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Budget cut shrinks grants to deaneries

\$32,000 less for local initiatives

BY BRUCE MYERS

The diocese's five deaneries will have less money to spend on local and regional initiatives this year, as Synod grapples with a reduction in revenue from its investments.

The Diocesan Executive Council (DEC) voted at its meeting April 27-28 to cut Synod's annual grants to the deaneries by a total of \$32,000 for 2012. That still leaves a total of \$75,000 for the five deaneries—Gaspé, North Shore, Quebec, St. Francis, and St-Laurent—to share.

Synod provides the grants annually to the deaneries, and it's up to local deanery councils how the funds are to be spent. In the past, deanery funds have been used to support Sunday schools, theological students, lay reader training, pastoral care workshops, the purchase of worship resources, and clergy stipends in remote areas. The funds are intended to support local mission and ministry initiatives, not infrastructure.

To help ease the blow of the budget cut, DEC agreed to allow deaneries to carry over into 2012 any grant money still unspent from the 2011 fiscal year.

The cut to deanery grants is in response to an anticipated

\$70,000 shortfall in Synod's investment revenue in 2012. In January, the Central Board of Church Society voted to reduce distributions from the diocesan pooled funds by nearly 25 per cent because of the current "difficult investing environment."

That means all church groups with money invested in the diocese's \$13-million portfolio—including Synod—will be receiving less of a return this year.

In other DEC news:

Subcommittee on a mission

A new subcommittee of DEC has been established "to coordinate and support mission initiatives throughout the diocese."

"Our diocese has no social action committee," explained the new subcommittee's chair, the Rev. Deacon Cynthia Patterson. "Therefore there is no structure to respond to various mission initiatives already taking place in the diocese or those to come as people shift their time, talents and faith away from institutional survival to live out their baptismal ministries."

She hopes the yet-to-be-named subcommittee can help congregations and deaneries

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KEEPING VIGIL



Demonstrators of all ages and backgrounds gathered in front of the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City on April 26 for a candlelight vigil opposing Bill C-31. The federal legislation proposes reforms to Canada's refugee laws that its opponents, which include many in the church, fear will put vulnerable refugees back into harm's way. Read more about the vigil on page 5.

PHOTO: BRUCE MYERS

Gazette nets pair of national awards

The Gazette has been honoured with two national newspaper awards.

The Canadian Church Press, an association of more than 50 Christian publications from across the country, awarded two first prizes to the Diocese of Quebec's newspaper at its annual awards banquet in Toronto on May 11.

Gazette columnist Louisa Blair was awarded first prize in the theological reflection (devotional/



Blair

inspirational) category for her piece, "The Tambourine Decree," in which she described

the inseparability of faith and music through the lens of her own family's experience. The judges described Blair as one who "writes with flair and humour, yet with amazing insight."

Jeffrey Metcalfe was awarded first prize in the opinion piece category for his commentary, "Missionaries or Mercenaries?"



Metcalfe

It tackled the thorny question of ethical investing by drawing on his father's experience as a missionary abroad. The judges called the commentary a fine example of "balance" and "ef-

fective storytelling" in which "structure, order and flow are all top notch."

Both items appeared in the Sept. 2011 edition of The Gazette.

"I'm delighted for this recognition The Gazette has received from its peers in the industry," said Gazette editor Bruce Myers. "These two awards are an affirmation that our little diocesan newspaper is blessed with contributions from some very highly gifted individuals."

Two of The Gazette's sister publications also received honours. Crosstalk, the newspaper of the Diocese of Ottawa, took third prize in the news story category. The Anglican Journal was named first in its class.

Man climbs CN Tower to fundraise for parish

1,776 steps equal \$25,067.94

BY PATSY HAYES & EDITH MACKENZIE

Congratulations to Ken Mann who successfully climbed the 1,776 steps of the CN Tower in Toronto on Saturday, April 21, to raise funds for the restoration of St. Paul's Church in Shigawake.

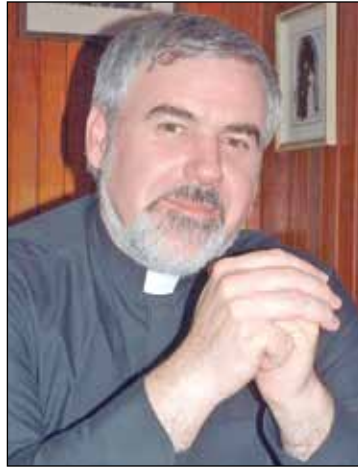
The hours of vigorous physical training paid off as he completed the climb in 29 minutes, only one minute longer than when he did the climb 18 years ago.

Sponsors supporting Ken's CN Tower climb have generously contributed a total of \$25,067.94. This amount, when added to funds already raised by bingos,

card parties, dances, book sales and other activities, brings the congregation very close to the required 30 per cent, or \$90,000, needed to qualify for a provincial government grant from the Conseil du patrimoine religieux du Québec, which will cover the remaining 70 per cent of the church building's restoration costs.

The corporation of St. Paul's would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to Ken for his enterprising venture on behalf of St. Paul's Church and to extend a very sincere thank you to all who generously supported him.

In solidarity



DURING THE PAST YEAR I have quietly but intentionally been building up a partnership with the Diocese of Moosonee. Like our own diocese, Moosonee has engaged in charting a new course in its mission, which has led to radical changes of governance structures and a significant reprioritizing of their human and financial resources.

I was invited to Moosonee's diocesan synod last June, where they made the courageous decision to move, on an interim basis, from being a diocese to becoming a mission area within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, with oversight being provided by the province's metropolitan archbishop. Moosonee's bishop, Tom Corstan, has shown remarkable strength and clarity of vision in his leadership of the diocese. He and the clergy and people of Moosonee have opted to become a mission area specifically because of their fundamental commitment to see Christ's mission enhanced and supported.

