fournier, a member of the diocesan All My Relations Working Group and the granddaughter of residential school survivors herself, led a group of 11 non-Indigenous people from a hiking group she belongs to through the events at Beechwood. She said she and the people in her group found it "very moving to see the way that those children had painted those tiles and what they had put on those tiles." She added that the sheer number of them, each representing an individual child, made it "a very powerful exhibit."

Fournier said she was encouraged to see how well-attended the event was by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous participants. "There was



Calls to Action

"A number of years ago, the Vestry of the Church of the Ascension committed itself to answering the 59th Call to Action through an ongoing process of learning "about our church's role in colonization, the history and legacy of residential schools, and why apologies to former residential school students, their families, and communities were necessary." With God's help, we are learning but, on September 30th, as I listened to the stories of multigenerational survivors and walked along the path lined with the Calls to Action, I was struck by how much work is yet to be done to bring healing and justice to our church and to this land. With God's help, may it be done."

—The Rev. Rhonda Waters

a such wonderful mix of all sorts of people there, and I would say at least half of them were wearing orange

t-shirts, so there was a real sense of community...all the people of this territory... For me, one of the single



Some of the 57,000 Project of Heart tiles painted by school children across the country.



Nicholas Flood Davin, a journalist and politician, was the author of the report that called for the creation of Indian Residential Schools.



Dr. Cindy Blackstock tells the story of discovering Dr. Peter Bryce's grave at Beechwood the day before PM Stephen Harper's apology. She and Sylvia Smith have been tending the grave ever since.

PHOTO LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS



most moving and significant parts of being there was that Indigenous stories, experience, realities, and people were at the centre, the heart of the time.”

Reconciling History Tours

Beechwood holds a lot of Canadian history, as the final resting place of many prominent Canadians, such as Prime Minister Robert Borden and some key figures in the history of Indian Residential Schools. In the 1990s, Beechwood had begun erecting some plaques to offer visitors more information about people who played significant roles in Canadian history, but conversations with Black-

stock convinced Beechwood that some revisions and additions were needed for a more balanced and critical view of some of that history. On Sept. 30, Beechwood offered Reconciling History Tours to the gravesites of those key figures. (There is also an online map and information so visitors can do a self-guided tour at any time.)

The plaque for Duncan Campbell Scott (1862 – 1947) now reads: *Scott is recognized as one of Canada’s Confederation Poets. His work, including several volumes of poetry and short stories, was inspired by the Canadian wilderness. He is also notorious for his 52-year career in the Department of Indian Affairs. As deputy*

superintendent, Scott oversaw the assimilationist Indian Residential School system for aboriginal children, stating his goal was “to get rid of the Indian problem.” In its 2015 report, Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission said that the Indian Residential School system amounted to cultural genocide.

Blackstock also found a historical ally among those buried in Beechwood. Dr. Peter Henderson Bryce (1853 - 1932), was hired by the Indian Affairs Department to report on the health conditions of the Canadian residential school system in western Canada and British Columbia. The government never released his 1907 report, but Bryce published it in 1922 under the title *The Story of a National Crime: Being a Record of the Health Conditions of the Indians of Canada from 1904 to 1921.*

“I first read about Peter Bryce in John Milloy’s [1999] book *A National Crime*,” Blackstock explained. “I knew that there must have been people back then who knew better. Then the day before Prime Minister Harper’s apology I was on Google and realized [Bryce] was buried here, only a few kilometres away from where I live. So I came with a brightly coloured bouquet and I went to see him and thank him for what he did. I told him about our legal case [against the federal government for the inequitable provision of public services for Indigenous children] that was filed [in 2007] 100 years exactly from the time he did his report. I told him I’d be back when the kids won. Of course, the case is still going on, but the kids have won 26 out of 27 decisions, and I think we’ll win the other two this afternoon.” [Indeed, the Federal Court upheld a Canadian Human Rights Tribunal order requiring Ottawa to compensate thousands of Indigenous children who experienced discrimination by the state.]

