



The Northland



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Letter from the Diocesan Administrator

Dear Northland Readers,

Welcome to this interim period in our Diocese in which we are all journeying through Lent in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (our time in the wilderness, if you will) to discern God's will for us as a Diocese. Lent, as you know, is only one season of many in our Church. It is a time in which we prepare ourselves for our ministry as children of God. It is a time in which we, as a Diocese, prepare ourselves for our ministry to each other and to the world. Lent doesn't continue all year. It takes us through the wilderness experience of Christ, his ministry, his journey through the cross, through the "land of the dead", to the resurrection - to a new life in joy and promise, love and light. It is into this new life of love, and light that we are called at our baptisms to become disciples and apostles of Christ, as his children, as part of his body.

As your interim Diocesan Administrator and, since the 6th of January, I have had my eyes opened to the complexity, diversity, and deep faith of everyone in this diocese. The phenomenal assistance of the three Diocesan Office staff, Julie, Ruth, and Aimee, has allowed me to get settled into this position and still manage 2 parishes and the Deanery of Cochrane. With their competence and

eagerness to keep things sailing on an even keel, I am able to address issues that need to be addressed within a short time frame. I am only available in the Synod Office 2 days a week - usually Mon. and Tues. except on weeks when committee meetings are scheduled on different days. I am available all week, however, through email.

Everyone is aware of our upcoming Episcopal Election on April 10, 2010. We have a list of candidates that offer wonderful and inspiring gifts to us should they be elected. I encourage everyone to visit our diocesan website:

www.domaa.ca, and read the curricula vitae that are posted on the election page. I would like to ask each and every parish to support their synod members/delegates in their discernment process. Prayer is necessary to discover what the Holy Spirit is saying to our Anglican Church in the Diocese of Moosonee. Discussing the many and different qualities and gifts of the proposed candidates with each other will allow the Spirit to speak and be heard. Send your members to

this synod with prayer, encouragement, and confidence that God's will will be done. And then, on the day of the election, would you open the doors of your church in each community and hold a prayer vigil - with someone always present, holding the voters and the candidates in God's presence. I truly believe that this prayerful support will allow the



The Rev. Edna Murdy
Diocesan Administrator, Cochrane Regional
Dean and Rector of St. Peter's on-the-Rock
(Kirkland Lake) & St. Paul's (Virginiatown)

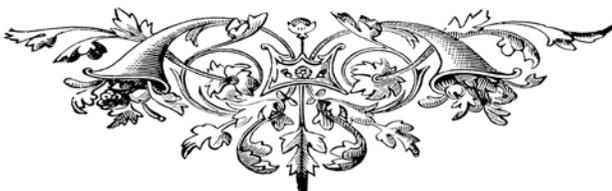
choosing of a new bishop for the Diocese of Moosonee to be a time of God's people doing God's will, resulting in a new season in our Diocese.

As our whole Diocese is in the process of discerning and electing a new bishop, a couple of parishes are also in the process of finding a new rector. St. Matthew's Cathedral Parish presently are enjoying the wonderful interim ministry of Bp. Eddie Marsh and Emma Marsh. They are, however, interim only until the end of June, so prayer and discernment is a process they are following to find a new rector. St. John the Evangelist, in Mistissini, is also in this process as they enjoy the interim ministry provided by the Rev. John Wiebe (at one time their rector). Please hold these two parishes in prayer as they seek God's guidance through this journey.

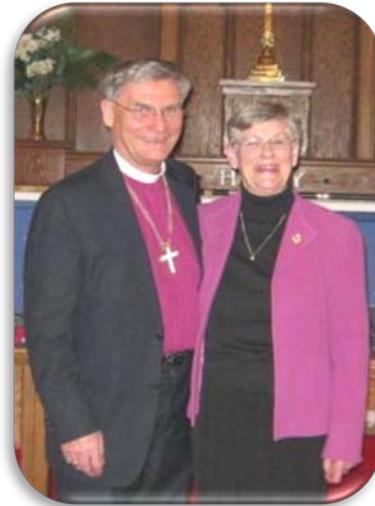
Although it may seem our interim period without a Bishop resembles the 40 year experience of Israel wandering in the wilderness, I promise you we won't be wandering 40 years. Spring, the season of new life, new hope, new promise and love is arriving quickly. May we all rise to the promise it brings - a new bishop, new incumbents in some parishes, rejuvenated ministers (ordained and lay) in every parish, and revitalized faith in God's presence in this beautiful land - the Diocese of Moosonee!

Your sister in Christ,

The Rev. Edna Murdy



Retirement of Bishop Caleb Lawrence



**The 'Retired'
Rt. Rev. Caleb Lawrence and
his wife Maureen Lawrence.**
*Picture taken by the
Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

On January 5th, a few hours before his retirement began, Bishop Lawrence led a service of Ordination in St. Matthew's Cathedral, at which Deborah Lonergan-Freake was ordained to the Diaconate. It was truly a poignant moment when, after giving the blessing, Bishop Lawrence laid the diocesan crozier upon the altar where, in time, it will be taken up by his successor.

