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Three wreaths sit in front of a cross at a war cemetery in France to honour and remember Canadians who fought and died during two world wars. Crosses and poppy-covered wreaths of every size dot Western Europe to thank those men who fought and died on the continent.

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# National church wants input on proposed major changes

**By Rev. Ted Williams**

**PRINCE ALBERT** — The Anglican Church of Canada is at the point where we need to reduce expenses in a dramatic way. There is less money from parishes to maintain the \$10,396,499 budget.

Rather than arbitrary budget cuts, a Primate's Commission was struck to gauge priorities and to listen to groups within the church. The nine members of the commission were invited by the Right Rev. Linda Nicholls, former primate, to discern what actions the Anglican Church of Canada could take to reform its structures, such as Church House and General Synod, and stay true to the gospel.

The scope is ambitious and hopeful as the commission is open to “radical transformation.”

In August, the Primate's Commission released three reports including: a history of General Synod, an introduction to the commission, and an introduction to the seven hypotheses. These reports and hypotheses reflect 10 months of online meetings and one in person meeting.

As one member put it, “There were many compromises.” The name of the commission, we learn, is Reimagining the Church – Proclaiming the Gospel in the 21st Century.

To be sure, at this state the commission only offers hypotheses, or thought experiments. All Anglicans are meant to consider.

ponder, and perhaps even offer alternative points of view.

The commission isn't saying what must happen, rather, these are things we must think about as we downsize our structures. Indeed, any decision on the future of the church is made by General Synod, not the commission.

It is clear much work was done hearing different points of view, yet it may suffer from the same drawbacks as previous efforts to change the church. For example, it reflects the voices of those closer to Church House.

As in the past, any conclusions or insights may not permeate to the local church. Since the release of the first reports there have been news articles in *The Living Church* and *The Anglican Journal* on initial reactions. The commission attempts to pre-empt disagreement by saying the seven hypotheses are intentionally provocative.

As it happens, the news articles feature bishops who believe Church House is marginalizing either Indigenous Anglicans or northern dioceses. The news articles do not interview churches or priests at the local level. Another indication that, so far, the controversy rests with those close to General Synod or with official positions.

These news articles also reveal the underlying theme of subsidiarism. This refers to who has the authority

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# Learning, discipleship draw us closer to Christ

*Why is Church discipleship important?*

By Rev. Teddy Williams

One way our church encourages discipleship is through learning. Indeed, as Christians we have a desire to learn about our church, our faith, and how to follow Jesus.

For our clergy, with learning, there is an expectation they will lead by example. To this end, clergy can apply for a one-week study leave.

Additionally, there is a Continuing Education Plan administered by the Anglican Church of Canada's Pension Fund and its 11 employees.

This plan gives members the opportunity to receive funds for courses, books, and electronic devices, to further their learning. The fund also gives grants for retraining and Sabbaticals.

Members include stipendiary clergy, non-stipendiary clergy, and lay employees. A committee will oversee the application. Furthermore, bishops monitor the plan, ensuring clergy are accessing its benefits, and give approval for grant applications.

The rules regulating the plan are found under canon 9.

There are various challenges to running the plan. First, while the plan covers 75 per cent, the



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applicant needs to pay for the rest. Second, there is geographical disparity.

In other words, if the applicant intends to use the benefit for travel expenses, the dollar amount goes further if you live closer to transportation hubs. Special grants may mitigate this.

Another problem is confusion over the purpose. The fund will cover study expenses, but not wellness. As Christians this creates ambiguity.

For example, would a

week-long retreat qualify? The applicant may feel the pressure to change the nature of the retreat to sound like a study leave.

Another issue is that applicants favour personal electronic devices over education. Indeed, applicants sometimes apply to the fund year after to year for a new electronic device.

This raises the questions: are the funds best spent on multiple electronic devices or courses? To reduce superfluous spending, applicants will need to

justify the purpose of the device.

A last topic is whether clergy are taking sabbaticals. After five years, clergy can receive funds for a two-month sabbatical. However, not everyone makes this investment.

The point in the plan isn't to separate clergy from lay people. Rather it is to invest in the mission of the church. In using the benefits efficiently and appropriately, a right relationship can be nurtured between all church members.

Congregations finance this program through tithing and other offerings, via apportionment. The diocese then contributes \$900 per annum for each member — so funds will accrue.

The Continuing Education Plan is also a registered charity, so churchmen and women can make direct donations. As a charity, the plan is accountable to the Canada Revenue Agency.

Between the church canon and maintaining charitable status, there is a high degree of accountability.

Congregations and church members fund the program, but their job doesn't end there. On the contrary, church members can encourage clergy, and even express interest. Hopefully, learning will remain close to our hearts and draw us closer to Christ.



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to make a decision. For example, in the context of Canada, who gets to decide whether you can build a chicken coop in your backyard? The national government, the provincial government, the city, or the local neighbourhood? A local level should make this decision, however, which local level?

Similarly, our church, as the news articles make apparent, has difficulty over jurisdiction and authority. Even as the mandate of the Primate's Commission is to look at matters within their jurisdiction, some believe the seven hypotheses extends the authority of Church House into their

jurisdiction.

With the release of the reports and hypotheses, the commission intends to seek feedback. The commission plans to make recommendations to General Synod 2025. It is possible their work will contribute to motions at this same synod.

Readers of The Anglican Journal or the Saskatchewan Anglican can review the seven hypotheses and respond at [www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/reimagining-the-church](http://www.anglican.ca/primate/tfc/reimagining-the-church).

The best way to give feedback is written correspondence to Monique Stone, Chair of the Primate's Commission, 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2.



A wreath is placed in a Canadian war cemetery in the Netherlands as part of a ceremony to honour men who died fighting liberating the country in the Second World War.  
Photo by Jason G. Antonio



## The Bishop's Corner

# Out of the mouth

By the Right Rev.  
**Rodney Andrews, D.D.**  
Interim Bishop  
of Saskatoon

As I write, there is a furor in Springfield, Ohio. It seems former President Donald Trump and his running mate JD Vance claim immigrants from Haiti are eating the dogs and cats of their neighbours.

The situation is tense. Police and the military roam the streets. Schools are closed and there are bomb threats. The mayor of Springfield and other civic authorities insist there is no substance to the rumours. The rumours are false, yet they persist. Fear, hate and xenophobia fill the air.

James, brother of Jesus, wrote about the power of the tongue, the evil of gossip and the destruction caused by slander. "If we put bits



into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member,

yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire." James says, "... no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison."

Gossip is a wild fire out of control. We try to put it out. We try to control it, but the gossip

keeps pouring gas on the fire. Like a forest fire that is beyond control, gossip takes on a life of its own.

The more the gossip is spread, the story grows and changes. Gossip obscures the truth and drives us from God. Gossip ruins reputations, destroys relationships and divides churches. James says, "From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so."

A television reporter invites comments from a tall black man, a resident of Springfield. The man proudly declares, "I am Episcopalian (Anglican). We are taught to pray for the president and all elected officials, whether we agree with them or not."

Prayers for the King, the Royal Family, the prime minister, the premier, the mayor and all in authority" are natural for us as Anglicans. We include politicians in our prayers, and we pray for candidates in elections.

