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Bishop Parsons' Message



Thank you for financially supporting Arctic ministry and praying for us. I hope you're encouraged as you read this issue. I also want to thank Annie who has been helping at the Synod office, Abe our treasurer, Matilda our diocesan translator, Ryan our executive officer, Deanna our youth coordinator, Joey and Jenn at ATTS, Bishop Darren and all our clergy and lay leaders who lovingly minister in isolated areas and who are, at times under enormous pressures. God bless you all.

We thank God that St. Peter's in Grise Fiord is almost completely restored after a fire gutted it last January. The community of St. Stephen's Kuujuaq finished building a new church and being debt free it was consecrated in September. Holy Comforter Rankin Inlet has made significant progress in paying off their church and Inukjuak began building a new rectory in August and hope for their new minister to be moved in December.

Six years ago, we asked God, "How do we fulfill Jesus' commission to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples?" We were given long term vision to focus on **strengthening the family** so that parents teach and inspire their children to be confident interdependent people who can function well in all aspects of society. To strengthen families, we need to train clergy to **help them** and **help congregations** come alongside their communities and demonstrate practically the love of God. Jesus taught we must earn the right to speak through compassionate works of service. Often it's only then that a hurting soul may see Jesus working through us and make baby steps towards developing their own relationship with Jesus. As well, ATTS was reopened and four graduates are serving in churches. Read about Rev. Martha Kunuk on pg 10 and Annie Keenainak on page 20. It will take a while to train all our clergy at ATTS so we have been **recruiting Christ-focused clergy to join the Diocese**. We thank God for those He has sent us. You will read about Rev. Bryan Haigh's journey of faith on page 8 and

read one of his sermons on pages 30-31. We were blessed this summer to have both Colton Carrick and Aaron Solberg join us for their summer placements. Their stories are found on pages 23-26.

The vision included **developing effective youth ministry**. Whether living off the land or being a political leader to help with self-determination or cultural and economic stewardship, we want to be part of the process to help our youth develop Christian maturity and be full members of society and. if called, enter into full time ministry. We thank God our investment in a Youth Coordinator is bearing fruit. Deanna has traveled the Arctic building a youth network, organized two Diocesan Youth Leaders training schools, two Teens Encounter Christ weekends as well as other youth gatherings.

Our vision includes **building partnerships** with Christian Christ-centered mission-minded ministries. Bishop Darren and I have visited British colleges, Crosslinks, Arctic Fellowships, the Diocese of Albany, NY and attended Climate Change conferences; this too is a reality for Arctic peoples. We thank Trinity School of Ministry for partnering with us and ATTS. A year ago, I was invited to attend the Korean Global Mission Leaders Forum (KGMLF) <http://kgmlf.org> where we considered the migrations of people. The next one will consider mental health. Though invitations were limited, the Diocese of the Arctic received 8 invitations to attend one of the largest gatherings of the Anglican Communion ever held: the Global Anglican Futures Conference. What a joy to mix with the Archbishops, Bishops, Priests, Deacons and Laity from all across the communion who stand for Anglican Orthodoxy. I am grateful that GAFCON recognizes our Diocese to be an orthodox Diocese within the Anglican Church of Canada. Read some reflection on GAFCON on pages 22-23. As the Body of Christ, we should make every effort to develop harmonious relationships with one another. For this reason, I continue to be in communion with ACNA and see them as brothers and sisters in Christ. I hope that soon Canterbury will recognize ACNA as full members of our Anglican Communion.

As a minister of the Gospel I seek to bring reconciliation where there is conflict. It would

be more comfortable to hide away, but Jesus said the lit lamp is not to be put under a basket. Recently, I was asked by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamā'at to speak at their World Religions Conference on the topic: The Fundamentals of Achieving Everlasting Peace. What a topic! It was interesting that the moderator, in introducing the topic and speakers said: "religion is to blame for much of the world's bloodshed." Some years ago while preparing to speak at a Remembrance Day service, I had come across Charles Phillips and Alan Axelrod's Encyclopedia of Wars. They record, that of the 1763 wars recorded in the past 3,500 years, 17 million people have been killed because of religion, while in the last 150 years, non-religious people have killed 149 million people. I share this with the WRC.

I also went on to share that the United Nations said that, "conflict is often the result of the imbalance of power caused by power hungry people, the lack of democracy and great poverty." The Bible agrees with the United Nations that greed and the desire for power are significant contributors to war. The bible talks about using 10% of our wealth to care for widows and orphans, strangers and refugees. The problem is that rather than care for others, we are often motivated by selfishness, the desire for possessions, power and control. Even Jesus' first disciples sought power, position and prestige. Initially the disciples did not understand Jesus' Way. At the last supper Jesus said, "You call me Lord and I am Lord." Then He washed their feet and said, "the one who wants the highest position must serve all." I also shared that peace cannot be achieved or accomplished - it is a gift from God provided by Jesus' shed blood on the cross. Only Jesus the Prince Peace can bring us everlasting peace. To receive peace Jesus invites us to turn from Satan's kingdom and receive a new life in His kingdom. Our first act of Christian initiation is to publicly renounce Satan, all evil powers of this world and our own self-will. Then we declare that we accept Jesus' invitation to follow him. Jesus says, *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."* Matt 11:28-29

Following conversion it is crucial that we seek God and spend time learning to be a disciple of Jesus. Many would have us follow their way, rather than Jesus' Way. Colossians 2: 8-15 says, *"See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ."*

Presently there is much confusion and turmoil within the Anglican Church of Canada regarding the centrality of Jesus, the authority of the Bible and identity. Some do not believe that salvation is found in Jesus alone or that Jesus is the Way the Truth and the life, that the Bible is trustworthy or that marriage is intended as a lifelong covenant between one man and one woman. This puts me at odds with parts of the House of Bishops. I see in the House of Bishops a loving passion for all and a desire to eradicate the injustices people have inflicted upon one another. I too share this passion however, in their zeal to accomplish this, I believe that some bishops view scripture in a less authoritative light than I do. I strip myself of authority if I am filled with the fear of man and become an Ambassador of culture rather than an Ambassador of Christ. I strip myself of authority when I doubt that the Holy Spirit inspired the Bible to be completely trustworthy as a guide to salvation and the life of faith. As a Bishop, I strip myself of authority when I view myself as chief Lord, rather than servant of all. While I believe Bishops are called to resist false teachings, I also believe that only Jesus has been appointed to be judge. We are called to be ministers of reconciliation, to forgive when sinned against and to deny our own will, in favour of God's will. While scripture prevents me from advocating for same sex marriages, I realise that the hatred, isolation and prejudices experienced by so many people, due to how they identify themselves sexually, is both tragic and heartbreaking. Scripture teaches me that Jesus invites all to follow Him. Therefore, though I will not support changing the National Church Marriage Canon, I will treat all who have bowed their knee to Jesus and confess Jesus as LORD God Almighty, as my brother or sister in Christ. The identity, I believe God is calling us to is being In Christ. 🇸🇰

+David W. Parsons

BISHOP MCCARTNEY'S MESSAGE



The advent of another season is well on its way as I sit down to write. This morning one of the last two ships to visit Iqaluit was starting to unload. Tugboats were moving back and forth in the bay. It

was a beautiful still morning with the ice starting to form at the high and low tide mark.

I am back home after three weeks of travelling and meetings. The recent trip started with a conference for vocations called RADVO, Radical Vocations and was organized by Communion Partners and Gracious Restraint, Gracious Restraint now also taking the name Communion Partners. The intent was to seek to encourage vocations to ministry and to help give an idea as to how that looks, in different contexts, in the 21st century.

Opening speakers included the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, Stanley Hauerwas, Duke Divinity School, Oliver O'Donovan University of Edinburgh, Ephrim Radner Wycliffe College and N.T. Wright University of St Andrews, Scotland. Presentations by some nine other speakers, one of them being Revd Joey Royal, director of the Arthur Turner Training School, who spoke of the work of a minister in the Arctic. I was very encouraged to hear how well people engaged with his presentation.

I believe those attending were 150+ younger people who were at some point in a discernment process. They were challenged and encouraged to consider how and where God may be leading them. Different theological colleges were available to help individuals see what kind of training was on offer; as were a large number of young and slightly older clergy to share something of their experiences. All in all some 500 people attending the conference and I am sure that

there were many, like me, who were very much encouraged in our love and devotion for our Lord and Saviour and His concern for the world.

From the conference on vocation it was on to the Council of the North meeting in Toronto. This was a much more challenging meeting as we looked at funding and grant distribution for Dioceses in the council and their work in the north. The projected reality is that grant funding will be cut to the council and so will have a direct impact on money available for ministry in remote communities. I have no shame in requesting that you give consideration, by way of donations, to the council and so help us in the work that we are being called to.

The last of the three weeks saw the diocesan executive meet in Yellowknife for our annual face to face meeting. Technology has been a blessing for us in the north, as the executive has been able to have other meetings throughout the year using Zoom Conferencing. This has helped us as we seek to respond to the practical business of the Diocese.

One development that came out of our recent face to face meeting in Yellowknife was the acceptance of a feasibility study I had been tasked with, to look at filling the two current Suffragan Bishops' posts that have remained vacant these last number of years. As well as those two positions there will be another vacant, as I have indicated that I will be stepping down from my current responsibilities as Suffragan Bishop in the Diocese of the Arctic. I would very much like to request your prayers as we make arrangements for our upcoming synod and election in the spring.

I would very much like to thank the folks at Holy Trinity, Yellowknife for their warm welcome and hospitality and to the Reverend Bryan Haigh for the invitation to preach on Daniel. It was a joy to be able to look at what, for many of us, is a familiar story. It is my hope that together we were encouraged to

be faithful to our Lord in spite of the pressures and challenges for us to compromise on living out our faith in the wider society.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever!



Amen. Ephesians 3:20

When I was 19yrs old I had the privilege of visiting the Holy Land. I still have my Franciscan Prayer Book with many reflections written in the margins. Twenty five years later, in June of 2018, I had the privilege of being able to return to Jerusalem. I and a number of other bishops in the Anglican Church of Canada had received invitations to the Global Anglican Future Conference that was to take place in Jerusalem. I arrived a couple of days early and had the privilege of worshipping in St George's Cathedral and it was nice to be welcomed to Jerusalem by Bishop Suheil Dawani, Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem. Bishop Suheil Dawani would later bring greetings to the conference and was most gracious.

