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12th Bishop of Athabasca consecrated and installed at St. James' Cathedral, Peace River

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Athabasca Editor

The Cathedral of St. James in Peace River was filled to capacity on February 21, 2020, the Feast of St. Polycarp, for the consecration and installation of our new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. David Greenwood.

Good weather and driving conditions made it possible for people to come from all across this large diocese for the celebration; some of them arriving in time for the early afternoon rehearsal. This was to be only the 12th time in the history of the Diocese of Athabasca, which was created in 1874, that a new Bishop would be installed.

A short while before the start of the service, members of the procession gathered in the fireside room; it was almost overflowing. At the incredible opening chords of "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus," the procession of Crucifer and Chaplain, Registrar, Server, members of the choir of the cathedral, Lay Presenters, Deacon, Clergy Presenters, Clergy of the diocese, Co-Consecrators, Representative of the Primate, Representative of the Lutheran Church, Bishop-elect and the Metropolitan wound up one side of the church and part way down the main aisle.

The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson welcomed the congregation and then Alexandra Blasius, one of Bishop Greenwood's three daughters, led the Proclamation of the Word with Isaiah 49:1-6. Psalm 121 was read by Kimberly Hoffman and the Second Reading, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, was read by Courtney Joseph. The Gradual hymn: "In Christ Alone," resounded through the cathedral. The Gospel: John 21:9-19, was read by



Top: representatives of provincial and national houses of bishops, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, and clergy of the Diocese of Athabasca participated in the consecration and installation of David Greenwood as 12th Bishop of Athabasca at St. James' Cathedral in Peace River. Bottom: Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Province of Rupert's Land Metropolitan, presents a Bible to Bishop David Greenwood.

the Rev. Karen Kovacs.

In his sermon, the Ven. Terry Leer said Bishop David's election, consecration and installation were not about the person ordained to the episcopacy, but about the church, the Sacrament and the part we all form in that sacrament. Later in the service, David would be dressed by others in a new uniform to help conceal his own clothes and personal identity. In fact, this new bishop will even lose his name for this ministry, signing "David Athabasca," instead of "David Greenwood." The bishop's ministry is to be defined by the needs of the diocese and the greater Anglican Communion, he said.

Tonight, God is calling all of us to sacrifice ourselves so that He can be an integral part of our lives, Leer said. We are being challenged



in ways we may not recognise. The diocese is the church, which is the primary expression of the Body of Christ in our community. It is the diocese, not the parish, he added, that

is the basic unit in the church. We are all baptised into the one spirit. We are both the Diocese of Athabasca and members of it.

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New dean and diocese to be “salt and light together”

MARGARET GLIDDEN
Edmonton Editor

On the first day of March, 2020, the Feast of St. David, members of the parish of All Saints' Cathedral and the Diocese of Edmonton rejoiced over the new ministry of the Very Rev. Alexandra Meek.

Meek was installed during Choral Evensong by the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton. The service featured music by the Cathedral Choir and All Saints' Music Director Jeremy Spurgeon. Two members of the Cathedral Choir, Caroline Howarth and Stuart Beatch, read the lessons.

In her homily, Bishop Jane referenced the Salt and Light reading from the Gospel of Matthew (5:13-16), describing the new dean as a “salty Christian who knows with every fibre of her being that we, every single one of us, are called by Jesus to be the salt and the light: to transform a world that is hurting, to bring faith to those who doubt and hope to those who are at risk of giving up. She longs for healing and restoration in this broken world,” she said. “She loves to put new life and hope into things. It is expressed in her preaching and in her pastoral care.”

When interviewed in January about her new role, Meek told *The Messenger* she “was drawn to the sense of possibility of a future with All Saint's parish as it continues to push past its front doors to be Christ's hands and feet in Edmonton, while focussing on living out the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, outreach and social justice.”

All Saints' ministry is far-reaching; touching people at both ends of the socioeconomic spectrum: people living in million-dollar condominiums to people sleeping in cardboard shelters in the river valley.

“The cathedral is home to people who are hurting and forgotten,” said Bishop Jane. “And it is a place where reconciliation happens and new relationships are forged.”

In preparation for inducting Alex Meek as rector of All Saints' Cathedral, Bishop Jane asked Eliza Hilliar and Russel Burns, a cousin to the Ven. Travis Enright, Archdeacon for Indigenous Ministry, to offer a smudge. Hilliar said a prayer and Burns invited Meek and members of the congregation to smudge with the sacred smoke for spiritual cleansing.

Presenting symbols of ministry were members of the cathedral



Pictured from top: the new rector of All Saints' Cathedral and dean of Edmonton is surrounded by family, friends and clergy. Bottom left: Bishop Jane blesses Alex Meek during the induction ceremony; Eliza Hilliar and Russel Burns lead a prayer and smudge.

including: Douglas Cowan and Brenda Voyce, Mary-Lou Cleveland, Liz Hickey and Rob Reynolds, and Barbara and Brian Burrows, who brought forth bread and wine, a Bible and water.

Meek was then joined by members of the All Saints' Ministry Team: the Rev. Quinn Strikwerda, Jeremy Spurgeon, Sara Kate Edwards-Smith, the Rev. John Gee and Canon Gwen Bright, who promised to take care with Meek to “preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace and together build up the common life.”

In addition to being home to three distinct Sunday morning and Evensong congregations, the Dinka parish of St. Mark's-Jieng, and Friday morning breakfast, Thursday lunchtime and Manna Market communities, the cathedral is also the Mother Church or home base of the diocese.

As the senior cleric of the diocese, Alex will encourage her colleagues to stretch themselves in building up the Kingdom of God,

Bishop Jane said.

“I know that she will do it with grace and unfailing good humour. If you let her, she will make you even saltier in your ministry. Her job is also to help you shine, to be light the kind of light that reflects the light of Christ. We heard in the collect for St. David tonight that we should show forth God's abiding love in a dark and anxious world. This sharing brings light, makes the world not so dark, not so anxious. We are to share good news, to be good news, and to help others become, and share good news, themselves - this is our purpose.”

At the conclusion of the installation and induction service, All Saints' welcomed the congregation to a reception for Alex Meek and her family. While refreshments were served, Archdeacon Travis Enright spoke about an exhibit of photographs, video, poetry and stories, curated by Bleeding Heart Art Space, a ministry of St. Faith's Anglican Church. The travelling exhibit depicts the healing journey

of the Burns Family: 11 brothers and sisters (and their parents, Rodman and Ruth Burns), who attended Gordon's Residential School in Saskatchewan.

