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Photo: Raising hands and raising awareness at the fire station at the Community Roots camp.

Community Roots 2024: growing together in this place

SUBMITTED BY ALLIE COLP

The Community Roots Day Camp program has been a growing ministry in our diocese since the summer of 2018, and each year has been wonderful and unique as this program has continued to grow and connect with more and more children and volunteers throughout the diocese.

Community Roots is designed to do two things - first, to encourage young people to grow in their faith, or to learn about Christianity for the first time, and second, to develop leadership capacity in communities so that meaningful, local ministry can continue to happen there for children and youth.

Our staff team this year was made up of two wonderful Program Architects, Leah Marshall and Sophie Ashton,

who put together an entire curriculum for a full week of day camp, train volunteers, and then work with those volunteers to facilitate camps, all with the support of Allie Colp, our Diocesan Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator.

Our theme for this summer was Growing Together in This Place, so the weeks of camp were spent exploring who we are, what communities we are part of, what it means for us and our communities to change and grow, caring for creation, and the importance of celebration.

None of the incredible things that happened during this summer of camp would have been possible without the incredible and generous volunteers in each of the communities that held camps, and the people who contributed in other ways! Many, many thanks to each and every one of you,

whether you were at camp all day every day, were in charge of the barbecue at a closing celebration, popped in for bits of camp here and there, offered a community connection, dropped off cookies or anything else in between. This program and all of your communities are better for you being part of them!

It hasn't been that long since we wrapped up the program for this summer, but we are already thinking ahead to next summer. If your parish is interested in hosting a camp next summer, applications will open early in the new year, but it's never too early to start chatting with Allie about how to make that happen - you can email her at youthandfamily@nspeidiocese.ca.

Some Stats From Our Biggest Year So Far:

- 8 weeks of camp in 8

incredible communities

- 127 campers
- 60 volunteers
- 34 Godly Play Stories told
- Over 100 creative art, science, and game activities
- Over 1000 hours of volunteer time
- Countless sacred moments, oodles of laughs, lots and lots of fun, and so many memories for everyone involved!

Where volunteers saw God in camp this year:

1. "At the camp closing - it was beautiful!"
2. "God was involved in everything from campers' friendships that developed among each other and volunteers, the campers' enjoyment of Godly play and worship space and

- service, the artwork and conversations we had with campers. God blessed us with wonderful weather and a cool indoor space too!
3. "Daily, but especially in the story time..."
4. "In the smiles of the campers and their families."
5. "I had so many beautiful conversations with these campers and witnessed some lovely moments of campers helping one another, which is always so inspiring to see."
6. "The love in this place and the building of community was real."
7. "God was at work when I was watching how the children cared for and helped each other."
8. "When I saw the joy and wonder in the children's faces!"

Pray as you can



Thanksgiving is possibly my favourite time of year. It is the gathering in of harvests, of blessings, of family and friends; a warm kitchen and crisp walks, a time of gratitude and reaching out to others. And yet, there are some years when this celebration seems instead to emphasize loneliness, scarcity or sorrow. Perhaps due to life circumstances, our expectations, or memories of Thanksgivings past.

It is helpful to remember that we are the beneficiaries of God's bounty every day. Not just harvest bounty but spiritual nourishment as well. We are reminded to be grateful each day: "This is the day that

the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Ps 118: 24). Each Sunday we celebrate the Eucharist giving thanks for all that has been, all this is, and all that will be. Eucharist is from the Greek word *eucharistia*, meaning thanksgiving.

Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE says in his article *A Gift, Not a Given: Living Gratefully*: 'If prayer – your relationship with God – in any way eludes you just now, simply pray your gratitude. Gratitude in prayer is like oil to a frozen gear box. Be grateful for the amazing people in your life who have made all the difference. Be grateful for your senses: Let your eyes gaze on shape and

color, texture and movement for what is in your vista; listen to the myriad of sounds that surround you; examine something closely until you are full of wonder. On and on you can go. Don't miss the opportunity to savor and pray your gratitude for what is so clearly good in life. Be grateful for the gift of life. Live your life as a gift, not as a given. This is a way to "pray without ceasing."

SSJE also offers Practices for Contentment https://www.ssje.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/06/Contentment_Exercise.pdf some of which are adapted here:

Morning – You've opened your eyes to a new day!

Your first prayer of the day: gratitude for the wonder of your life.

Noon – Recall a dozen things for which you are grateful. If you are able, express your gratitude. This practice is contagious and generates joy in you and in others.

Night – Replay your day. Remember all that was good, express regret for where you fell short, hand over your burdens to God and then rest.

Whether you are celebrating or struggling this year: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

And whether we are serving or recipients of a full turkey dinner or a simpler bowl of soup, we can all pray together:

"Bless this food to our use and us to your service. Bless the hands that prepared it and make us ever mindful of the needs of others." Amen

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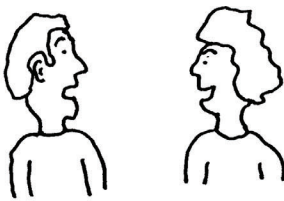
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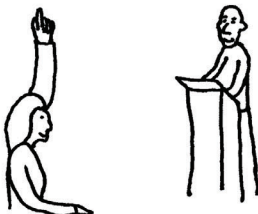
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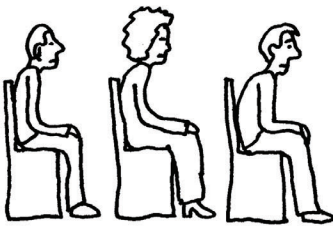


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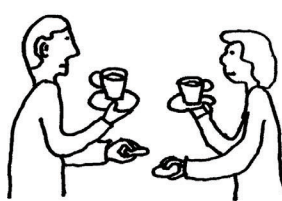


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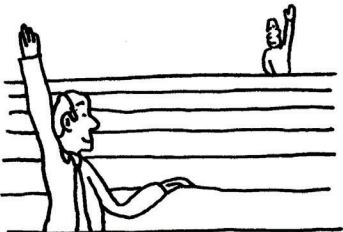
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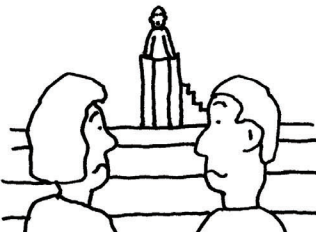
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It's A New Day!

