



The Northland

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Bishop's Letter, Christmas 2010

Dear Northland Readers,

I was sitting in a downtown Toronto restaurant on a recent trip to the city, waiting for a friend who had recently given the Diocese a handsome gift, to join me. The restaurant very quickly filled up with their noon-hour patrons and I sat quietly enjoying a coffee, watching out the window at the huge throngs of people rushing to and fro on one of Canada's busiest streets.

As I watched, I noticed a whole cacophony of people passing by the window. There were the students obviously rushing to class with their laptops slung over their shoulders and their textbooks under their arms. There were the business people in their expensive-looking suits and coats, speaking on their cellphones as they seemed to rush to their next appointment. Then there were the Christmas shoppers, taking their time looking at the expensively decorated store windows, with bundles and parcels in hand. I noticed as well those who are on the fringes of society, some of whom railed aggressively at the imagined enemy and others who simply shuffled down the street, either unaware or uncaring of those who crowded them. Across the street the line-up for one of the city's soup kitchens waited for the doors to open for lunch.

Inside the ever crowded restaurant I was aware of the Christmas musak playing on the



background speakers, the secular "I'll be Home for Christmas" along with the sacred, "O Little Town of Bethlehem". The din of noise and conversation soon became deafening, making my silent waiting more difficult to enjoy.

Before long the table behind me was taken by three gentlemen, whom I soon came to understand, were teachers at the campus that sprawled a block away. After they had made their order, their conversation turned to an apparent project they were working on, to provide a Christian theme to an interfaith worship space the college was providing. Their conversation included talk about themes of Advent and Christmas with the Resurrection of Jesus. Before long the loudness of the restaurant's noon-hour busy-ness overtook my ability to hear more.

Then it struck me! Into the midst of all this humanity rushing to wherever and the noise of a restaurant at the noon rush-hour, there crept a conversation about Jesus.

It was a moment that surprised and uplifted me. My thoughts turned to Christmas for that's very much the way that the incarnation comes to all of us.

Oh, I realize that none of our communities in Moosonee are anything like Toronto. It would be unfair and grossly incorrect to make a comparison. But, it's there in each one of our communities...all the rushing, impatience, the hurt and anger, the madness and depression that too often results in tragedy. In one form or another it's all there in our humanness.

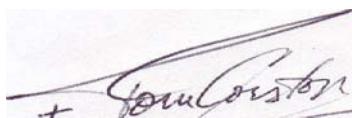
And into the midst of it all Christmas comes. The wonderful uplifting news of the birth of our Saviour comes again as it always has. If we

allow ourselves to stop and listen, just for a moment, the news of the coming of the One who can change our human situation and bring us healing and love and peace can surprise us and encourage us.

"Don't be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy...unto you a Saviour has been born"

I pray that this marvellous Christmas event will sneak into your busy lives this Christmas and you will find peace and blessing that will carry you through the year ahead.

My family joins me in extending to you our best wishes for a happy, fulfilling and blessed Christmas.



The Right Rev. Thomas A. Corston
Bishop of Moosonee

Bishop Tom & Ruth Corston
Invite you to their first
Levee
Bishopstope, 1880 Highway 101,
East Schumacher, ON
(across from Ski Runners Lodge)
New Year's Day, January, 1st,
2011
2-4 pm

Appointments

The Rev. Iris Montague has begun a new ministry as Interim Rector of St. Paul's Church, South Porcupine on a part-time basis. As well, Iris has agreed to provide ministry to St. John's Church, Chapleau and St. Chad's Church, Schumacher. Our thanks to Iris.

The Rev. John Edmonds has returned from retirement for a 6-month appointment as Interim Priest at The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Mistissini, Quebec. Fr. John began ministry there on Advent Sunday. We are so pleased that John has agreed to return to ministry in the Diocese.

The Rev. C.J. Adams will begin a new ministry as part-time Rector of St. Mark's Church, Kapuskasing, which will be in addition to her present ministry as Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Cochrane. CJ has taken on the additional ministry as Regional Dean of Cochrane Deanery.

The Rev. Phelan Scanlon, presently Rector of Perrytown, Gore's Landing & Bewdley in the Diocese of Toronto will begin his new ministry as Incumbent of St. Paul's Church, Kashechewan on January 15th. Phelan is an experienced priest of some 20 years with an imaginative ministry to young people. On the weekend of November 4-8 Phelan was introduced to the parish when both he and the parish were excited at the opportunities ahead. Kash has not had a full-time priest since 2006. We look forward to welcoming Phelan into our midst. Early in the New Year the Regional Dean will officiate at a Celebration of New Ministry between St. Paul's and Fr. Phelan.

We also announce the appointment of **The Venerable Dr. Harry Huskins as our new Diocesan Executive Archdeacon**, part-time. Harry presently serves in the same capacity in the Diocese of Algoma on a 3/4 time basis. While there will certainly be times when Dr. Huskins will be in the Diocese, his office will remain in Sault Ste. Marie and he will be in continual contact with our staff through the internet and telephone. Harry is married to The Rev. Susan DeGruchy, Rector of Marysburgh in the Diocese of Ontario. Harry's appointment takes effect on January 1, 2011.

