



# The Northland



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## Letter from the Diocesan Administrator

Dear Northland Readers,

In the last issue of the Northland, I wrote my first letter to you as Diocesan Administrator. We were in the season of Lent, looking forward to an Episcopal Election, and asking for the Holy Spirit to blow new life into our Diocese in many ways, not least of all in the election of a new bishop. Today I write my last letter to you

as Diocesan Administrator. We are in the season of Pentecost, the season when we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit that first Pentecost, the birthday of the Church, and the continuing presence of that Holy Spirit blowing through our church here in Moosonee today.

One wonderful example of the Spirit blowing life into us was the election of Tom Corston as our Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Moosonee. People from across the diocese have spoken or emailed me, telling me about upholding the election, the candidates, and the synod members in prayer during the day of the election.

A second example will be the consecration of Tom as our bishop, and then his installation in his “cathedral” at St. Matthew’s. The plans are many, and promise a memorable day for July 6, 2010. (See a copy of the invitation in this issue.) We are hoping to feel that wind of God

as so many people gather, first at St. Anthony’s Roman Catholic Cathedral for the services of consecration and Eucharist, and then process up the street to our own St. Matthew’s Cathedral and install “+Thomas, Moosonee”.

Of course, as we look around us we can see the creator spirit blowing new life into the trees, plants, and animals – the geese and ducks have returned along with the songbirds and hummingbirds. The moose, bear and deer are frequenting the highways as the hungry new batch of black flies and mosquitoes chase them

out of the bush with their incessant whine and buzz as they alight for their meal. And we humans begin planting new gardens, unpacking the lawn and deck furniture, and opening cottages, campers, and summer camps. Children hear the call of vacation somewhere in the wind and find new bursts of energy as they spend more time outdoors. And the return of longer hours and increased warmth of sunlight – a welcome sunrise and sunset with plenty of daylight in between them revives our souls and minds and

hearts. As we bask in that sunlight, may we also bask in the “son light” of Christ as he continues to walk with us on our journey of faith, sharing this faith and love of God with each other in our parishes and in our wider communities.

God bless us all with his nourishing presence, his healing love and compassion, his exuberant



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

joy, his glorious light, and his breath of life – the Holy Spirit – blowing through our hearts, minds and souls, bringing new life and wholeness in our relationship with God himself.

Your sister in Christ,

*Edna †*

The Rev. Edna Murdy



*Photographed by; John Shaw*

**“A Lovely day in April”**

**By: The Rev. Rodney BrantFrancis**

Saturday April 10, 2010 dawned as a beautifully bright day – after the huge snow storm that had covered the Timmins area only two days before. My wife Lisa and I, and two of our three delegates to the Episcopal Election were on the road during that major storm and we chuckled that the Episcopal Search Committee had managed to get everything together for Saturday’s election but the weather. Oh well, you can’t have it all! In spite of the

snow, by Saturday morning lay delegates, clergy and guests converged on St. Matthew’s Cathedral to participate in the election of the Ninth Bishop of Moosonee. This was a new event for many of us as there had not been an Episcopal Election in our diocese for over thirty years. However, under the watchful eye and capable leadership of our Metropolitan – The Most Reverend Colin Johnson - we began the day. I must say that I thoroughly appreciated how Archbishop Johnson kept us grounded in prayer and Word throughout the process. He constantly reminded us that this was a spiritual exercise and not a political one. His concern for and care of each of the seven nominees as names were dropped from the ballot one by one was very impressive to me. It was clearly visible to that this was about people and not about the institution.

As a member of the Episcopal Search Committee I am well aware of the large amount of time and effort that went into the planning and carrying out of the Electoral Synod. Deep appreciation must be expressed to Anne Dyas who was the chair of that committee and to Ruth Cluley who was seconded from her usual duties at the Synod office to do a large amount of the preparation work. These two ladies did an excellent job in seeing that all things were brought together for the day of the Synod. In my role as the Election Committee Chair I must say that the whole process of balloting, counting and reporting went extremely well. Many thanks to those who served with me on the Election Committee. Finally, to the seven individuals who allowed their names to stand for election – thank you for stepping out in faith and testing the waters to see whether or not you were being called to be the Ninth Bishop of Moosonee, I believe that your actions took great courage and faith and I commend you for that. May God bless you all as we continue together in the work of building His Kingdom.