A man had a reputation as the village gossip. He loved to

spread false rumours about his neighbours. People were getting hurt. The rabbi was asked if he would speak to the man. The rabbi knew that quoting the Bible, or preaching, would not solve the problem.

The next time the religious leader met the master of gossip he said, "I have a task for you. I would like you to gather a sack of feathers and place a single feather on the doorstep of each house in the village. When you have finished come back to me."

The man did as requested and soon returned to the rabbi to announce that the task was complete. "Now," the rabbi said, "I want you to go back and collect all the feathers."

"But Rabbi," the man protested, "the feathers will be impossible to collect. The wind will have blown them away."

"So it is with the lies we tell about our neighbours," the rabbi said. "They can never be retrieved. They are like feathers in the wind."

## 'Saskatchewan 4' hear more about Jesus' incarnation at event

By Rev. Ted Williams

PRINCE ALBERT — This last summer, four clergy from the Diocese of Saskatchewan went to Halifax, Nova Scotia, to attend the 33rd annual Atlantic Theological Conference at St. George's Round Church.

These were the Reverends Jordan Draper, Teddy Williams, Brody Albers and David Butorac. The conference meets every year in the summer for one week, in different Maritime cities.

This year saw participants from the Maritimes, Georgia, Wisconsin, Scotland, and of course the "Saskatchewan 4."

Many attend frequently, thus the event is a family reunion. Each year the conference takes on a contemporary or doctrinal topic.

This year the topic was on "Incarnation" and for one-week participants heard papers on Christ's incarnation.

In fact, the aim of the conference is to help churchmen and women bring these topics into their everyday lives and conversations.

With this in mind, the conference had papers by



From left, the reverends Teddy Williams, Brody Albers, David Butorac and Jordan Draper gather in Halifax during the 33rd annual Atlantic Theological Conference in Halifax. Photo courtesy Facebook

clergy, academics and lay people. Indeed, many of the speakers come from fields outside theology, like history or literature. By this diverse array of speakers, a bridge is built

between what is complex to the wider church. We hear many perspectives on a topic. This enables participants

to return to their home church with familiarity on a subject.

One fruit was to appreciate how the incarnation is a source of unity for Anglicans. Celebrating the incarnation is a quality of Anglican worship.

We choose to stay loyal to Jesus as He is

present in our church. Furthermore, we appreciate how Jesus is present in other branches of the church.

The guest speaker, John Behr, Aberdeen University, shed light on the topic with a book study on St Athanasius' Incarnation.

Most of all, this

conference frames itself within worship. Each day begins with Holy Communion, and the day ends with evening prayer. In effect, the meals, the paper, the discussion, the friendships, and the papers are an extension of worship.

Its purpose is to glorify God. Through prayer and discussion, the conference even learns ways to handle controversy, without inflaming the passions. Instead, we learn how to listen.

Perhaps this emphasis on prayer and listening is what draws in the number of young people, including families and half a dozen infants. In this way, the conference is a gem of the Anglican Church of Canada.

On a last note, the conference is an example of how our church values continuing education as part of discipleship. This opportunity can happen because our church encourages clergy to take a weeklong study leave every year.

There is also the possibility to seek funding the church pension office. The four clergy certainly appreciate the chance to study together.



## DIOCESE OF SASKATOON EVENTS

## Announcements for November 2024

■ **Saskatchewan Anglican** online! Did you know you can read current and past issues of the *Sask. Anglican* online?

Visit [www.anglicandio-cesesaskatoon.com/saskanglican](http://www.anglicandio-cesesaskatoon.com/saskanglican) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/saskatchewananglican](http://www.facebook.com/saskatchewananglican).

■ **Licentiate in Theology** Courses offered by College of Emmanuel and St. Chad and Western Education Collaborative Anglican Network (W.E.C.A.N.):

Emmanuel and St. Chad College has been working with the WECAN group to develop a ministry preparation program relevant to the various Anglican contexts in Western Canada.

The local diocesan ministry schools make substantial contributions to the program by offering courses mapped out in the ESC-WECAN Licentiate in Theology handbook.

Whether you are feeling called to do more formal ministry or are drawn to taking certain courses, please contact the person named for the course or courses you are interested in doing.

At the same time, let your diocesan school co-ordinator know your plans. If interested, please review the detailed list of fall and winter course located elsewhere in this issue.

■ **Saskatchewan Theological Union** Courses for 2024-2025: The Saskatoon Theological Union has announced the list of course offerings for the coming fall and winter.

These course offerings are too extensive to be listed here but information on these may be obtained from Colleen Walker, STU registrar, 1121 College Dr., Saska-

toon, S7N 0W3, 639-638-1510, [colleen.walker@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca](mailto:colleen.walker@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca).

■ **Mentors and Instructors Needed** for Emmanuel & St. Chad and WECAN Licentiate in Theology: Mentors and instructors for the students of our diocese enrolled in the Emmanuel and St. Chad College and the Western Education Collaborative Anglican Network's Licentiate in Theology.

For your information, a student may be in the L.Th. program for three to five years, depending on their life context and other responsibilities in their lives.

To maintain some continuity, we would like mentors to consider being in this role for two years. Longer would be appreciated and acceptable.

Retired clergy would be warmly welcome to serve as mentors as well as being willing to participate in the mentor Orientation. Mentors do not need to be clergy or even incumbent clergy.

People with teaching experience, who are respected members in their faith community with a knowledge base relevant to the one of 12 courses required in the L.Th. could serve as instructors.

If interested in being either an instructor or mentor, or both, please contact the Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy at [trish.mccarthy@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca](mailto:trish.mccarthy@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca).

■ **Safe Church:** The following Safe Church course will be offered in October: Workshop #2, Preventing and Responding to Abuse. (Pt. A) Monday, Sept. 30, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., online. (Pt. B) Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 6:30 to 9 p.m., online. These

courses are designed for clergy and lay leaders including church wardens.

Please register with Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy at 306-370-8378 or [trish.mccarthy@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca](mailto:trish.mccarthy@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca).

■ **Diocesan Communications Team** formed: A diocesan communications team has been formed to improve our diocesan online presence.

The team consists of the Revs. Marie-Louise Ternier, Amy Bunce and Laura Marie Piotrowicz and Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin, who serves as backup support, and Executive Archdeacon Alex Parsons who provides oversight and guidance.

For this team to accomplish its work, we will need we need the active participation of and contributions from all of our parishes. So here's an invitation: send us your news, pictures and news.

These kinds of things tell the story of our diocese and help us to know each other better.

Please send photos and text along with the name of the parish and time and location of the event(s) described...coming events should also be included so that we can announce them to everyone in a timely manner!

If you wish, you can attribute a short Bible verse or another inspirational caption with your material as well and we will be publishing all this in a regular newsletter sent out to each parish by e-mail.

All parishes are also invited to contribute to the Diocesan Facebook page by submitting a photo of something interesting, beautiful or meaningful.

Submissions can be e-mailed to Rev. Amy Bunce who is taking charge of this online aspect [amyb@ Sasktel.net](mailto:amyb@ Sasktel.net) or [amyb@ Sasktel.net](mailto:amyb@ Sasktel.net).

