



THE DIOCESE OF NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD

## LEAP FOR FAITH UPDATE

# Campaign Donors Support Local Ministry

## *Congregational Development a Key Priority*

Leap For Faith Campaign donors are making a big difference in the ministry life of parishes throughout Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. To date 16 parishes have received support under the *healthy congregations* priority of the campaign that provides a cost sharing of funds towards the expenses of consultant, Janet Marshall of Potentials East.

Christ Church, Shelburne is one such parish. In 2006 they knew they were headed for trouble. They already had identified a dangerous trend; their expenditures were higher than their income. Knowing this trend couldn't continue for long they asked for help. Through a consultation process Janet was able to assist the parish in developing a ministry plan and vision called Reaching for our Future.

Archdeacon Sandra Fyfe, parish Rector at the time explained that the process was about becoming a vision-led people by discovering God's vision for the parish and then having the courage to embrace it. "We have grown closer as a Christian community, developed confidence that we have a unique contribution to make to our community and wider world and have had lots of fun," she said.



Charlotte Cochran with Janet Marshall

The congregation of All Saints Cathedral recently embarked on a process of conversation and study to develop a renewed vision for its ministry. Janet explains that a significant challenge for the congregation is the unique personalities of a Cathedral. "The first is that of a parish with the typical issues of staffing, programming, administration, volunteers and funding," she says. "The second personality is that which comes from being the Bishop's See as a diocesan church. It is important that the cathedral's vision incorporate appropriate support for parishes throughout the diocese and address how all Anglicans relate to their cathedral."

Cathedral member Charlotte Cochran is excited with the results so far. "There has been a lot of good spirit in the discussions and people enjoy the opportunity to talk about the role of the Cathedral within the wider community," she says.

Parishes in both urban and rural locations are seeking ways to renew their ministry initiatives and their relationships with other parishes and include the following to date:

Cathedral Church of All Saints  
Beaverbank  
Christ Church, Shelburne  
Fall River  
St. Francis by the Lakes, Sackville  
St. John's, Fairview  
St. John's, Lunenburg  
St. Margaret of Scotland, Halifax  
St. Mark's, Halifax  
St. Matthias, Halifax  
St. Peter's, Birch Cove  
St. Peter's, Hackett's Cove  
St. Philip's, Halifax  
Sackville  
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