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Community ministries working with allies to provide more assisted housing this winter

BY DAVID HUMPHREYS

The Anglican Diocese of Ottawa's Community Ministries in Ottawa are actively supporting an urgent campaign to meet an expected surge in demand for assisted housing and shelter space during the winter.

They are members of the Alliance to End Homelessness Ottawa, the advocacy organization that is spearheading two projects, Hotels2Homes and the Ottawa Housing Blitz program to house 100 families in need.

Cornerstone Housing for Women campaigned successfully with the Alliance to have City Council declare a

housing and homelessness emergency in January. Cornerstone followed up with a panel marking International Women's Day that featured the work of the Alliance; by helping to draft a joint statement on the Hotels2Homes campaign; and by contributing to the Alliance's consultations with the City.

Kaite Burkholder Harris, the Alliance's executive director, sits on the board of the Centre 454 Community Ministry. She says the pandemic has raised the profile of a problem that has been festering for years. Working together, "we can do bold things, quite quickly."

Moira Alie, who is on the Diocese's Homelessness and Affordable Housing Working Group (HAHWG) and is a member of St Alban's parish, is the Alliance's project coordinator for community engagement.

The Alliance partnered with Somerset Ward Councillor Catherine McKenney last spring to launch a social media campaign, urging the federal government to provide funding to support the purchase of hotels to provide safe housing spaces.

The campaign paid off when the federal government announced a program on Sept. 21 to provide \$1

billion over the next six months so that cities and housing providers can buy properties being sold because of the COVID-19 pandemic and use them to keep people from becoming homeless.

The City of Ottawa has set up an internal task force to engage the community on ways to tap into the program. Membership includes city real estate and housing expertise with a capacity to identify potential under-used or for sale properties. Before the federal announcement, a city request for proposals was unsuccessful.

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A day for remembrance,
Nov. 11

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This cross was presented to Christ Church Cathedral in November 2017 when the cathedral became a partner in Coventry Cathedral's Community of the Cross of Nails, an international network of churches committed to reconciliation.

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FROM OUR BISHOP

The Community of the Cross of Nails stands for love amid ruins

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Coventry Cathedral's past and present brings people together to promote reconciliation

In November 2017, on All Saints Sunday, our own Christ Church Cathedral became a partner in Coventry Cathedral's Community of the Cross of Nails, an international network of churches committed to reconciliation. If you visit the Chapel of Reconciliation in our Cathedral you will see the Cross of Nails that was presented to us in 2017, along with an interpretive plaque describing its significance.

In 2019, something new was added to the 46-year history of the Community of the Cross of Nails (CCN). For the very first time, one of the biannual, international pilgrimages to Coventry Cathedral was expressly interreligious, combining partners from both the international

CCN network and the Cathedral's new *Together for Hope* interfaith network (T4H). I was very privileged to be a leader and participant in this new venture, as part of my residency in Coventry Cathedral during a sabbatical leave that year.

For three days, 18 individuals from five organizations, representing five religions (Zen Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and several Christian denominations) shared time together, listening respectfully to one another's experiences and perspectives on reconciliation. We heard of the challenges and opportunities for reconciliation in Germany and Canada, as well as in communities, centres, cathedrals, and hospitals in the UK.

It was a great joy to meet the skilled and sensitive chaplains of the Guys' and St Thomas' NHS Trust Chaplaincy in the centre of London, who brought much front-line experience of diversity to our understanding of reconciliation. And it was truly a pleasure to welcome the spirited "Faithful Friends" of Smethwick—the first T4H Partners—into the discussions, and to hear of their remarkable journey of interfaith reconciliation and friendship.

A traditional "hilltop walk" in the area around Coventry Cathedral was substantially modified as an interfaith pilgrimage, with prayers from each religious tradition being offered as we moved through four sacred sites—reflecting on what it means to move from division to community, from pain to healing, from despair to hope, from death to life.

In keeping with the long tradition of CCN pilgrimages, the first CCN-T4H pilgrimage was made rich by the participants' willingness to share their stories with one another in a spirit of respect and trust, allowing



Interreligious Pilgrims on the steps leading to the ruins of Coventry Cathedral.

meaningful relationships to quickly form, and enabling mutual learning about the journey of reconciliation.

The pilgrimage began and ended with sharing in the Coventry *Litany of Reconciliation the Pledge for Transformation* (for those of any or no religious background) in the bombed-out ruins of the original Cathedral. It was moving to stand as a very diverse group, united in our concern for a reconciled world—and to gather many willing tourists into this circle of hope.

In this month of November, when we remember the terrible consequences of war, I commend to you Coventry Cathedral's *Pledge for Transformation*.

