On the rainy Saturday morning of November 3, 2018, 62 people in the diocese of New Westminster were invested into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW). There were 66 nominees, 56 nominated by parishes, and 10 nominated by Archbishop Skelton. Three of the parish nominees were unable to attend and one of the Bishop nominees had travel plans that conflicted. They will be invested at a later date, likely during episcopal visits to their parishes, which has been the process in the past.

Fifty-six parishes of the 66 in the diocese participated by submitting nominees in this the 9th Investiture of New Members. The venue for the event for the third time was New Westminster’s Massey Theatre which is connected to New Westminster Secondary School, and this was the second time that the investiture had taken place on a Saturday morning within the context of Morning Prayer.

For those of you unfamiliar with the “Order,” it was developed in 2008, by the Cathedral Chapter and a small adjunct committee led by the Very Rev. Peter Elliott, Rector of Christ Church Cathedral and Dean of the diocese of New Westminster. The purpose of the Order is to honour and give special recognition to lay members of the diocese who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their volunteer ministry. The Investiture Service takes places every other year within the Octave of All Saints (eight days). The inaugural year was 2009. Details about the criteria for nomination and the process are available on the diocesan website.

For 2018, St. John’s, Shaughnessy’s (SJS) organist and director of music, Michael Dirk, with SJS choirmaster, Ann Chen and five skilled choristers led the music in worship that included well known congregational hymns and some challenging repertoire appropriate for Morning Prayer, sung by the sextet.

As in years past there was a dedicated offering collected at the ODNW liturgy, and for 2018, it was directed to the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), with the request that the funds be directed to their partners who are providing relief to the victims of the September 15, 2018 typhoon, which brought 24 hours of devastating rain and wind, damaging vast areas of the Philippines. The Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines (EDNP) is Companion Diocese to the diocese of New Westminster. While the choir, congregation (audience) and folks on stage sang the eight verses of For All the Saints, greeting team leader, Jane Dittrich and the team of 12 did a seamless job of collecting the offerings from the congregation and clergy. The total raised was $4,043.75.

The preacher was the Very Rev. Peter Elliott who took the Gospel, Luke 12: 32—40 for his text and more specifically the verse Luke 12: 35, “For where your treasure is, there shall your heart be also.” He began his homily saying:

“I know many of you here today remember the little rhyme that you learned when you were a child, it goes, ‘This is the church and this is the steeple, open it up and see all the people!’ Well look around today — see all the people, and even here (the theatre) where there is no steeple. But this is the church — whenever the people of God gather that’s the church. And as I look out this morning I see three different groups of people. First there’s the Archbishop and her clergy and musicians. Second there are those about to be invested in the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster, those who are

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already Members of the Order, and their fellow parishioners. And third there are the family members and friends who aren’t part of any particular congregation but you’re here because your friend or your mother or father or aunt or uncle or grandparent is up here on the stage to be honoured by their church. It’s to you, this third group that I want to speak directly this morning.”

He went on to explain that some of the terms that they would hear during the reading of the citations may not be familiar, he gave some examples and explained the context.

He spoke about service, commitment and love, the love that the people on the stage have for God and for their church.

Near the end of his homily the dean said, “We’re called to know ourselves as beloved of God and to help each person we meet know that they too are beloved of God.”

As in past investitures, members of the ODNW participated in the liturgy: Midori Seo, ODNW of Holy Cross offered the First Reading, Sirach 35: 1 – 13 in Japanese; Brian Walks, ODNW of St. Mark, Ocean Park proclaimed the Gospel; and Tom Kerr, ODNW of Church of the Holy Spirit, Whonnock was the intercessor.

The Massey Theatre lower level has seating for approximately 1,000 seats and it was very near capacity. At least 10% of the congregation were current members of the ODNW.

Following worship there was a reception in one of the gymnasiuums at New Westminster Secondary School catered by Bette Geddes and Associates Catering who had prepared a delicious light lunch consisting of savories, sweets and beverages.

God willing, the 10th Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster will take place with the Octave of All Saints in 2020.

Dean Peter Elliott’s sermon is available on the diocesan website at https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca

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2018 Citations
The investiture took place within the context of Morning Prayer, November 3, 2018, at the Massey Theatre in New Westminster. The new members were invested by archdeacon and in alphabetical order. The medallions and ribbons were placed by the regional archdeacon. In the case of the Archbishop’s Nominees the Dean of the Diocese, the Very Rev. Peter Elliott, DD placed the medals and ribbons. We have maintained the format styles of the Citations, curated by Bill Siksay, Executive Assistant to the Archishop’s and Executive Archdeacon’s Offices, however, due to spacial requirements some Citations are not in alphabetical order. • Editor

Burrard Archdeaconry
• The Venerable Canon Kevin Hunt

Kelvin Bee
St. James, Vancouver
Elder Kelvin Bee of the Kwakwakawakw First Nation, is a long-time associate of St. James. He is now a Trustee and a provider of excellent bannock! A Residential School survivor, Kelvin has been instrumental in encouraging St. James’, the Downtown Eastside Community, and the wider diocese along the path of reconciliation, through his gracious but hard-learned readiness to forgive and to ask for forgiveness. Kelvin was the inspiration behind the 2017 Feast honouring Residential School survivors held at St. James.

Mr. George Cuaresma Cato
St. Margaret, Cedar Cottage
George is constantly working quietly and enthusiastically behind the scenes at St. Margaret’s, ensuring that anything and everything that needs to get done, gets done. He has taken the initiative to install energy efficient lighting in the sanctuary, don maintenance work both inside and outside the church, and is always available to help with projects big and small. George has been a member of Church Committee, counts the weekly offering, and sets up and cleans up for parish events.

Mr. Guy Lucas Cribdon
St. Paul, Vancouver
Guy is a quiet, and not so quiet pillar of St. Paul, bringing joy and enthusiasm to everything he does. A long-time singer with the ever-growing Vancouver Men’s Chorus, his participation includes holiday concerts. A dedicated Server and comforting Healing Guild member, and he has taken the initiative to install energy efficient lighting in the sanctuary, dons maintenance work both inside and outside the church, and is always available to help with projects big and small. George has been a member of Church Committee, counts the weekly offering, and sets up and cleans up for parish events.

Midori Seo
Holy Cross, Vancouver
Midori joined Holy Cross in 1975. As she is musically talented, she joined the church choir, where she helped match Japanese and English hymns so they could be sung simultaneously during services. She was instrumental in forming the Sakura Singers Choir, which performed for fundraising events to repair the old building on 11th Avenue. Midori helped create a bilingual prayer service booklet, which is still in use after several revisions. Midori is very active with the JCCA Health Care programme for shut-ins and the elderly.

Ms. Marguerite Cutforth
St. Michael’s Multicultural, Broadway
Marg has attended St. Michael’s Multicultural her whole adult life, and has been very active with her husband in parish activities for 50 years. A significant achievement in the early resurrection of St. Michael’s was her organization of the 120th Anniversary Celebrations in 2009, which included the return of 60 long time parishioners. Since then she has been active in the Church Committee, on the Strategic Planning Team, at Diocesan Synod, at church retreats, and on the Day Care Board of Directors.

Mr. John Green
St. Thomas, Vancouver
John has for 30 years held key liturgical, administrative and leadership roles at St. Thomas, including on the Elevator and Accessibility Team, as People’s Warden, and as Lay Delegate to Synod— including two Electoral Synods. A documenter of parish history, John has served on countless committees. He is a reader, intercessor, lay administrator, prayer partner, kitchen worker, counter, preparer of the weekly service bulletin, and organizer of special worship services and hallmark parish events like the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.
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Capilano Archdeaconry
- The Venerable Stephen Muir

Ms. Judith Lynn Brear
St. Agnes, North Vancouver
Beginning with the Youth Group and Sunday School, Judy’s participation has evolved over almost five decades at St. Agnes to include both People’s and Rector’s Warden, Synod Delegate, and member of Canonical, Pastoral Care, Church Fare, Health Fair, Regional Spiritual Formation, and Gala Evening Committees. Judy reflected that through attending St. Agnes she has received more than she has given. However, it is her attitude of willing and active service that makes her so worthy of this recognition.

Ms. Janet Peta Genders
St. Aidan and St. Bartholomew, Gibsons
Janet is known to St. Aidan and St. Bartholomew for her continuous, spiritual formation. The parish named their two new furnaces for she does is infused with God’s Spirit.

Ms. Madeline May Cooper
(absent — will be invested at a later date)
St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver
Madeline consistently demonstrates caring and compassion while being guided by the principles of her dedicated contemplative prayer practice. Madeline’s 30-year ministry at St. John’s includes Altar Guild, counter, Treasurer of the Women of St. John, nursery, senior’s luncheons, and initiating and leading the Prayer Shawl ministry. She is especially recognized for her leadership and devoted service in Caring Ministry, administering communion and assisting elderly parishioners in life changing transitions. Madeline’s caring ministry gives significant value to people’s lives and to the parish.

Mrs. Marilyn McBeath
(absent — will be invested at a later date)
St. Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver
Marilyn’s work at St. Francis-in-the-Wood. She has streamlined parish finances, coordinated structural repairs and refurbishment of the parish office, and is the consummate meeting chair. Wherever Marilyn contributes she works with her whole heart, “so working for the Lord...and the light of her faith shines through her at everything she does is infused with God’s Spirit.

Ms. Susanne Stockdill
St. Catherine, Capilano
Susanne is willing to put herself out there and help wherever needed. Whether acting as Interim Treasurer and keeping parish finances in check, carving turkey for a community Thanksgiving dinner, moving furniture, or serving on a multitude of committees, she never shirks responsibility. St. Catherine’s was blessed when she agreed to be Bishop’s Warden. Her human resources background was as an asset as she chaired the Canonical Committee and will assist her as Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 2019 General Synod.

Ms. Marylou Shopping
St. Stephen, West Vancouver
Marylou Shopping has been a cheerful and tireless supporter of St. Hilda’s since 2001. She is a member of the choir, the Altar Guild, the Anglican Church Women and the Servers Guild, as well as organizing events such as the Whale of a Sale, the St. Nicholas parish party in December, an annual craft sale, and funeral receptions as needed. Marylou Shopping is an Education for Ministry graduate, attended Companion Bible Study, and was on the Church Committee for 13 years.

Ms. Wilna Parry
St. Clement, Lynn Valley
Wilna lives out loving, faithful discipleship with enthusiasm, kindness, generosity, grace and integrity. She has a gift for hospitality and fostering community. She was vital to implementing the Deanery MAP. Passionate about outreach, she cares for the disenfranchised, notably by hosting many refugees. An EM graduate, and in a weekly Bible Study group for 28 years, she tends to her spiritual formation. The parish named their two new furnaces for Wilna and her husband Dave—because they bring warmth to St. Clement’s.

