



# 'In him there is no darkness'

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*Synod stocking-stuffer*



REV. CANON JUDY ROIS, executive director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada, brought along a furry friend when she spoke to the annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal about the work of the national foundation, which seeks funds from parishes and Anglicans across Canada and uses it for grants and loans to help parishes upgrade their buildings and equipment, support theological studies and choir schools, buy an airplane for ministry in the north and fund other endeavours. "Hope Bears" sell for \$20, which goes to a special "Kids Helping Kids Trust Fund."

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

*Common heritage, new incumbents*



THE RECENTLY APPOINTED RABBI of Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom in Westmount, Lisa Grushcow, joined members of the congregation of St. George's Church Place du Canada who presented its new rector, Rev. William J. Gray, with symbols of ministry at his induction October 28. Rabbi Grushcow, who became the senior rabbi of the temple July 1, presented a Hebrew Bible "as representative of our multi-faith partners," according to the service leaflet. She said, "William, through the God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob, Rachel and Leah, we share a common heritage. Through the one God we are called to be a covenant people. Be present in our community as one who is respectful of other faiths and religious communities." In a reply similar in form to others in that part of the service, Father Gray replied, "I invite you to rejoice with me in the rich heritage of faith which we all share, and to work for peace and understanding among all religious communities." For more on the installation, see Page 15.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

## Projet de nouveau doyenné

Le Très Révérend Barry Clarke, évêque de Montréal, a « la ferme intention d'établir un doyenné français dans le diocèse de Montréal. »

Au cours de son allocution d'ouverture au synode du diocèse le 18 octobre, l'évêque a accueilli des visiteurs du diocèse de Québec au synode de Montréal et a indiqué que les rencontres entre les deux diocèses continuent.

« À l'issue de nos derniers entretiens, nous nous sommes concentrés sur la pastorale francophone. Les deux diocèses se sont engagés à soutenir l'évolution de ce rayonnement vers la société culturelle et linguistique du Québec. Nous avons beaucoup à apprendre de nos soeurs et frères dans le diocèse de Québec pour implémenter une pastorale en français. J'ai la ferme intention d'établir un doyenné francophone dans le diocèse de Montréal et de soutenir et encourager ceux et celles d'entre nous qui sont si actifs dans cette pastorale. »

Le T.R. Clarke n'a pas élaboré sur les détails d'un doyenné francophone mais il a indiqué, dans une brève conversation, que les paroisses francophones appartiendraient donc à deux doyennés : celui du territoire et le nouveau.

Le diocèse de Montréal compte deux paroisses francophones, La Nativité à Montréal-Nord et Christ Church à Sorel, ainsi que la petite communauté chrétienne du Rédempteur à la Cathédrale Christ Church. D'autres paroisses offrent des pastorales francophones diverses.

Le diocèse de Québec comprend quatre doyennés territoriaux ainsi

qu'un cinquième où les paroisses sont surtout francophones.



"IT IS MY INTENTION to establish a French deanery in the Diocese of Montreal and to support and encourage those among us who are actively engaged in French ministry," Bishop Barry Clarke said in his opening address to the annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal. In his "charge," which as usual took the place of a sermon at the synod eucharist and was delivered from the pulpit of the downtown Church of St. James the Apostle, he provided few details. He said in a brief conversation that parishes in the new deanery would also remain in the regional deaneries – local groups of parishes – where they are now. In other business, delegates voted down a proposal to switch from annual synods to having them every two years.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

*Reaching out in partnership*



BISHOP PATRICK MWACHIKO of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania and Kisha Joseph, youth co-ordinator at St. George's Ste. Anne de Bellevue, reach to shake hands at the Montreal diocesan synod in October. Partnership was a theme of the synod – between the Montreal and Masasi dioceses, between the Montreal diocese and parishes in the British Columbia Interior, between Anglicans and Lutherans. Clockwise from Bishop Mwachiko are Rev. Deacon Geoffrey Monchesa, development officer of the Masasi Diocese (barely visible), missions activist Penny Noël, Montreal Youth Ambassadors Jacynthe Chénard and Angela Carter, Kisha Joseph and Bishop Barbara Andrews from the B.C. Interior. See inside the paper for more stories and photos from the synod.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



I write to you this month to express my gratitude and appreciation for all your support over the last three months during my Leslie's illness death. Your prayers, kindness and love are truly an expression of who we are as the people of God.

We now enter into the season of Advent, Christmas and Epiphany. These seasons invite us to enter more fully into the Light. Jesus, the Christ, is the Light of the world and in him there is no darkness.

St. Paul writes to the church in Colossae; "Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in Him all things in heaven and on earth were created."

Bethlehem, the place of our Savior's birth, is the house of bread. Jesus is the bread of life, those who come to him shall never hunger.

"And the name Jesus means  
God saves  
God heals  
God makes whole." (Jean Vanier)



## Bishop's Message

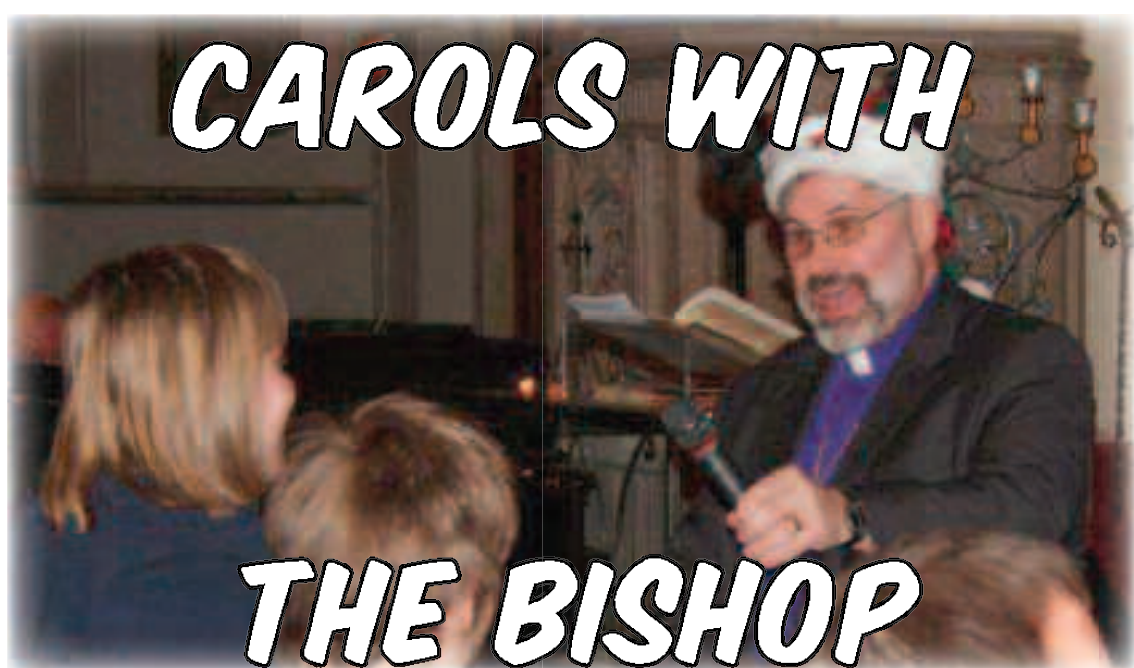
The message of this wonderful and holy season is inspired for me in the words of Jean Vanier, in his book – "The Broken Body".

"Jesus comes to make us children of the Father, revealing the Father's incredible tenderness and hope for each one of us. He comes to heal our wounded hearts by entering into a relationship of love with each one of us. Then through this relationship of love, this communion, He teaches us to open up in a relationship of love with other people."

May this season of hope, peace, joy and love, renew your faith and empower you in God's Mission to the world.

Yours in Christ,

*+ Barry*



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## Memorial Service for Victims of Violence

**December 6, 2012**

Christ Church Cathedral at noon

Celebrant: Rev Shirley Smith  
Homilist: Canon Dr. Constance  
Middleton Hope  
Deacon: Rev Jean Willcocks

Light refreshments following the service  
in the Cathedral's Baptistry

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### The Church of Saint John the Evangelist in Montreal is seeking a Director of Music to begin September 2013

A member of the Anglican Church of Canada, Saint John's is an Anglo-Catholic parish. The English Hymnal is used alongside the 1959 Book of Common Prayer, and Gregorian Chant has a prominent place in worship. The organ is a Hellmuth Wolff mechanical action with two manuals and pedal, 27 stops and 37 ranks. The choir includes four paid leads, and rehearses one weekday evening per week except in summers.

We are seeking an experienced Director for this part-time position, and the salary is in accordance with the guidelines set by the RCCO.

The deadline for applications is December 15, 2012. Please send résumé and references to the attention of "Music Director Search Committee", to the church at 137 President Kennedy Ave., Montreal, QC. H2X 3P6, or by e-mail to [office@redroof.ca](mailto:office@redroof.ca).

### Bishop Barry's Calendar

DECEMBER (subject to change without prior notice)

- 2 Preach at St. Anne's Veteran's Hospital
- 5 Annual General meeting – Montreal Diocesan Theological College
- 6 MAP meeting
- 11 Episcopal Council
- 12 Carols with the Bishop at Christ Church Cathedral
- 16 Preach and Eucharist at St. Ignatius Montreal North
- 24 Christmas Eve service at Christ Church Cathedral

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# Israel targets Palestinian churches, priest says



**THE NEW NORM in the Middle East is the continual advance of new forms of Israeli oppression of Palestinians, Rev. Robert Assaly says.**

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

## Staff

An Arab-Canadian priest currently serving in the Anglican Diocese of Montreal is convinced Israel wants to get rid of Palestinian churches so it can falsely depict the Israeli-Palestinian conflict as a Jewish-Muslim one.

Rev. Robert Assaly, former director of the Jerusalem office of the Middle East Council of Churches, told the Montreal chapter of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund at its October meeting that Palestinian Christians and Muslims and Jews of good will continue to pray for the Christian community in Jerusalem and other Occupied Territories and for peace.

However, his experiences in Israel and Palestine in 1992-95 as an Anglican missionary and subsequent events have persuaded him that Israel is targeting the indigenous Christian church, threatening to end its 2,000-year history. These included the destruction by a laser-targeted missile in 2002 of a church he had been instrumental in establishing in Gaza while in the area and the destruction in 2009 of a mother-and-child clinic at a nearby hospital.

Father Assaly is a priest of the Diocese of Ottawa and chair of Canadian Friends of Sabeel, a sup-

port group for the Sabeel Ecumenical Centre for Liberation Theology in Jerusalem. He is currently doing postgraduate studies at McGill and serving as priest-in-charge of St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in east-end Montreal. He went to Ottawa for the United Church General Council meeting in Ottawa in August, which adopted a largely pro-Palestinian resolution on the Middle East after vigorous debate, and spoke at a meeting organized by supporters.

He said a process of military occupation, land grabs and harassment of the church that began in 1947-48 when Israel was created and went on in 1967 when Israel overran the West Bank and Gaza continues to this day.

"Checkpoints have turned into a wall, and the wall has moved into the territory of the West Bank, cutting Palestinian residents off from their land. The Israelis have been trying to take over all of the land."

He said supporters of the Israeli government, including the Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs, mounted a massive and costly lobbying campaign to try to block the United Church resolution. He said they seem to have major influence behind the scenes on the current federal government.

## Tydale, interns, youth benefit from appeal

Bishop Barry Clarke's annual Bishop's Action Appeal continues for funds to respond to the challenges and opportunities in mission and ministry within the diocese and celebrate its connection with the Anglican family in Canada's North and with partner churches overseas. Within the Diocese, this year the appeal supports the Tyndale St-Georges Community Centre, ministry internship at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College and parish-based youth ministry. Many Anglicans have received a package in the mail; others should be able to get them at their parishes. Or see the advertisement in this issue.

## Refugee council fears new federal rule will put women at risk of abuse

The Canadian Council for Refugees is dismayed that the federal government has implemented a period of "conditional permanent residence" for some sponsored immigrant spouses and partners.

"Making permanent residence conditional for sponsored spouses gives power to the sponsor who may use the threat of deportation to manipulate their spouse. In situations of domestic abuse or violence, this measure will be a gift to an abuser," Loly Rico, president of the council, said.

Under the new rules, if an affected spouse leaves a sponsor within two years of arrival in Canada, he or she could be stripped of permanent resident status and deported. More than 80 organizations from across Canada have opposed the introduction of conditional permanent residence because of how it will trap some sponsored spouses, mostly women and possibly children, in abusive situations.

The council is also concerned that women with language barriers, who are isolated and who lack access to information, will be placed at further risk, despite the proposal's exceptions for spouses in situations of abuse or violence.

The council also questions whether the measure will really deter people from using spousal sponsorship to obtain immigration status, since they could just remain in the relationship for the required two years. The Diocese of Montreal is linked to the council through Action Réfugiés Montréal.

## Appreciative Inquiry session in May

Rob Voyle, an Episcopalian priest born and raised in New Zealand and now based in Hillsboro, Oregon, will be in Montreal to lead a session on "Understanding the Appreciative Way and Transformation" for the Diocese of Montreal May 9-11. The Appreciative Inquiry is described as "an intentional and strategic way of engaging in transformation by discovering and growing what is life-giving to the congregation." Robert J. Voyle, who has degrees in psychology, theology, counseling and mechanical engineering, has extensive experience in both the church and executive counselling. His website is at [www.voyle.com/about.html](http://www.voyle.com/about.html).

## Fresh Expressions Canada launches free resource

After a year and a half of development, a new, made in Canada, free resource, *Reimagining Church: shaped for mission* was launched at the end of October. Developed by Dr. John Bowen, professor of evangelism and director of the Institute of Evangelism at Wycliffe College in the University of Toronto, the five-session course helps churches "start the conversation around what it might mean to be a church shaped by and for God's mission in our world."

The course addresses questions such as, "How should the church respond to the changes in our culture?" and "What is the future of the church?" It is intended for those who realise that the church is facing serious challenges and who want to play a part in its re-shaping. The first three sessions look at changes in our Canadian culture, the spiritual resources the church has to respond to the challenges, and what it means these days to be a "Christian."