***Rodney BrantFrancis***

Regional Dean of James Bay

Patricia Dorland Appointed Coordinator of  
Resource Sharing for the Ecclesiastical  
Province of Ontario



Patricia Dorland has been appointed Coordinator of Resource Sharing for the Church Province of Ontario, at a meeting of the Provincial Synod Executive Council in Toronto on March 23rd, 2010.

A member of Holy Trinity Parish in Cochrane, in the Diocese of Moosonee, Ms. Dorland has been an active leader in the parish for many years. Presently, she is chair of the Finance and Property Committee and as chair of the newly formed Stewardship committee is coordinating the development of stewardship through out the diocesan area.

As Treasurer of Holy Trinity Parish and responsible for Stewardship, she designed an innovative parish program and has been sharing this passion of stewardship ministry with other parishes in the diocese.

When asked to comment on Patricia, her rector, the Rev. CJ Adams, wrote: "Patricia has been an invaluable member of the Holy Trinity Parish for many years. Her dedication to the parish and the diocese has been of benefit in many ways. I am very pleased that she has taken on this new ministry within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. She loves to do research and help others to be connected to solid ministry throughout the area."

As Coordinator of Resource Sharing, Ms. Dorland will research what resources have been produced in the seven dioceses comprising the Church Province of Ontario in such areas as Stewardship, Worship, the Environment, Social Justice to name but a few. Her work will be

posted on the website of the province and it is hoped that this sharing of resources will inspire as well as save time for dioceses who want to do similar work.

In introducing her to Council, Communication Director, Peter Schaub, was delighted that she had accepted to do this ministry for the Province. Having worked with her in preparation of last year's Provincial Synod in Cochrane, he expressed his confidence in her research skills and her ability to ask intelligent, probing questions.

Patricia Dorland is married and has four children. She enjoys singing, especially when accompanied by her husband Clive on guitar, and her son, Steven on the fiddle.

**The Tent Is Coming!!!**



Picture by [Deborah-James Lonergan-Freake](#)

The Tent is Coming!!! The Tent is Coming!!!  
What Is the Tent? This is a picture of Willo Goulet - People's Warden & Kids Club teacher. This was taken on March 7, 2010 at our Come as You Are Sunday at St. Luke's Hornepayne, where we now have a little tent set up between the front pew & the altar rail. We have some foam tiles in it & in front of it & the kids can play with those & some toys that are there. Now on Sunday mornings the kids can come and have Christian education by listening to the hymns and service. Mom or Dad, Grandmother or Grandfather, any caregiver can come and worship, knowing that their loved one is with them and enjoying the service also.

Word is spreading apparently.  
We have purchased the Donut Man curriculum & hope to start a regular kid's club (Sun School with a newer name) in the fall.

## STEWARDS OF ALL OUR GIFTS

We are a new committee, with new energy committed to a very old ministry!

At the March 2010 Executive Council meeting of our diocese, a motion was passed to set up a Stewardship Committee. As outlined in the Diocesan Goals and confirmed by a task force report, the Diocese of Moosonee is prepared to focus time, talent and money on Stewardship Ministry.

The committee will consist of individuals from each deanery and three parishes from each deanery who will work and partner together to support, mentor and educate all parishes in the diocese. This will be done at the invitation of the parishes and deaneries through facilitating workshops or parish visitations, by sharing resources on-line and through a diocesan library and by building personal relationships within our Christian Community.

As we grow in our understanding that Stewardship Ministry is about how we respond to all the blessings and gifts that God has given us, we will realize that practicing responsible stewardship becomes a lifestyle that is lived out as we travel on our faith journey. Stewardship is Evangelism; Stewardship is Mission; Stewardship is how we live and tell the Gospel. Are you surprised by these descriptions? If you want more information on how your parish can get involved, contact the Synod Office or Chair of the Stewardship Committee, Patricia Dorland at [Pdorland@puc.net](mailto:Pdorland@puc.net).

