

# **REPORTS**

## EPISCOPAL ACTS

### LETTERS OF ORDERS

#### DEACON:

The Reverend John Seib, Deacon and Incumbent of St. Matthew's, Saskatoon, January 29, 2009

The Reverend Brian Woods, Deacon, as requested by The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, coadjutor, Diocese of Quebec

The Reverend Wilma Woods, Deacon, as requested by The Right Reverend Dennis Drainville, coadjutor, Diocese of Quebec

The Reverend Quenton Little, Deacon, All Saints, Saskatoon, September 1, 2010

#### PRIEST:

The Reverend John Seib, Priest in the Church of God, May 15, 2009

The Reverend Quenton Little, Priest in the Church of God, July 21, 2010

#### LICENCE:

The Reverend Amy Bunce, Assistant Priest, St. Stephen's Anglican Parish, June 1, 2008

The Venerable Richard Spencer, Archdeacon Emeritus, Diocese of Saskatoon, September 1, 2008

The Reverend Dr. William Richards, Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity Anglican, September 1, 2008

The Venerable Daniel Hughes, Archdeacon of Saskatoon, Diocese of Saskatoon, September 15, 2008

The Venerable Daniel Hughes, Incumbent, All Saints Anglican Parish, Saskatoon, September 15, 2008

The Very Reverend Glen Burgomaster, Acting Archdeacon of the Eastern Plains, Diocese of Saskatoon, September 16, 2008

The Reverend Canon John Davies, Letter of Licence, Interim Hospital Chaplain, Diocese of Saskatoon, September 18, 2008

The Reverend Dianne Mesh, Incumbent, St. James Anglican Parish, October 1, 2008

The Reverend Neil Haines, Priest-in-Charge, St. Matthew's Parish, Saskatoon, December 3, 2008

The Venerable Geoffrey Huggill, Honorary Assistant at All Saints Parish, February 1, 2009

The Venerable Richard Spencer, Honorary Assistant at All Saints Parish, February 1, 2009

The Reverend Dr. Walter Hannam, Honorary Assistant at All Saints Parish, February 1, 2009

The Reverend Gordon Lines, Honorary Assistant, Unity Central Parish, February 5, 2009

The Reverend Canon Stanley Cuthand, Honorary Assistant, St. Matthew's Parish, February 22, 2009

The Reverend Canon Neil Haines, Honorary Assistant, St. Matthew's Parish, February 22, 2009

The Reverend Canon Beth Marie Murphy, Honorary Assistant at St. Matthew's Parish, February 22, 2009

The Reverend John Seib, Incumbent, St. Matthew's Anglican Parish, April 1, 2009

The Reverend Canon William Christensen, Honorary Assistant at Mark's Parish, April 7, 2009

The Reverend David Tyler, Honorary Assistant at St. Mark's Parish, April 7, 2009

The Reverend John Seib, Incumbent of St. Matthew's, Saskatoon, May 15, 2009

The Venerable Lawrence Mitchell, Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy's Parish, June 9, 2009 - July 1, 2010

The Reverend David Tyler, Priest-in-Charge, Good Shepherd Parish, September 11, 2009

The Reverend Alex Parson, Regional Dean of the Eastern Deanery, Diocese of Saskatoon, September 17, 2009

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The Reverend Canon Neil Haines, Priest-in-Charge, St. George's Anglican Parish, Saskatoon, September 21, 2009

The Reverend Gordon Lines, Assistant Priest, Unity Central Parish, September 22, 2009

The Reverend Ronald Baerg, Priest-in-Charge, Humboldt Parish, September 24, 2009

The Reverend Debra Ramage, Assistant Priest, Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, October 28, 2009

The Reverend Janet Bigland-Pritchard, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, River Valley Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Donald Byrt, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, St. Stephen's Parish, April 1, 2010

Pastor Jim Halmarson, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, Christ Church Anglican, April 1, 2010

The Venerable Daniel Hughes, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, All Saints Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Dianne Mesh, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, St. James' Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, St. George's Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Peter Norman, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, Battle River Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Karen Sandell, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, St. Mark's Anglican Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend John Seib, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, St. Matthew's Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Canon Michael Stonhouse, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, Lloydminster Parish, April 1, 2010

The Very Reverend Terrence Wiebe, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, April 1, 2010

The Venerable Peter Yeung, Annual Licence Renewal, Incumbent, Parkland Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Amy Bunce, Annual Licence Renewal, Assistant Priest, St. Stephen's Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Gordon Lines, Annual Licence Renewal, Assistant Priest, Unity Central Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Debra Ramage, Annual Licence Renewal, Assistant Priest, Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Glenn Ash, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, St. James Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Canon William Christensen, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, St. Mark's Anglican Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Stanley Cuthand, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, St. Matthew's Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Paula Foster, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, Christ Church Anglican, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Canon Lewis Gill, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, St. Stephen's, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Canon Howard Green, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Dr. Walter Hannam, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, All Saints' Parish, April 1, 2010

The Venerable Geoffrey Huggill, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, All Saints' Parish, April 1, 2010