Mr. George Rupert Richards
St. Stephen, West Vancouver
George has been a key member of St. Stephen’s for 17 years. He has been the driving force behind the parish’s capital campaigns, including raising over $1 million to purchase the rectory, which is still in use. George served on Parish Council for many years where he offered wise and robust advice, using his considerable life experience in the forest industry and his Christian commitment. George has a deep faith in God and is a regular at the 8am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion.

The Choir

Everyone is in place to complete the singing of the Opening Hymn Eternal Unchanging. PHOTO Randy Murray

Warden of the Order, Robb Watt, ODNW. PHOTO Wayne Chose
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Fraser Archdeaconry  
• The Venerable Louise Engron

Mr. Stuart William Allan  
St. Andrew, Langley

Stuart has provided dedicated and committed leadership to St. Andrew, Langley for the past 14 years. Since arriving in Langley and at St. Andrew’s in 2004, Stuart has served on many stewardship campaigns, led the Canonical Committee process, and been People’s Warden for the past eight years. Stuart’s steady and clear presence and perspective has been instrumental in leading the Parish through some challenging times of uncertainly into a brighter today. The Parish is thankful for his leadership.

Mrs. Cheryl Ann Armour  
Christ the Redeemer, Cloverdale

Cheryl-Ann has served Christ the Redeemer, Christ Church and its Cemetery for almost 20 years. This quiet unassuming person first took on the position of Wedding Coordinator and then agreed to be the Property Manager, bookkeeper and the Sexton. Cheryl-Ann has served as Rector’s Warden twice, and today is the Sexton for Christ Church Cemetery and the Vicar’s Warden. Cheryl-Ann is a compassionate person who is dedicated to her family, community and parish, and to the preservation and heritage of Christ Church and its descendants.

Mrs. Brenda Charlene Coburn  
St. George, Port Langley

Since joining St. George’s in 1989, Brenda has shown her commitment to the Parish, through her leadership roles, including People’s and Rector’s Warden, Trustee and Secretary. Brenda is generous of her time and talents in many other parts of parish life: she was enthusiastic about starting and volunteering with the parish’s Messy Church programme; assists with fund raisers, offers definitive advice for coffee hour and enjoys hosting visitors through Open Doors, and with a welcoming smile as Sidesperson.

Mr. Charles Fox  
St. Dunstan, Aldergrove

Charlie is a faithful member of St. Dunstan’s, and was an active participant on the Building Committee for the beautiful parish worship space. He has served on Parish Council — three times as Warden, twice on the SEO, Canon Law Committee and as Treasurer. Anytime there is work to be done, you will see Charlie with the pressure washer, a shovel, a hoe and a smile. Charlie belongs to the Old Boys’ Club and encourages laughter and comic relief around the parish. He enjoys welcoming people on Sunday, making newcomers feel at home.

Mrs. Louise Elizabeth Goode  
St. Oswald, Port Coquitlam

Louise joined St. Oswald’s in 1991. She served as Church Committeee Secretary, cared for the altar vessels, and as a Lay Administrator. When the parish sponsored a refugee family, Louise took them to medical and dental appointments, and kept in touch long after the initial commitment. She also taught Sunday School, organized picnics, served on Parish Council, and led the Prayer Chain. Louise is known for her “Cemetery Sleuthing” project that tracked the stones, genealogical records, and families of those buried in the parish cemetery.

Mr. Brian Windle Reay  
Church of the Epiphany, Surrey

After arriving in Canada in 1957, Brian attended Christ Church Cathedral for eight years, All Saints, Burnaby, for 38 years, and now Church of the Epiphany for 15 years. At Epiphany his ministry hasn’t slowed even though he’s been retired for many years. Brian first served as Crucler and on Church Council. His ministries now include: leading Payers, Sidensperson Building Committee, Sunday Coffee Duty, Men’s Coffee Group and gardening. Brian is active with Surrey Meals on Wheels, serving as Board President and as a driver.

Ms. Wendy Eileen Russell  
St. Helen, Surrey

Wendy has devoted over 36 years to the life of St. Helen’s, bringing energy, skills, encouragement, wisdom, and joy, along with her desire to give loving service to the people around her. She has ministered with children through the Sunday School, the homeless and needy through breakfast and lunch programmes, the elderly, and alongside parishioners through the Anglican Church Women, parish events, and volunteer positions. These ministries have been both practical and spiritual, and are examples of how Wendy lives her discipleship and responds to Christ’s call.

Archbishop Selwyn with Brian Walks who read the Gospel, Luke 12:32–40  
PHOTO/Wayne Chose

Mrs. Rose Lalair  
Christ Church, Hope

A member of Christ Church, Hope since 1952, Rose has served in various capacities such as Anglican Church Women President or Treasurer for 50 years, parish representative for the Eastern Fraser Valley and Parish Council Treasurer. Her efforts resulted in Christ Church building a Church Hall and paying it off in five years. Rose sees church as a place of connection. She believes it is important to take on work when it presents itself, saying, “I go and do whatever needs to be done.”

Mr. Allan William McDowall  
St. Cuthbert, North Delta

Ali joined St. Cuthbert’s in 1979. His work experience in human resources at BC Hydro has helped St. Cuthbert’s, and other parishes in the diocese, define and reach their goals of harmonious working relationships. He served as Rector’s Warden, chaired two Canonical Committees, and was a member of Parish and Diocesan Councils. In the 1980s, he was very involved in the completion of the new parish buildings, including as Project Manager. Ali continues as an active participant in the activities of the parish.

Mrs. Carol McPherson  
(缺席 — 将被投资于 later date)

Carol has continuously served Holy Trinity, North Delta for over 40 years in the Altar Guild, as a Sidesperson, doing flower delivery, as the Coffee Hour coordinator, and in the Prayer Shawl and Offertory counting ministries. As a deeply committed member of the parish Hospital Visitation Ministry she makes visits to those in both acute and chronic care, extending compassion, comfort and empathy to those for whom a visit, a scripture reading, or a spoken word brings so much hope.

Mr. Brian Robert Walks  
St. Mark, Ocean Park

Brian is a dynamic Anglican with enthusiastic participation in the Men’s Club, Communications Team, Sunday lay leadership roles, Home Eucharistic Server, Vacation Bible School games leader, Parish Council, and helping whenever he can to make life easier for others. For the past 12 years he’s had the huge task of overseeing the Journey of Christmas. A wonderful networker, Brian has been active throughout the diocese. Brian’s life proclaims the good news of salvation, and he is truly being used as Christ’s feet and hands.

Dr. Richard Donald Warda  
All Saints, Agassiz

Rick has been an inspiration at All Saints by living out his servant- leadership. Through his goodhearted, tenacious and visionary leadership the parish has become a more open and loving community. His skills range from fundraising to pie making — often in combination — and from leading Bible Study to repairing the plumbing, the historic church bell, and the church office. His educational ministry has included workshops on stewardship, investments and end-of-life. As the People’s Warden, Rick been a team leader, and a team builder.

Ms. Donna Carroll White  
St. Michael, Surrey

In 1959, Donna went door-to-door with a petition calling for an Anglican Church in the neighbourhood, and, with her parents, she became a founding member of St. Michael’s. She attended the cornerstone laying and the first confirmation class, designed the first Sunday School, and taught the first Sunday School classes, which her brother attended in his teddy bear snowsuit. A noted skit writer and director, her service continues today in the Altar Guild, the Anglican Church Women, Coffee Hour, the indoor cleaning brigade, and as a lay administrator.

Mr. Peter Arthur Williams  
St. John the Baptist, Sardis

Peter routinely provides time and talent to St. John the Baptist through assisting with the liturgy, and with the parish council. He is a major contributor to annual fundraisers and to the well being of the parish buildings and grounds. Additionally, he has recently been the point person for the parish in assisting two Syrian refugee families. Peter is a consummate problem solver and team player, and his contribution to the parish is a balance of leadership and servanthood.

Ms. Janice Evelyn Guretzki  
St. Thomas, Chilliwack

Jan has been part of St. Thomas parish since 1959. She has been involved in all aspects of parish life, including as a Sunday School teacher, member of the Youth Group, Parish Council, Chairs, and laity (group). She has been both People’s and Rector’s Warden. She brings many gifts and her leadership skills have been a huge asset to the parish in the past and now into their future. Her genuine love for God radiates in all that she does.
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Lougheed Archdeaconry

Mrs. Catherine Ann Adair-Austin
St. John the Apostle, Port Moody

Anne is a gentle, caring member of St. John’s, who has graced the parish in countless ways. She has made a lasting impression on those she taught as a Sunday School teacher and coordinator. Ann has also served as an ACW President, intercessor, Synod delegate, and member of the Prayer Circle. At the Diocesan level she has been an Area Representative for the Anglican Church Women and volunteers at ACW Place. St. John’s is blessed to have such a selfless, faithful parishioner.

Ms. Pauline Andrea Joyce Betterton
All Saints, Mission

Over the years Polly has been a Sunday School teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, a Synod and Alternate Synod Delegate, Treasurer, and People’s Warden. She is a member of the Anglican Church Women, President of the Altar Guild, and takes part in all aspect of the services as a lay member. Her eagerness and willingness to help in any area of the church is a direct result of her parents instilling in her the idea that ‘Church is family.’

Mrs. Vivian Laura Donnan
St. Lawrence, Coquitlam

Vivian has faithfully served the community of St. Laurence in a variety of roles for 32 years, not always knowing what she was getting herself into when she said ‘yes!’ Vivian has been a Warden twice, the Facilitators coordinator, Greeter Coordinator, and Library Coordinator. She has organized Newcomers’ Lunches, served on numerous committees including two Canonical Committees, and helped with fundraising initiatives. Vivian is a Greeter and Lay Assistant. So far, she continues to say ‘yes!’

Ms. Laura Godwin
St. Timothy, Burnaby

Laura followed her parents’ footsteps into active ministry at St. Nicolas parish in Burnaby. Over the years, she has embraced many jobs in the parish—Treasurer, Altar Guild, in-depth community collection counter, assisting with Home Communions, taking part in the parish Phone Tree, supplying the kitchen for Coffee Hour, and becoming a founding St. Timothy Host for the Food Bank. Her willingness to embrace new ideas and new ways of doing things make her an incredibly valuable member of the parish of St. Timothy.

Mr. Thomas Merven Kerr
Holy Spirit, Whonnock

Tom has been a member of the Anglican Church since 2003 when he first walked through the doors of Holy Spirit, Whonnock. From day one he has been a dedicated member of the church, a church council member since 2004, People’s Warden for the last five years, and a Lay Administrator for the last ten years. Committed to the parish infrastructure through renovations and landscaping, Tom hauled water for six years for the church’s water tank until a well was finally drilled.

Ms. Ardella Jean McLaren
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Port Coquitlam

Ardella is a vital part of the St. Catherine of Alexandria community. She joined the parish in 2005, and served as Treasurer from 2009 to 2018. She currently serves the Altar Guild, the Choir, and Parish Council. In the absence of the music director, she plays the organ and piano. Ardella co-chairs the Pastoral Care Team, having taken training at Eagle Ridge Hospital. Additionally Ardella has been a team player for Messy Church for 8 years, and she’s a graduate of Education for Ministry (EfM).