For our diocese's part, I have committed us to pray with and for them. They have prepared a common prayer cycle which will be distributed to the clergy and churches of the Diocese of Quebec. We have shared with them our diocesan booklet of offices and prayers for lay readers, which they have distributed to their clergy and communities. We have also agreed to do the payroll administration for the six stipendiary clerics who work in the part of their diocese located in the province of Quebec.

Please keep the people of the Diocese of Moosonee in your thoughts and prayers as they move into their new way of being the Church.

LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

LETTRE DE NOTRE ÉVÊQUE

En solidarité

AU COURS DE LA DERNIÈRE ANNÉE, j'ai, discrètement mais volontairement, posé les bases d'un partenariat avec le diocèse de Moosonee. À l'instar de notre propre diocèse, Moosonee s'active à mettre en place une nouvelle approche lui permettant de réaliser de sa mission, comportant des changements radicaux à ses structures de gouvernance et à l'établissement de nouvelles priorités rattachées à ses ressources humaines et financières.

J'ai été invité au synode diocésain de Moosonee en juin dernier, alors qu'ils ont pris la courageuse décision de cesser, sur une base temporaire, de représenter un diocèse et de devenir une zone de mission dans la Province ecclésiastique de l'Ontario, la supervision de leurs opérations étant assurée par l'archevêque métropolitain de la province. L'évêque de Moosonee, Tom Corstan, a fait preuve d'une force et d'une clarté de vision remarquables dans le leadership qu'il exerce dans le diocèse. Avec lui, les membres du clergé et les anglicans de Moosonee ont choisi de devenir une zone de mission précisément en raison de leur profond engagement à voir la mission du Christ renforcée et soutenue.

Je me suis engagé au nom de notre diocèse à prier avec eux et pour eux. Ils ont préparé un cycle de prières commun pour nos deux entités qui sera distribué aux membres du clergé et des églises du Diocèse de Québec. Nous avons partagé avec eux notre livret diocésain de liturgies et de prières pour les ministres laïcs, qui a été distribué au sein de leur clergé et de leurs communautés. Nous avons également accepté de faire l'administration de la paie pour six prêtres œuvrant dans des paroisses situées au Québec.

Je vous prie tous de garder les gens du diocèse de Moosonee dans vos pensées et dans vos prières alors qu'ils transforment leur église.

Dennis P. Drainville
Bishop of Quebec / Évêque de Québec

APPOINTMENTS & TRANSITIONS

Diocesan registrar **James Sweeny** has been appointed to the *Comité sur les affaires religieuses* of the Quebec education ministry. The committee provides advice to the provincial education minister on issues like the new religion and ethics curriculum.

The Rev. **Jeffrey Metcalfe** has been appointed to the Faith and Witness Commission of the Canadian Council of Churches. The commission is the broadest forum for multilateral theological

dialogue in Canada. He is one of two Anglican Church of Canada representatives on the body.

Having concluded a four-month study sabbatical in India, the Ven. **Edward Simonton** begins his ministry in the Diocese of Quebec on June 1. He is the new archdeacon of St. Francis and will help lead the deanery-wide ministry team.

After graduating with distinction from Montreal Diocesan

Theological College in May, **Sarah Priebe** will be ordained to the sacred order of deacons on June 25 at St. Michael, Sillery.

Archdeacon **Garth Bulmer** has been reappointed as vice president of the Church Society. The bishop, who is Church Society's president, has also named five honorary vice presidents of the society for the upcoming year: **Hugh Bignell, Graham Jackson, Tom Matthews, Thomas J. Moore, and Aline Visser.**

BISHOP'S SUMMER CALENDAR

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| June 1-3 | Annual General Meeting of the Diocesan Anglican Church Women (Quebec) |
| June 4 | Meeting of the Quebec-Montreal Partnership Initiative (Montreal) |
| June 11-24 | Visitation to the Lower North Shore |
| June 25 | Ordination to the sacred order of deacons of Sarah Priebe (Quebec) |
| Aug. 5-11 | National Indigenous Sacred Circle (Pinawa, Manitoba) |



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Diocese's past and future glimpsed at convocation

BY HARVEY SHEPHERD

The key actors now in the "lengthy and thankless" struggle toward unity among churches are not bishops, scholars, and ecumenical representatives of denominations, but the clergy and lay leaders of local parishes, says the Canadian Anglican who holds a top ecumenical staff post in Geneva with the World Council of Churches.

The Rev. Canon John Gibaut, director of the Faith and Order commission of the World Council of Churches, said at the annual convocation of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College May 7 that the journey toward church unity will be much slower than imagined by pioneers of the ecumenical movement in the heady days of historic world conferences in the twentieth century.

Today, he said, the work of theological ecumenism is often unseen and noticed but countless people are still engaged in it.

Canon Gibaut, was the director of the Anglican Studies program at St. Paul University, a Roman Catholic institution in Ottawa, before taking up his post in Geneva at the start of 2008.

He is still associated with both that university and Trinity College at the University of Toronto, and remains a priest of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa with the title of canon theologian.

A native of Montreal, Canon Gibaut was ordained a deacon and priest in the Diocese of Quebec in 1984. He served a brief curacy at St. George, Lennoxville, before being appointed priest-in-charge of St. Clement's Mission on the Lower North Shore, where he served for nearly three years.

He was awarded an honorary doctorate in sacred theology by Montreal Diocesan Theological College, in recognition of his contributions to the ecumenical movement at the local, national, and international level.



Canon John Gibaut receives his honorary doctorate in sacred theology from the bishop of Montreal, Barry Clarke, while Bishop Dennis Drainville applauds and the college principal, Canon John Simons, places the doctoral hood on the recipient. PHOTO: PETER FORD

In his convocation address, Canon Gibaut said earlier decades produced some impressive achievements include the growth of some united churches in Canada and elsewhere and agreements on full communion between specific pairs of churches, like Anglicans and Lutherans in Canada.