That was the start of what could be called a beautiful friendship. Blackstock began tending to Dr. Bryce’s grave site, planting flowers and worked with Beechwood to erect

a plaque about his work. “Beechwood has been amazing and is an exemplar about embracing their responsibility in reconciliation,” she said. Dr. Bryce’s grave is now one of the most visited sites in Beechwood.

Blackstock, whose graveside work now aided by Sylvia Smith of Project of Heart, pointed out that a small orange mailbox has been added to the site. “People were coming to learn this story and they were leaving letters for Dr. Bryce ..., and I would find these letters, often soaking wet, and I would take them home and dry them, ...so the orange mail box was placed there on Dr. Bryce’s birthday.”

Blackstock said the people buried in Beechwood cemetery offer valuable lessons for the present.

“One of them, and I think it is very important, is that people of the period always knew that these kids were dying...and were being hurt. They spoke up. It wasn’t considered to be okay back then, but the government chose not to listen. And when the headlines died, the children died. That’s why it is so important when we see murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls or we see the unfulfilled Truth and Reconciliation Report, that we don’t repeat that pattern. We can’t look away until justice is done.”



Visitors leave letters for Dr. Bryce so often that a mailbox has been added to his gravesite to receive them.

PHOTO SUE GARVEY



Nicholas McCarthy, communications director for Beechwood and Gabrielle Fayant, co-founder of the Assembly of Seven Generations (A7G). Youth from A7G helped lay the tiles in the labyrinth.



(L to R) Diana Partridge, Larry Langlois, Wes Maultsaid, Claire Maultsaid, Jill Allan, Debbie Grisdale (all members of Church of Ascension, except Larry who is a member of the All My Relations Working Group) participated in the events at Beechwood on Sept. 30.

Project Anti-racism launches: "Inaction is no longer an option"

By Leigh Anne Williams

On Sept. 22, *Project Anti-racism: advancing inclusion and reconciliation in the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa* officially launched into its work with an online keynote address from Laraine Kaminsky, president and CEO of the consultancy firm GlobalLK.

The firm was hired to lead the development and training program, which is mandatory for senior staff, all clergy and all community ministry managers in the diocese.

"This is not easy work," Kaminsky said, warning the participants that the program is "hard-hitting. It was designed that way because we all need to wake up and realize that inaction is no longer an option."

She shared a statement that was published online after the murder of George Floyd that she said stood out in her memory from that time. "It is a privilege to educate yourself about racism instead of experiencing it."

Even though she has more than 30 years of experience in the field educating people about diversity and inclusion, she said it is only more recently that GlobalLK has begun anti-racism education in a very for-



Laraine Kaminsky, president and CEO of the consultancy firm GlobalLK.

mal, direct way. "I am humbled to be doing this work as a white woman," she said, noting that her colleagues who would lead the participants through more interactive workshops are women of colour.

Kaminsky offered a more personal introduction, explaining that she was born, raised and educated in Cape Town, South Africa, during the era of apartheid, and it was that experience that made anti-racism work her

passion. It was also the reason she chose to leave South Africa and to make her home in Canada.

She quickly made the point, however, that Canada is no haven from racism. She showed a clip of athlete Donovan Bailey explaining that racism in Canada is sometimes a less blatant, subtler form, "racism with a smile," he called it.

Kaminsky said Canadians often tell her that racism will be a thing of the past, pointing to the ethnic diversity in their children's classrooms and claim that younger generations don't see colour. "First of all," she said, "not to see colour is denial. It is a macroaggression," not something to be aspired to. Then she pointed out that the perpetrators of violent attacks in recent years against mosques and the Muslim family killed in London, Ont. this past summer were young men. It made the stark point that racism is not a generational problem, and that Canada also has its share of blatant and violent racism.

Systemic racism is embedded in our laws policies, practices, institutions and social and economic systems, Kaminsky said, noting that it leads to exclusion, inequalities and discrimination.

"In Canada, we often don't like to talk about privilege and power and invisible privilege, but this is a conversation we absolutely have to have." She encouraged the participants to read books that help readers recognize invisible privilege, recommending Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility*, as an example.