For love, which heals wounds,
we will stand.
For generosity, which opens space for hope,
we will stand.
For nurturing, which builds a culture of peace,
we will stand.
For compassion, which seeks the best for all,
we will stand.
For respect, which enables us to love with difference,
we will stand.
For humility, which allows healthy relationships with others,
we will stand.
Together for hope,
we will stand.

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**The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker,
Bishop of Ottawa**

CLERGY NEWS

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The Rev. Stephen Silverthorne has been appointed Incumbent of St. Paul's Kanata effective Nov. 17, 2020.

The Chapel of Reconciliation and the Coventry Cross of Nails

Following the bombing of England's Coventry Cathedral in 1940, its provost, the Very Reverend Richard Howard, made a commitment not to seek revenge, but to strive for forgiveness and reconciliation with those responsible. Using a national radio broadcast from the cathedral ruins on Christmas Day 1940 he declared that when the war was over he would work with those who had been enemies "to build a kinder, more Christ-child-like world."

It was this moral and prophetic vision which led to Coventry Cathedral's development as a world Centre for Reconciliation. A major part of its ministry is the Community of the Cross of Nails, which is today an international network of Christian churches, organisations and other faith communities, all drawn together by the story of Coventry Cathedral, and sharing a common commitment to work and pray for peace, justice and reconciliation.

In 2017, Coventry's Canon for Reconciliation, the Reverend Dr Sarah Hills, presented Christ Church Cathedral Ottawa with a cross of nails to signify its partnership in the Community of the Cross of Nails.

As a partner, this Cathedral shares in the tasks of healing the wounds of history, learning to live with difference and celebrate diversity, and building a culture of peace.

Upon becoming a partner of the Community of the Cross of Nails, this east transept of the Cathedral was named the Chapel of Reconciliation.

It is a space where the Cathedral's pastoral ministry of healing and reconciliation often takes place, and where its role as the Cathedral to the Anglican Military Ordinariate of the Canadian Forces, and its chaplains, is recognized.

On the Chapel's walls hang framed regimental colours, many with battle honours that serve as a reminder of the terrible cost of an unreconciled world.

The Coventry Cross of Nails is mounted here, in this quiet, peaceful Chapel of Reconciliation, with the simple words "Father forgive" beneath it.

Every Friday, along with other partners around the world, the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation is prayed in the Cathedral:

All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class, Father forgive.

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own, Father forgive.

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth, Father forgive.

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others, Father forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee, Father forgive.

The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children, Father forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God, Father forgive.

Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Welcoming the new Dean

BY LEIGH ANNE WILLIAMS

The Very Rev. Beth Bretzlaff is the first woman to be the Dean of the Diocese of Ottawa and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral.

“I was the first woman vicar/associate priest at the cathedral in Kelowna as well, so I’ve been through this before, but back then it was a much bigger deal than it is now,” she told *Crosstalk* in an interview about the new role she stepped into in September. “I’ve met a couple of the young women of the choir and of the parish and they are thrilled, they’ve told me that. ...I’ve been a woman priest for 27 years so I kind of forget about that side of it, but they don’t.”

It was also a much bigger deal when Bretzlaff first felt called to the priesthood when she was still very young. “My first thought of it was before they ordained women,” she said. But change came while she was still a teen, and it became a real option.

Others saw potential in her too. “My parish priest at the time sensed it in me, and also my parish of St. Paul’s in Shawville. People had actually said to me ‘Have you thought of being a priest?’”

Her parish priest encouraged her to talk with Bishop Edwin Lackey before she started university.

Her parents were very supportive. “My mom said, ‘I only had three choices, to be a nurse, a teacher or get married. You have all the choices in the world.’”

And so it happened that she had her first meeting with Bishop Lackey when she had just turned 17. Since she was expressing interest in ordination, it was a formal interview with a panel of several men, which she recalls as terrifying. “One of the senior canons was not in favour of women, and I was in tears very quickly into the interview. Bishop Lackey said firmly to that person, ‘You will not ask any more questions. I will take over this interview.’ He was very good with me.”

Bishop Lackey also saw something in Bretzlaff and encouraged her.

“Even when I ran away out West and tried to avoid it all, he pursued me.” But, she says, “He let me go and said, ‘It’s ok, you’ll be back one day’.... Unfortunately, Bishop Lackey died the year before I was ordained.”

Now, as the dean and rector of the Cathedral, she walks through the Lackey Room each day when she goes to get a cup of coffee. “So every time when I come back through with my cup of coffee there is a picture of Bishop Lackey on the wall with a twinkle in his eye smiling at me. And every time I walk through the room it’s like he’s laughing and saying, ‘I told you that you would be back.’”