~CLERICUS 2010~

For Anglicans, the New Year starts with the first Sunday of Advent. For much of the world it is January 1. But for many of us Northerners, the real New Year begins in September, when kids go back to school, holidays are but fond memories, and the world returns to its routines. It is fitting, therefore, for the clergy of the Diocese to gather at Camp Bickell, along with some of their lay leaders, for three days of learning, prayer, and introspection, “gearing up” for the year ahead.

Worship and prayers four times a day was an eye-opener for the lay persons involved, but using three languages and two prayer books brought an exciting variety to the process, and an opportunity to learn some skills. Chanting in Sinhala was a first! Sharing bread and wine with friends and being led by one now leaving, was a truly heartfelt thing. (The Rev. Edna Murdy)

Educational segments were challenging and inspiring. Visitors from outside the Diocese, as well as our “home-grown” experts, led us in topics as wide ranging as local stewardship and suicide prevention. We helped Thornloe tailor its theology program, began developing mission statements, had a “visit” to General Synod, and looked at diocesan training programs, as well.

It was a busy time, but it did not ALL happen in the classroom. Because we were surrounded by God’s creation, we were able to experience it: prayerful walks and exploration of the cap’s fields now slowly returning to their original state; early morning canoeing on a pristine lake; crisp, clear, fall air, and a rising sun; birds greeting the day. His glory was evident!

This writer knows that all those who were in attendance enjoyed the experience, profited from it, and would join in shouting, **“Thanks, Bishop Tom! That was great!”**



*Seated (Left to Right) CJ Adams, Cynthia Paterson (guest speaker), Leslie Curtis, Pat Dorland, Iris Montague
Standing: Gladys Matoush, Rodney BrantFrancis, Hal Graham, Nirmal Mendes, Deborah Lonergan-Freake, Terry Murray, Margaret Dempster, Lisa BrantFrancis, Bruce Roberts, Bishop Tom Corston, Clifford Dee, Richard Moore*

Article and Photograph Submitted by:

Richard Moore

Layreaders’ Training Weekend!

With thanks to two funding sources the Bishop is excited to announce that there will be a training weekend for Parish Layreaders. The event is intended for Lay readers presently serving as well as any lay-leader in any of our congregations. The focus of the weekend is for the Deaneries of Kenogami & Cochrane (although James Bay Deanery persons are most welcome). The event takes place in St. Mark’s Church, Kapuskasing on Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6, 2011. While the whole program is not yet completed, I am pleased that two excellent teachers have agreed to share leadership. The Rev. Dr. John Hurd, retired professor at Trinity College, Toronto will make presentations on the New Testament and the Rt. Rev. Bill Hocken, retired Bishop of Fredericton, will provide teaching on preaching. Also, Mr. David MacDonald of Thorneloe University, Sudbury, will attend to provide information on further study opportunities.

NO ORDINARY DAY

Tuesday, November 3, 2010, in the Octave of All Saints, was a memorable and exciting day, a day that created smiles and brought surprises. It was my day of ordination as an Anglican priest, but not only mine, as I was honoured to share it with Deborah Lonergan- Freake. The Ordination was set in the midst of a busy week of meetings of Executive Council and the Finance & Property Committee, knowing that it would be a good time to gather since many were already coming together for the meetings.

Like many other events in our widespread Diocese, this ceremony was not the only event that night. The church service also contained the installation of The Reverend C.J. Adams as Regional Dean for the Cochrane deanery. The service was also planned as a farewell to our retiring chancellor Jim Kennedy and a welcome and installation of our new diocesan chancellor Bryan Finlay, but surprise, that did not happen as both of those men did not show up. They thought the service was the following night!



Saint Matthew's Cathedral was very full with more attendees than service books. I was excited to have present: my husband Rod, my parents, my brother, 2 aunties, an uncle, 3 family friends, and The Reverend Brad Smith from Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory Ontario, where I grew up. As well as my dearest friend Sue Daley from Saint John, New Brunswick bringing love and prayers from Stone Church,

St. Mark's parish. Another exciting gift for that day came from Wemindji, Quebec, our parish. A whole bus load of people had travelled 14 hours from home to Timmins to be at the service, but as good Northerners, I might also add that they did not fail to make sure the bus was bursting with their shopping before they went home! So many others gathered and together with the priests of the diocese and visiting clergy that evening to make a wonderful celebration for Deborah and I. Thank you to all that came.



As it was Bishop Tom Corston's first ordination, being a new bishop, he said the colour for the ordination would be red, as he happened to have a chasuble and mitre perfect for the occasion. And perfect it was, especially since I like red. But, Bishop Tom wasn't the only one pleased to dress up for this special occasion, so was I, in Mohawk clothing specially made by four people from Tyendinaga. And as a Native woman I was blessed to be ordained by a Native bishop.

Another blessing was to have a long time Newfoundland friend, Bishop Eddie Marsh, be the preacher. I knew he would bring a message to remember, even though the first words I heard from him before the service were, "I've lost my sermon!" As he spoke, he reminded us that it was all about Jesus...Treasuring and Reverencing the Person and Presence of Jesus...For wholeness and effective ministry ...Stop and Wait for Jesus' Presence....Allow Jesus to Love you.....Lift others to the Light of His Love

deliberately through Prayer.... Receive the Love of God and Take Action....Let Love flow back to God with Thanks.