He said the Fourth World Conference on Faith and Order, organized by the World Council of Churches at McGill University, Montreal, in 1963, was a particularly significant ecumenical gathering. The degree of participation by members of the Roman Catholic hierarchy was unprecedented and it was the first such conference with significant participation by Orthodox representatives and by delegates from Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

He said an international document produced in the early 1980s, *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry (BEM)*, remains "the most significant ecumenical text ever published."

For example, recognition of one another's baptism is now

widespread among churches (so that, for instance, someone who moves from one church to another does not need to be rebaptized). It is now generally conceded that apostolic succession—the transmission of the Church's authority from earliest times—is through churches as a whole and not just lineages of bishops.

He said the *BEM* document has had a major impact on liturgical texts published by individual churches since then. These have "a family resemblance" and many Christians who have never heard of the *BEM* document "are praying it."

In recent decades, however, disputes over such issues as end-of-life care, stem-cell research, the ordination of women, and same-sex marriage have contributed to the current chill in ecumenical relations.

In an afternoon gathering at Diocesan College, Canon Gibaut suggested that one way local parishes of long-established denominations could contribute to ecumenism would be closer re-



Sarah Priebe, an ordinand in the Diocese of Quebec, graduated with distinction from Montreal Diocesan Theological College on May 7. Here she is receiving from Bishop Barry Clarke the Canon Lettie James Prize for excellence in pastoral theology. PHOTO: PETER FORD

lations with "migrant churches," often Pentecostal or evangelical, made up largely of immigrants, that rent the church buildings of the older churches.

"They are supporting our churches by keeping our buildings open and we should get to know them."

Archdeacon Bruce Myers, coordinator for ecumenical relations for Anglican Church of Canada, who presented Canon Gibaut at the convocation, touched some of the same bases both then and speaking in his own right at the afternoon gathering.

Archdeacon Myers said theological discussion of inter-church issues seems to have reached a limit for the time being and the current focus should be on implementing what has already been agreed.

Diocesan College also awarded diplomas in ministry with distinction to two candidates for the priesthood.

Sarah Priebe is to be ordained as a transitional deacon in June and will take up an assignment

in the Diocese of Quebec. At one time a Lutheran and a parishioner at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in Quebec City, Priebe has completed undergraduate and graduate degrees in theology at Laval University. Her husband, Dominic, is a Roman Catholic lay chaplain the Canadian Armed Forces.

The other graduate, Donald Boisvert, is to be ordained as a transitional deacon in the Diocese of Montreal on June 3 and will take up an unpaid post as an assistant curate of Christ Church Cathedral.

Boisvert is also expected to continue his teaching career at Concordia University. He has been teaching in its department of religion since 2003 and before that held various senior administrative positions at Concordia, including dean of students. He is also known for his scholarship and activism around issues of Christianity and same-sex relations.

Harvey Shepherd is editor of the Montreal Anglican.

ACW Scripture Meditation

By Maureen Taylor

MATTHEW 26: 6-13

MARY OF BETHANY: LOVE IN ACTION

Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon, the leeper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said, "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, "Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service to me. For you will always have the poor with you but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body, she has prepared me for burial. Truly, I will tell you wherever this good news is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her."

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Why were the disciples angry with these women?
2. Do you think Jesus knew the woman?
3. What service did the woman provide for Jesus?
4. Why do you think the woman performed this act?
5. Do you think she foresaw the death of Jesus?

ACW bursary applications due Sept. 1

BY MARGARET WOOLLERTON

For the past several years, the Anglican Church Women of the Diocese of Quebec have given bursaries to many young adults. We were pleased to be able, again this fall, to continue the tradition. Seven bursaries of \$200 each were awarded.

The Diocesan ACW Bursary Fund was originally started by a Mr. McNaughton Wood who was a Quebec school inspector many years ago. He was saddened by the fact that many children were not able to continue their education, upon the completion of high

school, due to a lack of money. When Mr. Wood returned to Three Rivers, he decided to start a bursary fund for students in the outlying areas of the Diocese of Quebec, such as the Magdalen Islands, Lower North Shore, and the Gaspé area.

Students who apply for the bursary must be attending a college or working for their first degree at a university away from home. It is important that the application form be signed by their local clergy. This form can be downloaded by going to the Diocese of Quebec's web

site (www.quebec.anglican.org) and clicking on the "Anglican Church Women" tab. All application forms must be received by September 1, 2012.

The Bursary Fund is supported by donations from branches of the ACW across Quebec. Also, gifts from individuals are gratefully received. Our local ACW groups are encouraged to continue to support this worthwhile project.

For further information about this bursary, please contact: Mrs. Margaret Woollerton, 41 Deacon Street, Sherbrooke, QC J1M 1B5.

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Prophetic ministry, resurgent

Anglicans kick their political theology up a notch



Some of the upwards of 70 protestors who gathered for a candlelight vigil outside the Quebec cathedral April 26 to oppose Bill C-31

PHOTO: BRUCE MYERS

BY KAI NAGATA

IN APRIL I WROTE an article called “Occupy the Pews,” exploring the idea of prophetic ministry. That’s when members of a church apply Christian teachings to the world around them, which often means confronting uncomfortable contradictions, speaking truth, and challenging power.

Effective prophets, like Jesus of Nazareth, tend to have short careers.

I argued that with its clear values and existing infrastructure, the Anglican Church of Canada should be a powerful organ of progressive social change. Yet this impulse is often stymied by the practicalities of institutional survival. The church struggles constantly to reconcile its spiritual calling with real-world politics and economics. Those challenges continue, but as spring arrives in Canada there are signs of stirring.

Bill C-31: Protecting Canada’s refugees

On April 26, a few dozen parishioners gathered by candlelight in Quebec City. It was a quiet launch to a new era, one of clear and open opposition to the current federal government.