Then, in the fourth session, participants explore some of the ways churches are already changing and adapting. Finally, participants are asked to consider what this might mean in their own situations.

*Reimagining Church* involves lots of group discussion, colourful visual presentations, thought-provoking video, Bible discussion and opportunities for prayerful reflection. The materials – teaching files, notes for the instructor, handouts, etc. – are downloadable free from the Fresh Expressions Canada website, [www.freshexpressions.ca/courses](http://www.freshexpressions.ca/courses).

Fresh Expressions Canada is an initiative of the

## News in brief

Wycliffe College Institute of Evangelism with the Anglican bishop of Montreal, the Right Rev. Barry Clarke. Fresh Expressions Canada, "seeks to encourage the development of fresh expressions of church alongside more traditional expressions, with the aim of seeing a more mission-shaped church take shape throughout the country."

For more information contact Nick Brotherhood, team leader Fresh Expressions Canada, at [nick.brotherwood@freshexpressions.ca](mailto:nick.brotherwood@freshexpressions.ca) or call 514-246 5796

## Croagh Patrick, Book of Kells on Bishop Barry's fall agenda

Bishop Barry Clarke will lead a pilgrimage to sites in Ireland including Croagh Patrick, the hill and pilgrimage site named for the saint, and Trinity College Dublin, repository of the illuminated manuscript of the Gospels called the Book of Kells, September 19-October 1. Pilgrims will visit Dublin, Belfast, Drumcliffe – where the poet William Butler Yeats is buried, – Sligo, Castlebar, Kylemore and its Abbey, Galway, Rossaveel, the Dun Aonghasa Fort at Kilronan on the Aran Islands, Killarney, Cork, Blarney and its woolen mills and Waterford. The visit to Belfast will include St. Anne's Cathedral, one of several cathedrals on the itinerary. For details, get in touch with Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith at the synod office.



**BOOK OF KELLS detail**

## Diocese of Toronto nears fundraising goal

Archbishop Colin Johnson says he thinks the diocese of Toronto will meet its goal of \$50 million, the largest fundraising endeavour in the history of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Our Faith-Our Hope campaign reached \$40 million in pledges over 21 months. "I want to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all that you've done to make this such a wonderful, successful time," Johnson said to bishops, clergy and lay leaders gathered to celebrate in September.

The last four parishes are just starting their campaigns and large individual donations are still being considered.

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## Obituaries

### Long service, ready wit

Wesley Downes Brathwaite, who died Sept. 29 at the age of 79, is remembered by fellow parishioners of Christ Church Cathedral in Montreal and a particularly large circle of friends and relatives for his long service to the Cathedral as a server and otherwise but also for his ready wit.

Mr. Brathwaite, who divided his time between Montreal and Barbados, was the husband of Irma Skeete-Brathwaite, the father of Wendell, Irwin and Terrence and the grandfather of three, not to mention a considerable list of other relatives.

The funeral was at the Cathedral on October 10.



**Wesley Downes Brathwaite**

### Served in Montreal, Edmonton dioceses

Rev. Gordon Earl Ingram, who served in the Montreal Diocese, especially Granby, and the Diocese of Edmonton between 1958 and 1995, died October 15 in retirement in Calgary at the age of 85. While retired, he had previously been an active member of St. John the Evangelist Church in Edmonton for some time and a requiem took place there on October 27.

He was the husband of the late Joan Keyho Ingram and is survived by his son, Dr. Norman Ingram of Montreal, and daughter Bernice Hobbs (Curtis) of Calgary, as well as by an older brother, Roy, of Edmonton.

Donations were suggested to the Leprosy Mission Canada.

## 'Now people are coming not to die but to live'



THINGS HAVE IMPROVED at Sparrow Village, in the Townships near Johannesburg, since Nina Minde of Montreal first visited the South African centre for mothers with AIDS, their children, their orphans and grandmothers seeking to care for the orphans. Thanks to improved medical care, the village is now more an orphanage than the hospice it was when she first visited in 2000. But major challenges remain. "There are not enough people around to love these children the way they need to be loved." She and Sheila Denton, seated in photo, spoke to the Montreal chapter of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund on behalf of a Montreal organization called the West Hill Grandmothers, affiliated with the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which seeks support, still much needed, for Sparrow Village and other grassroots groups supporting those with HIV/AIDS.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



## Obituaries

### 'Leslie James brought strength and peace,' Primate of Canada says at funeral

Harvey Shepherd

Although most of the decade and a half of marriage between Leslie James and her husband Barry Clarke, bishop of Montreal since 2004, was under the shadow of her illness, he often expressed gratitude for her support and inspiration.

So it was in his opening address on October 18 to the annual synod of the Diocese of Montreal. That was only 11 days after her death of cancer in the Royal Victoria Hospital at the age of 52 after a long struggle with multiple sclerosis. In an extemporaneous preamble to his opening address, or "charge," he recalled that among her last acts was to hear him read the charge as she had done in previous years.

After offering his heartfelt thanks for Anglicans' love and prayers and support in recent weeks, he recalled that on the night before her death on October 7, as he visited her in the hospital, she said in a weak voice that she would like to hear the charge.

He left the hospital, walked down to his office and got a copy of his text, returned and read it to her.

"Basically, she said thank you.

"She always wanted to hear the bishop's charge."

At the end of his charge, the bishop paid tribute to her "for her strong support and love during the challenging times, both personally and professionally." He also gave thanks "to all of you who have continued to support Leslie and me over the years with your prayers and your actions."

The bishop-to-be got to know Leslie James when he became rector of St. Paul's Church in Lachine in 1993. It was his third parish as rector. She had been active for years in the parish, in which her parents, the late Henry and Rilla James, were leading members. Fellow parishioners remember her as a busy, fun-loving participant in the choir, bazaars and other activities, as well as a dedicated registered nurse, who had completed advanced studies in nursing at McMaster University in Hamilton.

The diagnosis of multiple sclerosis came around two years after their

1997 marriage and around five years before his election as bishop in the fall of 2004, a development she was said to have found highly gratifying despite her worsening handicap.

In an interview with the then editor of *The Montreal Anglican* shortly after his election as bishop, Bishop Clarke said that in the period leading up to the election, "my strongest supporter in all of this was Leslie."

"We had a lot of conversations about the possibilities of coming to this place, whether to let my name stand or not. And, finally, when I decided to let my name stand, there was a sense of okay, that's okay."

In one of his regular circular emails to parishioners at St. Mary's Church in Kirkland, Rev. Lorne Tardy – himself struggling with multiple sclerosis – said he was saddened by the news of Mrs. James' death.

"She had a long and difficult time fighting both MS and cancer. I will always remember her for her sense of humour, and as a courageous fighter against the diseases which she battled – never losing her will to fight or her faith. Rest well and peacefully Leslie, and rise strong!"

The primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, came to Montreal on short notice to preach at the funeral in Christ Church Cathedral October 12.

#### Text from John's Gospel

His text: "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

These words of Jesus are from the passage in John 11, recounting Jesus' raising of Lazarus from the dead. It was selected by Mrs. James and her husband in the days before her death as the Gospel reading for the funeral.

The primate and drew parallels between Mrs. James' life, lengthy illness and death and the life and death of Lazarus.

Neither can be characterized only by their fatal illness, he said. Lazarus had been a valued follower and host of Jesus. Mrs. James was deeply



LESLIE JAMES at one of the last diocesan functions she attended, on August 30.

(Photo: Susan Winn)

nourished by the sacraments and had been a dedicated nurse. As the wife of the bishop, despite her long struggle with multiple sclerosis, she got around as much as she could and enjoyed meeting the clergy of the diocese and the people in the parishes.

"The strength and peace she brought to us in various ways and the values that were important to Leslie will go on living in our hearts and conscience."

Like Lazarus' sisters Mary and Margaret, Bishop Barry had cared for Leslie lovingly, the primate said. The bishop had done his best to orient his ministry as bishop around her needs.

"Barry, you have been a good husband to the end," Archbishop Hiltz told the bishop, who was sitting in a pew with family members. "You have set an example for all of us."

Leslie, like Martha, believed that Jesus was the life, the primate said, and Jesus came to Leslie in many ways – among them, through Bishop Barry, through her care-giver Gisèle Vanloo, through the care of doctors and nurses and through the prayers of many. (The obituary prepared by the family also mentions Dr. Lucy Gilbert and her team and the nurses and the auxiliary staff of the fifth floor in the Women's Pavilion at the Royal Vic, as well as Dr. Daphné Handanos and the nurses at the CLSC de Verdun.)

Along with the primate, Archbishop Claude Miller of Fredericton, metropolitan for Anglican dioceses in eastern Canada and Bishop David Torralville were among robed clergy at the service. At least three bishops in addition to Bishop Clarke were in the congregation.

Attending the diocesan synod under partnership covenants, Bishop Patrick Mwachiko of the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania and Bishop Barbara Andrews from the Central Interior of British Columbia paid tribute to Bishop Clarke for welcoming them and leading the synod despite his loss.

Leslie Kathleen James is survived by her stepdaughter Melissa (Will Zotti) and – now – Melissa's three children. Cassidy Noel Zotti, 9 pounds 1 ounce, – a first granddaughter for the bishop – was born Tuesday, October 23, 16 days after Mrs. James' death.

The family suggested donations to the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation or the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

### A life of service to the Anglican Communion

The Right Rev. Ronald Francis Shepherd, who was Dean of Montreal and Rector of Christ Church Cathedral in Montréal from 1970 to 1983 and served as the Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia (on Vancouver Island) between 1985 and 1992, died October 24 in Victoria.

Born in 1926 in Victoria, he was ordained a priest in 1953 at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England, and served in an English parish until his return to Canada in 1957.

In Canada he served as a parish priest in Hamilton and Winnipeg and was the dean of the diocese of Edmonton before serving for 14 years in Montreal. After brief service in a Victoria parish, he was elected in 1984 as the 10th bishop of the diocese of British Columbia. Upon retirement He and his wife, Ann, served the Episcopalian mission in Borrego Springs, California until 2001.

The family recalls that he had a sharp wit and exceptional intellect and was a lover of the written word as well as an avid gardener. For many years Ann and Ron enjoyed visits from friends and family from



The photo of Bishop Shepherd with the then Archbishop of Canterbury, the late Robert Runcie, was probably taken when the late bishop attended a meeting of bishops from across Canada in Pierrefonds in 1985.

around the world on their beloved Easter Hill home on Salt Spring Island; he was also interred on that Gulf Island.

The funeral took place November 3 at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria. He is survived by his wife and their six children and eight grandchildren.

The family suggested donations to the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

### A devoted Anglican of the Anglo-Catholic tradition

Raymond (Mac) Pendleton was a lifelong Anglican. He was born in Prince Edward Island but raised in New Brunswick and came to Montreal to study at Sir George Williams. He became involved early in his Montreal sojourn at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, when Gerald Le Dain (later a judge of the Supreme Court of Canada) invited him to come to an emergency meeting on the possible closure of the parish. Mac lived during his student days in the clergy house in one of the then curates' apartments. He later began work at A.E. Ames, a Montreal brokerage firm.

He became a church warden and synod delegate but was recruited for the Ames' London Office in 1968 and remained in England until he returned to Montreal in 2000. While in London, he attended St. Mary's, Bourne Street and when in the country, St. Mary's, Stone, Kent. He

was a long time member of the East India Club in London and the University Club of Montreal.

Although an accomplished man of business and one of the first designated Financial Analysts, he had a deep social conscience and awareness of those whose opportunities in life had not been as successful as his.

He died on September 22 of this year after a brief illness and his funeral and Requiem Mass was held on September 28, at the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

He was a devoted Anglican of the Anglo-Catholic tradition and was buried with his parents in St John New Brunswick.

(Note by Rev. Keith Schmidt)



Raymond (Mac) Pendleton

### Served mainly in Vancouver, Huron

Archdeacon D. Ian Grant, who began his ministry at Trinity Memorial Church in west-end Montreal before going on to a lengthy ministry in the Vancouver and London, Ont., areas, died Tuesday October 23 following a brief illness. He was 75.

A graduate of Concordia University, he was ordained a deacon in 1964 by Bishop Kenneth Maguire of Montreal and his first appointment was that year as assistant to the Rector at Trinity Memorial.

Three years later he moved west to Vancouver and was assistant to the Dean at Christ Church Cathedral in Vancouver until 1970, when he was appointed rector at St. Catherine's Capilano in North Vancouver.

In 1987 he moved to St. George's, London. He was active in the affairs of the Diocese of Huron and a columnist in its newspaper and became an archdeacon in 1992. He later took on responsibilities for the Huron University College and in raising funds for the college and the diocese.

After retirement, he was active at an outreach ministry that serves midday meals and in ministry to seniors.

He is survived by his wife, Carol C.M. (Heslop), their children, Jennifer and Jamie, and grandchildren.



Archdeacon D. Ian Grant



BISHOP BARRY CLARKE receives condolences from worshippers leaving Christ Church Cathedral after the funeral of his wife, Leslie Kathleen James, on October 12. His daughter, Melissa Rozestraten, is toward the right of the photo, facing the camera with clasped hands.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



## Diocesan synod 2012

### Synod, primate, urge Ottawa to rethink plan to cut part-time chaplains

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Both the Anglican Diocese of Montreal and the primate of the Anglican Church of Canada have urged Public Safety Minister Vic Toews to rethink his planned abolition of 49 part-time prison chaplains, Christian and non-Christian, in federal prisons across Canada.

In a show-of-hands vote October 19 that appeared unanimous or nearly so, delegates to the annual synod of the diocese called on the government instead to “properly fund those human resources which assist inmates in their rehabilitation and reintegration into society.”