Thank you to the Cathedral parish for hosting the service and reception and thank you to the Cathedral organist and combined choirs of St. Matthew's and St. Paul's for their gift of music. Special thanks are given to Bishop Eddie Marsh for the sermon and to The Rev. Brad Smith for reading and offering in Mohawk the Great Thanksgiving Prayer. To Deborah with whom it was a joy to plan the service and be ordained, to our Readers, Presenters, Vesters, Eucharistic ministers, Bishop and Diocesan Staff a mega thank you. Know that everyone of you who attended in person or in spirit with prayers has blessed me with a memorable day that I shall always treasure.

Submitted By:

The Reverend Lisa BrantFrancis



*The Rev. Lisa BrantFrancis &
The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake
Submitted by: The Rev. Lisa BrantFrancis*

Diocese Gets New Chancellor

On Thursday, November 4th, at the Diocesan Executive Council Meeting in Timmins, Mr. Bryan Finlay was installed as Diocesan Chancellor. Mr. Finlay, QC is a senior trial and appellate counsel. Mr. Finlay has been repeatedly recognized in the category of "Bet-the-Company" litigators from across Canada: "the most eminent and influential litigators" by *The Best Lawyers in Canada*. Mr. Finlay is also the first recipient of the McMurtry medal (2004) from Pro Bono Law Ontario for outstanding contribution to the delivery of pro bono legal services. Bishop Corston is very grateful that Mr. Finlay has agreed to share his considerable gifts by serving as our Chancellor.

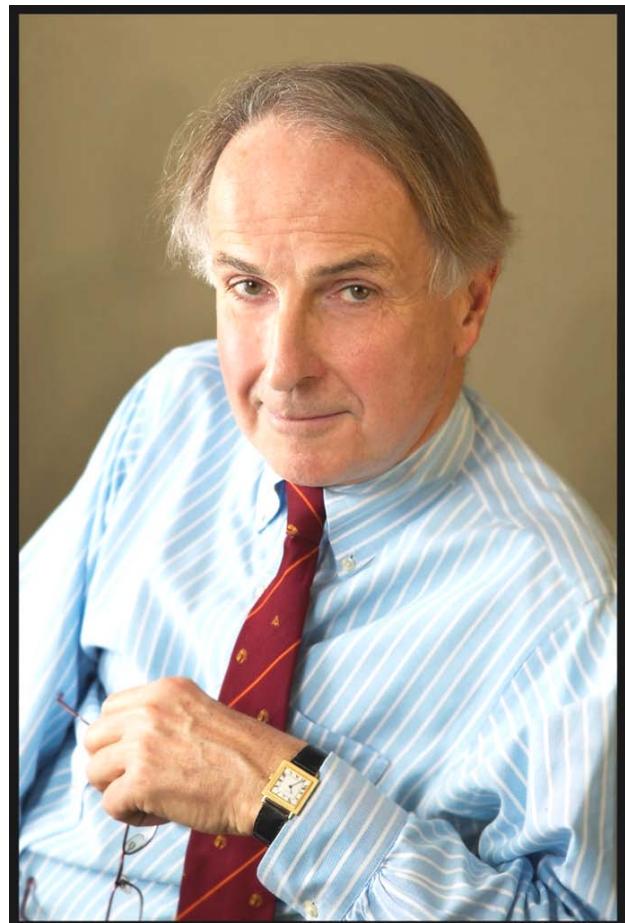


Photo of: Bryan Finlay

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

This was Bishop Tom's first Council Meeting yet it was surprisingly relaxed. He reported having been extraordinarily busy since his induction, visiting most of the parishes in the Diocese and having arranged for visitation of the remaining few before Christmas.

Of huge concern was the news that National Church funding will be cut over the next 3 years.

Our new Chancellor, Bryan Finlay was introduced and installed. Bryan was accompanied by Jim Kennedy who was making his final trip to the diocese. Bryan seemed very comfortable in his new position. He has some definite views on diocesan business and will keep us all on our toes.

From the reports it was good to know there will be some new Cree translations for Synod 2011 and that the School of Ministry held in Moose Factory was a great success [this was funded through the Mahmow program], and it is hoped this will become an annual event. Next year there are tentative plans to hold a healing gathering at Camp Bickell. Youth and Children's Ministry funding is still available for James Bay youth [this is from the Council of the North]; it is hoped that a program can be developed to be presented in parishes or held separately but in the same time period as Great Chapter.

Throughout James Bay and Kenogami Deaneries rectories and/or church buildings are vacant or in need of repair. Steps are being taken in each of these Deaneries to maximise funds, persons and First Nations who are offering assistance for repairing or utilizing these buildings.

Some changes of incumbents and ministry have or will take place: Rev. Bruce Roberts has taken another position in Corner Brook, Nfld. We wish him and Pat well. Rev. CJ Adams will cover Kapuskasing as 1/4 time incumbent, 3/4 time ministry in Cochrane. (Funding for the Youth and Children's Ministry [South] is no

longer available.) Valerie Isaacs and Anne Stenabaugh assist with Cochrane church services alternately, once a month. Rev John Edmonds will serve an Interim period in Mistissini; Bishop Eddie Marsh an interim period at the Cathedral and Rev Mark Moote at Kirkland Lake & Virginiatown.

There are only 159 paid subscribers to the Northland magazine; an additional 102 copies are sent free to other dioceses, etc. Of the 159, 24 persons have agreed to receive their copy by email although a few of these also requested a hard copy.