### *Autumn Issue Contribution Deadline*

**September 10<sup>st</sup>, 2010**

Please send all contributions to  
[\*\*northland@domaa.ca\*\*](mailto:northland@domaa.ca)

or by post to

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Stewardship Committee

## **The Woman at the Well**

On May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010, the Diocese of Ottawa and the Diocese of Ontario partnered together, to host the first collaborated conference on stewardship. The key note speaker was **The Right Reverend Michael B Curry, Bishop of North Carolina**. He gave three addresses that were inspirational, full of energy and humour and solidly grounded in the Gospel.

It was my great pleasure to be able to attend this conference on behalf of the Stewardship Committee for the Diocese of Moosonee, as Bishop Michael spoke on stewardship as evangelism and stewardship as mission, He used the story of the Samaritan Woman at the Well, as an example of evangelism and that as good stewards it is our job to share “The Gospel Story”. With gifted articulation he built on that theme, bringing us along on his perspective of what stewardship means. It truly was a wonderful experience.

We were able to attend workshops and meet old and new friends who were more than willing to share whatever resources and knowledge they had in their various ministries. We prayed together, worshipped together, sang together and laughed together.

It is exciting to hear the stories of good ministry happening as prayer is answered, as God is listened to, and as the Holy Spirit is empowering. The Diocese of Moosonee may be small in population compared to more southern dioceses but we have been offered by these same dioceses a huge well of resources to draw from as we move forward in developing our own style of Stewardship Ministry to the glory of God and as we live His dream for us through Jesus Christ.

“The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water.....” John 4:15

*Submitted by:  
Patricia Dorland*

## El Camino de Geraldton

On Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, St James Anglican Church hosted a pilgrimage called “El Camino de Geraldton around the community. All of the other churches opened their sites for prayer, rest, and meditation. St. Theresa’s Catholic Church also had a power point presentation showing pictures of Father Gosselin’s Pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain.

The road to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, has been declared a World Heritage Site. The route is known as the Way of St. James, “El Camino de Santiago”, because it is believed to be the route the Apostle James travelled when he went to Spain to evangelize the northern part of the Iberian Peninsula. His burial place is believed to be at Santiago de Compostela. Pilgrims often begin their pilgrimage in France and then spend weeks and sometimes months walking across the country of Spain.

In Geraldton, participants had the opportunity to experience, in miniature, a re-creation of an easy day on the Camino pilgrimage in Spain. There was a choice of 4 different routes varying in length from 2.3 km around town to 15 km around town and out to the Interpretive Center as well as Barton Bay. (All distances are approximate.) Along the way they collected bible verses for meditation and to place in their ‘credentials’ to show that they completed their route.

At 5p.m. the pilgrims’ gathered in the Anglican Church hall to enjoy ‘tapas’ (hors d’oeuvres) and to share the experiences of the day. A Spanish meal followed at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, there was an Ecumenical service, open to everyone, pilgrim walkers or not.

The participants found the day to be very moving and really enjoyed this special event.

Submitted By: Lois Wynn



*The Reverend Hal Graham and Margaret Graham  
Photographed By: Lois Wynn*

### **Retirement Open House Come Join Us**

On Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> of August, 2010  
1pm-4pm

St. Peter’s Church Hall  
Kirkland Lake, ON

to Celebrate the Ministry of

**The Reverend Edna Murdy**

### **Please RSVP**

to Vivien (642-3445)

or Diane (567-6062)

or Leslev (642-3923)

## COCHRANE DEANERY 2010 GREAT CHAPTER

Submitted By:  
The Reverend Margaret Dempster

This year's Great Chapter meeting for Cochrane Deanery was held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. The meeting was well attended, approximately 28 attendees.

The Reverend Edna Murdy welcomed the Bishop Elect Tom Corston and his wife Ruth to Cochrane Deanery's Great Chapter. Details of the Consecration and Installation ceremonies were provided. The consecration and reception will be held at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, and the installation at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Choirs from the Church of the Epiphany (Sudbury), St. Paul's (South Porcupine) and the Cathedral of St. Matthew (Timmins) will make the celebrations joyous ones.

The Great Chapter began with a sharing circle with people responding to the question "One hope I have for our diocese as we enter a new time in our journey of faith." Responses ranged from the hope of attracting younger worshipers to filling lay and clerical vacancies.

Business matters were discussed, for instance, Health and Safety Checklists, Screening in Faith, and the Leave of Absence Policy. This policy will be reviewed by Executive Council at its fall meeting along with comments received from the Cochrane Deanery Great Chapter meeting.