I was very encouraged to be amongst the largest international gathering of Anglicans to

have met in 50 years. It was good to be among many who shared a similar appreciation of the place of Holy Scripture within the life of the Church. It was good to feel that I was not a minority and to be able to openly reference Holy Scripture and not feel threatened. It was good to hear from many from across the communion of the transforming power of the Gospel in people's lives. It was difficult to hear of the many faces of persecution around the world and closer to home.

I had no desire to go on many of the organised trips to the sacred sites but rather to go on my own to visit the Western Wall, also known as the Wailing Wall, and the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. I am not sure why but I found myself visiting these places on a number of occasions over the course of the week; perhaps it was witnessing the faith and devotion of those who came to these sites, which was very humbling and moving. It was wonderful to connect with many friends from across the communion and a particular blessing to be able to accompany +Bill Love, Diocese of Albany in the Episcopal Church of America to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre and to the supposed site of the crucifixion. I will cherish these moments for many years to come. 🇦🇺



+ Darren James McEwen

From the Executive Officer

By: Ryan Peters



September 2018 saw our annual face-to-face meeting of our Diocesan Executive Committee taking place in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. All other Executive Committee

meetings are held by means of video conferencing.

Amongst others we had on the agenda approval of our 2019 budget, approval of our 2017 Audited Financial Statements, our 2019 Diocesan Synod and the appointment of Suffragan Bishops.

It still remains a challenge to produce an operational budget that reflects the current reality whilst putting faith in action that God will provide. Our budget has items that have confirmed funding, funding that are almost certain to be received and what I would refer to as faith-based funding.

The past has revealed how God provides for ministry in our Diocese through the generous giving of individual donors and organizations across Canada and the rest of the world. These generous giving is what, according to me, can be classified as faith-based funding.

When looking at a map of our Diocese one would be quick to see how vast our Diocese is. For years our two current bishops have been away for weeks at a time as they travelled and visited our parishes. This, along with their commitments outside of the Diocese has made us to decide on a better way of serving and ministering within our Diocese. After prayerful deliberations and assessments, the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Suffragan (assisting) Bishops for the Diocese of The Arctic. Do pray for this process and for those directly involved.

As per our Canons we have our Diocesan Synod every three years. Next March 2019 our Synod will be taking in place in



Back row: Rev Joey Royal (non-exec member); Rev Bryan Haigh; Bishop David Parsons; Rev Methusalah Kunuk; Rev Victor Johnson (non-exec member); Bishop Darren McCartney. Front Row: Lucy Young; Rev Lucy Netser; Delilah Doak (non-exec member); Rev Caleb Sangoya (non-exec member); Mabel Brown; Rev David

Yellowknife. Do keep us in your prayers as we prepare for this gathering.

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given.” (Isaiah9:6) As we find ourselves within less than thirty days to December, we find the celebrations of Christmas on our minds.

May this Christmas season be one of grateful reflection and commemoration of the human birth of the Mediator between God and humanity, the man Christ Jesus. 🇨🇦

PWRDF Report

By: Matilda Nakalook




I would like to update on what has been happening lately with PWRDF. I traveled to Toronto at the end of September to attend the national meeting with PWRDF. In the last two years I have been trying to focus on what, and if they

are able to support students who go to school without eating lunch in Nunavut and Nunavik with Lunch Programs. So far, Judith Moses did a presentation asking for feedback, suggestions and/or ideas of what our priorities should be, if PWRDF were to

support Canadian Indigenous Communities. I did present it to the Executive Committee during the time they were here in Yellowknife for their meeting and also emailed it to the clergy, and Parish Representatives.

I am still seeking for Parish Representatives from every community. I recently got two, one from Pond Inlet & one from Yellowknife. If anyone would be interested in being a Parish Representative for PWRDF (Primate’s World Relief & Development Fund), please inform me with the name and contact information and would like to remind you that we would not expect a lot out of you, mainly for now would be to just update the congregation on what is going on. Christine Hills from PWRDF can also be contacted.

Judith’s presentation was very interesting, I am hoping we will be able to find a Strategic Plan as a team in indigenous communities to see something happen in the North and/or in indigenous communities. I have copy of STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKING GROUP 2019-2024 STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE, if anyone would like a copy of it. I would like to add that PWRDF had it’s 60 Years Anniversary on October 23. You can go on our website if you’d like to see ‘60 Stories for 60 Years’ video, pwrdf.org 


“Radical Vocations” Conference
By: Rev Joey Royal

From September 20-22, a conference on the Anglican priesthood was held at the Church of the Incarnation in Dallas, Texas. The intent of this gathering was to both to encourage and to inspire – to encourage people who are already in ordained ministry, and to inspire people who are considering whether or not they are called to be. The vision of Anglicanism put forth was orthodox and global, upholding the Church’s historic scriptural beliefs, and global in seeing beyond North America to the energy and vitality of churches in other nations, particularly the global south. Many who attended were dismayed at the prevalence of theological

liberalism in the Canadian and American churches, and the accompanying revisionist attitudes around marriage and sexuality. Nonetheless, the tone was unabashedly hopeful, because the Church belongs to Jesus Christ and not to us (which was a point that came up again and again).

The conference was attended by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, and the Presiding Bishop of The Episcopal Church, Michael Curry, who respectively preached and officiated at the opening service. The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Josiah Idowu-Fearon, spoke at the closing service. The keynote speakers were all prominent Anglican theologians: Stanley Hauerwas, Oliver O’Donovan, Ephraim Radner and N.T. Wright. Also in attendance were the Communion Partner bishops, including Bishop Darren McCartney from the Arctic.

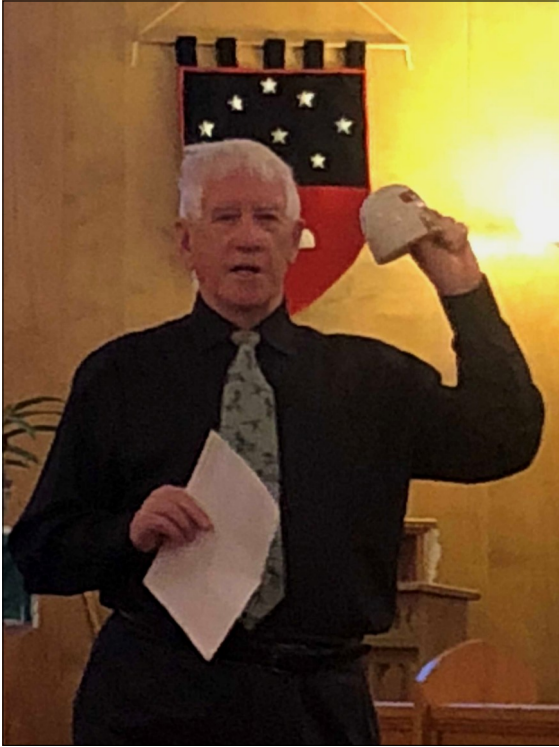
In between the keynote sessions workshops were offered by younger scholars and ministers within the Anglican Communion. As I am the Director of the Arthur Turner Training School, I also gave a workshop on “Obedience as Adventure”, teaching that obeying God’s call opens up a life of risk, uncertainty and grace, a life which you could not have otherwise chosen. My wife Jennifer and I shared about the joys and challenges of ministry in the Arctic, as well as the realities of navigating the realities of marriage and family in the context of ordained ministry. There were many questions from the audience, and many more private conversations with people afterward.

It was, all said, a very encouraging and inspiring conference. May it contribute to raising up a new generation of ministers willing to follow Jesus Christ wherever he leads, and who uphold the truth of God amid the confusions of our present age. 

**Please Pray For Those Considering
A Vocation In Arctic
Ministry**

Cranmer Hall Silver Jubilee

By Bishop (ret) Christopher Williams



At the end of September I spent two weeks in Britain. I did quite a bit of travelling and was able to spend time with a number of relatives and friends. However my main reason for the trip was to attend a Diamond Jubilee (60 years) celebration on September 29th of the establishing of Cranmer Hall in the University of Durham. Cranmer Hall was where I studied for ordination and I was a part of the first class in 1958. Since its beginning as a place for Men to study theology, Cranmer has become, firstly a place for both Men and Women to study for ordination in the Church of England, but also a place for future ministers in the Methodist church to study as well. There was an inspiring service in the magnificent Durham Cathedral which dates back to the tenth century, followed by a luncheon in the college. Over lunch there was a video message of greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is a graduate of the college, although many years after me. I also met Bishop Libby Lane, the Bishop of

Stockport, another Cranmer Hall graduate and the first Woman Bishop in the Church of England.

Whilst looking around the college I was reminded of my first visit there in the Spring of 1958. I had been sent there for an interview to see if they would accept me as an ordination candidate. When I arrived in the morning I was told that the Principal was away for the day and would not be back until the evening. The Chaplain, at a loss as to what to do with me in the meantime opened the door of the Common Room where *one* student was there, reading a paper. I was turned over to him with the instruction to look after me for the day, bring me to supper and the Principal would see me after supper. I went back with this student, Reg Harper, to his room. I was looking at things there and I saw a small ceramic igloo and asked what in some ways was either the stupidest or the most life changing question of my life. "What's this?" Reg told me that when he was ordained he was going to work with the Eskimos in the Diocese of The Arctic in Canada. He never did, because his fiancé had health problems, but *the seed was sown!* I like to think I inherited his ambition, I was to be Elisha to his Elijah and his mantle fell on me. At any rate I think that two years later God sought a place for me where I could do as little damage as possible and sent me to the Arctic instead of Reg. *Had the Principal been in college that morning; had I not been passed on to the Chaplain; had there been anyone else but Reg in the common room, who knows if I would be writing this article today!!* This was just one step on the road God was leading me at that time. God's ways are sometimes beyond our understanding, especially at the time; His plan only reveals itself as the days and years pass. But his plans are wonderful.

Why CRANMER Hall? Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury during the 16th century, was the principal creator of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) which established the Anglican Church as a truly evangelical, Bible centered church, holding faithfully to the

teachings of Jesus even today when we are in danger of straying from the path of truth. I am so grateful for the teaching I received there which has been the foundation of my ministry for the last 60 years. I thank God for those who taught me at that time and for those who still teach the Gospel today. I commit the College, its teachers and its students to your prayers. 🇩🇪

News From St. Jude's Parish

By: the Rev. Methuselah Kunuk



Singing a Hymn Together

Here are some notable events that happened in our Cathedral Parish in Iqaluit.