Alex Meek, Enright and members of St. Faith's Anglican Church, joined the Burns family at Wapihoo (White Owl) Healing Camp on the shores of Pigeon Lake for a multi-generational gathering in September, 2019. They led a Standing Stones service and Meek, then rector of St. George's, Edmonton, read the “Apology for Spiritual Harm” offered by the Anglican Church of Canada to Indigenous Peoples. In the words of one family member: “The Apology from the Anglican Church was extremely emotional to hear firsthand. It is deeply needed.”

The exhibit can be viewed at the cathedral until April 12, weekdays from 9 am to 4 pm, and Sundays during services. Learn more at bleedingheartart.space/blog/2020/2/the-burns-family-healing-camp.

To Be Overwhelmingly Loved by Christ

Greetings to you, in the name of Christ. This is an interesting time to write my first letter: we are in the midst of Lent, but will be celebrating Easter before my next letter. There are many, many concerning things happening in the world and also in the church too! What to write about? Some things occur to me.



Bishop DAVID GREENWOOD
Diocese of Athabasca

And, I am most grateful for you, the people of God. I am very grateful for the parishes I have visited so far and am looking forward to visiting every parish in the diocese.

One parish asked to provide worship services in a language other than English. I encourage all our parishes to worship

in whatever language makes sense to them. I will gladly work to ensure acceptable liturgy for such practice.

I am grateful for parishes who have communicated they are struggling in some fashion, so we can walk together with Christ and prayerfully address those challenges. If Lent is a time for consideration and contemplation, for penance and repentance, for sacrifice and rededication, then I think we should make visible our concerns and problems. Let us address them as molehills, constructively and with love, before they become mountains. Let us walk that Lenten path together, not alone or under our own direction, but under the guidance and protection of Christ.

Just like new life in spring is eagerly celebrated after a long, cold winter, let us celebrate the life we have together in Christ. Though Lent is healthy for us, we are, ultimately, not a Lenten people, but a Resurrection people. Therefore, this Easter let us celebrate together initiatives such as sharing worship in other languages, new baptisms and confirmations and new searching for vocations in Christ. Most of all, let us celebrate the recognition that we are loved overwhelmingly by Christ, that Christ is alive and leads us where He will and that we can trust Him.

May you live in the shalom He has built you for; David

Thank you. Thank you to members of the diocese for putting me in their care, and deciding I should be their leader. It is an intimidating task! I honestly don't think anyone is "deserving" of such a role, yet through you, God has chosen me. As I shared immediately after my election, it fills me with a sense of humility that I have been chosen. Thank you so much to each and every one of you praying about me and our ministry together here in the diocese.

I am extremely grateful for the support my wife Benita is giving me in this huge role transition. I am also grateful for the support I have received in the short time since my election: Dean Jason has gone 'above and beyond' to get me up to speed and assist me in assuming this role; Archdeacon Terry has been his usual extremely efficient and capable self; our new Admin Assistant Kilenda is going to work out great – we have the fun of being on a steep learning curve together! Our treasurer Vicki Townson has been fantastic in freely giving of her time and energy to bring Kilenda up to speed; as has the Rev. Danielle MacKenzie; the members of DEC, Management Committee, and the two Regional Deans, Dane and Fariborz, have also been very helpful in their wisdom and actions during this transitional period.



From left: Lucy Fraser, Frieda Fraser, Bishop David Greenwood (seated), Canon Marjorie Glanfield, Cathy (last name withheld), Jumbo Fraser, Benita Greenwood.

Bishop Leads Worship at St. Paul's, Fort Chipewyan

Bishop DAVID GREENWOOD
Diocese of Athabasca

I had the great pleasure of visiting Fort Chipewyan with my wife Benita. Fort Chip is a beautiful place, with the rocky tree-lined hills rising out of Athabasca. We had the privilege of seeing a great grey owl during our trip, as well as being able to pull someone out of the snowbank along the winter road! We had a wonderful visit with the rector, the Rev. Canon Marjorie Glanfield, and worshiped with a small but enthusiastic congregation.

Fort Chip was founded in 1788, the permanent Anglican Mission was established in 1874, the day school beside the church was built in 1874 and the church was consecrated on Easter Sunday, 1880 by Bishop William Bompas, our first diocesan bishop. The church served as a Pro-cathedral (Episcopal seat), from 1912 until 1926. During this time it was known as St. Andrew's Cathedral of the Diocese of Mackenzie (which went from Fort Chipewyan to the Arctic Ocean, and was separated from the larger Diocese of Athabasca in 1884). In 1933 it reverted back to St. Paul's parish church for the Diocese of Athabasca (and the Diocese of Mackenzie was absorbed into the Diocese of the Arctic). *The Bishop's Chair can still be seen in the church,*

it is on the left in the picture above.

The late 19th-century church and school are the only fur trade period structures that remain in the community. The buildings were constructed using post and groove construction, a common French-Canadian construction technique favoured by fur traders.

The church's design is more ornate and expresses the influence of both French-Canadian ecclesiastical architecture and the forms and details of the Carpenter Gothic style. The church thus represents the union of the construction techniques of French-Canadian fur traders with some of the aesthetic and architectural sensibilities of Anglican missionaries.

The Anglican Church of St. Paul the Apostle is one of the oldest Carpenter Gothic buildings still standing in the province.

Fort Chip currently has about 1,000 inhabitants of all ages. Please pray for them, that the children be provided with good spiritual direction to know our Lord and Saviour, that the adults embrace their calling as people of Christ, and that the church members, led by Canon Marjorie, be filled with the strength, wisdom, love and steadfastness of our loving Christ. May they be filled with the fruits of the Spirit, and live in Shalom. Amen

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Living the metaphor of movement in following Jesus

Hello again. In this article we follow up previous articles in which we have explored how our discipleship can be adversely affected if we lead with ecclesiology (what we know and believe about church) instead of Christology (what we know and believe about Jesus). I said that in this article we would start to think about what it would look like to lead with our Christology.

Essentially, to lead with our Christology is to be intentionally focussed on Jesus and his priorities. What were those priorities? Simply



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put: the mission given to him by his Father. Jesus made mission, reaching out to the world with the love of God, his organising principle. He used mission to catalyse the discipleship of those with him. In so doing he launched a movement that has continued, in many various forms, for 2000 years.

So we must always ask ourselves whether the life of our parish reflects the same sequence and priorities, or something else.

Here's another way to look at it. I have the following quote pinned above my desk: "You have to live the metaphor to enter the paradigm." (*The Forgotten Ways* by Alan Hirsch; 2nd edition, 2017)

What on earth does that mean? Let me illustrate it this way: when I use the phrase 'the church is an institution,' what comes to mind? For me, the metaphor of 'institution' brings to mind things like committees, agendas, hierarchy and structures.