According to published reports, a surprise announcement this month by Public Safety Minister Vic Toews means chaplaincy service in federal prisons will be left to 71 full-time chaplains, almost all Christian. The 49 part-time posts to be abolished will include 18 of non-Christian faiths, almost eliminating non-Christians from paid chaplaincy posts. While sharing widespread dismay at the impact on non-Christian chaplaincy, several delegates at the Montreal synod noted that the many Christian chaplains who would be affected include all three chaplains in the Montreal diocese.

Rev. Canon Tim Smart, a part-time chaplain at the Cowansville Institution in the Eastern Townships as well as a parish priest in Sutton and director of lay education at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, said the decision would jeopardize such programs as a support group for lifers, a regular chapel group and a literacy program at Cowansville.

He said Mr. Toews has suggested that volunteers of various faiths can take up the slack but so far as Canon Smart knows volunteer participation is generally organized by paid chaplains.

Rev. Holly Ratcliffe, who combines chaplaincy at the Drummondville Institution with French-language ministry at Christ Church Sorel, described the announcement as “a recipe for the abandonment of



REV. HOLLY RATCLIFFE of Sorel, a part-time chaplain at the Drummondville Institution, speaks out at synod against plan to cut part-time chaplains. Rev. Canon Tim Smart of Sutton, a part-time chaplain at the Cowansville Institution, awaits his turn at the microphone.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

those who are incarcerated and a limiting of our own ministry.”

Rev. Deacon Peter Huish, who divides his time between chaplaincy at the Federal Training Centre in Laval and ministries to released prisoners and prisoners on leave, was not at the synod because of another commitment.

Delegates who supported the resolution included several others who have been active in chaplaincy in the past.

In his letter, October 26, the primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, writes, “As the spiritual leader of the Anglican Church of Canada, I write to you to seek an equitable and effective way forward with respect to interfaith chaplaincy in our correctional institutions.”

The primate writes that long-standing partnership of chaplaincy and Correctional Services Canada has served the country well, especially since Correctional Services Canada adopted a “Transformation Agenda” in 2008.

The primates writes, “The high

priority placed upon creating secure environments, efficient intake processes and integrated correctional programs is assisted to a high degree through the continuing partnership with the chaplaincy.

“Chaplains offer invaluable services to offenders, staff, and the community at large through spiritual and pastoral care, education, and specialized programs to help equip offenders for life beyond their prison walls and for their successful reintegration as full and productive members of Canadian society. This lies at the heart of the correctional plans developed for each offender.”

He quotes an interchurch organization called the Church Council on Justice and Corrections as saying that chaplains “remind both offenders and staff of their shared humanity... facilitate faith communities... bringing hope to all people.” The primate refers in particular to the “Circles of Support and Accountability” piloted by the Canadian Correctional Services Chaplaincy.

“As is the case with our military chaplains, correctional chaplaincy is responding to a growing diversity in the prison population by including religious support from many faith traditions primarily through part-time arrangements.

“The decision to cut all part-time chaplains will have a detrimental effect on the functioning of the prison chaplaincy program and risks having a de facto discriminatory effect. Value for taxpayer dollars needs to take into account the importance of providing adequate chaplaincy services to meet the needs of a changing and diversified Canadian population, something that contributes to the overall good and safety of the Canadian public.

“Minister, I would ask you to reflect further upon this decision. Its implications are significant and far-reaching. The Anglican Church of Canada is a trusted partner in working with you and others towards a well-functioning and cost-effective chaplaincy for Correctional Services Canada, an equitable approach that responds adequately to the diversity of the Canadian population, and one that is respectful of all faith traditions.”

He said the church looks forward to engaging “with you and other faith partners in seeking a way forward.”

### Diocese moots \$10-million fund-raising campaign

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Should the Diocese of Montreal and many of its parishes join the Anglican Church of Canada in a five-year campaign to raise \$10 million over the next five years?

According to a proposal outlined at the diocesan synod in October, participating parishes would tap half the funds for their own projects, subject to the guidelines of the diocese and its “ministry action plan.”

The diocese would use another \$3 million to provide more administrative support for projects in youth ministry, leadership training, parish rejuvenation and restructuring, French ministry, internal and external communications, support for urban missions and partnerships with other dioceses.

The remaining \$2 million would go to the ministries of the Anglican Church through projects in its “Together in Mission” program, run in collaboration with dioceses that choose to sign on.

The campaign itself will take place in a year or so – if at all. But that’s not a done deal yet.

Consultants from a Toronto-based firm called M&M International are to report back to a diocesan committee at the beginning of December on their efforts to sound out people in the diocese over few weeks between the end of the synod and mid-November and gauge whether the diocese is ready for such a campaign.

The consultants interviewed about 100 selected people in October and November, organized three “open forums” that took place in late October and prepared a questionnaire that was posted on the diocesan website and that anyone could fill in.

If the campaign goes ahead, results of the consultation will also influence some of its goals and other characteristics.

In a letter to potential participants in the feasibility study this fall, Bishop Barry Clarke said the diocese “is confident in a future that calls us to do more in a world that seeks the



CONSULTANT MARTHA ASSELIN, a Concordia University graduate active in helping faith-based organizations raise funds as a partner in the firm M&M International, outlines a feasibility study for a \$10-million campaign for synod delegates.

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

truth in Jesus Christ. This vision of the future leads us forward to new possibilities that call for the engagement of each Anglican in every community.”

Referring to the diocesan “Ministry Action Plan 2015,” he wrote, “It’s time to support the future needs of our church as we renew our vital presence in communities across the diocese.

“New and exciting possibilities await parishes and their communities in a diocesan-wide campaign supported by the National Church called *Together in Mission* or *TiM*. *TiM* invites parishioners across the diocese to participate in a Planning and Feasibility study to determine our potential to raise \$10 million, over five years, in support of our local parishes, diocesan ministries and support of the ministry work of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.”

He said that in the fall consultation the diocese expected to gain a clearer sense of the support for the needs of the diocese, the parishes and the national church.

“We ask for your encouragement, support and prayers.”

### Annual synod will remain annual



DELEGATES TO EARLIER SYNODS indicated there is not enough work for synods to have them annually Archdeacon Michael Johnson suggests in presenting a motion to have the main governing body of the Diocese of Montreal meet every two years, with an educational conference the off years. But delegates rejected the idea in what appeared to be a fairly close vote. Among those opposed, Rev. Karen Egan Chalk of the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark in Dorval said, “It’s important for us to meet every year.” Rev. Chris Barrigar of St. Peter’s Church in the Town of Mount Royal, agreed that “an organization needs an annual general meeting.” As a result of the vote, proposals were dropped to shift responsibility for the roughly \$2-million budget to the Diocesan Council, which meets about monthly between synods.

### ‘Wherever the Spirit calls us’



HEALING AND RECONCILIATION continue to be an important challenge for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior over a decade after the Diocese of Cariboo, in territory they occupy, wound up in the wake of the residential schools crisis. However, Bishop Barbara Andrews told the synod of the Diocese of Montreal, with which APCI has a partnership, that pastoral elders, recognized by the church on the recommendation of First Nations communities and unique to APCI, are playing a valuable role. There are “rough waters ahead”: financial problems, an aging population, youth ministry. “We need to look differently at how people come to the church and how they belong.” Still, “we will not be afraid to follow the direction of the Holy Spirit.”



## Diocesan synod 2012

### 'Brothers and sisters in Christ'



**BISHOPS PATRICK MWACHIKO** of Masasi in Tanzania and **Barry Clarke** embrace after signing an agreement to extend a partnership agreement between the dioceses for a second period of five years. Bishop Mwachiko said he will be stepping down as bishop next year on reaching the age of 65, as required by the constitution of his diocese. He said his diocese or neighbouring areas face rising challenges from a growth in radical forms of Islam and from resource development, which is welcome in some ways but brings with it the risk of more AIDS infection.

## Fewer in pews, more donations

There were fewer Anglicans in the Diocese of Montreal in 2011 than in 2010 and they did not go to church as much but they contributed more money, according to parish statistics prepared for the diocesan synod in October.

The statistics show a total of 9,868 people in 2011 in the 64 parishes of the diocese (or rather those of them that sent in their statistics on time), a decline of 7.9 per cent from 10,719 in 2010. Identified givers declined by 11 per cent to 4,731 from 5,316 and average Sunday attendance by 14.5 per cent to 2,986 from 3,492.

Average attendance worked out to 30.3 per cent of those on church rolls, a decline of 7.1 percentage points from 2010. However, the average donation from each identified dinner rose by 21.9 per cent to \$876 from \$719.

All these comparisons should be treated with caution. A quick look at numbers submitted by individual parishes in the two years suggests that anomalies make year-to-year

comparisons problematic. Some parishes failed to submit statistics for one year or the other, for example, and some year-to-year changes seem implausibly sharp.

Total reported givings by individuals rose by 9.4 per cent to \$4.9 million. Investment income rose by 9.9 per cent to \$812,000, rental income rose by 5.4 per cent to \$1.47 million, bequests more than doubled to \$322,000 and gains on the sale of property and investments rose to \$361,000 from \$19,100, although income from other sources declined by 17.45 per cent to \$983,500.

Expenses were up too. Clergy stipends rose by 11.2 per cent to \$2.03 million, salaries of lay pastoral workers rose by 15.8 per cent to \$945,000, pensions and other benefits rose by 20.4 per cent to \$632,000, rectory, church and hall expenses were down a little, parishes' assessment to the Diocese of Montreal was about steady at \$983,000 and other expenses rose by 22.7 per cent to \$1.48 million.



**ARCHDEACONS Linda Borden Taylor** and **Ralph Leavitt** leave the sanctuary in the Church of St. James the Apostle after their collation as archdeacons. She's responsible for non-parochial ministries (like missions and chaplaincies) while remaining rector of St. James the Apostle; Archdeacon Leavitt, parish priest at Holy Trinity St. Agathe, is the new archdeacon of St. Andrew's, responsible for parishes north of Montreal Island.

(Photos: Harvey Shepherd and Ardyth Robinson)

### Partners in mission



**MISSION ENTHUSIASTS** from the Montreal Diocese and elsewhere gather for a group picture. From the Montreal Diocese unless noted and from left are, in the back row, Rev. Deacon **Geoffrey Monjesa** of the Masasi Diocese in Tanzania, **Olivia Daniels**, Rev. **Paul Gehrs**, national justice assistant for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, **Bishop Barbara Andrews** from the Central Interior of British Columbia, **Bishop Patrick Mwachiko** of Masasi, **Bishop Barry Clarke**, **Penny Noël**, Rev. **Robert Camara**. In front: **Mary Lennon**, **Elizabeth Hutchinson**, **Susan Winn**.

## 'I choose to see us on a journey of adventure'

(Here is a text of Bishop Barry Clarke's opening address to the Synod of the Diocese of Montreal October 18. It should perhaps be noted that during the synod delegates voted against the proposal to have synods only every two years. Also, the exact wording and numbering of the "Five Marks of Mission" were under discussion internationally when he prepared and delivered his text.)

Grace to you and peace from our Father, the Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. I welcome you to this 153rd Synod of the Diocese of Montreal.

"When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encourage-

ment from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brothers and sisters." (Philemon)

Today, we commemorate Saint Luke, Evangelist and Physician. Luke is the author of the Gospel with his name and also the Acts of the Apostles. Jesus is inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit, and shares with us His action plan, as seen in Luke, chapter 4, verse 18-19, 21:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. [...] Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." (John 4:18-19, 21b)

The words of the Hebrew prophet Isaiah are embodied in the person of Jesus Christ. By our Lord's actions,

God's reign is unfolding. Jesus, inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit, commits himself to this Ministry Action Plan.

We, members of the Body of Christ, inspired and empowered with the same Spirit of Jesus are called to faithful discipleship in following our Lord, and exercising this same ministry. As followers of Jesus, our vocation as members of the Body of Christ through the anointing of the Holy Spirit in baptism, we need to interpret this Gospel vision of Jesus: "to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to those who are captured by materialism, greed; recovery of sight to those who have become immune to the suffering and injustice of our modern world; and to proclaim a time of evangelism and transforming to those searching for meaning and purpose in their lives."

The Body of Christ is dependent upon all her members to fulfill our

vocation.

### "Making a World of Difference – Walking Together in the Future"

This year our theme for Synod and the conference is "Making a World of Difference, Walking Together in the Future."

Our three speakers at this conference represent our partners. Bishop Barbara Andrews of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, the Reverend Paul Gehrs of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Bishop Patrick Mwachiko of the Diocese of Masasi, Southern Tanzania. Our partners represent a rich and diverse expression of God's mission nationally and globally. I am pleased that they have come to share our common journey of moving together into God's future.

We are a pilgrim people on a journey of discovery and discernment. This journey presents many chal-

lenges and opportunities to meet God in God's future. We can see this journey as an adventure or choose to retreat into self-preservation and thus retain the status quo. I choose to see us on a journey of adventure and rich new discovery. The birth pangs of this adventure can be harsh and painful as we risk change, admit failure and rejoice in success.

### Ministry Action Plan (MAP)

Just as Jesus followed the Ministry Action Plan as outlined in Luke, the Ministry Action Plan of the Diocese of Montreal is our guide as we journey into the future.

The principles that inform our journey are the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Community which are built upon the Gospel:

- To proclaim the Good News of the kingdom
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers

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# 'A journey of adventure' Bishop's opening address...

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- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform the unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth
- To work for peace making, conflict resolution and reconciliation.

I want to reissue a challenge to the diocese that I placed before you a few years ago. I would like each parish or community ministry to choose one of these Five Marks of Mission for prayer and study; to discover fresh ways of how you are learning to respond to God's call in your respective ministries.

Through the Ministry Action Plan, we recommit ourselves to inspired and able leadership; maintain healthy, sustainable parishes and community ministries; effective communication; and transparent governance and management. We reaffirm our value for diversity and we continue to develop ministry that speaks to the realities of our Quebec society and its peoples, cultures, languages, ages and ethnicities. Motivated by ministry rather than maintenance, we embrace the courage we need to reach out, to take risks and to make difficult decisions for the sake of God's mission.