Thirty years ago, nearly to the day, Bishop Lawrence had been consecrated Bishop Coadjutor in St. Matthew's Cathedral, and there were some parishioners in attendance who had been at his Consecration on January 6, 1980. Bishop Lawrence was installed as the Eighth Bishop of Moosonee in November 1980, and we are thankful for Bishop Lawrence's three decades of faithful ministry in this diocese. His ministry was greatly appreciated throughout the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario where he served as Metropolitan for the past six years. At the National Church level, he made significant contributions through his involvement on various committees and in the National and Provincial Houses of Bishops.

We wish Caleb and Maureen every blessing in their retirement on Canada's west coast.



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How our New Bishop will be Chosen

When? An Electoral Synod will be held on April 10th in St. Matthew's Cathedral in Timmins. At this Synod, members and delegates will cast their votes to determine who will become the Ninth Bishop of Moosonee. The nominees for bishop are: The Ven. I.L.J. (Larry) Beardy (Keewatin), the Ven. Tom Corston (Algoma), the Rev. Canon Cliff Dee (Moosonee), the Rev. Hal Graham (Moosonee), the Rev. Wayne McIntosh (Keewatin), the Rev. Bruce Roberts (Moosonee), and the Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson (Western Arctic).

Although this process will conclude very soon, it began over a year ago. At the Executive Council Meeting in March 2009, three clergy and three lay members were chosen to make up an Episcopal Search Committee. The members are: the Rev. Hal Graham, the Rev. Edna Murdy, the Rev. Capt. Rod BrantFrancis, Mrs. Anne Dyas (Chair), Mr. Ed Madill, and Ms Caroline Chum. Members were chosen to ensure that each deanery was equally represented.

The initial work of the Committee involved gathering information from parishes and Great Chapter Meetings which could be used to create Deanery Profiles, a Diocesan Profile, and a summary of what qualities and skills we are seeking in our next bishop. This information was put together into a Memorandum for Prospective Candidates, and a draft version was presented at the November 2009 Executive Council Meeting. At this meeting, Archbishop Colin Johnson, Metropolitan of Ontario, outlined some of the qualities needed in a bishop, reviewed the process by which our bishop would be chosen, and set a date for the Electoral Synod. Soon after this meeting, notice of the Synod was sent to all parishes in the diocese with nomination forms. The revised Memorandum was sent to all Synod delegates and was posted on the diocesan website in early January.

Who is Eligible? The process of the election of a bishop is outlined in detail in Canon 13, and this Canon specifies minimum requirements for a bishop (must be at least 30 years of age and have been a priest for at least 7 years). Only members or delegates to Synod may nominate a person for election, and the House of Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario may nominate up to 3 persons. Nominations were received by the Chair of the Episcopal Election Committee who, with the Committee, verified that minimum requirements were met and ensured that the nominees had accepted nomination.

Canon 13 dictates the schedule for the nomination process, and in mid-February the names of nominees received by the first deadline were sent to all delegates with a letter explaining when the final nomination deadline was. In early March, when the list of nominees was finalized, biographical information received from the nominees was sent to all members and delegates to assist them in learning about the nominees. This information was also put on the diocesan website.

Finally, after nearly a year of work and planning by the Episcopal Search Committee, on April 10th, the Electoral Synod will be held. It will open with a Eucharist celebrated by Archbishop Johnson, who will chair the election. By the end of the day, a new Bishop of Moosonee will have been elected. Once the concurrence of the Bishops of the Province has been received, the bishop-elect and the Metropolitan will set a date for the Consecration and Installation of the Ninth Bishop of Moosonee.

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Please visit our Diocesan website:
www.domaa.ca
for individual profiles for each
Episcopal Election Candidate
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From the Mailroom

I enjoy reading *The Northland* as I have ever since Mrs. Renison started it so many years ago.

~ D. Daley ~

We really enjoy being connected to the North of the Diocese through *The Northland*.

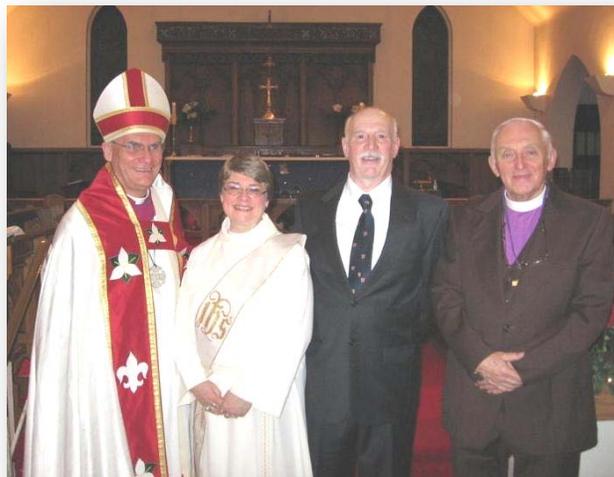
~ T.&S. Granger ~

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~ I. Hannan ~

My Ordination

By the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake



The Rt. Rev. Caleb Lawrence, The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake, her husband James Lonergan-Freake & the Rt. Rev Eddie Marsh (L-R)

The ordination service on Tuesday evening, January 5th was beautiful and very meaningful, as it was a celebration of Bishop Caleb Lawrence's 30th anniversary as eighth Bishop of Moosonee, as well as my ordination to the diaconate!