Bill C-31, as proposed, will put refugees arriving in Canada at the mercy of the minister of citizenship and immigration. Jason Kenney will have the power to designate any country he wishes as “safe,” meaning Canada’s trade relationships could trump the danger faced by claimants because of their politics, sexuality, race, gender or religion. This is grim news for Chinese citizens who annoy the Politburo, or Mexicans fleeing murderous drug gangs. Bill C-31 will render the notion of “permanent” residency a dark joke. At a wave of the minister’s hand, refugee status may be stripped and permanent residents deported—regardless of the life they’ve built here. If Kenney’s courting of “the ethnic vote” is the carrot, this is the stick: keep your head down or you’ll go back where you came from.

Kenney’s recent vow to stem the tide of “bogus Roma refugees” is an uncomfortable reminder of what the Roma used to be called—Gypsies—and their treatment by right-wing regimes in Europe.

Mitchell Goldberg invokes other historical echoes. At the Quebec City vigil, the vice-president of the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers spoke about the *S.S. St. Louis*, a boat laden with German Jews that was turned back from Halifax in 1939.

Under Bill C-31, Goldberg anticipates the government’s line would be: “The *S.S. St. Louis* was piloted by human smugglers intent on abusing Canadian immigration system.” Passengers would be automatically detained for one year.

“Even if they are accepted as refugees,” says Goldberg, “they are ineligible to sponsor family members for five years. By that time, it would be 1944, and too late.”

Goldberg’s Holocaust reference steps directly on the toes of a government known for its pro-Israel stance and

enthusiasm for war.

Noëlla Iriho knows war, real war. At age 11, she was caught on a bridge in Congo with other refugees from Burundi. The gunmen chasing them began firing into the crowd. Noëlla escaped into the forest, believing her mother and sister to be dead.

Five years later, another sister was living as a refugee in Quebec City. Hearing that 16-year-old Noëlla was alive, the sister was able to bring her over. With the help of a small group of parishioners at the city’s Anglican cathedral, the girls found their mother and sister, alive, in a refugee camp in Tanzania. The family was reunited in Quebec.

“It was like a miracle,” said Noëlla, speaking at the cathedral vigil.

“So why am I here? Because I said to myself, it’s true that my home country can be at peace. But what I went through over there has left scars that can’t be erased. And when I arrived in Quebec, I got to go to school. I made friends. I became integrated. I slept, and when I woke up—I planned my future.”

Noëlla Iriho is now a primary school teacher at École Saint-Malo in Quebec City.

“We’re all of us, in Canada, immigrants and refugees of various kinds. To see us put up barriers or to say that only people who have money and resources can come to this country is totally unacceptable.” A former member of the Ontario legislature, Drainville has no illusions about Bill C-31 being blocked by candles or heartfelt speeches. It will, he anticipates, be signed into law before summer.

Asked whether his diocese would consider offering sanctuary to refugees threatened with deportation, Bishop Drainville said, “We have in the past, and we will continue to look very seriously at that. If this is passed, I would assume the whole issue of sanctuary is going to have a new life in this country.”

The National Energy Board

On the other side of the country, prophetic ministry has entered the debate over the Northern Gateway pipeline. Enbridge’s \$5.5-billion project would carry chemically diluted oil sands bitumen across British Columbia to a terminal on the rugged North Coast. From there, tankers twice the size of the ill-fated *Exxon Valdez* would navigate reefs and stormy channels on their way to refineries in Asia and the Gulf Coast.

The project is subject to the approval of the National Energy Board (NEB), a body whose independence from the federal government has repeatedly been called into question.

Citing “concerns that NEB hearings may become subject to improper time constrictions and industry influence,” the six Anglican bishops of B.C. and the Yukon released a politically charged joint statement on April 6, Good Friday.

“In a project of this magnitude, it is imperative that the final NEB Report on Northern Gateway be thorough

and credible and command wide public support,” say the bishops.” To this end, it will be critical to hear the views of *all* people who live along the intended route of the pipeline. In particular, we call upon the board to pay close attention to the concerns expressed by First Nations communities whose traditional territories and waters the proposed pipeline and the marine supertanker traffic would cross.” The open letter grabbed headlines across Canada.

Ten days later, the federal budget made clear the government’s plans to limit environmental review of energy projects to 24 months. Under the new rules, the NEB’s review of Northern Gateway could wrap up this month—a full year and a half early.

First Nations are aghast. Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, head of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs, told the CBC: “This incredibly stupid move on the part of the Harper government will only serve to expedite the battle in the courtrooms and on the land itself.”

What will the bishops say if their stated fears come to pass?

Archbishop Tutu and the A-word

Finally, an example from outside Canada. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, a figure of immense moral authority in the fight against apartheid in South Africa, on May 1 applied the controversial term to Israel.

In an op-ed piece entitled, “Justice requires action to stop subjugation of Palestinians,” Tutu wrote, “Many black South Africans have traveled to the occupied West Bank and have been appalled by Israeli roads built for Jewish settlers that West Bank Palestinians are denied access to, and by Jewish-only colonies built on Palestinian land in violation of international law.

“This, in my book, is apartheid.”

Tutu calls on the international community to deploy the same tactic of divestment that helped pressure multinationals with operations in South Africa twenty years ago. He singles out Caterpillar, Motorola, and Hewlett Packard, which he accuses of “profiting from the occupation and subjugation of Palestinians.”

The 80-year old Anglican says, “These are among the hardest words I have ever written. But they are vitally important. Not only is Israel harming Palestinians, but it is harming itself.”

Toward a more active political theology?

Refugees in Quebec. A pipeline in B.C. Bulldozers in the West Bank. These issues are linked, in that each pits the dignity of individual people against the tide of international trade. They are also bound by the fact that apparently, the Bible has something to say about each of them.

What’s new is the clarity and audacity with which senior figures in the Anglican church are speaking out. Is this a sign of things to come? I, for one, hope so.