## Governance

The motions before us at this Synod address the canonical and constitutional changes to good governance and management. One motion is to move Synod from an annual meeting to a bi-annual meeting. If this motion passes, then the mandate and responsibilities of Diocesan Council will take on greater responsibilities for budgets.

A number of subsequent canonical and constitutional motions will address the required changes to governance if we move to a bi-annual Synod. Good governance is important to us if we are to be effective in the ministry and mission of God.

In my study and research on good governance for non-profit organizations, I list the following qualities:

- Good Governance
- Promotes trust in the Body of Christ
- Sets direction, goals and policies
- Transparency-maintaining open processes and shared information
- Improves decision making and quality of these decisions
- Enhances services to our parishes and community ministries

- Enhances the perception of the church to the larger community
- Improves financial stability.

The goal of good governance is to enable us, the people of God, the Body of Christ, to be effective disciples of God's mission.

Diocesan Council, Episcopal Council, committees of the Diocese, including the Synod office staff, Archdeacons, and Deaneries, will undertake a review towards achieving effective governance consistent with the Diocesan Ministry Action Plan.

## Stewardship

Stewardship is a way of life. In our Diocese, I want to continue to nurture a culture of stewardship ministry. The Stewardship Council of our Diocese is developing educational resources and hosting events that support us in this ministry. Stewardship is foundational to our growth in Christ as disciples. It is about wisdom and discernment in the use of our time, talents and financial resources in God's Mission. At this Synod, we will be considering another motion which, if passed, will be a bold move on the part of this Synod to look into the future.

The motion relates to property development, enabling us to turn our physical resources of property into assets that will enable the people of this Diocese to not only continue discerning God's mission, but to have the financial assets to follow through. The dream is to allow us to be able to move from a focus on our buildings to a focus on mission. In the document from the Resources for Ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada, we read how stewardship and God's mission are interrelated:

"God sets out in mission to make all things new. It is God's mission to transform persons, redeem and restore us to joyful and useful participation in God's work. It is God's mission to transform the church as well, to redeem and restore our common life so that we might live as stewards of God's abundant gifts; to invite others into that stewardship for the sake of the world God loves."

## Financial Feasibility Study

In the budget of 2012, we allocated funding for a feasibility study for a financial campaign. I have supported this study and within the next few weeks, we will embark upon this study. I hope we can move ahead with this major work joining the National Church Program called,

"Together in Mission". Together in Mission is a planned nation-wide mission-focused fundraising initiative involving partnership between the General Synod and Dioceses that are willing to participate. This initiative will involve all the parishes in a participating Diocese and all parishioners will be asked to make a generous gift according to their means. This feasibility study will interview a number of clergy and laity to help us assess the possibility of moving forward with such an initiative. Some of you will already have received calls. I thank you for your participation.

Martha Asselin of Ministry & Money International Inc. will be making a presentation at our Synod... detailing this feasibility study.

## Quebec Montreal Partnership Initiative

I welcome members to our Synod from the Diocese of Quebec. The conversations between our two dioceses continue. The outcome of our most recent conversations enabled us to focus on French ministry. Both dioceses are committed to ongoing development of ministry within our cultural and linguistic society in Quebec. We have much to learn from our sisters and brothers in the Diocese of Quebec about the implementation and exercise of ministry in French. It is my intention to establish a French deanery in the Diocese of Montreal and to support and encourage those among us who are actively engaged in French ministry.

## Youth Ministry

I am pleased to report to this synod, that Mr Mark Dunwoody is our new Youth Ministry Consultant. Mark comes to us from the Diocese of Cork in the Church of Ireland. He arrived in May of this year and his wife and sons joined him at the end of July.

Already Mark has shown his initiative in exploring opportunities for this work in our diocese. A major component of Mark's work is establishing relationships with youth and youth leaders and those who have a heart for ministry among young people. Please take time to meet and greet Mark at this Synod.

At the 2011 Synod, you had the opportunity to meet with our Youth Ambassadors. They were introduced to us through the initiatives of Mrs Sue Winn and Mrs Penny Noel. Our

## Lutheran voice for reconciliation



**EVEN IF THE ISSUE of residential schools for natives did not have as direct an impact on Montreal as in places where the schools existed, Rev. Paul Gehrs, assistant for justice and leadership to the national bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, urged delegates to the synod of Anglican Diocese of Montreal to turn out when the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has public meetings in Montreal next spring. Pastor Gehrs, who attended the synod as a partnership visitor and is also chair of the ecumenical justice coalition KAIROS Canada, said listening to some of the stories at commission hearings becomes a sort of prayer. "It's not easy. There are things that you will learn as a Christian and a human being on this planet."** (Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

Youth Ambassadors have met regularly in the past year to prepare for their trip across Canada which took place this past summer. They travelled to the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and joined with the youth from APCI. They were accompanied on their journey by the Revd Robert Camara and Mrs Penny Noel. From Kamloops, they travelled to Saskatoon to participate in the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) gathering. I, along with Mark Dunwoody, met up with them in Saskatoon. I look forward to their sharing their experiences with us at Synod.

## "Making a World of difference, Walking Together into the Future"

There is an African proverb that reads like this: "If you want to walk fast, walk alone. If you want to walk far, walk with others."

We are walking together into God's future.

I welcome our companions and partners, our ecumenical guests, as well as staff from our National Church office, Archdeacon John Robertson from the Resources for Mission, Ms Andrea Mann of Partners in Mission and Archdeacon Judy Rois from the Anglican Foundation. You have come to walk with us, the clergy and laity of the Dio-

cese of Montreal in our Synod. We walk together as partners in God's mission.

## Conclusion

"For just as the body is one, and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body." (1 Cor 12:12-13)

I want to give tribute to Leslie, my wife, for her strong support and love during the challenging times, both personally and professionally. I give thanks to all of you who have continued to support Leslie and I over the years with your prayers and your actions.

As we heard in Philemon, "I have received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been re-freshed through you, my sisters and brothers."

To you my sisters and brothers in Christ, lay and Clergy, I extend to you my deep gratitude and appreciation for your ministry in the diocese and beyond.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon us..."Making a World of Difference, Walking Together into the Future."

THE RIGHT REVEREND  
BARRY B. CLARKE  
BISHOP OF MONTREAL

# Nous sommes un peuple de pèlerins

*(Voici l'allocution d'ouverture de l'Évêque Barry Clarke au synode du Diocèse anglican de Montréal le 18 octobre.)*

Que la grâce et la paix vous soient données de la part de Dieu notre Père, du Seigneur Jésus Christ et du Saint-Esprit. Soyez les bienvenus à ce 153e synode du diocèse de Montréal.

«Je rends grâce à mon Dieu en faisant continuellement mention de toi dans mes prières car j'entends parler de l'amour et de la foi que vous avez envers le Seigneur Jésus et en faveur de tous les saints. Que votre participation à la foi soit efficace: faites donc connaître tout le bien que nous pouvons accomplir pour la cause du Christ. Grande joie

et consolation m'ont déjà été apportées: par votre amour, mes frères et mes sœurs, vous avez réconforté le cœur des saints.» (Philémon)

Nous commémorons aujourd'hui Saint Luc l'évangéliste qui était aussi médecin. Luc est l'auteur de l'évangile du même nom et également du Livre des Actes des apôtres. Jésus est inspiré par le Saint-Esprit dont il tient ses pouvoirs et partage avec nous son plan d'action, comme on le voit dans l'évangile selon Saint Luc, chapitre 4, versets 18-19, 21:

«L'Esprit du Seigneur est sur moi parce qu'il m'a conféré l'onction pour annoncer la Bonne Nouvelle aux pauvres. Il m'a envoyé proclamer aux captifs la libération et aux aveugles le retour à la vue, renvoyer les opprimés en liberté, proclamer une année

d'accueil par le Seigneur. [...] Aujourd'hui, cette écriture est accomplie pour vous qui l'entendez.» (Luc 4:18-19, 21b)

Les mots d'Ésaïe, le prophète hébreu, sont personnifiés dans Jésus Christ. Par les actes de notre Seigneur, le règne de Dieu se déploie. Jésus, inspiré par le Saint-Esprit dont il tient ses pouvoirs, s'engage dans ce Plan d'action pastorale.

Nous qui sommes les membres du Corps de Jésus et également inspirés et aidés du Saint-Esprit, nous sommes appelés à être des disciples fidèles et suivre notre Seigneur dans ce même ministère. Nous sommes disciples et notre vocation de membres du Corps du Christ nous a été donnée quand nous avons été oints lors de notre baptême et c'est ainsi

que nous devons interpréter cette vision évangélique de Jésus:

« Apporter de bonnes nouvelles à ceux qui sont captifs du matérialisme et de la cupidité; redonner la vue à ceux qui ne reconnaissent plus les souffrances et l'injustice dans notre monde moderne; et proclamer une ère d'évangélisation et de changement à ceux qui s'efforcent de trouver un sens et un but à leur vie. »

Le Corps du Christ dépend de tous ses membres pour remplir notre vocation.

## « Faire un monde de différence – marchons ensemble vers l'avenir »

Le thème du synode et de la conférence est « Faire un monde de différence – Marchons ensemble

vers l'avenir. » Les trois conférenciers représentent nos partenaires. L'évêque Barbara Andrews des paroisses anglicanes du Centre intérieur canadien, le Révérend Paul Gehrs de l'Église évangélique luthérienne du Canada et l'évêque Patrick Mwachiko, du diocèse de Masasi, en Tanzanie méridionale. Nos partenaires représentent une expression riche et diversifiée de la mission divine sur les plans national et mondial. Je suis heureux qu'ils soient venus partager notre périple vers l'avenir que Dieu nous accorde.

Nous sommes un peuple de pèlerins partis à la découverte et recherchant la sagesse. Ce voyage présente bien des défis et des opportunités de rencontrer Dieu dans son avenir.

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## Youth Notes

By Mark Dunwoody

(In a series of articles for The Montreal Anglican Mark Dunwoody, diocesan youth consultant, will be interviewing youth workers from across the Diocese of Montreal who selflessly give up their own time to serve our young people! (First up is Kisha Joseph from St-Henri, youth co-ordinator at St. Georges, Ste. Anne de Bellevue.)

MD: Kisha, Tell us a bit about yourself?

KJ: I'm 28 years old. I was born and raised in Montreal. I have both a technical diploma in community recreation leadership training and a degree in human relations.

MD: How long have you been involved in working with young people and what made you get involved?

KJ: I started working with children and youth when I myself was a youth. When I was about to turn 16, I worked at a summer camp in Côte des Neiges. Since then I have worked with all ages from 3 months to 21 years old in various capacities but my favorite age group has always been high school students. I unfortunately don't remember why I got involved. As far as I can remember, I wanted to be a teacher until Grade 9 when I found out that a youth worker is a lot cooler.

MD: It sometimes can be thankless job being a youth leader; what keeps you going?

KJ: My motivation is always the youth that I work with. It brings me so much joy to be able to hang out with youth; to encourage and support them. And to be a part of their growth as they discover who they are and what they want. It inspires me on a daily basis.

MD: As a diocese (and across the Church of Canada) we are seeing a

concerted effort at prioritizing youth ministry. What advice do you have for the decision makers in our Churches?

KJ: Everyone knows that children and youth are our future. It's not a surprise that in 5-10 years they are going to be the leaders and decision-makers. We all need youth. If we don't make them the priority then everything else is in vain. But be encouraged, they are longing to be heard!

MD: What "wow" moments have you had in your work.

KJ: Every day is probably a "wow" moment. If I had to choose one, though, it would be while on the trip out west this summer with the Youth Ambassadors. I had the opportunity to challenge these seven youth for 10 days. And as the days went on, I noticed so many positive changes in their behavior. They learned what it was to be servants and to put others first. And it caused them to stick out from the rest of youth, as they were selfless. It is always an encouragement when youth stop accepting the excuses and rise to the challenge.

MD: On a lighter note, have you had any really embarrassing moments in your work?

KJ: I think my whole career is an embarrassing moment. I thrive on being myself, no matter how weird and random that girl is. And every single youth I have ever worked with says the same thing, "When we met you, we thought you were so weird! But we wanted to know you anyway."

MD: Last Question; What advice do you have for the synod office in our mission to serve young people and their families?

KJ: I am continually frustrated by how people lower their standards because of the new obstacles this generation has to face. Yes, we live in a society of instant gratification,

## 'I meet God in the eyes of boys and girls'



**"CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE not to be in the church but to the church," Mark Dunwoody, the new diocesan youth consultant, told the diocesan synod. He said many young people today have a tremendous sense of isolation, despite new forms of social networking and especially if they are not gifted at academic pursuits and sports.**

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

obsession with a collection of stuff and face-to-face contact is nearly non-existent. However, that doesn't mean that we need to copy our culture. God calls us to be different and to live differently than the world. As you serve young people, don't try to mimic what society is telling you that they need. Rather, be what Jesus is telling you they need; build safe communities that challenge them to be humble servants and contributing citizens who strive for excellence.

## La parole aux jeunes

par Mark Dunwoody

(Le consultant diocésain pour la jeunesse, Mark Dunwoody, commence ici une série d'entrevues pour Montreal Anglican. Il écoute des préposés auprès des jeunes, des personnes qui consacrent une grande partie de leur temps libre pour s'occuper des plus jeunes au sein du diocèse de Montréal.) (La première est Kisha Joseph, de St-Henri, coordonnatrice des jeunes à St. Georges, Ste. Anne de Bellevue.)

MD: Kisha, racontez-vous un peu.

KJ: J'ai vingt-huit ans. Je suis née et j'ai été élevée à Montréal. J'ai un diplôme en formation de responsables de techniques d'intervention en loisir et un autre en relations humaines.

MD: Depuis combien de temps vous-occupez-vous des jeunes et pourquoi?

KJ: J'ai commencé avec les jeunes et les plus jeunes quand je l'étais moi-même. J'avais presque 16 ans quand j'ai travaillé dans un camp d'été à Côte-des-Neiges. Et depuis, je me suis occupée, à des niveaux variés, de tous les groupes d'âge, de 3 mois à 21 ans, mais j'ai toujours préféré ceux qui sont dans le secondaire. Malheureusement, je ne me souviens pas comment ça a commencé, mais enfin, je me rappelle que je voulais être enseignante jusqu'à la 9<sup>e</sup> et puis je me suis rendu compte que c'était bien plus cool d'être travailleuse auprès des enfants et des jeunes.