MINISTRY IMPACT INSPIRES GIVING

By Rev. Canon Lisa G. Vaughn

Charitable giving in Canada is changing, according to research published by *Canada Helps* earlier this year. The number of identifiable givers is decreasing. In a 2023 survey of more than 1,200 adults, aged 18 and older, Canada Helps reports that 60% of Canadians made a financial donation last year. In 2013, they tracked 82% of citizens making charitable contributions. Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) says their tax filing data shows only 18% of citizens declared charitable gifts in 2021. That's down from 23.4% in 2010.

The Giving Report 2024, published by the trusted non-profit Canada Helps organization, includes data collected by Environics Analytics, Imagine Canada, and statistics from Canada Revenue Agency.

As in previous annual reports, it is clear that people give to causes that positively impact the life of others and the planet. Most donors, especially younger generations and new Christians, are reluctant to financially support deficit budgets, institutions, and bricks and mortar projects.

Downward trends in giving are mainly due to residents being financially stretched. Some 45% of Canadians who have stopped their charitable donations name economic constraints for decreased giving.

Another main challenge to charitable giving is related to the organization's impact on people's lives. Generous giving is inspired when donors have clarity about causes they believe in and know their money will actively, practically make a discernable difference. Faith communities can address this concern by sharing the real-life stories of how our ministries affect the community for good.

The survey shows that 13% of donors claim they do not give because they have not been asked to donate again. If people give once, they are quite likely to do it again. Canada Helps researchers recommend that non-profit leaders must "communicate impact better and rekindle the relationship with their once-supportive base."

Some good news about charitable giving shows that despite fewer people giving each year, this group gives generously. CRA reports a 7% increase of total donations

2023 DONATION RATES BY CAUSE
Animal Charities – 27%
Arts & Culture – 9%
Education – 14%
Environment – 13%
Health – 55%
Indigenous Peoples – 4%
International relief – 17%
Religious – 21%
Social services – 40%
Public benefit/foundations – 25%

from 2020 to 2021 (total of \$11.3 billion).

BREAK-OUT BOX: GIVING TUESDAY

This year it falls on December 3rd, a popular day for encouraging charitable giving. Giving Tuesday follows Black Friday, the annual big retail sale before Christmas. For information and resources visit: <https://www.givingtuesday.ca/>

Other data published by Canada Helps shows that 65% of respondents say they would welcome hearing about the charities that their friends and family generously give to. People long to hear positive stories of how ordinary Christians are passionate about committing to an important cause that relates to the values Jesus espoused. How are you investing in the Kingdom of God and making a difference? This is an appealing story that can spark curiosity and possibly generosity in others.

TIPS TO ENCOURAGE GIVING:

- Suggest to new contributors to **adopt regular, smaller donations**. This is especially helpful to encourage the spiritual practice of giving by younger generations and those unaccustomed to patterns of donating. Small amounts given consistently also helps churches with their budgets.
- **Make it fast and easy to give.** Few people carry cash these days, and more people (especially young people) prefer secure online or electronic options. Give donors a variety of options to

- support your ministries: E-transfer, QR codes to a platform like CanadaHelps, tap-to-pay or a Square reader. Do not make givers work too hard to make a donation!
- **Share your passion for giving** with your friends, family and acquaintances. Caring about making a difference and explaining that to others is not prideful. It is an opportunity talk about what God is doing in the world through contributions of time, talent and funds, by ordinary people like you.

- Committed Christians give throughout the year, but for others who want to share in the impact of our ministries, **special reminders** aid in increasing donations. Inspire people in the wider community who are willing to support church charities and do not know about your cause. Those who are growing in their discipleship also require education about the *why* and *how* of this spiritual discipline of giving. Harvest season, Thanksgiving, as well as the Advent/Christmas holidays are opportune times to communicate about our baptismal call to give and support other specific needs.

- Be sure to **respond swiftly** to first-time donors and extraordinary gifts. Sending a handwritten thank-you note is truly meaningful, especially when much of our communication these days is electronic. Have the priest and wardens write a letter of genuine appreciation, sharing specifics about how their donation will help your ministries. This builds relationships and rewards generous people. Personal thank-you notes are a simple and effective means to encourage future donations.

Some churches use the Thanksgiving season as an ideal time to teach about the spiritual discipline of giving in various forms. Parish leaders may host initiatives to encourage legacy giving (planned giving) through wills and other investment securities. There are also campaigns to increase

percentage giving (or pledges) and narrative budgets that explain how funds support the transformation of people's lives.

announces, 'This is how much I love you.' On the altar at Eucharist in the offertory plate, I announce, 'This is how much I love you (God).'"



Make giving easy!
If you want to help young and new people to financially support your ministry, then offer several simple options.

<https://unsplash.com/photos/a-wallet-with-credit-cards-sticking-out-of-it-oqkmdriPiHM>

Ultimately, giving is about actively living out our baptismal vows. Understanding how we graciously serve and financially support ministry and good causes is a critical part of being a Christian. Our growth and maturity as followers of Jesus includes this generosity, along with the prime importance of prayer, fasting, scripture study, corporate worship, etc. So if parish leaders are going to speak about stewardship and giving, launching a campaign, etc., it is critically important to help people understand this as a natural outcome (spiritual fruit) of experiencing God's grace and indescribable love through Christ.

Former Canadian Bishop Douglas Hambidge in his book, *The 'S' Word*, shares poignant reflections about giving money. As children of God who are blessed by amazing grace, it is our very identity and call to give.

"Stewardship... has nothing to do with a project or a crisis. It has nothing to do with budgets or deficits. It has to do with my relationship with God," he writes. "Even if my church has a bank balance of \$1,000,000, I would still have precisely the same need to give."

Hambidge beautifully describes our expression of this in our worship together each week. "On the altar at Eucharist in the bread and wine, God

We, Christians all have a need to give, so churches who ask appropriately, and share meaningfully about the impact of making a difference, help people of faith invest their donations in local ministries.

For information about CanadaHelps and *The Giving Report 2024*, visit: <http://www.canadahelps.org> (Scroll down to the bottom menu to locate the report.)

Seeking resources on how to talk about discipleship related to giving and stewardship? Check out our Diocesan page: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/pages/giving-stewardship>

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How to see and how to be seen

It was a beautiful day riding my motorcycle in the middle of the Great Rift Valley. What I often learned on these safaris was the importance of keeping a solid watch on the road, but also to engage my periphery too. Animals have the right of way on most African roads. I had been stopped by elephants, giraffe, cows, goats, sheep, camels and on one occasion a dung beetle pushing a ball of dung across the road. So visual awareness was crucial. But on this day, I experienced a new road warrior. It was a football sized snapping turtle. Coming to a halt I watched him slowly hobble across the hot tarmac. Stepping off my bike, I approached him carefully as he pulled in his head and feet securely within the shell. And then he began hissing at me!