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VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS



The Rev. Jeffrey Metcalfe (front and left) was ordained a deacon on April 24 at Trinity College, Toronto, where he is completing his seminary studies. While finishing his honours master of divinity degree he will serve as a deacon at the Church of the Redeemer in downtown Toronto. He served for a year as a student at St. Michael, Sillery, and also completed a summer-long internship in the Deanery of St. Francis. Also pictured (from front to back, left to right) are Bishop Dennis Drainville (presider), the Rev. Eric Parsons (gospeller), the Rev. Canon Dr. David Neelands (preacher), Andrew MacDonald (cantor), the Rev. Andrea Budgley (litanist), Geoffrey McLarney (acolyte), Christopher Saxton (crucifer), and Daniel Cranley (acolyte).

PHOTO: BRUCE MYERS

NZ diocese picks unorthodox bishop

'How will the mitre fit over my dreadlocks?' new prelate asks

A dreadlocked priest who is usually seen in shorts and bare feet is to be the new Anglican bishop in New Zealand's capital city, Wellington.

Justin Duckworth replaces Bishop Tom Brown, who recently retired after 14 years.

In announcing the appointment on April 29, Archbishop David Moxon pointed to Duckworth's lifestyle, Christian discipleship and mission, citing more than 20 years of mission to street people and those on the margins. "I am confident that his election will challenge, invigorate and grace the church with a deep sense of the breadth and height and depth of the love of God," Moxon said.

While Duckworth said he feels "humbled, privileged—and ter-



Bishop Justin Duckworth

rified," he believes the Anglican church has huge potential for change. "I think the Anglican church is doing amazing stuff, and is a total treasure. But it's a treasure that needs to be dusted off. God wants his people to go on a journey. And if we have the courage, he'll be faithful to equip

and sustain us," he said.

An Anglican for just six years, Duckworth and his wife Jenny founded Urban Vision in 1996, a housing ministry in which young Christians live alongside street people. In 2008, Urban Vision became an Anglican missionary order.

The couple then pioneered Ngatiawa, a lay contemporary monastery which welcomes those who are struggling, seeking prayerful retreat or a missionary lifestyle. While colleagues welcomed the somewhat unexpected appointment, Duckworth acknowledged concerns that he doesn't look like a bishop.

"One of the big points of dialogue is, 'How will the mitre fit over my dreadlocks?'" he said.

Ecumenical News International

Same column, new face

THE TRANSITION from bookkeeper to executive director involves quite a few things, one of which is taking up Guylaine's monthly column in *The Gazette*. I look forward to it, since I know what a great communication tool a column can be. I have a few ideas all ready to go for the next few columns, but the first one will be an introduction—funny as that might seem, considering I've been the diocesan bookkeeper since January 2006, and I've corresponded with a lot of the wardens, treasurers and incumbents over the last six years.

Even so, I still feel that introductions are in order.

I'm a base brat! Or at least that's what we called ourselves in the 1980s. My father was military and I grew up on bases across Ontario and even spent two years in California. I've always spoken both languages, French at home and English with my friends. Even my education was bilingual. Through Grade 7 I went to French school and then to English school. I have friends that still tease me about my language issues, because some days I can't finish a sentence in one language; I use both. To my family's great surprise, I followed my parents to Quebec City in April of 1998. My French at that time wasn't up to par. When I spoke, my bilingual friends would change to English to make my life easier. That changed when I met my future husband, Patrick.

My career path in Quebec City has been interesting to say the least. I was credit manager for a large hotel chain. I loved that since I got to use my English all the time! Then I moved on to training people on accounting software, and that's how I met Michael Boden, our treasurer. For those few years I traveled all over eastern Quebec, spent many hours in my car admiring the view.

Then one day Mike called me up and asked me if I wanted to work for him, as a bookkeeper. The Jeffery Hale Community partners wanted to offer to the organizations of the English community bookkeeping services. The problem that most of these organizations faced at that time, was keeping someone with financial background on staff for any length of time. It's very hard to find someone to work four hours a week for a certain church, or one day a week for another. Most people will do that for a few months, but eventually the opportunity for full-time work comes along, and that organization is left without the service. By pooling those needs, you can find one person, offer them full time work, and they move around between organizations. That's how I became the diocesan bookkeeper.

In the last six years, a lot of changes have taken place. We implemented new accounting software, and when Guylaine Caron came on board she put together some great procedures and simplified our audit process, among all the other great things that she's done. It's been a lot of fun! I've loved working with Guylaine. She's been a mentor, a friend and a joy to work with. When Guylaine announced that she was planning on retiring in May, tears came to my eyes. It's not something I was looking forward to. Even now as I write this column I feel a mix of emotions, since for the past week and a half, Guylaine and I have been spending a lot of time together going over all of her files, and it's simply been a lot of fun. I'm happy for her that she's going to spend a lot of time golfing and skiing, but I shall miss her dearly. Do not be surprised if I take a few days off next winter to hit the slopes with Guylaine.

One of the things with which Guylaine will agree, and that we cannot stress enough here at the office, is that we love hearing from you. Please continue sending your comments and please call when ever you have questions. Even though our summer months are a bit calmer, since our audits are finished, we still have a lot of work. We've welcomed our new bookkeeper Imelda Tagle, who started in April and is soaking up all the information that she can. She's taken over my duties as bookkeeper, and as I step into Guylaine's duties as executive director, I can only hope that we continue to build on the relationships that we've developed so far.



Tending the Garden

News from
rue des Jardins with
Marie-Sol Gaudreau
Executive Director

From 'mother church' to mission centre

Deans' conference explores ways of transforming a cathedral's vocation

BY CHRISTIAN SCHREINER

For over 50 years now, the North American Anglican and Episcopal cathedral deans and their spouses have been meeting annually, in different cities in the U.S. and Canada. The conference always starts on a Thursday, 10 days after Easter Sunday and ends on the following Sunday.

This year's conference took place at St John's Cathedral in Denver, Colorado, on an invitation from the Very Rev. Peter Eaton and his wife, Kate.