Bible Camp

In July we had a Bible camp on the land across from Iqaluit. We traveled there by boat and camped in tents. We had a good time sharing, reading Scriptures, and singing hymns. Our Bible camp ran for three days. More people planned to join us on the second day, but they



Two boats and a tent at the camp site.



Bishop Darren Gives The Blessing

were not able to come because of strong winds. Bishop Darren, Reverend Joey Royal and Dean Jonas Allooloo shared from the Scriptures. We also had other activities such as fishing, cooking and eating together. We had fun, and we are hoping to do it again next year **Parish Hall**

In September we entered into an agreement to rent our Parish Hall to the Tukisigiavik Society. The Society provides works to help Inuit with education, employment, counseling, and cultural skills. Two of our parish lay readers work as counselors for the Tukisigiavik Society. Our agreement states that the Society will pay all operating costs plus a substantial monthly rent to the parish for up to one year until their new building is ready. Although the parish will have reduced access to the hall during this time, we support the work of the Society and will benefit financially from the rental agreement.

Building Committee.

Our Building Committee has been very busy this summer, doing inspections on the Cathedral and our other buildings. The committee met again recently to review all inspection reports and to prioritize what repairs are required before the winter. Otherwise all our buildings are in fairly good shape.

Youth Ministry

Reverend Martha Kunuk has a youth ministry here in Iqaluit starting in September. There have been about 8 young people attending in the first two gatherings. We pray that it will grow over time. The Arctic Hope Project by Bill

Prankard Evangelistic Association came to Iqaluit and met in our Cathedral September 21-23. They brought in leaders from 14 or 15 communities, and young people from other communities in our region also attended. The main goal of the conference was to bring together youth leaders from around Nunavut to discuss youth ministry, share ideas, and work together to reach youth in Nunavut with a message of hope. The conference was attended by leaders from the Pentecostal Church, Christian Fellowship Church and Anglican Church. There were many good speakers, including the Superintendent of the Pentecostal Church for Ontario and Nunavut. On last day on Sunday, we were in Cathedral from 7pm to about 10:30pm working together and praying for young and old. The attendance that night was 257 people. The Holy Spirit was present as we all agreed to help our young people. 🇩🇪

New Ministry Report

By: Rev Martha Kunuk



I attended 2016-2018 ATTS in Iqaluit, Nunavut and graduated and was ordained June 2018. Taking this training has had a great impact on me and my family. It has been a great blessing. I learned so much during this training and was a blessing to have met so many wonderful wise and talented people in ministry around the world. Our class was fortunate to have had Rev. Joey Royal teach us, he gave so much commitment in delivering the teaching materials. Of all the trainings and courses, I've taken in my lifetime, this one has been the most exciting life changing experience in every way possible. I still feel privileged that I got to learn with one of the most interesting people and got to know so closely both the instructor, students and all the invited guests. I thank my wonderful husband Rev.

Methusalah Kunuk and my family for all their support during my training and supporting me into deaconship and thereon. God has had blessed me in so many ways that I cannot express by words alone.

During this two-year training I took time off from my work and I am now back at work. I work with Inuit Language Act, I now volunteer help lead in our church with St. Jude's Cathedral here in Iqaluit and on occasion with St. Simon's Church down in Apex.

Since my ordination I have partaken in helping lead and take part in our church services in baptisms, burials, communions, sing and praise and regular services. I also have participated a portion of Youth Leadership Training in Yellowknife in September. I had to return home early because of unforeseen circumstances but upon returning I was fortunate to attend the youth conference with Nunavut wide delegation that was a huge benefit and success.

It has been a blessing for me taking on new roles within our church. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who may have an interest in help volunteer in their local churches, please don't let anything stop you from getting involved in your churches. Like it says in the bible let us continue to encourage one another and help make a difference but not just onto others but most importantly within ourselves by helping build up with each other by the grace of God.

After ordination I focused on starting the youth group as when I was young a big part of my Christian growth came from taking part in



Baker Lake News

By Rev. David Simailak

youth group called Northern Lights. Our church did not have a youth group for quite some time therefore I wanted help rekindle and help restart a youth group. I have great expectations that the good Lord will bring forth his youth that will take over some time down the road. We started youth group services in September and we now have a new member help lead and there have been youth showing interests to take on with musical instruments and we are expecting some new guitars that were donated to the youth group. As a youth and into my adulthood I've always wanted to learn further about the bible in depth and that is why I mainly took the ATTS training to basically learn more in-depth about the bible. I believe there are people out there like me, who want to learn more about the bible therefore, I have another passion to help towards Bible Studying I also started the Inuktitut Ladies Bible Study nights as there is already one for Inuktitut Men's Bible Study and English Ladies Bible Study but the new Inuktitut Ladies Bible Study might possibly combine with the English Ladies Bible Study group some time.

Over the summer I also became a new caucus member with Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples representing the Arctic of Rupert's Land and will be traveling shortly to attend my first meeting with them. I look forward in taking part another new challenge.

Please pray for our community and territory with the many challenges our community and territory face. 🇮🇵



Part of the Arctic delegation at Sacred Circle

This has been one busy summer when one is supposed to spend time on the land or boating!!

In addition to regular Sunday services St Aidan's has handled 12 funeral services so far this year, including my 86 year old Mom in July. A local business helped us tremendously with financial support to bring in cousin Thomas and his wife from Arviat. His brother followed a couple days later. They make up the Arviat Bluegrass Band. After Mom's funeral it was bluegrass gospel music every evening in the church!!

Most surprising part was young people joining in on their own with ukeleles and banjo!!!

Like Psalm 30: 11,12 I never had time to mourn Mom!! Praise God!!!

August was another wonderful blessing. Aaron Solberg of Germany spent August with us in study, music almost every evening, healthy discussions, all in the midst of his university studies long distance.

Again it was joyous music and singing. Youth coming out to join in!! Even a couple evenings were of live gospel music in the Community Centre!!

Sunday School is back in full swing for the winter. Daisy has retired after many years of assisting her late mother and then naturally taking over when her mother, Vera Avaala, became a Lay Leader.

Daisy's two assistants last year, Janice Simailak and Christina Aupaluktuq have taken over. Bertha Mannik has begun Youth ministry again. The inside of the church was all washed by Rev'd Jean's team of women. And now completely painted by Joe and his team of able youth. Barbi Paterson and Philip Putumiraqtuq are taking over the organ. Amazing how different the hymns sound when played as per music sheets!!!

An amazing summer of blessings!! 🇮🇵

Fort Smith News

By Ruth Harold Lay Leader.


Sheila Nielsen and Deana Lemke from “On Eagle’s Wings Ecumenical Ministries”, held a Bible Camp in the Senior’s Room in the Recreation Centre in Fort Smith from

September 15th to 18th. It was held on Saturday and Sunday afternoons and Monday and Tuesday after school. A total of 12 children attended, with the most on a given day of 7. The theme for the camp was DANCE (Disciples Are New Creations Everyday).

The children especially enjoyed the crafts each day, such as decorating their tote bags and making sheep headbands. They loved acting out the Bible story, especially when they got to be sheep. Each day, the children looked forward to the puppet show which reinforced the lessons. Other activities included singing, games, memory verses and snack. The highlights for Sheila and Deana were getting to know the children, their parents and other people in the community, as well as taking part in some community activities such as church, the fall supper and the museum. They would like to thank everyone for their hospitality and participation.

We have been without a priest since December 31, 2017 but the Lay Leaders have been carrying on services and endeavouring to do some outreach in the community.

We have had Rev. Francis Delaplain from Hay River here twice now to take services and offer us communion. Rev. Bryan Haigh from Yellowknife has come once to take a service and offer communion. At the end of July, Bishop David Lehmann from the Diocese of Caledonia (our former priest), also took a service for us and gave us communion when he was here visiting his family. On November 25th we hope to have Rt. Rev. Chris Williams from Yellowknife come to do 2 baptisms for us and licence a new Lay Leader, George Hustler. At the same service we plan to welcome Mark McGuire as a Lay Leader. Mark has been a Lay Leader for many years in Alberta and has just moved to Fort Smith. This will give us a total of

6 Lay Leaders. One of the Lay Leaders, Kelsey Smith, has just started leading the Sunday School instead of taking the services as we have several children in church now on a regular basis and felt that this was needed for the children. 

How Hard Can It Be

By Garth Eggenberger

It is funny how you can get called to serve the Lord. Often you are not aware of God’s calling. I was in the rector’s office with the Lay Leader and the visiting pastor who was going to give the sermon. We were waiting for our celebrant to arrive, and I was getting worried.

I began to get more and more uneasy. I had better phone him. No answer. Little more time, became my mantra. Again, I tried. Desperation is setting in. Now who is going to lead the service? Happily, I look at the Lay Leader who immediately and firmly informs me that she has not been doing it long enough to be able to lead a service. How hard can it be to lead the service, thought I. The Morning Prayer, that I began, started off very well and on a positive note. Next came the parish prayer and (dear Lord) my mind was a total blank. Then the heckling began. What YOU don’t remember the parish prayer??? Oh right, we always read it from the bulletin or the screen. Well, after the service the hecklers took it upon themselves to put it the front cover of the Songs of Fellowship booklet. Okay, one problem taken care of now I just had to get more Lay Leaders.


The next day the Lay Leader, who had been called into work, took me for coffee (the least I thought he should do). We discussed the needs of our church, more Lay Leaders; more involvement; more input and more help from our

congregation. We decided to focus on more Lay Leaders. We talked about how to go about getting training, as our minister was out of town, we decided to contact Bishop David. We needed training and lessons in confidence. He agreed to give a group of us some training but it needed to be a group of people less than ten. I started searching the congregation asking who would like to take the training to be a Lay Leader. To my surprise, everyone I asked agreed to join us. The Lay Leader training took place at Bishop David's home, three times a week, over the next couple of weeks. There were discussions on the duties during the service and the responsibilities one had. How to prepare the table for communion, the order to light the candle. How to prepare the service down to making sure there was toilet paper in the bathrooms, and that there would be coffee ready for fellowship after the service. We reviewed the duties and responsibilities of the vestry and the wardens. The biggest amount of time was spent discussing bible studies for our families as well as home based studies for small groups. The training was not what I expected. But after taking part, I noticed that all the new Lay Leaders were growing in self-assurance, belief, and faith. They were starting to show their strengths in ministries.