Mr. Wayne Edward Scott
St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge

Wayne is a dedicated volunteer, committee member, and trusted steward for St. John the Divine. Always immediately available whenever emergencies arise, he regularly takes the lead on all matters of safety, maintenance and repair of the church property. A valuable congregant, he regularly volunteers at services, special events, and participates in and organizes the Men’s Breakfast, an important outreach ministry. Unfailingly reliable, Wayne is always willing to step up and take action when the church needs him.

Mr. Andrew John Shepherd
St. George, Maple Ridge

Andy is a devoted Anglican. He has spent most of his adult years as a faithful member of St. George, Maple Ridge. He has served the parish in many capacities, including as Warden, Treasurer, and Synod Delegate, but he especially blesses it with the time he dedicates to the Building Committee, taking on any job with determination. Andy spent countless hours ‘shepherding’ them—literally—through the construction of the new church in 1990, and again years later through the major repair of the building envelope.

Ms. Jean Elaine Renforth
St. Stephen’s, Burnaby

Elaine is a true leader. Not deterred by a snowstorm that blocked the doors to St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby, on her first visit in 1996, Elaine has shown that by just being a faithful member of the parish that no job is too small or too large to undertake. Whether working tirelessly on various committees or Parish Council, Elaine is a dedicated volunteer to the core. Her dependability and trustworthiness have been gifts to St. Stephen’s, making it a more vibrant and engaged faith community, and central to her Christian life.

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Vancouver Archdeaconry

The Venerable John Stephens
St. Faith, Vancouver

For more than 40 years, Spencer Cotton has given the same care and commitment to the fabric of St. Faith as he gave to his staff, students and buildings as a teacher and administrator for the Vancouver School Board. Spencer’s care to the “house of the church” has permitted people young and old to hear the Word and to break bread at the Table of God in safety and comfort. Until recently, Spencer could be found as often up a ladder, as on the ground.

Mr. Spencer Paterson Cotton
St. Faith, Vancouver

Mrs. Heather Hellen Friesen
St. Anselm, Vancouver

Heather is a loving, compassionate and vibrant presence at St. Anselm. After her 14 years at the parish she remains intimately involved in the children’s, pastoral, and spiritually enhancing outreach ministries, and in coordinating social events. Her creative and commendable performance as Treasurer reignited the hope of the parish to move through the “dark valley into the light of God.” Heather rejoices in living her life’s mission of being an instrument of God’s love and peace.

Dr. Mary Lymburner
St. Philip, Dunbar

A lifetime Anglican starting in her hometown of London, Ontario, Mary found her church community at St. Philip’s in 1984. Central to her active faith, Mary’s ministries have ranged from Sunday School teacher to Parish Warden. But Co-Chairing the Outreach Committee has truly fit Mary’s humble dedication to others, leading to crucial roles in the parish’s refugee sponsorships, work with the Deanery’s Neighbourhood Street Ministry, and serving on the Diocesan Refugee Unit and Ministry Resources Committee. Mary’s patience and tenacity make her invaluable.

Ms. Diana McHardy Schmidt
St. Mary, Kerrisdale

Diana is a dynamic member of St. Mary’s, with a particular passion for Family Ministry. A steadfast member of a weekly bible study group, Diana has also served on Chancel Guild, as an intercessor, and on Worship Committees. Diana has applied her architectural training to several successful renovation projects. Currently Associate Warden, she has served as Synod Delegate and on Canonical Committees. Diana’s deep faith, strong pastoral presence and ongoing commitment to the parish community, continue to inspire those around her.

Mr. Neil Bruce Seedhouse
St. Mary Magdalene, Vancouver

The computer’s not working. Call Neil! The toilet’s plugged — Neil! We need a planter box built — Neil! The light bulb way up there needs changing — Neil! Can somebody make a casserole for the lunch this Sunday — Neil? Who’s that down there chatting up the binners? — Neil. The fair linen needs ironing — Neil? Andrew needs a ride — Neil. A man of many talents, Neil is always willing to share them. He cares deeply for others, and craft beer, and good coffee!

Mrs. Ida Catherine Mary Tonks
Holy Trinity, Vancouver

After a long life of Christian service in Trinidad and Tobago and in Ontario, Ida became a dedicated member of Holy Trinity in 2013 when she moved to Vancouver. She helped establish the parish’s Tumani Mission group. Her ardent meditative prayer contributes enormously to all aspects of parish life. Her warmth and spirituality draw people to Jesus and since she daily shows forth God’s praise, not only with her lips but in her life, she is one of the parish’s most effective evangelists. Alleluia!

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Westminster Archdeaconry
- The Venerable Richard Leggett

Mrs. Margaret Jean Kelly
St. Alban the Martyr, Burnaby
Margaret has been a part of St. Alban’s for over 40 years and has served in almost every capacity possible. She’s been a Warden and member of Parish Council many times. She’s taught Sunday School, been a member of the Anglican Church Women, Choir and Altar Guild. She’s a Lay Assistant, Reader, Intercessor, and Prayer Companion. She’s led Bible study groups and Alpha. She was the Chair of the 100th Anniversary Celebration Committee and has organized many parish events. This names just some of her ministry.

Mrs. Rae Amaryllis Seay
St. Anne, Sassenoch
Rae is a committed, faithful member of St. Anne’s. A very giving person, when she retired early from full time employment, she felt guilty, and wanted to serve. This led directly to being instrumental in supporting a refugee family from Sierra Leone and service on the Diocesan Refugee Unit. There are few ministries Rae hasn’t been a part of including Sunday School teacher and coordinator, newsletter editor, and Altar Guild. Currently, she’s a reader, intercessor, lay administrator, Flower Guild coordinator, and Church Committee Secretary.

Mr. Bruce Alexander
St. Barnabas, New Westminster
Bruce loves our Christian faith, our Anglican Church, and particularly the little parish of St. Barnabas. Bruce has been a central figure in defining how the church lives in the world and in the neighbourhood. He has a particular interest and focus on issues of social justice, addressing the historic structures of sin that cause human suffering. With good cheer, dependability and commitment, Bruce has been a central faith leader, encouraging and supporting others, those who come to church for Sunday Worship and those who come seeking comfort and belonging all the other days of the week.

Mrs. Carolyn Ethel Dodds
All Saints, Ladner
Carolyn’s favourite past time is to be with her eight grandchildren, yet she finds time to serve as Warden and co-chair of the Altar Guild at All Saints, Ladner. She is one of the parish’s “steadfast volunteers,” showing up to pull weeds in the garden, or making a dump run, or going to visit someone who has been hospitalized. A faithful teacher and mentor all her life, Carolyn has taught Sunday School and been one of the supporters of Messy Church.

Mrs. Thelma Dorothy O’Keeffe
St. Alban, Richmond
Thelma is a lifelong Anglican. Born in Dublin, she immigrated to Canada in 1967, moving to Richmond and joining St. Alban’s in 1980. She has long been active in children’s ministries. She has served as bookkeeper to several Parish Outreach programs. She has been Envelope Secretary for many years. Hospitality is her true gift: she excels at staying in touch with people who are ill, in care homes, or who haven’t been present in church of late. Thelma is the go-to person.

Ms. Catherine Foord
St. David, Tsawwassen
Kay’s sacred calling has been her 50-year dedication to the preparation of the altar of St. Columbia, Waterloo, Ontario and St. David, Delta. She has served as volunteer church secretary, Vestry Clerk and on Parish Council. Kay has been the Treasurer of the Ladies Guild, one of the organizers of the Seniors’ Friendship Group, prepare of the Sunday roster, and contributor to social and fundraising events. Kay was also a founding member of St. David’s Abbeyfield House, and a director for 26 years.

Mrs. Nellie Parkert
All Saints, South Burnaby
Since coming to All Saints, South Burnaby 38 years ago, Nellie has become one of the parish’s “Lively Saints.” Her love of music and her beautiful voice are reasons she’s been part of the choir for 38 years. Other roles include the Altar Guild, Eucharistic Minister, purchasing sanctuary candles, wafers and wine. Synod Delegate and Alternate, food preparation, preparation, Christmas baskets and the World Day of Prayer. Nellie is a member of Parish Council since 2010, and served for two years on Diocesan Council.
The 9th Investiture of New Members to the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

Archbishop’s Nominee

- The Very Reverend Peter Elliott

Ms. Melanie Delva
Melanie, the former Diocesan Archivist, is now the Reconciliation Animator for the national church. Melanie thought outside the box of her archivist job description to pursue justice for and reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples. She began the first comprehensive archival search for children missing and deceased from residential schools, and worked closely with hundreds of residential school survivors seeking to prove attendance at the schools, and recapture their own stories. This work has impacted her profession, as she speaks and writes on decolonizing archives and the role of archivists in justice seeking.

Mrs. Vera Helen Morgan
Vera has been active in two parishes — Holy Spirit, Whonnock and St. George, Maple Ridge — where she has held many different positions. Vera is a graduate of EFIM and she has been delegate to several Synods and a member of Diocesan Council. But it is her long record of service in the Anglican Church Women, at the parish and diocesan level that brings her here today. Vera recently retired as Treasurer of the Diocesan Anglican Church Women where she served for nine years from 2008 to 2017.

Ms. Maureen Simons
Maureen was a member of Diocesan Council for three years, serving on the Agenda Committee designing processes and facilitating working sessions for Council meetings. Maureen is a graduate, and now mentor, of the Education for Ministry program. She is also a graduate of the Diocesan School for Parish Development and has taught at the school. Maureen is a member of the Diocesan Consulting Group, working with parishes in the diocese helping them with strategic planning and interim ministry, among other issues.

Mr. David Ian Rushton
(absent — will be invested at a later date)
David’s ministry in the broader church has been in stewardship. He was a pioneer of planned giving, being the first chair of the diocesan Planned Giving Unit in 1990. He served as Planned Giving Officer for the diocese, a Consultant in Stewardship and Planning Giving for General Synod, and one of the creators of the diocesan Anglican Initiatives Fund. David worked on stewardship with the Dioceses of British Columbian and Caledonia, was a Director of The Episcopal Network for Stewardship, and helped organize a major international stewardship conference in 2007.

Mrs. Shiella Dianne Fodchuk
Shiella is honoured today for 40 years’ work in the area of spiritual direction. Starting in 1992, Shiella did a field placement in counseling psychology and spiritual direction at Christ Church Cathedral, which led to her establishing the Cathedral Centre for Spiritual Direction, and ultimately to an adjunct professorship in this area at the Vancouver School of Theology. Shiella is also President of the Power of Education Africa Foundation, which works to reduce the suffering of Kenyan girls, and women who experience systemic inequality and discrimination.