Organist, Sue Steel, supported by 4 other members of the Timmins Symphony Orchestra provided the music for the joint choirs of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Timmins and St. Paul's, South Porcupine. The choir anthem was "*Song of Journey*" written by Mary Lee Mascioli, a Grey Sister Associate and friend. It was a surprise (to say the least!) that my Mom, Marie Lonergan-Durnford, and Audrey Fancy, warden at St. Cyprian's, East Dalhousie, NS, appeared unannounced at St. Matthew's in time for the service. In addition to family, there were several Grey Sister Associates, many friends from the Cathedral parish and the Timmins area in attendance, as well as Susan and Alan Jansson of Hearst. Also in attendance were representatives of the United and Roman Catholic Churches.

My presenters were Ruth Cluley (a friend from the Cathedral who is also the Bishop's Executive Assistant) and the Rev. Bruce Roberts, a friend of 30 years going back to days on James Bay in Fort George/Chisasibi, PQ. Bruce was the first person ordained to the diaconate 30 years ago by Bishop Caleb and I am the last, during the Bishop's tenure as Bishop of Moosonee. The Litany was sung by retired Bishop Eddie Marsh, who is from Grand Falls, Newfoundland and is currently serving as interim rector of the Cathedral Parish. Readers were Lori McCord, Susan Janssan and the Rev. Hal Graham. The Cantor for the service was Peter Colbert.

Bishop Caleb preached on the Christmas/Epiphany theme and of the gifts brought by the wise people, likening them to the gifts of the Spirit at ordination. He reminisced about his ordination as Bishop at St. Matthew's Cathedral 30 years ago, noting that I was one of the people present who had also attended that service.

As a member of St. Cyprian's Church and the Parish of New Ross, NS and representing the people of the Parish of New Ross, my husband, James, vested me with the white stole which was a gift from the people of the Parish of New Ross.

It was very special that at the presentation of the gifts, James and all 7 grandchildren walked hand-in-hand up to the chancel where I was preparing the altar with Bishop Caleb. The most poignant moment of the service came when Bishop Caleb gave the final blessing and laid his bishop's staff on the altar, ready to be picked up by the next Bishop of Moosonee. The lovely reception, prepared by the people of the Cathedral, following the service gave plenty of time to visit with friends and family.

Note: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake has been appointed as Deacon-in-Charge of the parishes of Hearst, Hornepayne and Constance

Lake. A service celebrating her new ministry was held in Hearst on February 28.

Anglican Church Women's Retreat
May 5th, 6th, 7th, 2010
Anglican Church
Cochrane, Ontario

Guest Speakers:

- Marion Anderson, National President of the Anglican Church Women
- Margaret Dempster, International Anglican Womens Network, UN Conference, Prayer Workshop

Entertainment:

- Short Annual meeting – no reading of minutes or reports.
- Morning & Evening Prayer
- Eucharist Thursday
- Prayer Workshop

Registration is required

All are Welcome!

For more information please contact
Edith Belair (705) 272-6866

Please send your submissions
for the Summer Edition by
Friday June 11th, 2010



St. Stephen's, Constance Lake

by the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake

The lack of a physical church building is not preventing our Church community from celebrating our faith. Lay Reader, Harvey Ferris, conducts services regularly, including a weekly Lenten Evening Prayer service on Wednesdays. He is assisted by fellow Lay Readers Edna Sutherland and James Sutherland and supported by our deacon, the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake. James Sutherland also visits the sick and elders in the Hearst Hospital and Seniors' Complex. We hope to build a new church and our Warden, Stanley Stevens, is heading up fund raising efforts toward that goal.



**Members of St. Stephen's Church with
Lay Reader, Harvey Ferris.**

~ photo taken by Deborah Lonergan-Freake

St. Matthew's/St. Paul's, Hearst

by the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake

Our Lay Readers continue to provide leadership within our faith community and conduct Sunday worship twice monthly, alternating with Deborah. Our super cooks and bakers have also been busy with after service lunches, and our pancake supper, featuring Finnish pancakes, which was held on Tuesday February 16, 2010. The pancake supper was anticipated by many people from the Hearst area for whom it is an annual treat. All those attending had a great time and enjoyed an abundance of delicious food. The cooks and kitchen staff did a wonderful job and seemed to have lots of fun serving up the traditional pre-Lenten fare. Our Lenten study series is well underway and we are looking forward to other activities such as our up-coming movie night and a men's breakfast. We are learning some new hymns and music thanks to a donation of hymn books from a United Church congregation in Timmins area.



**Betty Martin, Susan Jansson & Mauno Jansson
(L-R), preparing for the Pancake Supper.**

~ photo taken by Deborah Lonergan-Freake

St. John the Evangelist Parish, Mistissini, Quebec

Eileen Wiebe reports that her husband, the Rev. John Wiebe, is very happy in his interim ministry among the Mistissini people, where the couple lived for almost a decade in the 1990s.

In January, a special brunch and then a spaghetti supper sponsored by Meechums Restaurant raised almost \$ 15,000 for the Haitian Relief Fund.