[ststephens@sasktel.net](mailto:ststephens@sasktel.net). The Rev. Canon Marie-Louise Ternier can also be contacted at 306-231-6574.

■ **Peaching Ministry Conference:** A one-day Preaching Ministry Conference will be held on Saturday, Nov 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Christ Church, Saskatoon.

The cost is \$25.00 per person for in-person attendance and free for those who are registered and are using ZOOM online access.

For more information on speakers and registration, please see the more detailed notice posted elsewhere in this issue.

■ **Reflections on Male Spirituality** at Christ Church: The Men's Group of Christ Church Anglican (515 28th Street West) is beginning a weekly book study of Father Richard Rohr's classic, *From Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality*.

All men invited to take part, meeting at Christ Church (basement, auditorium door on north side/28th St) starting Oct. 3 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more info contact Pastor Mark Kleiner at 306-222-3844 or [y2kleiner@gmail.com](mailto:y2kleiner@gmail.com).

■ **Joys of the Christmas Season:** Christ Church Anglican Parish, 515, 28th Street West, Saskatoon, will be presenting its annual Joys of the Season on Saturday, Nov. 23, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall. The event includes a festive luncheon, a bake sale and sales of poinsettias and chicken pies as well as great door prizes.

■ **The Painting Table:** All are welcome

at the "Painting Table" held in the lower parish hall at Emmanuel Anglican Parish, 607 Dufferin Ave., from 7 to 8:30 p.m., the first Wednesday of each month. All art materials are supplied.

■ **Christ Church Anglican, Saskatoon:** BAS Evening Prayer, every Thursday at 7 p.m.; Free community supper, 5 to 7 p.m., the third Tuesday of each month; Community Coffee House, every Wednesday, 10 a.m. to noon; Nutflakes Videos, Fridays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Men's breakfast the first Sunday of each month, a free breakfast by the men of the parish, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

■ **Courses at the Refinery:** The Refinery at Emmanuel Anglican Parish, Saskatoon is offering a series of courses during the Winter 2024 season on a variety of subjects including painting and various other art media, Zumba, and various spiritual and meditative modalities.

For more information or to register, please contact the Refinery at: [www.emmanuelrefinery.org](http://www.emmanuelrefinery.org) or 306 653-3549.

■ **To be included in a timely manner,** notices should be supplied to the associate editor by fax, email or "snail mail" by the end of the month, one month before the month in which the insertion is desired (i.e. February entries will be in the April issue).

Detailed and longer texts of events will not be included in this section, but should space allow, could be the subject of articles and notices elsewhere in the *Saskatchewan Anglican*.





# Art in the Heart ... of Caswell Hill

By the Rev. Mark Kleiner

SASKATOON — Christ Church Anglican, located at the heart of Saskatoon's historic Caswell Hill neighbourhood, has a long history with a mainstay cultural event in Caswell.

For many years, artists have come together to showcase their wares at a festival called *Art in the Park*, held at Ashworth Holmes Park, with pancakes served by Christ Church, and music from local performers. One year some time ago, when the park was not available, Christ Church stepped in to host the event on the church grounds.

After a huge *Art in the Park* in 2019, pandemic mothballing ensued, until Christ Church engaged the Caswell Community Association in conversation about what it would take to relaunch this much-loved tradition.

A group of community and church volunteers put shoulders to the plough and created *Art in the Heart ... of Caswell Hill*, to be held again on Christ Church grounds on Sept. 8.

Besides food, drinks and arts and crafts for sale, Super Ron the Magician delighted children with an outdoor magic show.

A children's area included balloon animals and other creations, while inside the church sanctuary, attendees enjoyed the musical stylings of local performers Christopher & the Saints and the duo of Johnny Sinclair & Leslie Stanwyck.

The latter closed their well-received set with a nod to their tenure in Canadian power pop mainstays The Pursuit of Happiness, performing a tender reading of TPOH's 1988 single "She's So Young."

The event, held the weekend following Labour Day, served up a festive mixture of art and music, food and conversation, children and dogs, with the weather more or less co-operating, albeit a bit on the hotter side.

A huge thank you to all who came out to support *Art in the Heart*, and special thanks to the church and community volunteers who, with the artists and musicians, pulled together to make it all happen.



A group of community and church volunteers holds "Art in the Heart ... of Caswell Hill" on Christ Church grounds with the church hosting a barbecue, while a range of artists and creators assembled at tables on the church lawn.  
Photos by Rev. Peter Coolen



Energetic volunteers from Christ Church manned the barbecue and drinks area. Sales were brisk, possibly due to the food area being in one of the few shady spots on, what turned out to be, a very hot day.



During the *Art in the Heart* event, Super Ron the Magician (standing left) came to delight children of all ages with an outdoor magic show



# New clergy installed in Estevan and Weyburn

By Rev. Christine Burton and Wendy Godfrey

ESTEVAN & WEYBURN (Qu'A) — It was a bright, sunny day when Rev. Leonard Botchway and Rev. Christine Burton were installed in St. Giles, Estevan, and All Saints, Weyburn, respectively.

While an installation may sound like something you'd do to a lightbulb, it's apt, as Botchway and Burton have been charged with bringing the light of God to their new parishes and communities.

Bishop Helen Kennedy travelled to Estevan on Sept. 22, for a service of thanksgiving for the new ministry of Rev. Dr. Leonard Botchway. Botchway has been appointed priest-in-charge at St. Giles following the retirement of Archdeacon Wilma Woods.

Bishop Kennedy presided over the service, and following her sermon, the St. Giles Sunday school performed a song called *Who Did?*

At the end of the service Botchway expressed his thanks for everyone who came to the service, including Rev. David Holmes, who was the parish priest in Estevan for 17 years.

Following the service, a potluck lunch was enjoyed by all.

Later that afternoon, Bishop Kennedy arrived in Weyburn and made her way to All Saints Parish.

There, she was greeted by Rev. Christine Burton and Rev. Brian Buydens, assistant priest, and a small but enthusiastic crowd of believers, including Botchway, who travelled from Estevan



From left, Allison Dinsmore (People's Warden), Bishop Helen Kennedy, Rev. Dr. Leonard Botchway, and Wendy Godfrey (Rector's Warden) pose in St. Giles, Estevan, after Botchway was installed as priest-in-charge of the parish.

Photos by Stephen Kennedy



In All Saints, Weyburn, newly appointed priest-in-charge Rev. Christine Burton (left) stands with Bishop Helen Kennedy and assistant priest Rev. Brian Buydens.

for the service, and members of the Weyburn ministerial.

The celebratory service was relatively straightforward, although Burton was so keen for all to share in the peace of Christ that she invited the community to share the peace before the articles of covenant had been affirmed.

The service was followed by a bounteous potluck that had just about enough leftovers to fill the biblical 12 baskets, but instead were sent home with participants in the service.

As day turned to night, all returned homeward, where God granted all a peaceful night and a perfect end.

May we too all share in these new ministries of God's light, and rest in God's grace.

## DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN

### St. George, Loon Lake burns to the ground in suspected case of arson

On Oct. 27-31, the PWRDF sponsored a conference, "Agitate for Indigenous Youth," in the diocese, which was held at the Quest Camp in Christopher Lake.