There were a number of presentations in the afternoon. The Reverend Margaret Dempster spoke about the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer and the International Anglican Women's Network. The Reverend C.J. Adams presented information on Children and Youth Ministry, and The Reverend Bruce Roberts spoke on the PWRDF's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Refugee Sponsorship Program. The funds that our diocese collected, approximately \$4,000, will be forwarded to the Diocese of Algoma. The

Diocese of Algoma has the additional funds, and services to sponsor a refugee and family. Special thanks are extended to the ever faithful kitchen angels for providing the morning and afternoon refreshments and snacks, and the wonderful lunch. Your work often times goes unnoticed. "Where would we be without you"! The 2011 Great Chapter for Cochrane Deanery will be held on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Peter's on-the-Rock, Kirkland Lake. Minutes of the 2010 Cochrane Deanery Great Chapter meeting are available from clergy in the deanery and Synod Office staff.



*Photographed By: Margaret Dempster*



### **From the Mailroom!!!**

I've always enjoyed the Northland very much.  
Keep up the good work.  
~~Mrs. Amy Creese~~

*The Northland is always greeted with interest-  
recollection and affection*  
~~James Scanlon~~

*We both (my son & I) both enjoy reading the  
Northland.*  
~~ Mrs. C. Roberts~~



## **“HOLY TRINITY PARISH COCHRANE”**

Backbone of the church, the ladies of the parish celebrated spring by taking on a couple of major projects this May. The first involved the local high school reunion, to which our ladies, with the leadership of Kim Skidmore, provided six hundred and seventy desserts. The effect was to enable the parish to meet its financial obligations for the month!

The other event was the hosting of the ACW Retreat and annual meeting. Delegates from eight parishes, including two coastal communities, gathered here to pray, learn, socialize, and do business from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2010. Theme of the conference was “I am here, Lord.”

Workshops were led by Emma Marsh of Timmins, CJ Adams of Cochrane, Margaret Dempster of Iroquois Falls, and Marion Saunders, National President of the Anglican Church Women. Delegates, including women from other churches in our community, were led to better prayer habits, heard about the importance of the International Anglican Women’s Network, learned the history of the ACW, and were updated on the progress of youth ministry in our diocese.

Business included determining the location of coming meetings, making donations, and electing an executive for the coming year. The Diocesan ACW will be led by Edith Belair of Cochrane, ably assisted by Eve Lazarus, Annie

Lazarus, Anita Assad, Patricia Lake, Beulah Morrison, and Faythe Colbert. Honorary President will be Ruth Corston, spouse of our Bishop-Elect.

After three days of motivation, delegates returned to their homes refreshed, and renewed in their commitment to their work.

*By Richard Moore from Cochrane, Ontario*

### **“News & Views from Wemindji”**

**Submitted By:**  
**The Reverend Captain Rodney BrantFrancis**

Today is Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and it is clear and quite cold for this time of year. I have been told that the “long necks” have been flying this week. The “long necks” are a breed of Goose which makes its annual migration from South Carolina to the coast of James Bay and even into Hudson’s Bay. That sure is a long way to travel every year. It has been a very poor spring for hunting geese – there have been very few flying over and those that have flown over are very high in the sky – meaning that they are traveling much further north. All of us wonder what we’re going to eat this summer at the twelve wedding feasts that are being planned.

The extension and renovation of our church is progressing well and the building is beginning to look brand new. The additional space on the main floor has been used a number of times already for Kid’s Church, meetings and a Marriage Preparation Seminar. Also, we have had two funerals and we have been able to use the addition as space for extra seating. With the extra space we have additional seating for more than one hundred people. The basement portion of the addition will become a lovely and well-lit meeting room which will be used by the ACW, Select Vestry and any other community groups that need space to hold their meetings and events. All of us are very thankful to our Chief and Council for their ongoing support of the church in our community, and especially for

their generosity in the current upgrades to our facilities.

In November of last year our ACW was resurrected after a two year hiatus. Over the winter months they were meeting each Tuesday evening with an average of twenty-five women in attendance. They did a lot of work in preparation for the James Bay Deanery Great Chapter meeting and did an enormous amount of cooking on the days of the meeting and for the two funerals which came right on the meeting's heels. I think on the Saturday evening of our gathering they fed about five hundred people.

