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He is Not Here | For He Has Been Raised

THE RIGHT REVEREND JOHN STEPHENS
Bishop, the diocese of New Westminster

The Bible does not offer this detail but in my mind’s eye, the two women who approached the tomb of Jesus on that first Easter Day had candles in their hands. This seems important to me in how I picture the scene. In Matthew’s gospel, we are given these words to start this gospel’s description of the resurrection: “After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb.” In the early dawn darkness, I imagine them holding candles, squinting to see their way, peering carefully as they seek to find their path to the tomb. The candles gently push back the darkness and make room for light. It is just a small light to begin with but a light that grows as the sun breaks the horizon... and as they were soon to discover an even greater light that breaks open the sealed tomb.

Candles in a dark space have this beautiful effect of transforming the setting. They offer simplicity in terms of a light source, but the effect is almost mesmerizing with the dancing of a single yellow flame. We Anglicans know this well, as candles figure predominantly in our worship. Candles are on our altars, offered at baptism, are lit at a funeral and of course are a central symbol to us at Easter, with our paschal candle. At the Easter Vigil we might sing these words of prayer to God in the *Exsultet*: “Accept this Easter candle. May it always dispel the darkness of this night! May the Morning Star which never sets find this flame still burning: Christ, that Morning Star, who came back from the dead, and shed his peaceful light on all creation, your Son who lives and reigns for ever and ever.”

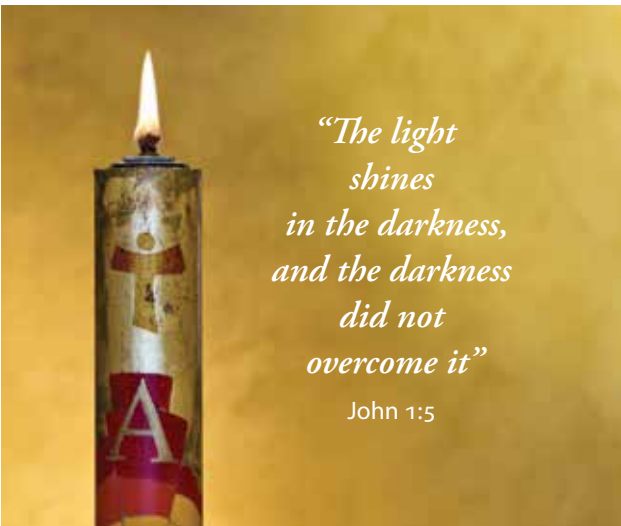


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The candle becomes more than a light but becomes a symbol of life beyond life, hope in dispelling darkness, love that shatters finality. In the first chapter of the gospel of John, we can find these words: “What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it” (*John 1:3-5*). It is this light that was discovered by the two Marys on that first Easter morning.

They set out early on that morning searching for the sealed tomb, searching for predictability and the expected.

But what they found was not that. They found more than they expected. They found that in their journey, God had not finished with the situation. God was present and near, far nearer than perhaps they ever considered. The darkness of this world: the darkness of evil and death and violence and abuse was all destroyed by this light. The light of the empty tomb, the light of Easter, the light of resurrection.

The religious life, the walk of faith, is about coming closer to this light and letting it transform and reshape you. Mary and Mary, set out toward the tomb expecting only to come closer to the sealed tomb that contained the body of their beloved friend. But God showed them much more than that. That empty tomb was not an end but a beginning. A beginning of discovering that faith in Christ is not just believing in the resurrection but that it brings new life to every aspect of living. That God is calling us forward in response to the empty tomb, forward to live into this new life of forgiveness, compassion and grace. God is calling us to be Easter people; alive and awakened to the love of God which knows no bounds or limits.

The two Marys were changed by the empty tomb, and we are invited into that same light. A light so that we are changed to be filled by the love of God, changed to see God’s light in our own darkness, changed to be people of resurrection. May we live into this light. ✠

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!



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*“Don’t be alarmed,”
he said.
“You are looking for Jesus
the Nazarene,
who was crucified.
He has risen!
He is not here.
See the place
where they laid him.
But go, tell his disciples
and Peter,
‘He is going ahead of you
into Galilee.
There you will see him,
just as he told you.’”*

Mark 16:6-7

Tea & Talk

DEBBIE MATHESON
St. Philip's, Dunbar

On Sundays once a month since June 2022, the Parish of St. Philip's, Dunbar has hosted *Tea and Talk* for Ukrainian women and children who have fled Ukraine since April 2022. Attendance has more than doubled since *Tea & Talk* began. These gatherings are meaningful and heartfelt for everyone.

As the children play in the gym, the women (and some husbands and grandparents) gather in the Fireside Room (one of the parish's principal gathering spaces) to visit over coffee, tea and treats. Volunteers from St. Philip's parish, the Dunbar neighbourhood, and *Vancouver Helps Ukrainians* lead the children in crafts and play in the gym, and serve the women in the Fireside Room. This provides a welcome opportunity for a couple of hours of social time while the children play across the hall. There is just enough separation, and just enough

proximity, for both mothers and children to enjoy their afternoon in total security. The women love it, are keen to come back, and new guests appear each month.

In December, Ukrainian friends and Canadian hosts and volunteers broke bread together in celebration of new friendships. More than 50 people shared an eclectic potluck in the Fireside Room, from pierogi to borscht to beet salad to Bison Stew. Then main courses were followed by desserts of every kind. Ukrainian guests and children gathered in front of the fireplace and sang Christmas songs, including what we know as *The Carol of the Bells*, composed by a Ukrainian. An Easter dinner on Orthodox Easter for Ukrainians and Canadian friends further celebrates the bonds created and the support shared. ✚

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A group photo from February 19, 2023, shows the largest *Tea & Talk* gathering up to that date. Present were four babies born in Canada just months after their mothers arrived from Ukraine. Five little boys are missing from the photo because they always tear around the gym until the last minute. ALL PHOTOS Debbie Matheson



Mother and baby at the Christmas potluck.

"Many of the Ukrainian families didn't know any other Ukrainians in Vancouver since they came from different areas of Ukraine. The families are now much more connected with each other and are sharing resources, information, and for the kids—play dates. It has become a supportive community where many have expressed that they feel cared for and connected."
Trisha Hiland, Psychologist, & co-founder of *Tea & Talk*



An August visit in the Fireside Room.

"Dear Canadians! Thank you all for not leaving us alone in this trouble all this year."
Anna, mother of a ten-year-old daughter & a baby boy born in Vancouver



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Thank you!

*“Thank you so much
for all that you and your friends do for us.
It is very big support for us,
for Ukrainian moms and children.
Let God save all us.”*
Olga, mother of a little boy



Alex loves dinosaurs.



At the Halloween gathering.

*“So grateful to you, the volunteers, and your church
for providing such a perfect seasonal celebration.
No way we could have done something so special
without the church and your hard work.
The Ukrainians have been so fortunate t
o have your help all this time.
It’s just sooo wonderful.”*
Sandra Robinson, Professor,
founder of local volunteer group,
Vancouver Helps Ukrainians



Vlad with his little sister who was born in Canada.

*“Dear St. Philips!
Thank you for allowing us to meet at your church
and for serving our Ukrainian community
for almost a year now!
We have formed friendships and helped each other a lot!!”*
Valeria, mother of four children,
the youngest born here,
her husband is with her



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ULTIMATE STEWARDSHIP to Sustain the Church

Lord, my influence in this life is on many people in many ways.
Help me to leave a lasting, positive legacy in all areas of my life.

The Director of Finance of the
diocese of New Westminster and her team
will be delighted to speak with you and
answer your questions about Ultimate
Stewardship and Planned Giving

The last few years (specifically the COVID-19 years)
have been difficult for many people, and for many
organizations and institutions. The Anglican
Church is no exception. However, faith is resilient
and enduring, and so is the Church. For Anglicans,
leaving some form of legacy to their parish, the
diocese, the national church or to a specific
ministry that reflects their goals and values is a
form of Ultimate Stewardship. Some tithe their
estate, leaving 10% to the faith community to
continue God’s work. Others leave an amount as
an endowment that will generate an annual gift,
comparable to the gifts given during their lifetime.

The skilled staff of the Finance Department of
the diocese of New Westminster have a wide
knowledge of ways to give, ensuring that support
continues. It is important that these decisions be
made early in the legacy planning process, rather
than wait until they *must* be made due to illness
or death. Please consider a legacy gift of Ultimate
Stewardship.

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working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.

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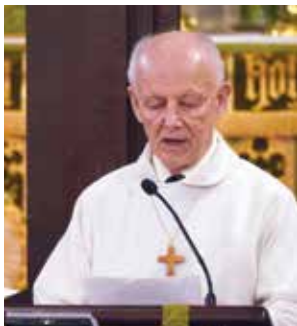
The church at dusk on Tuesday, February 7, 2023. PHOTO Bishop John Stephens



The new rector with the wardens, Lynn Turner and Roy Francis located in the front pew until the Covenant in Ministry. PHOTOS Randy Murray except where noted



LEFT Warden, Lynn Turner welcomes the congregation.



RIGHT John Palmer reads the Epistle.

Let Love be Genuine

The Induction of the Reverend Robin Ruder Celiz as Rector of the Parish of St. Helen, Surrey

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During the evening of Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the Rt. Rev. John Stephens inducted the Rev. Robin Ruder Celiz Rector of the Parish of St. Helen, Surrey, a worshipping community that has gathered for more than 11 decades in the beautiful heritage church located in Surrey's Gateway/Whalley neighbourhood.

The following is an excerpt from a promotional piece submitted to diocesan communications in December of 2015 to promote the parish's Lessons and Carols for Christmas liturgy:

"St. Helen's is a diverse congregation made up of people not only from Surrey but those who have come from many parts of this world near and far. We are of different cultures and mother tongues. We bring all our strengths and gifts and vulnerability here in this place to be a community of faith together. It is this faith that we hold in common and share; to be one in Christ and to encourage one another in our faith."