I am a lover of turtles and decided to take him home. Picking him up, and gingerly placed him on my lap we rode together the rest of the way home. Arriving safe and sound, Kobe (his new name) hung around for a few days and then managed to escape.

I am told that a turtle's feet will only come out of the shell when the head emerges. Then movement is possible. If this is true it may speak to a valuable human lesson. For example, If we want people to be known and to be seen by others, we too need to be seen by them. This interaction might consist of being courageous, open, vulnerable, and willing to be



Bryan Hagerman

known ourselves. And a communication strategy needs to be adopted in helping others to come out of their shell.

But how do we help others in their process of getting known/seen? In writing *"Talking To Strangers"* Malcolm Gladwell writes; *"Today we are now thrown into contact all the time with people whose assumptions, perspectives, and backgrounds are different from our own."* So, in order to know someone, we need to see them in a way that assumptions, perspectives, and backgrounds are not a limiting factor. In order to see the other first and to help them will take some work.

David Brooks in his book *"How To Know A Person"* writes *"There is one skill that lies at the heart of any healthy person, family, school, community organization, or society: the ability to see someone*

deeply and make them feel seen – to accurately know another person, to let them feel valued, heard and understood. That is at the heart of being a good person, the ultimate gift you can give to others and to yourself."

And when we are ready to practice this goodness in order to make someone feel seen, to be comfortable with us and others, several factors need to align. This begins when:

- We **validate** them,
- We **mirror** their words and emotions,
- We show **respect**,
- We **listen**,
- We **empathize**,
- We remove any **stereotypical** assumptions,
- We initiate the **Fruit of the Spirit** into their lives.

Brooks writes *"There is something in being seen that brings forth growth. If you beam the light of attention on me, I blossom. If you see great potential in me, I will probably come to see great potential in myself."* In quoting the psychologist Siana Fosha, Brooks writes, *"The roots of resilience are to be found in the sense of being understood by and existing in the mind and heart of a loving, attuned and self-possessed other."*

It is in part our responsibility in helping someone to be seen, to be known. To do so we need ourselves to be seen. And like

Kobe they're not coming out of that shell easily!

So, let's look quickly at these practices.

1. **Validation:** "I understand" opens a door to being seen. It says, "I get it." It does not imply agreement but is a powerful too in expressing that we accept that someone is going through a difficult experience.
2. **Seeking clarity:** Through mirroring, communication is made available when we play back what we thought we heard. It helps to make the narration clear. For example, "If I hear you carefully you are saying ,,,," It becomes the starting point for a conversation.
3. **Listening:** Just that! No fixing needed! It involves listening with the heart and with the ears. Simply listening is a powerful exercise.
4. **Respect:** When we express our deep understanding for someone's feelings, wishes, rights, or for their accomplishments, status in life, for who they are.
5. **Empathy:** This is about getting into the shoe of the other with crucial words. It can be a body language which shows kindness and care. But it can be a simple state-

ment, "that must have been hard for you, I am sorry you are going through this right now."

6. Removing all **stereotypical** assumptions: How often do we judge someone by a long-standing view we have allowed to take root into our lives. We may judge others by their gender, physical size, ethnicity, financial background, employment, education, personality type.
7. Then there is the exercise of **the Fruit of the Spirit:** Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Gentleness, Faithfulness, Self-Control. What better way to consistently relate to another?

True acknowledgment of people involves the exercise of truly seeing them. And we can help with this process by allowing our selves to be seen. This is the first step in growing and developing a relationship.

Who do you see today? How did they respond? Next month we will look at how to encourage another.

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PWRDF at work in our diocese!

I recently participated in a coffee /fellowship gathering after Sunday worship. During this lively conversation, the topic of The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) came up. One of our group offered "PWRDF! That is about sending money overseas isn't it?". This individual was partly correct. PWRDF has been supporting development and humanitarian work around the world for over sixty years! Did you know that is also active in both areas here at home in our Diocese? This is probably one of the lesser known facts about our relief and development agency.

A good example of the development work PWRDF is supporting locally is the partnership with the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre in Truro. Funding from PWRDF helped established the interpretive



Photo: Tim Bernard, Executive Director of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre speaking at our recent PWRDF Gathering. Photo credit: Chris Pharo

trail in the early 2000's. More recently, PWRDF is supporting an initiative to repatriate Mikmaw artifacts that are currently housed in the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.. Tim

Bernard, Executive Director of the Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, remarked during his presentation at our PWRDF Gathering in May that - "It (the artifacts) needs to return home. The collections, the stories, the people that know things about the cultural material there are in our community, they're not in Washington, D.C..". The Anglican Church of Canada is committed to reconciliation. This project is a good example of action to support the commitment.

Most of us can recall very well were we were when Hurricane Fiona made landfall in our Diocese on September 24, 2022. This was the costliest and most intense tropical or post-tropical cyclone to hit Canada on record. The damage was unprecedented but thankfully, and miraculously, no lives were lost.

Shortly after, Anglicans from across Canada rallied to support us as they had after the Springhill Mining Disaster of 1958. PWRDF organized an appeal and Anglicans responded generously in donating over \$30,000. This amount was topped up by PWRDF for a total of \$50,000. These funds were made available to parishes and community groups to help recover from Fiona but also assist in building resiliency and preparedness for other major storms which climatologist agree are likely to happen.

The Hurricane Fiona Resilience and Response Fund has been accessed by many parishes and communities to acquire infrastructure to help prepare for future events. The Parish of Port Dufferin received assistance to improve electronic connectivity for internet and cell phones. The Parish of Neal's Harbour with

Ingonish received assistance to acquire a number of emergency pieces of equipment. The South Haven Community Hall located in remote area of Cape Breton received funding for an automated external defibrillator (AED). John Gallant, the contact for the Centre, shared that "we are grateful to The Fiona Fund as our hall is being set up as a comfort station and having the AED is a huge positive addition." Two parishes were also approved to top up provincial grants to establish generators in their parish halls.

Youth engagement was one of the priorities of the Hurricane Fiona Resilience and Response Fund. In this regard, the fund was accessed by the Youth and Family Ministry VSST to create a "Climate Action Toolkit" for use in its Community Roots Day Camps. All parishes

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NEWS FROM AWAY

Dear Diocese,

Although we set aside the month of September for Season of Creation, as individuals, parishes and a diocese, we actively live out the call to care for creation throughout the year. DEN encourages parishes to engage in Season of Creation <https://seasonofcreation.org/> and we share Season of Creation resources with parishes and our ecumenical partners to facilitate planning and preparation.