**Rev. Dale Young, James Lonergan-Freake,
Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake & Rev. Hal
Graham.**

~ photo taken by Ilene Jaremy

Celebration of New Ministry

On Sunday February 28, 2010 at St. Matthew/St. Paul's, Hearst, a beautiful and deeply touching service of Celebration of New Ministry took place. This joint Anglican-United congregation, along with the Anglican congregations of St. Luke's, Hornepayne and St. Stephen's, Constance Lake First Nation formally welcomed the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake as Deacon-in-Charge. The blended Anglican Induction and United Church Covenanting service was conducted jointly by Regional Dean, the Rev. Hal Graham, on behalf of the Anglican Diocese of Moosonee and the Rev. Dale Young, on behalf of Spirit Dancing United Church Presbytery, and Manitou Conference.

Members of all three congregations took part in the service - reading lessons, leading the intercessions and presenting symbols of ministry, which included a Bible, water reminiscent of baptism, bread and wine, blessed oil, as well as a bowl, towel and water symbolic of the ministry of service. After the promises had been made by the new minister, the people and the officials, as a sign of the covenant, Deborah sprinkled salt as she prayed that we might all become salt for each other. That just

as salt loses itself when combined with that to which it is added, bringing flavour and zest, so might we be united and transformed by the sharing of our gifts and talents with one another. Members of the three congregations welcomed representatives of the Roman Catholic and Pentecostal Churches and well as numerous visitors and clergy from around the Northeast. The delicious refreshments which followed the service were provided by members of the congregation of St. Matthew/St. Paul's and were certainly enjoyed by all in attendance.

St. Luke's, Hornepayne

by the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake

Winter is a busy time in Hornepayne. We participated in the ecumenical service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, assisted with the Seniors' Tea, and hosted an amazing spaghetti supper during the Town's Winterfest.



**Barb O-Hare, Brian & Jane Firman, Willo Goulet
& Ilene Jaremy (L-R), taking a break from the
Spaghetti Supper preparations.**

~ photo taken by Deborah Lonergan-Freake

Given the heaping plates of mouth watering pasta, sauce, bannock, and the numerous delectable desserts, it's a good thing for local waist lines that there were plenty of community activities to take in as well. We've added a small children's tent to our worship space so as to be welcoming of our youngest members. Our

Lay Readers provide regular Services on alternate Sundays and assist our new deacon, the Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake. Our church provides Sunday worship for the residents of the Seniors' complex each month. Regular visits to local seniors and those in hospital are also provided. We are in the midst of our Lenten study series and are preparing a welcome Sunday event which we're calling "Come As You Are".

St. Matthew's Youth Group, Timmins

Youth Group meets every other week on Monday nights for dinner and movie night alternating with dinner and Bible study night. In September we said farewell to three members as they left for University and one who moved out of the area. We are really happy that the numbers continue to grow and some of the senior members make up the student committee responsible for community outreach, publicity, special events and social networking.

At St. Matthew's we have challenged the congregation to bring in increasing amounts of food for the Salvation Army food bank, we weigh each month's donations hoping to improve on the weight donated month by month. We also plan on baking cookies on Good Friday to donate to the Salvation Army's cafe program.

Our Movie nights feature movies that promote discussions that lead us to better understand our Christian faith and many evenings our discussions could go on much longer than school nights will permit. Sharing our faith in our secular world is a huge challenge and one that our Youth Group considers very seriously. Bishop Eddie and his wife Emma are coming to spend an evening with us in March helping us with this very important aspect of our Christian belief.



Two members of our Youth Group will be attending the Youth Leadership program in the diocese of Niagara sponsored jointly by our diocese and the diocese of Niagara. This is a three year program in which the students will attend each March break for their grade 10, 11, and 12 years. We are most grateful to the diocese of Niagara for facilitating this opportunity for our students.

Our Youth Group is a time of fellowship, much laughter but as attendance to the Bible study evening shows the importance of growing in their Christian faith is very much understood as being the cornerstone of this group. We pray together and always remember The Rev. Sharon Murdoch in our prayers, the students who knew her miss her leadership.

Respectfully submitted

Ann and Mark Hares
Dale Pessah
Youth Leaders
St. Matthew's Cathedral

DID YOU KNOW?

Easter is a grand festival of Christians, but there are some interesting facts about Easter that most are unaware of:

- The name Easter owes its origins from Eastre, the Anglo Saxon goddess who symbolizes hare and egg.
- Easter always falls between March 22 and April 25.
- From the very early times, egg has been considered to be the most important symbol of rebirth.

"The Hat Came Back"

by Margaret Graham

Hal drove to Nakina Wednesday morning, February 10th, for a funeral and then hopped on the train to Collins and left the car there. On Friday morning there was a derailment out west and the return train was delayed 15 hours! It was now supposed to come through late at night and he tried to call and find out the time of arrival. Wouldn't you know it the train came through before he expected it, slowed down a bit and kept going. He was trying to flag it down when he heard the whistle but it didn't wait. There are no roads into Collins and the next train was due on Monday morning – no food – no store – and a baptism to perform in Geraldton on Sunday.

St. James' wardens came to the rescue because one of them has a friend who is a pilot with a "two-seater" plane. The pilot was just heading out from his camp near Armstrong to do some ice fishing. He flew to Collins within 10 minutes, picked Hal up and flew back to his camp. Hal, with his long legs, had his knees sticking up along each side of the pilot's seat but the ride was smooth and the scenery beautiful. The pilot's wife then drove Hal to a restaurant in Armstrong.