The Venerable Richard Spencer, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, All Saints' Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Dr. Reginald Wickett, Annual Licence Renewal, Honorary Assistant, Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Ronald Baerg, Annual Licence Renewal, Interim Priest of Humboldt Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Canon John Davies, Annual Licence Renewal, Interim Hospital Chaplain, April 1, 2010

The Venerable Lawrence Mitchell, Annual Licence Renewal, Interim Priest of St. Timothy's Anglican Church worshipping at St. Augustana Lutheran Church, April 1, 2010

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The Reverend Dr. William Richards, Annual Licence Renewal, Interim Priest of Holy Trinity Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Canon Colin Clay, Annual Licence Renewal, Priest-in-Charge of Greater Watrous Parish

The Reverend David Tyler, Annual Licence Renewal, Priest-in-Charge of Good Shepherd Parish, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Quenton Little, Annual Licence Renewal, Deacon, Diocese of Saskatoon, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Walter Majola, Letter of Licence, Deacon, Diocese of Saskatoon, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Henry Comerford, Annual Licence Renewal, Priest, Diocese of Saskatoon, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Alexander Parson, Annual Licence Renewal, Priest of Greater Watrous Parish, April 1, 2010

The Venerable Henry Comerford, Letter of Appointment, Executive Archdeacon, Diocese of Saskatoon, April 1, 2010

The Right Reverend Rodney Andrews, Annual Licence Renewal, Bishop for the People of God, Diocese of Saskatoon, April 1, 2010

The Right Reverend Thomas Morgan, Annual Licence Renewal, Bishop for the People of God, Diocese of Saskatoon, April 1, 2010

The Reverend Quenton Little, Incumbent of Lintlaw Endeavour Parish, July 21, 2010

Ms. Emily Carr, Lay Incumbent of Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, October 1, 2010

The Reverend Shawn Sanford Beck, Team Minister at Holy Trinity Anglican Parish, October 1, 2010

## **Mandate of Collation**

The Reverend Dr. Henry Comerford, Mandate of Collation, Canon of the Diocese of Saskatoon, October 1, 2008

Pastor James Halmarson, Mandate of Collation, Canon of the Diocese of Saskatoon, October 1, 2008

Mrs. Lorea Eufemia, Mandate of Collation, Canon of the Diocese of Saskatoon, October 1, 2008

## **LETTERS BENE DECESSIT**

The Reverend Gary Sinclair, Letters Bene Decessit to the Diocese of Calgary from the Diocese of Saskatoon, October 1, 2008

The Reverend Carlos Roberts, Letters Bene Decessit to the Diocese of Qu'Appelle from the Diocese of Saskatoon, May 26, 2009

## **PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE**

The Reverend Caroline Pinchbeck, a Priest of the Diocese of Canterbury, England, permission to officiate from April 15, 2009 to May 27, 2009

## **RELINQUISHMENT OF MINISTRY:**

None

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

The Reverend Sheila Martin

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## **MEMORIAL**

The Reverend Florence McDonald, deceased, March 1, 2009

## **DECONSECRATION:**

St. Mary's Anglican Church, Meota, Saskatchewan, Dioceses of Saskatoon and Saskatchewan, Service of Deconsecration, October 26, 2008

St. Paul's Anglican Church, Viscount, Saskatchewan, Diocese of Saskatoon, Service of Deconsecration, June 7, 2009

St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Sweetgrass Reserve, Diocese of Saskatoon, Service of Deconsecration, September 10, 2010

St. Timothy's Anglican Church, Saskatoon, Diocese of Saskatoon, Service of Deconsecration, September 29, 2009

All Hallow's Anglican Church, Kildrum, Saskatchewan, Diocese of Saskatoon, Service of Deconsecration, October 3, 2009

**NUMBER OF CONFIRMATIONS:** 23

**NUMBER RECEIVED INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA** 2

## **LAY READER LICENCE:**

Elaine Hrycenko - Lintlaw Endeavour Parish,  
Ella Smith - Lintlaw Endeavour Parish

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## Anglican Church Women (ACW)

The Anglican Church Women's Board presently consists of Elaine Hrycenko and Marion Pope (Co-Presidents), Rojeanne Chadwick (Secretary), Patricia Haller (Treasurer), Rev. Paula Foster (Devotions), Rosemarie Katzell (Public Relations), Wilma Miller (Mission and Social Action), Eva Shabits (Book of Remembrance), Bonnie Milman (Life Members), Lauren Jardine (Immediate Past President). The Patron is The Rt. Rev. David Irving and the Patroness is Joan Irving.

The purpose of this organization is to unite women in a Christian fellowship of Worship, Study and Stewardship which will deepen and strengthen their spiritual lives and will lead them into Christian service in the congregation, parish, community, diocese, nation, and world.

Co-Presidents Elaine and Marion were elected at the 2010 AGM – something new! They have been working on the revision of the Constitution, By-laws, and Guidelines which will be presented for final approval at the Spring Conference/AGM, April 2.