Ms. Shannon Muir
Shannon is a parishioner at St. Agnes, North Vancouver but she’s here today due to her work on refugee sponsorship and resettlement. Like many people in the fall of 2015, she was compelled to become involved in supporting refugees, and she began by working together with people from other North Shore churches, forming the Regional Ecumenical Sponsorship Team. In 2016, she was asked to chair the Diocesan Refugee Unit, and continues that important work alongside the Diocesan Refugee Coordinator, Dr. Satori Soden.

Ms. Charlotte Anne French
Charlotte has been active in the Anglican Church in Montreal, Edmonton, Coquitlam and now at St. Philip’s, Dunbar. She is a leader in her parish, serving as a Warden, Trustee, Chair of the Canonical Committee, and on many committees. Charlotte has accepted the formidable task of coordinating the Local Arrangements Committee for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada which will be held in Vancouver in 2019, and she’s working hard to ensure a well-organized and warm welcome for General Synod delegates from across the country.

Ms. Janice Harvey
Jan, her mother and her siblings, and her grandmother, have been members of St. Stephen, West Vancouver. Active in parish life there since 1992, Jan’s ministry has included service on Parish Council, creating the Regional Ecumenical Sponsorship Team. In 2016, she was asked to chair the Diocesan Refugee Unit, and continues that important work alongside the Diocesan Refugee Coordinator, Dr. Satori Soden.

Mrs. Sheila Madeline Ferguson Johnston
In 2010, after returning from Kolkata, India, Sheila felt called to create the Canadian Friends of Calcutta Cathedral Relief Service, a non-profit society that raises funds for the social service outreach ministry of that city’s Anglican Cathedral. In this way Canadian donors support empowering women who live in Kolkata’s slum communities — work that is particularly important given India’s ranking as the world’s most dangerous country for women. Sheila is also part of our church’s reference group engaging the work of eliminating human trafficking in Canada and beyond.

Ms. Jean Caroline Cessna Mickelson
Jean’s ministry has been in education, leadership training and discernment. She served on a national Anglican lay ministry committee in 1988 and on the Sorrento Centre Board in the 1990s. She was an Anglican representative to the Vancouver School of Theology Board for seven years, chairing several Board committees. Jean served for many years as an Examining Chaplain for the diocese. And her parish of Christ Church Cathedral still remembers a 1970s Shrove Tuesday intergenerational event she led that involved “The Dance of the Pancakes.”
The Parish of St. James’ again participated in the Heart of the City Festival in the Downtown Eastside. The 2018 Festival was the 15th installment of the annual event and featured 12 days of: music, stories, songs, poetry, cultural celebrations, films, theatre, dance, spoken word, forums, workshops, discussions, gallery exhibits, mixed media, art talks, history talks and history walks.

During the October 28 to November 4 run, St. James’ contributed five events. The first took place as part of the regular Wednesday Open Church Ministry, during which time the church threw open all three sets of doors to welcome people into the space, for prayer, to enjoy the architecture, or attend the regular Wednesday Mass. The open-q quality music team provides ice-cold refreshments during the hot summer months and hot drinks as the weather begins to turn cool.

On Halloween, the steps of the church were decorated with pumpkins and folks were invited to partake of gift bags containing candy and mini oranges with non-alcoholic hot apple cider for those seeking warmth and rest. At 2pm on Halloween a dozen people joined Allan Duncan for a tour of the church. Allan’s knowledge of the history and architecture of the building is mind-blowing. He delighted the group with details of stones and relics, and included a smattering of stories about rectors past. At the end of the tour, visitors were invited to tour the bell tower with assistant organist PJ Janson who to everyone’s delight shared his knowledge of the bell tower and organ.

The Choir of Clare College, a new ensemble from England, performed at St. James’ to a sell-out audience and which received reviews in the media. The second season of the St. James Music series commenced in October 2018 with a free event by the Vancouver Cantata Singers during the 15th annual Heart of the City Festival, and a brilliant concert by Vancouver virtuoso violinists Jonathan Chan and Jan Bishin last November.

Next in the Music Series is an event not to be missed. The All Souls Mass on Friday, November 2 and the All Saints High Mass on November 4, attracted those wishing to remember their loved one who had died, and give thanks for the saints in light, who the people of St. James’ look to as examples of faithfulness. At both services the choir shone, particularly with their presentation of the Duruflé Requiem. St. James’ in collaboration with the Heart of the City organizers and singer Tayo Aluko produced Call Mr. Robeson, a biographical musical theatre piece, which showcases the remarkable life of the legendary Paul Robeson, African-American actor and singer. The play highlights Robeson’s pioneering and heroic political activism and features, songs such as Ol’ Man River, and his defiant testimony to the House of Un-American Activities Committee. Piano accompaniment was provided by Elaine Joe, a pianist, composer and teacher who has worked for many years with artists and organizations in the community. Tayo’s rich baritone and passionate performance received a standing ovation. Of course the show would not have been possible without Elaine Joe, and the hardworking organizers and volunteers of the festival, who dedicated hours of their time to bring people together through diverse festival events.

St. James’ looks forward to collaborating with them again, and continues to seek ways to welcome the local community into our space.

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The Choir of Clare College. PHOTO Submitted

Music has always been the warp and woof of St. James’, and the parish continues to be one of the few places in western Canada where the glorious mass settings by Palestrina, Tallis, Byrd, Willan, Howells, and Duruflé may be heard in their traditional liturgical context. Just over ten years ago, the Saint James Music Academy was established to enrich the lives of Downtown Eastside children through music. The Academy provides free, high-quality music instruction to more than 200 children in core afterschool programmes. The Academy’s choirs and orchestras are communities of music making where each child discovers the important role they play through performance, team building, and the collective pursuit of excellence.

In 2017, St. James’ launched a new element to its vibrant music tradition by means of a Music Series that offers a diverse range of concerts by highly accomplished professional ensembles. The series makes an appearance at St. James’. Thirty-two voices strong, the fresh young vocalist of The Choir of Clare College (Cambridge) give a complete performance of Tomas Luis de Victoria’s 1605 Requiem — widely considered as one of the great masterworks of chorale music. Known for their flawless renditions of early and contemporary works, The Choir of Clare College has achieved an international reputation as one of the leading university choral groups in the world. This is a rare opportunity to hear one of the UK’s top choirs in the resonant acoustics of St. James’. For more information and tickets, visit sjmusic.ca.

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For the past few months we have been promoting the Topic 50th Anniversary commemorative publication planned to go to print in the fall of 2019, hopefully in plenty of time for the actual Topic 50th-anniversary, February 2020.

In order to assist with the costs connected to publication and distribution, a fund has been established and we invite you to consider making a gift to help with the project.

Financial gifts can be made online using credit cards via the diocesan website by clicking on one of the "GIVE" buttons found in the header and footer of each page of the site, www.vancouver.anglican.ca and selecting Topic 50th-anniversary, or send a cheque by mail made out to the Diocese of New Westminster with the words "Topic 50th Anniversary" in the memo line and in the address on the envelope.

Here are two more photographs from the collection of the Ven. Ronald Harrison, retired Executive Archdeacon of the diocese of New Westminster and former associate editor and principal photographer for Topic in the 1970s and 1980s.


IN MEMORIAM

William (Bill) Robert Kirkpatrick Crockett • Priest
May 7, 1934 – October 29, 2018

The Reverend Doctor William Robert Kirkpatrick Crockett, "Bill" to everyone, completed his life-long earthly journey with God, at age 84.

Bill grew up with his sister Margaret in Toronto. His early church connection was formed at the Anglo-Catholic parish of St. Thomas’ Church where the music, colours, processions, and incense created an air of mystery for young Bill. From an early age, he felt a vocation to the priesthood.

Bill completed his undergraduate degree in philosophy at the University of Toronto’s Trinity College. It was during this time, he met Jean. After taking a year off to travel in Europe, he returned to complete his Masters in Divinity. Bill and Jean married after graduation in 1960, the beginning of a shared life together. He was ordained as a deacon a week before they were married and as a priest the following year.

Bill felt his call to the priesthood was also a call to academic life as a professor of theology. Soon after their marriage, Bill and Jean departed for the University of Chicago where he played a role in shaping Anglican worship throughout the world.

Bill was also well known for supporting the ordination of women. His unconditional acceptance of all people informed everything that he did. His visit to the Philippines in 1985 opened his eyes to the third world reality and a call to social justice that shaped his theological understanding ever after.

Throughout his spiritual life, what most nourished Bill was the experience of sacramental life and the Eucharist, which led to the publishing of his book, Eucharist: Symbol of Transformation in 1989.

Bill shared his love of life with his wife Jean, his daughters Carolyn, Catherine, and Linda, their husbands, and his seven grandchildren (Michaela, Kelly, Ben, Graham, Cameron, Kyla and Jennifer).

Travel was a passion throughout Bill’s life. In the early years, the family piled into their car for adventures throughout British Columbia and the western United States. Sorrento Centre was a frequent summer destination. When the children were young, the family enjoyed several Christmas trips to Disneyland. Bill and Jean went on their first cruise for their 25th wedding anniversary. This would lead to over 40 voyages to destinations around the world. Bill also enjoyed fine dining (pubs too) especially when it came to dessert. He was a deep thinker, but also easy to be with. He exuded kindness and acceptance. And he loved to laugh.

His sister Margaret will never forget him walking her down the aisle and performing the wedding ceremony. She has fond memories of going out to jazz concerts, theatre productions, and celebrating special dinners together.

Jean will miss her partner of 58 years. Bill supported her independence during her younger years, and cared for her through life’s later challenges. She is sustained by his absolute faith in life after death.

Bill’s daughters will miss the gentle acceptance and encouragement he provided them throughout their lives. His gifts of intelligence and laughter have been inherited by his grandchildren (not to mention a fondness of desserts).

This memorial piece was written and submitted by Bill’s wife Jean and their three daughters: Carolyn, Catherine and Linda.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated for Bill at Christ Church Cathedral, November 24. Coverage of the Mass will be available on the diocesan website news pages and in future issues of Topic.
The rear view of the exterior in October 2017. PHOTO Randy Murray

The rear view of the exterior on November 4, 2018. RIGHT MIDDLE The east side. RIGHT View of the new transept. PHOTOS Wayne Chose

GROUP PHOTO in front of the fundraising signage at the entrance to the parish property PHOTO Sher Saks

LEFT The Congregation gathered on the labyrinth outside the entrance doors. RIGHT The Rev. Clarence Li summarizes the parish’s experience over the past 16 months of the rebuild. PHOTOS Wayne Chose

TOP & BOTTOM The contractor donated the new concrete sidewalks and also donated the concrete in the courtyard. PHOTOS Wayne Chose

The Procession enters the sanctuary. PHOTO Wayne Chose

The pipe is in place on the altar. PHOTO Wayne Chose

Linda Smith reads Genesis 28: 10 – 17. PHOTO Wayne Chose

Archbishop Skelton preaching. PHOTO Wayne Chose

Terry Alick (AKA Coyote) explains the symbol of the pipe that will be placed on the altar. PHOTO Wayne Chose

Collect of the Day. PHOTO Wayne Chose
On Sunday, November 4, within the octave of All Saints, the Parish of St. Hilda’s-by-the-Sea in Sechelt, BC celebrated the Eucharist that included the rededication by Archbishop Melissa Skelton of the renovated church building.