Over the summer, I attended Season of Creation related national and international meetings as follow up to the seminar in Assisi. “The Feast of Creation and the Mystery of Creation: Ecumenism, Theology, Liturgy, and Signs of the Times in Dialogue.” <https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2024/03/exploring-the-feast-of-creation-a-high-level-ecumenical-seminar-in-assisi.aspx>

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During Season of Creation, thanks to Rev. Barr, DEN offered special Season of Creation Evening Prayer every Monday at 7 pm by Zoom. https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84663109087?pwd=ObhE1OEgDbFSDrTml2ySvAn6fBidjc.1_

I want to thank all the parishes in our diocese that shared your activities, projects, or worship during Season



of Creation. You can be an inspiration to others.

Over the summer, DEN also partnered with the Ecology Action Centre, distributing a survey to determine interest in the installation of EV charging stations in the parking lots of faith communities. We were blown away by the number of replies and the interest from Anglican parishes and other faith communities. We used that information to apply for a grant to from the Nova Scotia government to fund “Outreach, Engagement, Education and Assessments For Electric Vehicle Chargers” to over 30+ diverse faith organizations with the

intention of generating awareness about electric vehicle (EV) charging opportunities at places of worship.

As we wrote in the application, “Faith-based organizations are central to our communities and are geographically well-positioned to be the home of future EV infrastructure. EV charging at our places of worship can help us reach out, engage and support families in our community while providing these groups with a modest source of income. An initial survey received 40 responses from various congregations...” We also received more than twenty letters of support from

individuals, parishes, and various faith communities. Camilo, the researcher for our Healthy Coastline research project worked with individual citizen scientists setting up the monitoring stations and bringing others up to speed as interest has grown long the Eastern Shore.

In June, the citizen scientist team met with Marie Schlenker, the Church of England Care for Creation Officer and a doctoral student and Freda, who manages a similar project in the Diocese of Melanesia. Then the team met again in late August to discuss their experiences so far and to consider how to move

ahead once we reach the end of phase 1 of the project and into phase 2.

Thanks to our funders, the diocese, the Anglican Foundation of Canada, PWRDF, Dalhousie University, and the Joan Feynman Climate Action grant from the Rural Communities Foundation of Nova Scotia. Our gardening and youth team member, Claudia Zinck took time between planting and harvesting to submit a proposal for a seed distribution project that we plan on rolling out in the spring of 2025. Communication is so important. After taking a week off, Carole Aylard, continued to produce the weekly Enews. I was able to find a bit of time over the summer to update the DEN webpage. And Jesse Hamilton (Eva’s partner in distributing information on advocacy with DEN) met with Carole and I to offer tips on how to improve our graphics and increase our skills. Don’t forget that you too can receive a copy of the Enews by subscribing. <https://den-newsletter-7c4806.beehiiv.com/subscribe/170067681/manage>

And you might want to take a peek at the updated webpage: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-environment-network>

Blessings from the outer world, The Rev. Marian Lucas-Jefferies
Coordinator, Diocesan Environment Network

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who participated in the Day Camps will be receiving the toolkits as a way to encourage connection with campers and youth in general. Allie Colp, our Youth and Family Coordinator, said “building resiliency within communities has always been an integral part of our ministry. We are really grateful for the funding from the Hurricane Fiona Resilience and response Fund”.

The phenomenon of “eco-anxiety” has now been officially recognized and is described as emotional response to climate change and environmental issues. It can manifest itself through physical symptoms and can exacerbate pre-existing mental health conditions. The Hurricane Fiona fund has been accessed by several of our parishes in to address this.

For example, Christ Church in Dartmouth has held “Climate Cafés” facilitated by trained professionals. These

Cafes provided a safe space, with a specific process, where individuals could come and talk about their feelings - the dark and the light. By talking about feelings, people build both emotional capacity and resilience which they need in these times. Christ Church has since done some follow up training with the Red Cross.

The Parish of Three Harbours has entered into a partnership with St. Francis Xavier University to bring the strength and skills of the Red Cross’s Psychological First Aid (PFA) Certification Course into Antigonish, Guysborough and Pictou Counties. The objective is to establish a group of trained, skilled people who are ready and able to offer psycho-social and spiritual support when the next crisis comes. The response to this project has been phenomenal. “Once this core group of trainers is ready to go, our plan is to hold another PFA training in early 2025. A list has already

started of those who are keen to attend!” says Rev. Trisha Brubaker, Rector of the Parish of Three Rivers. This project will have long lasting impacts on the communities involved and can be used as an example for others.

The Parish of Aylesford and Berwick accessed the Hurricane Fiona Fund to organize two mental health workshops this past summer in partnership with local not for profit groups. Rev. Dorothy Miller, Rector of the parish, also reports there are plans to work with youth as well on this topic during the Season of Creation.

Yes, our Primate’s World and Relief Fund continues to assist people in many countries across the world including us, here at home, in our Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

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**KIDS’
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YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY**

A restorative approach can be transformative

Cynthia Pilichos, Anglicans Powering Potential

Anglicans Powering Potential (APP) suggested in the September 2024 column of the *Diocesan Times* that the Season of Creation, September 1 – October 4, annually, is about both our relationship with the physical environment and with one another, about transforming that relationship by sowing seeds of love, justice, and beauty. Overarching all of this is our relationship with God, such that we can reflect his kingdom here on earth.

I want to share in this October 2024 column one approach of hope and promise that has the potential for sowing the good seeds of love, justice, peace, beauty, and well-being - a restorative approach. Many will have heard of restorative justice and you may well have heard a variety of opinions as to its effectiveness in redressing harm. We owe a great debt to Indigenous peoples globally and those of African descent for sharing their knowledge of principles and practices of restorative justice.

However, what I want to share this month is the idea that a restorative approach



can infuse relationships and organizations as a regular way of being, the way we do things around here, and not just when things go wrong or when harm is being done; in other words, enacting the principles of a restorative approach makes things go right!

Did you know that there is a Restorative Research, Innovation and Education Lab in Halifax at the Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University? Did you know that this Lab is all about “realizing a more just and inclusive world by transforming society through a restorative approach”? This Lab invites people locally and globally, virtually and in person, to

be in relationship with one another to learn and share insights as to how society can be transformed through a restorative approach (<https://restorativelab.ca/>). This is an amazing resource at our doorstep.