What about when I use the phrase 'the church is a movement?' Many words might come up, but to me the metaphor of a 'movement' certainly sounds more fluid and – dare I say – more exciting than 'institution.'

What metaphor is your parish living? It's an important question because, as we've discussed before, Christendom is over. The church needs to enter a new paradigm for the 21st century, one that has Jesus at its centre. Whichever metaphor we are living is the way we will go. Is your parish living out the metaphor

of institution or are you more of a movement?

You might respond by saying, "We must have committees. It's in the canons! We need a mechanism for making decisions!" You are right. We do need structures. Structure is not a bad thing. It's not about whether we have committees. It's about whether we are using the structures we have to release the missional discipleship of each member of our parish. Is the way we use our structures releasing or inhibiting the mission of God? I'll leave you this month to observe and reflect upon which metaphor your parish is living and we'll pick it up next time.

May God bless you most richly as you live out your Jesus-shaped life.

Richard

Generosity Before Parsimony

In our diocese every congregation is seeking to limit expenditures. There are cutbacks in every ministry. Most parishes are struggling to pay diocesan assessments and nearly every month questions are received about funding formulas. The focus of nearly every parishioner in leadership is on restricting expenditures.

While this appears to make sense in a time of economic difficulties, this approach will ultimately prove to be self-defeating. It is based on a culture of scarcity and poverty. It restricts generosity. It rejects the divine call to the abundant life. By only addressing expenditures, the congregation will be led down the path towards consolidation, rationalisation and ultimately closure.

So let's aim toward a fundamental mind-shift along two paths: 1) wise stewardship of current resources and 2) generous living and giving.

The first shift is to no longer think about restricting our expenditures. Our goal is not to hold on to what money we have. We're not going to build up our savings account as a "rainy day fund." Guess what? It's pouring out there.



The Ven. TERRY LEER
Archdeacon for
Mission Development
Diocese of Athabasca

Let's think about our congregation's money differently.

Our money is God's resource to fund his work in the world. We're going to spend our money on his behalf and we're going to do it wisely. The new mindset is not to pull in our dollars in a self-protective fashion. Rather, we are going to spend lavishly but wisely. We will choose to make every dollar spent more effective in our proclamation of the gospel of salvation.

The second shift is to focus on God's generous activity in and through us. That is, God did not spare anything, but gave up his Son for our salvation. His creation is an abundant creation and accurately reflects his generosity. Jesus came that we might live abundantly so that God would be genuinely and effectively proclaimed.

The primary implication of this is that our congregations have to focus not on restricting expenditures, but on developing income. The more income we generate, the more lavish our generosity can be.

It would be a mistake to focus that attention on generating income through rentals or other business opportunities. Such avenues can be lucrative, but place the congregation at the mercy of municipal, provincial and federal regulations. Frequently, such avenues demand

the congregation's surrender of its authority over its building and grounds. Business opportunities frequently carry hidden costs such as building renovations, increased use of utilities and increases in insurance premiums. Rentals and business opportunities, such as housing social services or selling rectories, are not always a road paved with gold.

Income generation best occurs through the tithes of disciples. That's an uncomfortable truth, but it is the truth, nonetheless. Percentage giving to the congregation is the primary example of generous living by disciples. The generosity of disciples will fuel the generosity of the parish and increase the intentional and wise use of congregational resources.

'But we're already giving all that we can,' most disciples will say. That's likely true, especially for those of our older members who are living on fixed pensions. But before we apply any calculation to any of your income, remember that we are talking about a change in attitude. We disciples give generously not because we are struggling to keep our church building open, but because God has been so generous with us. Having received at God's hand, we give to the Church at God's command. Having received generously, we are more able to give generously.

Our future lies not in restricting expenses, but in lavish generosity. This is the lifestyle to which Jesus has called us and it will result in the abundant life he promised.

Reflections on a ministry of invitation

The March edition of The Messenger announced the Rev. Michael Williamson's retirement after 32 years of service in Edmonton diocese. Looking back, he sums up more than three decades of ministry as "one gracious invitation from God after another."

As a young person on a Norfolk Broads youth sailing holiday, Michael Williamson experienced a reinvigorated faith in Christ by responding to a gracious invitation to follow Jesus given by the Bishop of Norwich, England.

While still living in the UK, prior to ordination, he was given opportunities to preach in his own and other local churches, on Christian camps and at interdenominational youth gatherings. With each opportunity he included a gracious invitation to follow Christ. Williamson finds it encouraging that many of these young people have grown up following Jesus and are currently active in ministry and in their local churches.

Years later another gracious invitation was extended by God to Williamson, through a conversation with the Bishop of Edmonton, to pursue ordained ministry in Canada.

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Bishop David and Benita Greenwood, their children and grandchildren.

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Furthermore, all of us are called to this challenge and are responsible for this ministry, he said. The church is on trial tonight and it will be responsible, as we shall be responsible, for carrying out this ministry.

Archdeacon Leer asked members of the Provincial and National House of Bishops to help and encourage David: "In your existence as Bishops you are to embody the one true Holy Catholic Body of Christ to the world," he said.

Bishop-elect David Greenwood was presented for examination to Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson. He affirmed his intent to accept God's call to this ministry; to be faithful to prayer and scripture and proclaim the Gospel of Christ, to encourage God's people and guard the faith, unity and discipline of the

Church and be merciful to all.

The congregation rose to recite the Nicene Creed and Benita Greenwood read the Litany. Then everyone joined in an enthusiastic rendition of "Veni Creator Spiritus." This was followed by the prayer of Consecration and the laying on of hands by the Archbishop and Bishops. The new Bishop was vested according to the Order of Bishops. Symbols of Office, including a Bible and Pastoral Staff, were then presented to Bishop David. There was an atmosphere of great rejoicing as Bishop David Greenwood offered the Peace of the Lord and it was shared throughout the cathedral.

On behalf of the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, Archdeacon Paul Feheley, Principal Secretary to the Primate, read a letter to Bishop David and the Diocese of Athabasca.