And the parish continues to feature many voices, all united in sharing the messages of God's enduring love.

There was a good-sized congregation, augmented by supporters from the Rev. Ruder Celiz's former parish of All Saints, Ladner, and there was a large turnout of clergy. The Ven. Luisito Engnan, Archdeacon of Fraser and Vicar of both St. Michael, Surrey and Christ the Redeemer, Cloverdale officiated the Covenant in Ministry standing in for the Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Philippa Pride who was unavailable due to a winter cold. Regarding the robust turnout of diocesan clergy who were seated in the choir stalls located in the chancel, preacher for the Eucharist, the Rev. Stephen Rowe, Rector of the Anglican Parish of the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey (St. Helen's neighbouring parish to the east) and Regional Dean of Peach Arch remarked on what a fine *pop-up choir* they made, as he was able to hear not only the melody lines of the hymns but also alto, tenor and bass. The Rev. Rowe had also preached at the previous induction of a new rector at St. Helen's, September 3, 2015, and he was grateful for the "return engagement."

For part of his address, he selected a portion of the Epistle, *Romans 12:9-12*:

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in

showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

Reflecting on the text, the Rev. Rowe said:

"This passage urges that our love be genuine, that we reject evil and hold onto all that is good. We are called to excel in respecting and honouring one another. We aspire to be hopeful, patient in suffering and to be enthusiastic in our work for Christ as well as passionate in serving God. We are urged to contribute to the community and offer hospitality to those outside the church."

The church consists of people who are united in Christ as members of one body, but who have many and varied gifts to offer for its ministry. We do not need everyone to have the same function, and it is the role of the church to discern what gifts people have and how they can be used for God and the common good."

Fr. Robin came to the diocese of New Westminster from the diocese of Kootenay in the summer of 2014, and was installed as Vicar of the former-Parish of St. Martin, North Vancouver that fall. In the fall of 2019, he was appointed Rector of All Saints, Ladner. According to the preacher, the Rev. Rowe:

"Robin came to Canada from South Africa where his diocesan bishop went by the name of Desmond Tutu. Bishop John — no pressure."

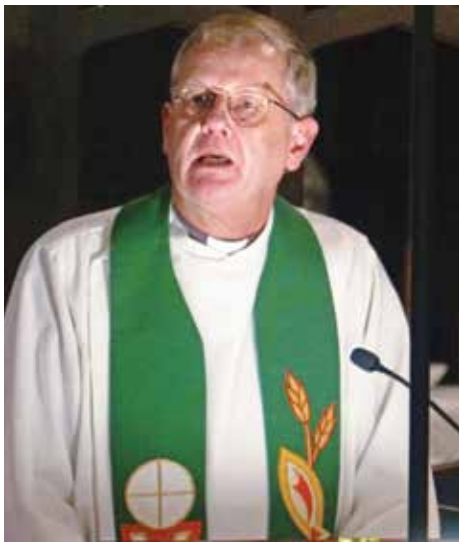
Robin is known for his love of candy and chocolate, and I hear his kids know to guard their Halloween stash very carefully. Robin tells people he isn't an animal person but tends to be the first to pick up the family dog when she looks appealingly at him. He isn't too fond of heights but ensured that daughter Amelia got to go on all the rides she wanted on a visit to Playland. You will get to know him as your priest and pastor over the coming months and years."

The Rev. Ruder Celiz succeeds the former rector, the Rev. Stephen Laskey who retired in September of 2021, following an incumbency of seven years. Prior to the bishop's

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Bishop John offers the Territorial Acknowledgement followed by the Gathering of the Community... "My brothers and sisters in Christ, Robin Ruder Celiz has been chosen to be priest of the Parish of St. Helen, Surrey."



The preacher, the Rev. Stephen Rowe took a section of the Epistle for his focus, *Romans 12:9-12*.



Following the sermon, Archdeacon Engnan begins the Covenant in Ministry.



Chancel entrance view as the Covenant in Ministry begins — wardens, rector, bishop and regional archdeacon.

First Clergy Day of 2023

Screening in Faith | Everyday Confrontation

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The first Clergy Day of 2023 took place in the Conference Room of the Synod Office on Wednesday, January 25. Clergy Days are organized and scheduled throughout the year, offering opportunities for diocesan clergy to gather and listen to presentations given by a diverse cohort of speakers on topics that address various aspects of ministry. Clergy Days begin with gathering at 9:30am, worship, and then the programmatic elements get underway at about 10:15am. The day usually but not always concludes between 3:00pm and 3:30pm with an address from Bishop Stephens.

The guest presenters for the January 25 iteration were diocesan Screening in Faith Administrator, Deirdre Thornton, who is one year into this contract position, and Rob Baker a representative of Walmsley, the diocese's Employee and Family Assistance (EFAP) provider. Deirdre presented at the morning session and Rob in the afternoon. Approximately 40 clergy were in attendance, although due to other commitments not all clergy were able to be present for both sessions.

Ms. Thornton, who is a long-time member of St. Alban the Martyr, Burnaby went through the Screening in Faith process and communicated some new aspects of the program and some upcoming changes. The plenary was engaged by her presentation and there were many questions and comments from the group about the importance of doing everything possible to guarantee the personal safety of parishioners and others who frequent churches. A feature of the morning session was a small group discussion that examined a scenario where a long-time lay volunteer refuses to provide criminal records check with vulnerable sector check and/or refuses to complete the mandated diocesan training.

The afternoon session with Rob Baker titled *Everyday*



LEFT Diocesan Screening in Faith Coordinator, Deirdre Thornton.
RIGHT Walmsley rep, Rob Baker. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray



Small group discussions during the morning presentation.

Confrontation offered some suggestions on how to respond to criticism and how to handle and mitigate certain kinds of conflict, i.e.:

- PSEUDO CONFLICT | based on misunderstanding
- FACT CONFLICT | remedied by checking one of many resources now available to us (i.e., Google)
- VALUE CONFLICT | personal values disagreement leads to conflict
- POLICY CONFLICT | occurs often in the workplace
- EGO CONFLICT | occurs when one or both people don't want to concede their positions

Rob had a number of scenario exercises planned; however, the clergy group were interested in sharing experiences and outcomes which was met with approval by the facilitator. Rob had also provided a detailed document listing *The Four Basic Styles of Communication*:

1. Passive Communication
2. Aggressive Communication
3. Passive-Aggressive Communication
4. Assertive Communication

The Rev. Stephen Rowe, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Surrey and Regional Dean of Peace Arch had this to say about the presentations:

"Deirdre's presentation was stellar; informative, comprehensive and extremely helpful."

"Many clergy use the pastoral skills of conflict management, but it was useful to be reminded of the appropriate ways to respond to people, and not just those who are in conflict situations." ✠

Let Love be Genuine

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February 1, 2023 appointment of the Rev. Ruder Celiz there were two interim priests-in-charge: the now-Venerable Philippa Pride who during her tenure at St. Helen's was appointed Executive Archdeacon of the diocese of New Westminster and Archdeacon of Vancouver and more recently the Rev. Mark Munn, now Rector of St. Helen, West Point Grey.

Please keep the Parish of St. Helen's, Surrey, the Rev. Fr. Robin Ruder-Celiz and his family in your prayers as they embark on this new journey of ministry together. ✠

The sermon is available on the diocesan website (video — YouTube HD — audio and text) at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/podcasts/media/2023-02-07-let-love-be-genuine>



LEFT Following the presentation of the Ewer of Water by Heather Herd, the new rector fills the font. RIGHT Receiving the Communion elements from Kelly Foulds.



Following the applause of welcome the Rev. Robin Ruder Celiz invites the congregation to pray.



Intercessor, Janette Bulkan.



The Sanctuary Party: The Ven. Luisito Engnan, Regional Archdeacon (Fraser) who filled in for the Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Philippa Pride who was under the weather; the Rev. Steve Thompson, Deacon of the Word and Table; the new rector, the Rev. Robin Ruder Celiz; Bishop John Stephens; the Rev. Stephen Rowe, Preacher and Regional Dean of Peace Arch.

The 122nd Synod of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster

May 12 & 13 at the Italian Cultural Centre

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For the first time in four years, the Synod of the diocese of New Westminster, the two-day governance meetings will convene with in-person attendance. The last scheduled Synod was held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 via Zoom.

Synod returns to the main ballroom (plenary) and other meeting rooms of the Italian Cultural Centre located at 3075 Slocan Street in East Vancouver. As of this writing in late February, a Synod theme has not yet been chosen, however, apart from worship, the election and appointments of diocesan leadership, financial and budget presentations (the necessary business of Synod) some important items for discussion have been identified. These include a discussion of Diocesan Priorities; the receipt and discussion (next steps) of the Report of the Task Force on Homelessness and Housing Affordability initiated by a successful resolution at Synod 2021; discussions and presentations around our parish and diocesan responses to the Climate Crisis led by the newly appointed Minister for Climate Justice, the Rev. Joyce Parry-Moore. The seeking out and hiring of a Minister for Climate Justice is one of the results of an action plan outlined in Resolution 8 passed at Synod in May of 2019. There will likely be several resolutions before Synod in May regarding these and other agenda items.

On the evenings of March 28 and 29, Bishop John Stephens and Vicki Potter, ODNW led pre-Synod gather-



The Conference Room at the Synod Offices ten minutes before the Synod meeting went live on Zoom, Saturday, May 15, 2021. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray



LEFT A lunch line at Synod 2019. The Italian Cultural Centre culinary staff prepared delicious sandwiches. RIGHT Voting at Synod 2019.



The Executive Officers of Synod view the financial presentation, May 15, 2021.

ings via Zoom to familiarize 2023 Synod Delegates with the upcoming discussions regarding Diocesan Priorities and the Task Force report on Homelessness and Housing Affordability. Information gathered at those meetings will be made available on the diocesan website's news pages and on the website's Synod section (see links at the end of this article).

