

# **68th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon**

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## **REPORTS**

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## BISHOP'S REPORT

As I reflect on the two years since our last Diocesan Synod, I feel it has been a time of deepening relationships, a time spent in search of solutions to common challenges, and a time of seeking to understand and interpret the changing realities of being an Anglican in today's world.

Mrs. Lorea Eufemia provides strong and helpful leadership as our Diocesan Secretary Treasurer. Ms. Shauna Milner, our Administrative Assistant, has brought capable and helpful assistance to our Synod Office. I am grateful to Lorea and Shauna for their attention to detail and the dedication they apply to their work. I am also grateful to the Dean, the Archdeacons and the Regional Deans for the additional work load they carry on behalf of the Diocese.

A bishop is expected to provide leadership in the national church as well as in the diocese. I completed my time as a member of the Council of General Synod (national church executive council) at General Synod 2007 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. I had served three full terms, as a representative of the Diocese of Algoma, as Prolocutor of General Synod and as the representative from our Diocese. The General Synod elected me to the Pension Board of the Anglican Church of Canada for a three-year term ending in 2010. In 2006, I was re-elected as the Episcopal Director of the Anglican Foundation for a three-year term. The Foundation makes grants and loans to worthy projects across Canada.

We have welcomed several clergy from other dioceses or by ordination, and we have said good-bye to some clergy who have moved on to serve in other dioceses. We have had two excellent clergy retreats and a splendid clergy conference since the last Synod.

We continue our Companion relationship with the Diocese of Guyana in South America. In January 2007, Mrs. Elaine Hrycenko and Mrs. Jacqueline Plante were hosted in Guyana by the Mother's Union. Their trip was sponsored by the Partnerships Office of the Anglican Church of Canada, and by branches of the ACW in our Diocese. We will host two members of the Mother's Union from Guyana at our Synod and the Diocesan Annual. The Anglican Church of Canada will pay their travel to our Diocese and ACW members will host the two women.

The generosity expressed through the 2005 Tractor Trek continues. Elaine and Jacqueline delivered the final contribution to Guyana. We have received pictures of the Day Care Centre renovations and improvements in Guyana made possible by our donations. In early July 2007, I was invited to Camp Okema to dedicate the water filtration and treatment plant that was largely paid for by contributions to the Tractor Trek and a grant from the Anglican Foundation of Canada. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund continues to support medical projects in Africa and the care of millions of orphans. We were reminded of our part in the AIDS Africa project when the display 'The Faces of AIDS' came to the Refinery in May 2007.

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Beyond the Diocese, the meetings of our Houses of Bishops, nationally and in the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, give me a feeling of collegiality and mutual support. In May 2006, the Canadian bishops met with a number of American bishops at Windsor, Ontario. I represented the Anglican Church of Canada at the first meeting of the new Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the USA, the Right Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, with her National Executive Council in November 2007. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, met with our Canadian House of Bishops in October 2007. Canadian Lutheran bishops meet with the Canadian Anglican bishops once each year. Saskatchewan Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Ukrainian Catholic, and Anglican bishops meet twice each year in Saskatoon. These connections help me to feel linked internationally, ecumenically, and spiritually.

Last autumn I was awarded a partial scholarship to attend the course "Palestine of Jesus" at St. George's Anglican College in Jerusalem. I funded the balance of the costs from continuing education funds I had accumulated. The experience was worth much more than the time and money expended. I was deeply moved and inspired. This was my third trip to the Land of the Holy One, but this was very special because it was within the context of Anglican Cathedral life and worship.

I present a detailed report of how I have spent my time at each meeting of Diocesan Council. I list the number of days spent on the various activities that fill my life. I outline parish visits, diocesan activities, community participation, and the number of meetings and interviews I attend. The purpose is to share information and to increase understanding of a bishop's work. Your parish representatives to Diocesan Council have copies of these reports. Copies are available on request from the Synod Office. They provide a much fuller description of my work as your bishop than is possible in this report.

The life and work of the Diocese of Saskatoon is supported, strengthened and enriched by the prayers and work of many people. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. I am constantly inspired and strengthened by your encouragement and your prayers. It is a privilege to be your Bishop and to share our common search for truth and meaning in Christ.

Rodney Andrews,  
Bishop of Saskatoon

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## EPISCOPAL ACTS

As of March 18, 2008

### LETTERS OF ORDERS:

#### DEACON:

The Reverend William A. Richards, July 8, 2007, Deacon & Deacon Assistant, Parish of Greater Watrous

The Reverend Alex Parsons, Dec. 2, 2007, Deacon Assistant, Parish of Greater Watrous

#### PRIESTS:

The Reverend Alex Parsons, March 18, 2008, Priest and Assistant Priest, Parish of Greater Watrous

### LICENCES:

The Reverend Canon David George W. Turvey, May 31, 2006, Regional Dean of Western Deanery

The Very Reverend Terrance R. Wiebe, Sept. 15, 2006, Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist

The Very Reverend Terrance R. Wiebe, Sept. 15, 2006, Dean of the Cathedral Parish of St. John the Evangelist

The Reverend Canon Wilson S. Tibbo, Sept. 27, 2006, Interim Rector of Battle River Parish

Mr. Quenton P. Little, Oct. 29, 2006, Student Minister in Good Shepherd Parish

The Reverend Walter A. Hannam, Nov. 7, 2006, Honorary Assistant at All Saints' Parish

The Reverend Donald W. Cochran, Nov. 8, 2006, Priest in Charge until Jan 31, 2007, Parkland Parish