Congratulations to David Zulkoskey, who has been a lay reader at St. Alban's Cathedral for years and was to be

ordained as a deacon on Friday, Nov. 1 in St. Alban's Cathedral at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Arlene Sturgeon, who has been a lay reader for some time at St. John's Church in Nipawin and was also ordained to the diaconate on Nov. 1 at St. Alban's Cathedral.

Congratulations to Sarah and Brody Albers, who are expecting their first child to be born in late December.

On Sept. 28 around 5 a.m., St. George's Church in Loon Lake burned to the ground. Everything inside the building was destroyed, with the only remnants of the church

being a weathered sign out front of where the entrance used to be.

Residents shared photos of the church on social media and the countless memories associated. However, some expressed their frustration and believe the fire was set deliberately in relation to the National Day for Truth

and Reconciliation on Sept. 30.

The church was constructed in 1938 and still held a community service once a month. It was one of the iconic older churches in the diocese.

The new archives offices will be opening in November.





## Rev. Shepherd Munzara installed at Swift Current

Rev. Shepherd Munzara was installed as the incumbent of St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Church, Swift Current, on Sept. 18. Five generations of parishioners took part in the service, formally recognizing him in the position. It was a joyous occasion for the parish, which had been waiting a long time for their new priest. Thank you to all who attended, participated, and are keeping the

Munzara family in their prayers. Munzara and his family arrived in Canada from Zimbabwe in July. From left are Rev. Susan Anholt from Kenaston, Rev. Shepherd Munzara, Bishop Helen Kennedy, Rev. Jesse Miller from Maple Creek and Ven. Lauren Miller, Archdeacon of St. Chad.

Photo by Anne Hill

# The time has come

By the Rev. Nancy Yee

*"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens ..."*  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1).

In the changing of seasons, it's time to say a faithful farewell to my service on the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad Council. Even though there is much more rewarding work left to do, I felt a new season emerging, in my own life as well as the life of the council and college.

After all, I have been on council since 2012. Having been recently ordained, I looked forward to giving back to the college that I loved and helped form me as a Christian and a priest.

The presence of the college in my hometown was a clear blessing, affording me many opportunities to learn and grow, spiritually, theologically, personally and professionally. I was able to be a part-time student while taking care of a family at home.

When I became a student in the '00s, I merely wanted to add some academic understanding and knowledge to my

relatively young faith and take classes that would help me be a lay teacher in my home church in the Free Methodist denomination.

But, as I immersed myself in the Anglican tradition and in college life, I sensed a call to ordination. After 10 years of discernment, God deemed it right and good that I was ordained.

When I was invited to join the college council, it was in the midst of navigating a transition. Just a few years earlier, the college considered closing. As a student, I rarely was aware of the college's structure and governance.

My head and heart were too immersed in study, reading, and in learning to be involved in the council work. I knew the college had sold buildings and moved into the Lutheran Seminary. But, I didn't realize it was in danger of closing.

I have always been grateful to those who came before me, who sat on council, and prayerfully discerned the will of God to keep the college open



and to re-think its future. I served the council as secretary, then vice-president, and as president for the last seven years.

I was privileged to be chair of the search committee who vetted the current principal, The Rev. Canon Dr. Iain Luke. For the past eight years, working well with the council, he has helped steer the college towards a sustainable future.

He helped renew the college's mission, faculty, and relationships within and outside the college, reaching out to others, reminding us all not only of the college's offerings, but that our never-tiring loving God is with us.

It is with mixed feelings that I say goodbye. Being on council has been both challenging and satisfying. But it is time for new people to take up the new challenges emerging in this moment.

The college has worked very hard in the past few years to formalize a

deeper working relationship with its Lutheran and United Church partners, incorporating the Saskatoon Theological Union (STU) and creating a STU Board to oversee the future of good theological education on the prairies for all three denominations.

Emmanuel & St. Chad's mission is to be a College for the Church. It's my fervent hope that Anglicans of the West will continue to support this mission by choosing to pray for the college on a regular basis and donate time, energy and finances to support the college.

We are eagerly searching for faithful followers of Christ who will share their gifts with the council or its committees for the sake of the college's work.

Our hope is to continue developing the council to grow in faithful governance and stewardship of the college's mission and resources

It's important for all of us, especially in theological colleges, to learn together how to

follow Jesus through these times of change and transition.

We need God's grace to empower our seminaries to shape apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds and teachers who can lead and support God's people in living our faith in a post-truth, post-modern and post-Christian world.

Change is a constant in life and transitions can be daunting. But I'm comforted by this quote from Rabbi Rami Shapiro, "Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief. Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it."

The rabbi's words encourage us to always work with faith, hope and love for a college that desires to support the Church in its God-given mission in the world.

I invite you to remember that in changing seasons and times, our God is unchanging, always good, always compassionate, always merciful ... and for eternity. I need to remember to trust God

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Rev. Jordan Draper (middle) places a stole onto Rev. Perry Siddons during the latter's ordination service. Photos courtesy Facebook



From left, Rev. Jeremy Boehr, newly priested Rev. Perry Siddons and Bishop Adam Halkett gather for a picture after the ordination service.

## Service, discipleship two reasons Rev. Perry Siddons a good fit for priesthood



Bishop Adam Halkett (centre) leads the ordination service, with assistance from Rev. Ted Williams.

**By Rev. Jeremy Boehr**  
Priest, St. John the Baptist, New Brunswick

PRINCE ALBERT — On the evening of May 31, a large gathering took place at St. Alban's Cathedral in Prince Albert for the ordination of the Rev. Perry Siddons to the priesthood at the hands of Bishop Adam Halkett.

The preacher was Fr. Jeremy Boehr, former rector of the Parish of Nipawin and Arborfield in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, who came all the way from the Diocese of Fredericton, where he currently serves the Mission Church of St. John the Baptist and St. Clement in southern New Brunswick.

Fr. Jeremy's

relationship with Rev. Perry was first formed in Nipawin while Perry was a student at Nipawin Bible College.

Having connections with the Anglican Church from his youth, Perry was naturally drawn to the liturgy and the Anglican way of worship. He became involved with St. John's Church in Nipawin through service, Bible study and fellowship and sometimes even took the pulpit at St. John's and the Church of the Ascension in Arborfield.

Fr. Jeremy recommended Perry to the bishops of the diocese as being someone they might consider for ordered ministry in the Anglican Church.

It was clear from his sense of service

and discipleship, his commitment to uphold the Holy Scriptures and the evidence of a life dedicated to following the doctrine of Christ that Perry had a special calling.

On that joyous evening, Perry was ordained priest with many family, friends and clergy colleagues gathering together to support him in his new ministry.

Music during the service was provided by Margaret Zulkoskey on the organ and Wyndham Theisen playing guitar during Holy Communion.

Following the service a lovely reception was hosted by the combined efforts of three ACW groups from St. Albans Cathedral, St. David's Church and St. George's Church.



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# Anglican Foundation supports renos at St. Paul's Cathedral

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REGINA — Recently, the interior of St. Paul's Cathedral had the cracks filled and painted. This has enhanced the interior and made it much brighter. This project was helped financially by the Anglican Foundation.