A Spring Conference/AGM was held at Christ Church, Saskatoon on April 10, 2010. There were displays from 10,000 Villages (articles for sale), Guyana, PWRDF, President's (National) Conference, Canadian Bible Society, .... The day included Rev. Ann Marie Nicklin as Chaplain, a meditative-drama, a "Mary/Martha" Workshop, optional sessions (Stations of Faith, a 'visit' to Guyana, opportunity to meet with a prayer team, guided tour of the church, free time), discussion on the future direction of Diocesan Anglican Church Women, brief business meeting, banquet, a Holden Evensong. Bishop David blessed and anointed the ladies hands. The 2011 Spring Conference/AGM is at St. James Church, Saskatoon, April 2.

The Eastern Deanery met May 19 at Watson. The Western Deanery met at Lloydminster for a Fellowship Day on Sept. 8. Since there was a terrible province-wide storm at the time of the Spring Conference, the Board took two major portions of the Conference to these meetings. We have not received notice of a Saskatoon Deanery Meeting.

A very successful Women's Retreat happened September, 2009 at Little Manitou Spa and Hotel, near Watrous. After much consideration and planning by the Diocesan Co-Presidents, on September 23, a Fall 2011 Retreat Planning Committee was formed. General overseers are Nancy Yee and Meghan Lofgren.

Co-Presidents, Elaine and Marion, attended a National Anglican Church Women Presidents and Co-ordinators Conference and AGM at Shawnigan Lake, BC, September 16 – 19, 2010. The theme was "Be Still and Know That I am God". Emphasis was on Be-ing Community – all ACW is about. At this meeting, we considered our work in the context of the Five Marks of Mission. We took a look at the theme of Vision 2019 and General Synod's strategic plan for the Anglican Church and how we as Anglican Church Women have a place within these plans. Nationally, we pray for the Diocese of Calgary and the Diocese of Caledonia prays for us.

Presently, our Projects include: Links with/Support Mothers' Union of companion Diocese of Guyana; making afghans for the needy within the Diocese (Interval Houses, Nursing Homes, Crises Nursery, E-Gadz-Saskatoon Youth Centre,...); collect used stamps for Canadian Bible Society; prayer partners; supporting Bill C268 on Human Trafficking (and it was given Royal Assent); Retreats; IAWN (International Anglican Women's Network) – network of women caring for each other; current financial contribution of \$3500 to Diocese; financial disbursements at AGM (vary each year) – Bishop's discretionary fund, PWRDF, Anglican Foundation, Camps, College of Emmanuel and Chad, Companion Diocese,...; Diocesan ACW Newsletter published 4 time a year (Sept./Oct. – Dec. – Feb. – April/May)...submission of articles are welcome from all parishes; Book of Remembrance; Life Members; Bishop's Project – we will be supporting the Outreach Projects.

Submitted by Co-Presidents Elaine Hrycenko and Marion Pope

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## DIOCESAN COUNCIL

This report summarizes the actions of and reports to Diocesan Council from May 2008 to September, 2010 inclusive. The minutes of each of these meetings have been distributed to all committee members and to the parishes via their representative to Diocesan Council.

At each meeting matters were received for discussion and decision. Following are motions that were carried:

### **Diocesan Council - May 24, 2008**

Approved the recommended list of individuals to serve on the Diocesan Finance Committee.  
Authorized that the Diocesan Finance Committee be a standing Committee of Synod.

Authorized that a member of the Diocesan Finance Committee be appointed to serve on the Diocesan Council Restructuring and Governance Committee, Turning Hope into Action Task Force and the Turning Hope into Action Implementation Task Force.

Authorized the request from St. John's Cathedral that designated bequests totaling \$58,644.46 be exempt from Fair Share Levy revenue calculations.

As per Canon 43 members were appointed to the Executive Committee.

Authorized that Employee Assistance Program be added to the national church extended health and dental benefits program.

Authorized that the Residential Schools Refund be placed in a segregated money market fund with the diocesan investment holder, Raymond James.

Authorized the Turning Hope in Action Task Force to bring recommendations to Diocesan Council as to whether unused church buildings and rectories should be sold or retained.

Authorized changes in signing officers at the Bank of Montreal.

### **November 15, 2008**

Authorized recommendations made by the diocesan Stipends and Compensation Committee. These recommendations were reflected in the 2009 Clergy Stipend and Housing Allowance rates.

Authorized that approximately 33% (\$27,685) of the Residential Schools Refund be returned to the St. Luke's Ministry Trust Fund and the residual sum of \$55,302 be returned to the Diocesan General Fund.

Authorized that Travel Pooling Grants to rural parishes be reinstated.

Authorized the 2009 Budget which included a fundraising campaign to increase diocesan revenues annually by \$60,000.

Authorized fair share levy exemption for \$2,100 from the Porcupine Plain Parish.

Considered the memorandum from Primate Hiltz which asked dioceses to review their provincial/diocesan Constitution and Canons, making a note of how mission is articulated and carried out.