The goal of this type of education, Kaminsky said, is to take participants, who may start at various points on a spectrum of awareness that goes from denial, polarization, minimization, toward acceptance and then allyship and activism.

"Be prepared to do hard work," she said, explaining that involves working with the mind to "be aware of racism," with the heart "to be opposed to racism," and finally with actions to "be anti-racist."

"That change will only happen if you not only do your work but share your work, so that you become a community that is working as hard at this as you do other aspects of your work," said Kaminsky.

Participants in the program continued discussions in smaller group workshops that day. The program will be one of continuing education and engagement.



COORDINATOR OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRIES

Reporting to the Rector, the Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator oversees and builds the Sunday School, nurturing relationships with families and connecting with youth; working 7 hours per week to direct and lead the Sunday School in person and online.

The full position description is available on the home page of St. Matthew's website: stmatthewsottawa.ca and under "What's New" / "Positions Available" on the website.

Please apply to The Reverend Geoffrey Chapman at revgeoffchapman@stmatthewsottawa.ca or at 217 First Ave., Ottawa, ON K1S 2GS not later than Friday, October 15, 2021.

ST. MATTHEW'S The Anglican Church in the Glebe

Giving gifts that mean more

If you are shopping for a Christmas gift for someone who is difficult to buy for, seems to have everything or if you just want to give something more meaningful this year, the diocesan Today for Tomorrow Campaign may have just the thing in a new gift guide.

The guide offers opportunities to help others by supporting seven diocesan Community Ministries — Centre 105, Centre 454, Cornerstone Housing for Women, Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre (OPC), Refugee Ministry, St Luke's Table, and The Well—as they serve people living precariously, struggling with poverty or challenged by mental health issues. Here are a few examples:

- ▶ A gift of \$75 can provide a hearty breakfast for one person, three days per week, for one month at Centre 105 in Cornwall, Ont.
- ▶ A gift of \$50 to Centre 454 in Ottawa will provide an individual with hygiene supplies for a month. A \$500 gift will help an individual

access clinical support for psychiatric disabilities and addictions.

- ▶ A gift of \$125 will provide nutritious meals for a month to a person who comes to St. Luke's Table in Ottawa because they have to choose between paying rent and buying food.

- ▶ A \$600 gift can provide shelter for a woman in need in Ottawa for one month through Cornerstone Housing for Women.

Donors can choose which ministry to give to, or they can choose to support them all with a donation to the Today for Tomorrow campaign. With each gift, the giver will receive a personalized gift card that he or she can send out for Christmas, letting the receiver know a gift has been given in their honour.

To make a gift online please visit www.todayfortomorrow.ca, and send a greeting card directly to the individuals you are honouring. Watch the December issue of *Crosstalk* for the gift guide!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Interns meet at the start of their 2021-2022 journey

By Donna Rourke



Donna Rourke is Animator of Youth Ministries and the Youth Internship

We began a new year of the Youth Internship Program (YIP) with a day retreat at the beautiful parish of St. Aidan's and want to thank the parish for generously allowing us to gather in their wonderful space.

This year we have 10 interns participating in the Youth Internship Program: Alex, Claire, Deborah, Étienne, Fares, Jane and Theodora, with Aimé, Ujuamara (Alex) and Naomi returning for a second time.

Right— A few colourful words about what matters at YIP



The Rev. Geoff Chapman and the Rev. Arran Thorpe continue to be part of our Faith Formation Team, and Breanna Pizzuto from Talk Tools is the main leadership facilitator.

Bishop Shane joined us for the morning. The Rev. Jonathan Askwith spent the day with us as a member of the YIP Advisory Committee. The Rev. Rosemary Parker dropped by to welcome us to St Aidan's, and Breanna Pizzuto joined us in the later part of the afternoon.

We were also joined by Maritsa and Lauren, two of our alumni. Lauren was our photographer for the day.

Although the weather was rainy, and we had to make a few adjustments to our plans for the day, everyone had fun and enjoyed the opportunity to build our relationships and create our YIP community.

In the next edition of *Crosstalk*, I will introduce each of the interns. We are hopeful that when we meet for our first leadership session on unconscious bias all of our interns will be able to join us.