MD: Ça n'est pas toujours gratifiant de travailler avec les jeunes. Qu'est-ce qui vous fait tenir bon?

KJ: Je suis toujours motivée par les jeunes eux-mêmes. Je suis tellement heureuse en leur compagnie, à les encourager et les soutenir. Et puis, je suis là pour les voir grandir et découvrir qui ils sont et ce qu'ils veulent. Ça m'inspire tous les jours.

MD: Notre diocèse et d'ailleurs toute l'Église du Canada se concentre pour donner la priorité aux pastorales pour les jeunes. Quel conseil donnez-vous aux dirigeants de nos églises?

KJ: Tout le monde sait que les enfants et les jeunes sont notre avenir. On s'attend à ce qu'ils soient nos chefs de file et qu'ils prennent des

décisions. Nous avons tous besoin des jeunes. S'ils n'ont pas la priorité, le reste ne sert à rien. Mais soyez courageux. Ils veulent tellement qu'on les écoute!

MD: Avez-vous eu des moments renversants dans votre travail?

KJ: Ça arrive tout le temps, probablement. Mais si vous voulez que je vous raconte, il y en a eu un pendant le voyage vers l'ouest de cet été passé avec les ambassadeurs de la jeunesse. Je pouvais mettre ces sept jeunes au défi pendant dix jours et au fur et à mesure, j'ai remarqué comme leur attitude s'améliorait. Ils ont appris ce que c'était que d'être des serveurs et de mettre les autres en avant. Ça les a faits se démarquer des autres, parce qu'ils étaient dévoués. Vous parlez d'un encouragement quand un jeune arrête de donner des excuses et se met à la hauteur de la situation.

MD: J'ai une question moins sérieuse. Avez-vous eu des situations embarrassantes?

KJ: À mon avis, c'est toute ma carrière qui m'embarrasse. Ça me réussit d'être moi-même, même si je suis aussi étrange et fantasque. Et tous les jeunes avec qui j'ai travaillé me disent la même chose: « Quand on vous a vue, on pensait que vous étiez dingue! Mais on voulait vous connaître de toutes façons.

MD: Une dernière question. Avez-vous un conseil pour le bureau du Synode au sujet de notre mission vers les jeunes et leur famille?

KJ: Je suis tout le temps frustrée qu'on baisse la barre à cause des nouveaux obstacles que cette génération confronte. Oui, nous sommes actuellement dans une société de gratification instantanée, obsédée par ses biens matériels et il n'y a pratiquement pas de vrais contacts. Mais ça ne veut pas dire qu'on doit copier notre culture. Dieu nous demande d'être différent et de vivre autrement. Quand on est mandaté auprès des jeunes, il ne faut pas imiter ce que la société vous dit au sujet de leurs besoins. Faisons plutôt ce que Jésus nous dit: organiser des communautés sûres qui les mettront au défi d'être d'humbles serveurs et des citoyens capables qui feront toujours de leur mieux.

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Nous avons le choix entre considérer ce voyage comme une aventure ou bien nous contenter de notre auto-préservation et ainsi garder le statu quo. Mon choix, c'est l'aventure et des découvertes pleines de richesse. Dans cette aventure, les douleurs de l'enfance peuvent être abominables quand on risque tout pour changer, qu'on admet nos faillites et se réjouit du succès.

### Plan d'action pastorale

Tout comme Jésus suivait le plan d'action pastorale telle que décrit dans l'Évangile de Luc, celui du diocèse de Montréal est notre guide de voyage vers l'avenir.

Les principes qui guident notre expédition sont les cinq marques de mission de la communauté anglicane qui sont fondées sur l'Évangile.

- Proclamer la Bonne Nouvelle du Royaume
- Enseigner, baptiser et encourager les nouveaux croyants
- assurer les besoins de nos prochains avec amour
- chercher à transformer les structures injustes de notre société
- faire notre possible pour protéger l'intégrité de la création, sauvegarder et renouveler la vie sur terre.

Je désire remettre le diocèse au défi que je vous ai donné il y a quelques années. Je voudrais que chaque paroisse ou communauté pastorale choisisse un de ces cinq marques comme objet de prière et

d'étude de façon à trouver de nouveaux moyens de démontrer comment vous apprenez à répondre à l'appel de Dieu dans vos pastorales respectives.

C'est au travers de ce plan d'action pastorale que nous nous réengageons dans un leadership inspiré et capable, des paroisses et pastorales communautaires en (bonne) santé, des moyens de liaison efficaces et enfin une gestion transparente. Nous réaffirmons nos valeurs pour la diversité et nous poursuivons le développement des pastorales qui répondent aux réalités de notre société québécoise, son peuple, ses cultures, ses langues, ses générations et ses appartenances ethniques. Nous sommes motivés par le ministère plutôt que par le souci d'entretien et nous adoptons le courage qu'il faut pour rayonner, pour prendre des risques et décisions difficiles afin de remplir la mission que Dieu nous donne.

### Gouvernance

Les motions proposées au synode présentent abordent les changements canoniques et constitutionnels pour parfaire la gouvernance et la gestion. Une de ces motions propose que le synode se réunisse aux deux ans plutôt qu'à chaque année. Si elle est adoptée, le mandat et les responsabilités du Conseil du diocèse comprendront alors davantage de responsabilités budgétaires.

Un certain nombre de ces

motions canoniques et constitutionnelles vont aborder les changements de gestion requis si le synode devient biennuel. Une bonne gouvernance est capitale si nous devons être efficaces dans notre ministère et mission divine.

J'ai fait des recherches sur les meilleurs moyens de gestion des organisations à but non-lucratif et j'ai établi les qualités suivantes:

- Une bonne gouvernance
- Met en avant la confiance dans le Corps du Christ;
- Donne une direction, des buts et des principes;
- Démonstre sa transparence en entretenant des procédés ouverts à tous et en partageant les informations;
- Améliore les processus de décisions et la qualité de ces décisions;
- Améliore aussi les divers services à nos paroisses et pastorales communautaires;
- Rehausse la perception que les gens à l'extérieur ont de nous;
- Améliore la stabilité financière.

Le but de la bonne gouvernance est que nous autres, peuple de Dieu et Corps du Christ, devenions des disciples réels de la mission divine.

Le Conseil diocésain, le Conseil épiscopal, les comités du diocèse, y compris le personnel du synode, les archidiaconés et les doyennés, tous entreprendront une révision de leur gestion afin de la rendre plus productive et plus cohérente envers le plan d'action pastorale du diocèse.

## Renewing acquaintance



**KISHA JOSEPH, youth co-ordinator at St. George's Ste. Anne de Bellevue, catches up at the synod with Bishop Barbara Andrews of the British Columbia Central Interior. They saw each other in Kamloops this summer.**

(Photo: Ardyth Robinson)

### Intendance

C'est un mode de vie s'il en est un. Dans ce diocèse, je veux continuer à soutenir une science du ministère d'intendance. Le Conseil d'intendance du diocèse est en train d'élaborer des ressources d'enseignement et tient des conférences pour nous guider dans ce ministère. L'inten-

dance est à la base de notre croissance de disciples du Christ. Il s'agit de sagesse et de discernement dans l'utilisation de notre temps, de nos talents et de nos ressources financières pour la mission de Dieu. Au cours de nos réunions, nous verrons une autre motion qui, si elle est

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approuvée, sera un geste audacieux de ce synode pour l'avenir.

Cette motion a à voir avec le développement de nos biens immobiliers et nous permettra de convertir ces ressources physiques en atouts. Ainsi, non seulement tout le monde dans ce diocèse pourra continuer à comprendre la mission divine, mais ils auront aussi les moyens financiers pour la mettre en pratique. Cette vision devrait nous permettre de nous détacher des soucis de nos édifices et nous concentrer sur notre mission. En lisant le document inclus dans Ressources for Ministry de l'Église anglicane du Canada, nous voyons combien l'intendance et la mission divine sont liés.

«Dieu nous envoie en mission pour faire toutes choses nouvelles. C'est sa mission de changer les personnes, de nous racheter et nous rendre la joie d'une participation utile à ses travaux. C'est sa mission de changer son église aussi, de racheter et restaurer notre vie commune afin que nous puissions vivre en intendants de l'abondance de Ses dons et inviter nos prochains dans cette intendance par souci de ce monde aimé de Dieu.»

## Étude de faisabilité financière

Dans le budget de 2012, nous avons alloué des fonds pour une telle étude et une campagne de financement. J'ai soutenu cette exploration et nous commencerons l'enquête dans les semaines qui viennent. J'espère que nous pourrions bientôt commencer à travailler sur le programme «Ensemble en mission» avec notre église nationale.

«Ensemble en mission» est une initiative de levée de fonds à l'échelle nationale qui est centrée sur la mission et qui fait participer le Synode général et tous les diocèses qui le veulent dans ce partenariat. Toutes les paroisses des diocèses qui participent seront concernées et leurs paroissiens seront conviés à faire un don généreux dans la mesure de leurs moyens. Dans le cadre de cette même étude, de nombreux prêtres et laïcs seront sondés pour nous aider à déterminer s'il est possible de collaborer avec cette initiative. Il y en a parmi vous qui ont déjà reçu un appel.

Je vous remercie pour votre participation.

Martha Asselin de Ministry & Money International Inc. présentera le projet demain matin.

## Initiative de partenariat Québec-Montréal

Je souhaite la bienvenue aux membres du diocèse de Québec qui sont venus pour notre synode. Les rencontres entre nos deux diocèses continuent. À l'issue de nos derniers

entretiens, nous nous sommes concentrés sur le ministère francophone. Les deux diocèses se sont engagés à soutenir l'évolution de ce rayonnement vers la société culturelle et linguistique du Québec. Nous avons beaucoup à apprendre de nos soeurs et frères dans le diocèse de Québec pour implémenter un ministère en français. J'ai la ferme intention d'établir un doyenné français dans le diocèse de Montréal et de soutenir et encourager ceux et celles d'entre nous qui sont si actifs dans ce ministère.

## Pastorale de la jeunesse

Je suis heureux de vous apprendre, à l'occasion de ce synode, que M. Mark Dunwoody est notre nouveau consultant pour le ministère de la jeunesse. Mark nous vient du diocèse de Cork de l'Église d'Irlande. Il est arrivé au mois de mai dernier et à la fin de juillet, son épouse et ses fils l'ont rejoint.

Mark a déjà montré son sens de l'initiative en recherchant des possibilités de pastorales dans le diocèse. Une grande partie du travail de Mark consiste à établir des relations entre les jeunes et leurs responsables, et ceux qui ont cette pastorale à cœur. Je vous invite à le rencontrer pendant le synode.

Vous avez sûrement rencontré nos ambassadeurs de la jeunesse au synode de 2011. C'était Mesdames Sue Winn et Penny Noël qui les présentaient. Ces ambassadeurs de la jeunesse se sont réunis régulièrement l'année passée pour préparer leur voyage de l'été dernier d'un bout à l'autre du Canada. Ils sont allés dans les paroisses anglicanes du Centre intérieur et ont rencontré les jeunes du APCI. Ils étaient accompagnés du Révérend Robert Camara et de Mme Penny Noël. Ils sont partis de Kamloops pour aller à Saskatoon et participer au rassemblement des Jeunes anglicans et luthériens du Canada (CLAY). Mark Dunwoody et moi-même les avons rejoints à Saskatoon. Je suis impatient de prendre connaissance de leur expérience pendant ce synode.

## « Faire un monde de différence – marchons ensemble vers l'avenir »

Il y a un proverbe africain qui dit: «Si tu veux marcher vite, marche tout seul. Si tu veux marcher loin, marche avec les autres.»

Nous sommes ensemble à marcher vers l'avenir de Dieu.

Je voudrais maintenant souhaiter la bienvenue à nos compagnons et partenaires, nos invités œcuméniques et le personnel venu des bureaux de notre église nationale, l'archidiacre John Robertson de l'organisme « Ressources pour les missions », Mme Andrea Mann de Par-

tenaires en mission et enfin, l'archidiacre Judy Rois de la Fondation anglicane. Vous êtes tous venus pour marcher avec nous, le clergé et les laïcs du diocèse de Montréal, pendant notre synode. Nous marchons ensemble comme des partenaires dans la mission divine.

## Conclusion

« En effet, prenons une comparaison: le corps est un, et pourtant il a plusieurs membres; mais tous les membres du corps, malgré leur nombre, ne forment qu'un seul corps: il en est de même du Christ.

Car nous avons tous été baptisés dans un seul Esprit en un seul corps. » (1 Cor 12:12-13)

Je voudrais rendre hommage à Leslie, mon épouse, pour son grand soutien et son amour pendant les moments difficiles sur les plans personnel et professionnel. Je remercie tous ceux d'entre vous qui nous ont si bien soutenus, Leslie et moi, de vos prières et de vos actions pendant toutes ces années.

Comme nous l'avons entendu dans la lettre de l'apôtre Paul à Philémon, « Grande joie et consolation m'ont déjà été apportées: par votre

amour, mes frères et mes soeurs, vous avez réconforté le cœur des saints. »

À vous, mes soeurs et mes frères dans le Christ, laïcs et clercs, je veux vous signifier ma profonde gratitude et vous dire combien j'apprécie votre ministère tant dans ce diocèse qu'ailleurs.