For nearly 16 months the parish has worshipped in the hall while their sanctuary underwent a $1.3 million rebuild following the discovery of many critical deficiencies in the 30-year-old building. There was a real concern that the church would need to be torn down, but the parish, the diocese and the greater community did not give up hope and the work was done.

A new transept to the west (dedicated by Archbishop Skelton that morning) was built as part of the design plan to strengthen the structure.

The liturgy began with the congregation gathering outside the church in the area in front that contains the parish’s labyrinth. Prior to the beginning of this worship event, a large and very vocal flock of geese flew overhead in formation which prompted a reaction from many who were gathered outside and a number of “Amens” spoken by those who viewed this as a sign from the Creator.

Rector of St. Hilda’s, the Rev. Clarence Li was cast in the liturgical role of MC and he began the worship saying, “Dearly beloved, how long have we waited for this day?” This remark was greeted by good-natured laughter. He introduced Archbishop Skelton and described what would take place prior to the congregation entering the church for worship.

He offered prayers and a time of silence prior to Archbishop Skelton and the sanctuary party entering the narthex, followed by the archbishop knocking on the closed doors of the sanctuary with the crozier and exclaiming the words, “Let the doors be opened!” The doors opened, director of music, Katherine Hume began to play Handel’s Voluntary from The Water Music and everyone filed into the bright and beautiful renovated building.

The church was filled to capacity, the Holy Spirit was present and everyone was delighted to be back worshipping in their beloved church building. The service included:

- Rededication of the Sanctuary; Blessing of Holy Water; Blessing of the West Transept; a pipe placed on the altar accompanied by healings songs and drumming led by Terry Aleck; and the Eucharist for All Saints with Archbishop Skelton as preacher and presider.
- There were a number of guests present at the worship including: Donald Paul, ODNW, diocesan registrar; the Rev. Dr. Tellison Glover, Director for Mission and Ministry Development at the diocese; the Rev. Canon Jonathan Lloyd, Regional Dean of Sea to Sky; and the Rev. Eric Stroo, deacon at St. Michael’s Multicultural Church, Vancouver.

Following the Eucharist a lunch was enjoyed by many of the folks who had participated in worship that morning.
This financial theme actually began during Day for Council as a request for a loan from Skelton ("Synod between Synods") met for research presented to the Management, issues were uncovered and the estimated cost of the building as it stood was not safe for use. As the work progressed new problems discovered once the walls and floors were opened up. These included removal of a huge rock where the plumbing lines needed to run, a crack in the existing foundation, the need to shore up existing structural components of the building, and the need to remove all of the concrete flooring to accommodate installation of the new water/sewer line which resulted in the entire floor being taken up to current code. In addition, the original company hired by the parish found themselves $445,000 short of the funds that would come from the diocesan Mission and Ministry Fund. This motion was carried on September 22 and with the increased funding the parish was able to complete the work and celebrate the church building’s re-opening and re-dedication on November 4, 2018.

St. Hilda’s also received an Anglican Foundation grant for $15,000 to be used toward the project. This grant was awarded during The Anglican Foundation’s November 2018 meetings.

ST. THOMAS, VANCOURVER (CROLLINGWOOD)

St. Thomas, Vancouver began an ambitious accessibility driven renovation of its buildings in May 2018. Although the project was carefully planned and a fundraising initiative within the parish successfully executed and a loan from the diocese of $200,000 granted, the estimated cost of over $900,000 had by the fall of 2018 increased to $1.4 million. A major cause of this increase was that professional fees had climbed significantly due to the need to revise drawings several times once the walls and floors were opened up. This required the parish to contract hazardous materials consultants and structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing engineers. The City of Vancouver required the parish to replace its current water/storm sewer line, which was in excellent condition and run separate lines to the street. The following paragraph from the presentation to Diocesan Council on November 14, explains:

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Although the parish had diligently planned this project, both the work and the funding, these new costs created a situation where they anticipated a shortfall of revenue over expenses in the amount of $373,146. With over $50,000 in pledges not due to be received until after the project was to be completed and a provincial grant of $20,000 also not available until after completion, the priest found themselves $445,000 short and faced a loan of $10 million (additional amount to draw upon if needed). MFP passed a resolution recommending that the Council approve the loan and on November 14, Council approved the loan. A motion was passed by Council permitting the request and the architect was granted her approval.

The other work to be done involved an ongoing conversation between members of the parish and diocesan governors regarding financial allocation of proceeds from the sale of the former St. Mark’s building (1805 Larch Street, Vancouver). At the June 13, 2018 meeting of Council, the Trustees of the Parish of St. Mark’s recommended that up to $500,000 from the net proceeds of the sale be deposited to the diocesan Consolidated Trust Fund for the use of St. Mary Magdalen and that this recommendation be referred to both diocesan standing committees for review and recommendations back to Diocesan Council.

Joint meetings of the committees were held on August 24 and October 23, 2018. The following is from the precis prepared for Council dated November 5, 2018:

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A facts sheet showing that the net amount received on the sale of 1805 Larch Street, after deduction of all costs and repayment of just over $1.1 million of debt due by St. Mark’s to the diocese was just under $505,944 million was presented and discussed at the August 24, 2018 meeting.

St. Mary Magdalen during the November 4 meeting there were two important pieces of business conducted regarding the parish located in the Vancouver General Hospital district. The current membership of St. Mary Magdalen is comprised primarily of former members of St. Mark’s, Kitsilano and St. George, Vancouver. In order to create the new parish both parishes closed and their assets combined during the creation of the new parish. The paperwork was done and the new parish received Archbishop Skelton’s assent on January 13, 2016. However, the incorporation was still under the name “St. George” and the parish wanted to incorporate the new entity under the new name. The parish had filed a Statement of Registration (Sole Proprietorship) with the Registrar of Companies on March 14, 2016, declaring that the Parish of St. Mary Magdalen is a sole proprietorship (trade name) of the Parish of St. George’s, Vancouver as an interim measure.

This required that the Registrar, Donald Paul, ODNW, assist the parish in re incorp-orating, obtaining a charitable number for the new parish corporation and transferring assets from the prior corporation to the new one. A motion was passed by Council permitting the request and the architect was granted her approval.

As part of the mission and ministry of the Diocese of New Westminster our shared diocesan outreach program care + share was established following a resolution at Synod 2011. The ministries included in care + share have submitted proposals to the Mission and Ministry Development Committee (MMD), and once their proposals have been approved by that body a resolution is presented to Synod and Synod votes to revise drawings several times once the walls and floors were opened up. This required the parish to contract hazardous materials consultants and structural, electrical, mechanical, and plumbing engineers. The City of Vancouver required the parish to replace its current water/storm sewer line, which was in excellent condition and run separate lines to the street. The following paragraph from the presentation to Diocesan Council on November 14, explains: the parish and diocesan governors regarding financial allocation of proceeds from the sale of the former St. Mark’s building (1805 Larch Street, Vancouver).

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Sharing Stories with Indigenous Peoples

Series Report Part 2

NII KAN KWDSINID (AKA JERRY ADAMS)
Indigenous Justice Ministry Coordinator, diocese of New Westminster, Parishioner, St. James

Well, it was a great month (October 11, 18, 25 and November 1, 2018) at the Synod Office Conference Room of sharing stories with Indigenous speakers who gave us so much of their personal history and of themselves. They shared their wonderful experiences as well as their disappointments. It has given the people who attended some different perspectives on the lives of Indigenous People who are now in a post-residential school era. The last speakers in the series spoke about how we could work together for reconciliation.

For the third installment on October 25, Lynda Gray, the author of First Nations 101, told us about her struggle to find her identity and her place in her cultural heritage, which she knew nothing about, because she grew up in the urban communities of Prince Rupert and Vancouver.

Lynda’s mother, a single parent struggled with alcohol abuse, and had to keep moving, raising her children in the Downtown Eastside community projects. Lynda did the minimum in school, and it wasn’t until she was in an alternative school environment that a teacher told her for the first time that she had ability and maybe she could “be somebody.”

Lynda became a single parent at a very young age and raised her two children on her own. She also managed to upgrade her secondary education and attend university. She gradually connected to her heritage through drumming and dancing in Vancouver, and bringing her children to Indigenous events. Later on she was able to travel to Prince Rupert to meet with her Hereditary Matriarchs and Chief, and she discovered her relatives in Kwak’alaam Band from the Tsimshian Nation.

Lynda is well known in the community for her work and her leadership. She is a past Executive Director of Urban Native Youth Association and partners with the Coming Home Society to deliver programs that address inter-generational trauma in Indigenous youth. Lynda’s daughter, Robyn, has a PhD in Native American and Indigenous Studies and has an important role in the repatriation of T’simshian songs. Her son, Phil, is a renowned carver whose art pieces can be seen in galleries and museums throughout Canada and the world.

Lynda believes that she is one of the lucky Native people and is successful in part because she was born with a particular temperament and resiliency. And she firmly believes in the research that shows resiliency can be taught.

Lynda helped the audience explore Reconciliation and how the church might give back to the Indigenous community. She talked about the importance of building relationships by attending Aboriginal events, and also inviting Aboriginal people to our diocesan, parish and community events with the purpose of getting to know them. It is only by interacting over and over again that we move from being strangers to recognizing and greeting each other, and gradually becoming friends.

The last two speakers in the Sharing Our Stories series on November 1 were Melissa Adams and Keane Tait both from the Nisg̱a’a Nation. Melissa is the Archivist and Librarian of the Union of BC Indian Chiefs, and is at the forefront of challenging that place where Indigenous ways of passing on knowledge are bumping up against traditional archival theory and practice. Keane is a cultural teacher at the Native Education Centre and the leader of the Kwhlí Gíísamúxum Traditional Dancers. Together they talked about “Knowledge” and the contrast between how it is passed down in western and in Indigenous cultures.

Melissa spoke about her archival training, which defines an archive as something put down on paper (or digitized), which is then credited to the person who produced it, and set aside and stored. Keane contrasted this with the way Indigenous “archives” consisting of songs, stories, sacred truths, and family history, are held and passed on in a living, dynamic, fluid way involving “witnessing” and constant sharing. Indigenous knowledge is verified within the culture by several families or clans each having part of the information, which when put together, makes a whole reconnecting that can be verified by the few carefully selected people who have been entrusted with the entire story.

Stories and stories and artifacts that ended up in western archives were described from the viewpoint of a single writer about Indigenous history. The archival profession has specific rules about the way information is recorded, stored, and accessed, and therefore the real story of our people was not kept in its true historical manner. Much of our recorded history is not the way we knew it, and still passes down in our oral traditions.

Indigenous People also had a broader view of “archives,” which included the land and how it was used and protected for the next generation. Especially concerning was how the Archives in Canada did not file any historical information directly from Indigenous oral tradition, nor did it even acknowledge the practices of the Elders and Knowledge Keepers.