There is a strong spiritual foundation to a restorative approach, as it is based on the concept of restoring one's relationship with the Creator in order to be in a right relationship with one another. Does this not speak to our baptismal covenant? When we hear the many “R” words of a restorative approach: relationship, respect, responsibility, reparation, resilience, reintegration are we not imagining a way of living that mirrors the kingdom of God? We are, after all, a “one another” faith! Even a secular definition of the word restorative – “having the ability to restore health, strength, or a feeling of well-being” - carries great spiritual weight.

Our diocesan Community Roots Day Camp program brings diverse children together for a week in the summer, an opportunity that has the potential for kids to build relationships with one

another and their community in ways that can be, and often are, life-affirming, even transformative. Not sure what the Community Roots Day Camp is all about, check out: <https://www.nspeidiocese.ca/ministries/diocesan-youth-and-family-ministry/pages/participate-in-community-roots-day-camp>

or email: youthandfamily@nspeidiocese.ca

If you haven't already, read the cover story in the September 2024 issue of the *Diocesan Times* (pp. 1 & 5) to learn how seeds of love, justice, and beauty were planted in the day campers in the Parish of Horton!

Anglicans Powering Potential wish to engage further with the Diocesan Youth and Family Ministry Coordinator, Allie Colp, to explore opportunities for restorative practices to be a part of the Community Roots Day Camp experience. In anticipation of that, we encourage your individual and parish support for APP's project to bring in funds for the diocesan Community Roots Day Camp.

Thank you to all those who supported our diocese's

Community Roots Day Camp through APP's Say Yes! to Kids 2024 appeal – so appreciated! **There is still lots of time, however, to make a supportive contribution.** Here's how:

1. Cheque payable to Anglicans Powering Potential, *Community Roots Day Camp* in the memo line, addressed to: Marjorie Davis, #204, 111 Pebblecreek Drive, Dartmouth, NS B2W 0L1

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Contributions are very welcome, September 1, 2024 - February 28, 2025. Any questions, please e-mail: app.nspeidiocese@gmail.com

When restorative principles guide how a community functions, no matter the size of the community or the ages of its members, good things happen – the transformation is palpable!!

Holding onto hope

By Bishop Emma Ineson, Central Chaplain of Mothers' Union

'Oh, it's absolutely hopeless!' I wonder if you have ever uttered those words? Perhaps when trying something that keeps going wrong, or attempting to fix a thing that has broken, or when tempted to give up on a situation that is causing you to become exasperated.

That phrase could also sum up how we might be inclined to feel sometimes, looking at our wider world. We see so many horrific things happening: disasters, conflict and other terrible situations; the war in Gaza, which has had ripple effects around the world; the ongoing war in Ukraine; the climate catastrophe. In my own city of London, several young people have been killed recently, the victims of knife crime. These events and circumstances can leave us feeling helpless, even hopeless.



How do we cope with those feelings? How do we hold on to hope when it all seems so absolutely hopeless?

We tend to find different ways of coping. For some of us, it seems better to try and ignore it – not watch the news too much, to focus on happier things. What's the point? We can't do anything anyway, is the heartfelt cry. There will be others who want to engage as fully as they can, to read and learn everything there is to know about these situations. They want to be informed and have an opinion. These people may find talking

about these situations helpful, as it helps them process what is going on.

As Christians, we may fall into both camps. Each one of us might react in one way or the other at different times, and in connection with different issues. Both have resonances in the Bible. The Psalmist, for instance, expresses frustration with God at the way evil seems to flourish in the world, whilst good people suffer: 'I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For they have no pain; their bodies are sound and sleek. They are not in trouble as others are; they are not plagued like other people' (Psalm 73:3-5), and yet also expresses absolute hope and trust in God who holds all things: 'Yet I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand' (v.23).

Our response to the seemingly hopeless situations we see in our world will therefore be multi-faceted. It might involve reflecting quietly, talking with others,

getting clued up on the facts. It might also involve some kind of action. For example, in situations of war and disaster, we can make donations to organisations on the ground, which offer support, shelter, food and therapy to those most affected.

Although we certainly can't solve the problems of the world on our own, which can lead to feeling helpless and hopeless, there are things we can do. Even if things feel

hopeless, they are not and we should not give up. There's a quote widely attributed to the church reformer, Martin Luther: 'If I knew that tomorrow was the end of the world, I would plant an apple tree today.' Certainly, when it comes to the environmental challenge, each of us doing our own small thing, whether that's planting a tree or recycling our rubbish, can make a difference when added to the many small actions of others.

The other thing we can do is pray, and do so with hope. The one thing we do have as Christians is a sense of hope. Hope is different to mere optimism. It's different from simply putting on a smiley face and hoping everything will get better. Hope is something given to us by God, springing from a biblical perspective on the world and its woes – that

God made this world, that God loves this world and its people, that one day God will return to make all things new. Until that day God weeps to see its suffering, and is with us in the pain. And when we understand that, we know that all is not hopeless, for we follow the God of Hope.

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The sacred work of church changing:

New adventures in a shared ministry arrangement



ministry matches, within our Region of Rivers to Trails — which was then still named the Region of Fort Sackville. It all began with an invitation to a Regional gathering to focus on shared ministry possibilities. At that time, we were discerning the movement of the Holy Spirit among us, guiding us to find a partner parish that would like to share a rector and work together to grow our capacities and possibilities for mission, with post-pandemic, limited human and fiscal resources. Finding the partner parish that is a good fit based on parish size, culture and vision can be a challenge, as we quickly discovered.

After many months of seeking, in January of 2024, I received an e-mail from Rev. Marian Conrad, who was serving as the Interim Priest at St. Andrew's, Timberlea-Lakeside. Would I be willing to share our part-time ministry model successes and challenges with her and key lay leader, Bev Higgins, to give them information for an accurate position description for a part-time rector?

Even though the intention of our meeting was not to find a shared ministry partner (or “dance partner”, as Rev. Marian would say), soon after we sat down together, it became apparent that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we might have found a match, across all fronts. The joy and excitement (a.k.a. presence of the Holy Spirit) was palpable. And the sacred work of discernment quickly began, with both parishes still considering other possibilities throughout.

In the months that followed, both parishes continued to discern, together and separately, what God was calling us into — and was that call for us to journey together as two separate parishes, sharing together? Believe it or not, it all flowed from one key question and concern for both parishes: Can we find a sister parish that is willing and able to share one stipendiary priest, and be present for Sunday worship in both parishes, every Sunday?

Inspiration for the coming months

In a series of articles over the coming months, I will share with you the many adventures we have had together to get to this point — step-by-sometimes-

grueling-step — which culminated in the creation of what is now a new model of shared ministry that might be just what your parish is seeking.