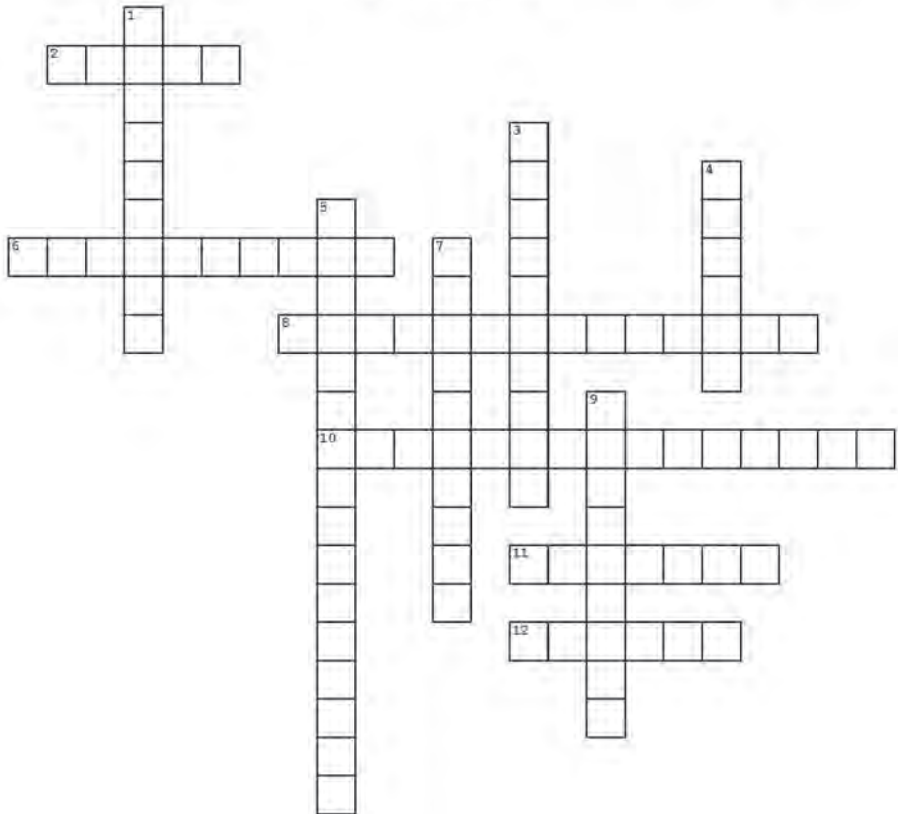
"You do not go alone into this adventure, God's Holy Spirit has guided you to this day...," said Archbishop Nicholls in the letter. "You also enter this future with your brothers and sisters in Christ across Canada who pray with and for you today."

The meaningful and memorable

service concluded with the Celebration of the Eucharist and a rousing rendition of "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

Bishop David greeted people and presented them with Origami Angels as they enjoyed food and fellowship at the Belle Petroleum Centre in Peace River. Thanks be to God.

Deus Devotees' Dozen Deliberations - Celebrating Bishop David's Consecration



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2. remit split and switched

6. Set aside

8. Confused "Giant slayer with young sapling" = Ragweed Odd Vino (5,9)

10. 8th ante Easter + Friday + ScoreScore (10,1,4)

11. The shepherd's rescue essential

12. Mollusc mucus color denoting episcopal piety

Down

1. Cree = "grass or reeds here and there"

3. "A Rev. Recipe" unscrambled (5,5)

4. Two+store : confirming authority

5. Son of Thunder killed by the sword - first apostolic martyr's memorial throne used by David+ (2,5,9)

7. Commissioning dedication to active service

9. See, the Diocese

Bishop confirms 265 in Central Tanganyika diocese, Tanzania

At the invitation of Bishop Dickson Chilongani of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, I, along with the Rev. Susan Lukens and Ms. Ebonee Davis from Virginia Theological Seminary and, of course, the fabulous Pendo (mama bishop), had the immense privilege of leading a conference, in February, 2020, for clergy spouses and widows. You can see us all together here with Canon Hilda Kabia.



Bishop JANE ALEXANDER
Diocese of Edmonton

We took as our theme “*Kwanini Mungu huwatumia wanawake: Why does God use Women.*” Through Bible study, prayer, retelling of stories, dancing and singing we explored the stories of Hagar, Hannah, the visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, the woman with a haemorrhage, the women at the tomb, and the woman at the well. So much rejoicing and sharing. We greeted each other in every session by reminding one another that ‘you are beautiful, you are loved, you are holy.’

I wish I could give you a taste of the spirit filled days we shared. We quickly formed a worshipping community and seized every opportunity to dance and sing – yes even me! Amid the times of study and prayer we explored current concerns of the community such as the troubling rise of female genital mutilation (FGM), the deep desire to build strong marriages and the challenges of sharing in ministries in remote and isolated situations. The conference participants found their own space in the stories. We heard stories of courage and bravery, of transformation and of hope.

Bishop Dickson was very happy with the conference saying “it was humbling to see wives coming with their babies and girls to look after them. It was also inspiring to see widows and retired wives of clergy in their 80s coming to the conference

to learn and inspire young spouses in their ministries. To be honest, I will be surprised if these spouses do not request for another conference in the forthcoming years, especially as clergy meet every year. Let us pray that God will open further doors.” Amen to that Bishop!

For the closing of the conference we had a special treat with a women’s group leading us with drumming and, yes, more dancing.

So, after three amazing days, the diocese kept on giving with a visit out in the country where four parishes came together for a service of confirmation. Bishop Dickson gave me the privilege of preaching and then of confirming 265 people, from teens through to folks in their senior years. The service flew by, although I was told it lasted a number of hours. We explored the call of the disciples and our own call to ministry. It was a glorious morning. There were too many of us to fit inside the church so we gathered outside under the trees. We had been met on the road and were escorted to the church by a group of parishioners singing

and dancing. A group of young dancers kicked off the service with a reflection on living a godly life and turning away from temptations such as drugs and money. Choirs came up throughout the service to encourage all of us in our Christian lives.

In Christ, +Jane



The conference was held at at Msalato Theological college, a few kilometres outside Dodoma, the capital of Tanzania. More than 320 clergy spouses attended! As you can see from the picture below, some of the spouses needed to bring their babies along.



Privilege of participating in international bishops' dialogue



Bishop Jane and members of the 11th Consultation of Anglican Bishops in Dialogue, held in Zanzibar, Tanzania, February 19-23, 2020.

Bishop JANE ALEXANDER
Diocese of Edmonton

After a wonderful visit to the Diocese of Central Tanganyika it was time to head to Zanzibar, Tanzania for the last of the consultations of African and Canadian Bishops in Dialogue, from February 19-23, 2020. If you would like to read more about the consultations, which began at the Lambeth conference of 2008, go to www.anglican.ca/gr/bishopsconsultation/. The dialogue has grown to include a few bishops from the Episcopal Church, the primus of Scotland and the bishops of Warrington and Liverpool. We have met on three continents and studied many themes together. We have had moments of deeply personal sharing and deep, deep prayer. This consultation in Zanzibar was no different as we met around the theme of *Doing Ministry as a Minority*, at the invitation of Bishop (Michael) Hafidh.