L'Esprit du Seigneur Dieu est sur nous... « Faire un monde de différence, marchons ensemble vers l'avenir. »

MONSIEUR BARRY B. CLARKE  
ÉVÊQUE DE MONTRÉAL

## Dorval parish, African deacon



THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW AND ST. MARK in Dorval has a particularly close interest in the partnership between the Diocese of Montreal and the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania. This is one of the reasons St. Mark's Church was the site on October 14 of the ordination as a deacon of Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer in the Masasi diocese. Bishop Barry Clarke of Montreal said both he and Bishop Patrick Mwachiko of Masasi urged Deacon Monjesa to seek ordination. The deacon-to-be was ceremonially presented to Bishop Clarke for ordination by Bishop Mwachiko, Rev. Karen Egan Chalk of the St. Andrew and St. Mark's and two mission-minded laywomen of the parish, Penny Noël and Marsha Hunter. From left in the front row are Nick Pang, a theology student who acted as the bishops' ceremonial chaplain, Deacon Monjesa and Ms. Noël. Behind them are Bishop Mwachiko, Archdeacon Janet Griffith of the Montreal diocese, Bishop Clarke, Ms. Hunter and, behind her, Gordon Hunter of the parish.

(Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

## To spread the message about God the Father



"A DEACON MUST BE ONE who knows the Christ and who therefore knows the Father," Bishop Patrick Mwachiko of Masasi said in a homily at the ordination as a deacon of Geoffrey Monjesa, development officer of the Masasi diocese, at St. Mark's Church in Dorval. The two men later attended the synod of the Diocese of Montreal. Deacon Monjesa intends to continue in his present post, which he has held for some years and Bishop Patrick Mwachiko will probably ordain him as a priest in Masasi within a year or so, just before the bishop retires from that post under an age limit in his diocese. The new deacon studied community development at St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, N.S., some years ago and more recently has been taking a long-distance reading and tutorial course from the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. In the photo, Bishop Barry Clarke is accompanied by Bishop Mwachiko as they lead the new deacon through the ordination ceremony; he is accompanied by Marsha Hunter and Penny Noël of the Parish of St. Andrew and St. Mark.

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## 'This isn't a job, it's a community'

Harvey Shepherd

Life has its little coincidences and the recent annual Thanksgiving Benefit Dinner of the Mile End Community Mission brought out one or two of them.

When Linda (Lou) Hachey was growing up in the Park Extension district of north-central Montreal her affiliation was with St. Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Parish but she and her friends liked to make the rounds of youth activities at other Park Ex churches as well: Livingstone Presbyterian, the Park Extension Gospel Hall, St. Cuthbert's Anglican Church.

Since then, both she and St. Cuthbert's have seen a lot of changes.

Linda has faced the challenges of being a high school drop-out and single mother, experienced a new world of possibilities while playing guitar and singing at local neighborhood venues such as McGill's Yellow Door coffee house, which led her to complete a university education and go on to a diversified career in the community, health and social services network in the Greater Montreal area. Having worked with disadvantaged families and single mothers, intellectually handicapped adults, elementary and high school students and others, the range of work Linda has done over the years includes front-line counselling and support, community organizing, program and organizational development, risk management and



**THE NEW DIRECTOR, Linda (Lou) Hachey, leaves no doubt that she's happy to be there.**

fundraising.

"I've been around a lot and experienced a lot," she said after the banquet. "I've walked the walk and talked the talk."

St. Cuthbert's, meanwhile, closed as a separate parish in 1991 and merged into what in 1995 became the Parish of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luke on de Lorimier Avenue. A little earlier in 1991 the Church of the Ascension on Parc Avenue also closed and in doing so provided funds and impetus to set up the Mile End Mission.

Since 1991, the Mission has pro-

vided food, clothing, art workshops, access to legal advice, a listening ear and other help to over 500 residents of the community around its storefront quarters dealing with hardships of exclusion, abuse, poverty, addictions, illiteracy, diabetes and other health issues.

Since 1995 Rev. Roslyn Macgregor has divided her time between being parish priest of St. CHL and being director of the Mile End Mission.

While she's still leading worship at St. CHL, she will be retiring from the Mission at the end of October.

About 150 people at the Mission's October 25th Annual Thanksgiving Fundraising dinner listened to Roslyn's farewell talk as well as words from incoming Director, Linda Hachey. "This is a wonderful opportunity," she said. "It is with great joy that I begin my experience as a member of the Mile End Community Mission... This isn't just a job, it's a community, and communities such as this one are very rare. ... This is a community with a rich history and experience of giving voice to people who have no voice."

It may be that Ros Macgregor may not be entirely finished with the Mission. Ms. Hachey said in a conversation that she and her predecessor have been discussing ways to continue some of the eucharistic services that were part of the life of the mission. This might be done with the help of a visiting priest, perhaps Ros Macgregor for a while.

## 'The Church at its best'

Harvey Shepherd

For 17 years as director of the Mile End Mission in east-central Montreal, Rev. Roslyn Macgregor sought to keep it "as place where people are loved and respected and encouraged to be the best that they can be."

About 150 people marked the end of that era at a fundraising dinner that turned out to be, as well, a tribute and farewell to her as director of the mission – a post she has occupied for most of her ministry as a priest and all but the first few years of the mission, which marked its 20th anniversary last year. She continues for now to lead worship at Parish of St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda and St. Luc, as she did throughout her time as director of the mission.

The evening also provided a rare opportunity for a few of its usually anonymous beneficiaries to speak out – among them Jason Steger, who said it had provided him with a last-chance refuge from the harsh realities of his homeless life.

"The mission provided me with a place I could be tender. It was a beacon of light."

Tributes to "Ros" were mingled with ones to Connie Olson, who with two other women started up soup kitchen at the Church of the Ascension on Park Avenue in the 1980s and when the church closed was a founder of the Mile End Mission in 1991. She died in August but

two generations of younger Olsons, still involved with the mission, were on hand at the dinner.

"Connie was just like an angel," Mr. Steger said. "She personalized the whole place for me."

"My grandmother put her heart and soul into the mission and Ros got on board that train," said Suzanna Jarquin-Olson, daughter of Lori Olson, vice-president and administrative assistant. "When I think of the mission I think of a better world."

Introducing Rev. Ros as the speaker of the evening, Lori Olson said she "built community and family and always gave it (her) heart."

Roslyn Macgregor, a former member of the Sisters of St. Margaret, who spent two years in Haiti with that community and later returned to Montreal and became a priest, became director of the mission in 1995. She said at the banquet that the mission transformed her.

The mission itself was often "on the edge," like the people it helps, she said. She had often had recourse to the mottoes "We don't do perfect" and "Breathe" in helping staff and volunteers respond to the frenetic challenges.

"Tonight I claim the Mile End Mission as the Church at its best," she said. "Small communities like the Mission are essential in today's world."



**ROS MACGREGOR says goodbye. The Habs sweater behind her was a raffle prize.**



**ONE OF THE REGULARS, Jason Steger, shares some memories.**



**FEDERAL NDP LEADER THOMAS MULCAIR, member for the local riding of Outremont, shares a moment with the retiring director of the mission.**

(Photos: Harvey Shepherd)

## Handing over the reins



**THE CHIEF ORGANIZER** of last summer's Mission Works Golf Tournament, which raised over \$10,000 for the mission endeavours of the diocese, Rev. Canon Bruce Glencross of the Church of St. John the Baptist in Pointe Claire introduces his successor for next summer's tournament, Rev. Eleanor Caruana of the Parish of Vaudreuil to delegates at the diocesan synod. All smiles at that moment, Canon Glencross, however, cast a dissenting vote against the 2013 diocesan budget, which he does not think does enough to ease the burden on hard-pressed parishes like his. But treasure Norman Spencer said the diocesan finances are sound. In other business, delegates to the synod approved preliminary steps toward setting up a development corporation to work with parishes seeking redevelopment projects on portions of their property as a source of revenue and for other purposes. "We have dreams for building up God's kingdom in the world," Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith said. "A number of churches are struggling to care for aging buildings; let's make them an asset for the parish's mission and ministry."

## Saint John Youth House close to breaking ground

The former parish of St. James in Saint John has given Safe Harbour Inc. (Saint John Youth House) a gift of \$25,000. The facility for homeless youth is being built on the former St. James property.

"Construction will begin in the spring if it doesn't go ahead this fall," Archdeacon David Edwards told the Fredericton diocesan council. "The issue now is cash flow," he added. "The \$25,000 brings the cash assets up to about \$400,000. We also have a gift certificate from a hardware supplier for \$100,000 and lots of in-kind donations. To date the architects have worked pro-bono, but they now need some cash, about \$24,000."

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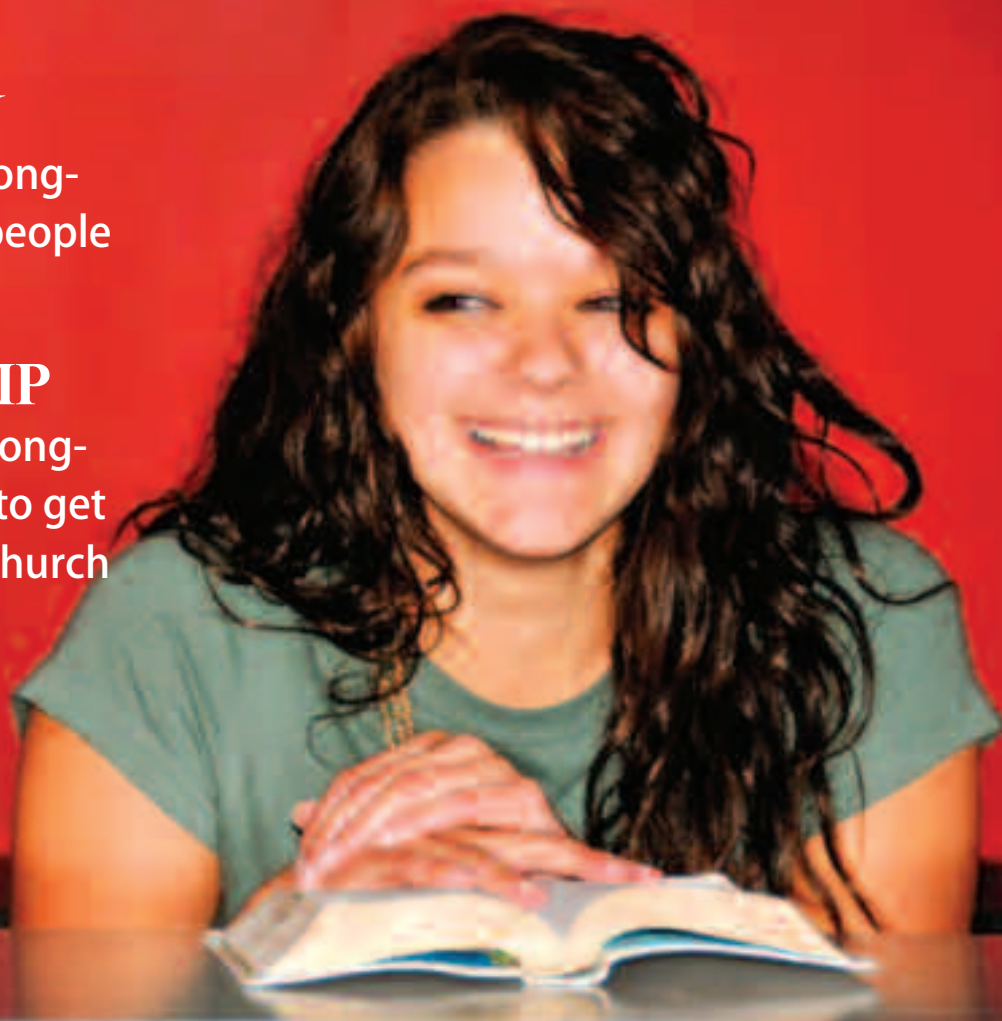
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# Interim director of Centre for Ecumenism tackles many challenges with enthusiasm

Harvey Shepherd

For someone whose current job came as a surprise and who has no interest in making it permanent, Norman Lévesque can be pretty enthusiastic about it.

"We're looking to the future in a very positive way," Mr. Lévesque, 31, who unexpectedly found himself interim executive director of the Montreal-based Canadian Centre for Ecumenism in June, said in a recent interview. "It's a lot to manage, but I love it."

For about three years, he has been director of Green Church, an arm of the Centre for Ecumenism that promotes the environmental message he thinks has deep roots in the Christian gospel. It seeks to encourage Christians and parishes to protect and cherish the environment by means ranging from environmentally aware Bible study, liturgy and activism to upgrading the furnace.

He still runs Green Church. He looks forward to getting back to that job full-time once the directors of the Centre for Ecumenism find a successor to Rev. Deacon Anthony Mansour, who unexpectedly left the executive director's post in June. He had been executive director since 2006.

An official announcement of Mr. Lévesque's appointment said, "We would like to thank our previous Executive Director, Deacon Anthony Mansour, for his years of devotion to the Centre. We wish him every success in his new endeavours."

Mr. Lévesque had nothing to offer beyond that, at least partly because he does not know all the facts.

Mr. Lévesque had high praise for the "wonderful" work his predecessor did at the centre, breathing new life into an institution that will mark its 50th anniversary next year. He said that Deacon Mansour "put the centre on the map" for an important part of the public and brought it up to date with regard to matters including the use of computers in its documentation centre.

Deacon Mansour, interested in putting the centre more in touch with contemporary issues, collaborated with Mr. Lévesque in bringing Green Church under the wing of the



NORMAN LÉVESQUE

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)

Centre for Ecumenism in 2010. Green Church began with a few United Churches, particularly its St. Columba House community centre in the low-income Point St. Charles district of Montreal, in 2006. As it became a little larger and more ecumenical, Mr. Lévesque came on board in 2009 with a background in studies in theology at the Université de Montréal and meteorology at the Université du Québec à Montréal, as well as experience in youth and social pastoral ministry in the Roman Catholic Church.

Green Church and the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism joined forces the following year.

On becoming interim director this summer, Mr. Lévesque found himself dealing not only with a centre already evolving in important ways but also with some pressing matters.

Among them, the centre was host of a week-long gathering in Montreal in September of an international committee discussing texts to be used around the world during services marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in early 2014. Each year an ecumenical group from a different country creates the liturgical materials to be used worldwide. Next January it will be India's turn. The Vatican and the Geneva-based World Council of Churches had agreed to request by the Canadian Centre's request that 2014 be Canada's year.