Most parishes do not seem to check their parish email at all, and so these addresses have been eliminated. The Diocesan website has been redesigned by Matt Bird who continually monitors updates, including those from the Anglican Church of Canada. Some parishes, which have their own website, are accessible through this diocesan site. [www.moosoneeanglican.ca]

A deficit budget was presented and discussed. There being nowhere funding could be trimmed and no expectation of greater parish support, the deficit budget was reluctantly approved. As much as possible teleconference calls and video conferencing will be used by Committees and Task Forces to cut down on travel and accommodation costs.

Reports in brief:

- **Stewardship:** 4 members and 3 parishes are working in partnership to provide resource information which can be placed on the diocesan website. Holy Trinity Parish, Cochrane, applied for and received some funding and is in the midst of a 6 week project entitled Consecration Sunday. No results are available at this time.
- **Shared Ministry:** Several parishes in this diocese share ministry, it is not as simple as it sounds. Clear guidelines and expectations are essential both for the parishes and for the clergy involved.

- Episcopal Search Committee. This committee was naturally dissolved upon the election of Bishop Tom; however we have recommended a number of changes to Canons 3 and 13 as a result of working together in this endeavour.
- Education: After considerable research it was found there are as many different approaches as there are needs, depending both upon the individuals involved and their place of residence and ministry. Funding has been set aside for Lay Reader training.
- PWRDF: Refugee funds which had been collected were forwarded to the Diocese of Algoma to assist in their refugee sponsorship, since this diocese does not have the necessary resources for sponsorship. With Rev. Bruce having left the diocese a new PWRDF coordinator will be announced in due course.
- Policy on Health and Safety: This Task Force recommended that each year material could be included when the insurance package is sent to parishes, which will remind all church members to be vigilant and follow a short check list. The Task Force also recommended that each parish could choose someone to make an annual safety inspection and report to Select Vestry.
- Diocesan Goals: it was recommended that, in view of the ongoing financial crisis in this diocese, there is an opportunity to develop a new approach to ministry. Therefore a task force will be struck by the Bishop and will include 2 members from outside the diocese. A report will be presented to the Diocesan Synod in June 2011.

Submitted By: Anne Dyas



Evolution Comes – Even to Youth and Children’s Ministry...

2011 will see some changes to our diocesan Youth and Children’s Ministry program. 2010 has seen the end of my time as the Director of Youth and Children’s Ministry for the Cochrane and Kenogami Deaneries. Bishop Tom has asked me to create a Shared Ministry Cluster between Holy Trinity, Cochrane and St. Mark’s Kapuskasing. This new cluster will emphasize strengthened and expanded lay leadership.

During the past two years the Youth and Children’s Ministry program has seen many fruitful endeavours take place. Toddler Tents have begun to spring up in various parishes throughout the diocese. These indoor tents allow the toddlers to have a time of worship during the regular service. Care givers can sit and worship while their little ones wander into the tent and wander back to their sides during the service. Some of our youth have begun participating in a three year youth leadership training program offered by the Diocese of Niagara. Our hope is that other youth will participate in this program as well. Some of us went to London for the CLAY 2010 conference. We were amazed at what 1,000 youth look like when we are all together worshipping God. What a wonderful time we had! Lots of mentoring and pastoral care has happened over the last two years.

Youth and Children’s Ministry is a very important ministry and the programming dollars are still committed to this ministry. While the ministry evolves during 2011, please keep the youth and children in your thoughts and prayers.

**With prayers and blessings,
Rev. CJ Adams**

Installation for The Rev. Mark Moote

On Sunday, Dec. 5th, Father Mark Moote and the congregations of St. Peter on the Rock, Kirkland Lake and St. Paul's Virginiatown officially began their new life together. Despite the snow and winds, Bishop Tom and his wife Ruth managed to drive to St. Peter's and the faithful members of the congregation arrived as well. Unfortunately our Regional Dean, CJ Adams was unable to come, so in her stead Anita Assad read the License. A number of items were presented to Mark, including The Canons by the wardens of both churches, a prayer book, hymn book, a stole and an item showing fun. Marcel Carriere presented Father Mark with a wig. This goes back to the first visit of Mark in Kirkland Lake where Marcel and Marshall Thompson presented Mark with said wig and declared themselves the three Stooges. Peter Panabaker and David Naylor from Ministerial Association of Kirkland Lake presented Mark with a Bible and welcomed him into the Christian Community.

Following the service, an awesome potluck dinner was held in the church hall. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all.



The Rev. Mark Moote, wearing the wig!



*Ruth & Bishop Tom, Father Mark & Linda Moote
Photos and Article Submitted by:
Linda Moote,*

“News From Sharon Murdoch”

I was recently asked by a photojournalism student if I felt cheated because of my disease. I realized that I really didn't, that I had thought about it in case I was just in a state of denial. My interviewer said she was trying to think of how she would feel in my situation, having served God for so long and then being struck down with this. It came to me that to feel cheated, I would have to feel owed something and that my time in the North was its own reward and satisfaction. I realized I didn't feel owed anything and that everything is a gift. I used to get annoyed when people would express this, but I realize that it is really my feelings and thoughts. She also asked what was my favourite Scripture at this point in my life, what Scripture meant the most to me.

I quoted to her: Philippians 4:4-8

⁴*Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.* ⁵*Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.* ⁶*Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.* ⁷*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.* ⁸*Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is*

commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.



