



DIOCESE OF SASKATOON

The Anglican Church of Canada

As a diocese of Anglican Christian disciples, we seek to be lively and welcoming communities of faith who serve God and serve others. Our parishioners will be prayerful, grounded in Scripture, welcoming and attentive to the needs and aspirations of our neighbours.

MAY, 2011

HOLD IN PRAYER

- Gwendolyn Gresham
- Glen Burgomaster

A WORD OF THANKS

Thanks to all who attended and participated in the very successful Anglican Church Women's Spring Conference/AGM at St. James, Saskatoon on Saturday, April 2nd. Thanks to Bishop David Irving (Patron) and Joan Irving (Patroness) for being with us.

A special thanks to the ladies who accepted positions on the Diocesan Anglican Church Women's Board: Co-Presidents – Marion Pope and Elaine Hrycenko, Vice-President – Nancy Yee, Eastern Deanery President - Sharon Buchinski and Saskatoon Deanery President - Elaine Ogilvy, Recording Secretary – Bev Otsuka, Secretary of Public Relations – Rosemarie Katzell, Treasurer – Bonnie Milman, Convenor of Social Action and Mission Projects – Gloria Rogue, Convenor of Programs – Jacqueline Plante, Convenor of Devotions – Rev. Paula Foster, Life Members' Secretary – Betty Ann Horbay, Book of Remembrance – Eva Shabits, Archivist – Merc Montgomery.

Submitted by Co-Presidents Marion Pope and Elaine Hrycenko

DIOCESAN NEWS

Future Event Notice

“Outside the Walls”

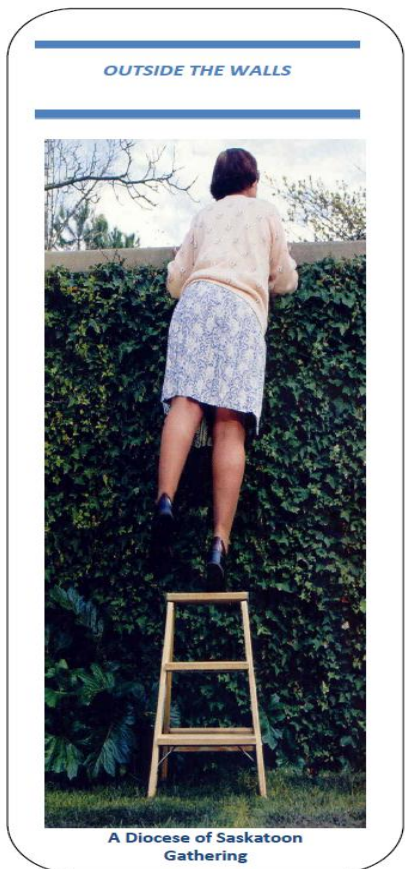
This event is open to all members of the diocese and will be for all ages. There will be theme speakers focusing on the five marks of mission, workshops covering a number of different areas

such as; youth ministry, resources for mission, music in worship, PWRDF, to name a few. There will also be social time so that we can have some fun together and we will worship together. The event committee has met twice and is planning the weekend to take place at the end of May or the beginning of June in 2012. Last month they requested parishes to discuss, at vestry, possible workshops for the event, the committee received responses from six parishes. It is not too late to submit suggestions.

This is an early notice about the event so that in your parish you can start planning to attend the event and you may also want to invite a friend.

More information will follow as plans unfold.

This is a diocesan event building on the foundations of "Turning Hope into Action".



**THE FIVE MARKS OF
MISSION OF THE
WORLDWIDE
ANGLICAN
COMMUNION**

The mission of the
Church is the mission
of Christ

*To proclaim the Good
News of the Kingdom
of God.*

*To teach, baptize and
nurture new believers*

*To respond to human need
by loving service*

*To seek to transform
unjust structures of society*

*To strive to safeguard
the integrity of creation,
and sustain and renew
the life of the earth.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Station 20 West Spring Festival of Thanks

Everyone is invited to a spring festival on **Thursday, May 12 beginning at noon** at the future site of Station 20 West, 20th Street and Avenue L. (In case of rain we will hold the event in the lower hall of St. Mary's Parish, 211 Avenue O South). There will be a barbecue, entertainment and an announcement of what Saskatoon churches have raised to date for Station 20 West's Good Food Junction Cooperative Grocery Store. There will also be a major announcement about the future of Station 20 West. Please come with your family, friends and lawn chairs!"