Below — Four of the program's 10 interns, masked but still smiling



Taking a seat at the table, finding my voice

As a 20-year-old science major student, I never thought I would enjoy politics and social issues as much as I do right now. If you asked me about the basis of a church in 2020, I would've said it's love, community, kindness, and most importantly, God. That's all true, but if you ask me the same question now, in 2021, I would add that the church needs an administrative team, an active parish council, financial stability, and to be in communication with the Diocese and the Bishop.

This past year as a YIP intern in St. John the Baptist has been one of the greatest learning experiences for me. I met new people who bring different opinions and experiences to the table, I learned about church politics, and I had a front-row seat to



Maritsa

one of the biggest transitions in my church. As a young intern taking a seat at the table with the adults, this past year has also taught me a lot about human behaviour and how our church views change and modern society. I spent most of the first three months only listening and observing while the adults talked their talk. It

was really hard to fit in, but with the help of Donna and my supervisor Don, I was able to finally be able to fit in, be heard and get my ideas on the table.

Our society's values have changed, and we are at a time where young adults don't just follow the rules and do what they are told without questioning the basis of the rules, and the church is trying to adapt to these modern changes and keep up with the youth. Because of the COVID-19 situation, the Diocesan Synod meeting was held virtually, which was really sad because it was one of the weekends I was really excited to attend. (I heard the food was always good!) My parish did their best to adapt to the changes that the pandemic caused, and we started sanitizing everything

and promoting social distancing, but it became really difficult to connect with the other people in the parish. After all humans are social beings!!

I had different expectations for my placement, but if I had to do it all over, I wouldn't change a thing. I learned more than I expected and saw true leaders in real life difficult situations.

I really want to thank the whole parish council and especially my supervisor Donald Veilleux for being so patient and guiding me through everything. A special thank you to Donna, our YIP program director, for supporting me and teaching me how to be heard and seen as a young person in the adults' table. *Maritsa was an Intern for St John the Baptist in Ottawa in last year's program.*

Seniors in Conversation connects and inspires

By Paige Kahkonen

One of the silver linings of the pandemic was the creation of ‘Seniors in Conversation,’ a weekly Zoom call with older adults who come together each Tuesday morning from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to hear from a guest speaker. Recently, the conversations have included chats with Ottawa’s Mayor Jim Watson, tales from former Senators, traditions from Algonquin Spiritual Leader Albert Dumont, and even tips from a master gardener.

The program is based at Trinity Anglican Church in Ottawa, but it is inclusive and open to everyone and has built quite the virtual community, growing every week. Since it is online, distance is no problem. Here are some thoughts from our participants about what ‘Seniors in Conversation’ has meant to them.

“I have enjoyed ‘Seniors in Conversation’ since it began. It was sponsored by my church, Trinity Anglican in Old Ottawa South, so I looked forward every week to seeing many other people from my church and chatting on Zoom. The series has had so many interesting speakers, as well as singers and comedians. ‘Seniors in Conversation’ is inked in on my calendar for as long as it is available.”

— Sue Cherry

“I had a sabbatical this year, but all of my plans for travel, conferences, and research were side-lined. I found myself, like so many people did, cut off from my work colleagues, isolated from valued social connections, and worried constantly about my mother in long-term-care. There were bright spots. During the pandemic, my week has always properly started on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. with ‘Seniors in Conversation,’ which is actually an enjoyable use of Zoom (well that, and church services, too—thank you Revs. Aaron and Mark). I love learning, and the well-organized variety of topics and speakers keeps me coming back: history, health, politics, art, epidemiology, travel, music and many more. I am so grateful for this community-oriented learning opportunity.”

— Beth Hughes



Paige Kahkonen

“I’m a U.S. citizen who fortunately found her way to ‘Seniors in Conversation.’ The Zoom modality makes it very easy to learn about new topics from experts whom I never would have otherwise met. As well, the people attending these events are delightful, thoughtful, intelligent, and friendly individuals. I have fun engaging with the speakers and the attendees and learn something new to boot! It feels like I have found a new community that is nurturing to my soul. I highly recommend attending ‘Seniors in Conversation.’”