In 2015, Synod passed a resolution that Diocesan Synods would take place every two years which was a change from annual meetings. Since 2012, Synod has been held at the Italian Cultural Centre. The upcoming Synod will be the first in-person Synod chaired by Bishop John Stephens in this the third year of his episcopacy.

For more information about the 122nd Synod please visit the website's Synod section where current information will be posted as it becomes available.

Full coverage of Synod will be available in future issues of *Topic*. ♦

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The diocesan website's news pages can be found at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/news>

The Synod section of the diocesan website is located at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/diocesan-ministries/synods>

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Report from the Missioner for Indigenous Justice

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Missioner for Indigenous Justice

Positive stories involving Indigenous people have been in the news recently, and at the same time the work of Reconciliation has moved to the sidelines for many non-Indigenous people.

In January 2023, protection of the Incomappleux Valley southeast of Revelstoke was announced, an area the size of 150 Stanley Parks. The Taku River Tlingit is working to protect and conserve the Taku River waterway in Northern BC. If you are interested in Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) then check out the website (link at the end of the report).

There have been many stories of Repatriation of cultural properties back to the communities that treasured, used and created them. In February 2023, the Nuxalk Nation saw the return of a totem pole taken from their territory and held at the Royal BC Museum since 1913. The pole will remain at the local school for a year and will then be returned to its original village site. The Royal Ontario Museum recently returned personal items of Chief Poundmaker to his family. The Haudenosaunee Confederacy recently retrieved sacred objects held in a Geneva Museum for over 200 years. And we should all celebrate the return of the Ni'isjoohl memorial pole to the Nisga'a people announced at the end of December 2022.

These are all opportunities for celebration. But we continue to hear reports regarding the children who did not return home from Canada's residential schools with little response from the non-Indigenous community. The latest report, as I write this, is from the Tsechaht people who have confirmed that 67 children who attended the Alberni Indian Residential School died over the 80 years that it was open. They also reported findings of a possible 17 unmarked graves after surveying a small portion of the land under review. This became a two-day news item in the media.

There is a real danger that the frequency of these reports numbs us, and we lose our ability to absorb and respond to this heart-wrenching reality. In May 2021, the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people made the first announcement of a

*"We stand with you.
We thank you
for surviving the residential schools."*

Chief Counsellor Waaniis Ken Watts

possible 215 unmarked graves on the grounds of the former Kamloops Residential School. For non-Indigenous people it was an unbelievable shock. For many Indigenous people it was the announcement of what many knew for years. In the press and everyday conversation, they became known as "the 215." And then the community decided the conversation needed to change.

Residential schools were fortresses of cultural annihilation. Not only were children not allowed to speak their languages or participate in cultural practices, they were denied their names, their personal names. In a news report Chief Wilton Littlechild, the man who gifted Pope Francis a Headdress, shared this experience:

"My name was number 65 for all those years... Just a number, yeah. '65, pick that up stupid,' or '65, why'd you do that, idiot.'"



The Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc people changed the conversation with their word *Le Estwícwéy* meaning "The Missing Ones." Missing from their families, their communities. Missing the opportunity to be children and to become what they could be if they were able to grow and learn in their own communities.

The government and churches have apologized for the physical, mental and sexual abuse that took place in residential schools. An apology is a start. A settlement agreement has been reached resulting in the creation of a not-for-profit trust that will fund projects for Indigenous education, culture and language. Another step towards the future and recognizing the value of Indigenous cultural practices, education and culture.

There are many more steps to go on this journey. One of those steps is to recognize and absorb the fact that these institutions had nothing to do with assimilation, they were focused on cultural annihilation. And that drive went all the way to denying the children and their families the need and the dignity of mourning rituals. Where does that leave us?

At the conclusion of the Tsechaht presentation Chief Counsellor Waaniis Ken Watts asked all the visitors, media and community members who are not Survivors to stand up.

With the Residential School Survivors sitting he said words similar to these.

*"We stand with you.
We thank you for surviving the residential schools."*

He said many more words, but they are not mine to share, they were for the Survivors to hear...

His words for us are "Please stand up." Stand up as someone who hears and supports the work of Residential School Survivors. Read about what individual communities are proposing and see if there are ways you can stand and be counted as a supporter and ally. ♦

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To find out more about Indigenous Protected and Conserved Areas (IPCAs) please go to <https://conservation-reconciliation.ca/>

Transforming Questions | A New Era

JESSICA SCHAAP
Missioner for Christian Formation

During the pandemic, two rounds of the course *Transforming Questions* gathered people from all over the diocese over Zoom to explore and question central aspects of faith. To bring the course to more parishes and people and make it available at any time, a production team got to work on producing 11 short films to cover each week's topic. The films are now all complete. They are posted to the diocesan YouTube channel and are being offered completely free online for download or streaming. The video series also comes with a free, downloadable and printable participant guide with outlines, discussion questions, prayers, and further resources.

The Director of Mission and Ministry, Rev. Tellison Glover says:

"Transforming Questions is a great spiritual formation tool for new Anglicans. The sessions are intentionally designed to get participants to reflect deeply on what it means to honour one's baptismal commitments and what it means to be Anglican. Parishes will find it an excellent resource for Confirmation preparation."

The video production of *Transforming Questions* is the result of an extraordinarily hard working, skilled, and generous lay led production crew. The crew reflects the diocese in its diversity and commitment to Christian formation in the Anglican way. In January 2023, a new round of *Transform-*

ing Questions was launched with the videos. Participants included seekers who have no background in Christianity to parishioners of 50 years standing at one parish. One



Levi and Karyl are ready for a take. ALL PHOTOS Randy Murray

whole group Zoomed in from Esquimalt, others came from Coquitlam, Vancouver, Maple Ridge, and Mission.

One small group leader remarked, "People are really retaining what they see and hear on the videos." The other leaders agreed and reported that the conversations following the videos quickly became both convivial and profound. Week after week, people showed up with curiosity, respect, and willingness to truly wrestle together on fundamental questions. It revealed a hunger possessed by people to go past the trivial and safe and truly engage with the meat of faith.

The course can now also be adapted and used by parishes and groups in ways that work for them. It's meant for "plug and play" use. Four or five sessions could work for Advent and Lent. Some like *Session 4: How Should we Live?* could be used for baptismal prep as it delves into the baptismal covenant. *Session 9: What is the Church for?* and *Session 10: What does it mean to be Anglican?* could be used in a parish council meeting to integrate formation with the core business and identity of the church. The work of formation like the pastoral care, service, and worship of the church is ongoing. This is another grain of yeast to foster and grow a culture of lifelong transformation. ✦

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 All the links to the videos and the participant guide are available online at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/resources/adult-formation-resources/pages/transforming-questions>



Hope and Kerry Rehearsing.



Hope lets out a laugh



Videographer Ross Friesen looks over Hope's shoulder.



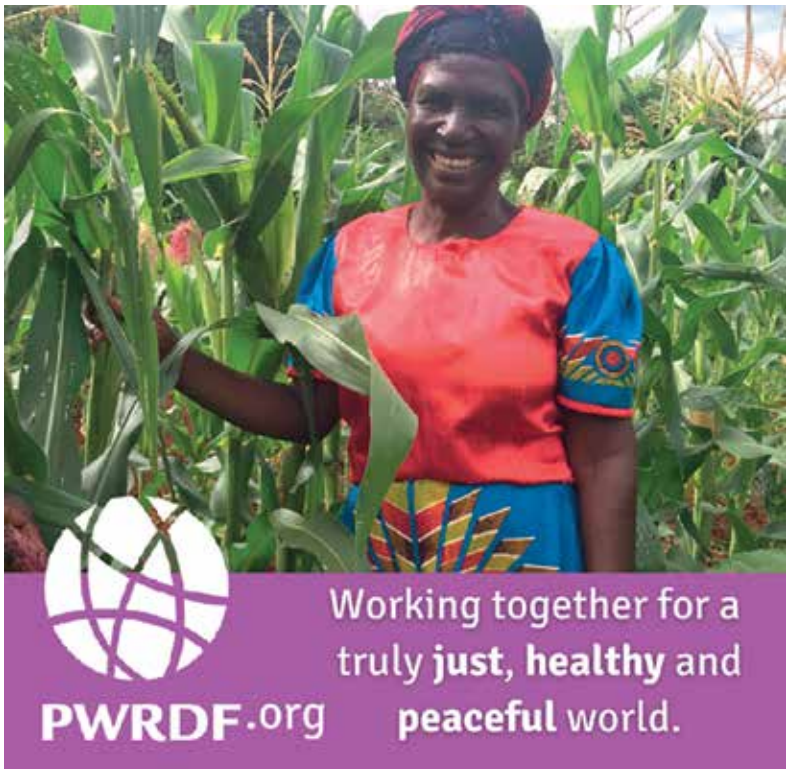
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LEFT The Rev. David Taylor collects last year's palm crosses. RIGHT Burning last year's Palm Sunday crosses to prepare for this year's Ash Wednesday. Intense fire ignites things into flame like God's love warms and awakens our hearts. How does this happen? It's a beautiful surprise of mystery and grace. I wonder what attitudes, feelings, ideas, and behaviours in your life you might want to throw in the fire and burn up with God's help.



Lighting the candles for the procession.



Receiving the imposition of ashes from the Rev Andrew Halladay.



LEFT & RIGHT Receiving the imposition of ashes from the Rev. Andrew Halladay.



Lighting candles to name God is our Light.



The children prepare to process in for worship.