We were blessed to have local insight into Christian Muslim relations in Zanzibar from Mr. Jamaly Ally Hussein, an extraordinary person who had converted to Christianity from Islam as a young man. His conversion was not without terrible cost for his mother who was killed when protecting her son from the anger of his father. We learned also of the history of the Anglican Church in Zanzibar that was so bound up in the slave trade and in the

ending of that terrible trade. In fact, Christ Church Cathedral in Stone Town is built over the old slave market. The conversations around human trafficking past and present brought us back to conversations we had started in Liverpool, Virginia and Ghana. Visiting the cathedral grounds we stopped for prayers by the moving sculpture over the old slave prison.

As is typical of our consultations it was then time to meet the people of the parishes in Zanzibar

– we visited two very different communities. The first was the parish of Mahonda where we blessed the opening of a new water source for the community and heard of their dreams to build a new and more permanent church structure in the community. The supporting beams are in place but there is a lot of work to do.

After a refreshing break with fresh coconuts under the trees it was off to Mbweni parish. Mbweni has a much longer history, being a parish established by the church at the end of the slave trade in order to help form community and schools for former slaves and their children to learn trades and ways in which they could become self-sufficient after generations of enslavement.

On Sunday it was back to the cathedral in Stone Town for worship where the consultation was greeted by a very unusual welcome banner featuring a huge group photo of all the bishops.

The group will be presenting at the 2020 Lambeth Conference on ongoing conversations around the large issues facing our churches and the importance of relationships and fellowship for mutual support in the Anglican Communion. We

will also be sharing some resources on Intercultural Dialogue. Anglican Video has also produced long and short videos for sharing the story.

It has been my absolute privilege to have been part of this dialogue and I will always treasure the friendships and times of prayer we have all shared. I cannot believe how quickly the time has flown and how we have all worked to be bridge-builders across the communion. I pray that whomever God calls to be the 11th Bishop of Edmonton they will be able to find a similar group in which to thrive.

I leave the final words to one of my colleagues from Africa:

“Here I learnt that the unity we derive from our tradition does not necessarily mean uniformity. This encourages me that as an Anglican I should not shy away from dialogue and self-examination, especially on subjects that make me uncomfortable. While the controversies are there [in the Anglican Communion], one is still called to mission, with the Holy Spirit being our guide.”
Amen and Amen.



The bishops stopped to pray at the memorial sculpture erected over the old slave prison on the grounds of Christ Church Cathedral. In the 19th Century slaves taken from mainland East Africa were brought to Stone Town to be sold at the market.



Anglican Church of Canada Primate Archbishop Linda Nicholls and members of the Bishops in Dialogue Consultation bless a new water source in Mahonda where members of the community dream of building a permanent church structure.



Sun streams into Christ Church Cathedral, Stone Town, a beautiful backdrop for the 11th Consultation of Bishops in Dialogue.

St. John service of induction and confirmation: joyful!

The Rev. SHELLY KING
Messenger Staff

St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church in Edmonton took a step forward in a season of change on Sunday, February 2, with a full and joyous service of induction and confirmation.

Bishop Jane preached and presided, her sermon focusing on the story from the gospel of Luke, chapter two, in which Mary and Joseph encounter Simeon when they go to present Jesus in the temple.

“Imagine the baby Jesus, the old man Simeon, and the young Mary,” she said, “all looking at each other in this collapsing of past and future, of tradition and innovation, all in a kind of glorious theological explosion.”

Simeon was possibly the first person to have a ‘bucket list,’ the Bishop suggested. “The only thing on Simeon’s list was to see the Lord’s Messiah, and God had promised that he would.”

“Scripture doesn’t tell us how long he lived with this knowledge. He must have gotten discouraged at times. Day after day, month after month, year after year, waiting, waiting waiting. Looking into the eyes of everyone he passed in the temple, waiting to hear the voice of God say, ‘This is the one, Simeon! This is the one you’ve been waiting for.’”

“And then one day, Simeon not only got to see it, he got to hold it in his arms. In that moment his life was fulfilled. In that one moment, he knew that God kept God’s promises



Pictured above and clockwise: Richard King processes into his induction service, February 2, 2020; Sherin Anna Manuel supported in confirmation by Maryann Amor, Bishop Jane Alexander and Cameron Burns; Bishop Jane demonstrates the presence of Jesus in a member of St. John’s Junior Choir. Photos: Sue Phillips

and that all of Israel and the world would be redeemed. Simeon saw the face of God in the baby Jesus.”

“Where does the world see Jesus? Where does each one of us see Jesus?”

The Bishop left the pulpit to walk down the center aisle of the church.

“This is where we see Jesus,” she said, holding a young girl in front of her. “And here,” she said, moving from one parishioner to another: “And here, and here...”

Later in the service, for the induction of the Ven. Richard King, Bishop Jane used a liturgy created by Blackburn diocese in the U.K.



The liturgy calls for commitments by priest and people in the same way as the Book of Alternative Services does. One difference, though, is a section that specifically calls on the incoming rector and the

leadership team within the church to commit themselves to collaboration.

The leadership team at St. John’s includes assistant priest the Rev. Cameron Burns, curate the Rev. Maryann Amor, children’s ministers Hanna Keim and Melissa Chaffee and youth pastor Blake Holt (Emma Peters stood in for Blake who was on a weekend away with the youth). All stood together with Richard as he promised to “work with his colleagues in the service of Christ

and support them in their ministry.”

The team then promised to “take care with Richard to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and together build up the common life.”

The liturgy also includes explicit reference to the mission of God for the church. The Bishop began by calling on priest and people to “be reminded of their duties within the Church of God and to affirm readiness to share in fulfilling our vision to be missional and healthy churches who transform communities.”

The induction concluded with the prayer:

“Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.”

The confirmation of parishioner Sherin Anna Manuel made the service even more special. Presented by Rev. Cameron and supported by family and friends Sherin renewed her baptismal vows and was joined by all 275 in attendance in proclaiming the baptismal covenant, before the Bishop prayed for her.

In a Tweet Sunday evening, Bishop Jane summed up this induction and confirmation service, held on the Presentation of the Lord, in one word: “joyful.”

Reflections on a ministry of invitation cont.

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In May 1988, Williamson was ordained a deacon by the recently consecrated Bishop Ken Genge.

While serving at St. Paul’s Edmonton, Williamson encountered an American couple working in Canada. They approached him, saying “something is happening in this church – what is it?” He shared God’s gracious invitation by reviewing with the couple their baptism promises. They also accepted an invitation to become disciples of Jesus. Years later, the young man was in touch with Williamson to say he had eventually become a Lutheran Pastor in the U.S.