Four years ago, the interior lightening was upgraded to LEDs and the Anglican Foundation also contributed to that project. The cathedral is grateful for the support of the foundation.

The foundation has contributed to the three dioceses not only on infrastructure projects but in other areas that are under the foundation's mandate.

In the dioceses of Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan and Saskatoon, monies have been distributed for: youth retreats, children



With new LED lights and fresh paint, St. Paul's Cathedral is bright and inviting.



Photos by Elvira Beday

and youth programming, post pandemic mission for elementary students, bursaries for theological students, creation of

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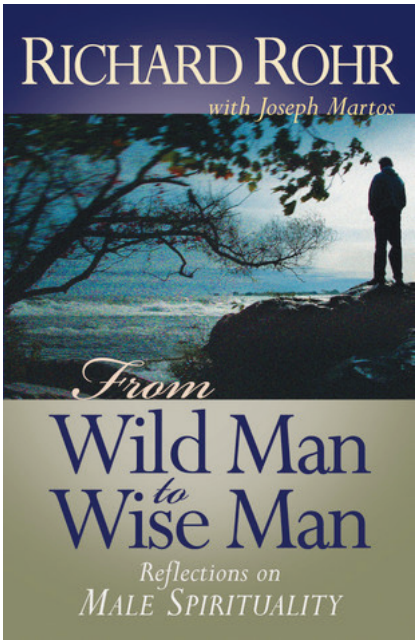
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## Book study looks at male spirituality

Submitted

SASKATOON — The Men's Group of Christ Church Anglican (515 28th Street West) is beginning a weekly book study of Father Richard Rohr's classic, *From Wild Man to Wise Man: Reflections on Male Spirituality*. All men invited to take

part starting Oct. 3 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. For more info contact Pastor Mark Kleiner at 306-222-3844 or [y2kleiner@gmail.com](mailto:y2kleiner@gmail.com). Why a men's group? In part, because men's fraternity is imperiled in our world and the loneliness epidemic disproportionately affects men. Come join in on the journey!



# First World War crushed Anglican Church's

**Editor's note:** The following article comes from the book, "From Tent to Cathedral: A History of St. Paul's Cathedral, Regina," by diocesan archivist Trevor Powell. Chapter 6 goes into detail about how the First World War affected the Anglican Church in Saskatchewan and around the world.

The outbreak of war in August of 1914 weakened the position of the Church of England on the prairies at a time when its greatest missionary offensive to date was beginning to show results.

While all religious denominations would feel the effect of the European conflict sooner or later, the Anglican cause was hurt immediately. This was largely due to the heavy reliance on manpower from the Mother Church.

During the first year of the war, six clergy of the Diocese responded to the patriotic call and returned home to join the military ranks as chaplains.

Neither the Reverend Canon Hill nor his assistant, the Reverend Walter Western, approached the Bishop for permission to serve their God and empire overseas, as they believed their duty was to minister to the people on the home front.

However, no less than 150 members of St. Paul's congregation did volunteer their services and, by January 1915, had left for the front.

Officers accompanying their units overseas with the first and second contingents included Lieutenant-Colonel J.F.L. Embury, Lieutenant Allen Child, Mayor J.L.R. Parsons, Lieutenant F.B. Bagshaw, Captain F. Arnold, Lieutenant M. McCausland, Captain Harry Morell and Captain



20. Bernie Laubach (left) with friends of 159<sup>th</sup> Battalion at military camp, 1916.

J.A. Cullum.

Later that year the organist, Mr. A.C. Ballantyne, requested a leave of absence for active service. Several months later, the choirmaster, Franklin Laubach, at age 59, followed suit and joined the 68th Battalion as bandmaster. His son, Bernie, took over the duties of organist and choirmaster.

## Reduced church activities

Enlistment seriously curtailed the work of men's organizations within the parish. Of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, only two out of 15 members remained. Likewise, the Young Men's Bible Class, formerly 40 strong, was reduced to 25 by early 1915, and to 15 the following year.

Asked by a newspaper correspondent to explain

the sudden loss, Canon Hill responded by saying, "... that one of the reasons why his congregation had suffered to such an extent, in comparison with other congregations of the city, was on account of the fact that a large percentage of those enlisting were English born."

As Canada intensified its mobilization efforts, more and more parishioners joined the military ranks so that, by April 1916, a total of 209 men and women were in uniform.

Despite this loss, parish life carried on. The prolonged absence of men meant that women took over some of their responsibilities.

To bolster the depleted ranks of sidesmen, the Reverend Mr. Western suggested to Vestry that women of the congregation assist "... to make all lady

strangers and visitors at services welcome."

That body decided to approach the Women's Auxiliary about forming a Greeting Committee for Sunday duty. Women were also given a greater voice in the running of parochial affairs. As a result of a resolution at Diocesan Synod in March 1916, they were granted the right to vote at annual and vestry meetings.

Financially, the parish of St. Paul fared reasonably well. Income dropped slightly during the first two years of war; this decline being attributed to competition from the Canadian Patriotic Fund, the Red Cross and other appeals.

Anxious to reverse this trend, Vestry looked to other, more methodical ways of raising funds. Finally, it was decided that a block-by-block canvass

should be undertaken by the parish in February 1917.

This was the first time this form of stewardship had been used and it proved so successful that similar arrangements were made the following year to clear a few remaining debts.

## Supporting social issues

During the war years, clergy and laity began to show a greater interest in the social problems of the day. On June 18, 1916, a small group of women from various Regina parishes, concerned about the quality of home life during wartime and its influence on young people, gathered at St. Peter's Church to hear Dominion President of the Mother's Union talk about the objectives of that fellowship.



# blooming missionary efforts on the prairies



21. Deaconesses Janet Oxley (2nd from left), E.G. Strickland (3rd from right) and other women played a greater role in parish matters during the Great War.

She told them that the goal of the organization was "to deepen the sense of responsibility in mothers and in all those who have the right upbringing and the implanting of the highest ideals to boys and girls at heart."

While those present expressed interest in the role of the Mother's Union, no attempt was made to form a Regina branch.

In November of the same year, all members of the Vestry attended the Social Service Congress held in Regina. At a session on "The Family: Its Perils and Safeguards," chaired by Premier W.M. Martin, the Reverend Walter Western, Curate of St. Paul's, gave a paper entitled "Religious training in the Home." With the exception of a small Evangelical element, Anglicans had rarely participated in public debates on moral and social issues.

## Ban the bottle

Prohibition was a case in point. Delegates to

Diocesan Synod in June 1914 had rejected a call for support of the "Banish the Bar" campaign.

The Church of England had always been interested in securing temperance as very child, before being confirmed, acknowledged its duty as a member of the Christian Church to keep its body in soberness, temperance and chastity. But that was as far as the majority of delegates were prepared to go.

Two years later, the total commitment demanded by a nation at war had caused many Anglicans to change their minds. By then, however, abolition of the bar was not enough; total prohibition was demanded.

The Reverend Messrs. Hill, Earp and Simpson (St. Mary's) all claimed to be converts to the prohibition movement, although they were not as strong in their advocacy as were other Protestant clergy in Regina.

## War's effects

For those at home,

the war at first seemed so far away. With each passing day, however, the mounting toll of casualties brought this "war to end war" closer to home. The number of men from St. Paul's who were killed or wounded rose steadily.