The conference started with an opening evensong at St John's Cathedral, with the bishop of Colorado, the Rt. Rev. Robert O'Neill preaching. After that, we had dinner and a reception at the governor's mansion, where we had the privilege of meeting the governor of Colorado, the Hon. John Hickenlooper, and the mayor of Denver, the Hon. Michael Hancock, who surprised as all by delivering a 45-minute speech based on Jesus' words to Peter: "If you love me, tend my sheep."

The theme of this year's deans' conference was "Cathedrals in the 21st Century: From Mother Churches to Mission Centers," and we had a very impressive line-up of speakers, among whom I will only mention three:

The Rev. Richard Vosko is a Roman Catholic priest of the Diocese of Albany with over 40

years of experience in sacred space planning, especially of cathedrals, in the United States and Canada. The recipient of a number of awards and the author of numerous publications, he has a portfolio of over 100 completed projects. He was closely involved in the design and construction of the new Roman Catholic cathedral in Los Angeles. Father Vosko gave a wonderful presentation of his projects, always emphasizing on the community being the body of Christ. In that spirit he has transformed many cathedrals, often by simply moving the altar into the very centre of the building.

Professor Richard Schneider is currently the visiting professor of iconology and liturgical art, as well as professor of hermeneutics, at Saint Vladimir's Seminary in Yonkers, New York. He is also director of the program in Orthodox and East Christian studies at Toronto's Trinity College. He has wide experience in ecumenical relations, and has had a varied and inter-disciplinary academic career both in the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Schneider focused in his presentation on the early church. He showed us some slides of archaeological findings that illustrated how, in the earliest cathedrals, the people were gathered around their bishop.



CANADIAN DEANS – Among the Canadians attending the North American Deans Conference were (left to right) the dean of Niagara, Peter Wall (with his wife, Anne Harvey), the dean of Quebec, Christian Schreiner, and the retired dean of Qu'Appelle (and former dean of Quebec), James Merrett.

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The first Christians saw themselves, just like we do, as a family—and the bishop, representing Christ, was seen as the father of the family and teacher of the faith.

Diana Butler Bass is a well-known author and observer of North American Christianity and congregational life. Her books include *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, *A People's History of Christianity*, and her latest volume, *Christianity After Religion*.

Dr. Butler Bass gave us a short overview over her last book and talked a great deal about spirituality versus religion. She has done many surveys on the topic; one of the findings being that a great majority of North Americans consider themselves spiritual and religious.

According to Dr. Butler Bass, the Anglican church, with its comprehensive notion of *via media* (low church and high church, scripture and tradition, etc.) is actually well equipped to accommodate the new generation of faith seekers.

While all the presentations were exquisite and inspiring, I would, however, have appreciated to spend more time with my fellow cathedral deans from all parts of this continent—time to strengthen friendships and exchange ideas. In addition, some of the topics were rather U.S.-centered. But that will definitely be different next year, when we will all meet in Toronto!

The Very Rev. Christian Schreiner is the dean of Quebec and rector of the Parish of Quebec.

Archdeacon Stuart Martin served Quebec and Montreal

The Ven. Stuart Morison Martin died on Saturday, May 5, following a lengthy illness. He was 85 years old.

Born in 1926, he was ordained to the priesthood 30 years later. At the beginning of his ordained ministry, Father Martin served as rector/incumbent of many parishes in the Diocese of Montreal, such as St. Augustine, St. Cuthbert, and St. Matthew.

He was named Regional Dean of Western Montreal in 1975 and Archdeacon of Montreal in 1984.

Retiring from active ministry in 1991, Archdeacon Martin moved to Georgeville, in the Eastern Townships, where he remained active in service and ministry at St. George, Georgeville, in the Diocese of Quebec and St. Paul, Mansonville, in the Diocese of Montreal. Archdeacon Martin also spent many summers at the diocese's summer congregation at Cap-à-l'Aigle.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, as well as their two children and four grandchildren.

A funeral service was held at St. George, Georgeville, on May 18. The Rt. Rev. Barry Clarke, Bishop of Montreal, presided.

A diverse summer reading list reveals characters' humanity — and ours

IT HAS LONG BEEN a goal of mine to write a completely self-absorbed column that is all about me. When I was asked to suggest some holiday reading, I seized the opportunity and, instead of recommending books that I thought others might enjoy, I decided to present what I intend to read this summer.

I do not do a great deal of reading during the year due to my addiction to British soap operas and period dramas. During the summer vacation, however, when we travel to a remote corner of the Maritimes, no television is allowed. In preparation for this intense period of reading I gather books, and this year have chosen nine novels. So I anticipate many hours of self-indulgence.

On the top of the stack is *That Old Cape Magic* (2009) by Richard Russo. Russo writes about small town New England and with humour and understanding tells bittersweet stories about marriage, family, and friendship. This novel centres on two trips to Cape Cod and examines the breakdown of Jack Griffin's marriage as he contemplates his relationship with his parents, his wife and her parents, and his daughter.

The American Wild West is the location of the next book, Larry McMurtry's novel *The Streets of Laredo* (1993), the sequel to *Lonesome Dove*. The reader follows the adventures of Captain Woodrow Call—now without his partner Augustus McRae—as he tracks a brutal Mexican bandit through Texas. McMurtry's novels are not merely westerns; they explore how people behave when life is precarious and death is never far away. Violence abounds, but innate goodness shines through in uplifting and enriching ways.

For a change of pace, I will then indulge in a re-

reading of Barbara Pym's *Excellent Women* (1952). Pym's novels are small, perfect comedies of manners which usually center on English parish life. Consoling for an Anglican reader, they present a familiar setting of church events, women's guilds, and single young curates. Pym highlights the richness of daily life, and her novels, deeply ironic and sometimes tragic, portray much more than the familiar round of Sunday services and parish bazaars.