Jan Bigland-Pritchard
Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

The Augustana/St. Timothy's Choir presents a concert of choral highlights from the church year, **Tuesday, May 17th at 7:30 p.m.** at Augustana Lutheran Church, 1201 Broadway Avenue South. There will be a free-will offering, with all proceeds going to Station Twenty West (receipts issued for donations of \$10.00 or more). Plan now to attend this musical celebration featuring this unique combined choir and guest instrumentalists. A coffee reception follows.

St. James, Endeavour is hosting the Anglican Church Women's Eastern Deanery Meeting on **Wednesday, May 25, 2011**. Theme: I am the Vine, You are the Branches. John 15:5 Registration and Refreshments at the Endeavour Community Centre from 9:30 – 10:00 am. Agenda includes Holy Communion (St. James Church), Lunch, Musical Interlude, Minister's Address, Annual Meeting, Guest Speaker, Books for Sale,... Contact person: Lennette Geistlinger (Tel: 547-4384, e-mail: lcgeistlinger@sasktel.net)

Saskatoon Food Bank Food Drive!

Our Diocesan youth, (and any one else who wants to get involved!)

Will be participating in the city wide food bank food drive.

Saturday, June 4 · 10:00am - 1:00pm

St James Anglican Church (meeting place)
Dufferin and 12th
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

We will meet at the church at 10 for coffee and muffins. People will be in groups of 3 or 4 per car. We just need to drive around an area and pick up the bags which should be put out on the step. After we complete our area we will meet back at the church for lunch. It would be great if people would let us know if they are coming so the area we cover can match our numbers.

IT'S GOING TO BE AWESOME!!!!

Emily

Diocesan Youth Coordinator

Diocesan Youth NEWS!

Saskatoon Deanery **June 4th** Food Drive, (you have the Info)

Eastern Deanery, **June 18th, Saturday** afternoon pizza party

Western Deanery, **June 25, Saturday** afternoon pizza party

Please visit our website: www.anglicandiocesesaskatoon.com/youth-coordinator/

Youth from each deanery are invited to ALL events,
for more info, travel information and details contact Emily Carr, Diocesan Youth Coordinator.

e-mail: sayouth@sasktel.net, Phone: 653-1668.

Diocesan PWRDF information

*****The British Quiz Night announced for **Friday May 13 th. has been cancelled** till a further date.

Barb and Mary Ann are willing to make parish visits and put on PWRDF power point presentations. They have prepared two presentations both 15 to 20 minutes long.

1. Where in the world we are making a difference? How are we making a difference ? Who are we making a difference with?
2. Heart and Health for Haiti- one year after disasters- again how are we making a difference.

They are looking forward to taking part in the Western and Eastern Deanery gatherings in the fall and hopeful at those events they can have a time with the parish PWRDF contacts.

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism Presents



A SUMMER ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE

July 6-9th, 2011

at

Lutheran Theological Seminary
114 Seminary Crescent, Saskatoon SK

“ACTING TOGETHER: FROM DIALOGUE TO COMMON MISSION”

with workshops and a public event sponsored by the Commission on Faith & Witness
of the Canadian Council of Churches



**THE MOST REV.
MICHAEL PUTNEY**
President of Australian Council
of Churches and co-chair of the
Methodist-Roman Catholic
intergenerational dialogues

**REV. CANON ALYSON
BARNETT-COWAN**
Director for Unity, Faith
& Order for the Anglican
Communion Office,
London, England



WORSHIP LEADER

Bruce Harding, gifted United Church hymnologist and musician

REGISTRATION COST:

Early bird up to May 1: \$240
After May 2: \$265
Registration form available on our
website.