When Bishop David had to go out of town, we continued to meet, at the Church, where we went over the order of service for the Morning Prayer and Holy Communion in both the Book of Alternative Service and the Book of Common Prayer. As we were going through the Book of Common Prayer near the back of the book we came across the Articles of Religion. This came as great revelation, to most of us, as we had not heard of them before. After reading and discussing them, I realized that they were the foundation we are continuing to build our faith on. The writers of the book certainly used scripture as they wrote the articles.

I continue on my journey seeking God thought

Jesus Christ with the help of the Holy Spirit. I ask you- the readers to join us in bible study and Lay Leader (Lay Reader) training. The first step is always the hardest one; the next one is easier and by the third step you are saying that was not so hard. We all grow when we challenge ourselves, the nerve-shaking feeling slowly dissipates and everyone is very supportive and encouraging. The harshest critic is perhaps yourself as you seek to do better in your ministries.

There is a tremendous need, in the north, for people to step up and help in the church with youth ministries. As well as giving the Ministers and Lay Readers a break every so often. Quite often we hear "I am not ready to do that" the reality is that you are ready, now is the time. It is time to spread the gospel to those who want to hear it. One of the most encouraging sight I saw was two people sitting in a restaurant with a bible talking about the passages they were reading. The Bible is to be read and shared. This cannot be done if it is sitting on your book shelf or table. Have it with you in your purse or backpack or in your truck. May the Holy Spirit bring people into your lives to share the word of God. All Blessings!! 

**A Journey Of Faith To
A New Ministry**
By Rev Bryan Haigh

It's been almost three years since Michelle, Nathan and I arrived in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories in Northern Canada. We arrived here having been appointed as Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church in the Diocese of the Arctic. Having lived our whole lives in South Africa and serving the Lord in ministry there, Yellowknife is certainly very different!

How did we end up here? We had been considering gaining some international experience in ministry and had been speaking to Bishops in a number of countries where we had friends or family and we were praying that



according to God's will, doors would open or close as he saw fit. At the time we thought that it would be wonderful to be close to our family in England or Ireland, perhaps near other family in Australia. Never did we think or even consider that the Lord would lead us to Canada, let alone the Arctic Diocese!

However, having been through a rigorous and thoroughly encouraging interview process, we received the call from Bishop David to invite us to take up this opportunity. With it being such a significant move we committed ourselves to prayer and in due course accepted the appointment and put plans in place to relocate to Yellowknife.

An international move brings with it some challenges, not least of which was immigration. Thanks to some help from people "in the know" we were able to submit all our papers to gain entry visas into Canada. Once we arrived we had to keep track of everything and fulfil various criteria in order to gain permanent residence. We fulfilled our medical examinations, our English proficiency tests and all other requirements and have now gained the status of being permanent residents in Canada. We thank God for this relief as it allows us to continue life and ministry without the stress and anxiety of immigration concerns.

We have found Holy Trinity to be a very loving, welcoming and friendly church. It's a parish in a city of roughly twenty thousand people and we arrived to find a stable church offering wonderful opportunity for leadership, direction and ministry. It has been a joy and

delight to be able to lead this parish and we thank God for placing us here. The Lord has opened some tremendous ministry opportunities for us, here are some highlights. We have been able to introduce an Explore course which invites people to study the Scriptures to grow in their understanding of their relationship with the Lord. The Explore course has been popular and those who have attended have shared how much they have appreciated it and how they have grown in their faith through it. So far, we have studied Explore the Bible, which is an overview of the entire canon of Scripture and the overall themes of God's plan of salvation in Jesus Christ. Following on from that, we have studied Explore the life of Jesus looking specifically at the gospels considering the life, ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus. Having completed the gospels, we turned to Explore the work of the apostles, looking at the book of Acts. Once we have completed this study, we will move on to Explore the world's Creator and many other fascinating topics which will enable us to grow spiritually. I firmly believe in teaching and training God's people to be able to read and understand Holy Scripture for themselves and in so doing to grow in their faith and in their desire to see others grow too. The Lord calls us to teach sound doctrine. This is how we train parents to love their children and teach them about Jesus, this is how we train church leaders to lead in a godly way, this is how we equip Christians to serve God in their community and love their neighbours and we see this happening in our church and for that we are truly thankful to the Lord.

Holy Trinity is a parish firmly grounded in the Anglican faith and we therefore seek to develop this so that we will be a church that is faithful to the doctrines of Anglicanism while faithfully serving and reaching our city for Christ. We have adopted the motto of being "inwardly strong and outwardly focused" and to continue as such we like to emphasise a mix of traditional, contemporary and family services and aim to have strong liturgy, uplifting music, fervent and faithful preaching

and a thriving children's ministry. We believe in the priesthood of all believers and therefore offer many opportunities for our people to get involved and serve in a variety of ministries. We believe in encouraging folk to use their spiritual gifts for the growth and development of the ministry and for the glory of God. To encourage a more contemporary style of liturgical worship we installed a projection system which has enhanced the flow and corporate nature of our services and recently began broadcasting our services live on Facebook through our Holy Trinity Yellowknife Facebook page. This ministry has been a blessing and we frequently receive messages from all over the world thanking us and encouraging us for making these services available.

The Stanton Territorial hospital offers an opportunity for pastoral ministry, prayer and outreach which at times is overwhelming in its demands, and yet still gives us an opportunity to love those suffering medical affliction. Many people from northern communities come to Yellowknife to receive medical care and this affords us an opportunity to share Christ with them through encouragement and prayer. Lay readers and retired clergy often assist in this ministry and their willingness is a great blessing as we seek to meet every

request for pastoral care. With the new hospital being built it remains to be seen how this will change the current demands. It would be wonderful to have a full-time hospital chaplain and this is something about which we are praying.

With such a geographically vast Diocese we are not often able to connect with other parishes due to distance and costs which are exorbitant. However, as a family we recently had opportunity to visit parishes in Hay River and in Fort Simpson. I also had the privilege of visiting Fort Smith earlier this year and a couple of visits to Iqaluit as well. We have enjoyed meeting and serving God's people in other communities and learning as much as we can about the different people in different parts of the Diocese. We find it fascinating to learn of different traditions, people groups and languages all being united together by faith in Jesus Christ and having an insatiable desire to serve Him. I am grateful for the clergy who I have been able to meet and build relationships with personally, but also for those who I have met through social media. I believe we can all offer each other edification through prayer and the sharing of resources and it is my hope to build up this aspect of life and ministry in the north.

We are delighted to be here and to commit ourselves to the Lord in this ministry. It is our prayer that the Lord will see fit to pour out his blessing on our parish and Diocese as we seek to honour him in all that we do. There are many challenges and in some cases minimal resources, but God has not and will not fail his people and his mission, and in this we take great courage and comfort. 🇨🇦



Rev Bryan and
Holy Trinity
prayer partner
Rev. Vic Hodge

Youth Ministry in Yellowknife

By Rev. Jon Davis



I have been teaching for well over thirty years. I've taught in seminaries, colleges, conferences, various ministry and leadership schools and throughout the church. Some people were taking the class because it was required for their degree. Others took courses because of a specific interest. Some students came with a passion to learn and to dig deep into the ways of God and to understand His Kingdom and purposes for the world.

In my journeys to teach a youth ministry school for The Diocese of the Arctic I have seen passionate students. Primarily teaching to the Inuit, first nation people group, I witnessed in them a hunger for God, to know Him and to be equipped to serve Him. Sadly this is not always the case but in both youth ministry schools (March 2016 / September 2018) I was with a group of people who were eager to learn about mission, ministry, the scriptures, evangelism, and discipleship.

This all came about because of a connection. In the Spring of 2015, while serving as the Executive Director of Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center in Oviedo, Florida USA, I had the privilege to meet Bishop David Parsons. As we struck up a conversation we immediately had many points of connection and it is what I have come to believe was a

divine appointment.

I told him that in the early 1990's I was offered a position over the phone, to come to Yellowknife to do youth ministry. I declined the offer. (My wife thinks central Florida is cold) Yet, I was always intrigued by this frigid land to the north.

As Bishop David and I talked I heard his passion for young people, for them to know Jesus and come to faith in Christ and be disciplined and raised up to lead. I had formerly been the Canon for Youth in the Diocese of Central Florida and in that moment I offered to help.

That led to working with Deanna Fillion after she was hired as the Diocesan Youth Coordinator and eventually bringing a team of leaders to Yellowknife for a Youth Ministry School and my subsequent recent return to teach and lead another course in youth ministry.

Youth ministry has its challenges. Young people are looking for identity; to understand who they are and what is their purpose. In reality we all are looking for this but it is critical in this season of life as so much of what happens in a person's teens and early twenties will determine the trajectory for the rest of their life. They want to know about all that life is and will bring. They also want to belong, to be a part of a community.

We are in the most connected generation the world has ever seen. We can immediately connect with people around the world at minimal cost because of the smartphone we carry. We have a technology that will allow us to access news and information, give me directions, purchase a product, entertain me and connect me to a global community. We live in a world of screenagers! (More than likely a number of us qualify for that moniker) Sadly smartphone and social media addiction is a real issue. The saddest aspect is this; with all this technology at our fingertips we live in the most isolated and lonely world. People exchange a virtual life for a real, authentic and meaningful life. Like Esau, they sell their human destiny and inheritance for a food



that will not satisfy. (Genesis 25:29-34)
 Rather than a virtual existence, Christ offers us true meaning and purpose. He came. That is the heart of the Gospel. Almighty, Everlasting God clothed himself in humanity and became one of us. John 1:14 from The Message says it this way... *The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighborhood.* That is precisely what youth ministry is connecting with young people where they live, allowing Jesus to work in us and through us so He can be present with people. It is a principle of WITH-NESS. One of the titles of Jesus is Emmanuel, meaning God is with us!