*Photographs left to right are of Sharon Murdoch,
The Rt. Rev. Caleb & Maureen Lawrence*

Photo Submitted by: Sharon Murdoch

I still have such a sense of thankfulness that this Scripture means more and more to me. This is not to say that I'm not aware of my losses. I find myself thinking of all the people and the places that I won't see again, but I try not to dwell on those thoughts.

Grace and peace,

Respectfully Submitted by: Sharon Murdoch

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"THE NORTHLAND"...

As the old adage says, "All good things must come to an end", so it is with our "Northland" magazine. Originally in the mid 1940's the magazine was designed to tell the story of the Diocese in a glossy, formal style, as a means to gather much needed financial assistance from persons outside the Diocese. Its 65 year history has told a marvelous story of this jewel in the Canadian Church. In recent years however the magazine has had to be done "in house" on a photocopier, the results being much less attractive than its previous format. Today our subscriptions are down to a mere 250, most of whom are complimentary.

While many publications today are produced online and included on various websites, as is ours, a recent poll of the "Anglican Journal" showed that there are still many who do not use the internet and prefer to receive the printed format.

With that in mind, we have decided to change our printed format to a 4-page insert to be included with the "Anglican Journal" beginning next year. Financially the new production is within our abilities to produce. Albeit on newsprint, the new format will have a more professional appearance than in recent years and our hope is that more people will read it. The new format will be available in the April, June, October and December editions. It will still be known as "The Northland"

The Bishop is pleased to announce that Mr. George Cribbs of Porcupine has agreed to take over the reins of "the Northland" as our new Editor starting in the New Year. George is a retired English teacher and he and his wife Kathy are active members of St. Paul's Church, South Porcupine.

The names of all subscribers to *The Northland* will be added to the subscription list for *The Anglican Journal*, so if you are not already receiving *The Anglican Journal* you will begin to receive it early in 2011. As *The Anglican Journal* is distributed free of charge to all Anglicans in Canada, there will no longer be a subscription fee charged for *The Northland*. **If you have recently renewed your subscription to *The Northland*, and would like to have this fee refunded, please send a note to Synod Office with this request.**

STEWARDSHIP IN A NEW LIGHT

The Ontario Stewardship Network gathered in Toronto on November 24th, and 25th, bringing together representatives from almost all of the dioceses in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and in association with the Lutheran Church. The purpose of the meeting was to connect and reconnect within the province, share stewardship ministry ideas and plan and develop future stewardship initiatives. Teaching modules, human and material resources, on-line aids and parish programs were all discussed in a round table format.

In attendance as guest speaker was The Most Reverend Douglas Hambidge who spoke with passion and conviction about his understanding of an all encompassing stewardship baptismal ministry. In his gifted and most eloquent style, he talked about his own experience as a parish priest, a bishop, and a principal of a theological college in Tanzania; a Christian individual living a lifestyle wholly centered on his commitment to God. In his booklet entitled *The S Word*, Hambidge states, “My life and every aspect of it are in God’s hands. I have nothing that is truly mine. I have nothing with which to negotiate my relationship with God.” His was an attitude of thanksgiving, spoken from a grateful heart.

As the meeting drew to a close and business cards and email addresses were exchanged, it was readily apparent that the time spent together was valuable and necessary if we were to continue to partner together and support each other.

Stewardship Ministry is one of the goals identified by the Diocese of Moosonee, and as I left Toronto I was filled with enthusiasm, optimism and hope for our diocese. The members of OSN were creative in their thinking and willing to dream dreams yet realistic in their approach to stewardship ministry providing concrete solutions and encouragement.

*Submitted by: Patricia Dorland
Chair, Stewardship Committee*

Stewardship Initiative

Sponsored by: Diocese of Moosonee

On November 7, Holy Trinity, Cochrane held its first Consecration Sunday, which provided an opportunity for its members to pledge their financial support for continued parish ministry in 2011. This was the first such Sunday for Holy Trinity, as it modelled a leadership role in financial stewardship initiatives that could be helpful to other parishes in the Diocese of Moosonee. The Guest Leader for this specially designated Sunday was Derwyn Sangster from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, in Ottawa. Derwyn chairs the St. Thomas Stewardship Committee.

How did an Ottawa parish member come to be involved in a Diocese of Moosonee parish stewardship program?

The answer rests with the Kemptville Stewardship Conference held last May, jointly sponsored by the Ontario and Ottawa Dioceses. The Diocese of Moosonee was represented by the Chair of their Stewardship Committee, Patricia Dorland, who attended the conference as a participant. Derwyn was staffing a St. Thomas display and a conversation arose between them about mutually shared visions of stewardship. It soon became evident to Patricia that Derwyn would be a perfect fit as Guest Leader for a stewardship initiative that her own parish in Cochrane was embarking on in the Fall, and an invitation was extended.

Weeks later, the contact was confirmed as the plans for Holy Trinity’s New Consecration Sunday rolled out. Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship Team felt that it would be valuable to have a Guest Leader who would share a personal faith story from a mentoring parish that had been on its own ‘voyage of discovery’. St. Thomas has a thirteen-year history with stewardship. It began with a strong financial focus, but has broadened in the last seven years to include property stewardship, a focus on recognizing its volunteers’ time and talents, and efforts to engage more effectively with its community. More recently, it has sought to provide parish leadership in exploring new

approaches to ministry such as Natural Church Development. Financial stewardship, however, has remained the cornerstone of its practice. For a parish embarking on financial stewardship, the St. Thomas faith story could be informative and inspirational.