The key to our success has been creativity, creativity, creativity, grounded in the love of God, openness to one another, generosity of spirit on both sides, and a willingness to compromise and share all that God has given us.

In the meantime, I leave you with inspiration from a book that now has a permanent place on my desk, *The Creative Act: A Way of Being* written by Rick Rubin, from his entry entitled, “The Unseen”:

“The practice of spirituality is a way of looking at a world where you’re not alone. There are deeper meanings behind the surface. The energy around you can be harnessed to elevate your work. You are part of something much larger than can be explained — a world of immense possibilities. Harnessing this energy can be marvelously useful in your creative pursuits. The principle operates on faith. Believing and behaving as if its true. No proof is needed. When you’re working on a project, you may notice apparent coincidences appearing more often than randomness allows — almost as if there is another hand guiding yours in a certain direction. As if there is an inner knowing gently informing your movements. Faith allows you to trust the direction without needing to understand it.”

And that, my friends, is where we meet the Holy Spirit, truly know that God is God, and — finally — find our dance partner.

I’ll see you back here in the November Issue with more learning from our Shared Ministry Arrangement.

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With deepest gratitude, I acknowledge that I live and work in Mi’kma’ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi’kmaq People. This territory is covered by the “Treaties of Peace and Friendship” which Mi’kmaq and Wolastoqiyik (Maliseet) People first signed with the British Crown in 1725. We are all treaty people.

By Cathy Lee Cunningham (she/her)

Lead Minister, Shared Ministry Arrangement
Parish of St. Andrew's,
Timberlea-Lakeside
Church of the Good Shepherd,
Beaver Bank

“Lord Jesus, you commissioned us
to make disciples of all the nations
and promised that you would be with us always:
So guide this congregation to see the peoples you would have us reach
and empower us to be instruments of your saving work, for the glory of God. Amen.”
- Collect Prayer for the Mission of the Church,
The Book of Occasional Services 2003, p.225

It all started with an invitation, a spirit of adventure and a cup of coffee

On September 1st, 2024, the parishes of St. Andrew's, Timberlea-Lakeside and the Church of the Good Shepherd, Beaver Bank began our Shared Ministry Arrangement, after many months of dreaming, naming challenges, completing financial viability assessments, and exploring all



Rev. Cathy Lee Cunningham

our options (including other potential partner parishes). We knew that we were meant to journey together, not just via a written agreement and covenant congruent with the Canons and Policies of the Diocese and approved by the Bishop, but also in relationship with one another — to amplify our spiritual, material, human and fiscal resources as a community of Christ, growing in faith and love together to bring that faith and love into the communities entrusted by God to our care. A couple of years ago, we were asked to start having conversations with sister parishes for possible shared

For all the Saints – October

Submitted by Rev. John K. Morrell Excerpted from Stephen Reynold’s “ For All The Saints”



October 4 - Francis of Assisi Friar, D. 1226

Francis of Assisi grew up in a very wealthy family and seemed to have not a care in the world until he

was twenty years old, when a chance encounter with a person with leprosy left him appalled by his own uselessness. Soon afterwards he heard Jesus speaking to him from a painting of the

crucifixion over the altar of a local church. He threw away his wardrobe and renounced his father’s wealth in order to care for the poor and the crippled. In 1208 he heard the commission which the risen Lord gave to his apostles, “Go, make all nations my disciples,” and knew that it was also addressed to him. Francis began to train his followers for the task of making Jesus truly known and loved among the ordinary people of Italy. Out of this movement developed the Order of the Lesser Brethren, commonly called the Franciscans. Francis cared deeply for his new Order, but he also grew restless as it became an established institution of the Church. He distanced himself from its day-to-day life and eventually went his own way as he strove to imitate Christ’s total obedience to God. Two years before his death he was granted a sign which manifested this desire. One September day in 1224, he had a vision of the Crucified borne on the wings of a seraph. As the vision withdrew, the wounds of Jesus appeared in Francis’s own flesh — the scars like nail-wounds on his hands

and feet, and in his right side a scar like a spear wound. These marks, called the stigmata, remained on Francis’s body until his death two years later.

October 19 - Jean de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues and Their Companions Missionaries and Martyrs in New France, 1642-1649

Jean de Brébeuf was one of the first Jesuit priests to arrive in New France and in 1633 he settled among the Hurons on Georgian Bay. He felt complete solidarity with the crucified Jesus and had mystical premonitions that he would share the sufferings of Christ in his own flesh. His visions came true in 1649, when Iroquois war parties invaded Huronia for the second year in a row. On March sixteenth they assaulted the mission of Saint-Louis, where Brébeuf and another Jesuit priest named Gabriel Lalemant were staying. The two Jesuits refused to abandon their flock and were captured. Later that afternoon, and on through the night, Brébeuf was subjected to atrocities which defy description. He endured

until dawn the next day when an Iroquois warrior ended his sufferings. Lalemant was put through a similar ordeal later that day and was finally killed towards sunset.

Jogues came to Canada in 1636 and was posted to the Huron mission on Georgian Bay. Six years later he was captured by the Iroquois and endured horrific trials for a full twelve months before making his escape to France. Undeterred by his experiences, he returned to New France and volunteered to open a Jesuit mission among his former captors. He was accompanied by a Jesuit lay-brother named Jean de La Lande. As soon as they arrived among the Mohawks, the two Jesuits were taken prisoner. On October eighteenth, 1646, Jogues was hatcheted to death; La Lande suffered the same fate the next day.

By their faithfulness Brébeuf, Jogues, and their six companions won a victory that is as vast as God’s mercy. For their victory was in the cross of Christ, whose love for the Huron and Iroquois peoples was the reason they gave up their lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Rev. Gloria Penwell appointed Pastoral Administrator and Rev. Michael Tutton as Assisting Clergy for the Parish of St. Francis by the Lakes, Sackville, effective September 1st, 2024.

■ Rev. Dr. Carolyn Sharp appointed Priest-in-Charge

of the Parish of Resurrection effective June 1st, 2024.

■ Rev. Gethin Edward appointed Part-Time Priest-in-Charge (20%) for the Parish of Holy Trinity, Georgetown effective July 1st, 2024 to June 30th, 2026.

■ Rev. Patrick Bright appointed Priest-in-Charge

of the Parish of South Queens effective July 25th to December 31st, 2024.

■ Rev. Alvin Westgate’s appointment Priest-in-Charge for the Parish of St. John’s Lunenburg has been extended to September 30th, 2024.

■ Rev. Brianna Andrews

appointed Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Hubbards effective September 1st, 2024.