## **February 7, 2009**

Authorized Bishop Andrews to sign the PWRDF 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, 50 Refugee Sponsorship agreement on behalf of the diocese for a refugee family to be sponsored by the Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist and to encourage a diocesan wide support for the refugee family.

Authorized fair share levy exemptions for Parkland Parish for a \$107,000 bequest.

Authorized fair share levy exemptions on \$27,950 for expansion of the Columbarium.

## **June 6, 2009**

Turning Hope into Action Implementation Team scheduled the "Starting Now" Missions Conference. Members throughout the diocese were encouraged to attend.

Received the 2008 Audited Financial Statements and appointed KPMG for the 2009 audit.

Authorized Bishop Andrews to seek options to locate the Synod Office.

Authorized the sale of All Hallow's Church building, Kildrum, Saskatchewan.

Authorized St. Timothy's Parish to dispose of the church building and property with the proceeds of the sale to be held in trust by the diocese until the parish and diocese reach a decision regarding the allocation of the funds.

Approved the appointment of Mr. Andrew Mason as the diocesan registrar.

Authorized the sale of St. Mary's Anglican Church, Meota, Saskatchewan in the dioceses of Saskatchewan and Saskatoon and disposition of assets to be used for various upgrades to the Meota Community Church.

Authorized fair share levy exemption on funds raised up to \$21,000 for roof repairs to the St. George, Saskatoon church building.

Supported the request for the Diocesan Stewardship Task Force to initiate a Hospital Chaplain Ministry fund raising campaign in 2009.

Authorized the removal of the St. Andrew's Church building from the Sweetgrass Reserve.

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Authorized the exploration of sharing the services of a Planned Giving Officer between the three Anglican dioceses in the province of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Synod the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

## **July 4, 2009 - Emergent Meeting of Diocesan Council**

Received the letter announcing Bishop Andrews's retirement.

Requested the approval of the Metropolitan of Rupert's Land for the calling of an Electoral Synod on November 14, 2009.

Elected members to the Diocesan Search Committee in accordance with Canon 9.08(1) of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land Constitution and Canons.

Authorized the budget recommendation from the Diocesan Finance Committee to increase the 2009 budget for Synod budget allocation of funds totaling \$2,000 and established a new budget item Episcopal Search Committee for \$3,000.

## **November 14, 2009 - Electoral Synod**

Old Business - Approved that Emily Otterbein be elected as the Youth Delegate to General Synod 2010 from the Diocese of Saskatoon.

Received the Report of the Diocesan Search Committee.

Approved the following persons be nominated for election as the 12<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Saskatoon: The Reverend Canon William Cliff, The Venerable David Irving, The Very Reverend Iain Luke, The Reverend David Opheim, The Reverend Peter Norman, The Reverend Canon Michael Stonhouse, The Reverend Robert Towler, The Venerable Peter Yeung.

On the second ballot, the Venerable David Irving received the majority of votes and was declared elected to the office of Bishop of the Diocese of Saskatoon.

Resolved that Synod extend its support and welcome to Bishop-elect David Irving.

## **November 29, 2009**

Approved the 2010 Housing Allowance for clergy remain at \$14,400 annually.

Approved the Clergy Housing Equity Plan equally contributed by the individual, the parish and diocese be increased to \$30/month.

Approved the Episcopal stipend be increased over the next five years from 140% to 150% of the highest grid of the Clergy Stipend Table.

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Acknowledged notice from the Anglican Pension Corporation that in 2010 the Employer (parish) monthly contributions will increase from 10% to 11.2%.

Authorized and reinstated the Travel Pooling policy for 2010.

Approved that funds raised for the repairs to the Cathedral church roof be exempt from Fair Share Levy calculations.

Authorized Bishop Andrews to write a letter of appreciation to the Department of Philanthropy, Anglican Church of Canada in support of travel expenses for keynote speaker, Harold Percy for the "Starting Now" Conference.

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## Cursillo Report to Synod 2010 Diocese of Saskatoon

Cursillo (pronounced kur-see-yo), quite literally means, “a short course” in Christian living. It offers a way to grow both in understanding and experience of the love of God in Jesus Christ. It is suggested that, for married couples, both partners attend so the experience can enhance and support their relationship.

Cursillo is a method for living basic Christianity and is one method of renewal in the church. Cursillo is a movement of the Church with a method to enhance and strengthen our Christian journey; to support and encourage each other in order to change the world for Christ.

Typically Men's weekends are held one week ahead of Women's weekends. However, our last Cursillo weekend was a Co-Ed event in March 2009 with 17 individuals participants at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster. **Those individuals joined an existing community of 129 for a total number of 146 Cursillistas in the Diocese of Saskatoon.** The strong and widely shared feedback following this first Co-Ed experience in this Diocese convinced the Diocesan Cursillo Executive to plan another similar weekend.

Although a team was in place and nearly fully trained for another Co-Ed weekend in October 2010, three key leaders were diagnosed with serious illnesses and had to withdraw and the weekend was subsequently canceled. Similar to a farmer's fields that sometimes require a period of cropland fallow, we await the direction of the Holy Spirit to influence the future direction of this movement in our diocese.