This incarnational ministry has been central to youth ministry to decades. The parachurch ministry of Young Life in the states expresses it this way; *People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.*

The heart of the Gospel could be summed up in this idea, *Your life matters to God.* Jesus lived this and we witness it in the Gospels, people mattered to Jesus. Here are just a few of the people named or described that mattered to Jesus; Nicodemus, The Woman at the Well, Zacheus, Jairus, Mary and Martha and Lazarus, the Rich Young Ruler, the lame, the sick, the blind and the list could go on. This principle is not isolated to youth ministry. If we are to be salt and light in the world we do so by connecting and being WITH people. That is how the gospel is proclaimed. Paul writes to the church in Thessalonica... *so we cared for you. Because*

we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. Do you hear it? Yes there is needed information and data, we shared with you the Gospel but we also shared our lives. This is the foundation of the Youth Ministry School. There are a lot of best-practices to be taught, models for ministry, building healthy, godly relationships with important and essential boundaries. We cover topics like evangelism, discipleship, prayer, scriptures, the church. But ultimately it is about relationships. I love to summarize the mission of the church in this way: Great Commandment PLUS Great Commission EQUALS a Great Church. That is we are to love God with all we are, love our neighbors as Jesus has loved us; then *as we are going*, we are to make disciples.

Being with these schools and students have been a blessing. Being in the unfamiliar terrain of the Arctic has been a frontier adventure. In many ways I see that as the calling of the church. God places His people in communities to be an outpost for His Kingdom. When people look at God's people, living their lives in community I hope and pray they can glimpse the Kingdom of God and what living under the rule and reign of Jesus is like and more than that people would desire that life and give themselves to the King; Jesus our Redeemer, Savior and Hope!

I look forward to returning to this adventure to walk with the saints in the North and to see His Kingdom come and His will be done, as in heaven so on earth. 🇺🇸



Youth Leaders Retreat To Fish Lake

What A Day !



him. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit whom he has given us." 1 John 3:24. It was out at Trappers Lake Retreat

TEC 2 2018 In Yellowknife

By Deanna Fillion



God was amazing! God provided in spectacular ways. Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) 2018 was September 1st -3rd, 2018. The theme was ABIDE "Whoever keeps his commandments abides in God, and God in



Center (11 km out of Yellowknife), provided by the generosity of the Mackenzie-Fort Smith Catholic Diocese. We had 47 people involved in TEC including our 13 youth. Yes, you read that correctly, we had 13 youth! God is so remarkable! Two from Taloyoak, NU, 2 from Behchoko, NT and 9 from Yellowknife, NT. We had 2 Inuit youth and 2 Tlicho youth. Each youth encountered Jesus. There were two



that accepted Christ for the first time, and the 11 others made a choice to be serious in following Him, choosing to seek Him and become obedient to Him. There were 3 volunteer leaders who came to Christ for the first time and the rest of the volunteer leaders encountered Christ on a deeper level. This TEC weekend was awesome, and all glory goes to the Lord. This was all His doing.



The goal of Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is to provide a safe, non-judgmental place where young people ages 16-21 can take time from the pressures of the outside world to think about and maybe decide where Jesus fits into their lives. The weekend is filled with talks, worship times, and open space for reflection. The prayer and desire are that each teen will encounter the living Jesus during his/her TEC weekend. And they each youth that attended and volunteer leader surely did. We had volunteer leaders to serve over the weekend in different capacities. There were volunteer leaders serving in the background on the kitchen team for meal prep, on the



shop team for clean-up and set up, and on the prayer team praying over youth talk speakers, worship leaders and all other volunteer leaders. We also had table leaders, worship team members and our talk speakers. Over all we had an amazing team serving from four churches in Yellowknife: Holy Trinity, Alliance, Church of Christ and Calvary Community. Thank you for your support, prayers and



encouragement. Please continue to pray for these 13 youth! May they seek first the Kingdom of God, trust in His Word, Abide in Him, and be obedient to the Holy Spirit's guidance! **We plan to hold our third TEC weekend youth retreat in the summer of 2019 at Trappers Lake Retreat Centre in Yellowknife.** 🇨🇦

**Please Pray For Our Youth
Leaders And Their Youth
Ministry Across The North**

New Ministry In Salluit

By Rev. Annie Keenainak.

My name is Ann Martha Keenainak. I was born in Pangnirtung, Nunavut. I am a single mother of a 22 years old daughter Avery, 20 years old son Kole and youngest daughter Jenelle. By the grace of God my two older children, my oldest daughter Avery is now residing in Iqaluit, working and travelling with her work, my only son Kole, who resides in Taloyoak and is working, living with his father. My youngest daughter Jenelle and I moved to Salluit, Quebec for my first placement .

How did the training affect your thoughts on ministry? Things that you have learned while attending ATTS?

I can say I had my own personal agenda (laugh at myself). I honestly had been curious of studying the bible from when I was young, wanting to know and understand where, who and how this God of ours is, as I had been growing up with hearing of Him. When I say I had my own agenda, my mentality was that I am just going to study the bible, finish my two years and do my own thing again after. Boy was I wrong (laugh at myself again). The training helped me to better understand the bible. The Old Testament and the New Testament. Helped me to better understand the closer relationship I have with Our Creator, that He is so much closer than I had presumed Him to be. There was so much that we had gone through personally, spiritually, mentally and emotionally that I can't say them all, but we went through them individually and also as a group, growing in relationship of sisters and brothers. We were new disciples in the making, with a very small inkling idea of what we had coming before us. We knew we wanted to study. But my good Lord, boy did we not know our socks were to be blown off countless times, having us fall on our knees, humbling ourselves of the revelation that He would guide us too individually and as a group together. It helped to strengthen our relationship



Rev. Annie and Daughter Jenelle

working together and also having to work individually. Being taught of serving within a church of giving sermons, the sacraments, serving within the community and more. We also had guests come into our classes helped prepare mentally of having our own parish and what to be prepared for and to put into good practices as a minister. We also had guests teach with counselling sessions which also helped us and learning to counsel and also with self-care as a minister. To try and sum up all of what we had covered within the two years, personally, for myself, it felt like two years was too short and that we had only been given the tip of the iceberg. God had completely changed my heart from being selfish to selfless and wanting to help serve Him in helping people understand the relationship He all longs for with all of His children. To have me want to help spread the gospel of the good news. That we all have different gifts and He aims to use all His resources to help spread His word, how great, how small, how insignificant, how magnificent, that He's love is immeasurable and wants You.

What has life been like since graduation and since ordination?

Well, remember I said I had my own agenda? Well, graduation was April 29, and Ordination was June 27. I still was in denial of my calling. Teeter-tattering of do I really want this? Feeling like Moses that I am slow of speech and that I am not worthy enough. In reality looking for any excuse not to. THEN, thanks be to God, for the financial support we received throughout the north with the help of other parishes, we through fundraising had the opportunity of a trip, there was 4 of us from Iqaluit that went to Jerusalem with the university of Tyndale with Professor Rebecca G. S. Idestrom and students, not just Tyndale students but from other places too, bringing it to a number of about 30 students. Our instructor Joey Royal, Martha Kunuk, Esau Tatatuapik and myself part of the 30. With the help of the University of Holy Land, Professor Ginger Caessens, we were there for 3 weeks and that helped change my heart at the Garden of Gethsemanes where Jesus use to sleep, rest, pray and was arrested before He was crucified. The bible that I was only able to imagine came to life and helped me to understand more of the bible and the surroundings and help me to accept my calling and accept to be ordained deacon. It has been a life changing experience and still to today adapting to the change from regular Annie to a Reverend Annie.

What have you been up to over the past six months?

The past six months has been a whirl wind. Ordination happened. After ordination I spent time at home with family and friends, travelled too before coming to Salluit, knowing after I came to Salluit I will be farther from my family and friends and won't be able to go to them as quickly as I was previously able. After college I wanted to take a break knowing it was a life time changing move. Now settling in Salluit with my youngest daughter Jenelle, we are in the

middle of transition and adjusting to our new home. We were greatly welcomed into the community, God bless their souls and homes, and having to learn the functions of the church and being a servant. There are challenges individually with learning new tools and ropes, that I had only a small idea of being a servant, what I was oblivious too at school, the questions I asked myself and now being answered within the placement. How much perseverance God pursues His children individually and the concept of having to die to oneself and rise again in Christ everyday reminded again and again, to humble oneself deeper within for His greater glory, not mine. To spread the gospel is beautiful, with challenges and difficulties because of our weakness, but to always put God first that He is greater at our weaknesses as I cannot do this on my own. I am learning of being under fire to refine me as a child of God, how much we are grinding within ourselves our challenges, and with others so that we can sharpen our tools with the gifts we've been blessed with and unraveling also new ones I didn't know I have or acknowledged. He reminds me daily to understand that I cannot do this on my own and need to depend on God to help me through this, that we need unity in the body of Christ and to lift each one another to help our community. Only be it praise be to God. As I said, it has been a whirl wind of lessons.

Share about the transitions that have been happening and what you have learned?

Transition. God placed in my heart a longing for Northern Quebec/Nunavik from when I was a teenager, and here I thought it was my own wish, boy was I wrong. It felt like or I should say I came home. This being my first time coming to Salluit. It's been different from the other communities I've lived in. Not to say they all are the same, but every community is different. I am having to learn their language, yes it is in Inuktitut and yes I am an Inuk, but it's a whole different dialect, every community is different to their own uniqueness and way of their surroundings geographically adapted.



Annie Surrounded By Friends At Her Ordination

Different from what I grew up too. Having to learn and emerge myself in their dialect has its challenges, as much as I would like to learn quickly I have to be patient with myself, for my daughter and also vice versa. What have I learned? So much in such a short time. I have to be patient continuously and humble myself continuously. That I have to bring myself out of my comfort zone and push myself out there which I have avoided as long as before I came to school and now working in a parish, it was always with family and friends but now it's with family and friends in Christ.

For those of you leading parishes now. what is that like?

Completely new to me. Amazing, wonderful, challenging, trying, need patient with oneself and having to again get out of your comfort zone and don't be afraid to ask questions. But being completely new to this, I don't know what questions to ask, I am really wanting to know what I am doing, but I can't do it all at once and that it takes time, effort, practice and repetition, seek ye first the Kingdom of God. Because of the timing I wasn't able to work with the previous reverend Victor Johnson. Feels like big shoes to fill in, as he had been doing this for some time and me coming in new and clueless. Yes, we were taught in school of the sacraments and what to do and not to do, but to be in a parish alone and to be new is intimidating. But I am always humbled and shown how much the parish is patient with me, humble and waiting. Just as

the same way God is. Reminds me of any school you go to, college, school, training, you get prepared as much as you can and taught all you can to be prepared, but when you get to what you were trained for and get out there and it's different from what we were taught. I've had a lot of "they don't teach you this stuff at school" moments. There are emotions, mental struggles, and personal challenges. I mean they did, but when you actually wet your feet. Wow. BUT, a huge but, I have to appreciate those as those are the ones that really stick to you and you learn one on one with who you are as a child of God, what your lessons are and how much God is working in you is amazing. How much we need to humble ourselves and be patient with His work, the dying to oneself and being renewed, the cutting of the old Annie and following the path that is available. That narrow path is found only through Jesus and constant prayer. I accepted to be; a teacher who spreads the gospel, a shepherd who herds the sheep and wants the best for everyone. I will do this to the best of my ability, by the grace of God.