PHOTO FEATURE

Lenten Prep Family Service in Langley

The monthly Saturday family worship at St. Andrew's prepares for Lent

LORIE MARTIN

Priest-in-Charge, St. Thomas, Chilliwack

Families gathered at St. Andrew's Langley on February 11, 2023 to prepare for Ash Wednesday and Lent. The children watched how last year's palm crosses ignited into flames, processed into church, lit candles, did fun activities and celebrated a picnic Eucharist (which is a popular component

of the Family Eucharist). Through embodied prayer they learn to confess their feelings of anger, sadness, excitement, and happiness, to gather them up in a ball and throw them up to God, and to not hurt others by them giving thanks to God. Lots of playing kids and visiting parents along

with a pizza supper followed. This is a service offered at St. Andrew's one Saturday afternoon per month 4:30pm to 6:30pm, offering families the opportunity to linger in Christian experience and formation. ✠



Mardi Gras mask making. In Lent we put away our usual activities and become more exposed and vulnerable. Feel the difference between holding the mask on your face and letting it go. I wonder what you might be hiding behind that you need to move out of the way with God's help so you can shine your beautiful soul in the world.



LEFT A much younger colourer. RIGHT Easter Drawing with charcoal — burnt wood. Beautiful things are made from the ashes or losses of our lives. I wonder what mess in your life you and God could turn into something beautiful.



LEFT & RIGHT Alleluia is a special word that we use throughout the year. It means "give praise to God!" In Lent, we put Alleluia's away, so we can especially remember them at Easter and give thanks and praise to glorify God. I wonder what precious or fun things you want or need to put away to make room for more time and energy to love, pray, and give to others.

IN MEMORIAM



Bob Hutchinson, ODNW following his investiture into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster on All Saints Day, November 1, 2009. PHOTO Wayne Chose

Robert David Hutchinson, ODNW
June 23, 1931 – January 11, 2023

Robert (Bob) Hutchinson died peacefully January 11, 2023, at the age of 91. He will be greatly missed by his son David, daughter Jane (Curt), six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and many friends and colleagues. Bob's loving wife Diana (Fraser) pre-deceased him June 28, 2021, as well as his daughter Pamela July 12, 2015.

Bob was born in Vancouver, BC to John and Helena (Boldrick) Hutchinson on June 23, 1931. After graduation from Lord Byng high school in 1949, he began working in the construction business, a path that led him to successfully run his own construction company for 30 years.

In his youth, Bob's family spent their summers at the family cottage at Woodlands near Deep Cove, North Vancouver. It was there that he met his future wife Diana, the true love of his life. They married in 1955, and experienced many wonderful activities together, including skiing, tennis, overseas travel, and especially sailing. Bob and Diana were long time members of the West Vancouver Yacht Club and enjoyed

great friendships and wonderful adventures sailing along the coast of BC. They lived in West Vancouver for 40 years then retired (1996) to Woodlands.

Bob loved life and made the most of every day. He was passionate about waterfront living and would spend much time swimming, boating, and fishing. He was a great father, could always be counted on to volunteer for various causes, and will always be remembered as a friend to many people. His outlook on life was to always be open, loving and engaged. He saw the good in people, was there to lend a hand if needed, and always had time for conversation.

Bob and Diana were longtime members of the Parish of St. Francis-in-the-Wood, West Vancouver, and the former Parish of St. Clare in the Cove, Deep Cove, and more recently Christ Church Cathedral. Their service to the greater diocese included serving as co-chairs of *Bishop's Friends*. Both Bob and Diana were invested into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW) in the inaugural year of 2009, in

recognition of their decades of service at St. Francis-in-the-Wood.

Here are their Citations:

Mr. Robert Hutchinson
St. Francis-in-the-Wood
Bob has served as a Warden at St. Francis-in-the-Wood and is now a member of St. Clare-in-the-Cove. In his professional role as a construction engineer, Bob has given invaluable advice and guidance to parishes in the diocese.

Mrs. Diana Hutchinson
St. Francis-in-the-Wood
Diana has served in almost every leadership capacity at St. Francis-in-the-Wood and now, serves as Bishop's Warden at St. Clare-in-the-Cove. Diana and Bob also serve as co-chairs of the Bishop's Friends Group in the diocese. ✠

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Prepared with files from the Rev. Carla McGhie & First Memorial Funeral Services & Boal Chapel & Memorial Gardens.

The Reverend Catherine June Dafoe Hall
October 12, 1947 – February 8, 2023



The Rev. Catherine June Dafoe Hall. PHOTO Randy Murray

On Wednesday, February 8, 2023, the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC/Yukon and diocesan archbishop of Kootenay circulated a notice that the Rev. Cathie Hall currently the Director of Education for Ministry (EFM), Canada had died that morning.

Although canonically resident in the diocese of Kootenay, Cathie was rector of two parishes in the diocese of New Westminster, the Parish of St. Hilda-by-the-Sea, Sechelt (1993 – 2000) and the Parish of St. John the Apostle, Port Moody (2000 – 2007). In 2004, during her incumbency in Port Moody she received a Doctor of Ministry from Vancouver School of Theology (VST).

Born in Prince Rupert, Cathie received a BA from the University of Alberta in 1984, and in 1987, a Master of Divinity from VST. She was ordained in the former diocese of Cariboo by the late Bishop John Snowden and was appointed to a two-point parish Anglican-United Shared Ministry in Robson Valley, Cariboo until 1990. From 1990 to 1993, she was the Diocesan Program Officer for Cariboo and Associate Priest at St. Michael and All Angels, Prince George with the Ven. David Ellis. Then, her 14 years in the diocese of New Westminster where she continued her very active role in diaconal formation becoming our diocese's first Director for Deacons. From 2007 to 2014 she was incumbent of St. Andrew's, Okanagan Mission in the diocese of Koo-

tenay where she was canonically resident. From 2009 to 2023 until her death, the Rev. Cathie Hall served as the National Director of Education for Ministry (EfM), Canada. EfM was a substantial part of her ministry for most of her time in ordained ministry having lobbied and obtained funding for EfM in the mid-1990s.

Cathie was the guest preacher for the diocesan Education for Ministry graduation Eucharist celebrated at St. Stephen the Martyr, Burnaby in June of 2018.

On February 9, 2023, her friend and colleague, the Rev. Anne Anchor, long time Deacon, St. John the Apostle, Port Moody and EfM mentor wrote this reflection about her friend:

"The Rev. Dr. Catherine Hall, aka Cathie, friend, mentor, overseer of formation, first diocesan Director of Deacons, EfM guru, fellow clergy of St. John's and beloved of God.

These are but some of the words that I can use to honour our friend Cathie, who died February 8, 2023, surrounded by family and the prayers of many she touched on her earthly walk.

Many of us 'Elder Deacons' hold fond memories of the times we shared together under the guidance of Cathie in formation and ordination. I can't help but remember how she loved to have a 'get together' to form community as the church focussed on restoring the diaconate.

She was passionate about formation of all people in the church and once again I reflect on her passionate belief in the Education for Ministry program that many of us attended as part of our formation.

Cathie held me in times of sorrow and laughed with me in times of joy, Cathie challenged me to be more than I thought I could possibly be, Cathie empowered me to live into my ordination in so many ways, Cathie touched my family, Cathie was a true friend and even as the years and distances kept us apart, she was the sort of person that when I saw her after a few years of separation I felt like we had not been apart.

If we each take a moment to pause as we read this message to reflect on what she meant to us and to then say a prayer for Cathie and her children, Micah and Cathy Lynn and their children; her stepdaughter Trudi and her children, I am convinced that she will know the love of God in an amazing way.

Cathie held a faith that was deeply grounded in her love of God and her love for all God's people. She shared this love with joy, dedication and passion with so many."

The funeral took place, Friday, February 17 at St. Paul's, Nanaimo BC.

The family has asked that those who may want to remember Cathie with a gift, consider a donation in her memory to EfM Canada. ✠

The Venerable John Austen (Jack) Major, Priest
February 22, 1926 – February 3, 2023

Jack was a long-serving and well-known priest and archdeacon in our diocese; well respected and appreciated.

Jack died on Friday, February 3, just three weeks short of his 97th birthday. He was predeceased by his wife of over 70 years, Pat, in 2019, and is survived by his sons Lorne Major of Fort Langley and David Major of Vancouver, and grandchildren Paul and Carolyn.

Originally from Fort Langley, Jack was baptized and married at St. George, Fort Langley.

Jack was educated at the Anglican Theological College at the University of BC (UBC), graduating with a Diploma in Theology in 1963 and a Licentiate in Theology (LTh) in 1966.

Jack was ordained to the diaconate in 1963, and to the priesthood in 1964, here in the diocese of New Westminster. Prior to his ordination to the priesthood, he was a student minister at St. Michael, Surrey from 1961 to 1963.

He served St. Laurence, Coquitlam starting in 1963 when it was a new mis-

sion, until 1969. He was the Incumbent of St. David's, Boundary Bay from 1970 to 1979 and St. Matthew's, Abbotsford from 1979 to 1991. After his retirement he was Priest-in-Charge of All Saints, Agassiz and St. Peter's, Rosedale from 1995 to 1996.

He was also Regional Dean of South Fraser Deanery, Deas/Nicomekl Deanery, and Yale Deanery prior to being appointed Archdeacon of Yale in 1985. He subsequently served as Archdeacon of Fraser, retiring in 1991.