Respectfully submitted,

Austin King  
Past Lay Director, Diocese of Saskatoon Cursillo Executive

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## Diocesan Refugee Committee

While there have been few meetings in the last two years, the Refugee Committee continues to play an important role in Saskatoon and nationally.

Locally, several parishes, particularly St. John's Cathedral, still provide support to individual refugees who were sponsored by their parish or by the government or simply refugees that they have befriended and who need support. This emotional and financial support by individual members of the Cathedral outreach committee is an important element in the continued adjustment of the newcomers. Barb Spurr and Lura Mae Sider are regular and long term volunteers at Global Gathering Place, where Lura Mae has served on the board for many years and both of them have provided countless hours of English language training. Monica Johnson is trying to help a former Bosnian refugee reunite with her daughter and her family. St. Mark's parish is working on a family linked sponsorship from Iraq. Others are involved in projects and with individual newcomers that we do not even hear about.

We also continue to be active in the Saskatoon Refugee Coalition, which advocates and educates on behalf of refugees and who supports refugee claimants in emergency situations. I have done a number of presentations including one to the Rotary Club, at St. Thomas Wesley Church, several to student groups and as a keynote at a conference hosted by International Women of Saskatoon on newcomers and work challenges. I also spoke at a provincial government sponsored conference at which "The Mighty Popo" was the guest entertainment. I have also responded with information to numerous individual requests by mail, email and personally.

Nationally, I attended a series of meetings in Ottawa including the PWRDF Refugee Network meeting, the Sponsorship Agreement Holder's meeting with the Minister of Immigration and the Refugee Sponsorship Training meetings. These meetings were followed by the Canadian Council for Refugees consultation. We continue to have our Sponsorship Agreement with the federal government.

Our sponsorship of an Iraqi family as part of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PWRDF is reported on in the PWRDF report.

Respectfully submitted by Klaus Gruber  
On behalf of the Diocesan Refugee Committee

## Raymond James Diocesan Investment Portfolio Report

April/08 – October/10

### Economic and Market Overview:

The period covered by this report is characterized by two separate and distinct market events. The first, represented by the single largest market meltdown since the great depression, began in mid 2008 and extended into the early part of 2009. The second, a market recovery began in early 2009 and, in many people's minds is ongoing at the time of this writing.

Losses on the TSX during the downturn exceeded 50% of the indexes value while gains during the recovery amount to just over 65% of the lost ground, leaving the TSX almost 2,500 points short of its high water mark at the time of this writing.

The global financial crisis began in the US and is characterized by:

- a housing market collapse
- rising unemployment levels worldwide
- interest rate reductions worldwide and at least a few rounds of quantitative easing (printing money); and
- a world wide credit contraction

Although equity markets saw a significant bounce back in 2009, gains this year have been somewhat muted and have been focused on specific sectors, led by mining and minerals and precious metals. Although the overall commodities 'super-cycle' remains intact, gold should continue to outperform, likely for several years.

Globally, growth worldwide is expected to be in the 3 – 3.5% range for the next 3 to 5 years, well below the 4.70% pace of the 5 years leading up to the 2008 downturn.

### The Investment Portfolios:

#### Diocesan General Account

The diocese general account produced a return of just over 5.20% from April/08 to the time of this writing, outperforming both the North American customized benchmark (flat over the same period) and the Global customized benchmark (down approximately 10%).

Gains within the precious metals position (up 214%) and the diversified income trust component (up over 60%) led the way within the portfolio but strong returns (averaging double-digit annualized growth) from a significant corporate bond weighting added to the gains.

The diocesan general account benefitted from a reduction in the overall equity weighting during the 2008 downturn, averaging only 27% in equities during the year, and a corresponding increase in the

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equity weighting to approximately 46% as the markets rebounded. As well, the portfolio continues to benefit from active (tactical) management allowing us to:

- react quickly to specific sector strengths and weaknesses
- change asset class weightings while staying within strict guidelines

## **Segregated Diocesan Property Account (St. Timothy's)**

The property account produced a return of just over 11% since inception (October, 2009) benefitting from a strong market rebound during this period. Gains within the portfolio have been broad-based but, like the diocese general account, have been led by a strong resource and precious metals exposure.

David Hassell, CIM, FCSI  
Raymond James Ltd

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## Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land Provincial Synod Executive

Just as our Diocesan Council is responsible for the business of our Diocesan Synod between synods so is the Provincial Synod Executive for the Provincial Synod. Since the last Provincial Synod in Calgary in June of 2009, the Executive has been involved in three significant pieces of work.

Responding to the pleas of northern peoples to be able to organize the church's work in their areas in ways that better fit their people and culture, the Executive approved the election of an area bishop for the Northern Ontario part of the Diocese of Keewatin. On May 4, 2010 Archdeacon Lydia Mamakwa was consecrated as their first bishop. Northern Manitoba and Northern Saskatchewan are exploring similar initiatives. How this principle of tailoring ministry to local needs will be expressed elsewhere remains to be seen.