In the intervening years, Bretzlaff has had a rich and diverse ministry. After studying at the Vancouver School of Theology and her ordination, she spent eight and a half years at St. Michael and All Angels Cathedral in Kelowna. Then she worked as a publicist for Wood Lake Books. After moving to New Zealand, she worked as a child, youth and family educator for the Diocese of Dunedin and later, studied for a post-graduate diploma in Community and Social Work at Otago University, working with teenagers caught in the justice system. When Bretzlaff returned to Ottawa, she worked as the chaplain at Ashbury College before becoming Incumbent of St. John the Evangelist in downtown Ottawa.

When asked what experiences best prepared her for new role, she said that her first Sunday as dean, which was also the first Sunday when people returned to worship at the Cathedral after it was shut for the summer due to COVID was daunting. “I’ve never been more grateful in my life for all the experiences that I have had,” she said.

Having trained and worked at the cathedral in Kelowna makes a big place and parish less intimidating. “Working with youth justice kids in New Zealand where you have to perhaps change tack and do some-



The Very Rev. Beth Bretzlaff served in Ottawa at Ashbury College and St. John the Evangelist, and was a delegate at the last General Synod.

thing different and be more creative than you ever thought you could be in order to reach people, well, that’s kind of where we are at right now in this pandemic.... And St. John’s, what a great preparation, being right downtown in the midst of everything, [the community ministry The Well is located in the church basement] right in the nitty, gritty of it all, that’s close to my heart.”

Of course, beginning her ministry during the COVID-19 pandemic is challenging. “When it first hit, I realized that everything that I do as a priest is in person, and I don’t ever want to change that. Online is a great supplement but for me it does not make up for the personal connection.”

Although it was challenging to celebrate her first Sunday with a congregation of 50 instead of 750, Bretzlaff said the cathedral didn’t feel empty. “It felt full, full of all of the people who would have liked to have been there and all the generations that have gone before. It was

very moving. I could just feel it in the bones of the place.”

She said she is loving her new ministry. “Being at the cathedral, there’s a big parish to look after, but there are also the connections with the wider community, the government, other cathedrals in North America and around the world,... And also our overseas partners such as the Community of the Cross of Nails, the companion Diocese of Jerusalem, the Compass Rose Society.... It’s a bigger forum, there’s more scope than you would experience in a regular parish. It is more of a senior management role in one sense, but still with a pastoral heart of always being a priest.”

“Being in the nation’s capital makes it a unique position. Bishop Shane always said that being Dean of Ottawa was the best job in the Canadian church and he might change that now that he has a different job, but I actually think that being the Dean of Ottawa is the best job in the Canadian church too.”



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PARISH NEWS

St. Matthew's Online Auction, Nov. 13-21

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By Margret Brady Nankivell

St. Matthew's Anglican Church in the Glebe is looking forward to its first-ever online auction.

The auction will open for bids on Friday, Nov. 13, and close on Saturday, Nov. 21 at 4pm. About 100 lots will be on offer – just in time for Christmas shopping. Information about registration will be posted on the church's website (www.stmatthewsottawa.ca)

Items on offer will include arts and crafts, antique and first edition books as well as mystery book collections curated by our book expert Carolyn McMaster. Mystery boxes will include novels that won or were shortlisted for prestigious awards such as the Scotiabank Giller prize, the Man Booker Prize and the Pulitzer, as well as mystery boxes of great mysteries!

St. Matthew's parishioners will offer various entertainment options, such as a succulent Moroccan lamb shank dinner and wines delivered within the greater Ottawa area. McKen Metro gift certificates were donated by the Glebe-based grocery store.

The auction will feature several travel certificates from Elite Island Travel for accommodation at wonderful Caribbean and Panamanian resorts. The booking deadline on these is generous and rooms only need to be booked by Dec. 20, 2022 for travel well into 2023. Rooms are subject to daily food and activity fees but are excellent value. Certificates are for up to three rooms for a week to ten days, depending on the resort.

The church is delighted that Ottawa artist Donna Lynd donated a painting to the auction that will also be used for our promotion and sold at the auction. Ottawa artists Huibert van der Staay and Patti Davis have donated lovely paintings to the auction. In addition, we have works by Bruce Heggweit, Etta



"Merlot Conversations" by Donna Lynd is an item on offer.

Benjamin, Alex Chowaniec, Gordon MacKenzie and aquatints by Esperanza Perez-Martinez (1934-98), who studied under Diego Rivera. Also included are woodcuts by British Columbia artist Fred Brown and Newfoundland artist Charlotte Jones.

Many other items can be purchases such as a stunning Swedish art deco vase, a handsome marine barometer clock and some very fine handcrafted African baskets and tapestries.

Money raised through the auction will support St. Matthew's projects, the FACES refugee program and Cornerstone Shelter for Women.



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May we dwell on this land with peace and respect.