Over many years, Williamson was presented with one opportunity after another to share God’s gracious

invitation through the renewal of baptismal vows. It happened in 2007 on a mission trip to Rwanda. Preaching and teaching at a women’s conference, he reviewed the baptismal promises as a means of sharing God’s gracious invitation to follow Christ. In preparation for a mission trip to Brazil in 2011, the team visited a Brazilian church in Calgary, where he preached at an evening service. A young

couple responded to God’s gracious invitation to become disciples of Christ. When on mission in Brazil, the same gracious invitation was extended and Williamson had the privilege to pray with those who came forward to begin their journey of following Jesus.

In parish ministry in Edmonton, Williamson has had many occasions to extend God’s gracious invitation to people when they realise

something is missing from their lives. Those who have been seeking or lost have responded to Christ and accepted his gracious invitation.

Williamson is thankful to have had the opportunity to serve God over the years in Edmonton diocese, extending God’s love and invitation: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16 (NIV)* Always he has held out the message that God’s love has been shown to the world in the person of Jesus Christ; that we all were on the road to “perish” and now, through Jesus’ gracious invitation, we are on the road to “eternal life.”

Williamson says the baptismal promises as they appear in the liturgy are a wonderful example of all it takes to accept God’s gracious invitation to follow him.

Question: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? **Answer:** I renounce them.
Question: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? **Answer:** I renounce them.
Question: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God? **Answer:** I renounce them.
Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour? **Answer:** I do.
Question: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love? **Answer:** I do.
Question: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord? **Answer:** I do.
Book of Alternative Services, page 154

The mission of God, playing out in Jasper's toy library

The Rev. ANDREAS SIGRIST
Rector, St. Mary's and St. George's
Jasper

During one of my first weeks here in Jasper I was sitting in the office wondering what I was supposed to do. Fortunately, I had learned during my curacy with the Ven. Richard King, Archdeacon for Missional Discipleship in the Diocese of Edmonton, to wait for Jesus to reveal the next step. After listening to a message on the answering machine from Melody Gaboury (a Jasper resident for 12-plus years and mother to two children ages 6 and 2.5), I read the following in J.R. Woodward's excellent book *Creating a Missional Culture*:

"The congregation's specific calling will be shaped as she considers her gifts, talents, passions and resources in light of her context and theological understanding. A church uniquely expresses herself as she matches her deep hunger with the needs of the neighborhood."

After nearly a month of phone tag, I finally met Melody. She asked if St. Mary's and St. George's Anglican Church had space available

for a toy library. I heard Richard in my head asking a question helpful for making decisions: "Jesus, is that you?" I also remembered reading that church families can discern their unique calling by matching their gifts with the needs around them. Besides, a toy library seemed like fun!

Long story short, we started scheming and planning. After canvassing for donations and installing shelves, Melody and I invited Jasper families to connect at the toy library via Facebook, the local newspaper, and personal invitations, and by the beginning of fall 2019 the Jasper Toy Library

and Playroom was up and running. Children can come and play with the toys, taking home their favourites for up to three weeks.

Thanks to all the donations we received from the wider community in Jasper and some of the Anglican churches in the Diocese of Edmonton, parents and kids are now able to come to the church hall on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, from 3:30-5:30 pm, to check out and borrow "new to them" toys. Even better than the toys, is the community of parents and kids that has developed.

In addition, many of you might

know the Bear's Paw Bakery in Jasper. I don't mean to rub it in, but we live where others go for holiday and we get treats donated from the Bear's Paw Bakery every week! So while the kids play with the toys, parents get to visit over a cup of tea or coffee with one of those sticky cinnamon buns or those mouth-watering, raspberry and white chocolate scones. I am not sure if the tastiness of our snacks is a good criterion but looking back I would say, 'Yes, it feels like we are joining in with what God wants to do here in Jasper.'

I can't see around the next corner of the road but I trust that God is on a mission; making a difference in this broken world and changing things for the better. As Melody pointed out in her report for the annual general meeting: "As more families start to share their toys, hopefully they too will see the benefit in buying, and having, less! We are very conscious of the environment and our consumption, so I hope that our way of thinking will help others see that we don't always need to buy new."

God is up to something and I am looking forward to seeing what will come from Jasper's Toy Library and Playroom.



Andreas Sigrist with two of his boys and Melody Gaboury with her children at Jasper's Toy Library and Playroom in St. Mary's and St. George's basement. Photo: Jasper Fitzhugh

Community meals a basis for rebuilding and reconciliation

JENNIFER STEWART
St. Faith's, Edmonton

The Creating Hope Society (CHS) in Edmonton and St. Faith's PrayerWorks community meals program bring to life a shared vision of healing and reconciliation each month when they collaborate on a community meal at PrayerWorks Common.

Verna (she requested her last name not be published), CHS Housing Coordinator, proposed the ongoing partnership last March to Bernadette Iahtail, CHS Executive Director, and the Ven. Travis Enright, rector of St. Faith's. The lunches build on past collaborations, including summer camps for youth and community meals.

Verna and the CHS team of volunteers arrive early and lead work in the kitchen while the Rev. Sandra Arbeau, PrayerWorks' Thursday lunch coordinator, and her team join in with serving and clean up. An abundance of nourishing food, warmth, conversation and opportunities for people from diverse communities to meet, are central to the meals.

"PrayerWorks and CHS come together on the shared ground of healing, strengthening community and combating loneliness for all people," said Enright. The meals open up space and, for Cheryl Petherbridge, CHS Executive Administrative Assistant, the only question is: "How do we become more open, more approachable and bring more people in?"

Community meals have long been a pillar supporting the mission of the Creating Hope Society, which is "to build on strengths to create hope for the future of Aboriginal people impacted by the child welfare system, through healing processes, support, reconciliation and sharing what we have learned..."

The society offers a number of programs to realise its mission, focusing especially on support and advocacy for parents and families

struggling with the legacies of the Sixties Scoop, to know their rights and strengthen their voices as they navigate the child welfare, justice and health systems. Ultimately, the vision is to support families to heal and find hope for their future.

As housing coordinator for the Connect the Dots Home Fire Project, Verna plays a central role in the programs that support Indigenous and non-Indigenous individuals in crisis and advocates for them to access and maintain services in housing, health and

wellness supports. The community luncheon, elders' gatherings, and community events hosted by CHS address food insecurity and related issues that may lead families to become involved with the child welfare system, all while bringing people together in reconciliation,

conversation, friendship and laughter.