— Annette Kay Donnell

“I was referred to ‘Seniors in Conversation’ by my daughter who used to live in Old Ottawa South and read about the program in the OSCAR. I registered just before Christmas last year and have

“Zoomed in” fairly regularly since then. I have found the guest speakers and programs to be interesting, educational, entertaining and sometimes inspirational. In my opinion, ‘Seniors in Conversation’ meets a need in the community.”

— Ron Doll

“When I first signed into the Zoom invitation for ‘Seniors in Conversation,’ I had no way of knowing what a lifeline and support this Tuesday morning ritual would become. That first Tuesday, faced with all those strangers in the little Zoom boxes, felt surreal. But week by week, those faces eventually became real people who I recognized and was learning to know, who greeted me warmly, and continued to surprise me with their insightful and thoughtful comments and conversation. I always left the Zoom time feeling encouraged and — most importantly — less alone in all of this craziness we’re living through.”

— Lorna Unger

To register for a ‘Seniors in Conversation’, please email seniors@trinityottawa.ca with your name, phone number and postal address. Remember, everyone is welcome to attend. For updates or to see our upcoming schedule, follow us on Facebook at @SeniorsInConversation or on Twitter at @RSOOS_Trinity.

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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

Complexity and confusion

Saint Anthony as patron for this church stands out among Anglican patron saints. If there is a simple explanation, there may be a more complicated one buried in the mists of local history, possibly based on the early worship traditions of the people meeting within the walls of a church located almost on the street in Whitney village.

In 1896, a mission deputation visited Long Lake (Whitney), Madawaska, Round Lake and Killaloe, expecting new mission work to open on the Ottawa, Atlantic & Parry Sound Railway (built by Ottawa lumber baron, J.R. Booth, to ship timber to the northeastern U.S.). That new work encompassed new work already started at Whitney by George Field, a student of Trinity College. In 1897, Whitney became part of the Mission of Douglas & Stations Along the O.A. & P.S. Railway. In 1898, the Synod of Ottawa placed a resident missionary at Killaloe, to take services at Tramore, Golden Lake, Whitney, Gillmour and Madawaska.

In 1899, the Mission of Killaloe was established—a five-point mission served in summer by a theological student. In 1908, it was divided into three separate missions: Killaloe, Madawaska and Whitney. Whitney, briefly was a single point mission, but in 1909 the amalgamated Mission of Killaloe, Madawaska and Whitney was created.

**Pembroke Deanery
Whitney, Saint Anthony**



In 1911, the congregation is first called Saint Anthony's Mission, Whitney—a name taken from the Saint Anthony Lumber Company, a major employer. It may have been

chosen because it did not sound as if it was exclusively Anglican, or Methodist, or Presbyterian, thus favouring none of the worship traditions meeting within its walls.

In 1919, Bishop Roper cancelled winter worship at Whitney, with services held instead only once a month from June to April. In 1923, the *Synod Journal* refers to Whitney as the "Union Church Building" and not as Saint Anthony's. On 25 June 1925, local Methodists and Presbyterians amalgamated to become a congregation of the United Church of Canada.

At this point the chronology becomes confused. On the one hand, the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests issued a title deed jointed to the churches of the United Church, called Saint Andrew's Church. The province declared that the Union Church in which Anglicans formerly had worshipped could not have Anglicans appointed as trustees for the property as there was no Anglican available to fill that role.

On the other hand, the record shows the Anglican Mission of Madawaska was vacant in the early 1930s, ministered to by Church Army personnel. By 1955, Saint Anthony's, Whitney was attached to Combermere parish, but they still worshipped in the Union Church which Anglicans called Saint Anthony's Church, while United Church people called it Saint Andrew's.

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 membership brings you three issues of the lively, informative Newsletter, and you will receive a tax receipt for further donations above that amount.

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CALENDAR

Promote your parish events!