Fighting climate change during the COVID-19 pandemic in Chelsea, Québec

PHOTO MARIAN MCGRATH

By Marian McGrath

Almost a year ago on Sept. 27, 2019, tens of thousands of people inspired by Greta Thunberg converged on Parliament Hill to seek concrete action on climate change. One year later on Sept. 28, 2020, St Mary Magdalene Church (SMM), located in Chelsea, Québec, is scheduled to begin the work to replace its oil-burning furnaces with electric furnaces.

On Aug. 1, 2020, Transition Énergétique du Québec approved financial aid for SMM to replace its oil-burning furnaces with electric furnaces in accordance with the Québec government program, "Chauffez

vert." SMM will receive as a grant either \$6,824 or 75% of the cost, whichever amount is less once the furnaces are replaced.

Plus, there is more good news! As part of the Québec government's effort to stimulate the economy during the COVID-19 pandemic, everyone who undertakes the replacement of an oil-burning furnace with an electric furnace will receive a bonus of \$1000. SMM will receive automatically an additional \$1000 once the new electric furnaces are installed.

Upon learning this news, Stephen Woodley, the president of Action Chelsea for the Respect of the Environment (ACRE), a non-profit



St. Mary Magdalene in Chelsea is discarding its oil-burning furnaces this fall.

organization of concerned citizens working towards an environmentally healthy community, stated: "Congratulations to St. Mary Magdalene to this energy retrofit. It all counts."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Wild places

Re: "Ritual: a place of connection, to remember and return to" (October, 2020, *Crosstalk*)

I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoyed reading "From Our Bishop" in September's *Crosstalk*. Seeing that photo of Bishop Shane in 1961 reminded me that I have similar photos of myself, taken while my father was stationed at Goose Bay from 1948 to 1950. Our house at Goose was right on the edge of the plateau which dropped off into thick woods sloping down to Lake Melville. One day, I followed the big kids down into the woods. Of course, they soon ran off, leaving me lost for a couple of hours before my father came home from work and rescued me. Boy, did I get a talking-to that day!

Fortunately, that experience didn't put me off the woods for life. My family were friends of Tony Paddon, who was the Grenfell Mission doctor at North West River at that time. Tony's brothers Harry and John were both trappers, and we spent a memorable weekend at their cabin in the woods somewhere along Lake Melville. We travelled out and back along the ice, riding on a komatik behind their team of huskies. Great days in wild places!

Peter Robertson
All Saints' Westboro



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Dear ACW friends...

This year has been particularly hard for our groups and our traditional outreach projects. Marni and I are relying more than ever on three main ways to get our news to you:

1. *Crosstalk* comes out monthly, online and in print.
2. We try to put the notices out through the **Diocesan Community News**, which comes out every two weeks, to every priest in the Diocese and to every church office, I think, as well as to anyone who subscribes through the website.
3. We also put text-only messages on "**the Diocesan List**", which is an older, member-only, chat list, for notices to and from everyone who has signed up for it.

Nevertheless, we are concerned that you and your group get ACW news in a timely fashion, so I (Leslie Worden) would like to re-establish a current email list.

I am interested in your group, whether you still fundraise, meet mostly for fellowship, or just want to keep up with the news, especially about Bales for the North.

Please talk amongst your friends, and have one of your members write an email to acw@ottawa.anglican.ca.

Ask them to send me a contact name and email address, as well as the name of your church or parish (and town too, in case you are one of the more than eight St. James'....).

That way, when we are making early plans for the Bales next spring, or rescheduling the Vanner Appreciation Tea, we would have someone to email with the news, as well as relying on the three methods mentioned above.

Thank you for reaching out, while you continue your fellowship through this COVID time.

Stay safe and stay well, blessings,

Leslie Worden and Marni Crossley
ACW Co-ordinators
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The work of the "Vanners" (teams of women who travelled around Western Canada in caravans to deliver religious instruction to families) will be celebrated at an ACW evensong and tea once gatherings are considered safe again.

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YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (YIP)

Assisted housing, from page 1

All of this is going to take time. Meanwhile, the Alliance is partnering with the City in its campaign to house 100 households in available rental properties, despite initially disappointing results. The Alliance enlists volunteers to encourage landlords to participate.

The program matches clients in need of housing support with available units. Landlords are asked to register space on the website, www.ottawahousingblitz.ca. Depending on the need of the client tenant, rent support is available from the city.

While the Eastern Ontario Landlord Organization is co-operative, uptake has been slow. Initially, the campaign resulted in registration of 50 units but many were unsuitable and only a few tenants were housed.

Part of the problem, Alie says, is stigma that is unfortunately linked to homelessness, but she points out that the landlord ultimately decides on whether to accept a proposed client match.

Burkholder Harris says there is a desperate need for additional assisted housing and shelter space in Ottawa as winter approaches and the pan-

demic has greatly increased demand. Emergency Shelters, including Cornerstone, were at capacity when the pandemic struck.