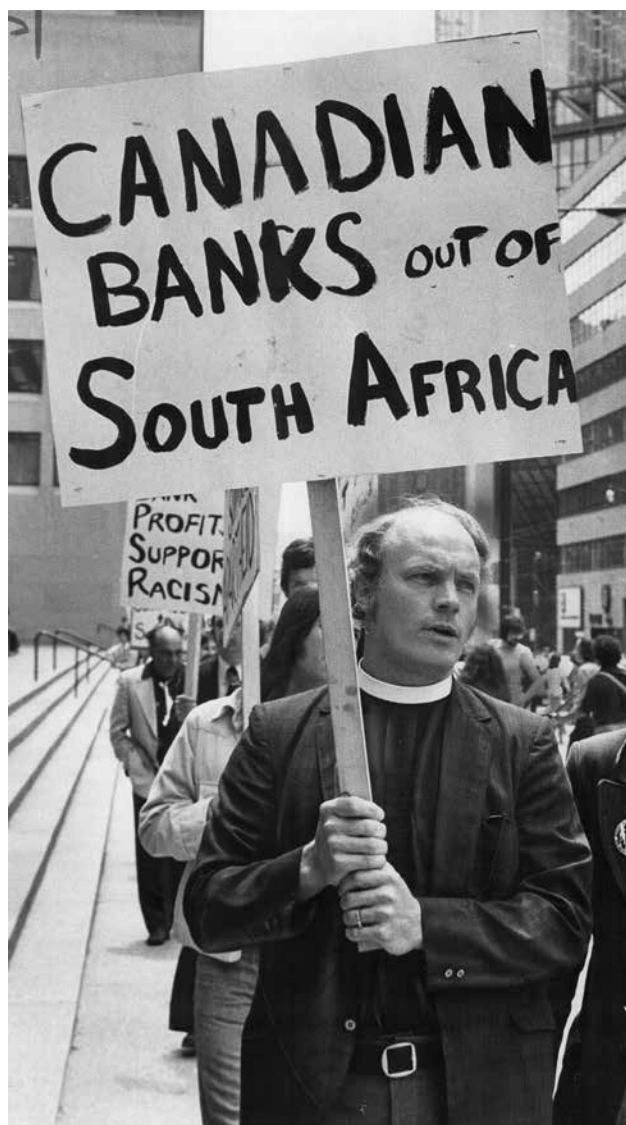
Jack served on the Vancouver School of

Theology (VST) Senate and on many diocesan committees including the Ministry Commission, the Committee on Renewal, the Task Force on Leadership Training, and the Task Force on Worship. He was a sessional lecturer at VST in Pastoral Theology in 1978, and was a supervising pastor for theological students in VST's Field Education Programme. He chaired the Youth Unit from 1969 to 1971. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Sorrento Centre. At the time of this writing in February, funeral details were unavailable. ✠

IN MEMORIAM

The Reverend Thomas Murray Anthony, Priest

September 30, 1935 – February 17, 2023



Rev. Tom Anthony anti-apartheid protest, Toronto 1978.

We commend Thomas Murray Anthony, Priest, to God and give thanks for his wide-ranging ministry in our diocese and in the Anglican Church of Canada, the Episcopal Church, and the Missionary District of Puerto Rico.

Tom died at Youville Residence in Vancouver on February 17, 2023. He had been ill for some time. Tom was born in Boston, Massachusetts and grew up in Vancouver. He is survived by his wife Dawn; sisters Helen, Ruth and Carol; brothers Alan and Ken; children Stephen, Jonathan, Joel, Jennifer, Kerra and Tomas; and his grandchildren.

Tom earned a BA in English and History from the University of BC (UBC) in 1958, and a Master of Sacred Theology from the General Theological Seminary in New York in 1961, where he studied on a Rockefeller Scholarship. He took his Clinical Pastoral Training at Bellevue Hospital in New York City. Tom also became fluent in Spanish.

In 1954, Tom worked with the Columbia Coast Mission, serving on the mission boat from Whaletown, Cortes Island.

Ordained to the diaconate at St. John's, Shaughnessy in 1961 by Bishop Godfrey Gower, and to the priesthood in 1962 at Church of the Good Shepherd in San José, Costa Rica by the Bishop of Central America on behalf of the Bishop-in-Charge of the Missionary District of Puerto Rico of the Protestant Episcopal Church. His canonical residence was transferred to the Missionary Diocese of Puerto Rico.

In the Missionary District of Puerto Rico, he was Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Cristos Rey in Caguas from 1962 to 1968, as well as being a non-stipendiary Associate Priest at the Cathedral of St. John, San Juan from 1966 to 1968. He was Director of Field Work at the Episcopal Seminary of the Caribbean from 1965 to 1968, and the Coordinator and Director of Community Action Programmes in the Episcopal Diocese of Puerto Rico from 1964 to 1968. Tom's canonical residence was transferred to the diocese of New Westminster in 1972.

He served in the Episcopal Church USA for ten years including at the Episcopal Church Center in New York

City. In 1968, he became the Associate for Experimentation and Development for the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church, and he held this position until 1971. He was a non-stipendiary Associate Priest at St. Mark's in the Bowery, New York from 1969 to 1972.

Tom worked at the National Office of the Anglican Church of Canada as Director of the National Programme Management Unit for almost ten years from 1972 to 1982. While there, he supervised many key church committees and organizations including the World Programme Staff, PWRDF Staff, Social Action Ministries Staff, Missionary Society, and the National Human Rights Unit. He made significant leadership contributions to *A Call to Human Dignity: A Statement of Principles for the Anglican Church of Canada on Dignity, Inclusion, and Fair Treatment*. Tom consulted widely with many government, church and ecumenical organizations around the world during his time at the National Office. He was also known for his work against apartheid and in support of refugees. In the diocese of Toronto, he was a non-stipendiary Associate Priest at Holy Trinity Church, Eaton Square from 1974 to 1982.

For many years he had a conference and travel agency, *All Destinations Travel*. He worked in the public service as Chief of Community Relations for the BC Human Rights Commission in 1982. Tom was the diocesan appointee to the BC Periodical Review Board in 1986.

Tom served in the diocese of New Westminster in several parishes as interim priest-in-charge, supply priest, or associate priest including St. Helen's (Surrey), St. Mark's (Kitsilano), St. Mary the Virgin (Sapperton), St. Mary's (Kerrisdale), St. Matthew's (Vancouver), St. Augustine's (Marpole) and Christ Church (Hope). He was a member of the Camp Artaban Board from 1999 to 2003.

Tom was held in high esteem for his work as a social activist and proponent for justice.

A liturgy will be held at St. John's, Shaughnessy on Saturday, May 13 at 11am. The Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham will preside. ☩

The Reverend John Carter Blyth, Priest

November 19, 1935 – February 27, 2023



The Rev. John Carter Blyth. PHOTO Randy Murray

We give thanks for the life of John Carter Blyth, Priest, and are grateful for his ministry in the diocese of New Westminster, in the Anglican Church of Canada, and in the broader church.

John died on Monday, February 27, 2023, at Cottage Hospice, Vancouver. He was born in Toronto on November 19, 1935.

John was predeceased by his mother, Evelyn Blyth Stowell in 1966; his sister, Elsie Yvonne Humphries in 2006; and his niece,

Sylvia (Joe) Daley in 2010. He is survived by his nephews, Gordon (Gail) Humphries and Harvey (Brenda) Humphries; and his great nieces and great nephews Kathy Deacon, Kim Bigelow, Stephen Daley, Yvonne Girouard, Jason Humphries, and Susan Persaud.

John received a BA from the St. Michael's College, University of Toronto in 1961, and a Baccalaureate of Sacred Theology (STB) from Trinity College at the University of Toronto in 1963. He was ordained to the diaconate April 16, 1963, and to the priesthood May 31, 1964. John received a Doctor of Divinity (Honoris Causa) in 1984.

After ordination, John served in the diocese of Caledonia at Christ the King, Port Edward, BC from 1963 to 1967, and in Aiyansh, BC from 1967 to 1980.

John was Incumbent of the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer, Calgary, and Dean of Calgary from 1980 to 1986. He transferred to the diocese of New Westminster from the diocese of Calgary in 1987.

John was Anglican Chaplain and taught at the Vancouver School of Theology (VST) starting in 1987.

He was a member of the Oblate Order of the Holy Cross from 1963 to 1988. He served on the Board of Sorrento Centre in 1964, on the Executive of the diocese of Caledonia from 1970 to 1980, as Arch-

deacon of Caledonia from 1975 to 1980, on the National Programme Committee of the General Synod from 1973 to 1979, on the National Native Affairs Committee of General Synod from 1973 to 1980, on the National Ministry Committee of General Synod from 1975 to 1980. He was on the Diocesan Executive in the diocese of Calgary from 1980 to 1986 and served as Diocesan Administrator in 1983. John was the Chairperson of the Council Jewish-Christian Dialogue for Alberta from 1983 to 1986.

John was Nisga'a by adoption. His Nisga'a name was Hlgut K'eeekw, which translated means "Little Runaway."

John played a significant role in Indigenous ministry. He was the Priest-in-Charge of Native Ministries in the diocese of Caledonia from 1965 to 1967. He served as a consultant to General Synod of Native Affairs in 1977. He directed the Native Ministries Project and TEE in Caledonia from 1975 to 1980. He was also a Consultant on Native Ministries and TEE Programme of the Council of the North from 1975 to 1986. Beyond the church, John served from 1968 to 1980 on the Nisga'a Tribal Council Executive, from 1970 to 1976 on the Nisga'a Education Committee, from 1972 to 1980 on Nisga'a Land Claims, from 1973 to 1974 on the North-West Consultation on Development, and in 1979 on the

Canadian Human Rights Commission.

Starting in 1995, for three and half years, John was Principal and taught at the Bishop Patteson Theological College, Guadalcanal, Solomon Islands. As John noted in a letter to Bishop Ingham, his appointment as principal came as a shock to him, since there were no interviews, just a public announcement at the college's Graduation Ceremony. He was also a member of the Melanesian Brotherhood and a tutor-pastor visiting the Brotherhood's various regional headquarters and houses in the South Pacific. John travelled extensively on missions in the region. Upon his return to Canada, he remained a member of the Melanesian Brotherhood under the Brotherhood's vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. John continued his ministry and connection with the Nisga'a and people of the North Coast through the Underleaf Ministry and St. James, Vancouver. He made regular return visits to the South Pacific.

John was the diocese of New Westminster's representative to early ecumenical meetings regarding how the churches could support the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

Liturgies for Rev. John Blyth were celebrated at St. James', Vespers on March 14 and the Requiem Mass on March 15. Two members of the Melanesian Brotherhood travelled to Vancouver for the liturgies. ☩

"Into your hands, O merciful Saviour, we commend your servants."