Crosstalk's events calendar has looked different during the pandemic, but now that it is possible to gather again, it is a joy to once again be able to help promote parish events, whether they are in-person or online. Please send us the details of your event via the communications form on the diocesan website, and your event can also be listed on the website's online events calendar to help reach more people. The website page is found at <https://form.jotform.com/OttawaAnglican/communications-request>

Oct. 28

Diocesan Synod - Opening Eucharist worship service

7 p.m. Christ Church Cathedral, 414 Sparks Street, Ottawa

Register for In-Person Synod Eucharist: <https://rsvp.church/r/Eal6UV5P>

Watch the Live-Stream Synod Eucharist Online:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/christchurchcathedralottawa>

Oct. 30

Diocesan Synod 2021 - 141 Session (Virtual)

8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Nov. 3

Lunch and Learn on Facebook for Beginners

12 noon to 1 p.m. (with optional 30 minutes Q&A at 1pm).

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3iU6qiw>

Hosted by the Diocesan Stewardship Sub-Committee

Contact: Heidi Fawcett



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Nov. 11

Remembrance Day

Nov. 13 to 16

All Saints' Westboro - Village Fair

The virtual portion of the Village Fair (following an October outdoor event) will feature frozen meals, preserves, timeless treasures and more. Call 613 725 9487 or visit allsaints-westboro.com for details

Nov. 17

Lunch & Learn on Social Media Strategies & Plan for Advent and Christmas

11:30 a.m. or 12 p.m. until 1 p.m. (with optional 30 minutes Q&A at 1pm). Session will begin at 11:30 with an optional 30-minute Q&A from November 3 session. Or join us at 12 pm for the session on Social Media Strategies.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3zNjn4H>

Hosted by the Diocesan Stewardship Sub-Committee

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Nov. 19 and 20

Marriage Preparation Workshop

Registration is now open for our 2021-2022 Marriage Preparation Courses. We will be hosting courses

on Zoom in November, February, and May. Information and Registration can be found on the Diocesan website at the link below.

The Marriage Preparation Course is designed to help participants to learn and grow through online presentations given by professional speakers, online small group discussions with trained facilitators, and couple conversations. All couples are welcome, and participation is not limited by gender, age, or previous marital status.

<https://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/marriage-preparation>

Nov. 28

Journeying as Allies 2 pm - 4 p.m.

Tilly: A Story of Hope and Resilience by Monique Gray Smith

Tilly and the Crazy Eights by Monique Gray Smith

(Readers can choose one or both)

Journeying as Allies is a book discussion group created in the spirit of reconciliation. All are welcome to participate. Please contact amr.workinggroup@gmail.com to be added to our mailing list to receive Zoom connection details prior to the meetings.

Dec. 2

Lunch & Learn on Social Media Q&A Session from the Nov. 17 Session

12:00-12:45pm.

Register here: <https://bit.ly/3rFu7i7>

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BULLETIN BOARD

St. Richard's Memorial Wall Columbarium to be relocated

Julian of Norwich Anglican Church, the location of St. Richard's Columbarium on Merivale Road, has been the peaceful resting place for our loved ones cremated remains since 1995.

Our community has initiated a project to replace the 1960s-built Church structure with a contemporary facility to accommodate a wide range of community programs and worship.

The Columbarium will be relocated in 2022. Families with a direct connection to the Columbarium will receive a letter explaining the process and will be asked for a decision on options being made available.

If you are, or know of a direct family member who has not received a letter by December 1, 2021, contact us in one of the following ways:

Email: julianofnorwichottawa@gmail.com
By letter: Julian of Norwich – Columbarium
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—Don Wilson, Columbarium Chair

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The Centre is now open for individual retreatants and groups. There are many programmes and directed retreats on offer too, either in person or online (ZOOM). Check out the website www.galileecentre.com or call for the latest information 613 623 4242.

Journeying as Allies: Books for 2021-2022

All My Relations has copies of the books for lending.

Please contact amr.workinggroup@gmail.com if you would like to borrow one.

Journeying as Allies

Join us to read and discuss books in the spirit of reconciliation



Meeting times are 2pm-4pm on Zoom. Join our mailing list to receive connection information in advance of the discussions.
Contact All My Relations: allmyrelations@ottawa.anglican.ca