The waiting list for assisted housing in Ottawa rose by 14 per cent to a total of 12,000 between 2018 and 2020. Almost 8,000 people were staying in emergency shelters last year.

In a letter to Ontario Finance Minister Rod Phillips in early October, the Alliance reported data from landlord associations and partners that 6 to 20 per cent of renters province-wide are at risk of eviction due to rental non-payment. At the low end, it would mean 90,000 households at risk. In Ottawa, Burkholder Harris says, the rate is lower, between 2 and 6 per cent, but that works out to at least 2,500 households. If only a portion of those ended up needing assistance it could double demand.

The Alliance urged the provincial government to reinstate the moratorium on evictions until the pandemic is under control and provide financial support to repay rental arrears that have accrued because of job losses. The moratorium expired at the end of July.

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Rental accommodation is extremely scarce in Ottawa and the situation is getting worse. For example, these buildings in downtown Ottawa are rooming houses and room rent is in the range of \$500/month. The tenants were evicted on October 31 so the units could be renovated.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

OPC: Lean on me

By Leigh Anne Williams

If you are feeling stressed as the pandemic stretches on into the fall, you are not alone.

Sharon York, executive director of the Ottawa Pastoral Counselling Centre, which offers counselling and psychotherapy services, told *Crosstalk* that “there is a significant increase in the number of people who are calling [OPC] because they are experiencing stress associated with the pandemic.”



Sharon York

In an effort to respond, York says OPC counsellors are working at capacity. “We are shifting around to be able to see more people, to make referrals for people, but there is a steady influx of people calling...”

OPC services were already in high demand before the pandemic hit. “We were dealing with people who were already in crisis ... people experiencing depression, anxiety, ... a death in the family, addiction issues,” York said.

COVID has added another layer of stress and crisis. “The pandemic, from the very beginning... creates feelings of disorientation,” York explained. “What was before is gone and what we have now, I don’t even use the word “new normal” because it doesn’t feel normal. What we have is a constantly shifting system that we are adapting to on a daily basis. And people

are working very hard to adapt...” One example of successful adaptation for counsellors and clients at the OPC is the use of telephone and video conferencing for counselling sessions, she said. “What really surprised me was the feeling of connection possible.”

The pandemic destabilizes people’s lives in many ways. “People are phoning because they have lost jobs, they are experiencing isolation, crisis, their family is abroad and, of course, the tragic loss of life due to the pandemic,” York said.

She added that since COVID hit, the Centre has also had more counselling requests from people who are frontline workers, such as hospital workers, long-term care workers, doctors, nurses, people who are working in stores, driving buses, people who are out there working on a daily basis.”

OPC is a fee-for-service non-profit, but it is also supported in part by the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa as a community ministry. York is a passionate advocate for OPC’s Counselling Support Fund, which allows OPC to provide counselling to people who otherwise might not be able to afford it, and York says OPC has receive more requests for that financial assistance since March.

York said someone recently asked her how the pandemic and restrictions are affecting frontline workers. She suggested looking at and appreciating the staff of the community ministries. “Each one of those people are experiencing the same crisis that we are all experiencing, but they are going to work, and they are caring for others. That says so much about the individuals who serve in the community ministries.”

She added, “What has moved me deeply during this pandemic has been the way in which people have reached out to one another.... Barriers that we might have constructed between people have dissolved. And that’s good for us and for the community because we need to support each other.”

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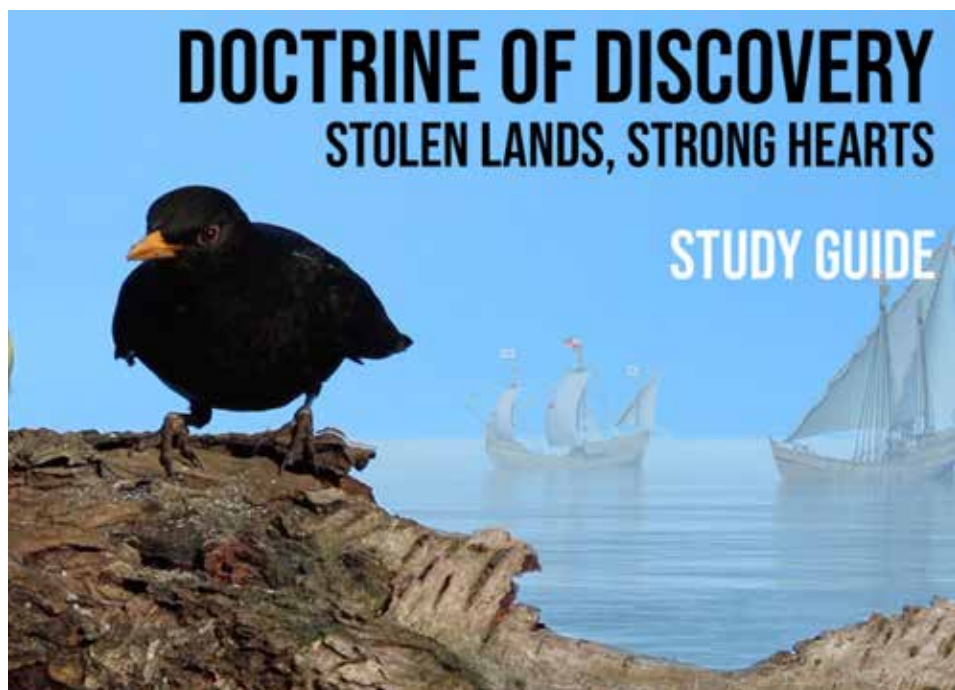
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ALL MY RELATIONS