A committee is presently re-creating the provincial website into a multi-faceted ministry resource centre. Seeing that our 'Province' (the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land) covers all the prairies, the entire Arctic excepting the Yukon, and northern Quebec, it was felt that the sharing of resources and the offering of support were two vital undertakings.

Planning is underway for the next Provincial Synod, slated tentatively for Brandon, Manitoba, in June of 2012. With its theme of "Walking in the Moment: The Road to Emmaus", it is intended to be a time of renewal and growth rather than something more legislative. Those attending should be the key people of our parishes and diocese, people passionate about the church, its vitality and its renewal.

The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse  
Prolocutor

## Future Directions Task Force

This task force was established in response to the “Turning Hope Into Action” document that was adopted at the last Diocesan Synod. Its membership consists of Amy Bunce, Mary-Jean Dewald, Jim Halmarson, Alex Parsons, John Seib, Anita Verlangen, and Michael Stonhouse (chair). Its mandate, as laid out within the document, was as follows: “To help the Diocesan Council and the Bishop lead the Diocese into a future-oriented mission-focused way of thinking on all matters, and to, in this way, prepare the Diocese for the next strategic planning process.”

After a consideration of the Diocese and its churches and the challenges being faced, the task force decided that the most pressing current need concerned the rural churches of the Dioceses and their ongoing need for leadership. Sensing that the current ‘norm’ of full time, seminary-trained, stipendiary clergy may increasingly be untenable, the task force set out to investigate various resources and ways of calling forth, training and enabling local leadership.

The task force has not met since the election of our new bishop, but hopes to work closely with him in whatever areas he considers to be of importance.

The Rev. Canon Michael Stonhouse  
Chair

## Hospital Chaplain's Report

RUH = Royal University Hospital; SCH = Saskatoon City Hospital; SPH = St Paul's Hospital; TRC = Transitional Care; SHR = Saskatoon Health Region.

My role as Denominational Chaplain is to provide spiritual care to Anglican patients in the hospitals in the Saskatoon Health Region. The focus is on out-of-town patients but all are initially visited and then visited according to patient need. The chaplaincy role that I provide is from May to September while Rev. John Davies is on Sabbatical. In this time period, I visited 1,250 patients out of 1,793 patients in the hospitals from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup>. It is not possible to visit every person as patients are either in surgery; being attended to by the medical team; sleeping; out for tests; short stay; or do not want a visit; or are in between hospital visits and discharged. Occasionally, I have called in Rev John Davies; Rev Dave Tyler; Rev John Seib; for follow-up with patients for anointing of the sick. I have contacted parish ministers for in-town patient care. I have contacted out-of-town ministers on behalf of patients. I provide monthly reports to the Synod Office. I am on call 24/7 to handle emergency spiritual care needs of patients. In May, 2 Calls-In @SPH and RUH; June, 1 in NICU for emergency baptism; and an anointing of a dying patient; July, 1 for RUH ICU; August, 1 Call-In by nurse to RUH, but the family were not aware of this; and September, 5 Calls-In for anointing and final prayers. While I was away for a week in July, Rev Dave Tyler covered the emergencies. Communion is given to patients and their families. The sacrament is provided by Christ Church Anglican. Supervision for the Chaplaincy is with Pastor Jim Halmarrson. While he was on vacation, supervision was with Rev John Seib and Rev Ann Marie Nicklin.

I attended the Spirituality and Wholeness Workshop hosted by Luthercare at Redeemer Lutheran on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This workshop provided information for chaplains and healthcare employees to understand the importance of practicing the presence of Christ in the care of patients. I attended one of the Spiritual Care Rounds held at one of the hospitals each month, with one of the Chaplains presenting on an area of interest. This one was presented by Pastor Val From, Chaplain at Parkridge on Narrative Therapy.

I have visited in all areas of the hospitals except emergency at SCH and SPH. The Psych Center is no longer at SCH, but is now part of the DUBE Center at RUH. This center opened over a year ago at RUH and overlooks the river. It is adjacent to the former Hantelman Center. SCH has the TRC Unit for patients waiting to go to Long Term Care. The TRC Unit is the place where I have provided music ministry to the patients, families, and staff as well as to patients in Palliative Care at SPH. The TRC unit does provide activities to the patients on a daily basis during the week by an Activity Director. It is in this unit that I began to observe healthcare for seniors. It is here that I that I have observed the lack of dignity and sacredness for patients. In May, I presided at a Memorial of Remembrance for a family whose son died accidentally 8 years prior. I became aware of the need for follow-up for patients without a church community to have someone visit to provide spiritual care in the homes after leaving the hospital. In my role as Chaplain, I have met with many patients and their families and friends. It has been fulfilling for me to have been in this ministry for two summers while John has been on Sabbatical to discern the call to ministry. I thank Rev John Davies, Bishop Rod Andrews, and Bishop David Irving for this appointment to Chaplaincy for the summer months.