Melissa and Keane discussed how this difference in the way knowledge is held and passed on has led to the misappropriation of Indigenous songs and stories, which belong to families and clans and are only shared orally within the culture, and with permission.

An example of misappropriation given by Keane was a particular mourning song belonging to the Nisga’a people. It had been recorded in a book in a national museum and anyone could claim the use of those songs. Song of Ska-teen was traditionally used only when a chief passed away, and it invoked the presence of the spirits of the Nisga’a ancestors and the earth. Keane shared a song to encourage people to cry and begin their grieving process. An opera company used this song in a production about Louis Riel in 1967 for Canada’s Centennial. The opera was revived again at the time of the mileu year in 2010, and again for Canada’s 150-year celebration. It is devastating to the Nisga’a that a song, meant as a sacred prayer and as part of a sacred ceremony, has been co-opted for use as entertainment.

This misappropriation is still happening. People research Indigenous information from museums and archives and think that it is appropriate Indigenous song and stories that are meant to be kept safe within the language and culture for the next generation. They are part of the Ayijuk (Nisga’a laws and protocols), which make up the culture that is the foundation of our identity.

There is much more we can learn about Indigenous culture, but written material is not where we can learn the story. We need to talk to Indigenous People and hear their stories personally from them, in the manner that they have always shared their truth.

The four weeks of Sharing Our Stories was very real and meaningful to those who attended and I think our speakers for the deeply honest and intimate stories they told. We could all feel the struggle and the growth that came out of overcoming the challenges they faced.

The group expressed its own need to heal from the residential school experience, and Keane Tait wisely offered these words:

‘...I used to bawl about the whole residential school experience, but I don’t cry so much anymore. The more I have like this to come to a safe space, like the churches, and talk about it, the more I feel healed. The more that we can all meet and do our grieving together, the more we can all heal together.”

Diocesan Council Focuses on Financial Matters

The joint committee had discussed the Parish’s presentation on August 24, 2018 and tabled the matter for further discussion at each committee’s September meetings and agreed to meet jointly again in October.

The matter was brought forward to this meeting for consideration. After further discussion at this meeting, including discussion on the quantum of the amount that should be set aside for the Parish, and the terms and conditions that ought to be imposed, a draft motion was put forward and worked on by the joint committee and a motion was finally put to the joint committee.

Members of St. Mary Magdalene were present at the August 24 meeting in order to present their case for the request of 10%, however the motion to recommend to Council that the Trustees propose a capital of $500,000 be granted was carried unanimously by both committees with the following conditions:

- The capital of $500,000 is to be lodged in the Diocesan Consolidated Trust Fund to the credit of the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene.
- It is understood that the restricted capital amount of the Fund is $500,000 and Parish only has access to income accruals over and above the $500,000 restricted amount.
- Any amendment or removal of the capital restriction on the Fund may only be considered by Diocesan Council in accordance with a parish ministry plan that has been approved by the Diocesan Mission and Ministry Development Committee and the Board of Trustees.

Following a discussion about the conditions listed above, the motion was carried by Council. Jade Martin-Seedhouse, one of two youth members of Council is a member of St. Mary Magdalene. Jade left the room during the discussion and the vote.

Cost of Living Increase

Also at the November 14 meeting, Council approved a 2.6% cost of living increase to clergy salaries for 2019. In 2018, Council also recommended that parishes review lay employee’s salaries in light of this increase to clergy salaries.

Council also adjusted the Supply Clergy rates to better reflect the real time spent by clergy in presiding at liturgies and preparing sermons. The increase will be $250; two services will be $350; three services will be $350 and an evening or midweek service will be $150. These amounts do not include mileage at $0.55/km.

Farewell Kim, Hello David

This was also the final meeting for outgoing Chair of the Mission Ministry and Development Committee, Kim Hodges, ODNW. Kim has been chair of MMD since 2015 and has completed her term. Following a farewell to Kim from Archbishop Skelton and the presentation of a gift, the name of the nominee to succeed Kim as chair of MMD was announced, and the Rev. David Edgerton was unanimously approved by Council with Archbishop Skelton granting her assent.

The next scheduled full business meeting of Diocesan Council will be January 30, 2019.
Partnership Between a Parish & its Priest is Like a Marriage
The Induction of the Reverend Karen Urquhart as the Rector of St. Christopher, West Vancouver

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There was a joyful Celebration of a New Ministry at St. Christopher’s on the evening of Tuesday, November 13, 2018. Archbishop Skelton inducted the Rev. Karen Urquhart as Rector of the West Vancouver parish.

St. Christopher’s previous rector, Captain, the Rev. Michael McGee completed his ministry there on June 4, 2017, taking an interim term contract as a chaplain at CFB Borden. The parish was served by Sunday supply through the summer and on September 16, 2017, Archbishop Skelton appointed the Rev. Karen Urquhart interim priest-in-charge. Prior to this appointment, Rev. Urquhart had been rector at the Parish of St. Catherine’s, Port Coquitlam, the ministry position that she had undertaken which necessitated that she and her daughter Clare emigrate from Australia and the diocese of Bunbury, Province of Western Australia in the summer of 2014. In 2016, Rev. Urquhart was appointed Archdeacon of Lougheed with the honorific, “the Venerable” which was relinquished when she left the archdeaconry in 2017.

The ministry combination of interim priest-in-charge, the Rev. Urquhart and the Parish of St. Christopher was a huge success. In October 2018, a special vestry meeting was held and the result of that meeting was a request from the parish to Archbishop Skelton that he appoint the Rev. Karen Urquhart, Rector of St. Christopher’s, which he did.

The Eucharist on November 13 was liturgically a Celebration of the Memorial of St. Martin, Bishop of Tours transferred from November 11.

The First Nation’s Welcome that took place between the Opening Hymn and the Archbishop offering Opening Prayers consisted of three elders: Sam Seward, who spoke the words of the territorial acknowledgement; Bob Baker...
On November 15, 2018, The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) announced $305,000 in grants in support of new projects across Canada in its November cycle of awards. AFC’s board of directors met in Toronto from November 14–15, 2018 to set its strategic direction and to award grants to over 65 applicants across Canada.

“The rich diversity of imaginative and creative ministry projects across our country is genuinely inspiring,” said the Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, AFC’s executive director. “Many Canadian Anglicans from children to seniors are imagining and undertaking innovative programs to push the church forward in positive and transforming ways,” she said.

In addition to infrastructure and restoration grants of $168,000, AFC provided $30,000 for innovative ministry projects, $60,000 for theological education bursaries, and $32,500 for theological formation projects.

From coast to coast to coast, the donations of Canadian Anglicans are making it possible to fund ministry of all kinds: educational resources for children and youth reflective of new family formations and inclusivity, creative liturgies for trauma-sensitive congregations, youth leadership, theological education, grass-roots community projects, art installations, summer camps for young refugees new to Canada, and after-school homework clubs.

A recipient of an AFC grant was the Parish of Christ Church, Hope in the diocese of New Westminster. The Parish requested that Diocesan Council approve their grant application to AFC for $12,000 in order to move forward with a diverse infrastructure project that included:

- Preparation of the exterior structure and painting of the building
- Construction of a Scattering Garden on Church Property
- Providing a concrete surround to the paved labyrinth

Council approved the parish’s request to submit an AFC grant application at the June 13, 2018 meeting and the Anglican Foundation subsequently approved the request during the November 2018 meetings.

During this November session, The Anglican Foundation Board also approved a grant of $15,000 to St. Hilda’s, Sechelt to be used toward the 1.3 million dollar rebuild of their church and a grant of $30,000 to the Pro Mundo Vita spiritual renewal project retreat courses that have been taking place at various times over the past year at Camp Elphinstone on the Sunshine Coast.

About the Anglican Foundation of Canada

The Anglican Foundation of Canada seeks to foster Anglican presence by providing abundant resources for innovative ministry and diverse infrastructure projects and theological formation throughout the Canadian church. Leading the way in resourceful ministry since 1957, AFC has benefitted every diocese, hundreds of parishes, and thousands of Canadian Anglicans with the provision of financial support from coast to coast to coast.

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who offered words of welcome and songs of welcome; Wes Nahanni, who welcomed Rev. Urquhart and praised all those in attendance for being there and supporting Karen and who presented Karen with a ceremonial paddle. Following the initial welcome, a sideperson presented the three guests with blankets with a fourth blanket placed on the shoulders of Rev. Urquhart in the presence of the wardens in a movingblanketing ceremony led by Elder Nahanni. All three First Nation’s presenters stayed for the liturgy and were also present to celebrate with the community at the reception following worship.

The sermon preached by Fr. Matthew Johnson, Street Outreach Priest of the Street Outreach Initiative based out of St. James’ partially focused on the Memorial of St. Martin being celebrated that day, the early life of the 4th century bishop and what his family life might’ve been like. Keeping the family analogy in play he commented on the somewhat unique situation of a priest well known to the congregation being inducted as rector. Fr. Matthew constructed an extended metaphor of a wedding and a marriage where the two participants have “moved in together” prior to getting married.

“The working partnership between a parish and its priest can be a bit like a marriage. Marriage is preceded, usually, by mutual infatuation and idealism about that special other person.

Later, eventually, you find yourself married and sharing daily life. Tripping over each other, getting ready in the morning, washing socks and doing the dishes, that first idealism about your partner is not lost altogether but is tempered by their fuller self-disclosure over time. ‘When will he learn to put the seat down?’ Idealism about your own loveliness is tempered too, as you’re faced with your limits. And it is at that point, with tinted glasses off, when we can really appreciate our joint strengths, deficits in us and potentials that the really creative and productive work begins.

And it’s really not a bad image for this moment as we consider you, the parish of St. Christopher’s and your new rector. Except, I suppose for the fact that you two did not really wait to get married. No! Rather through this interim process, instead of getting married, you just went ahead and moved in together.”

And now, to continue the metaphor, the parish and rector are married and their offspring will be new opportunities for mission, growth and diversity. Please keep Karen, Clare and the parish in your prayers as they continue in their ministry together.

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An audio recording of Fr. Matthew Johnson’s sermon is available online at https://tinyurl.com/ybcze8a3

LEFT Members of the Choir. RIGHT Rev. Urquhart administers Holy Communion for the first time as rector. PHOTOS Randy Murray

A view of the church from the east side during the Eucharistic Prayer. PHOTOS Randy Murray

Holy Trinity, Yellowknife also received an AFC grant. PHOTO Submitted

Christ Church, Hope PHOTO Submitted

The Anglican Foundation of Canada Awards $305,000 in November 2018 Grant Cycle
Choral Evensong for St. Simon & St. Jude at St. John’s Shaughnessy

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Members of the Parish of St. John’s Shaughnessy, special guests and folks who just love organ music and Evensong gathered in the sanctuary for a Celebration of Evensong on the Feast of St. Simon and Jude on Sunday, October 28, 2018.