Online multi-session screening worked well

Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts

By Debbie Grisdale

The All My Relations (AMR) Working group hosted, quite successfully, an online screening of the ACC documentary *Doctrine of Discovery: Stolen Lands, Strong Hearts* in June.

We did it on Zoom over three evenings. We started with Larry Langlois doing a smudge (from his cottage), 20 min. of film, then breakout groups to discuss selected questions from the study guide (four to six people per “room”) then back to the whole for people to talk about insights gained from watching the film. It went very well, with 35 to 40 people per evening — someone joining us from as far away as Florida and people from Ottawa but not members of the Anglican

Diocese. We also hired an American Sign Language interpreter for one of the participants and used the closed captions on the film.

One of our goals was for people to see how the documentary can be shown using Zoom, hoping to encourage similar screenings in other parts of the diocese or peoples’ communities. Overall it was a good learning experience for us, sparking discussion on how to handle seemingly ‘inappropriate’ comments, but that were coming from that person’s own experience.”

At least one parish is considering doing something similar. At the beginning of each evening we set out group norms to help guide the discussion. In the last session the norms were addressed in more detail, encouraging participants to pose their comments and questions in ways that showed they were listening with good hearts.



Call of the wild

By Leigh Anne Williams

Sometimes it’s hard to remember what we were all doing and thinking about before the pandemic came along and grabbed all the headlines and spotlights. But before everyone started donning masks, gloves and plastic visors, people were making efforts to reduce or eliminate single-use plastics such as drinking straws and plastic bags. Before COVID made crowds something to be afraid of, hundreds of thousands of people across the globe took part in marches to demand action on climate change. Greta Thunberg, the Swedish teen activist, had the spotlight and scolded world leaders at the United Nations for their lack of action.

For those who would like to refocus their attention and energies on some of these issues may want to check out or join a new Diocesan Environmental Group on the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa’s Facebook page.

The Rev. Susan Lewis, chair of the environmental subcommittee, says the group is intended to be a grassroots organization. The vision for the group is described on the Facebook page (see quotation below).

“I really want to encourage people to get involved,” Lewis told Crosstalk. “It doesn’t have to be big and scary, but we are all called to environmental discipleship. It is part of our baptismal vows. It’s part of who we are in that we are called to look after God’s creation.... We are all integrated — humanity and the environment.”

She added, “We really hope to inspire people because wherever people are in their lives, we can all do something,” she said, mentioning avoiding single use plastics, not using plastic bags, not purchasing things in plastic as some examples.

Lewis says she hopes the group will grow organically and be shaped by the interests and life experience of the people who join. She is asking visitors to the site to say who their favorite spiritual/environmental authors are. “We want to put together a body of work that can then be a toolbox for parishes, so we will have a reading list, which will be about eco-theology and discipleship. We will have liturgies and prayers and special services.

“One of the things we will be looking for in the future ... is to encourage parish champions. We want people to be prayerfully action-oriented.”



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REFLECTIONS

Prepare to emerge from this darkness as one people and one Church

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By the Rev. Geoffrey Chapman

Along with Christian clergy across the world, I have spent the last year thinking and preaching about the Gospel of Matthew. In Matthew's gospel, Jesus is a brilliant Jewish rabbi and scribe. He strives to honour every letter of the Law of Moses, described in the five books of the Hebrew Scriptures or the Torah. Matthew describes Jesus honouring the Sabbath, observing every legal and sacrificial rite, every dietary restriction, and every other aspect of life as a faithful child of Abraham. Jesus says he came to fulfill the law, not abolish it. He challenges the scribes and pharisees as himself a great scribe and pharisee. He calls his opponents "hypocrites" because he likes what they are saying and teaching, but not the hypocrisy of their actions. We often hear Jesus described as someone who prioritizes God's love over God's law, but Matthew describes Jesus living in harmony with both.