The centre and various Canadian groups had been working on the materials since the beginning of the year and discussed progress with an international committee in Montreal in September.

In addition, the Canadian Centre was caught up in through the summer in responding to a decision by Vatican to award papal knighthoods to two Montreal interfaith pioneers. One was Victor Goldbloom, 88, a former Quebec cabinet minister long active in Christian-Jewish and other dialogue and one of very few non-Christians to be made a papal knight of the Order of Saint Sylvester. The

other honour, the medal *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice*, also known as the Cross of Honour, was awarded to Rev. Irénée Beaubien, 96, a Jesuit and also a pioneer in dialogue – and the founder of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism almost half a century ago.

The papal honours were presented at a gala dinner October 4 at Temple Emanu-El Beth Shalom in Westmount.

Still head of Green Church, Mr. Lévesque was also busy organizing and participating in its second Green Church Conference October 16, near Drummondville. The event – a French-language one this time – attracted about 130 participants and featured contributions by Sister Esther Champagne, a leader in pressing for social responsibility by corporations, Steven Guilbeault, a specialist in global warming, and Nicole Obomsawin, Abenaki anthropologist, storyteller and singer.

As if all that would not have kept him busy enough, Mr. Lévesque found time this summer to get married: to Marie-Audrey Roy, 31, coordinator of faith education at their parish in Laval.

When he has a few moments away from more urgent matters, there are some ongoing matters at the centre that were under way when he took over the reins at the centre and which won't all wait for the appointment of the next permanent director.

The centre is working to improve its website and make it more accessible. One plan is an online "boutique" of materials about ecumenism. More events are to be organized in a series of educational excursions for anyone interested to places of worship of different faiths, often with a presentation to the visitors by a leading cleric or other participant at that place of worship.

The scholarly journal *Ecumenism*, which was published by centre until it was suspended several months ago, is to be revived next year, probably in a more popular format.

The centre continues to be sought out by couples planning an interfaith marriage, although these days this is more likely to be a marriage between a Christian and a non-Christian than one between a Catholic and a Protestant. This is not because marriages between Protestants and Catholics are getting less common but rather, to some extent, the reverse: they are getting so common that parish clergy feel less need for specialized advice.



**TWO KNIGHTS, TWO ARCHBISHOPS:** At the rear, Victor Goldbloom, recipient of a Vatican knighthood, is flanked by Roman Catholic Archbishop René Lépine of Montreal and his predecessor, Jean-Claude Cardinal Turcotte at the dinner where the honour was presented. In front is the other recipient of a papal knighthood, Rev. Irénée Beaubien, founder of the Canadian Centre for Ecumenism.

(Photo: Archdiocese of Montreal)



**ABENAKI SINGER, STORYTELLER AND ANTHROPOLOGIST Nicole Obomsawin drums a the opening of the Green Church Conference in Drummondville Oct. 16.**

(Photo: Canadian Centre for Ecumenism)

It is probably true in general that the relative importance to the centre of interfaith relations (between Christians and non-Christians) is increasing. Even in "ecumenism" more strictly defined (between churches), Mr. Lévesque reports that the old emphasis on trying to unite churches under a common hierarchy has largely given way to questions like how all can have a place at the same eucharistic table.

The centre itself strives to be ecumenical, to some extent in both senses. The board of directors includes members of several denominations, a Jew (Dr. Goldbloom) and a Muslim and the chair is currently occupied by an Anglican, the Ven. David Oliver (currently in North Hatley and Archdeacon Missioner of the Diocese of Quebec but recently ecumenical officer of the Diocese of Montreal).

It continues to be the case the centre is more financially dependent on the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Montreal and other Catholic sources

than anyone would prefer and is anxious to diversify its sources of funding, both among churches and from foundations and other sources. This was a preoccupation of Deacon Mansour's. Mr. Lévesque thinks the centre is heading for a period of retrenchment in its activities, but only a temporary one.

Partly for budget reasons, it has been the practice for the director of the centre, if he was a Roman Catholic, or a Catholic member of its staff otherwise, to double as the ecumenical officer of the Catholic archdiocese. That practice continues, and Mr. Lévesque has actually had that diocesan responsibility for a couple of years (Deacon Mansour being Christian Orthodox).

The situation is potentially delicate but Mr. Lévesque is confident he can make the necessary distinctions.

"When I am that chair," he said, pointing to the one behind his executive director's desk, "I am not representing the bishop."



**SISTER ESTHER CHAMPAGNE AND STEVEN GUILBEAULT share views at the Green Church Conference in Drummondville Oct. 16.**

(Photo: Canadian Centre for Ecumenism)



# Weekend participants leave alive, renewed, enriched

Camille N. Isaacs-Morell

Every year for the past twenty-two years, Anglican Women Alive, Renewed and Enriched (AWARE) has held week-end spiritual retreats. The 2012 AWARE retreat was held

from 21 – 23 September, 2012 at the CAMMAC Lake MacDonald Music Centre, in Harrington, Quebec.

Forty-eight women travelled from various parishes in Quebec and Ontario to participate in Bible teach-

ing sessions, discussion groups and worship.

The theme of the 2012 retreat was “Our God of Hope” – in reference to the Bible verse in Romans 15 verse 13: *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.* We were blessed to have our speaker, Sue Winn led three teaching sessions on the theme of the retreat.

To summarize Sue’s message, she spoke of how we place our hope in a lot of things and asked us to consider why we sometimes find it difficult to place our hope in God. She stressed that no matter what situation we are facing in our lives, God wants us to trust in Him and to let Him use us to be messengers of hope in the world. Sue urged participants to look for God’s presence during challenging times, see God’s presence in people and nature and also recognize His presence and inspiration working through our imagination. She shared how God is able to transform the world through people just like us. She recounted her experiences visiting remote communities to share God’s word and to fellowship with other people.

Vibrant discussions in small groups followed on the various topics of Sue’s presentations. We were challenged to ask ourselves how we can bring God to other people. Several women shared situations in which they experienced God’s presence in their lives and how they are bringing others to know God and to hope in Him.

Four workshops were held on Saturday afternoon. Participants in

the stained glass window workshops made some very beautiful and interesting stained glass windows that were on display for all of us to enjoy. There was a prayer hike, a workshop on praying in colour and another workshop on contemplative and meditative prayer. In each of these workshops, participants were able to listen, learn and share their experiences openly. Many first-time attendees said that they thoroughly enjoyed the workshops, which opened new experiences for them.

Worship Leader Lynda-Jean Coffin, lifted the spirits of all of us through songs of praise and thanksgiving. On Saturday evening she taught us line dancing, which proved to be a fun and exciting activity for all. A choir was formed to support the celebration of Eucharist on Sunday morning.

Rev. Eileen Steele, our chaplain celebrated Eucharist to close the retreat. In her sermon, Rev. Eileen shared that we are God’s chosen people who have a mission to serve

God and others. She ended the service saying: “The service has now ended. The real work begins now!”

Participants selected one text with a Biblical promise from a promise tree that was set up at the retreat. This gave each participant an opportunity to take away a positive reminder of God’s goodness and a good reason to hope. Several banners were made available to participants who will hang them in their parishes over the next 12 months.

We all left feeling alive, renewed and enriched and we look forward to the 2013 AWARE retreat that will be held on Saturday 21 September 2013 at the Holiday Inn, Pointe-Claire. Archdeacon Janet Griffith will be the speaker.

Interested persons who would like to be on the AWARE Retreat mailing list should contact Camille Morell, cisaacsmorell@videotron.ca.

(Camille N. Isaacs-Morell is one of the key organizers of the AWARE Retreat.)



THE CHAPLAIN, Rev. Eileen Steele, sits with Sue Winn, speaker for the AWARE Retreat 2012



AWARE Music Director Lynda-Jean Coffin leads retreat participants in song.



AWARE committee members from left are Susan Childs (convenor), Joan Wilson, Ann Bonnell, Camille Morell, Eleanor Frew, Maureen Firth, Anne Yaxley.

## Books

# If only Mark had edited Crossan!

A review of John Dominic Crossan: *The Power of Parable: How Fiction by Jesus Became Fiction About Jesus* (Harper One, 2012) 259 pages

Reviewed by Colin McGregor

In 49 B.C., Julius Caesar and his rebel army crossed the narrow Rubicon River on their way to take over

Rome. This passage across Italy’s northern boundary, little more than a muddy stream, certainly happened. But it merited almost no mention from observers at the time. But Roman authors and poets writing decades after the fact (Suetonius, Lucan, Plutarch) ascribed all manner of phenomena to the event: angelic visions; soothsayers; prophetic dreams; and a stirring oration by Caesar to his army involving the iconic line “*iacta alea est*” (the die is cast). None of these mythic events ever happened. Yet, the very phrase “crossing the Rubicon” has entered even our current lexicon.

This, says controversial Irish-American author John Dominic Crossan, a former monk and priest, is how the writers of the Gospels put together their versions of the life of Christ. Crossan, has advocated this view of scripture ever since he left the Servites to marry in 1969. His new book, *The Power of Parable*, crystallizes decades of his New Testament scholarship.

In the 50s A.D., Paul sharply reminds the Galatians that only one Gospel of Christ exists (*Galatians, 1:6-9*). Crossan believes that this single version included true facts of Jesus’ ministry and tragic end, plus a collection of his parables. With Mark’s first “Gospel according to...” written in the 70s A.D., the embellishment begins.

Rural Nazareth was far too small and poor to have a synagogue and prophetic scrolls. Therefore, Jesus



JOHN DOMINIC CROSSAN

(Photo: Donald Vish)

could not have entered a synagogue which did not exist to read from Isaiah 61:1 to declare a jubilee year for the oppressed – Jew and Gentile alike (*Luke 4:16-29*). So why would Luke invent such a tale? “To make a theological point,” Crossan asserts: “Jesus was accepted by his fellow Jews until he showed that God showed interest in, and even preference for, Gentiles.” This is a parable.

Indeed, the Gospels (and Acts) are “mega-parables,” constructed along the lines of Jesus’ own parables. They involve factual people in fictional events, like all parables. They teach; they challenge; they pose riddles. But they are not fact. Even the burial and resurrection of Christ were “idealized.”

We are taken on a trip through ancient literature and sacred scripture, from *Oedipus Rex* to the story of Samson (*Judges 13-16*), to see how writers in antiquity transmitted information by parable. Crossan asserts that the Gospels follow the basic format of popular folktales from the dawn of time. His con-

tentions are all thoroughly, meticulously supported by his experiences in Holy Land archaeology; copious literary references; exhaustive linguistic analysis; and reminiscences of his own studies and writings, from Latin class at age 11 onward.

Anyone with the History Channel on their basic cable package has doubtless seen John Dominic Crossan’s long, distinctive face and heard his staccato Irish lilt. Now retired and living in Florida, he taught at Chicago’s mammoth DePaul University for 25 years. His very name is anathema to Biblical literalists.

The author is not above criticizing the Gospel writers’ style. He thinks they often got in the way of Jesus’ true message of peace and justice. But he himself constantly pads his prose with needless exposition, almost boasting to the reader how clever he is being in working an argument this way or that. He seems to have scattered bits of his book outline throughout the main text. This, from page 204: “I turn now to my third point, which will have two steps, presented in case studies.” There are dozens of such passages herein.

Your reviewer feels that John Dominic Crossan might have taken some cues from the simple elegance and simplicity of the parable form. Saint Mark, master of the concise, would have cut *The Power of Parable* in half, without losing a mustard seed of real content.

## Remembering Hugh MacLennan



REMINISCENCES OF HUGH MacLENNAN (inset) were the order of the day at a ceremony October 26 at the Church of St. James the Apostle in downtown Montreal. The McGill University professor, novelist, essayist and poet, became the fourth writer in a little over four years to be commemorated by a plaque in the “Writers Chapel” at the church. Here, Michael Gnarowski, professor, poet, critic, editor of books including an ongoing series of works by Hugh MacLennan and head of the Montreal Writers’ Chapel Trust, organizer of the project, shares some of his memories. *Reminiscences of MacLennan (1907-1990)* were also offered by Philip Cercione of McGill-Queen’s University Press and rare books specialist David McKnight, formerly of McGill and now of the University Pennsylvania. The plaque in honour of MacLennan joins ones previous installed to commemorate writers John Glassco, A.J.M. Smith and F.R. Scott. The project is inspired by the Poets’ Corner in Westminster Abbey. For more information, visit [www.writerschapeltrust.com](http://www.writerschapeltrust.com).

(Photo: Harvey Shepherd)



## Still Presence Spirituality Centre Meditation Circles in December

Times: Mondays, December 3 and 10, 7-8:15 pm

Theme: "The Heart's True Light"

Leaders: Cedric Cobb & Michael Johnson

*"In the time of darkness we have never been closer to the light."*  
~Meister Eckhart~

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Location: Christ Church, Beaurepaire, 455 Church St., Beaconsfield

Information: 514-697-2204

cedric.c.cobb@gmail.com – www.StillPresence.com

## HOLIDAY FESTIVITIES and SALES

### St. Mary's Church

75 Kirkland Blvd., Kirkland

### CHRISTMAS TRADITIONS/ LES TRADITIONS DE NOËL

COR MEIBION CYMRAEG  
MONTREAL (Montreal Welsh  
Male Choir/Choeur Gallois  
de Montréal)

Sun., Dec. 2, 3 p.m.

Tickets \$20, students \$15.  
514-695-2070 or at the door



### Christ Church, Beaurepaire

455 Church St., Beaconsfield

### ANNUAL CHRISTMAS WASSAIL

Fri., Dec. 7, 7 p.m.

A fun event to start the holiday season for the whole family. Carol singing followed by holiday refreshments in the parish hall. Bring your friends. Freewill offering with proceeds to Christ Church Christmas Basket Fund.  
Information: 514-697-2204

### Church of the Epiphany

4322 Wellington St., Verdun

### MINI CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat., Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Christmas items, lunch available.  
www.epiphanyverdun.com

### Christ Church, Beaurepaire

455 Church St., Beaconsfield

### KIRKLAND CONCERT BAND

Sat. Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m.