■ Rev. Cathy-Lee Cunningham appointed Incumbent of the Parish of St. Andrew’s Timberlea (60%) effective September 1st, 2024.

■ Rev. Dawn-Lea Greer resigned as Rector of

Bridgetown, effective September 15th, 2024; at this time, Dawn-Lea plans to move into bi-vocational ministry.

■ Rev. John Morrell resigned as Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of Northumberland, effective September 15th, 2024.

Missional Imagination Conference



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Sure to inspire and encourage, a Canadian Anglican online learning event is planned for this winter.

Open to anyone and taking place on Zoom, this conference is an opportunity to explore how to develop a missional imagination. Where is God at work in our

neighbourhoods and how might we join what the Spirit is doing to invite seekers to explore the Christian life? Participants, laity and clergy, will learn how to listen deeply, to better understand and respond to the culture around us, and to consider adapting church structures that will empower mission at diocesan and parish levels.

Save the dates of Thursday, Jan. 30 (evening) and

Saturday, Feb. 1 (morning and afternoon). This event features a variety of diverse, gifted speakers offering short TED-type talks, to be followed by small group discussions.

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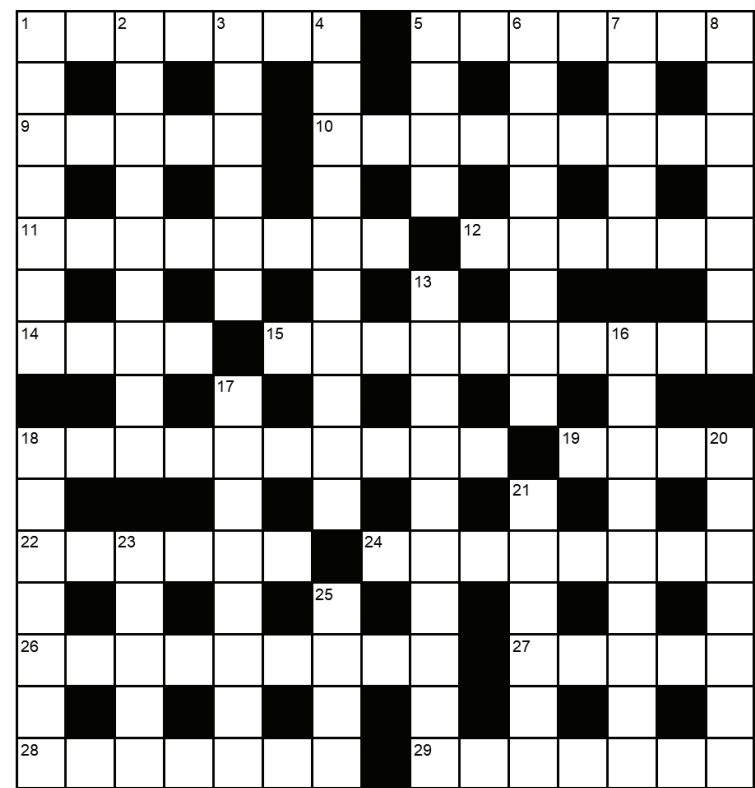
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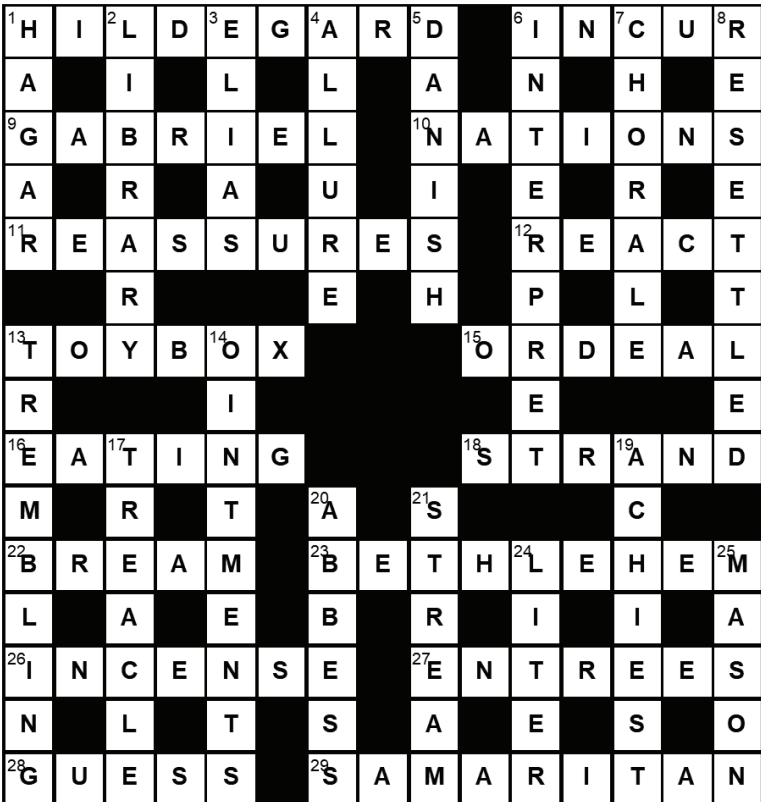
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- 5- Fireplace floors (7)
- 9- Road for travel (5)
- 10- Edible root, leaf, bud or flower of a plant (9)
- 11- Bluntly, dully (8)
- 12- Husband of Queen Victoria, Prince _____ (6)
- 14- Old Testament book and its heroine (4)
- 15- Gases surrounding the earth (10)
- 18- Type of painting (Am. sp.) (10)
- 19- Capital of Western Samoa (4)
- 22- Edible seed of a certain legume (6)
- 24- "I have not yet _____ to my Father: (John 20:17) gone up (8)
- 26- Large organized group of instrumental players (9)
- 27- "They will gather his _____" (Matt. 24:31) chosen (5)
- 28- Rock group of the 1970's; _____, Lake and Palmer (7)
- 29- "I swore ... I would _____ them" (Ezek.20:23) spread out (7)

DOWN:

- 1- Formal sitting room (Br. sp.) (7)
- 2- Language of the Inuit (9)
- 3- African fly that carries sleeping sickness (6)
- 4- Last book of the New Testament (10)
- 5- Enormous (4)
- 6- Eland or gnu (8)
- 7- Piece of furniture used when serving food (5)
- 8- Rod that is a sign of royal power (7)
- 13- One of the epistles of Paul (10)
- 16- "It is _____ for us that one man die for the people" (John 11:50 KJV) necessary but wrong (9)
- 17- Small chickens (8)
- 18- "_____ one another" (Rom. 15:7) greet arriving people kindly (7)
- 20- One who examines accounts to check for accuracy (7)
- 21- Mystic and saint, _____ of Avila (6)
- 23- Ornamental recess (5)
- 25- Daze or bewilder (4)



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SHINE LIKE STARS: portraits in faith

By Rev. Canon Lisa G. Vaughn

“You are God’s children ... Shine like stars across the land.” – Philippians 2:15 b,e

We continue our series of portraits in faith of laity generously sharing their time, talents and treasures for the Kingdom. These short profiles feature glimpses of how people in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia are living out their baptismal call in a variety of ways.