At a Saturday evening dinner meeting, Derwyn shared St. Thomas' stewardship approach with Holy Trinity leadership. The next day, he supported and led the Consecration Sunday process. A key feature of Consecration Sunday is a personalized invitation to worship together followed by a fellowship Celebration Luncheon. During the service parish members are invited to indicate their financial support for the following year by completing their commitment cards in 'real time'. All cards are individually presented at the altar, blessed as an offering and then compiled and tallied immediately after the service. It is an engaging and dynamic process.

This was a mutual learning experience. While sharing his own parish practices, Derwyn was able to appreciate first hand Holy Trinity's Consecration Sunday and its very personal and visible commitment process. Opportunities like this, which broaden experience and share alternative approaches, are enormously valuable to all involved.

The Diocese of Moosonee, through the Stewardship Committee has set up a partnership support team represented by two parishes and four members throughout the diocese. Upon request, parishes in our diocese can receive initial financial support as well as assistance and mentoring in stewardship ministry. This can include advice on vision-setting, pledging programs, community consultations, or capital campaigns, among other aspects of stewardship.

Stewardship Initiative Applications and information are available through the diocese office. Contact by email can also be made with the Stewardship Committee Chair, Patricia Dorland at pdorland@puc.net.

Submitted By: Patricia Dorland, Holy Trinity, Cochrane, and Derwyn Sangster, St. Thomas the Apostle, Ottawa



From St. James Geraldton, ON
An "Off Road" Adventure!

My black shoes were polished, hair brushed, and I was ready to go to church. It was Sunday, October 3rd, and in this case, "going to church" meant a three hour trip to the 90th Anniversary Service at St. Luke's, Hornepayne. There would be four of us in the car and I hoped someone might spot a bear along the beautiful natural setting of highway #631. No bears, but my friend Hilda told us how thrilled she feels when she walks in the bush. In fact, she asked me to stop so that she could drop off some supplies at a camp. She planned to return to the camp in a few days, after visiting in Hornepayne. The "road" to the camp was just a trail and I helped carry a bag and some boots. Part way to the cabin Hilda realized she'd picked the wrong "road" but it was close enough. We'd keep going. My black leather shoes proved to be slippery as we started down a steep cliff ! With one hand I held onto saplings and tried not to roll to the bottom. Hilda ended up carrying almost everything while I managed to keep a grip on one pair of boots as we ducked through some underbrush.. We found the cabin, made

the stash, and found our way back to the car by going along another road. I was a little winded but decided that "going to church" can be an adventure! All went according to plan at St. Luke's and we enjoyed a wonderful anniversary service.

Submitted By: The Rev. Hal Graham

“A Christmas Reflection”

“While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.”

Luke 2: 6-7

“NEW BIRTH”

Can we endure the pain?

This giving birth experience is no fun!
We look around at our lodgings and find no
place for comfort.

But the pain gives way to new life.

Our travail becomes our gift.

We discover the light within the darkness and
the darkness is ... transformed.

Submitted By: Hal (The Rev. Hal Graham)

Dedication of St. Stephen’s Chapel, Constance Lake First Nation

Since the demolition of the former St. Stephen’s Church, the people of St. Stephen’s, Constance Lake First Nation have been worshiping in the seniors’ complex and in the community center. This summer the Band Council gave St. Stephen’s congregation a house to convert into a worship space.

Since that time several members of the congregation lead by Monica JohnGeorge, Evelyn Peunish, Willie Sutherland and Stanley Stevens have worked hard to renovate the building. The Chapel comfortably seats 55 to 60 people, is very adequately heated by a wood

stove and is outfitted with the pews and furnishings from the former church. Donations from friends in the Barrie area have assisted us in completing the building. On Sunday October 24, 2010, Lay Readers Harvey Ferris and Edna Sutherland, along with the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake conducted the first service in the new Chapel. Saturday November 20, 2010 was a time of celebration, as Bishop Tom Corston held a Service of Dedication, naming St. Stephen’s Chapel as our community’s official Anglican place of worship.

Regular Sunday Services are being held at the Chapel, and we’ve already celebrated the sacraments of baptism and holy matrimony at the new St. Stephen’s. We are excited and grateful for this new pleasure of worship. Thanks be to God. Check out our website: www.alpek.ca

~ From Hearst ~

It’s been a busy fall in Hearst with many activities. We hosted a Blessing of the Animals on St. Francis Day (Oct 4th) in the Memorial Garden. Our Men’s Breakfast and Ladies’ Coffee Circle continue monthly, along with our Journeying in Faith study series. Like our sister Churches in Hornepayne and Constance Lake, we hosted Bishop Tom Corston in late November and participated in the Silent Night Project during his visit with us. We are in the midst of a busy Advent season and will be hosting a Longest Night Concert on December 21st. (www.alpek.ca)



*Photograph of Erwin Beger & Casey
Submitted by The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

**THE ANGLICAN FELLOWSHIP OF PRAYER
&
THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN'S WOMEN'S NETWORK**

**IROQUOIS FALLS: MEN & BOYS
WORKING TOWARDS ENDING VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN**



Anglicans, Roman Catholics, United Church, Pentecostals, and Michael Shea, Iroquois Falls' town councillor, gathered at St. Mark's Anglican Church to attend the AFP & IAWN workshop on Spirituality and Incarceration. Ken Gloade (Chaplain at Monteith Correctional Facility), Bill White (First Nation's Councillor and Elder), Rachel Chakasim (Moosonee resident and survivor of the residential school system), and Mae Joseph and Denise Morin (Monteith volunteers) spoke about living at Monteith and the spiritual needs of inmates. All the presenters emphasized the need to eradicate violence in our society, especially violence towards women.