ACCOMMODATION:

Limited single rooms available at the
Seminary – must be booked through
the Canadian Light Source ([www.
lightsource.ca](http://www.lightsource.ca))

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Earthcare Connections Intentions – May 2011, Year A

May 1 — Second Sunday of Easter

1. May our activities contribute to a just and secure food system; may our conviction be that each of us will make a difference. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. For all who work in biotechnology; may their motives be pure and their work withstand the test of time. **We pray to the Lord.**

May 8 — Third Sunday of Easter

1. May the Spirit lead us to a deeper reverence for creation and all created beings. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May we respond to the damage being done to Earth and have the courage to demand changes at all levels of government. **We pray to the Lord.**

May 15 — Fourth Sunday of Easter

1. May all efforts to restore the health of our planet bear fruit. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. For a just, healthful and secure food system stemming from a deep reverence for all creation. **We pray to the Lord.**

May 22 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

1. As we continue to hope for good weather for fields and gardens, may our actions also show care for those who are poor and oppressed. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May our lives constantly give praise to God who made the Earth as our home and asks us to care for it with reverence. **We pray to the Lord.**

May 29 — Sixth Sunday of Easter

1. May we experience the healing presence and action of Christ's Spirit as we love and care for our Earth and for one another. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May we always be ready to speak of the need to reverence creation and all it contains. **We pray to the Lord.**

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EVERYBODY LOVES KETCHUP

- well nearly everybody. Ketchup after all is indispensable in providing the joie de vivre. From its abundance of lycopene, to flavor enhancement, color, aroma, its ability to bring out the best in life - life without ketchup is really no life at all!

That was what persuaded one particular ketchup bottle to begin to challenge another rather stodgy, conservative, unchanging, intolerant, exclusive, tied to tradition type of ketchup bottle, (tucked away on the pantry shelf and contributing absolutely nothing to society), to examine and analyze why nobody wanted that kind of ketchup.

The environment in which this ketchup bottle lived was obsolete, no longer relevant, unchanging, had an inaccurate perception of purpose and totally self centered; unaware of the world around it or how it might address some of the pressing problems this world was facing.

If ever there was a need for joie de vivre, it was now! Surrounded by death, this ketchup bottle needed rescuing and through a series of nine confrontations (actually one act plays), the first ketchup bottle helps our second friend come to a realization of some of the systemic problems it faced that brought it to its precipitous situation. **KETCHUP BOTTLES FOR THE DYING CHURCH** deals with some of the

systemic problems dying churches face and offers alternatives to deter the inevitable.

The book is available from:- www.amazon.com; www.barnesandnoble.com; www.xlibris.com; www.borders.com; sperlings@kw.ig.net; or wkurschinski@sympatico.ca

“KETCHUP BOTTLES FOR THE DYING CHURCH”



KETCHUP BOTTLES FOR THE DYING CHURCH

Nine One Act Plays For The Renewal Of The Church

WILLIAM E. KURSCH

Dying churches seeking renewal have employed many internal symptomatic activities designed to attract new members and thus save the church from death: such as new liturgy, changing ministers, enhanced coffee hours, VBS, handicap accessibility, new outdoor signage, etc. Through nine short one act plays, this book centers on the interaction between a staunch conservative traditionalist ketchup bottle and one that is progressively adamant about renewal and being in mission for others; as the latter leads the former in understanding the systemic problems facing the dying church, such as doing the right thing for the wrong reason, the motivation for mission, a correct theological framework for a definition of 'church', finding an authentic place for a post-scientific document, the necessity of spirituality over religiosity, a God-centered definition of the church, attitudinal change, etc. Since these systemic problems prohibit the church from experiencing renewal and being in mission for others, this book is a unique contribution to the genre of the dying church.

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WHERE DO YOU BELIEVE?

What the press has said

“Ketchup and Christians: new book explores church renewal”

The issues are serious and troubling ones for many Christians: dying churches desperately seeking renewal and hopeful visioning as their numbers decline. A dynamic new book of plays, written by William E. Kursch, entitled Ketchup Bottles for the Dying Church, doesn't flinch at directly addressing these controversial matters.”