Memorial services were held and, on occasion, a plaque was mounted in the church by families. In 1917, the idea of erecting a memorial to the fallen was raised but with no end to the conflict in sight, the matter was tabled.

That same year, the parish almost became a visible part of the war effort on the home front. Vestry was asked to consider the proposition of leasing the parish hall for one year to the military as a depot.

The matter was subsequently dropped, only to be followed by a request from the Executive Committee of the Diocese that part of the hall be used to accommodate a proposed Diocesan Girls' School.

The Committee had

decided to accept a grant of \$3,000 from England for educational purposes and an offer from the Sisters of St. John the Divine to take charge of the school. until a suitable building for a boarding school could be located, temporary quarters to run a day school were needed.

Eventually, the Vestry decided to lease the upper portion of the hall to the Synod but, in the meantime, other arrangements were made by the Diocesan authorities.

## Military help

Just before hostilities ceased, the Vestry was approached by the Canadian military once again. Vestryman R.J. Westgate reported that he had been asked about the availability of the parish hall as a hospital.

That body expressed a willingness to co-operate on the condition that the building would not be used to treat infectious diseases. This stipulation arose largely as a result of the

influenza epidemic which ravaged the population of Regina during October and November 1918.

The military authorities acceded to this request before taking over the premises, which they occupied until Colonel J.A. Cross recommended to Ottawa that possession be given up on June 15, 1919.

With the end of fighting in Europe, Canadians longed to return to the way of life they had known before the war. However, war had changed society and its institutions considerably.

The Church had undergone change, too. Those returning to St. Paul's noticed a more systematic way of conducting parochial affairs, the expanded role of women and the greater interest in social concerns and co-operative ventures with other churches.

Acceptable or not, both the returning soldiers and those at home shared the desire to make the world and society a better place to live. There was no turning back the clock.





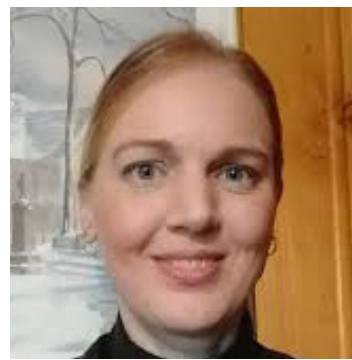
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## ... God is unchanging and always good

Continued from page 7 who allows us to embrace change and transition. Embracing a new season means that every phase of life has its unique beauty and purpose.

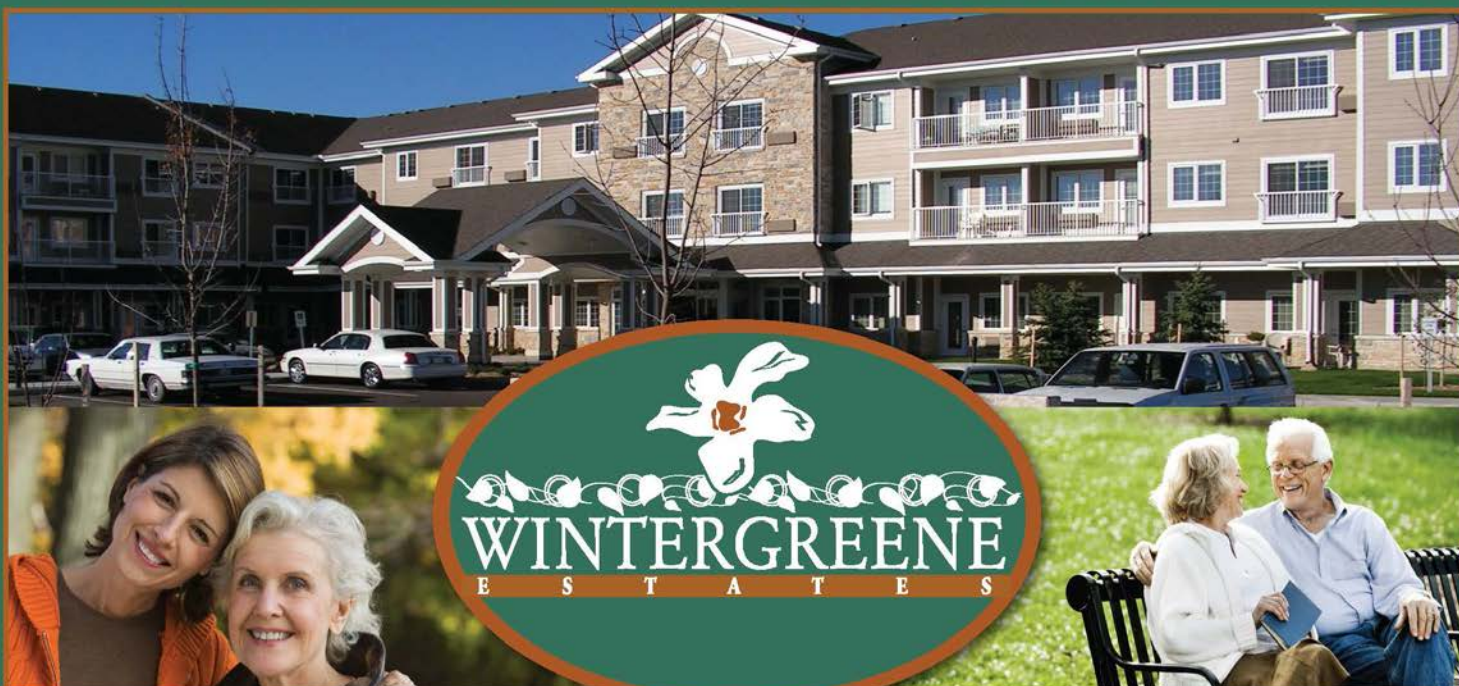
I will miss the rhythm of College Council life. But, just as seasons change, this new chapter of my ministry will bring its own time for growth, reflection, and joy.

If we embrace our seasons of life, we can know each moment as a divinely appointed time just for us.

"What do workers gain from their toil? I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race. He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end" (Ecclesiastes 3:9-11).

May our unchanging God continue to call the faithful to find the courage, commitment and constancy to support the College of Emmanuel & St. Chad, as it navigates the transitions of theological education on the prairies and fulfils its mission to be a College for the Church.

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Children make bannock, which they later enjoyed with jam after it was baked.

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VBS participants harvest the last carrots from the parish's children's garden.

## VBS honours Orange Shirt Day

### Submitted

REGINA — For the third consecutive year, Immanuel Anglican Church in Regina ran a program for elementary school children on Sept. 30 to recognize Orange Shirt Day.

There were 26 participants, four tween helpers, one teen helper and seven adult helpers in addition to director, Maegen Plumb.

Rev. Alex Campbell, an indigenous priest in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, gave the children his unique perspective on the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Children were also busy with cooking, painting and colouring, indoor games, story time, and ended the day with a movie and popcorn.



A rock garden was started in 2022 and has been added to each year, to remember the children who did not come home from residential schools.