The band has been coming to Christ Church for a number of years. Enjoy some seasonal music and then enjoy refreshments in the hall following the concert. Pay at the door. Half of the proceeds will go towards the Christ Church Christmas Basket Fund.  
Information: 514-697-2204.



## Christmas season worship

St. John the Evangelist  
137 President Kennedy Ave.

Among seasonal worship  
services at the Redroof  
Church:

Sunday, Dec. 2:  
Advent Carol Service, 5 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 8:  
Immaculate Conception,  
mass at noon.

Monday, Dec. 24:  
Christmas Eve,  
high mass at 10 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 25:  
Christmas Day,  
high mass at 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 26:  
St. Stephen,  
mass at 7:30 and 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 27:  
St. John the Evangelist,  
mass at 5:45 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 28:  
Holy Innocents,  
mass at 5:45 p.m.

All Saints Deux Montagnes  
48-18th Ave.,  
Deux Montagnes

Sunday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m.:  
Ecumenical Christmas  
concert to benefit Agape  
Deux Montagnes

Monday Dec. 24 (Christmas  
Eve): 7 p.m. family service –  
worship, music and fun for  
young and not so young;  
11 p.m. Traditional  
Candlelight Service

Info: 450-473-9541 or  
info@allsaintsdeuxmontagnes.ca

Christ Church, Beaurepaire  
455 Church St., Beaconsfield

Sunday, Dec. 23 (Advent 4):  
8:45 a.m., Holy Eucharist;  
10:15 a.m. Festival of Lessons  
and Carols.

Monday Dec. 24  
(Christmas Eve): 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist  
(family centered);  
10:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
(choral)

Tuesday Dec. 25  
(Christmas Day): No services.

Sunday Dec. 30 (Christmas 1):  
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
(one service only).

Sunday Jan. 6 (Epiphany):  
8:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist;  
10:15 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

(The last Wednesday 10 a.m.  
service in December will be  
Dec. 12. Wednesday services  
resume Jan. 9.)

Church of the Epiphany  
4322 Wellington St., Verdun

Saturday, Dec. 15, 4 p.m.,  
Christmas lessons and carols

Monday, Dec. 24, 7 p.m.,  
Christmas Eve family service

Tuesday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m.,  
Christmas Day Holy Eucharist

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

## Advent & Christmas Services 2012

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,  
DECEMBER 2

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
4:00 pm Advent Carols  
& Lessons

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT, DECEMBER 9

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
4:00 pm Choral Evensong

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

1:00 pm Christmas  
Carol Sing-Along  
with the Bishop  
and Patrick Wedd

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15  
5:00 pm Messiah Sing-Along  
Members of the audience  
with The Cathedral Singers,  
Soloists & Orchestra

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT,  
DECEMBER 16

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
4:00 pm Choral Evensong

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22  
4:30 pm La Nativité du  
Seigneur, Oliver Messiaen  
Patrick Wedd, Organ

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT, DECEMBER 23

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
4:00 pm A Festival of Lessons  
& Carols for Christmas  
with The Cathedral Singers

MONDAY, CHRISTMAS EVE,  
DECEMBER 24

4:00 pm Eucharist and  
Christmas Pageant  
11:00 pm Procession,  
Blessing of the Crib and  
Choral Eucharist

Celebrant: Bishop Barry  
Clarke, Preacher: The Very  
Rev'd Paul Kennington

TUESDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY,  
DECEMBER 25

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Christmas  
Choral Eucharist

SUNDAY, CHRISTMAS I,  
DECEMBER 30

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist

SUNDAY, EPIPHANY,  
JANUARY 6

8:00 am Holy Eucharist  
10:00 am Choral Eucharist  
4:00 pm Lessons and  
Carols for Epiphany

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## A new rector for St. George's Place du Canada



The new rector at St. George's Place du Canada has many gifts according to Rev. Deacon Maisie Watson, below, who worked with him at his previous parish, All Saints Peterborough, where he served for five years. Homilist at his induction October 28, she mentioned his singing voice, his gift for liturgy, his interest in teaching and education, his sense of humour and his interest in raising funds. But his greatest gift, she said, is the pastoral way he reaches out to those in need. At left, the new rector gets an embrace from Bishop Barry Clarke. At right, the bread and wine of the eucharist are symbolically presented to the new rector by Violet St. Louis and Samara St. Louis Landolé of the parish, among a number of such symbolic presentations at the induction. Below right, the new rector is accompanied by his family in a pew. His wife, Ruth, is flanked by daughter Chelsey and son Darcy.

(Photos: Tony Hadley & Harvey Shepherd)



## A mission for Brome



THE PARISH OF BROME in the Eastern Townships has been hard at work to develop a Mission Statement for the four-point Parish. The first of four signs with the statement was erected on the front lawn at Holy Trinity Church in Iron Hill. Following a joyous Thanksgiving service, the congregation gathered October 7 for a photo by a sign with the new mission statement, which parishioners hope will show the communities around the churches that the churches are there for them in times of need through outreach in God's love, ever mindful their actions are to reflect the ministry of Christ. The statement was created after Rev. Allen Gault led many small-group studies using Rick Warren's *The Purpose Driven Life* and several of Harold Percy's books and would incorporate the results into his Sunday sermons. The Mission Statement: "Our mission is to be caring people who are followers of Christ; ministering to the needs in our community and beyond through outreach and loving service."

## Parish leadership retreat



ST. PETER'S TMR held its first parish Leadership retreat, at Auberge Schweizer near Sutton, this fall. This fall the congregation completed an 18-month process, producing a vision document to guide its ministry and mission for the next five years. The document includes a new vision statement for St. Peter's: "To be a community that lives and shares the transforming love of Jesus". It also identifies four "core actions" to enable this vision: Worship, Connect, Grow, Serve.





# Diocesan Clippings (and Snapshots)



## Robert Camara goes to Châteauguay

Rev. Robert Camara, who served at St. James the Apostle Church in downtown Montreal as a curate since his ordination as a priest last June and has been particularly active in diocesan youth ministry, is the new parish priest at St. George's Church in Châteauguay. If all went well, his induction as the 12th incumbent of the parish by Bishop Barry Clarke took place November 18 (after this edition went to press). Father Camara succeeds Rev. Geoffrey Chapman, who served St. George's for over 2½ years before moving on to a parish in Ottawa.

## Pamela Yarrow to serve in Pierrefonds

Rev. Pamela A. Yarrow is the new incumbent of St. Barnabas Pierrefonds, effective December 1. Her most recent posting was at St. Paul's, Lachine, where she was providing pastoral support. At St. Barnabas, she succeeds the Rev. (now Ven.) Alan T. Perry, who became executive archdeacon of the Diocese of Edmonton at the beginning of the year.

## Gauthier serving on the South Shore

Rev. Richard Gauthier is the new incumbent of St. Mark Longueuil and St. Margaret of Antioch St. Hubert. The one-year term began Oct. 1. It's almost a swap: he succeeds Archdeacon Michael Robson, who is now at the Parish of Rawdon in the Lanaudière, where he succeeds Father Gauthier, who was serving as an interim minister. Archdeacon Robson, who was territorial archdeacon of the South Shore, remains "the Venerable Michael Robson"; he is now a non-territorial archdeacon, Chaplain to Bishop Barry Clarke and secretary of the Episcopal Council of the Diocese.

## Eastern Ontario priest to serve Grenville

Rev. Douglas Richards, with diverse experience in the Dioceses of Ontario and Ottawa in eastern Ontario, is the new incumbent of the Parish of Hawkesbury, in the Ottawa Diocese, and the Parish of Grenville, across the Ottawa River in the Diocese of Montreal. Bishop John Chapman announced that he had made the appointment, effective December 1, in consultation with the Diocese of Montreal. Before taking up his new post the new incumbent was interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Kitley, between Cornwall and Kingston. He had previously been associate priest at the Parish of St. Lawrence in Brockville, incumbent at the Parish of Maberly-Lanark, incumbent at the Parish of Vankleek Hill and assistant curate at St. Thomas Church in Ottawa.

## St. Luke's Waterloo: the saga continues

Parishioners of St. Luke's Anglican Church Waterloo, in the Eastern Townships, continue to rise to the challenges of preserving their neo-gothic brick building, which dates from 1867. Don Davidson, deputy people's warden, reports in a recent church bulletin that the provincial government has approved \$137,900 in funding to cover future repairs. The parish earlier received \$50,000 from the sale of a piece of land to the developer of a duplex project. Until a few months ago, the most urgent problem was leakage in the tower roof. But then vandals removed 8-10 feet from all three of the lightning-grounding cables. The parish itself had to find the money to replace them, since the matter was too urgent for the tendering procedure required for the use of government

## Remembering Jean Cameron



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH in the Parish of Bedford, Phillipsburg and Farnham, held a bulb-planting ceremony in memory of the late Jean Cameron on October 21. A wide variety of bulbs were first blessed and then planted throughout the church property by friends and neighbours. A former resident of Phillipsburg, Jean was the first palliative care social worker at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Montreal and an avid gardener. "It was felt that when these bulbs break ground in the spring, we will be reminded of Jean and our hope in the resurrection," Rev. Andy O'Donnell said. The Altar Guild hosted a tea following the planting. From left are Phyllis Galbraith, Susan Shuttleworth and Ann Pompeo.

## A well-behaved group



THERE WAS A GREAT TURNOUT for the annual pet blessing at St. James Rosemere in mid-October. Each of the well-behaved group was blessed in turn by Father David Hart. With names of owners first, in the back row from left are Donna's head and Juicy (barely visible behind Lisa), Christiane and Charlot, Brigitte and Tatum, Amelia and Kasha, Father David, Annie and Charlie. In front are Lisa holding Phoebee, Diane and Whiskey, another Diane and Zooka, Joy and Poppy, young Alexia and Tish with Riley.

## Another annual success



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RUMMAGE SALE of the Anglican Church Women at St. James Bedford, under the direction of Charlotte Sheltus, took place October 24-27 and was well staffed, and well attended. As usual, especially good clothing and items were set aside for the Seafarers Mission and the Mile End Mission.

funds. (The original church tower was destroyed by lightning in the late 19th century.) A risk specialist from Ecclesiastical Insurance visited in August and raised a few other matters as well. As a result, an oil tank would be emptied (the church is now heated by gas) and asbestos covering on steam pipes in the furnace would be wrapped or removed.

## Church of St. Columba in trusteeship

The Parish of St. Columba in the N.D.G. district of West-End Montreal, which held its final service on September 30, has been placed under trusteeship by Bishop Barry Clarke.

## Things cooking at Church of the Epiphany

On January 31, 2010, the Parish of Verdun-Ville Émard, comprised of All Saints, St. Aidan's and St. Clement's, became the Church of the Epiphany. The Rev. Patrick Wheeler, along with the corporation, formed two committees to prepare for the renovation of the 110-year-old building, formerly St. Clement's. The plans for the renovations were exciting and challenging, starting with the improvement of the lighting in the nave and sanctuary which was unveiled Christmas Eve in 2010. The next two projects were the replacement of the roof and the installation of the lift for the physically handicapped, the latter being ready just prior to last Christmas.

The next big project was the renovation of the kitchen, which had not seen any changes since the 1950s. One of the major problems was that the kitchen and the hall were on



SUNNY SIDE UP, Rev. Patrick Wheeler shows his stuff in the new kitchen at the Church of the Epiphany in Verdun.

## New faces at St. Peter's TMR



ST. PETER'S TMR in the Town of Mount Royal has two new youth leaders. Luke Bayly and Laurin Vroom come to St. Peter's through many years of involvement with Crosstalk Ministries. In addition to Sunday mornings, the youth group now also meets Friday evenings. In October, a CEGEP-and-20s group, of a dozen-plus members began meeting on Sunday evenings at various homes.

The vestry of the parish voted on January 8 to sell their church building and hall, while retaining the rectory, and the parish began discussion on amalgamation with Trinity Memorial Church in N.D.G. The vestries of both parishes voted on an amalgamation proposal on September 9. Trinity Memorial voted in favour but St. Columba declined. The bishop said that with the vote not to amalgamate "I felt there was no choice but to put the parish under trusteeship as of October 1, 2012, and have appointed Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith, Archdeacon James Bennett and Stephen Tam, Manager, Financial Services as trustees." The decision was to be ratified at the next meeting of the Diocesan Council, on November 13 (just after this edition of *The Montreal Anglican* went to the printer). The Church of St. Columba buildings continue to be for sale.

## Monday is Zumba Day in Deux Montagnes

All Saints Church in Deux Montagnes is offering Zumba exercise classes Mondays in the church hall: Zumba Gold at 10 a.m. and Zumba Fitness at 7:30 p.m. Call Hélène Lamothe at 438-391-3537

## Victoria cathedral celebrates BCP anniversary

An early morning service on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria drew more than 100 people for a recreation of a communion liturgy from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (BCP).

It was the first in a weekend-long series of events at the cathedral organized to mark the 350th anniversary of the BCP. There was also a panel discussion on aspects of the history and influence of the prayer book, and a specially designed festive choral service with the St. Christopher Singers.

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two levels. Those serving the meals had to cope with three stairs to serve. It was decided to move the kitchen to the front of the hall, a space which had become primarily a storage area with enough space to house plenty of cupboards, cooking facilities, refrigerators and storage. As the work began, a couple of unforeseen obstacles delayed the projected July completion. While the delay was disappointing, we believed the wait would be fruitful and it was.

On Saturday, Sept. 27, a team of parishioners began moving dishes, pots and pans, crock pots from the old kitchen to the new kitchen. They worked tirelessly from 9 a.m. until about 3 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 28, following the 10 a.m. Eucharistic Service, Rev. Patrick read a blessing over the new kitchen, and Ben Waring, chairman of the building committee cut the ribbon.

(from Jim Shepherd, parish communicator at St. Clement's.)



COFFEE HOUR REFRESHMENTS are served for the first time from the new kitchen at the Church of the Epiphany.