Submitted by: The Rev. Margaret Dempster



Halle Berry

Halle Berry, apart from being the first woman of colour to win an Academy Award for Best Actress, is a committed supporter of the Jenesse Center in Los Angeles. A shelter that helps battered women. Halle witnessed domestic violence against her mother as a child, and later became a victim herself. She sets an example for all of us to fight against violence in all its forms, especially violence towards women..

DISPATCH

Sakineh has been subjected to inhumane punishment and torture for years by the Iranian regime for an alleged illicit relationship outside of marriage. She was sentenced to death by stoning.

An international petition is being circulated to intervene in this sham of a trial and a confession obtained through torture.

Signatures include: Michael Bloomberg, Arianna Huffington, Salman Rushdie, Yoko Ono, Sting, Annie Lennox and Catherine Zeta-Jones.

You can register your petition too at

Freesakineh.org

90th Anniversary at St. Luke's, Hornepayne

There was plenty of excitement as congregation members welcomed guests and gathered to celebrate a special Eucharist in honour of the 90th anniversary of St. Luke's Church, Hornepayne, held on Sunday October 3, 2010. We were pleased to welcome Regional Dean, the Rev. Hal Graham, as guest celebrant and the Rev. C. J. Adams, as homilist. Parish Lay Readers and congregation members participated in the Service, which was followed by a lovely luncheon in the parish hall, complete with anniversary cakes. A wonderful display of pictures and items from the Parish's history led to lots of reminiscing. Parishioners and guests of all ages were in attendance and the service included a children's story led by warden and Sunday school leader, Willo Goulet. Everyone had a great time and it was wonderful to see and hear from people who had been a part of this congregation in previous years. (www.alpek.ca)



*Photograph of Lay readers & Clergy
Photographed by James Lonergan-Freake
Submitted By : Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

"Wemindji"

Warmest Christmas and New Year greetings from wintry Wemindji! It's hard to believe that this joyous time of year has already come around again. It seems like only a few weeks ago we were putting away the trimmings and cleaning the church after busy Advent and Christmas celebrations. And now, as if in the twinkling of an eye, it is

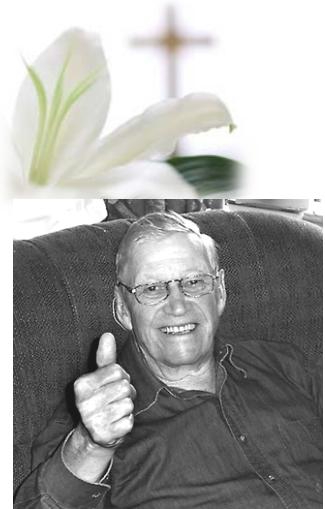
upon us once again. This is always a time for looking back and looking ahead. Another year has passed and we have said many farewells - in our community there have been fourteen deaths this year which affect us all as we are a small close knit community. On the first Sunday of Advent we held our annual Christmas Memorial Service. The church was fairly full with those who came to light candles, pray and honor loved ones who have gone to their rest since last Christmas. We were blessed this year with the added feature of a fantastic musician, community choir and soloists. Their gift of music was a great blessing to all who attended. Even though it had been very stormy all that day, by the time we came to the lighting of our outdoor memorial tree the weather had cleared and it was a beautiful night. The Lord was indeed smiling upon us.

Additionally, we have greeted many newcomers to our community during the past year. There have been more than thirty baptisms and we have five or six lined up for baptism on Christmas morning - including one set of twins. Each of these new additions to our community is a gift from God and filled with the potential to change the world for the better. We pray for each of them and for their parents and godparents that they may learn what it means to fully walk in faith with Jesus all the days of their life. In addition, we were especially blessed by another newcomer to Wemindji this past year. Bishop Tom Corston made his first visit to our parish to meet the people and officiate at the confirmation of twenty-five young people. Again, there is a very bright future for these young women and men as they learn what means to have a personal and living relationship with Jesus Christ. We pray for each of them that they may grow daily in their faith and in their relationship with God. As we look forward to 2011 we are filled with anticipation knowing that there will be both joys and sorrows; but knowing most deeply that God is faithful to us through all the changing scenes and seasons of life. May each of you

know the wonderful power and presence of the Saviour in your lives day by day and in so doing we know that you will experience that peace which the Angels spoke of on that wondrous night so long ago.

God Bless You All!