## Feeling the Holy Spirit

# Being empowered by the Holy Spirit

By Rev. Gene Packman

This month we'll continue our exploration of the Holy Spirit in *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*. Here's another good example,



Holy Spirit will teach us all things, remind us of all that Jesus said (John



14:26), bear witness about Jesus (John 15:26), convict us concerning sin, righteousness and judgement (John 16:8) and "guide us into all the truth" (John 16:13).

Since "truth is in Jesus"

(Eph 4:21) we can trust the Holy Spirit (Spirit of Truth) to guide and govern us as to what's what with Jesus.

### Prayers at Mid-Day

Tucked away in between Morning and Evening Prayer on page 16 and 17 are some prayers for Missions. Brief and to the point, they provide an excellent two- or three-minute act of worship and prayer with an evangelistic missional focus for the middle of the day. As usual, the work of the Holy Spirit is woven into this short liturgy. One of those prayers says this:

*And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me. BLESSED Saviour, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross stretching out thy loving arms: Grant that all mankind may look unto thee and be saved; who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.*

What, or who, will cause all humankind to look to Jesus? The Helper or Counsellor (the Holy Spirit, in other words) is who, says Jesus in John's gospel.

When the Counsellor comes, the one I will send to you from the Father — the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father — He will testify about me (John 15:26).

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**A Prayer for the Clergy and People:**  
*ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Bishops and Clergy, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. (BCP, p13)*

That healthful Spirit of grace will empower you and me, along with the Bishops and Clergy, to be and to do what God calls us to do.

That healthful Spirit comes with Gifts and Fruit: Gifts that empower us to be more than we know how to be, and do more than we know how to do, and Fruit for the good of all.

Then on the next page we find this:

**A Prayer for all Conditions of Men (and Women):** *More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholic Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. (BCP, p14)*

If we want our Church to enjoy a "good estate," it needs to be guided and governed by the good and Holy Spirit. Jesus said the



## Stewards of God's abundance

## Addressing the needs of living on the street

By Rev. Susan Anholt

It is November, and our weather in Saskatchewan can be challenging. We all have heard the joke about six months of winter and two months of poor sledding. While you and I may laugh, it is not a lot of fun for people who are living on the street or existing in temporary housing.

Fortunately, all three of our dioceses in Saskatchewan are stepping up to respond to the needs of the least of our brothers and sisters, through programs run out of the three cathedrals.

St. Paul's Cathedral in Regina has a wonderful history of providing lunches and currently work with a dedicated group of denominations to continue this necessary ministry.

Through co-ordinated efforts, each church takes a turn to supply the groceries (list supplied),

make the lunch and serve the guests. St. Paul's rotation is approximately every six weeks.

This will be the third year that St. Alban's Cathedral in Prince Albert has donated the use of its hall to two groups that feed people every Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

This program runs from the end of October until the end of March (dependant on the weather). "Reaching Out Street Ministry" and "Embassy Reach Out" alternately provide the meal, and they accept donations of jackets, hoodies, socks, mitts, toques and blankets.

They also appreciate monetary donation through e-transfers to [lorigalbraith@gmail.com](mailto:lorigalbraith@gmail.com). They cannot issue income tax receipts, and all cash donations are used to purchase food.

St. John's Cathedral in Saskatoon collects food items for the Saskatoon



Food Bank and Learning Centre. They also volunteer regularly at Friendship Inn, assisting with the preparation and serving of meals.

They also are connected to NEST (a refugee settlement agency) and Never Hungry Saskatoon. In addition, they work with their ecumenical partners in the Saskatoon Inner City Council of Churches. St. John's Cathedral also keeps granola bars and juice boxes on hand to

address immediate needs.

vDrawing on the experience of many years, the people at St. Paul's in Regina have developed a list of most-needed toiletry items. These items are staples to our existence but can be on short supply or difficult to either obtain or store while living on the street.

The following items are especially needed and appreciated by organisations working with the unhoused:

- toilet paper
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- alcohol-free mouthwash
- Tums/Roloids
- bar soap
- shampoo (travel size)
- deodorant
- feminine hygiene products
- incontinence products
- 1/4 cup portions of powdered laundry detergent (in a

- marked zip-lock bag)
- reusable shopping bags

Perhaps your church would consider being a collection point for these items. This small act of stewardship might be one of your endeavours to respond to this call and live out the mission God has set before us.

I know that often we feel that the needs of society are too great, or the problems are too large for us to address. However, with a little attention and minimal expense (some people save the toiletries from hotel stays – these are a perfect size for those who have little storage capacity), item by item we can accumulate resources that can and will make a difference.

Jesus said to "feed my lambs" and to "take care of my sheep," and we are His hands and feet in this place.

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Tourists inspect a scarred First World War battlefield in France, as a century-old cross keeps watch.

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Volunteers barbecue for the participants.

Photos by Mary Brown



Youths participate in a game.

## Multiple communities help with Canwood VBS

By Mary Brown

CANWOOD (Skwn) — They begin to plan for their VBS program early in the spring with a barbecue fundraiser. THEY, being the members of the Ministerial Association in Shellbrook, Leask, Parkside and Canwood.

The members of the association get together frequently and include representatives from the Pentecostal churches from Shellbrook, Leask and Canwood and the Lutheran churches in Canwood, Shellbrook and Parkside, along with the Anglican and Roman Catholic church in Shellbrook.

Sandra Boyle has

been spearheading interdenominational VBS programs in Canwood for years. Last year they decided to combine their communities and have a program that would include all children from Shellbrook and Canwood.

Their first school was held in Shellbrook in 2023 with plans to have the next one in Canwood for 2024.

There was an average of 50 kids attending the VBS each day for three days in late August.

Those coming from Shellbrook were taken to Canwood by Pastor David Bodvarson who borrowed the bus from the owner. Pastor John Slemming, Youth/Children's pastor and his wife Susie from the Shellbrook

Pentecostal Assembly and Pastor Bob Wrench and his wife Jill from the Canwood Pentecostal, pastor Emmanuel from the Lutheran church in Shellbrook and Canwood was there along with the Rev. David Butorac representing St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Shellbrook.

The VBS was held in the Pentecostal church in Canwood. The students brought their own bag lunch with snacks provided by the Lutheran youth group and the ministerial.

Among the volunteers were 10 youth from the Canwood church youth group and 10 adults from the participating churches. The ministers

took turns giving lessons and speaking to the kids.

Pastor Bob and Jill oversaw the outdoor activities. The schedule for their days began at 9 a.m., open session, 9:30 a.m. Older Lesson/younger craft, 10 a.m. Younger lesson/older game, 10:30 a.m. younger game/older craft, 11:15 a.m. small group, 11:45 a.m. lunch, 12:15 p.m. open session, 12:45 p.m. older lesson/younger craft, 1:15 p.m. Younger lesson/older game, 1:45 p.m. younger game/older craft, 2:30 p.m. small group, 3 p.m. closing.

It is no wonder they needed so many volunteers to organize such a day. One of the volunteers from the St. Andrew's Church said she was exhausted by

the time it was over. On the last day of the sessions everyone piled into the bus and went to the seniors' home in Canwood to sing for the residents.

I don't know how it works in other rural towns in the diocese, but the Shellbrook ministerial is a very active group collecting for the food bank, Christmas hampers for the needy and many other worthwhile initiatives.