Karen Walter

## Prairie Centre for Ecumenism

### **Background:**

The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism (PCE) is jointly owned and partly funded by the local Anglican, Lutheran (ELCIC), Mennonite, Presbyterian, Roman Catholic, Ukrainian Catholic and United churches. Together they provide about half our operating budget, with the rest coming from private donations. The Diocese of Saskatoon reaffirmed its support for the PCE when all 7 sponsoring churches signed a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Covenant on January 25, 2009. PCE Director, Rev. Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard, is also our Diocesan Ecumenical Officer.

### **Christian divisions cause problems: PCE is part of the solution:**

- Our mission is to gather the family of Jesus through worship, friendship, study and dialogue.
- We have a strong 'track record', promoting Christian unity and reconciliation in Western Canada since 1984.
- We offer meaningful contact, mutual education and effective action.
- We support grassroots ecumenism through workshops, Summer Ecumenical Institutes, our resource centre and telephone reference service.
- Our website ([www.ecumenism.net](http://www.ecumenism.net)) links you to ecumenical action around the world.
- PCE events strengthen faith and grow relationships.

### **Highlights of 2010**

- **January -- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – 11 services and over 1000 participants
- **March -- Tour of Ukrainian Catholic Martyr's Shrine and workshop on the cost of discipleship** for parish Ecumenical Contacts and others.
- **March** – We made history by shaping the liturgy for an **Ecumenical Prayer Service the night before RC Bishop Don Bolen's consecration.**
- **April – Ecumenical Retreat "Teach us to Number our Days"** with Fr. Tom Ryan. We learned how facing our mortality in the hope of Christ releases us to live fully now.

### **Coming Up for 2010-2011**

- **October 16 Ecumenical Contacts Workshop: 'An ecumenical pilgrimage through church history'**. Rev. Dr. Sandra Beardsall, 9 am – noon at Redeemer Lutheran Church (Preston & Main) Saskatoon. All welcome, no charge.
- **January 16-23, 2011: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** – details coming soon
- **July 7-9 Summer Ecumenical Institute on Unity and Mission**, at Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon. International keynote speakers RC Bishop Michael Putney (Co-Chair: International RC-Methodist dialogue, President, Australian Council of Churches), and Rev. Dr. Alyson Barnett-Cowan, Anglican Communion Office.

### **Get involved**

Does someone in your parish have a passion for Christian unity? **As a parish Ecumenical Contact** they could receive training, support and encouragement for Christian unity work. Anglican parishes are currently under-represented. Contact the PCE office for details (653-1633) or email [pce@ecumenism.net](mailto:pce@ecumenism.net). **Buy your Amazon.ca books through our website link** and we receive 5% of the purchase price at no extra cost to you.

Jan Bigland-Pritchard

## PRIMATES WORLD RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT FUND Report for Diocesan Synod 2010

The story of the 50<sup>th</sup>

Since 1959 we in this diocese have been amongst the Anglicans in Canada who have raised \$90 million for emergency response, refugee support, sustainable development, human rights monitoring, advocacy, and HIV initiatives.

Over these years we have fully engaged with other agencies for maximum efficiency. Agencies such as Action of Churches Together, Canadian Churches in Action, Kairos, Human Rights regional groups, Canadian Foodgrains Bank to name a few.

Working through and with these and other regional groups we generously responded financially to natural disasters, most recently earthquakes in China, Burma, Italy, Philippines, Haiti and Chile and torrential flooding in Burma and Pakistan.

As your diocesan representatives we endeavor to keep you up to date with the appeals by passing on the latest, email reports from our National PWRDF staff and encourage that we all visit the PWRDF website. As it is expensive for us to meet as Diocesan Representatives across Canada we communicate through teleconference calls three to four times a year.

Every other year the National Leadership Forum and Annual meeting is held and last October Mary Ann was fortunate to attend the Forum in Toronto. This October Barbara will be attending the Western Regional gathering in Calgary.

**It is so very important that each parish has a PWRDF representative who can receive emails** and is willing to actively promote in the parish. We do send out a report twice a year but find email much more cost efficient. This last spring we contacted and reminded all parishes to order their 2010/ 2011 Annual Resources- posters, book marks, worship resources, children's resources, place mats and more.

We have two "big" stories to report. Firstly, the wonderful response in our diocese to the purchase of **One Voice**. For those of you who do not know, One Voice is a double CD set of donated music tracts created to help raise funds for the Primates World Relief and Development Fund. Our initial order was for 70 CDS. Quite by accident this order was duplicated. With faith we kept that order as well as ordering more and in the end 210 CDS were sold. Well done!!

The second story is our diocesan response to the **50 Refugee Families 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program**.