Inspiration for this Evensong was the fact that it would be 50 years ago to the day that the parish’s current instrument, a JC Hallman custom built organ of 3,686 pipes was dedicated by the Most Rev. Godfrey P. Gower, Archbishop of the diocese of New Westminster and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC/Yukon in 1968. Current organist, Michael Dirk, although in his mid-30s is very much aware of the organ’s history and of the history of the music ministry at the Shaughnessy parish, and he is a conscientious and passionate steward of that history.

Following worship and prior to the Postlude, Michael presented a brief reflection about the instrument, the former organists and directors of music of the parish and some information about the ongoing revitalization program begun in 2017. He included some of the history of the initial fundraising for the instrument, which in 1968 had a price tag in excess of $100,000. At the time this amount was the equivalent value of three Shaughnessy neighbourhood homes and is close to $750,000 in today’s dollars. However, to commission an instrument comparable to the Hallman today would be around $1.7 million. Michael believes that the congregation took out a $60,000 loan for the Hallman, as the original budget was $45,000.

The organist who created most of the energy to get the Hallman organ funded, designed and built was at the time a recent immigrant (1966) from England, Frederick Carter. Fred Carter prior to his move to Canada had been organist at St. Paul’s Church, the parish church associated with St. Alban’s Cathedral and Abbey in Hertfordshire, and then assistant organist at St. Alban’s Cathedral, and in 1951, was appointed at Armagh Cathedral in Northern Ireland where he remained until 1966. He was a fine organist and a skilled choral director. A happy side effect of the many months of exile from the St. John’s chancel while the organ was installed in 1968 was that the choir’s new location in the gallery gave birth to a new choral ensemble, The Gallery Singers. Under Carter’s leadership The Gallery Singers quickly evolved into one of the finest choirs not only in Vancouver but also in the country, and maintained a high level of excellence for decades. Two original members of the choir, Margaret Briscall and John Mitchell were present at the service as were offspring of two of the original members, David Quinton (Ted Quinton) and the author of this article (Alex Murray).

Returning to the 2018 version, the sextet of skilled choristers under the direction of Ann Chen led the music in worship with a varied repertoire of service music and congregational hymns. The repertoire included: an Introit, Orlando Gibbons’ Almighty and Everlasting God; Charles Wood’s Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis from his Evening Service in D Major; John Stainer’s, How Beautiful Upon the Mountains; Psalm 119: 89 – 96, Anglican Chant; The Versicles and Responses from the Book of Common Prayer/1963 Canadian Psalter were led by St. John’s rector, the Ven. John Stephens who was cantor for the worship. Archdeacon Stephens also offered a homily focused on the lives of the two saints celebrated in the lectionary that day.

Following the Closing Hymn God of Grace, and God of Glory and Michael Dirk’s Reflection, Dirk closed the formal portion of the program with a Postlude, Fugue from Introduction, Passacaglia and Fugue in E flat minor by Healey Willan. He pointed out that Willan composed this piece in 1916 when he was 36, which is Michael’s current age. The piece is considered Willan’s masterwork for organ. Michael’s performance of this varied and challenging piece was both sensitive and dynamic.

Following the Postlude, everyone moved into the north transept for refreshments and conversation before going out into the very rainy October Sunday afternoon.

Support for the revitalization and continued maintenance of the organ is ongoing and there are opportunities for folks to help. For more information please contact Michael at organist@sjs.net.

Michael Dirk at the console of the JC Hallman pipe organ. PHOTO Randy Murray

The women of the choir sang the Introit from the nave entrance. PHOTO Randy Murray

The choir leads the chanting of the Psalm. PHOTO Randy Murray

The Offertory. PHOTO Randy Murray

Singing the Closing Hymn. PHOTO Randy Murray

The reception. PHOTO Randy Murray
• Donut Sunday at St. George’s, Maple Ridge •
Many thanks to Alecia Greenfield for sending in this photo of Gerry Kozol, ODNW, making a key selection from Donut Sunday at St. George, Maple Ridge, October 28, 2018. One hundred donuts were brought in fresh that morning, displayed in the chancel during the main Sunday Eucharist and then distributed after the Dismissal.

In his instructions, the rector, Rev. David Edgerton asked that those under 18 be accompanied by an adult to the donut distribution area and please just take one each. The complimentary donuts were part of the messaging about identifying and sharing spiritual gifts.

In the accompanying photo we see members of Metro Vancouver Alliances (MVA) labour and faith organizations meeting with Burnaby Mayor Elect Mike Hurley on November 1 (he is centre in the photo).

He was officially sworn in as mayor on Monday, November 5.

This was an opportunity to meet Mayor-elect Hurley and let him know about the work of the non-partisan MVA in issues that he has raised regarding the living wage, affordable housing and public transit.

It was also an opportunity for him to hear about the kind of relationship building that the Alliance is grounded on and hear about his commitment to work in relationship with different sectors of the community.

The diocese of New Westminster is one of the Sponsoring Organizations with Metro Vancouver Alliance and a number of parishes along with the Eco-Justice Unit of the diocese are member organizations of MVA.

For any further information about this civil society organization and the upcoming Leadership Institute, please be in touch with the chair of the Eco-Justice Unit, the Rev. Margaret Marquardt at mmarquardt@telus.net.

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February 22 for the April issue

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On Tuesday, November 6, the five members of the Im family: Daebin, Hee-joung, Josh, Paul and Philip became Canadian citizens. Many thanks to Fr. Daebin Im for forwarding these photos and for sharing this happy news with the diocese.

It is hard to believe that seven years have passed since retired-bishop of the diocese, the Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham appointed the five members of the Im family: Daebin, Hee-joung, Josh, Paul and Philip as priest-in-charge of Holy Cross, Vancouver. Although his appointment began December 1, 2011, the family was delayed due to immigration details until early in 2012 and the induction took place during a Celebration of a New Ministry on February 8 of that year. Fr. Im completed his ministry at Holy Cross in the spring of 2018. He is currently in ministry in the United Church of Canada. Although of Korean heritage, Rev. Im is fluent in Japanese.

On Friday, November 9, 2018, Saber and his parents, Amna and Nadhem, Iraqis from Palestine arrived at YVR. Saber is sponsored through the Regional Ecumenical Support Team (REST) and the diocese of New Westminster. Longtime newcomer’s advocate and Camp Artaban supporter, Joanne Graham sponsored Saber’s parents through the United Church. Joanne started working on Saber’s paperwork back in 2015, and his application was submitted in 2016.

The family had been waiting in Turkey and after travelling for two days they settled in a Burnaby apartment that Joanne found for them. They do have other family members already living in Burnaby who were previously sponsored by the United Church. REST is made up of members of Anglican and Lutheran Churches (including St. Agnes, St. Clements, Gloria Dei) in the North Vancouver Deanery with additional individual members.

Many of us are heirs to the valour and sacrifice of our ancestors who fought in World War I. On Remembrance Day we wear the poppy not only in gratitude and to honour them, but in some cases also with a sense of entitlement for our very existence is a reality because they survived.

Rose Bennett is a valuable member of the All Saints’ community in Mission, BC. She is a talented artist, and writer; and produced a magnificent piece of musical theatre to commemorate the 100 years since the Armistice. The four act play that was staged November 10 and 11 at All Saints’ highlighted the invaluable contribution and self-sacrifice of the women who supported the war effort, skilfully weaving into the narrative the fact that 8.4 million women gained the right to vote during this time. In order to provide authenticity, she obtained WW1 uniforms for the two evenings the play was performed. It was surprisingly costly to rent the uniforms, but Joy Cox from the All Saints’ community is ever our resourceful fundraiser and was able to source sufficient funds from the Veteran’s Society to cover expenses.

A portion of the evening included a deeply personal story narrated by Gilli McLaren about his father — the horror and senseless brutality of war.

It was a great evening, and all those who witnessed the production, not only greatly enjoyed it, but also found it a deeply moving and meaningful experience.

At All Saints’, Mission we are a small community on the outer limb of the diocesan galaxy; closely bonded, well nurtured by our priest, the Rev. Paul Bowie, we try and reflect God in Jesus Christ as we meet and worship together every Sunday.
On November 11, at the going down of the sun (which in our vicinity was 4:36pm), communities across Canada marked the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War with the ringing of 100 bells. The ringing of bells emulated the moment in 1918, when church bells across Europe tolled for four years of war had come to an end.

In order to create a unified action in Canada, The Royal Canadian Legion (Canada Veteran's Affairs) requested that organizations in Canada who possess a bell(s) participate. Organizations in Canada, The Royal Canadian Legion (Canada Veteran's Affairs) requested that all Churches/House of Worship/Religious Organizations in Canada who possess a bell(s) participate.

Patricia Gagne, the National Legion staff member responsible for the initiative contacted the Primate’s Office in Toronto and the request was forwarded to diocesan bishops and others.

There was an excellent response from the diocese of New Westminster. As of this writing on November 13, diocesan communications has information that: St. Mary’s, Kerrisdale; St. Christopher, West Vancouver; Christ Church Cathedral; St. “Barr’s” in Gibson’s; St. Barnabas, New Westminster; St. Hilda’s, Sechelt; St. Agnes, North Vancouver (in conjunction with the North Vancouver Legion); St. John the Divine, Maple Ridge; and Church of the Holy Spirit, Whonnock participated in Bells of Peace.

Holy Spirit parishioner, Jean Davidson added some details about Bells of Peace at her parish:

“Our bell predates World War I and so, it was pointed out, would have been heard by those in the neighbourhood who left to enlist. We invited the neighbourhood, and 87 neighbours and parishioners (including 26 children) packed our sanctuary to ring the bell. They also brought their family stories of those who served and those bereaved — and their comments on how they love to hear our bells ring on Sunday mornings.

The first five bell ringers were a man born in Belgium who represented all people whose homes and lands are devastated by war; a couple whose grandfathers served in World War I (one of whom died from his injuries) who represented all families decimated by war; and two young men, aged 19 and 22, who represented exactly the age group of those who left the neighbourhood to enlist and the energy and productivity which would have been lost from the community with their absence. Attendees then took their turn ringing the bell. Some rings had less oomph than others, but as one participant pointed out, some victims of war are small and weak too.

A moment of silence and reflection in darkness happened between the 99th and 100th ring.”

Many thanks to the Rev. Tim Dutcher-Walls priest-in-charge of St. David’s, Delta, for sending in this great photo of his spouse, the Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls and the former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Rt. Rev. Rowan Williams.

Many clergy, and lay (which includes former students) of our diocese know the Rev. Pat Dutcher-Walls, Dr. Dutcher-Walls and Bishop Williams were both keynote speakers of the Lester Randall Preaching Fellowship participating in Reaching and Preaching for Peace as part of the 2018 Toronto Festival of Preaching held at Yongeminster Park Baptist Church in Toronto, from November 11 – 13. Other keynotes were the Rev. Dr. Terry Leblanc of Prince Edward Island and New York’s the Rev. Susan Sparks.