In the meantime, Michelle, rector's warden, picked me up and drove me to Nakina to pick up the car at the train station. Hal didn't like the car to be sitting there for a long time. Lois, the other warden, was on her way to Armstrong, which is a six hour drive, in order to pick Hal up and bring him home.

We knew that Michelle's parents, Tom and Sheila Granger, were on their way from Ottawa to visit in Geraldton and they were likely to be at the baptismal service. Tom is a retired priest

and could have taken the service at the last minute, but it didn't come to that – not quite. The adventure continued as Lois and Hal stopped for gas at Pass Lake near Thunder Bay. There had been no gas in Armstrong because the delivery truck had not come. Hal was pretty distracted at this time and couldn't find his winter hat as he filled up Lois' car. After trips to the bathroom they got into the car and drove as far as Nipigon where the police caught up with them, lights flashing. It seems that Hal had offered to pay for the gas and then forgot to do so! He called the gas station to ask if he could

give them his Visa number instead of going all the way back or go to Jail! He had to tell them he was an Anglican Priest before the number was accepted. Everyone had a chuckle about that in church the next morning.

Oh yes – the hat...turned out he left it in the restaurant back in Armstrong. The chef will be mailing it to him. This will be one of the few hats that he has gotten back.



**Margaret Graham demonstrating
'The Hat'**

~ photo taken by Hal Graham

James Bay Deanery Report

Submitted to the Executive Council

by the Rev. Capt. Rodney BrantFrancis

On Monday December 21st at St Peter's Church in Waskaganish, Gladys Matoush stood before a sizeable crowd of family, friends, community members and clergy to commit herself to the ministry to which she had been called. It was a very moving service as she answered the Bishop's questions in her own language and as we were all deeply aware that this would be our beloved Bishop's last service in our deanery.

It meant a great deal to all of us that Caleb's last act in the James Bay Deanery was to set

apart a local person for ministry in the church. Even those who attended from other traditions were deeply moved by the service. In fact, one person lamented after the service that she had not brought a recorder of some type in order to have recorded the event.

Earlier in December Lisa and I were honoured to be with the good people of Waswanipi. On this occasion we were there to join in the Celebration of New Ministry for the Rev. Canon Cliff Dee. One of the great highlights of the celebration was the presentation of an Eagle Feather to the new rector of the parish. In first nations culture the gift of an Eagle Feather is deeply significant and comes with great honour. I was able to incorporate this traditional symbol into the Celebration liturgy and I know that it was a very significant moment for Cliff and for the people of St. Barnabas Parish. Following the morning service, many of those present were able to make the short walk down to the new clergy residence where we joined in a house blessing. Again, this event was a beautiful blending of Native and Church tradition as we walked from room to room burning sage and purifying the residence and as we offered prayers for the presence and peace of God to come and dwell in the space that was soon to be Cliff's new home. I wish to express my sincere thanks to Roy Ottereyes and Irene Otter for joining with me in these important ceremonies. In late November a visit to Waskaganish was also a significant event in our ministry around the James Bay Deanery. For the first time in my years of ministry I had the privilege of baptizing an adult. A man of twenty or so years who had decided that he wanted to be identified as a follower of Christ and that baptism was the way to show this to family and friends. It was wonderful to see him come forward for communion a short time later and to see the joy in his face as he received for the first time the bread and the cup. Over the past months there have been many other significant events in our life and ministry in the

James Bay Deanery; but there is not time to go into them all here.

The Deanery of James Bay continues to deal with the shortage of ordained people to serve in our communities and we are continually grateful for faithful lay readers who are often called upon to go above and beyond their comfort levels in order to minister to people. Each parish in the deanery struggles with how to minister to and care for the large numbers of youth who live in our communities. We all see the challenges that our young people are facing and we pray for wisdom in how best to express God's love and hope to them. The ongoing situation with our relations in the Parish of Chisasibi continues to trouble us and we hope and pray for the truth to be revealed so that we might begin the journey to reconciliation. The Parish of Kashechewan continues to be hit by troubles and crisis. However, there is some light at the end of the tunnel as we are now ready to make a final inspection before purchase of a house which will be used as a rectory for a resident minister. We now pray earnestly that God will raise up a couple who will serve in this very challenging situation.

Thus, the weeks and months of ministry in James Bay pass with great speed. We give thanks to the Creator for that which has been and we pray for his guidance as we move forward.



Site Seeker

[http://justus.anglican.org/
resources/bcp/canada.htm](http://justus.anglican.org/resources/bcp/canada.htm)

This website provides several links to download the BCP (Book of Common Prayer) in several languages and formats. *Other resource material is also available.*

Notes from the Youth and Children's Ministry

Are you looking longingly for summer to come?
Are you investigating what opportunities there are for fun this summer?
Are you between the ages of 8 and 19 or even 25?
We might have something of interest for you.

Do you know anyone ages 8 to 19 or even 25?
We might have something interesting for them this summer.

The Youth and Children's Ministry Committee is supporting various summer programs this year.
Have a look and see if something intrigues you...

Camp Temiskaming

For ages 8 - 14

At Camp Temiskaming we bring all the key elements of camping together. Combine the magic of a beautiful Northern Ontario setting, the fun and adventure that comes from an interesting camp program, our talented staff as well as our rustic atmosphere and you've got a camp experience that will not only change the lives of our campers, but often of our staff as well.