In early 2009 the PWRDF co-ordinators along with the D.O.N. Refugee Committee decided to sponsor a refugee family. In June a meeting took place at St Mark's Church to which diocesan PWRDF representatives were invited and we were pleased that many of the rural parishes' representatives attended. A Committee was organized with Mary Ann Assailly and Barbara Spurr as co-convenors. Many sub-committees were formed with about 3 or 4 people in each group: housing, furniture, government administration, education, clothing, medical, finance, transportation, food and settlement. After the meeting a refugee family profile was requested from PWRDF.

PWRDF was prepared to provide "seed money" to all the sponsoring groups so we applied and received this money. (The understanding is that if there is money left over at the end of the sponsorship, this "seed money"

be returned to PWRDF so that, another refugee family can be sponsored.) Our own fundraising began in earnest with requests sent to all parishes in the diocese.

The response was remarkable as so many individuals throughout the diocese donated as well as many churches, both in Saskatoon and in the rural areas. Throughout the year many parishes have held special events as fundraisers to help support our family who were able to attend four of them. At the same time as appeals for money were being made, the furniture committee had lists posted in all the churches itemizing furniture, household items, bedding, appliances, etc. that would be needed. Once again, the response was overwhelming so that by the 1st of August we were able to furnish completely a 2-bedroom apartment with some duplicate items being donated to needy refugee families in the apartment complex. Also at the same time, the housing committee checked out renting an apartment, and they found a nice 2-bedroom apartment on Appleby Drive right near a bus stop and 2 blocks from the local school. Several members with trucks and many volunteers helped move all the furniture and household items into this apartment at the end of July.

A few weeks previously, we had been notified by PWRDF in Toronto that our Iraqi family consisting of mother, father, and 3 little girls would be arriving the second week of August. However, when they came, we soon realized (through the aid of an interpreter) that the rest of their family had been sent by Immigration to Vancouver, and they were desperate to be reunited with them. Within two days we had them all safely on a plane to Vancouver.

Once again, we asked PWRDF for a refugee family profile and on November 19th the Hamid family landed at the Saskatoon airport to be greeted by eight Committee members along with our interpreter. Our Iraqi refugee family consists of Ghasan Hamid, (age 31), his wife Hibaa Tayofik (age 29), and their son Haidar (age 5) whom we all call by his nickname Owase. They had fled from Baghdad to Damascus where they lived for two years before we sponsored them. The first few weeks were extremely busy for everyone: registering at Immigration, for Sask. Health cards, at the Newcomers Welcoming Centre, at the local school, at Open Door, filling out many forms, getting their H1N1 shots, and a major grocery purchasing trip, all with the aid of our translator, who is also a refugee from Iraq. Ghasan completed Grade 8 in Iraq while Hibaa finished Grade 10 where she had studied English. Hibaa has learned English quite quickly, but Ghasan has found it difficult. They both began English as a Second Language (ESL) classes at Open Door on February 1st, and Owase began pre-school in December. This September he is enrolled in afternoon kindergarten.

Immigration informed us before the family came that they had "no medical issues". However, we soon discovered that Ghasan needed a hernia operation and had many bad teeth, Owase also had broken off his four front teeth when he was two and the remainder of his baby teeth were in bad shape. Hibaa asked to see a doctor (we found her an Arabic speaking doctor from Iraq) and discovered that she had a hormonal imbalance and severe Vitamin D deficiency. This problem was soon corrected with medication, and she is now expecting her second son in early December. Ghasan has successfully undergone hernia surgery, Owase had all his teeth repaired on July 7th under general anaesthetic at RUH by a pediatric dentist, and Ghasan's teeth have either been filled or pulled. Hibaa's teeth just needed x-raying and cleaning! Poor Owase - at nearly 5 years of age when he arrived in Saskatoon hadn't had any immunization, but by May he was up-to-date with all the other children in his class.

The family has adjusted to living in Saskatoon and has made friends with people from Open Door, the mosque, and the neighbourhood and also with people from the Refugee Committee. The women of the Committee had a birthday party for Hibaa in January, and all Committee members took the family to Fuddrucker's to celebrate Ghasan and Owase's birthdays in March. The Hamids have also visited St. Mark's, St. James', and the Battle River Parish and a visit to St. Timothy's is planned for later in October. When Open Door ESL classes took a break from June 26-August 4th, Ghasan wanted to work as he has said all along that he

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wanted to work as soon as possible. Through some Iraqi friends, he already had a part-time job cleaning at the Galaxy Theatre after the movies were over. He said that he had stuccoed in Iraq so we found him a job with a local contractor. However, it was soon obvious that stuccoing in Canada is very different than in Baghdad and with Ghasan's limited English in understanding instructions, the contractor had to let him go. Ghasan realizes that he needs to improve his English so he is hoping to resume ESL classes on October 1st at Open Door. The sponsorship will end on November 30th when the family will go on Social Assistance until Ghasan learns enough English to get a full-time job. However, we have reassured them that although our financial commitment to them will be over, we will always be available for whatever help they may need. This sponsorship has been a huge time-consuming commitment for several committee members, but it has also been extremely rewarding and we are all looking forward to the birth of our new "grandson" in early December!

Respectfully Submitted by Barbara Spurr & Mary Ann Assailly