As celebratory stories, these are shared to encourage, inspire and help each of us to embrace our own unique gifts, passions and ministries. Faith testimonials are not so much about great projects or lofty programs. They feature the often small, quiet, and ordinary Christian loving actions that make a difference in people’s lives. May they serve to affirm and energize us as we strive to be the hands, feet and heart of Christ in our neighbourhoods.

NAME: Eric Wilson

PARISH NAME: St John the Evangelist, Crapaud, PE

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE ANGLICAN/CHRISTIAN?

Most of my life.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MINISTRY?

Being a Licensed Lay Minister and participating in Sunday worship, funerals and special services.

WITH WHAT OTHER MINISTRIES ARE YOU ENGAGED?

Parish Warden, member of the Cemetery and Property Committees, minister with the Church Mouse Thrift Shop (May – October), assist with maintenance and upkeep of the church and rectory. In my church family and in the wider community I offer a quiet presence, listening ear, and willingness to pray (privately) for those in need.

WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

Although I’ve been a leader in the church for years, I had a health scare. This led me to want to give back to my Lord because He gave me my life back. I volunteered to be Warden (again) during a time of transition in our church when there was a vacancy. When asked to take a course to be a Lay Minister, I agreed. Although it was outside my comfort zone to lead a service,



Photos: Eric Wilson, Donna MacKinnon and Reid Moore

with practice and experience it has become easier.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORY OR SCRIPTURE PASSAGE? WHY?

The Road to Emmaus, Luke 24:13-35. Just as their hearts were burning within them as they walked with Jesus on the Road. I find during worship and especially when I’m leading prayers of the people that my heart is 100% into it.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN/CHRISTIAN SONG? WHY?

How Great Thou Art. It’s certainly about the Lord and all that He is and that He offers.

IF YOU HAD THE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

To have more people come to church. This will help them know what a friend we have in Jesus.

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NAME: Donna MacKinnon

PARISH NAME: Parish of St. Martin’s, NS (Western Shore/Grace, Chester Basin)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE ANGLICAN/CHRISTIAN?

My whole life - 75+ years - and most active in parish life during the past 15 years or so.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MINISTRY?

I’m not sure I have a favourite. Missional ministry brings me great joy. However, I also enjoy serving in leadership capacities. I am currently a Parish Council member, and have been a Warden, and chair of parochial committees.

WITH WHAT OTHER MINISTRIES ARE YOU

ENGAGED?

Eucharistic Minister, reader, Guild member, regional council representative, Diocesan Synod delegate, coordinator of various missional activities in our parish, and member/chair of various task groups.

WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

There are many needs in our small parish of aging congregants and I want to help where I can. I have realized over time that God has given me gifts and equips me to use them when called upon. Despite having gone from four churches down to one in our parish, there is still much to do. I love Mother Theresa’s quote that “Not all of us can do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.”

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORY OR SCRIPTURE PASSAGE? WHY?

James 2: 14, 17 – ‘What good is it, my siblings, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Surely that faith cannot save, can it? ... So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.’ I have strong faith and I have experienced God’s presence and grace in my life. This scripture passage motivates me to apostolic action.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN/CHRISTIAN SONG? WHY?

Breathe on Me, Breath of God. I remember singing that hymn for the first time as a teenager when I was invited to a United Church event with a friend. The wonderful words of God’s breath to fill me with life anew, now and through to eternity ... and all the words... they spoke deeply to me then and still do to this day.

IF YOU HAD THE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

I would like to greatly expand our Church’s missional and outreach activities beyond our walls. I believe there is a spiritual yearning among people to feel loved and accepted, and we are called to share God’s love to others. My dream would be to have the resources to build truly affordable housing in our community for young families and seniors who are struggling to make ends meet.

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NAME: Reid Moore

PARISH NAME: St. John the Baptist, North Sydney, NS

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN AN ACTIVE ANGLICAN/CHRISTIAN?

Since birth. I am a Cradle Anglican.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MINISTRY?

It is centered around helping with services and visits at the Northside Guest Home. It is my way of keeping in contact with my church friends and making sure they didn’t feel forgotten. It seems funny saying this because I have been doing it for so long I forget I’m that age now.

WITH WHAT OTHER MINISTRIES ARE YOU ENGAGED?

Sunday services, funeral services, choir, Summer Breakfast Program. I have been a Warden, on parish council, planning committee, personnel committee, finance committee and even office secretary for awhile after I retired. I have been active on

the regional, and diocesan level as well. It keeps me very busy, just ask my wife!

WHY DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES?

I love being part of the any activities with my church family. I love keeping the connection, and have worked hard to get others involved in one way or another. I get great joy out of being part of the family of God here at St. John’s. I take pride in our continued commitment to our community of North Sydney, and often hear many favourable comments from others, outside our church, on how active we are in the community.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE BIBLE STORY OR SCRIPTURE PASSAGE? WHY?

Psalm 118:24 – ‘This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!’ I start and end everyday with this passage and sometimes will sing it as well. The passage reminds me that God has given us so much and we should be happy everyday for what He did and does for us. Be glad for every day, no matter what it brings, because He is always there to help us, strengthen and comfort us.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN/CHRISTIAN SONG? WHY?

I have too many favourite hymns. As the Deer, Healer of My Every Ill, Abide With Me, If I Were a Butterfly and many more. I love to sing. Hymns inspire me. Music is life, and the tune and words can give joy, hope and comfort at any given time.

IF YOU HAD THE TIME, MONEY AND ENERGY YOU WANTED, WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO DO IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? WHAT IS YOUR DREAM?

There are many needs in our community. If I could do anything I dream of having an apartment complex connected to the church. A complex with a variety of people with different needs who could gather at our church for food, fellowship, and love and hopefully see God’s work through us. A complex that would strength our community and meet its many needs.

Do you know someone in your congregation that would be a fitting Portrait in Faith? Let us know and e-mail us: missiondirector@nspeidiocese.ca