AROUND THE DIOCESE

A Community Organizing Listening Session in South Vancouver
Diocesan Justice & Peace Unit Chair visits St. Mary's, South Hill

SUBMISSION Margaret Marquardt

I was fortunate to visit the Parish of St. Mary the Virgin, South Hill in southeast Vancouver for the Celebration of the Eucharist on Sunday, January 22, 2023, Epiphany III. I took time during the sermon to invite parishioners to be part of the Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) community organizing model called a 1-1 Relational Meeting.

The congregation participated in a shortened version of the organizing model described here:

"In this time as parishioners had an intentional conversation with each other, they heard from each other a little about their lives and things that matter most to them. This is an intentional conversation and it's personal between the two people. It builds trust. It's a model used in this community organizing model on a regular basis to hear issues that arise in institutions moving and working towards change."

Following worship, the Parish Council met, using *The Table Conversation Listening* model of community organizing in which Council members heard from one another about the pressures that each one faces

personally, or in family, or work, or community. What was said on a personal basis, of course, is held confidentially. There was deep trust and care for one another, as each person spoke, and the others listened. A key question asked was, "Where is God's Spirit guiding this congregation as they listen to each other?"

What I was listening for were issues that were raised behind the personal pressures shared.

The Justice and Peace Unit is a Member Organization of Metro Vancouver Alliance.

Metro Vancouver Alliance, part of the international Industrial Areas Foundation is planning a gathering of Member Organizations in the spring.

The Justice and Peace Unit will be part of bringing issues forward having engaged in this "Listening" from parishioners in our diocese.

Our diocese is a Sponsoring Organization of MVA, as well as some parishes that are Member Organizations.

I would be glad to discuss this format of Listening with any parish that would like to engage. ✚

Contact Margaret Marquardt by email at mmarquardt@telus.net



The "Listening" session in the nave at St. Mary's, South Hill. PHOTO Margaret Marquardt

The Venerable Allan Carson Retires

SUBMISSION Pete Williams, ODNW

On Sunday, January 29, 2023, the Ven. Fr. Allan Carson preached his last sermon as Rector of St. John the Baptist, Sardis. Fr. Al has served in full-time ministry for 30 years and is now going to spend time in retirement with his family.

The Parish of St. John's honoured Allan and his family with a farewell supper on the evening of January 28 and on Sunday at a reception following worship he was presented with a card filled with congratulations and well wishes from the parishioners. The card was presented to him by St. John's

wardens; Val Bone, Gail Putz and Pete Williams. He is also seen in the other photo cutting his retirement cake which he shared with everyone.

The parish will miss his contagious laugh and sense of humour. Through his approach to ministry, Archdeacon Carson has been instrumental in the continued vitality of the Fraser Valley parish. Please keep the Ven. Al Carson, his family and the Parish of St. John's, Sardis in your prayers as they move into this next phase of life, mission and ministry. ✚



PHOTOS Submitted



Lyrical Greeting Welcomed Lunar New Year at St. David's

SUBMISSION Elizabeth Murray, ODNW

A pop-up choir of five songsters, aged six-to-nine, set the pace for a Chinese Lunar New Year celebration at St. David's during the widespread 16-day festival.

Parishioner Art Yu brought the youngsters together for the Sunday luncheon event and accompanied the meal with music from his iPhone, *Gong xi gong xi ni ya* (*Greeting to you, Greeting to you*) got rapt attention and enthusiastic applause.

The audience was also treated to a musical performance by Linda Wei whose lithe fingers on the strings of her Gu Zheng (Chinese-plucked zither) was amazing. Still more notable was Linda's extraordinary rendition of the hymn *Amazing Grace*—lyric and tune widely familiar to many across today's world.

Loy Yeo, leading member of the organiz-

ing team, took the microphone to highlight *The Year of the Rabbit*—symbolizing a year of abundance—and to explain its significance in abundant good fellowship, peace, love, joy, and prosperity. Behind the scenes, the kitchen crew were rolling-out traditional pork dumplings in a steady stream of platters for the buffet table. Up to the task were volunteers Marlene Ma, Avril Wang, Jane Ho, Cookie Zhang, and Claudia Niu.

For the first time since the pandemic interrupted parish celebrations of the Lunar New Year, the fourth Chinese New Year event at St. David's put this important occasion back on the roster. Organizers hopped about for endless hours to ensure this zodiac year of abundance began with the good luck of the legendary rabbit's foot. ✚



Quintet includes Maddox and Mason Lee, Allen Li, Alvin Liang and Angel Wang with Art Yu on his iPhone. PHOTO Loy Yeo.



Claudia Niu rolls the dough. PHOTO Mary Horton



Members of the parish enjoying the performance. PHOTO Loy Yeo



Selection on Gu Zheng by guest performer Linda Wei. PHOTO Mary Horton



PHOTO Submitted

Welcome Chloe Walsh

The Reverends Christine and Stephen Rowe with granddaughter Millie welcome granddaughter, Chloe Walsh, number four for the Rows and sister number one for Millie.

Born in Langley, February 15, 2023. Congratulations to the Rowe family, especially Brent and Lucy Walsh, now the parents of two. ✚

Welcome Mother Joyce Parry-Moore

On the afternoon of Thursday, February 16, during a meeting of the diocesan ordained leadership (bishop, archdeacons, senior Synod office staff), the new Vicar of St. Aidan and St. Bartholomew, Gibsons and Minister for Climate Justice on Synod staff, the Rev. Joyce Parry-Moore was introduced.

Both the parish and Synod office staff have been waiting many months for a successful candidate to serve in those two roles.

Mother Joyce is currently circulating

material to get a sense of the kinds of parish climate action initiatives that have been implemented, are in process or still in the planning stages. Her work as Minister for Climate Justice will be addressed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Mother Joyce was installed as Vicar of St. Bart's, February 27, 2023. Comprehensive coverage of the liturgy is available now on the diocesan website's news pages and will be included in a future issue of *Topic*. ✚



LEFT Mother Joyce displays her license from the bishop as Minister for Climate Justice received February 16. PHOTO Elias J. Neto
RIGHT Mother Joyce displays her license from the bishop as Vicar of St. Aidan and St. Bartholomew (st. Bart's) received from the Ven. Philippa Pride on February 27. PHOTO Randy Murray



AROUND THE DIOCESE

Ashes on the Go

SUBMISSION Adam Dawkins

On Ash Wednesday, February 22, 2023, Christ Church Cathedral's Assistant Curate, the Rev. Adam Dawkins spent part of his first Ash Wednesday as a priest out on the corners of Burrard and West Georgia Streets in downtown Vancouver offering *Ashes to Go*. The sign reads "All are welcome to receive ashes today—whatever your faith

tradition on spiritual practice." The Rev. Dawkins reported that approximately 125 people stopped by to receive the imposition of ashes (on the go). Many thanks to the Cathedral's Director of Development, Adam Harstock, for these photos. ✚



Clergy News Around the Diocese

With the January 2023 departure of the Rev. Robin Ruder Celiz from All Saints, Ladner and his subsequent induction as Rector of St. Helen, Surrey on February 7, the Rev. Sharon Salomons was appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Ladner parish. The Rev. Salomons who has been focusing her on her counselling vocation and career is enjoying being back in parish ministry for this interim period.

The Rev. Mark Munn following two consecutive interim appointments at the now-closed Parish of St. Martin and the Parish of St. Helen, Surrey was appointed Rector of the Parish of St. Helen, West Point Grey, March 1, 2023. He was inducted on March 7, 2023. Coverage of his induction is now available on the diocesan website's news pages and will be available in a future issue of *Topic*. Many thanks to the Rev. Liz Hamel who was Priest-in-Charge of the West Point Grey parish for the past two years.

With the Ven. Al Carson's retirement at the end of January 2023 and the appointment of the Rev. Mark Munn, the Rev. Liz Hamel has been appointed Priest-in-Charge part time at St. John's, Sardis. That appointment, effective March 1.

The Rev. Allen Doerksen, formerly Vicar

of St. Matthew, Abbotsford and St. Thomas, Chilliwack has been appointed Rector of St. Philip, Oak Bay in the diocese of British Columbia effective March 15, 2023. He joins his spouse, the Rev. Denise Doerksen who was appointed Rector of Holy Trinity, North Saanich also in the diocese of BC. Her appointment date, February 15, 2023. With Fr. Allen's departure early in 2023, the Parish of St. Thomas welcomes current assistant curate, the Rev. Lorie Martin as Priest-in-Charge under the continuing support and guidance of the Vicar of St. Andrew, Langley, the Rev. Andrew Halladay.

The Rev. Miranda Sutherland has concluded her part time ministry as Vicar of St. Oswald, Port Kells and began a new ministry as Vicar of St. Matthew, Abbotsford half time. Mtr. Miranda continues in ministry as Vicar of Holy Spirit, Whonnock, also a half time appointment.

The Ven. Richard Leggett retired as Archdeacon of Westminster March 31, 2023. He will continue in full time ministry as Vicar of the Parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster until December 31, 2023, and will then begin a well-deserved retirement. ✚



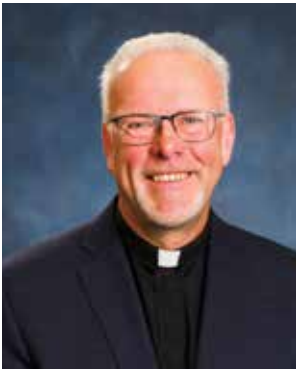
The Rev. Sharon Salomons.
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The Rev. Mark Munn.
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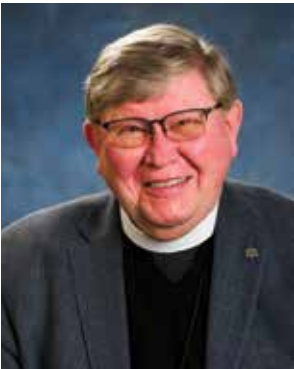
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Happy 90th Phyllis Barlow, ODNW

SUBMISSION Jane Dittrich, ODNW

On Sunday, February 26, members of the parish of Christ Church Cathedral celebrated the 90th birthday of longtime parishioner Phyllis Barlow, ODNW.