The Society has supported hundreds of families to understand and navigate the child welfare system through the Aboriginal Mother's Advocacy Program. It has pioneered initiatives to promote the full recognition of Aboriginal fathers and grandfathers in their families and ways they have been sidelined from meaningful participation with their children in the child welfare system. These include a documentary, *Aboriginal Fathers Love Their Children Too*, and related research and resources. More information about this film and the full range of CHS programs can be found on the society's website: <https://www.creatinghopesociety.ca/>.

CHS published a recipe book, in 2019, with delicious dishes that can be prepared with a budget in mind. The recipe book is available to purchase for \$10 by contacting Verna at ctd@creatinghopesociety.ca. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be used to support the community meals program.



Sandra Arbeau, Verna and Roger at a PrayerWorks community meal.

New beginnings marked by joy at Holy Trinity Riverbend

The Rev. REBECCA HARRIS
Interim Deacon-in-Charge,
Holy Trinity Riverbend,
Edmonton

On Sunday, February 2, the congregation at Holy Trinity Riverbend welcomed their newest and youngest member. Baby Faye, dressed in a lovely white, sparkly dress, and looking very curious and delighted with all the attention, was dedicated and blessed through the service of the Thanksgiving for a Child. It was the perfect day for this service, falling on the Presentation of our Lord in the Temple.

As everyone prayed for and celebrated with Faye, her proud family surrounded her with an abundance of love and joy that was bursting at the seams. The Rev. Dr. Elisabeth Thompson, and the Rev. Rebecca Harris, officiated.

Baby Faye's parents, Marx and Chao, recently



joined our congregation, after moving to Edmonton from Kenya.

Both Marx and Chao have dived right in to the life of our parish, embracing the people and the liturgy, and offering to help in any way they can. We are thrilled that they chose Holy Trinity Riverbend to be their new church home. We look forward to seeing Faye grow through the years, as she joins the other children of our parish and they learn together about God's love for them.

Bishop Jane's Schedule



8 Easter at the Edmonton Institution

11 Messy Easter Vigil, St. Andrew's
Parkland Spruce Grove

12 Easter Sunday, St. Andrew's
Cathedral

19 Ordination of Bishops, Monastery of Mount
Niagara Falls

28 Induction Service, St. Luke's, Edmonton

All events subject to change due to COVID-19 pandemic response.

Drayton Valley tummies full of Shrove Tuesday pancakes

The Rev. CHRISTOPHER COOK
Rector
All Saints' Anglican Church
Drayton Valley

More than 40 people from the All Saints' church in Drayton Valley and surrounding community gathered for a delicious pancake supper held on Shrove Tuesday, February 25. In keeping with the spirit of the day, it was a bit of indulgence before beginning the Lenten season. People walked away from this event having eaten hundreds of pancakes with wide smiles and full tummies. The event was extended to anyone in the community, which made for a wonderful time of fellowship, feasting and thanksgiving.



SACRED TEACHINGS WISDOM OF THE LAND THE PODCAST

The Anglican Church of Canada has launched a podcast series entitled Sacred Teachings: Wisdom of the Land. This joint initiative of Indigenous Ministries and Anglican Video is an eight-part series featuring Indigenous speakers, who share their insights, wisdom, traditions and stories about the sacredness of creation.

Find all releases on Vimeo at
<https://vimeo.com/canadiananglican>
or Podbean at
<https://podcasts.anglican.ca>

2020 Outdoor Way of the Cross 40th Anniversary Commemorative Event Good Friday, April 10 at 10:00am



Event cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic response.

9:45am - Smudge ceremony offered before 10:00am start at Immigration Hall (100 Street & 105 Ave). Two hour walk finishes at Hope Mission (9908 106 Ave).

Participants are encouraged to dress for conditions and bring a donation of toiletries or non-perishable food items to be collected by the Mustard Seed.

Celebrating ministry 'behind the scenes' at Christ Church

CANDACE MAHAFFEY
Christ Church, Grande Prairie



How often do we thank the people behind the scenes? During Lent let us take time to say thank you to the people behind the scenes.

Ministry takes many forms and we regularly thank those who are clearly visible, but what about those behind the scenes? When we recently celebrated six baptisms at Christ Church, Grande Prairie, we had members making banners for the children and others buying gifts for their families. The altar guild changed the hangings in preparation for the special service and someone moved the font up from the back of the church.

Countless other examples are evidenced by the bulletin board we display for every church season and

I enjoy each new message on it. Our secretary coordinates with everyone to ensure the service flows smoothly, that people don't have more than one job on Sunday, and that readings for the children are manageable and appropriate. Sides-people arrive early to greet people as they come to church. We have Sunday school teachers and people who take turns doing the children's talk.

At our annual Shrove Tuesday



Pictured above: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Christ Church; pictured right: the church bulletin board designed by Terra Shewchuk.



pancake supper there were volunteers flipping pancakes and a youth member managing the door. People clean our buildings and our grounds thoroughly in fall and spring. How about the ACW ladies who partner with five other mainstream church to put on the World Day of Prayer each year?

I know there are people helping the elderly get to appointments,

and checking to see that people receive communion and are not forgotten. There are people who bring casseroles to people just out of hospital or who are welcoming a new arrival to their family.

It is impossible to list everyone, but thank you to all whose ministry is behind the scenes. You are seen!

Around the Dioceses Anglican News Briefs

Archdeaconry recommends merging five Regina parishes

Bishop Rob Hardwick and the Qu'Appelle diocesan council have received recommendations from St. Cuthbert's Archdeaconry for the future of its seven parishes in Regina and one outside of the city.

The archdeaconry recommends the merging of five Regina parishes—All Saints, St. James, St. Luke, St. Matthew and St. Phillip—into one parish with a new name and common vision, starting in January 2021.

Under this plan, all five parishes would worship together at one main location still to be determined. Satellite locations may also be established for specific ministries.

A second recommendation is for a renewal team comprised of two representatives from each of the five parishes and up to five more people appointed by the bishop to serve as members-at-large. The team would develop an implementation plan and have general oversight over the process of merging into one parish.

The final recommendation is for a greater focus on communication and collaboration at all eight parishes in the archdeaconry. The formation of a covenanted Archdeaconry Group Ministry Council, including lay and clergy representatives from each parish, would be a key component of putting this plan into action.