W. Gibb, *The Leader*, Morrisburg, OH, August 25, 2010.

What reviewers are saying

“BOOKSTORES. . . A wonderful new addition to your CHURCH - Past Present Future sections, as well as a great resource for your drama/plays areas. This is a simple yet challenging and humorous resource for any congregation/group that has the courage to seek a vision outside of their comfort box.” Tom Sperling, Sperling Church Supplies.

“Kursch has given us a book that challenges the status quo of our congregations that involves youth as well as most of the members in the process.” Bishop (Ret.) William D. Huras

“Kursch has a real sense of social justice and a lifetime of wisdom and experience in parish ministry that emerges from the pages of this book. Most churches in their struggle to survive, have prioritized ritual, maintenance, structural repairs, and the associated need for fund-raising ahead of striving to be the hands, voice, feet and heart of Jesus Christ. Kursch's approach, using creative plays coupled with the active involvement of the parish at all levels, can be an effective instrument of congregational transformation and the wit and good humor to help the medicine go down!” - Fr. Paul McGill, C.S.B., Associate Pastor, Assumption Parish, Windsor

“KETCHUP BOTTLES FOR THE DYING CHURCH” offers critical insight into the factors which contribute to the dying church, and clear and challenging actions that can be taken by any faith community, seriously interested in transforming, from a

self-oriented tradition-focused exclusive community, into a radically inclusive spiritually-grounded community engaged in mission for others.” - James H. Johnson, Former Executive Director, Association of Lutheran Church Musicians.

“What do dying churches do when they are so near closing their doors? Most never ask the proper questions and by not doing so, they don’t get the appropriate answers. If, by chance they do ask the proper questions, they generally lack the creativity and understanding of what is needed to make the change. “KETCHUP BOTTLES for the DYING CHURCH’ not only addresses the issues that need to be confronted, but it does so in a very creative and ‘entertaining’ way – nine one act plays, filled with creativity and substance. It is a MUST for a dying church.” - Rev. Dr. Sherman G. Hicks, Former Bishop, Metropolitan Chicago Synod, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

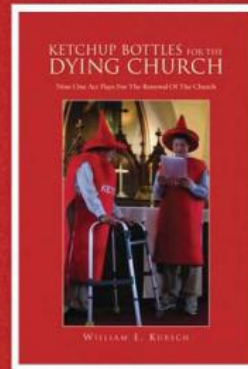
A church member wrote - *“As a concerned member of the church and reading “Ketchup Bottles for the Dying Church”, I now realize the importance and necessity of change. The church must change to live. The church must be God’s people doing God’s work. Where there is a lack of water, a lack of food, a lack of hope, a lack of justice and a lack of sanctity for life; the church must be there! Only when the church is in mission for others is it truly the church.”* - Muriel Van Allen, Morrisburg, ON.

“In ‘Ketchup Bottles for the Dying Church’, Kursch offers a powerful challenge to the way many Christians have traditionally viewed the church. Instead of longing for the past, he sees this as an opportunity to reclaim the church’s identity by being “in mission for others”. This means that the church must turn its focus outward, and especially to those in need. I particularly appreciate Kursch’s wise approach to dealing with the Bible: he shows us how to look for the life-giving Gospel in those ancient words. In all, this witty and wise collection of plays offers a ‘practical theology’ that I believe is essential for Christians today.” – Rev. Dr. Tim Hegedus, Associate Professor of New Testament Theology, Waterloo Lutheran Seminary.

“The book ‘Ketchup Bottles for the Dying Church’ is a wake-up call for all congregations who are seriously struggling with diminishing membership, the role of the church in society and the relevance of Christianity in an ever expanding spiritual universe. It is also incredibly approachable in its humorous, lighthearted appeal to our conscience. I found the book to be intriguing to begin and as the plays unfolded I became more inspired by the message. Can we as a congregation engage in the social justice issues that face us, ask relevant questions and in this dialogue achieve attitudinal change?” - Gisela Neitzert, MSW, Toronto.

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