Over the last few months our community has been troubled by the sudden and unexpected deaths of a number of our members. We have lost Elders, middle-aged folks and a child all very unexpectedly. This leaves us with a burden of grief that seems to permeate many of the events and much of the life of our entire community. However, faith in God and the support of one another will bring us through this challenging time. Thank you all for your interest in the life of our parish and for your prayer support. Your prayers continue to strengthen and uphold as we journey together on the path of the Creator.

God Bless You All!

*Rodney Brant Francis*

### **“South Porcupine”**

Submitted by: *The Reverend Bruce Roberts*

On the Saturday after Diocesan Executive in March, over thirty people from nearly 10 parishes came to a workshop on prayer in St. Paul's Church, parish hall, South Porcupine. The guest speakers were Bishop Eddie Marsh and his wife Emma. The workshop was entitled *Practical Personal Prayer*.

The day was punctuated with teaching on simple practical methods of prayer. One of the methods was Ignatian in its origin. Another very easy petition to use when knowledge of

the situation or the person is limited, is to ask God to fulfill their deepest need. This deepest need may not even be known by the person whom the prayer is directed. The use of the Lord's Prayer, phrase by phrase, letting the sense of the prayer soak in to one's spirit was one of the methods taught by the Marsh's..

There was also ample time for discussion. One of the questions that surfaced was what to do with un-answered prayer. God does not always do what we ask. But we also realise that God is not in our control but we are seeking God's control in our lives.

It was also a great time for parishes to get together in a moment where there was no official function or business to attend to. It was a time to relax and let down the hair with the Lord. Everyone was pleased with the day of prayer. There was also no fee and a free chilli lunch was provided. At the end of the day, many, including the speakers desired a part two to be held sometime in the future.

Bishop Eddie and Emma were serving an interim ministry in the Cathedral parish from Christmas till June of 2010.

### **“Hornepayne”**



*Photographed By: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

Members of St. Stephen's Constance Lake, St. Luke's Hornepayne and St. Matthew/St. Paul's attended Great Chapter held in Geraldton. (LR Back Row: Stanley Stevens & Harvey Ferris, Front Row: Barb O'Hare, Joyce Easton, James Lonergan-Freake, with Midnight)

## “Hearst”



*Photographed by:  
The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

As a joint Anglican-United Church, members of St. Matthew/St. Paul's, Hearst celebrated the 85th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada with a special service held on June 6, 2010. Our special guest was our former minister, the Rev. Doug Richardson. Anniversary Co-ordinators, Viljo and Betty Martin ably assisted by the members of our congregation organized the event, which included a lovely dinner provided by congregation members. The church was decorated with flowers, balloons and a beautiful Banner made especially for the occasion.



*Photographed By: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

Members of St. Matthew/St. Paul's, Hearst (L-R James Lonergan-Freake, Heather Fex & Bryant Fex) dished up ice cream cones for the students of Clayton Brown School as a way of wishing them a safe and happy summer from our Church.

## “Constance Lake First Nation”



*Photographed By: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

Members of St. Stephen's congregation, Constance Lake First Nation held a special service of Blessing for Creation in May, which included the four elements: fire, water, wind and earth. Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake and Lay Reader Harvey Ferris led prayers for the forests and trees, rivers and lakes, land and earth, as well as for animals, birds, fish and all the peoples of our planet.



*Photographed By: The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake*

St. Luke's, Hornepayne held its Rogation Service in May with prayers for the blessing of all of creation and for our activities. Members of the congregation brought symbols of their spring and summer pass times - which included fishing tackle, books, barbeque supplies, summer knitting projects and kites, to name a few. The service was followed by a family "Grub Up" barbeque - BBQ Chef Brian Firman served up lots of great food for the hungry crowd.