How is your family doing? How has the transition been affecting them?

My children are learning with my new calling. Adapting, adjusting challenging, but we are going through this together and that they aren't alone. I'm alongside with them and I am forever grateful for their support and love. My older two children I know they are missing me as I am missing them. But they are adults now and are loving and supportive, that I do pray for their wellbeing as a mother. My youngest daughter is adapting with me. New to Salluit and this transitioning. Adjusting. I feel her and I am grateful I have her with me. I am grateful we are not alone.

What is it like in new communities?

Wow, it's a beautiful place, beautiful people, beautiful language. It's similar to my hometown Pangnirtung because of its landscape, it's surrounded by mountains. About the same population as Pangnirtung. The vast amount of bountiful food that can be harvested here is wonderful. It's only been a

month and a half, so I'm JUST at the beginning. I look forward to seeing the different seasons of the year, the different celebrations and activities this place has to offer, what God will be teaching me here. God showing me the richness of the land that He has for His people here. They are blessed. Being a Baffin islander, I am use to my surroundings and communities, and moving to the mainland and now I have to learn my surroundings and the communities and the different dialects they have too . It's beautiful and challenging at the same time. I thank God for this opportunity in my short life time here on earth and I pray that I will live to the fullest where He has and will place me and that I do well with using all the gifts He's blessed with me to the fullest.

What are your prayer requests?

That God's love engulfs me and my children in the transition, His favor and blessing be upon us, adjust to our change and be protected by His guardian angels. For leaders and helpers within the church come forth and grow within the church. For guidance and mentoring helpers to come forth for me and the church. For forgiveness and reconciliation in the body of Christ within the community. For youth ministry to come alive. For good soil and softening of hearts and the foundation be made strong for long term standing servants of His people within the church to train from generation to generation with healthy serving for the people of Salluit. 🇩🇪



Colton Carricki with his parents

been to the Arctic a couple of times and really liked it. I also said that I was in seminary and had considered doing ministry in the North. Bp. Darren said something along the lines of, "Great! Maybe you could come up this summer?" Well, at that point the seed was planted, and after a few emails, it was decided that I would be heading to Iqaluit. Once in Iqaluit, I quickly realized that I wasn't in Ottawa anymore. If I wanted to meet people, I would have to get out of the house and start chatting. Within the first two days, I met the only people in Nunavut that I knew. A family that my family had spent some time with while in Qikiqtarjuaq. It seemed to be more than a coincidence, so I thanked the Lord for His kindness. The Lord led me into many more conversations and friendships that I am thankful for. I quickly learned that if I stepped out the door I would meet somebody that I knew, or I would be able to strike up a conversation with someone who I had yet to meet. Folks in Iqaluit seem to have a lot more time for strangers, and they seem not to be in as much of a hurry.

I was also blessed immensely by some of the unique gifts of the North. I quite enjoy fishing, so it was a lot of fun to go fishing in the Park when I could. I was also able to try some different kinds of country food, which was certainly a new experience, but a good one! It also so happened, that I was able to

Summer Ministry Placement
Iqaluit By: Colton Carrick


Usually I am a ministry intern at St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church in Ottawa, Ontario; but this summer, I had the privilege and pleasure of spending six weeks in Iqaluit, Nunavut doing a ministry placement at St. Jude's Cathedral. I had not planned to spend the summer up in the Arctic, but the Lord intervened, and I met Bishop Darren McCartney one Sunday at church in Ottawa. Him and I got chatting. I let it slip that I had

attend St. Jude’s first Bible Camp, which was an opportunity to get out on the land, to share some good fellowship, and to hear some of the stories that marked the lives of those who I was just getting to know. I particularly enjoyed being able to share the Lord’s Supper with my new friends. I also learned not to have naps on the tundra by myself. It’s apparently a good way to get eaten by a polar bear (something one doesn’t consider in Ottawa). Finally, I was able to observe the bowhead whale hunt, which was awfully exciting, and it was a real joy to see the community so excited.

Regarding my own growth, my time in the North gave me the opportunity to get involved in various parts of parish life. I got to help with a wedding, a funeral, a house blessing, baptisms, and all sorts of other things. I had a shaky career as a musician and I even got to be the parish secretary for a brief stint. I was offered some opportunities to preach and was then offered some helpful feedback by the clergy and others. All in all, I am grateful for the practical experiences that I was offered.

However, more than practical ministry experience, I was blessed by getting to know some faithful Christians in Iqaluit. What particularly struck me, was the expectation of the Gospel. As I write, I am reminded of Jesus’ promise in His Sermon on the Mount, “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.” (Mt. 5:6) As the days went by, I realized that the simple, but powerful, message of the Gospel had been preached in St. Jude’s for generations. As a result, folks just expected the Gospel to be preached, and they expected it to change the lives of those who heard it. And, indeed, the Gospel had changed lives, I heard testimony after testimony about the saving power of the Gospel, and I was continually inspired by the repentance, joy, and freedom that so many had received from Jesus. People in the Arctic seem to have remembered something that has largely been forgotten in the South;

namely, that Jesus wants your whole life. Jesus says, “For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?” (Mt. 16:25-26) My sense was that the folks I met in the Arctic really believed these words.

In short, I am immensely grateful for the time that I got to spend in Iqaluit. It opened my eyes to new kinds of ministry. It challenged me to look at my own heart and discover how it had responded to the Gospel. It encouraged me to be more missional where I am currently living, in Ottawa. And, I am glad to say, it made me miss the Arctic a lot once I had left. There is a plentiful harvest to be reaped in the Arctic, and it was an absolute privilege to meet some of the women and men who have been called to labour for Christ’s sake in the mission field of the Arctic. I think often of everyone I met up in the Arctic, and hopefully I get to go back soon! 

Summer Ministry Placement
Baker Lake By: Aaron Solberg



It was a sunny morning, in a small village in Southern Germany. Between teaching at a local music school and studying theology, I sat down in a small Cafe for a meeting with my pastor. I remember it as if it were yesterday, I was discouraged and could not figure out my next move toward shifting careers from a music teacher and conductor to ordained ministry. Sitting opposite me, a bemused look came over my pastor’s face as



he spoke: "why don't you take a look at the Diocese of the Arctic". That evening when I arrived home I did precisely that.

After some time of prayer and debate with my fiancé, I emailed Bishop David Parsons, and the first step of a unique adventure had begun. After sending in my application and several Skype interviews, the Bishop proposed I come for a short time to test the waters of the Arctic. On July 31st, the first day of summer vacation, at 6am I said a tearful goodbye to my fiancé at Basel Airport, destination: Baker Lake.

I arrived on a fresh and brisk August evening at Baker Lakes small yet bustling airport without having the vaguest idea of what to anticipate. David Simailak and his wife Jean greeted me at the airport with few words, nevertheless I could sense their eyes sizing me up, as they to wondered what to expect. As we started down the dirt road toward the

hamlet of Baker Lake I must confess I was overtaken by a sense of dread. It was close to 10 pm and eerie light still illuminated the land as we rode in silence. My mobile phone found no connection and as I looked beyond Baker Lake, there was nothing but boundless expanse as far as the eye could see, and I was set upon by an uneasy loneliness.

I would not describe my first evening in Baker Lake as one of delight. The excitement of the journey had by this point diminished. I was suddenly confronted with the reality of having no connection to the outside world, and no way of reaching out to my fiancé back home. I recollect praying and questioning God, what he was thinking, sending me here. I awoke early the next morning to a brilliant sun, shining over the empty and quiet dirt streets of Baker Lake.

Each morning, I would arise and head to breakfast with David and Jean at the local Tim Hortons. Throughout this time, I got to know David and Jean who turned out to be some of the most heartfelt, down to earth, humorous and caring people I have ever met. On my first morning at Tim's, David got straight to the point, "you are here so we can see if you are Arctic material", and that was fine by me. So, David and I hashed a plan. During the day I would have time for myself to focus on prayer and reflection, and whatever I sensed I needed to do. In the evenings we would open the church for people to come and visit.


During our daily breakfast, we would be joined by a lively group of regulars, who I was honored to establish wonderful relationships





*"What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!"*

The expression "I didn't teach them, but they taught me" is frequently overused. Nevertheless, I felt called to come and minister to Baker Lake, and in all sincerity, God sent me to Baker Lake, so they could minister to me and my wounded soul. During my time I grew close with many people and built lasting relationships that have continued even after returning to Germany. It was on a daily basis that I would find myself moved and touched by the narratives of grief and affliction I would hear. Whether an evening at the square dance or out front of Tim's in a cold August rain, a young man or woman reflecting on the suicide of a close family member or best friend. A lack of employment or the crushing debt that went along with it. The struggle of fighting the depression, the alcohol, the drugs. Nevertheless, what moved me more than words can express, was the faith they had that things would get better, that God would be there for them. That alone faith and God could save them.

The Inuit are some of the warmest, faithful, and most loving people I ever have met. Nevertheless, the great injustice that was served upon the people of the north, is still apparent to this day. There is a great need for the love of Christ and the fellowship of one body, and the true understanding that our value comes from  being created each in the image of God.

Arthur Turner Training School

By: Rev. Joey Royal

One of our goals as a Diocese is to provide continual education and training to our clergy and lay leaders. However, the Arctic poses many challenges in this regard. Our vast geographical distance from one another – combined with the high cost of travel – means that gathering together is a rare luxury. Furthermore, the different cultures and

with, and who even gave me a new name. Umilitnaak, "little man with beard". The true beauty of it all was I was even able to forge a relationship with one local who spoke no English. Afterward, I would head back home. After another coffee, I would phone my fiancé who would just be arriving home from work, as we had an 8-hour time difference. Most of my late morning and afternoon were spent roaming around Baker Lake speaking and listening to the people of Baker, that I would meet on the street. The rest of the afternoon would be spent working on my sermons and allowing my surroundings to inspire me to compose new music and an occasional fishing trip. Each evenings fellowship had a growing number of people, sermons, and snacks. What lacked was the music. I had the privilege of putting together an excellent band of resilient young men and women in Baker, with whom I performed each night in the church, Sunday morning services, the festival at the lake, and danced until till 2 am at the square dance.