Last year this same group held a Christmas party in November for children in kindergarten to Grade 6, with crafts, a Christmas play, songs and snacks.

Parents and families were also welcome to come.

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## ... The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus

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The Counsellor, the Spirit of truth, *has* come and this Holy Spirit is constantly testifying and bearing witness that Jesus is who the Bible says He is. He testifies to that truth in the Scriptures, in our worship, through our lives and witness.

For God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ (2 Cor4.6).

So, in the power of the Holy Spirit, you and I have an important role to play

in fulfilling that prayer at midday — encouraging people to look to The LORD and be saved. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is not only, or even mainly, about spectacular manifestations of the Spirit — miracles, signs and wonders — although they can be fun and fruitful.

It is about ordinary Christians (including Anglican ones), like you and me, just knuckling down in worship, prayer and service to be who God made us to be and to do what He calls us to do. Day after day, after day. Amen.



# Secretary General visits the Anglican Church of Burundi

Story by ACNS

BURUNDI — The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion has visited the Anglican Church of Burundi.

The Provincial visit involved an address to the House of Bishops, meeting with community project teams and preaching at the ordination service of six new deacons.

Bishop Anthony was hosted by Archbishop Sixbert Macumi, Reverend Fabien Niyomwungere (Provincial Secretary), members of the Provincial Episcopal team and the Mothers' Union.

The Province of the Anglican Church of Burundi began in 1992 and covers the whole of Burundi, while it has nine dioceses.



From left, Right Rev. Jean Berchmans Mweningoma (Bishop of Muyinga), the Right Rev. Anthony Poggo (Secretary General of the Anglican Communion Office) and the Most Rev. Sixbert Macumi, the Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Burundi. Photo courtesy Anglican Communion News Service

The Province was established following years of missionary

activity in the region, which began in 1935. A series of mission stations,

hospitals and colleges developed and in 1948 Mothers' Union began in

the area.

The Province says its mission is to 'fulfil Christ's mission by proclaiming and sharing the Gospel, making disciples, empowering and transforming the community, advocating for justice, and contributing to the holistic and sustainable development of all of creation.'

Burundi is often referred to as the heart of Africa. It is bordered by Rwanda to the north, Tanzania to the east and southeast, the Congo to the west and Lake Tanganyika along its southwest border.

Burundi is one of the poorest nations in the world. Independence was won in 1962, but political and financial instability continues to cause deep issues in the country.

## ESC-WECAN offering many Licentiate in Theology courses

The ESC-WECAN Licentiate in Theology Course Offerings; **Three-Year Course Rotation Beginning Fall 2024**

The Coordination Team of Emmanuel and St. Chad College and the Western Education Collaborative Anglican Network is sharing the following line-up of courses that make up part of the curriculum of the **ESC-WECAN Licentiate in Theology** for next two years.

All courses listed will be available online. Please register at [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca)

To Enroll into the full Licentiate in Theology Program, request form from Local Diocesan L.Th. Coordinator.

In the Diocese of Saskatoon: Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy [trish.mccarthy@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca](mailto:trish.mccarthy@saskatoontheologicalunion.ca)

Individuals may take these courses to **enrich their own spiritual life, better equip them for current ministries** or take while in **discernment about a formal vocation**.

**One-Day "Preaching Ministry" Conference:** Register: [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca). Fall 2024. Saskatoon. Hosted at Christ Church, 515 – 28<sup>th</sup> St. W. Saskatoon

In person Cost: \$25

to be paid at the door *With Online:* Free. Saturday, November 2, 2024 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. *Speakers:* Dr. Luke, Dr. L.M. Piotrowicz, Bp. Sid Haugen, Dr. A. Wright and Rev. M. Carboni

**What's a Christian to do? Ethical Responses to Contemporary Issues in Science and Technology**

Fall 2024 offered through Qu'Appelle School of Mission and Ministry. Online on Wednesdays via ZOOM.

Register at [quappelle.anglican.ca/current-course-information](http://quappelle.anglican.ca/current-course-information)

Upcoming: Nov. 6, 7:00-9:00 pm: Sustainable Development – Dr. Roger Petry. Jan. TBA : Ethics in Gene Therapy – Dr. Brett Salkeld\*

This five-session course explores ethical issues brought about by science and tech. It will examine the place of specific technologies in society, their role in enhancing and restricting human beings, attempts to own and control technology, and social and environmental risks and opportunities associated with each.

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**Review of and Orientation for ESC-WECAN L.Th. Mentors, Instructors and Local Coordinators**

Takes place as needed and usually three times a year. No Cost to Participant. Coordinated and Presented by a few leaders in the ESC-WECAN group Register: [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca)

**Indigenous Christian Spirituality:**

Exploring the Common Threads that Bind us Together. *Fall Term 2024 Diocese of Rupert's Island with St. John's College and Canadian Mennonite, University at U. of Manitoba* See more details on: [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca)

Student Cost: \$200

This 3 credit hour course will provide students with foundational knowledge of spiritual wisdom and practices of Indigenous peoples here in Canada.

Discovering links between Biblical and Indigenous story will

enhance theological understanding of the common threads that allow for respectful affirmation of Indigenous beliefs within God's creation and love manifest through the grace of Jesus Christ. *GSTM – Theology Questions: Contact Dr. Ryan Turnbull, St. John's College, Winnipeg. Register: BTS 5700-1/PCD-5590 at [umani-toba.ca/st-johns](http://umani-toba.ca/st-johns).*

**Teaching and Learning: Stages of Faith, Education, Nurturing Children in Faith, Learning Styles and Ways of Teaching** Fall 2024 Qu'Appelle - website for finalized dates Register: [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca). Spring 2025 Saskatoon Thursday evenings: Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27, Mar. 6, 13, 20, 27 2025, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

*SK time. Saturdays: Nov. 15 and 21, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. SK time. Register: [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca)*

*Instructors:* Rev. Fiona Brownlee, Rev. Dr. Iain Luke, Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy

Student Cost: Free

**Leadership:** Athabasca and Saskatoon Group Discernment and Conflict Mediation Register: [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca) with *Teachings on Theories and Patterns of Leadership in Ministry*

*Late Fall 2025 Thursdays, Nov. 6 – Dec. 4, 2025 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. SK time & Saturdays Nov. 15 and 21 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. SK time*

*Instructors:* Bp. David Greenwood Athabasca, Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy and Rev. Dr. Kyle Schiefelbein-Guerrero. *Student Cost: Free*

**Homiletics:** *Saskatoon and Kootenay Dates Pending - check [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca)*

*Instructors:* Rev. Iain Luke and Rev. Dr. Garry Schmidt. *Dates TBA. Includes One-Day "Preaching Ministry" Conference see above*

**Indigenous Relationships and Wisdom and Teaching of the Elders:** *Dates Pending - check [esc-wecan.ca](http://esc-wecan.ca)*

*Facilitator:* Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk

*Student Cost: TBA* *Potential Instructors:* First Nation Elders with areas of interest and expertise from various First Nations backgrounds and locations

**Integrative Internship / Field Placement:** *Dates as Needed. Diocese to discern a local Intern Supervisor* *Available Instructors:* Rev. Dr. Iain Luke and Rev. Dr. Trish McCarthy. *Student Cost: Free.*