If you are finding my description of Jesus as the fulfilment of the Law unfamiliar, this may be because we (preachers and teachers) often work to harmonize the Bible into one book, with one message, when the Bible is really a library of documents that both agree and disagree with each other. For example, Luke and Mark describe Jesus rejecting dietary laws, Matthew does not. Paul does not think circumcision is necessary for followers of Jesus, Matthew does. And of course, every New Testament au-



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thor is in constant dialogue with the law and the prophets. It makes sense for us to teach our kids a simple story of Jesus asking us to love God, but as an adult I vastly prefer reading the Bible as a vibrant conversation, with authors debating, challenging, building upon, or even rejecting the work of other authors. Not only is this an accurate reading of scripture, reading scripture in this way is more interesting and even exciting. In my opinion, if you are seeking to find one uniform message in the Bible, you are seeking propaganda, not sacred scripture.

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus teaches that the Torah can be summed up with two commandments: to love God, and to love your neighbour as you love yourself. Greater than mere moral advice, these two commandments are the key to unlocking the mind of God, interpreting all of scripture, as well as unlocking how to



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build a nation, shape a culture, and become a great people. These two commandments are nothing short of the foundation of truth and understanding. For Matthew, the problem facing Israel was not an obsession with the law, but rather a lack of understanding what the law was truly saying, and what it is truly asking us to do and to become.

Matthew describes Jesus as a wonderfully confusing conservative radical. He is simply trying to persuade the scribes and pharisees to follow the letter of the law. And yet, following the letter of God's Law is radically transformative. God's Law

is unrelenting in its call for us to love God and our neighbour. This love compels us to strive against injustice, to welcome every stranger, to forgive enemies, and lift up the least of those in our society. God's Law compels us to heal the sick, even on the sabbath. Eat and drink with sinners—God's love transcends needless social hierarchies. Break with tradition if it ignores the limitless power of God's love. God is greater than our largest nations and biggest armies. The world will see us as radicals, but God sees us as devoted scribes.

We are living in a time where the tumult of our age has yet to fully arrive. COVID-19 is keeping us in our homes, and away from community gathering. Concerns about the environment, about social justice, about the shocking political climate in our world continue to grow, but we are forced to keep to ourselves in the name of health and safety. Be prepared. We are seeds, taking time during a terrible pandemic to reflect, grow roots, and prepare to emerge from the darkness as one people and one Church. In this time of preparation, which can definitely feel like endless Lent, I invite you to explore the rich conversations we can find in sacred scripture. Be in dialogue with these amazing ancient books and letters. Sign up for an online Bible study—the Internet can allow us to join Bible studies far and wide, in our Diocese and beyond! And prepare yourself to follow in the footsteps of the radical scribe and pharisee named Jesus.

STEWARDSHIP

Study reveals implications for charitable giving to churches

By Jane Scanlon

The Halo Project did a study on "Covid-19 Impact on The Volunteer and Donor Activity of Religious Canadians." Here are the findings:

- More than one-quarter of respondents who donated in 2019 increased their contributions to local congregations and religious charities.
- Those who donated in 2019 appear more likely to increase their charitable giving to local congregations rather than religious or secular

charities following the relaxation of COVID restrictions.

- Local congregations stand to benefit most from respondents who did not donate in 2019 but plan to give following the lifting of Covid restrictions.

Keeping these findings in mind, now is great timing for your church to discern God's mission, create a missional plan and develop a narrative budget (mission story). These links will provide some excellent resources to help you get started.

<https://www.london.anglican.org/kb/mission-action-planning/>

<https://exeter.anglican.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/Short-Guide-to-Creating-a-Mission-Action-Plan.pdf>

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For additional resources, please contact Jane Scanlon, Director of Stewardship Development at jane-scanlon@ottawa.anglican.ca.



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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES

By Glenn J Lockwood

In the Vanguard of Design

Early Anglicanism at Fitzroy Harbour, like the history of the village, is tied up with the Shirreff family. Charles Shirreff from Leith, near Edinburgh, Scotland, crossed the Atlantic in 1817, proposing to settle near Port Hope. Somehow he was persuaded by officials to settle at the Chats Falls where the Mississippi River emptied into the upper Ottawa River, as they were anxious to develop the territory along the upper Ottawa.

Shirreff may possibly have been persuaded that the yet-to-be-built Rideau Canal might come past Fitzroy Harbour. When that failed to happen, he like Hamnett Pinhey downstream may still have hoped for a much larger canal being built to link the upper Ottawa with Lake Huron. While awaiting that development (which never came), Shirreff was a most enterprising, public-spirited man. He built a sawmill near the mouth of the Carp River, and engaged in lumbering and other projects including the first store at Fitzroy Harbour. So when the artist William Henry Bartlett came through Canada in 1838 sketching scenic settings, we should not be surprised that one of those was taken from the verandah of R. Shirreff Esq. It would prove to be the earliest published engraving featuring a verandah in the history of Canadian publishing.