## **A Week in the Niagara Escarpment**

What more could a teenager want? A week away from home (with no parents, of course), the opportunity to meet new people, try new things, and at minimal personal cost? Sounds pretty decent to me! Which is why I 'm happy that I got to do just that, this past March Break. I, along with Abby Adams of Holy Trinity in Cochrane and Jennifer Johnston of St. Matthew's Cathedral in Timmins, got the chance to participate in the Youth Leadership Training Program in Ancaster in the Diocese of Niagara. I believe I can speak on behalf of the three of us when I say our experience was out of the ordinary. For my part, I had the chance to do something that I don't get to do often enough: meet new people, I made new friends while at YLTP, and I still keep in touch now. Everybody down there was very friendly and accepting, even though their territory was being invaded by invaders from Northern Ontario (even further than Barrie!). The activities and workshops at YLTP helped me discover more about myself. They helped me get past some of my shyness, a blatant problem in my case. The activities we did there have let me bring something back here, be it organisation, leadership, or just a plain old good time. Finally YLPT gave me the opportunity to develop some skills and facets of myself. I now have higher self esteem than I did, I don't mind the burden of leadership as much, and I support others in what they do more than I used to. All around, I believe that the trip down to Ancaster was well worth getting up early on Saturday morning, and I can't wait to return for two more

years. A huge thank you to the Youth and Children's Ministry Committee for providing funds for the trip.

I also encourage any youth that would like to participate at YLTP next year or in years to come to contact the Director of Youth and Children's Ministry for the Cochrane and Kenogami Deaneries, Rev. CJ Adams. She is very enthusiastic about getting the youth for whom she is responsible to participate in anything, be it YLTP or parish activities. Anyone who wishes to attend will be welcomed with open arms by CJ and everyone else attending. When we go to Ancaster, we leave as a group, so no one has to venture off into the wilderness of Southern Ontario alone. It gives them a chance not only to meet youth from the Diocese of Niagara, but also within our own diocese as well. Who knows? You might make new friends that you'll know for the rest of your life.

Yours in Christ,

Alex Madill  
St Mark's Anglican Church, Kapuskasing



*Photographed By: Diocese of Niagara*

## “What happens in Geraldton stays in Geraldton” ?? --- Definitely NOT!

The Great Chapter Meeting for Kenogami Deanery was held at St. James’ Memorial Church in Geraldton, May 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> 2010. The focus was largely on stewardship with Patricia Dorland as facilitator. Patricia is the chair of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee.

The weekend began with a spaghetti supper, provided by members of St. James, on Friday evening. We welcomed several guests from beyond the deanery, beginning with Bishop-Elect Tom Corston along with his son Andrew who travelled with him from Sudbury. The Reverend CJ Adams, Director for youth and children Ministry for Cochrane and Kenogami Deaneries, accompanied Patricia Dorland from Cochrane.

We formed a circle after supper for a time of self introduction. Each participant told us where he or she was born along with other news-worthy details! We welcomed The Rev. Deborah Lonergan-Freake and her husband James as newly arrived in the deanery. Deborah then led the evening presentation while James sat nearby with a black tousele of fur resting contentedly on his shoulder. The third member of their family is “Midnight”, a black Shih Tzu, who sat curled in the crook of James’ arm and absorbed every word.

Deborah ascribed “Spiritual Direction” as a key to her own personal development. She said that a director does not primarily dispense advice but gives the adherent an opportunity to speak out loud. The speaker discovers new insight as she speaks her own story. Although sudden and dramatic change is possible, Deborah likened the experience to individual drops of water falling onto a sponge. Without quite knowing when it happens, the sponge becomes filled with water.

We reconvened Saturday morning for an early breakfast which was prepared and provided by the members of St. John in the Wilderness Church, Longlac. Patricia Dorland introduced us to the need for transformation in our thinking about stewardship. Our vision is often distorted

and we give out of guilt, or habit, or obligation. We do not always realize that stewardship is about a thankful heart. Like the younger and older brother in “The Prodigal Son” we may need our eyes opened to the benefits we receive. Like those brothers we too may be indifferent to the benefits given by the Father. We too need to “come to ourselves” about our own privileges. Following Patricia’s work we had time to browse at a book and craft table set up by The Rev. CJ Adams. We ended the day with a Eucharist upstairs in St. James’ Church.

I’m grateful to Patricia and CJ for staying with us one more day. CJ spoke to congregations on Sunday morning at Longlac and Geraldton about ministry with children and again in the afternoon at the Long Term Care facility about prayer. Patricia brought to our Great Chapter Meeting the energy associated with a deep commitment and love towards God. She has given us the opportunity to change both our thinking and our behaviour in regards to the activity of THANKS giving.