The parishes of the diocese of New Westminster are definitely on the upswing when it comes to letting folks know that all are welcome to participate in worship and events in the Anglican Church of Canada through improved exterior signage.

In mid-November, the Parish of St. Martin, North Vancouver upgraded its exterior signage with three new wayfinding street signs. Similar to the familiar Augsburg Fortress signs that have dotted the highways and byways of Canada for generations the new signs at St. Martin’s are brighter and bolder and use modern fonts.

When asked about the new signage, the rector, the Rev. Robin Ruder-Celiz told Topic that they went with a local company, Fineline Graphics and the cost at $300 a piece is less than the mail order price for the Augsburg Fortress offerings. According to Ruder-Celiz, improving the parish’s exterior signage was “something that came up every now and then over the past couple of years, but it wasn’t until 2018 that the Leadership Team went ahead with the new signs.”

Using a local company that creates made to order signage offers a lot more flexibility. Having the parish’s web URL in a prominent place was an important component of the design, which was largely developed by the rector and the parish administrator. A member of the congregation was tasked with taking down the old signs and installing the new ones.

In closing, Ruder-Celiz had this to say about the experience, “If it has been inter-
**AROUND THE DIOCESE**

As in years past, the Parish of St. Anselm’s led by Primates World Relief Development Fund (PWRDF) parish representative Shirin Theophilus, ODNW dedicated a Sunday to raising awareness about the ministry of the national church’s disaster relief organization. On November 18, Shirin put together a substantial component of the liturgy, which included three scripted skins and an intercession in at least six different languages.

Diocesan PWRDF Unit Chair, Peter Goodwin, ODNW was in attendance and reported that Shirin, who is a superb chef prepared a delicious lunch of subcontinental cuisine items and of course... a cake, celebrating 60 years of PWRDF. Peter reported that, “It was truly an amazing effort.”

**Ordinations in the Holy Church of God**

There were three Ordination Eucharists in 2018, the first one took place January 21 (ordination of Vivian Seegers) at St. John’s, Shaughnessy, the second June 23 and the third December 1, were both at Christ Church Cathedral.

On December 1, Archbishop Skelton ordained to the transitional diaconate, postulants, Tasha Carrothers and Cameron Gutjahr, and to the priesthood, the Rev. Vivian Seegers.

Tasha Carrothers is a long time Synod staff member; her current title is Missioner for Congregational Development. Tasha is also, Honorary Assistant Curate at Holy Trinity, New Westminster under the mentorship of Archdeacon Richard Leggett.

Cameron Gutjahr, a longtime member and leader at St. Mary’s, Kerrisdale is completing his seminary studies in Ontario and will graduate spring, 2019. Rev. Seegers remains Assistant Curate at St. Clement’s, and is the ordained leader of Urban Aboriginal Ministries (UAM) based out of St. Mary Magdalen, Vancouver.

On January 21, 2018, Rev. Seegers was the first Indigenous woman to be ordained in the diocese of New Westminster and with her priesting on December 1 she is also the first Indigenous person to be “priested” in our diocese.

Coverage of the December 1 ordinations will be in the January of the diocesan issue of **Topic**.

**General Synod 2019 Volunteers**

The diocese of New Westminster is pleased and excited to be hosting the 42nd General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. General Synod will be held from July 9 – July 16, 2019, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver. A youth conference opens Synod on Tuesday, July 9 with the full Synod getting underway the afternoon of Wednesday, July 10, 2019. As the host diocese, we will be welcoming 300+ delegates and guests to Vancouver. To make this a memorable event for all the delegates and guests, the Local Arrangements Committee is looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers. Volunteers will be needed in areas such as meeting participants at the airport, on-site registration, providing local information and directions.

If you would like to get involved and contribute to the success of General Synod 2019, please let us know by visiting the following page on the diocesan website, https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/dioce-san-ministries/general-synod-2019, filling in the contact form on the page emailing your completed form to GS2019LACVolunteers@vancouver.anglican.ca

**Part Time Organist/Pianist/Accompanist Needed**

St. Cuthbert Anglican Church in Delta, BC (corner of 82nd Avenue and 116th Street, North Delta), is seeking a skilled musician to provide organ and piano music accompaniment for scheduled worship services and other activities in support of the music ministry of the church. This person will be part of the music team reporting to the rector (priest-in-charge).

**Job Description**

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**A ROUND THE DIOCESE**

**PRWDF Day at St. Anselm’s**

**SUBMISSION** Peter Goodwin

Peter Goodwin, ODNW and Shirin Theophilus, ODNW and the Diamond Anniversary Cake. PHOTO Submitted

**General Synod Volunteers**

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The diocese of New Westminster is pleased and excited to be hosting the 42nd General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. General Synod will be held from July 9 – July 16, 2019, at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre in Vancouver. A youth conference opens Synod on Tuesday, July 9 with the full Synod getting underway the afternoon of Wednesday, July 10, 2019. As the host diocese, we will be welcoming 300+ delegates and guests to Vancouver. To make this a memorable event for all the delegates and guests, the Local Arrangements Committee is looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers. Volunteers will be needed in areas such as meeting participants at the airport, on-site registration, providing local information and directions.

If you would like to get involved and contribute to the success of General Synod 2019, please let us know by visiting the following page on the diocesan website, https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/general-synod-2019, filling in the contact form on the page emailing your completed form to GS2019LACVolunteers@vancouver.anglican.ca

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**Thank You**
A young reader will regard the 1960s as the remote past so let us say that it came to pass in those days that the Bishop of New Westminster appointed one of his priests to serve the Tsawatsineuk people of Kingscome Inlet. It also happened that a visiting American writer wove a story about this priest and his people in that remote and beautiful part of the diocese. The title of her book is I Heard the Owl call my Name.

All authors dream of a film producer picking up their book and deciding it would make a good movie. So it was with I Heard the Owl call my Name when Daryl Duke, a well known Hollywood figure, discovered the story.

There is a scene in the book and in the movie where the Bishop and his priest discuss the appointment in the week before Christmas. One day I get a call as Dean, asking me if I would be open to chatting with Duke about the use of the Cathedral as a location. We went across the street for coffee in the now long gone Spanish Grill of the Vancouver Hotel.

Over coffee he offered a deal. He wanted to shoot the scene in the context of a Christmas Carol service. For this he would need as large a congregation as possible. To obtain this he would offer the Cathedral $50 for each person who attended. For a wild moment — which probably was the dark roast — I was tempted to ask for a hundred but I demurred. In those days $50 was a more princely sum than in the downtown Vancouver of today, and I knew our treasurer would be salivating at this heaven sent largesse.

At some point I asked Daryl when he wished to do this shoot. Our conversation in the Grill was taking place on a sunny day in late June. He informed me he would like to do it in about two weeks time. This, he thought, would give me ample time to get in touch with our Cathedral congregation. I recall wondering if this mogul, used to demanding instant obedience from a thousand extras with his megaphone, had the remotest idea of the glacial pace at which churches make decisions. However, I felt that the financial inducement would help to speed up the machinery of ecclesiastical decision making.

Suffice it to say, I was correct. The wardens gave their blessing, and a letter went out. It informed the congregation of this opportunity and requested their attendance on such and such a weekday evening in mid July to attend a celebration of Christmas Carols. They were also requested to dress as if the event were in mid December… Fur coats, heavy wraps, voluminous scarves, fur gloves, so Daryl said, would be ideal.

The day before the event the Cathedral was taken over by the film work crew, who decorated it for Christmas to a degree it had never hitherto witnessed. A gigantic Christmas tree was placed beside the steps in the Narthex area where the Choir desks were seated the actors representing the Bishop and the Priest. Their conversation about the Priest’s future had already been filmed.

Suffice to say that all went as planned. As always in filmmaking, everything was repeated a dozen times until the director was satisfied. The choir sang The First Noelle again and again. The congregation began to swelter in their winter garments. However in the interests of the Cathedral finances, they totally bore the warmth of the July evening.

I tell you all this so that I can share the crowning moment of the event. Since I am not needed for this contrived Christmas celebration, I am standing at the back of the Cathedral in the Narthex area where the large doors on either side of the Cathedral allow for public entry. One of these doors opens and I watch as a figure — not one of our regulars — stumbles in. I realize from his walk and general demeanour that he is, to use a gentle term, under the influence. In the prayer meeting he swept up and down the Cathedral seated on his vast all seeing camera. In the prayer he expressed all his bewilderment and incomprehension by a loud exasperated “Holy God Almighty” and disappears back into the bustling world of Georgia and Burrard.

I would like to think that the experience might have shocked him into a lifetime of sobriety. However, I recall thinking at the time that, considering the occasion, his was a remarkably suitable comment!

Eventually I saw the movie, complete with its magnificent scenary and haunting background music, but remembering the great Christmas tree, the sweltering congregation, the endless repetition of The First Noelle, not to mention what must have been a nightmarish few moments for a certain visitor, I found it hard to concentrate.

OPINION

The Man Who Lost Six Months

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January 25 – 26 • May 3 – 5 • September 6 – 7 • November 1 – 2, 2019
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Discerning a Call to Reaffirm One's Baptism

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This article is a little seed being planted in the dark, wet days of January. Perhaps it will grow and bloom, with other spring flowers in May. On Saturday, May 11 the diocese will gather to celebrate all the candidates for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation of baptismal vows. The Arch-bishop will lay her hands on each person, an ancient gesture to communicate the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and pray for each one. Many of the candidates will be youth in their teenage years, but increasingly, there will be many adults, who, in a new and refreshed stage in their lives are publicly witnessing to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Is this something you are sensing a nudge towards? Perhaps your confirmation seems many years ago and your understanding and commitment to your faith has changed. This is normal. It also deserves marking. Many mature adults experience a reawakening to their faith lives through significant life changes brought about by the aging process. Daniel J. Levison, a theorist of human development, suggests that roughly between ages 40 – 50, and between ages 60 – 65 humans experience a transition period where they are looking to bring the work of the last 20 years to an end and to put into place the pieces they will need to move into a new season of life. A revitalized understanding and reaffirmation of one’s baptism and vows can be both ground and launch for the next stage. Do you find yourself wondering how your vocation and contribution may be best expressed in this season of life? James Fowler, one of the classic writers of adult faith development, writes, “Midlife brings the invitations of deepening the spiritual foundations of our lives and of readdressing the issue of partnership with the transcendent.” A period of sustained reflection on what God has done in our baptism and how we can reaffirm our response may be one way to answer that invitation. “To deepen the spiritual foundations of our lives.” And among older adults in the last quarter of life, Fowler remarks, “There is an impressive quality of dignity, courage, and energy in the lives of those older adults who have found and been faithful to purposes for their lives that are part of the purposes of God… they manifest a life-giving balance between a genuine being-for-others and a healthy regard for what faithfulness to their own callings requires.”

James Fowler, author

“May the Holy Spirit, who has begun a good work in you, direct and uphold you.”

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