Baker Lake transformed me. I saw a new world that I had not even fathomed existing. The faith of the people was something I had never witnessed before, and each evening there were prayers offered that undoubtedly ended in tears. People stood before the altar and laid bare their souls before God. Never in my life have I seen the words of Joseph Scriven taken so completely,

languages within our Diocese make any “one size fits all” approach impossible, and require continued attention to language translation and mutual understanding.

That said, there is a common vision across the Diocese, shared by lay leaders and clergy, which informs all our education initiatives. That vision is rooted in the message of the Gospel, a message of repentance for the forgiveness of sins resulting in personal transformation (what the Christian philosopher Dallas Willard called “the renovation of the heart”). Our faith rests on a “high” view of scripture as the Word of God which speaks directly and clearly into the lives of northern people. Thus any education initiatives in our Diocese seek to be Gospel-focused, culturally-relevant and scripturally-rooted.

To that end, we see three key areas where education is needed in our Diocese. The first is clergy training through Arthur Turner Training School (ATTS). Readers of *The Arctic News* will no doubt be aware that ATTS has recently reopened after a decade-long hiatus. Our first cohort graduated last April, and four graduates are now ordained and ministering in parishes within our Diocese. Our partnership with Trinity School for Ministry (www.tsm.edu) provided us with a curriculum which made this training possible. We had intended to accept another cohort this fall, but have found ourselves involved in an extensive review by the Government of Nunavut (GN). Fortunately, the GN has concluded that, by meeting several administrative requirements, our students will again be able to acquire government funding to attend our program. Lord willing, we will accept a new cohort in September 2019.

The second area where education is needed is in lay leader training. In many of our communities lay leaders run parishes – including preaching and leading services, conducting funerals, doing pastoral visits and so on. For even the more gifted and qualified lay person this is a heavy load, and many lay

people need further training. Our goal in the coming year (and beyond) is to provide both training and resources to lay leaders across the Diocese. We plan to make material available, and also to conduct training workshops in strategic sites across the Diocese.

The third area is in continuing clergy training. Unlike clergy elsewhere in the world, our clergy have few opportunities to take courses or attend conferences. For our unilingual clergy there are few training resources available in their language. Combine this lack with the fact that clergy bear a very heavy load in communities, often becoming the “go to” person for all the emotional and spiritual needs of the people. The sad irony is that our people need continuing education the most yet have the least access to it. There has been much effort within the Diocese to support clergy. For instance, there is a monthly conference call (one for English-speakers and one for Inuktitut-speakers) which allows for mutual support and prayer. We have had regional gatherings as well as Diocesan-wide clergy conferences. These have been a source of encouragement and renewal for our people and we hope for them to continue.

I hope the preceding has given you some sense of our vision for education in this Diocese. We are a Diocese “on the move”, looking ahead at growth and not decline. That said, we need further resources to accomplish all this. Would you consider financially supporting the education initiatives of the Diocese? Any donation will be put toward the training and upbuilding of clergy and lay leaders, who are “on the ground” fulfilling the mission of Christ’s church. Even if you cannot financially support us, we would greatly value your prayers. Please pray for God’s blessing on our work, that our people would be strengthened, encouraged and equipped.



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GAFCON 2018

By: Rev. Francis Delaplain
St. Andrews Hay River

It was such a privilege to visit Jerusalem and participate in GAFCON. The speakers were wonderful, the sessions were incredibly informative, but the best of it was being a part of such a global gathering. Sitting in the balcony seats with brothers and sisters from around the world, hearing the stories of what God is doing in their part of the world, and praying for and being prayed for as a collective gathering; this was the best of the conference to me.

Perhaps especially in the isolated north our view of what God is doing in the world is so limited to our distinct context. However, there is such a connection with the faithful believers through out the globe. There is so much hope of the continued work of God's Spirit. GAFCON for me was a window into this larger world. And that encourages me now, as I am back in my smaller world.

Our faith in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ links us to a wider world of faith. It links us to a faith historic spanning back to the first apostles and indeed to the very events of the life of Jesus. At




GAFCON in Jerusalem these elements collided. The Church is global, God is at work in the world, and we participate in that work. Knowing this both empowers and humbles us. We are empowered to know that we are a



part of something that is so much bigger than ourselves, and even our communities. It is the global work of the Holy Spirit, in which we participate. We are also humbled. Often my problems can feel so big. They can feel like they are insurmountable and overwhelming. A gathering like GAFCON reminds you that the work of the Church has encountered bigger obstacles, ours too will be overcome. We are humbled too that we have been counted worthy to share in the work of this great reclamation project that God is bringing about through his Church.

This is my hope, that as I have been able to share my experiences from GAFCON with my own community. That we would be encouraged and humbled. That we would know that the power of the Church is God's presence with his Church, and his work in and through the Church. May we have a sense of our smallness in light of the greatness of God's work. Then we will know that the power is of God and not of us!

In June 2018, I and a few other Arctic colleagues attended the third Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON), held in Jerusalem. GAFCON is a gathering of those in the Anglican Communion who are resisting the drift toward theological liberalism in the church, and who see the acceptance of same sex marriage in the church as a significant doctrinal deviation from the teaching of scripture. More positively it aims to renew the Anglican Communion's focus on the Gospel. 

Reflections On GAFCON

By: Rev. Joey Royal

Attending GAFCON was a joyful experience for me. The joy was largely due to the wonderful fellowship I experienced with Christians from around the world – Africans, Asians, South Americans, Australians. Many nations were represented, and I was blessed by the opportunity to meet Christians from vastly different cultural backgrounds. Looking out into the crowd of roughly 2000 people felt like a taste of heaven: “a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, ‘Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!’” (Revelation 7:9-10).

One of the most moving experiences for me was gathering in my prayer group. Every day 8 of us, including Canadians, British, Ugandans, Nigerians, told of our experiences in ministry, including the specific needs and struggles we faced. It was a potent reminder that despite opposition – hostile governments, violence, famine, secularism, persecution, discouragement, moral failures, and so on – the church of Jesus Christ continues to enact and proclaim the Gospel. Jesus said “the gates of hell shall not prevail against it” (Matthew 16:18) and to gather with the global Church is to more deeply recognize the truth of that.

Although the note of joy and encouragement was, for me, most pronounced, there was nonetheless a nagging feeling of sadness that stayed with me throughout the conference. That sadness was due to the reason that GAFCON exists, which is because of the conflicted and fractious situation in which the Anglican Communion currently finds itself. Many in attendance did not shy away from the reality “on the ground”, including the deep divisions and scandalous disunity that marks contemporary Anglicanism, particularly



in those nations – like the US and Canada – who are divided because of moral and theological issues. I was saddened by stories of lawsuits and depositions, and feelings of woundedness and betrayal. That said, I did not detect bitterness or rancor from those who spoke publicly, and although I found the boldness of some speakers quite bracing I never felt that they lacked charity.

I have had several months now to think more deeply about this experience, and my lingering question is “what’s next?” What’s next for GAFCON, but more importantly what’s next for that part of the body of Christ which we call the Anglican Communion? We know our Lord’s will for his body is “that they may be one, even as we are one” (John 17:11) but how are we to live out that unity in a deeply divided, deeply broken Communion? How are we to clearly articulate the Gospel when so many of our leaders are being lured away from the truth by false gods, which are not gods at all but “broken cisterns that can hold no water”? (Jeremiah 2:13).

These are difficult questions, and despite the uncertainty of the future I am comforted by the truth that the church belongs to Christ, not to us, and therefore the future shape of the church is not entirely up to us. What we are called to is faithful witness to the Gospel, and I commend the leaders of GAFCON for their boldness in doing so. 🇺🇸

Faith & Fellowship

Acts 2:42-47 & Philippians 2:1-5

A Sermon By: the Rev. Bryan Haigh

Introduction

We live in a world that is very individualised, particularly in the western world where we have become less dependent on others. These days, people seem to live more in isolation than before, and in some cases we might not even know our neighbours.

As human beings we are intrinsically selfish and sadly this has infiltrated the church of God. We hear common phrases that the world throws at us such as “look after number one, nobody else will” or “love yourself more”. Even in some churches a worship leader will say something like “forget about those around you, just focus on God”. Well meaning I suppose, but it gives the impression that the individual is what is most important.

There are many “one another” phrases in Scripture, in fact “one another” is used one hundred times in ninety four verses in the New Testament. It shows us the importance of others and also the dangers of self centeredness. The New Testament teaches that we should live as though others are more important than ourselves – we should be “other person centered” as this is how the community of faith is built up. Indeed when we focus on ourselves, we lose sight of others, we lose sight of the mission and we tend to lose sight of God. God has given us an incredible mission but this mission falls out of focus when we are concerned too much for ourselves. Let’s examine two passages of Scripture to see what the New Testament church was like and what we can learn from them.

The early church (Acts 2)

Context is important, this section follows the apostle Peter’s sermon on the day of

Pentecost. Peter preached that Jesus is Lord and King and 3000 people turned to God in repentance, accepting the message that God

had exalted Jesus Christ and glorified Him at His right hand after His death, resurrection and ascension. It’s these three thousand people who Luke then speaks about in reference to the church being established (verse 42). Luke describes how the early church was characterised by unity and togetherness. He speaks of them being together (verse 44), where everyone shares with and cares for each other (verses 43 -45). He shows us how important it was for them to continue meeting together for worship, fellowship and to listen to the apostles teaching. We get the impression that they just loved being together (verses. 46 – 47). We learn that there is no such thing as a “lone ranger Christian”. Meeting together, sharing together and worshipping God together was indispensable from their lives and it’s what they longed for. Luke tells us that they often met together every day celebrating their new identity in Christ.

We see here the corporate nature of the Christian community. In Christian circles we hear some phrases that should raise a red flag for us. You may have heard someone say that you don’t have to go to church to be a Christian, or that Jesus never told anyone to go to church. However, the picture we get here in Acts is that meeting together for Christian teaching, fellowship, encouragement and prayer was something which they desired, and it became the most important aspect of their relationship with God. Meeting together and growing together as believers enriches the mission and ministry to which God called them and we notice how God was powerfully at work by empowering the apostles to do many miracles (verse 43) and the whole community committed to sharing Christ as the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved (verse 47).