Family members brought Phyllis from her Richmond care home to the Cathedral on the Skytrain, on what was a slushy and snowy morning. She arrived with a birthday balloon attached to her wheelchair.

After the 10:30am Celebration of the Eucharist, Phyllis was surrounded in the chancel by friends, along with the Cathedral's director of music and organist, Rupert Lang and members of Cathedral Choir. Phyllis's dear friend Lesley Godwin served as MC at the commemorative gathering, and the choir sang *Happy Birthday* to Phyl-

lis, as well as *690 on Burrard*. Birthday cake was served in the narthex.

For Phyllis Barlow on Her 90th

*At 690 on Burrard
We all were young
and very full of vigour
At 690 on Burrard
The circle of our friends
grew even bigger.
But now that many years have passed
'tis very good to know
That we who danced til midnight
and its music may be slow,
But love and friendship never end,
They only grow and grow
At 690 on Burrard. ✚*



LEFT Phyllis checking out the *690 on Burrard* lyric sheet (lyrics written in her honour). RIGHT Lesley Godwin sharing words of 90th birthday greetings to Phyllis on behalf of the Christ Church Cathedral community. ALL PHOTOS Jane Dittrich



The choir singing *Happy Birthday*.



A happy Phyllis surrounded by friends.

Pink Shirt Day

SUBMISSION Jane Dittrich, ODNW

In 2023, Ash Wednesday and Pink Shirt Day were on the same day, which is a thought-provoking situation. Facing our mortality and focusing on choosing kindness in our interactions with those we meet. Sounds like a good subject for a sermon. Here we see Jane Dittrich with her godson Ellis and his big brother, Eamon in Pink Shirt Day attire. ✚



PHOTO Courtesy of Jane Dittrich

David Craig Wilson Invested into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster



On Thursday, March 2, 2023, Bishop John Stephens visited his parish of St. Philip, Dunbar (a parish where he was rector for many years) to invest the parish's nominee, David Craig Wilson into the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster (ODNW). Craig was unable to attend the investiture ceremony in New Westminster, November 5, 2022. His Citation reads as follows:

Craig has shown steadfast commitment to the St. Philip, Dunbar community during changing times in its life. Craig is a faithful man of thoughtfulness, insight, sensitivity, and humour. From website technology to parish visioning, from family nights to finance, from soundboard management to Warden and Trustee, Craig has been deeply involved. He embodies St. Philip's values, treating others with dignity and grace. The parish is blessed to count Craig as a leader among them and they are made a better people by his love and care.

Many thanks to Derek Simpkins for the photo. ✚

Lovely as a Tree

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL
Retired Priest of the diocese of Calgary; Former Dean of the diocese of New Westminster & Rector of Christ Church Cathedral, Vancouver

My study window looks out on our front garden. Our kitchen window looks out on our back garden. Each one gives us a view of a particular tree. These two trees are really part of the family, never intruding, just always there, always mute and for the most part still. We think of them as two old friends, not just of ours but quite possibly in the mystery of things, friends of one another. The one in the back garden is a hemlock, thickly branched, wide at the base, tapering as your gaze follows it upward. Sometimes it moves to the wind in slow undulations. In its inner reaches—and it is difficult to see deeply into it because of its thick covering—it seems to remain still even in the wind, rather as the ocean depths are still even when the surface is heaving.

Come through the house and look out at our other tree. It is a cherry. It is far less shaped, standing with wide open branches that hide nothing in her limbs. Where the



Sweet cherry branch with buds (Latin name: *Prunus avium*). PHOTO PC Nahhan (iStock ID#1439220568)

hemlock looks strong, solid, unchanging, the cherry is open, changing as it will with

the seasons. Right now, winter sees the cherry gaunt, naked, vulnerable. But only

this morning I noticed one of her branches seemed to be stretching out to touch my study window, almost as if expressing a wish for even a little attention, or perhaps making a promise that if I remain aware of this fragile wandering branch, I will someday see it explode into white trembling loveliness.

The great hemlock is almost contemptuous. In the face of these mercurial changes, this vulnerability, this rhythm from dark nakedness to brilliant clothing, this tremulous journey from death to resurrection, the hemlock offers permanence, stolidity, consistency.

And yet, if it can be said that one can discover in oneself feelings for trees, I confess that while I respect and admire the hemlock, I love the cherry. I suspect it is because the tide of life that ebbs and flows in her beauty has the glory and the fragility of my own vulnerable humanity. ✦

What will survive of us?

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

What will survive of us?

I ask a boon. Considering the age, I ask it for, I think you will be glad to grant it. I crave it so that I can take you back to the 14th century.

But first we must meet a very 20th century man. His name was Philip Larkin, and he was a poet, a very fine poet. Despite his being an embittered and often cynical man, he wrote some wonderful and lasting verse.

Larkin loved to explore old English parish churches and cathedrals. On a visit to Chichester Cathedral, he went to see the tomb of Richard Fitzalan, 10th Earl of Arundel, and his wife Eleanor. She died in 1372, he four years later in 1376.

As Larkin stood by the tomb, he suddenly noticed something quite unprecedented in 14th century sculpture. At that time two figures side by side were invariably carved separately from one another. In this case, however Larkin saw that the Earl's marble hand—withdrawn from his gaunt-

let—is holding that of his wife. Larkin was so affected by an image that spoke so eloquently of a love across 700 years that he wrote what is today a classic poem. He called it *An Arundel Tomb*.

*Side by side, their faces blurred
The earl and countess lie in stone...
Such plainness of the pre baroque
Hardly involves the eye, until
It meets his left-hand gauntlet, still
Clasped empty in the other, and
One sees with a sharp tender shock
His hand withdrawn,
holding her hand...
... The stone fidelity
They hardly meant has come to be
Their final blazon, and to prove
Our almost-instinct almost true:
What will survive of us is love.*

Perhaps all of us need a gentle reminding that “what shall survive of us is love.” ✦



The 14th century memorial effigy in Chichester Cathedral which inspired Larkin's poem *An Arundel Tomb* (Note: The effigies in Chichester Cathedral are attributed to Richard Fitzalan and Eleanor of Lancaster. Fitzalan and Eleanor were actually buried in Lewes Priory. Although Larkin called the effigies a “tomb,” they are actually a “memorial.”)

The plaque in the cathedral reads as follows:

An Arundel Tomb | The figures represent Richard Fitzalan III, 13th Earl of Arundel (1307 – 1376) and his second wife Eleanor, who by his will of 1375 were to be buried together “without pomp” in the chapter house of Lewes Priory. The armour and dress suggest a date near 1375; the knight's attitude is typical of that time, but the lady's crossed legs, giving the effect of a turn towards her husband, are rare. Joined hands have been thought due to “restoration” by Edward Richardson (1812 – 1869), but recent research has shown the feature to be original. If so, the monument must be one of the earliest showing the concession to affection where the husband was a knight rather than a civilian.

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The Saucer

HERBERT O'DRISCOLL



PHOTO Submitted by author

The longer I move around this four-score years and whatever which I am allotted, the more I appreciate the odd little episode that can, if you wish, be dismissed as crazy and childish. But I would bet a great deal that you have such moments too, if you wanted to admit them.

I like a cup of tea, especially a good cup of tea, preferably with a little milk and, although I feel more and more guilty about it, a little sugar. Well, the other day I made one. I was at home. There was nobody else around. And when I made the tea, I somehow knew that it was a very good cup. Then I suddenly felt really thirsty. I wasn't interested in sipping this tea. I wanted to take it down in a great luxurious draught. But, you see, I couldn't because it was fresh and hot. On the other hand, putting more milk into it would destroy the very quality that was making it a first-class cup of tea.

I was overcome by a terrible temptation. The moment that feeling came on, all sorts

of childhood voices began to shout out, “No! You just don't do that!” I looked around. The dog was watching me. Through its sad eyes all the parents and teachers and aunts and uncles of my past looked in sorrow. I steeled myself. I took the cup, poured the magnificent tea into the saucer, and drank and drank and drank. Yea, did I drink even a second saucer, for by this time I was quite given over to being a sinner. Believe me, it was magnificent. Try it. Actually, it is the way they drank tea when Walter Raleigh first brought it home to England. All the best people did it. Who knows, if enough of us do it again, maybe all the best people will do it again. Terrible thought. I know I won't do it again for years, but it was very, very good.

PS: *Since I wrote this several years ago, you may be glad to hear I have given up sugar. Feel less sinful! Perhaps I'm older and wiser—alas, I suspect just older!* ✦

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OPINION

The Language of Lament | Part I

HANNAH MAIN-VAN DER KAMP
St. David & St. Paul, Powell River

February 2023. The Turkish rescue worker looked at the camera when asked to describe what he’s experiencing. He answers, “Hell” and says no more.

There are no words to describe that devastation. When the scale of the disaster became clear, the word “disaster” became meaningless. What happened is so far beyond what that word can hold. Silence is the appropriate response. Silence and then the cry of lament. There are factual, seismographic words and numbers and there are the accounts of eyewitnesses and survivors. Leave it at that.

Lament and despair are not the same thing. Despair says, “All hope is lost, the rescue we waited for will not come.” Lament says, “Let us remain here in profound mourning; perhaps one day, the light will return. We will wait.”

The expression on that rescue worker’s face was despair. He and his team had been working around the clock but in the previous four days, they had not found anyone else alive under the rubble. All hope was lost. Yet people may have still been breathing and conscious under that rubble, waiting for help, the help that will not come. With all our hearts we pray that God was very, very imminent to them in those days and in the hours of their death.