Further down the stack is the latest novel from Ian Rankin, a Scottish writer, best known for his brooding murder mysteries about Detective Inspector Rebus. Rankin recently retired Rebus and his new character, Inspector Malcom Fox, makes his second appearance in *The Impossible Dead* (2011). Fox is a detective in the Internal Affairs branch of the Edinburgh constabulary and investigates fellow officers. Rebus—who had seen too much of the darker side of life—used a great deal of liquor to get through the day. Fox is younger and less jaded, but one wonders if he is destined for the same fate as Rebus.

After the dark streets of Rebus's Edinburgh, the kindness of Alexander McCall Smith's works will be welcome,



Books

Ruth Sheeran

and there are three in the pile: *The Forgotten Affairs of Youth* (2011) the latest in the Isabel Dalhousie series; *The Limpopo Academy of Private Detection* (2012) with the marvelous Precious Ramotswe and her assistant Grace Makutsi; *A Conspiracy of Friends* (2011), the third in the Corduroy Mansions series.

I have already read the prize-winning novel *The Sisters Brothers* (2011) by Canadian author Patrick De Witt. I am hoping that his first novel, *Ablutions* (2009), will be as funny, quirky, occasionally violent but essentially life affirming and redeeming.

I will end my summer with another re-read, Jean Rhys's novel *After Leaving Mr. Mackenzie* (1930). Rhys is best known for her last novel, *The Wide Sargasso Sea* (1966), about Bertha Mason, the mad wife of Jane Eyre's Mr. Rochester. Her largely autobiographical books are, as her life was, alcohol soaked, dark and tragic, and her self-destructive female characters move from one seedy love affair to the next. Rhys's work is essentially gloomy but is elevated by her honesty and the beauty of her prose.

Why will I spend my summer reading this collection of novels? I am stimulated by the variety of the experiences, and my imagination will travel with the assorted characters down new pathways of inquiry and delight. Great books, and even the not-so-great, have the essential function of leading us into the realm of "what if?"

From Mma Ramotswe to Captain Woodrow Call, the various characters fail or triumph as they encounter problems, physical challenges, and moral dilemmas. But through it all their fundamental humanity is revealed, and, in empathy, my fundamental humanity is deepened. So in the end it is not just about me; it is about us.



PRAYER OF THE HEART – Sisters Susanne and Amy (far left and far right) are Anglican nuns belonging to the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, based in Toronto. Together they led day-long Lenten retreat for parishioners at St. Andrew, New Carlisle. **SUBMITTED PHOTO**

Anglican sisters lead day of meditation in New Carlisle

BY AMY HAMILTON, SSJD

WHY WOULD WE, Sisters Amy and Susanne of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine, travel 15 hours to the town of New Carlisle in the lovely Gaspé region? We were invited by St. Andrew's parish to lead a Quiet Day called "Prayer of the Heart" on Saturday, March 24, and to preach on the Sunday during Holy Eucharist.

Upon our arrival we were warmly welcomed at the rectory and were introduced to our billet, Anne Kelly and her family. What a wonderful surprise we had, when we arrived to see that the view from our lodging was Chaleur Bay! Anne and her family were superb hosts in making us feel welcomed.

On Saturday, in the beautiful Lady Chapel we meditated on the upcoming services of Palm Sunday and Maundy Thursday and how these events reflect in our own lives. The depth of sharing was moving as participants reflected on their personal experiences. The day was brought to a close by a poignant hand-washing ceremony. All participants

took turns both washing and having their hands washed by others. The Eucharist was subsequently celebrated with Fr. Randy Murray presiding.

We joined the whole community on Sunday, where Sister Amy was given the opportunity to preach. It was also our chance to meet with the rest of the congregation. After breakfast, we were back on the road on our way home to Toronto.

Ministering to others, we often find that we receive much more than we give. The Holy Spirit flows in such a way that all may benefit when we approach our God with openness and love. The gift of sharing and trusting each other with our own journeys opens us all to new ways of seeing God.

The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine conducts missions throughout Canada to journey with others and welcomes invitations to lead quiet days, retreats, workshops, and to preach.

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DEC talks mission, partnership, mileage

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identify potential ministries and mission opportunities in their midst. She expects the group to meet mostly electronically.

Helping Moosonee

The Diocese of Quebec is helping a neighbouring diocese in need.

The financially troubled Diocese of Moosonee is based in Timmins, Ontario, but includes parishes in northwestern Quebec. Last year its synod voted to place the diocese "in suspension," with plans to eventually dismantle its costly diocesan structure and transform into a "mission area" of the ecclesiastical province.

During this time of transition, the Diocese of Quebec has agreed to take on the payroll administration of the half-dozen employees of the Diocese of Moosonee who work on the Quebec side of the provincial border.

QMPI back on

After a year-long hiatus, the Quebec-Montreal Partnership Initiative (QMPI) will meet again June 4 in Montreal.

The group brings together representatives from the dioceses of Quebec and Montreal, including both diocesan bishops, to discuss ways the ecclesiastical neighbours can work more closely together in mission and ministry.

The QMPI meeting comes as the synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, which includes both Quebec and Montreal, prepares to consider a motion proposing the number of dioceses in eastern Canada be reduced from seven to as few as three.

Status quo on mileage

Despite a recent spike in the price at the pumps, DEC has decided to maintain the rate it reimburses clergy, diocesan employees and volunteer commit-

tee members for church-related travel by automobile.

The reimbursement rate for mileage will remain at 43 cents per kilometre. Synod takes its lead on mileage from the rate the Quebec government uses for its employees.

The Diocese of Montreal recently raised its mileage rate to 53 cents per kilometer. It pegs its mileage rate to that of the Canada Revenue Agency.

Break for bishop

Bishop Drainville informed DEC of his intention to take a sabbatical during the first part of 2013.

In doing so, he also requested that a diocesan policy for sabbaticals be formulated.