Respectfully submitted by: The Rev. Hal Graham  
(Regional Dean of Kenogami)



*The Rev. CJ Adams, The Rev. Hal Graham, Margaret Graham and Patricia Dorland*

## *Life Notes...*

**James, Declan, Deirdre and Aimée are proud to welcome the new edition to the Mousseau family.**

**Dexter James Mousseau**  
**Born June 1st, 2010 @ 11:04 am**  
**7lb 4.5oz**  
**19.5"**

## VIOLENCE AND INDIGENOUS WOMEN UNITED NATIONS PARALLEL EVENT



Rachel Chakasim – Canada  
Sara Eagle Heart – U.S.A.

The Canadian contingent of the International Anglican Women's Network hosted a parallel event at the 54<sup>th</sup> United Nations Commission on the Status of Women (UNCSW). This event was sponsored by the Anglican Consultative Council and the World Council of Churches. This was the first year that IAWN-Canada has been able to have a First Nation's delegate attend, Rachel Chakasim of Moosonee.

The event was held at the United Nations Church Centre and the organizers and participants of the event were:

### Contacts

The Reverend Canon Alice Medcof (Canada)  
Elizabeth Lee (World Council of Churches)

### Co-ordinator/Moderator

The Reverend Margaret Dempster (Canada)

### Panelists

Rachel Chakasim (Canada)  
Sarah Eagle Heart (U.S.A.)  
Arieta Moceica (Pacific)  
Nelcia Robinson Hazell (Caribe)

This year's UNCSW forum commemorated the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action. One of the Platform's critical issues is violence against women. Despite numerous international resolutions, violence against women of all ages persists as a gross human rights violation. It includes but not limited to domestic abuse, rape, and trafficking of women and girls. Indigenous women from around the world attended the parallel event and spoke of their own concerns.

For further information on the International Anglican Women's Network, the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women, and/or the Beijing Platform for Action, please contact The Reverend Margaret Dempster [dempster@ontera.net](mailto:dempster@ontera.net). I would be pleased to speak to any group in the diocese. Your affiliation and support of the Moosonee Chapter of IAWN would be most welcomed.



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

Please visit our Diocesan website:  
[www.domaa.ca](http://www.domaa.ca)  
for individual Parish Page  
Calendar of Events

## 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 main stage events/guest speakers. Who WOULDN'T want to be there?

## Obituaries



### George Wesley (1943-2010)



George Wesley

George Wesley, a highly respected elder and churchman from Kashechewan, Ontario, died in the Timmins and District Hospital on Friday morning, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010. George was 67 years of age at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Eileena and children Maria, Ervan, Tashina, Sterling, Ginger, Billy and Melanie.

A life long member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, George served for many years as a faithful warden and regular worshipper. He often spoke of his strong faith, and his conviction that God's healing and enabling hand had sustained him through many times of difficulty. He was a calm presence of unshakeable faith in a community wracked by disastrous floods and health crises, many of which resulted in the evacuation of a large part of the population, sometimes for many weeks. A few years ago, a son, Ricardo, died in a tragic fire.

George was a familiar figure at a number of church gatherings in the James Bay Deanery and wider Diocese of Moosonee. He loved to

sing, especially when he had a guitar in his hands, and he was often nicknamed "George Jones" after the popular cowboy singer.

Outside the church, George was deeply involved in the wider life of the community and its people, serving as a member of Council and often representing his people at meeting in outside centres.

George, and his wife Eileena were members of Synod, and were scheduled to participate in the Electoral Synod on April 10<sup>th</sup> in Timmins, along with their daughter, Melanie Hardisty, from Moose Factory. But it was not to be. In March, George was flown to the hospital in Timmins with severe health problems. He died there on the day before the Synod was held, in which Archdeacon Tom Corston was elected.

It is significant that George died only days after the festival of Easter. George would have been reminded of the Gospel proclamation that, in Christ, death has been defeated and resurrection is a gift to us all. In that certainty, George left this life, to be reunited with Ricardo in the nearer presence of the Christ whom he loved and followed so faithfully. Thanks be to God. Alleluia



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