There are lines in the Psalms of Lament which sound like despair. To paraphrase. “My God, my God, why have you forsaken them?” Who will lead us in honest lament? Biblical scholar, Walter Brueggeman, teaches the practice of lament. “Jesus sees that only those who mourn will be comforted. Only those who embrace the reality of death will receive the new life. Implicit is that those who do not mourn will not be comforted and those who do not face the endings will not receive the newness.”

Wars, plague, extreme weather, species



Grief tears and grieving feeling as a sad rose symbol crying out of agony and sadness. PHOTO wildpixel (iStock ID#1337374070)

extinction, the refugee crisis and natural disasters have had encounters with us in the last years. We are numb. Watching TV news makes us even more numb. The earthquake in Turkey and Syria makes many doubt the goodness of God if there is a God. Yet the Muslim families who have lost so much in that quake are heard to say, “Allah will help us. Allah makes us strong.”

The farmers in this diocese have had reasons to despair. Endless rains last year, then the drought. The loss of market fruit and vegetables for farmers is heartbreaking; they operate on such a slight profit margin already. All their expenses—fuel, insurance, fertilizer—are higher every year.

Not to mention gardeners. Many gardeners gave up. We may put off seedings this year until we are sure it’ll be worth it. But there is no surety of that. It seems embarrassingly trite to put weather woes on the same page as the earthquakes of February 2023. The point of this: we are always experiencing some adversities, always have been. When you deny that, you are not in “fullness of life.” Facing the endings, may we remain tender hearted and generous while growing in resilience.

The Nobel Prize winning poet, Czeslaw Milosz, lived in Warsaw during World War II (if you do not know much about the war time destruction of Polish nation, land,

culture, cities, and people, you may not have the courage to find out). A devout, and doubting, Roman Catholic, all he could do, he wrote, was “to hope for hope.”

Part of the lament we need to practice is an honest admittance of our own recoil when we first hear of horrific events. Part of us does not want to go there. There is a tendency to distract ourselves with the relatively little, though seeming large, disturbances of our own tiny lives.

Where is the source of hope? *Psalms 126* gives us a clue how to segue into hope. You must go out weeping, fearing the worst. You sow seeds in tears. Then you notice something has turned, you give praise. You come home with shouts of joy, carrying your harvest with you. Can we imagine that for the Turks and Syrians? For the Ukrainians? Hoping to hope, I cannot, yet.

Admit to despair. Remain in lament, your tongue coated with ash. Eventually, some appropriate words may be given to us; let’s not rush to that place.

Blessed are those who mourn. One day, singing may return, as the mourners go out with hope, “the thing with feathers” on their shoulders. In the words of the Iona Prayer:

*Gathered and scattered
God is with us*

*In suffering and in hope
God is with us*

*Now and always
God is with us.*

Part 2 of this essay, *Hope is the Thing with Feathers*, will appear in May’s issue. ✦

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Hannah Main-van der Kamp gardens in Powell River. She went out in soggy February to seed cold-loving greens and peas. Guess what happened next.
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Dooley’s Lorry

HERBERT O’DRISCOLL

A child has the great gift of turning the ordinary into something romantic and exotic. In fact, for a child there is no ordinary. So much remains mysterious and unknown that everything is full of wonder. I find—as I’m sure you do—these memories always waiting to be touched and revived.

One day recently I saw a magnificent antique truck parked in one of our city streets, gleaming, upright, different. Others were admiring it. The coach work was perfect, the great headlights shone, the wheel spokes thick and solid. When I saw it, I was taken across time and miles and reminded of Dooley’s lorry.

Nowadays it would be called a truck but in those long-ago days a small boy called it a lorry. Dooley used to arrive early in the morning in our front farmyard and leave his lorry all day. Years later my father told me that Dooley worked in the town but since he couldn’t afford the price of a license—or chose not to—he left it here with my grandfather’s permission.

Every morning by a kind of magic it would be there. It never came, if you understand, it was just magnificently and mysteriously there. It was of heaven knows what vintage. The tires were solid, the steering wheel was immense, the seat leather was ancient and shiny and wrinkled and smelled of many things, among them tobacco, petrol and oil. As a child I would stand on the running board and climb over the door and sit in the driver’s seat.

In a child’s imagination the engine would cough into life. The panels of the long bonnet would vibrate, and I would travel over hills and fields and whole counties before voices would call me back to the demands and duties of the so-called

real world.

In the evening, Dooley would duly appear. He would climb up where I had been, open the door, settle himself. The engine would cough and shudder into thundering life. The great wheels would move. Dooley

would wave to me and I to him as he drove down the driveway and out the gates.

Wishing to prolong the moment of farewell I would stand and wave and wave until the sound of the engine had died away on the scented evening summer air. ✦



Bedford Lorry. PHOTO James Hime (Shutterstock #652155409)

Major Changes to Anglican Foundation Grants Program

The Anglican Foundation of Canada's (AFC) grants program will look substantially different in 2023, thanks to some important changes approved by the AFC Board of Directors in 2022. Effective January 1, 2023, AFC moved from a semi-annual grant cycle to a quarterly one, with application windows open on January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 each year. According to Dr. Scott Brubacher, AFC's Executive Director, "This rolling entry to the grants program will give potential applicants increased accessibility and flexibility, which is intended to result in timelier decisions."

The Board also approved the introduction of Category A grants of up to \$5,000 with no matching local funds required. "These category A grants were introduced for AFC's 2021 *Say Yes! to Kids* Request for Proposal and proved very effective," explains the diocese of New Westminster's Rob Dickson, Chair, Grants Policy Working Group. "That experience demonstrated how the infusion of a few thousand dollars can have an enormously positive impact on ministry."

The long-established traditional AFC grants — up to \$15,000 and no more than 50% of the project budget — will become the new Category B grant.

Lastly, the Board approved the introduction of Category C grants of up to \$50,000. "This new third category will allow the Board greater discretion in approving larger grants where the impact will be most

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- April 1
- July 1
- October 1

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beneficial," explains Brubacher. "It will also allow AFC to be a more flexible funding partner in dioceses where a cornerstone project needs a major boost."

Rob Dickson, AAM, a parishioner and lay leader at St. Christopher, West Vancouver says the new and much larger Category C grants have the potential to be a game-changer for smaller dioceses. "The opportunity to submit a \$50,000 grant request is well-suited to a diocese that may have the capacity to bring only one project per year, but a transformational project the entire diocese can rally around."

Dickson says the Category C grant will be the one application a diocese is allowed

to submit in a calendar year. In terms of the matching funding requirement for such a project, that will be left to the discretion of the AFC Board. Dioceses will need to articulate a strong case for merit, and the Board will have to evaluate these applications very carefully.

The Board also approved removing the requirement that grant applicants be current members of AFC. Dickson says, "It is more consistent with our value of generosity to invite applicants to donate out of a spirit of generosity to 'pay it forward.'"

These changes mark the conclusion of AFC's Grants Policy Working Group's year-long review. "The Foundation's role in resourcing a change-minded church in the wake of a global pandemic is only beginning to be defined," says Brubacher. "We hope our members and friends across the Canadian church will see in these changes to our grant program a deep and genuine desire to resource the church as faithfully and abundantly as possible, so that we may drive change, together, with hope, courage, and vision." ✦

For more information
on AFC's new grant categories
or to apply for an AFC grant,
visit anglicanfoundation.org/apply.

Anglican Foundation of Canada Celebrating More than \$257,000 in Support of Northern Clergy Housing Fund

According to Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC), "There has never been a swifter or more generous response to the establishment of a new fund than the Anglican Church Women (ACW) Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund to provide financial support for housing and living expenses to retired non-stipendiary clergy in the Council of the North."

As of the end of December 2022, more than \$257,000 had been donated, with \$250,000 having come from two donors. "The diocese of New Westminster ACW provided \$100,000 this past spring to launch the fund. Other ACWs across Canada then took up the challenge to do their part to support it as well. And then an incredible \$150,000 arrived in early December as a memorial gift, from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous," says Brubacher.

Brubacher says the speed with which this fund was established and the subsequent momentum to build it up has shown the power and potential of AFC to connect generous people to the philanthropic goals that are important to them. "In 2023, we will continue to work through the granting and disbursement process in partnership with the Council of the North. We expect to receive requests from retired clergy in need of assistance through the Council, and our goal is to begin to disburse funds to beneficiaries this year."

It was in December 2020, in the wake of an article published in the *Anglican Journal* entitled *No Room in the Inn*, when Canadian Anglicans began to learn more about the plight of northern clergy through the homelessness experienced by Rev. Jonas Alloo, former dean of St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit, Nunavut. Widespread concern about this systemic issue prompted the Anglican Church Women in the diocese of



"I was moved to make this donation because my parents were generous people and they would have found a project of providing housing to people who have generously served the church as a fitting way to give to others what God gave to them."

New Westminster to act.

"Non-stipendiary clergy have made the church in the North viable and yet they will not receive a pension from the Anglican Church," says Gail Revitt, Past President, New Westminster ACW. "They have served all these years and have asked very little of the broader church. Our members felt called to respond to this housing crisis in a meaningful and tangible way."

Proceeds from the sale of a property have put the ACW in New Westminster in the unique position of being philanthropic leaders in the church. In 2022, after consultations with Bishop David Lehman — Bishop of Caledonia and Chair

of the Council of the North — the women voted unanimously to champion this cause. "We are greatly encouraged by the leadership gifts in support of this new fund, and we looked forward to working with ACW groups and others to strengthen the financial support network for retired clergy in the North," says Brubacher.

"The Council is very thankful to the diocese of New Westminster's ACW and the other visionary benefactors who have helped to launch and grow this fund so quickly," says Bishop Lehman. "The response to date has given so much hope that we may look to a future where those who have served the church are well-served in their retirement." ✦

To make a gift to the ACW Council of the North Retired Clergy Fund please contact Michelle Hauser, AFC's Development & Communications Officer at mhauser@anglicanfoundation.org or visit anglicanfoundation.org/donate.