By 2013 Bishop Drainville will have been in office for five years, first as coadjutor bishop, and then assuming responsibilities as diocesan in 2008.

Rooting out the heart's conceits

I WRITE THIS from Lebanon, where I'm staying at a monastery on a mountainside overlooking the Mediterranean. The birds are singing and the smell of wild thyme and rosemary wafts through the open window. It's a tough life, being a *Gazette* columnist.



Faithful Reflections

Louisa Blair

Every time I hear Mary's famous prayer, the Magnificat, I am challenged to interpret her words anew. Where am I in the spectrum of "proud" to "humble," and who are those around me whom God wants to exalt? The spectrum from high to low can be interpreted in terms of social status, political clout, personal power, physical control or just money—and it can change literally from one day to the next. But I have to somehow identify with the "humble," in myself and others, if I am to accompany Jesus to the cross and know the resurrection. Rooting out the conceits of the heart takes paying close mental attention, while being open to the Spirit at the same time.

The question is a complex one in Lebanon, where spiritual questions are inevitably tied up with politics. As a Christian if you accept being politically "low" you run the risk of being edged out altogether. The country is about 30 per cent Christian and 70 per cent Muslim, and there are 18 official religious groups. But unlike in Quebec, where society is becoming more and more militantly secular, religion here is everything. Religion is not only about your personal faith; it is your national identity under a government system called confessionalism, whereby the president is a Maronite Christian, the speaker of parliament is a Shiite Muslim, the prime minister is a Sunni Muslim, and the deputy speaker and deputy prime minister are Greek Orthodox. Proportionate representation is by confession and by region.

I asked a Christian here how he maintains his faith in a place where faith and politics are so intertwined. He spoke of two faiths: his personal faith, and his communal faith. As a man of communal faith he sometimes has hard choices to make: should he take up arms to protect his community, which is one that surrounding countries also count on to remain solid? Christians in Egypt, Syria, Jerusalem, Palestine, Iraq, Jordan—many of whom feel besieged—count on Lebanese Christians being there for them. What would you do?

When faced with a choice between Middle Eastern secular dictatorships or Islamic republic, some Christians either withdraw into their separate identities, or leave their countries. Some Lebanese would like to separate everyone out into regions according to their religion. But the Lebanese with whom I've spent time here believe that Christians and Muslims can and must live together. That in fact if they don't, Lebanon will cease to exist. Interreligious dialogue for them is not an affair for panty-waisted, bleeding-heart liberals who are trying to be nice. It's a matter of survival.

Recently, Christians and Muslims established the Feast of the Annunciation as a new national holiday, because the story of Mary and Gabriel is in both the Qur'an and the Bible. In fact, she is the only woman named in the Qur'an. They chose her because her face is not one of war, from which Lebanon still suffers too much, but of our common God and our common humanity.

In the light of the Magnificat there is a certain irony in the fact that this national feast was decreed by some of the top religious authorities in the land. Yet on the part of the Muslims, their involvement meant risking being "brought down" by some of their co-religionists. One of the key instigators has since been ejected from office as a result. Interreligious dialogue has produced its share of martyrs in this country, from both religions.

As we discussed all these complexities, another reading of Mary's Magnificat blindsided me. Heading for church on Sunday, a friend came across a church in which mass was being said in English for 600 women and nine men. They were Filipino "guest workers" who had managed to get the morning off. Most had been illegal until recently. Some were nannies, but according to the priest, most were prostitutes. My friend asked the priest what kind of pastoral work he did with these women, and he told her that he didn't do any, and that he wasn't planning to because they were in Lebanon "for the wrong reasons."

As part of the Christian minority in the Middle East this man may well see himself as in the position of the "humble" whom God wants to exalt. But humility is not the same as victim-thinking. That's why the Magnificat has to be a daily challenge that can change dimensions and morph out of recognition if I don't ask the Spirit, which is infinitely supple, to show me. I too can easily fall into victim-thinking, about being a woman, a linguistic minority, a harassed volunteer columnist, whatever it is—and completely miss the call of the Magnificat right under my nose.

DIOCESAN SNAPSHOTS



PILGRIMS' PROGRESS - A bus full of Anglicans from St. Francis Deanery made a day-long pilgrimage to Quebec City on May 12. Welcomed by the bishop, dean, and other friends from the see city (including Aldo the donkey), the pilgrims visited the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity, the Morrin Centre, and other points of interest in Old Quebec. (Photo: Bruce Myers)



THANKS FOR THE PLAN, MAN - Bishop Dennis Drainville presented Steve Cameron with a commemorative plaque at Church Society's annual meeting April 28, in recognition of the consultant's contributions to the crafting of the Diocese of Quebec's Strategic Framework. (Photo: Bruce Myers)



LONGTIME WARDEN HONOURED - Members of St. James the Less, Compton, threw a surprise lunch for Russell Nichols, who served the congregation as a warden for 46 years. Still ever ready to lend a hand, Mr. Nichols has been named an honorary warden of the church. (Submitted photo)



TBC - A confirmation class with confirmands from four different churches in the Quebec City area has been meeting regularly. Back row (left to right): Shelby Lacourse, Elizabeth McBain, Sabrina Lavalée, Sydney McBain, Jessica Shone, Jobena Robinson-Nattawappio, Lucas Demers, Francis McKenzie, Ian Marrack. Front row: Dean Christian Schreiner, confirmand Jacob Stone, Bishop Dennis Drainville, the Rev. Darla Sloan. (Photo: Bruce Myers)



TRINITY OF CONFIRMANDS - Kaitlyn Card, Jacob Page, and Paul McFarlane were confirmed at St. Barnabas, North Hatley, on Palm Sunday. They're pictured here along with Archdeacon David Oliver and Bishop Dennis Drainville. (Submitted photo)

See you in September...

The Gazette is taking the summer off, with publication resuming with the September edition. But keep sending news and photos of events taking place in your part of the diocese over the summer. The deadline for the September issue is August 6.

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