The Reverends Rod and Lisa BrantFrancis
St. John The Baptist, Wemindji



Obituaries

Earle Milne

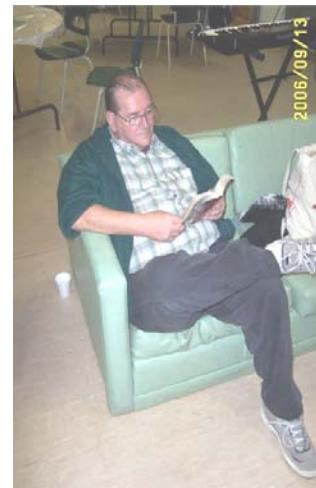
Earle Milne, a resident of Timmins, died on September 26, 2010 at the Golden Manor at the age of 94. One of the senior members of

St. Matthew's Cathedral, Earle and his late wife, Marjorie, were very active members of the Parish. For many years the couple volunteered as janitors to the church as part of their contribution to the life of the Cathedral. Earle was legendary at the Annual Vestry Meetings of St. Matthew's, moving adjournment at every consecutive meeting through three decades! Despite being hard of hearing, he continued to enjoy worshipping at St. Matthew's until shortly before his death.

Earle was a longtime businessman in Timmins starting as the Firestone Tire dealer on Cedar Street South. He also became the Shell Oil distributor for the Timmins area. Finally he and Marj ran Milne Sports Centre until retirement. He was a Mason and a Shriner, a life member of the Royal Canadian Legion, and a Rotarian who was awarded a Paul Harris Fellowship for service to his community. An excellent raconteur, Earle would often recall much of the early history of the city of Timmins and St. Matthew's Parish, and trace the changes and

development which had taken place through the years.

The Rev. David Douglas Richardson



The Reverend Douglas Richardson who retired as Rector of the Hearst and Hornepayne parishes and Regional Dean of Kenogami in May, 2009, died in Terrace Bay, Ontario on St. Andrew's Day, November 30, 2010. The date would have special significance for Douglas, a proud

Scot who was born in Hawick, Scotland on April 18, 1944, and who moved with his family to Canada at an early age, and after twice returning to the land of his birth finally made this his country of choice. However, as in the words of The Canadian Boat Song, ". . . Yet still the heart is strong, the blood is Highland, and we, in dreams, behold the Hebrides", he loved all things Scottish, and never failed to be moved by the music of bagpipes. Two of the hymns he chose for his funeral, "Amazing Grace" and "Lord of the Dance" were popular bagpipe tunes.

Douglas worked in a number of positions through the early part of his life, including building construction estimator, advertising, building management, coal delivery driver, electronic technician, taxi driver, cable tv repairman, government project business manager, computer technician, addictions counselor and public trustee. He suffered through a number of painful disabilities from his early twenties, including a back injury and later had a deep brain implant to relieve chronic pain with which he was afflicted off and on for the rest of his life. Later extensive heart surgery further compromised his health. Through all of this, Doug experienced a growing faith, nurtured by clergy such as Frank Mulvaney and Larry Mitchell, and encouraged and supported by his wife, Christine, whom he married in

1972. He felt an increasingly urgent call to ordained ministry, and entered theological college, graduating from St. John's College in Winnipeg in 1981. He was ordained to the priesthood later that year by Bishop Vickers Short, who had served at one time as Rector of Trinity Parish in Cochrane, in the Diocese of Moosonee. Douglas served three parishes in the Diocese of Saskatchewan, where he gained experience in shared Anglican and United Church ministry and was deeply involved in a variety of ministry and community services.

Coming to the Diocese of Moosonee in early 1996, Douglas served successive term appointments in the two point ministry at the Anglican/United Church Parish in Hearst and St. Luke's Parish in Hornepayne, while also providing interim ministry to St. Stephen's Parish on the Constance Lake First Nation Reserve. In the wider diocese, he served on the Diocesan Executive Council, was Regional Dean of the Kenogami Deanery and carried out other assignments at the request of the Bishop. Following a training course as a supervisory priest, Douglas mentored and nurtured the ministries of a number of theological students, deacons and priests of the diocese. While in the Diocese of Saskatchewan the Richardsons became acquainted with the Order of St. Luke, a Healing Ministry of the Anglican Church. Douglas was inducted into the Order, and for the remainder of his life led a number of healing events. Both he and Christine had experienced healing of mind and spirit, even while like St. Paul, he suffered physically through decades of his "thorn in the flesh". From this perspective Douglas had compassion for those who were tormented by various afflictions, and was able to respond powerfully to the difficult question of why some people were not healed.

Douglas experienced final healing on November 30th, and is now in the peace and presence of the suffering and resurrected Jesus whose footsteps he followed so closely. He leaves behind his wife Christine, who increasingly shared her husband's ministry, and their children Andy and Beth and their families.

A memorial service for Douglas will be held in St Matthew's/ St Paul's Church in Hearst on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 11:00 am.

Volunteers Let Us Know What You Have Been Doing!!!

Many friends and family in Cochrane are busy knitting teddies.

Doctors who treat children in the third world or war torn countries are asking for them, as they have found that children who have their own teddies to cuddle in their cots get better quicker than those who don't have one. Each child keeps his or her own teddy and take it home, so the doctors need a continual supply.

Drawstring bags are made to carry the teddies home. The brighter the fabric the better, children always go for bright colors.

Bags are important and need to be made to last as long as the teddies.

Stuffing, material and wool have been donated to make the teddies by neighbours and friends. They are sent to the Cathedral in St. James House and distributed to the doctors from there. It brings joy to our hearts to know we are making some children somewhere very happy!

Submitted By: Alice Bennedetti



Photo of some of the 50 + teddies made so far, and the ladies are still knitting!