As we read this, we don’t see much individualism. What we see is God’s people worshipping and serving God in the unity of fellowship. Together they were able to do so much more than they could as individuals.


Like – mindedness governed all that they did. As much as a relationship with God through Jesus Christ is deeply personal, it is also corporate in nature. As they put these things into practice, God was at work to grow and develop His church and its mission. Jesus had given them a mandate for growth in chapter 1 verse 6 and this is how it started. All of God's people united in fellowship, teaching, sharing, caring and loving the community around them.

The established church (Philippians 2)

Years later the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Philippi. Paul describes how the church can be built up through togetherness. He describes in verse 1 what we share together. Encouragement from being united with Jesus, comfort from the love of Jesus, fellowship by the Spirit of Jesus and tenderness and compassion in Jesus. This is what God has given to us through the gospel. Paul then shows us how to live it out in verse 2. Being like – minded, having the same love, being united in spirit and purpose. The interesting thing to note is that none of these are possible on our own. This is what builds up and encourages the church and therefore, if we pretend that going to church and being part of a Christian fellowship is not important, we deceive ourselves.

Paul also describes what threatens this unity and fellowship: selfish ambition and vain conceit (verse 3). Unity, fellowship, worship and encouragement are at risk when there is selfish ambition, where there is vain conceit. These attitudes do so much damage among the people of God, destroying the fellowship as well as the unity. Thankfully, the apostle gives us the solution. In humility, he says, consider others better than yourselves (verse 3) and look out for the interests of others above your own interests (verse 4). His exhortation is that we are not self centred, but other person centered. Once again, the call is to each of us and not just a few (verse 4). This kind of corporate fellowship and upliftment of the community is the responsibility that each of us has. We are to

be humble. Humility, is not thinking less of ourselves, rather it is to think of ourselves less and of others more and indeed we have the greatest model of humility in our Lord Jesus Christ (verse 5). In humble loving service Jesus left the glory of heaven, came into the world to be the slave of humanity, to lovingly give up His life on the cross in self sacrificial service. He is our model, we will do well to follow His example. When we do that, being other person centered, the church and community will be built up and will fulfil its mission in the world.

There is a great need in the church today to love one another and to care for each other. The apostle Paul had a number of exhortations in his epistles calling the church to action. "Bear one another's burdens" he told the Galatians, "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love", he implored the Romans, "Speak truth to one another", he wrote to the Ephesians and "Encourage and build one another up" he challenged the Thessalonians. This is the responsibility of each one of God's people, and there are many more such injunctions in the pages of Scripture. This is how we serve Jesus by serving one another, this is how we worship God together, this is how we love each other and build up the fellowship of God's people. When we focus on the individual, these things are impossible. Let's stir one another on towards love and good deeds and pray that God will so empower us with His Spirit that everyone in our communities and across our Diocese will know that we belong to Jesus. Amen. 

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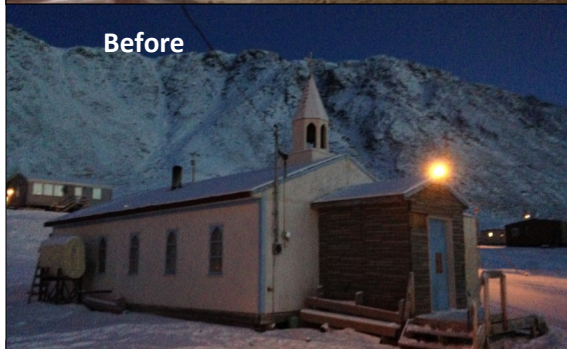
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New Buildings Report

In January A Fire Gutted St. Peter Grise Fiord Now It Almost Completely Restored



Before



After



Last January a fire almost destroyed St. Peter's in Grise Fiord. After considering the cost to restore, \$350,000 or rebuild \$900,000 It was decided to restore. We thank God that the insurance covered the cost of restoration of a new roof windows and interior. We thank you for all who prayed and NCC for their partnership once more. 🇩🇪

**Thank you
for your prayers**

**for the Our Clergy our Lay Leaders
and for our Diocesan Synod March 27-31
2019. Also please pray for General Synod
which meets July 10-16**

New Parish Building for Kuujuaq



In September Warden Bobby Snowball, Rev. Abraham Tigullaraq and the congregation of St. Stephen's asked Bishop David Parsons to consecrate their



Inukjuak is preparing for a new minister. First of all they need a new rectory and so the parish has been busy building it. They hope to have it completed and paid in full by December. 🇩🇪



Happy 150th Anniversary Diocese of Albany



What a joy it was for Bishop David and Rita to be with Bishop Bill and Karen Love and the Diocese of Albany as they celebrated their 150th Anniversary. Their convention theme was taken from Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever."

Albany is Diocese of disciples whose mission is to make disciples and that is not just talk, they are actively doing it.

Bishop David was honoured to speak at the closing youth mass, then following convention to join the Rev. Laurie Garramone and her husband Alistair, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Johnstown, NY where Bishop David once more shared the gospel.

Celebrating the Life of Dora Jones

By Ruth Harold Lay Leader.



The parish of St. John's in Fort Smith was saddened recently with the passing of our dear Dora Jones.

Dora and her husband Ron were originally from England and moved

to Fort Smith in 1960 where they were both very active Lay Leaders and Organists in our church. On November 6th, 2018, the day that

Dora would have celebrated her 100th birthday, we gathered to share memories of Dora and to celebrate her long and faithful service to St. John's.

Dora and Ron had 3 sons, Michael, Peter and Eric, and when they first came to Fort Smith both Ron and Dora were employed by the Northern Canada Power Corporation. Dora eventually went on to work for the Department of Education with the Government of the NWT until her retirement in 1983.

When Ron died in 1977 Dora had to learn how to drive a car and to handle the family finances. She did learn how to drive and when she had to surrender her driver's licence in her later years, she let all of us know how unfair that test was!! As a licensed Lay Leader, Dora often carried the services of our church when we didn't have a full time minister. She also played the organ and led the choir with her beautiful singing voice. She was often a one woman show - playing the organ and then moving to the lectern to lead the service.

On her many travels she purchased beautiful silk flowers and always made sure that the flowers on the altar were changed every week and that the snow was shovelled and the church cleaned for Sunday services.

Her baking skills were well known and she spent many a year at the bake tables and "door table" for our Ladies' Guild teas and bazaars. Dora entertained many of us at church functions in her reciting of "Albert and the Lion". Twice she was honored as "Elder of the Year" by the town of Fort Smith.

Dora was a force. Her opinions were not things she kept to herself but she was always very gracious and kind. This could be seen in how she drew others into ministry and church activities. Dora passed away on October 9, 2018 in Kimberley BC where she had moved in 2014 to be closer to her family.

She was just 28 days short of her 100th birthday!!

As Bishop David Lehmann said "The choirs in heaven have another strong voice joining them."

Well done good and faithful servant. Rest in peace Dora!!



DIOCESE OF THE ARCTIC – PRAYER LIST

Day	Parish	Clergy	Lay Leader
1	Great Whale River	Rev. Tom & Marianne Martin	
	Sanikiluaq	Dinah Kavik	
2	Inukjuak	Rev. Manas ee Uaiyuk	
	Umiujaq	Charlie Tooktoo	
3	Puvirnituq	Rev. Moses & Iga Kalliraq	
	Akulivik	Joanasie Qaqutuk	
4	Salluit	Rev. Annie Keenainak	
	Kangiqsujuaq	Inuluk Qissiiq	
	Ivujivik	Quitsak Tarkiasuk	
5	Kangirsuq	Rev. Ben & Grace Pearson	
	Quaqtaq	Rev. Bobby Nakoolak (retired)	
	Aupaluk	No Clergy or Lay	
6	Kuujuaq	Rev. Abraham & Martha Tigullaraq	
	Tasiujaq	Tommy Cain Jr.	
	Kangiqsualujuaq	Rev. Raquel Mack	
7	Iqaluit	Rev. Methusalah & Rev. Martha Kunuk	
		Revs Jared & Rebecca Osborn	
	Apex	Rt. Rev. Paul & Abigail Idlout	
8	Kimirut	Joanie Ikkidluak	
9	Cape Dorset	Eege Oqutaq	
10	Pangnirtung	Rev. Tommy and Olassie Evik	
11	Qikiqtarjuaq	Rev. Loasie & Jeela Akayuk Kuniliusee	
12	Clyde River	Rev. Esau and Mary Tatatoapic	
		Rev. Jacobie Iqalukjuak	
13	Pond Inlet	Rev. Caleb & Zippora Sangoya	
	Resolute Bay	No Clergy or Lay	
	Grise Fiord	Rev. Jimmy & Geela Qaapik	
14	Arctic Bay	Rev. Leah Qaqqasiq & Frank May	
15	Igloodik	Without clergy	
	Hall Beach	Rev. Enoki & Sarpina Iqittuq	
16	Coral Harbour	Rev. Lucassie & Nowyah Nakoolak	
	Naujaat	Paul Malliki	
17	Baker Lake	Revs. David & Jean Simailak	
		Rev. Joedee & Vivian Joedee	
18	Rankin Inlet	Rev. Eimsook Joung	
19	Arviat	Rev. Lucy & Joe Netser	
	Whale Cove	David Krittredlik	
20	Aklavik	No Clergy	
21	Inuvik	Rev. Victor & Nalini Johnson	
		Evangelist Mrs. Mabel Brown	
	Sachs Harbour	Joey Carpenter	
22	Fort McPherson	Rev. Rebecca & Lesley Blake	
		Rev. Hannah Alexie	
		Rev. Mary Teya	
23	Fort Simpson	Mavis Cli Michaud	
24	Hay River	Rev. Francis & Kassandra Delaplain	
25	Fort Smith	No Clergy	
26	Yellowknife	Rev. Bryan & Michelle Haigh	
		Rt. Rev. Chris & Rona Williams	
27	Taloyoak	No Clergy or Lay	
	Gjoa Haven	Rev. Ikey & Elizabeth Nashooriatuk	
28	Kugluktuk	No Clergy	
29	Ulukhaktok	David Kuptana	
30	Cambridge Bay	Brenda Janke	
31	Tuktoyaktuk	No Clergy or Lay	
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