Located on Fairy Lake about ten miles west of New Liskeard, Camp Temiskaming has a peaceful charm that invites you to withdraw from the hectic pace of modern life and enjoy Christian community in the beauty of northern nature.

Camp Temiskaming is part of the Diocese of Algoma and it's youth summer camps are programs that offer affordable and accessible recreational opportunities to all children within a structured setting.

Camps being offered:

Survivor Camp - girls 11 - 14
Adventure Camp - boys 8 - 12
Discovery Camp - girls 8 - 10
Family Camp
Women's Retreats
Men's Retreats

The camp can also be rented for church retreats.
Volunteers are always welcomed also.

CLAY 2010

Do you like large groups of people and want to see what Southern Ontario looks like or explore the Huron University Campus?

Come join us for CLAY 2010

CLAY stands for Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth Conference.

This year the Diocese of Moosonee is looking to involve a few good youth in this annual program. The program runs in mid August 2010.

Participants are from ages 14 to 19.

We may need some help chaperoning.

So if you are over 19 and still interested, we could use your help.

C.L.A.Y. is coming...

Heads up! In August 2010 there will be a National Anglican Youth Gathering in London, Ontario at the London Convention Centre. We're doing this jointly with the ELCIC (Lutheran church) and it is called the CLAY gathering - the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering. It's kind of the first event of its kind and we anticipate about 2000 youth from across the country. This is going to be massive and you won't want to miss it!

5 days of workshops, drama and music presentations, local recreational opportunities and mainstage events/guest speakers. Who WOULDN'T want to be there?

Ask & Imagine for Youth and Adults

Are you in high school OR are you between high school and age 98?

Ask & Imagine Youth is for young people in the Anglican Church and Lutheran Church (ELCIC) from all over Canada.

It's more than a camp, it's more than a youth conference - it's a 10-day experience of living and learning in community with other youth and adult mentors.

1. To make the program equally accessible to youth from anywhere in Canada your travel costs are paid for.

2. Ask & Imagine is an encounter with self, life, leadership and faith for Anglicans and Lutherans ages 15-18, 18-26 from across Canada

3. The two programs are at different times for different age groups:

May 15-23, 2010 (Adults, 18 and over – Academic and experiential formation for youth ministries)

August 12-26, 2010 for youth currently in high school

Ask & Imagine is the place where faith meets real life. As a youth or youth leader in the church, this is an opportunity to open up a whole new view of who you are, your unique gifts for leadership and an understanding of living your Christian faith in our multi-faith world.

If any of these programs interest you or someone you might know, please call me at (705) 272-5336 and chat with me about the possibility of getting involved with them. I am always looking for good conversation and new people being involved in our ministries. I am also available by email at cjadams@mehere.net

With prayers and blessings,
The Rev. CJ Adams
Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Cochrane and Kenogami Deaneries

Heavenly Humour

An Anglican rector called at a woman's home. He knocked several times and got impatient because he could hear her scurrying around inside. So he wrote a text on his card and left it in her mail box:
Revelation 3:20 "Behold I stand at the door and knock, if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in."

Next Sunday as she left the church she slipped him her card with **Genesis 3:10** written on it. He rushed to see what the text was. "I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."



A Canadian Good Friday Parable

submitted by James Kennedy

Good Friday arrived this year much earlier than expected. My 3 year old yellow Labrador, Haggis, leapt on my bed at 5:30 AM and gave me a face washing to announce that he had waited long enough for his morning walk. Now, as we were in Muskoka at the family cottage, this was easier to deal with than in the city because all that was needed was to open the door to the woods where Haggis and his friend, Ailsa, a much smaller dog of uncertain parentage, could romp to their hearts content, leaving me to await the day at a much more civilized hour.

I had come the night before with 5 other male friends to share a Seder supper together. Now to get to our cottage at this time of the year is not easy because the ice is still on the lake, but unsafe, and water transport (the usual way of arriving) is impossible. As a result, we all had to tramp about 2 kilometers through the awakening forest carrying all our water, food and personal gear. Once there, however, the place is wonderfully isolated and peaceful.

We had a very memorable evening that Thursday night, complete with a purifying sauna, including plunging into the ice cold lake, the Seder service conducted by my son Peter, and a wonderful lamb dinner. After dinner we all sat on the cottage porch smoking pipes and solving the big issues of life. It was an incredibly satisfying evening that only those familiar with life in the wilderness can identify with.

After letting the dogs out at the ridiculously early hour on Good Friday morning, Jason, one of our number, jolted me out of my subsequent slumber, running in the cottage shouting that one of the dogs had fallen through the ice in the middle of the lake and couldn't get out. Peter was out of bed like a rocket dressed in a cotton t-shirt and pajama bottoms and raced to the

wharf in his Birkenstocks to see Haggis 200 meters out in the lake struggling in the ice cold water and screaming pitifully for rescue. Haggis and his buddy Ailsa had gone out on the ice for an adventure that only they could understand, and with his larger size, Haggis had broken through while Ailsa had escaped.