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DIOCESAN ARCHIVES, SAUNDERS FONDS FITZROY HARBOUR

In 1832, we are told, “Mr Shirreff erected at the Chats a square hewed-log building, specially for the purpose of a school through the week, and for holding religious services on the Sabbath. This was both the first school and the first church in Fitzroy” Township. Among various visiting clergy of all denominations leading

services within its walls was the Rev. Hannibal Mulkins of the Church of England, who afterwards went on to be chaplain at Kingston Penitentiary. From the forest of Fitzroy he went to minister to convicts.

Land for a church, parsonage and burial ground at Fitzroy Harbour was donated by Alexander Shirreff to the

Bishop of Toronto on 3 December 1852. An Anglican congregation started meeting by 1857, and by 1862 the congregation at Fitzroy Harbour belonged to the Mission of Fitzroy & Pakenham, with meetings in the village held in a drill shed, while another group worshipped in the school out on the ninth concession line of Fitzroy beginning in 1867.

In the 1860s Fitzroy Harbour was still a remote village. Still, somehow the stone house of worship built of local brown limestone in 1863 was in the vanguard of ecclesiological design. It was not a large church, as a large church was not needed at Fitzroy Harbour, hence the dramatically lighted chancel was contained under the same roof as the rest of the small church.

The west window was even more dramatic, extending high in that gable. The gables themselves were the most dramatically steep of any on a church in the Ottawa country. We cannot be sure who designed this gem, either it was a late execution of a design by Frank Wills (who died in 1857), or more likely the design of Thomas Fuller who was designing a number of churches at Ottawa featuring steep High Victorian gables in the late 1850s and 1860s.

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Try taking an Emmaus Walk

By Paul Dumbrille

Because of COVID restrictions, many people have more time on their hands these days than previously. Some of us are taking the opportunity to spend more time walking outside, often with a companion who may be a member of their family bubble or a special friend.

Taking inspiration from Luke's story of the walk on the road to Emmaus found in Luke 24:13-35 when the disciples met Jesus while walking, we too can find Jesus by walking with a purpose accompanied by another person. Like the disciples, we can meet Jesus with prayer and scripture running together in a walking meditation. This article outlines a model for two persons to walk together in fellowship, and in silence, allowing God to minister within and between them.

This way of walking together could take about an hour. It is done outside, and in these COVID times can be done with mask wearing and physical distancing. If desired

a group consisting of several pairs could adapt this suggestion for their use. An initial time of silence, scripture and prayer is held, after which pairs set out for a walk. On their return they share the experiences of the walk and offer it to God in gratitude and praise. Participants may wish to use variations of the outline offered herein.

Prepare

Begin with praying together asking God to open our minds and spirits to the light of the Holy Spirit and God's loving presence. This is followed by reading together a short selection of Scripture such as Luke's story of the Emmaus Walk, or the Sunday's Gospel, or perhaps a commentary. This is followed by five minutes of shared silence.

Walk Out

After this period of preparation, the two people forming a pair walk together, prayerfully sharing their reflections on the scripture or other reading, and the initial prayer time. This is done with the freedom to

move into other areas of common concern. This should take up to a half hour.

Walk Back

When the outward point has been reached, the pair should pause, turn, and retrace their steps, walking together at a steady pace to the starting place, but now in silence. During this part of the walk there should be an open awareness of one another and of God's promised presence.

Conclusion

Conclude by gathering at the starting place, and if desired re-read the passage and/or share any experiences that the participants may have had during the walk. To finish, spend at least a further five minutes in silence, followed by a final blessing prayer.

Notes

This type of walk must not be undertaken without a measure of patience, or without due preparation and prayer. If the first experience does not altogether succeed, do not let that

be a worry. There is a novelty factor that has to be worked through, and allowances need to be made for temperamental differences. Persistence, and consideration for one another, are part of this exercise. One grows into shared silence, and what began as a novelty, or as an embarrassing non-verbal walk, can become a fruitful sharing of a love that transcends human friendship and participates in the divine Love. A commitment to do such a walk together once a week would work for many.

Virtual Walk

This model of walking together in prayerful meditation could be adapted to become a virtual walk together. It might begin with meeting with one other online for a time of prayer and reading together, followed by a time of sharing online as in the “Walk Out” noted above. Then the virtual session could be shut down for 30 minutes or more for the “Walk Back” time, in which participants either actually walk outside or spend time alone inside. Then the online session could be restarted for discussion and/or final prayers.

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"We are proud to have also gained new allies through our energetic campaign, and we welcome everyone to move forward with us in helping to continue building a more compassionate Ottawa," said Martine Doré, Interim Executive Director.

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