The recommendations followed

ATHABASCA CONNECTIONS

Diocesan website: www.dioath.ca
(includes sermons for lay readers for each Sunday)

The Anglican Centre
(archives for the Diocese of Athabasca)
Phone: 780-624-2767
Fax: 780-624-2365
Email: dioath@telusplanet.net

Parish websites

Peace River: www.stjamespr.org
Fort McMurray, All Saints': www.allsaintsanglican.ca
Fort McMurray, St. Thomas': www.sttom.ca
Grande Prairie: www.christchurchanglicangp.org
Boyle: www.parishnorthernlights.org



two years of discussion, meetings and prayer for the future of St. Cuthbert's. Diocesan council finalized the recommendations on Jan. 25, communicated them to parish vestries and shared them with all parishioners Feb. 2. Parish annual general meetings in February were

set to discuss the recommendations and provide feedback to the new renewal team.

—The Saskatchewan Anglican
(Dioceses of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and Qu'Appelle)

Fredericton team visits companion diocese in Ghana to plan mobile clinic

Three Anglicans from the diocese of Fredericton have visited their companion diocese in Ghana to look into the possibility of establishing a mobile health clinic in the African country's Volta Region.

The Fredericton delegation headed to the diocese of Ho in Ghana on Jan. 12. The team included Robert Griffin, chair of the Companion Diocese Committee; Lilian Ketch, a member of the diocesan Mother's Union executive; and Cheryl Jacobs,

secretary to Bishop David Edwards and chair of the diocesan Spiritual Development Team.

When Griffin visited the diocese of Ho in May 2019, Bishop Matthias Mededues-Badohu had pointed to a desperate need for medical care in the rural parts of the diocese.

Bishop Matthias suggested that a mobile clinic might be a good start for providing care in these areas. The Companion Diocese Committee decided to explore the possibility of providing a mobile clinic in Volta—

potentially in partnership with the Rotary Club, since Griffin is a member of the Rotary Club of Grand Manan.

On their trip to Ghana, the Canadians met with Anglican counterparts in Ho as well as local Rotary Club members. A partnership is now moving forward between the diocese of Ho, which conceived the project; the diocese of Fredericton, which is fundraising; the Rotary Clubs of Grand Manan and Ho for applying for the Rotary Global

Grant; and the Teaching Hospital of Ho for operation of the clinic.

A \$200,000 budget has been prepared to cover costs such as a vehicle, medical diagnostic equipment and a generator. The diocese hopes to raise about \$30,000 US, with divisions of Rotary International covering the remainder.

—The New Brunswick Anglican
(Diocese of Fredericton)

PWRDF partnership works to increase food security



I have been reading through the Gospel of John online, along with thousands of others who are in the "The Good Book Club." I

love the details John includes in his account (like in chapter 6, referring to the boy with "five small barley loaves and two small fish"). We read that Jesus blessed the food, he gave thanks and it was distributed. Then the miracle happened: from those meagre rations, all 5,000 were fed until they had enough and then 12 baskets of crumbs were gathered. To me, a second miracle was that those



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Diocese of Edmonton

poor, probably often hungry, people didn't fill their pockets and cram their bags with the leftovers. They didn't hoard it. They left it for others.

They trusted Jesus would continue to provide for them and they would have food when they needed it. We live in a place like that. We trust that we will have food when we need it. It might not be the

meal we would choose, but there are options within Alberta's social safety net to feed people who are hungry. Unfortunately, that is not the case everywhere.

On behalf of Canadian Anglicans, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is helping feed hungry people around the world. One

way we do this is through our partnership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB), where we use our "equity" to support such work. In fact, the mission of the 15 church-based members of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank is "a world without hunger." We work toward this goal by providing food in times of crisis for hungry people in the developing world; helping people grow more food to better feed themselves and their families; providing nutritional support to malnourished people with a focus on pregnant and breastfeeding mothers and young children.

When people give to our account in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (www.foodgrainsbank.ca), PWRDF determines how those funds, and any matching government grants (up to 4:1) will be used. CFGB arranges the purchase and transport of the food. PWRDF often works with other members to strengthen the response to the emergency. Together we are "a Christian Response to Global Hunger."

Last year PWRDF joined Zimbabwe partner TSURO Trust in a \$400,000-seed distribution project, with funding from the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the government of Canada. Cyclone Idai created devastation; wiping out crops and seeds which left people without food and a source of income. The distribution of seeds allowed farmers to plant their maize and millet crops. The crops are growing well and will soon be harvested, providing farmers with improved food security.

The unfortunate fact is that 821 million people in our world today do



A Zimbabwean farmer stands beneath the towering maize plants growing in her field, thanks to a seed distribution program funded by PWRDF, with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank and the Government of Canada. Photo: Richard Librock

not have enough food to eat. Most of these "food insecure" people are farmers, and at least half of those farmers are women. Despite their hard work, they are hungry because their farms are small, they have to deal with unpredictable weather patterns, they struggle with drought, government instability, depleted soil, lack of resources and training to improve their farms, as well as lack of market access.

PWRDF, through its partnership in the Canadian Foodgrains Bank supports projects that improve soil productivity by teaching farmers sustainable agriculture using techniques such as minimal soil disturbance, cover crops, the use of mulch and crop rotations. This improves soil quality and yield; enabling farmers to feed their families.

Food should not be a luxury. Today, hunger is increasing around the world; women farmers are most at risk of hunger. PWRDF and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank share public education and advocacy goals. We all believe in engaging Canadians in efforts to end global hunger through effective national and international policies.

To learn more about the work of feeding the hungry, check out our website at www.pwrdf.org.

Parish Fundraiser Changes Lives in Buyé, Burundi

MARGARET GLIDDEN
Edmonton Editor

The "\$5-5 Ways Campaign," a diocesan-wide appeal by parishes each fall, continues to help seniors in Buyé, Burundi access healthcare. In 2019, \$6,565 was raised during parish coffee-hour appeals and by individual donations. This money has helped the Mother's Union provide thousands of senior citizens in Burundi with medical cards, reducing the cost of their medical treatment 80 per cent. The cards are valid for one year.

"I am delighted to inform you that the ongoing project of assisting the elderly is going well throughout the parishes of the Diocese of Buyé," writes the Rev. Audace Kwizera, Buyé diocesan secretary, in an email to Edmonton diocesan

treasurer the Rev. John Gee on February 17, 2020. "This project is appreciated by the recipients, the church and the administration. With your support, we have been able to assist elderly people who are unable to afford medical cards by themselves ... Our prayer is that it (the program) should continue."

Kwizera explains that members of the Mother's Union run this healthy community initiative based on a triage system to select the most vulnerable seniors to receive medical cards, "regardless of their denomination and gender affiliation."

"I am also pleased to let you know that last year 154 new Mothers' Union members were enrolled and given certificates of commitment," says Kwizera.



Grateful recipients of this year's medical cards pictured at one of the distribution centres.



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... - 103 Street, on Wednesday,
... 2020.

Event cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic response.

6:45 - Reception

7:30 - AGM

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