I was left with the terrible sensation of seeing the dog struggling for survival but with a 200 meter barrier of dangerous ice separating us and nothing I could do about it. It's those horrible moments when we are onlookers to events over which we have no control that make us realize how vulnerable we all are and how little we really can control what happens to us. A very difficult lesson for men, particularly, who are used to controlling what happens in their lives. How difficult it must have been for the little band of Jesus' followers to experience the events of the first Good Friday.

Suddenly, in an explosion of events, Peter appeared over the hill with our old aluminum Grumman canoe and launched himself and the canoe out onto the ice pack toward the howling dog with the rest of us anxious for his safety. About half way out the ice gave way under his feet and he jumped into the safety of the boat but immediately remembered that, in his frenzy, he had forgotten to bring a paddle.

At this point those of us on the wharf ran to the boat house, itself somewhat iced in, and gathered the paddles we could find, to slide across the ice to Peter, himself stranded in the ice and listening to the struggles of the trapped dog. With superhuman efforts and quite a few paddles left useless on the ice, a paddle finally slid close enough to Peter that he could reach it with one of his Birkenstocks tied to the painter of the canoe, and the drama continued. Peter would paddle a few strokes from the stern of the canoe then run to the bow to break through the ice pack and repeat the process, slowly making his way to the struggling Haggis. It seemed to take forever and we all wondered

how long the dog could last in the perishing cold of the lake. Finally, breakthrough, and Peter pulled the sodden animal into the canoe to everyone's cheers.

Of course, that was only the first half of the drama, the second being the return over the ice pack. To accomplish this, another race to the boathouse, frantic search for ropes to throw to the canoe and an anxious creep out on the ice by Andrew to get a little better chance of reaching the canoe, now stuck on the ice with the rescue party both getting colder by the moment.

Finally, success,... with a mighty toss by Andrew, the rope snaked out to the canoe and Peter was able to reach it with freezing hands, enabling the shore party to pull the sodden dog and Peter to safety. The sense of joy everyone felt was overwhelming as we bundled Haggis and Peter to the warmth of the roaring fire in the cottage.

Some time later when all had recovered and Peter was moving the canoe back to the boathouse, Haggis with his usual ebullience, once again ran out on the ice and only returned to shore when six voices in unison roared at him. Andrew expressed how we all felt when he remarked: "That dog is not the sharpest pencil in the box!"



Obituaries

Katherine Erna Fox

Katherine ("Kate") Fox died peacefully at Kitchener Grand River Hospital on January 11, 2010 after a valiant and recurring fight against cancer over many years. A Funeral Service was held in Cambridge on Saturday January 16th

and a memorial will be held in Kapuskasing in early June.

Katherine was born in Hearst, Ontario on February 27, 1947, and her family moved to Kapuskasing when she was 2 years old. After graduation from Kapuskasing District High School she continued her education at Western University in London, Ontario and then attended Teacher's College. Katherine was at teacher at Roland Michener High School in South Porcupine until her retirement, when she moved to her home on Bayview Road in Moonbeam, Ontario until moving to Elora in October of last year.

Katherine was predeceased by her parents William (Harry) and Erna Fox, her sister Brenda Gregoire and brother Michael Fox. She is survived by her brothers Jim (Carol) of Brampton, John (Anne) of Kamloops, B.C. and sisters Betty Jean Lefebvre (Gerry) of Cambridge and Sharen Bamberly (Eric) of Chilliwack, B.C., step-mother Emma Fox of Pembroke. She is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews and great-niece and great-nephews— they will greatly miss their Auntie Kate.

Kate was a very active member of the Anglican Church in both St. Paul's Parish, South Porcupine and St. Mark's in Kapuskasing. She was a licensed Lay Reader in St. Mark's, and played a leading role in helping the parish develop a new pattern of ministry, when it was no longer possible to have a full time priest resident in the town. A deeply spiritual person, Kate was a frequent speaker at various church gatherings. She faced the impending end of her earthly life with serenity, secure and at peace with both God and those she would leave behind.

Donations in her memory can be made to St. Mark's Anglican Church, in Kapuskasing or a charity of your choice.

The Reverend Frank Reid



June 6th, 1932 was a special day on Fogo Island, off the northeast coast of Newfoundland. On that day two baby boys were born, each of which was to have an important ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada. One of these, Stewart

Payne, never left Newfoundland, eventually becoming Archbishop of Western Newfoundland and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. The other, Frank Reid, began his professional life as a school teacher, then was ordained deacon in Newfoundland and priest in Nova Scotia. Returning to Newfoundland as a priest, Frank served four parishes there before appointment to the parish of Arichat in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. It was there that he met and married Louise.

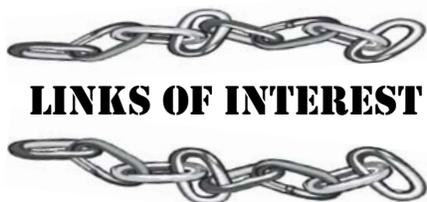
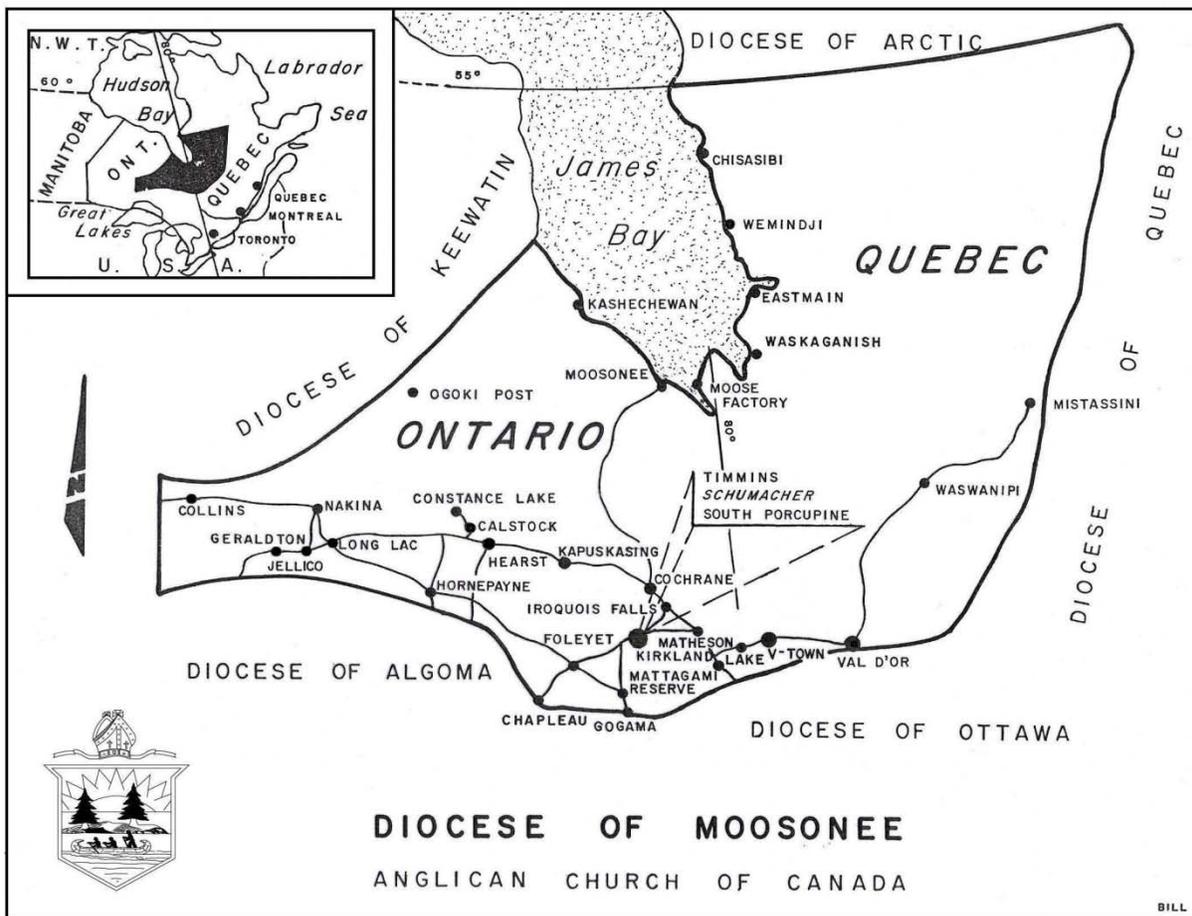
After a brief period out of parish ministry, Archbishop Harold Nutter referred Frank to Bishop Caleb. As a result, Frank and Louise came to check out the possibility of ministry in the Diocese of Moosonee. Despite a terrifying flight for a white knuckled priest in a tiny plane to Wemindji, Frank accepted appointment in that progressive Cree community on the east coast of James Bay. Through three years of ministry, Frank and Louise were loved and appreciated by the people there, so much so that they later returned for a further year's interim ministry, following Frank's retirement in 1994. Leaving the Wemindji community in late 1989, the Reids then moved to St. James Memorial Parish in Geraldton. Later, the couple moved to Kapuskasing, where Frank was Rector of St. Mark's Parish until his retirement in 1994.

Back in Nova Scotia, Frank continued to minister, and served as interim priest in several parishes in the Halifax area until increasing health problems prevented further activity. Following a year of declining health, Frank died on January 28th, 2010, and was buried from St. Philip's Church where he and Louise had worshipped for many years. At the funeral, Bishop Sue Moxley read the following message from retired Bishop Caleb:

“We offer our prayers and condolences to Louise and her family at this time, even as we give thanks to God for the life and Christian witness of Frank Reid.

Frank came to the Diocese of Moosonee in the 1980's with Louise to begin a new ministry as an experienced and committed priest. There, Frank served in three very different parish centres, each very different from the others, and each with its own challenges. In each place Frank's practical, caring and down to earth approach to ministry left profound impacts on the lives of parishioners and communities. Frank and Louise were not only respected and accepted, but were dearly loved. They epitomized what is described in the Baptismal Covenant as seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving their neighbours as themselves. In the wider diocese, Frank gave special leadership as a Regional Dean and member of Synod and the Diocesan Executive Council. I am personally grateful for his ministry to me as the Bishop's Domestic Chaplain for much of the time spent in the diocese....

While Frank will be sadly missed by many, we give thanks to God for the way that he modeled true priestly ministry, in ways which inspired and encouraged the ministries of so many others around him. May the memory of his faith continue to be emulated in the lives of all of those who had the privilege of knowing him.”



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