Mr. Peter Coolen, Nov. 2006, Associate Editor of Saskatchewan Anglican

The Reverend Dr. David W. Tyler, Dec. 1, 2006, Associate Priest, Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist

The Reverend Peter Yeung, Feb. 1, 2007, Rector of Parkland Parish

The Very Reverend Glen Burgomaster, February 1, 2007, Priest of Quill View Parish

The Reverend Joe Ponik, March 1, 2007, Priest in Charge, St. James Parish

The Reverend Amy Margaret May Bunce, March 30, 2007, Honorary Assistant at St. Timothy's Parish

The Ven. Peter Yeung, April 5, 2007, Archdeacon of Battleford

The Reverend Peter W. Norman, May 1, 2007, Rector of Battle River Parish

The Reverend Canon Michael Stonhouse, May 1, 2007, Priest in Charge, Lloydminster Parish

The Reverend Canon Michael Stonhouse, June 1, 2007, Rector, Lloydminster Parish

The Reverend Gary H. Sinclair, June 1–Dec. 31, 2007, Hospital Chaplain

The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin, June 10, 2007, Regional Dean of Battleford Deanery

The Reverend Carlos Roberts, Sept. 21, 2007, Rector of St. Timothy's Parish

The Reverend Gary H. Sinclair, Jan. 10, 2008, Interim Hospital Chaplain Dec. 31, 2008

The Reverend Sheila Martin, Feb. 1, 2008, Regional Dean of the Eastern Deanery

### LETTERS BENE DECESSIT

The Reverend Charles Irish, April 18, 2006 from the Diocese of Saskatchewan

The Reverend Paula Foster, June 30, 2006 from the Diocese of Edmonton

The Reverend Peter Yeung, January, 2007 from the Diocese of Edmonton

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The Reverend Peter Norman, April, 2007 from the Diocese of British Columbia  
The Reverend Carlos Roberts, June 30, 2007 from the Diocese of Qu'Appelle  
The Reverend Joanne Beacon, Dec. 18, 2007, to the Diocese of Niagara  
The Reverend Jonathan Hoskin, Dec. 18, 2007, to the Diocese of Calgary

## **PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE:**

The Reverend Ronald L. Baerg, Sept. 21, 2006  
The Very Reverend Glen Burgomaster, Sept. 21, 2006  
The Reverend Dr. David W. Tyler, Dec. 1, 2006

## **RELINQUISHMENT OF MINISTRY:**

The Reverend Colleen Stonhouse, February 11, 2006  
The Reverend Shawn Sanford Beck, March 31, 2007

## **LEAVE OF ABSENCE:**

The Reverend Canon Michael Stonhouse, July – December, 2006

## **DECONSECRATIONS:**

Ruby Chapel, June 14, 2006, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad  
St. Chad's Chapel, June 14, 2006, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad  
St. Nicholas Anglican Church, Carragana, June 17, 2007

**NUMBER OF CONFIRMATIONS:** 39

**NUMBER RECEIVED INTO THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA:** 3

## **LAY READERS LICENCES:**

Bunce, Joan – St. Paul's Anglican Church, North Battleford  
Dewald, Ron – St. Paul's Anglican Church, North Battleford  
Green, Etta-Marie – St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Rosthern  
Heidel, Ruby – St. Paul's Anglican Church, North Battleford  
Katzell, Rosemarie – St. Paul's Anglican Church, North Battleford  
Klassen, Jacob – St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Rosthern  
Mattila, Mary – St. Paul's Anglican Church, North Battleford  
Saxinger, John – St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Humboldt & St. Brides' Anglican Church, Watson  
Whalley, Maureen – St. Andrew's Anglican Church, Humboldt & St. Brides' Anglican Church, Watson  
Zadorozny, Monty G. – St. Augustine's Anglican Church, Rosthern

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## DIOCESAN COUNCIL/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/ FINANCE COMMITTEE

Since the 2006 Synod there have been 8 Diocesan Council meetings, 2 joint meetings of the Executive and Finance Committees and 7 Finance Committee Meetings. The minutes of each of these meetings have been distributed to all committee members and to the parishes via their Council members.

At each of these meetings several matters are received for consideration and discussed. Following are motions that were carried.

### **May 3, 2006 – Diocesan Finance Committee**

Authorized the sale of 1000 shares of Global Resources Split Corp., the position was reduced to crystallize gains in the energy sector and to reposition in a new security with a reduced energy weighting.

Authorized the sale of all the Preferred Securities Income fund as the position had declined in value as a result of recent interest increases in the U.S. and Canada. It was anticipated that further hikes were inevitable and additional declines in value likely.

Authorized the purchase of Long Reserve Life Resource fund to modestly increase the resource exposure.

### **Diocesan Council – June 10, 2006**

Approved \$1,000 towards the cost of the Anglican Journal readership survey.

Approved \$1,500 support for two individuals to participate in the Nurturing Healthy Parishes Symposium.

Approved \$500 annual commitment to the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land Youth Conference.

As per Canon 43 individuals were nominated and elected to the Executive Committee.

Nine individuals were appointed to the Diocesan Finance Committee.

Approved the appointment of Dr. Phil Carverhill as Chair of the Diocesan Strategic Planning Steering Group.

Authorized the Secretary Treasurer to contact Health and Dental Benefit carriers to compare coverage and premiums.

### **September 26, 2006 – Diocesan Finance Committee**

Authorized the sale of Real Return I units and authorized the purchase Envest Diversified Income Trust, TD Short Term Bond and Scotia Capital short-term bond I units.

Authorized changes to those representatives authorized to give written or oral instructions with respect to purchases and sales in securities and transactions with Raymond James Ltd.

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Reviewed the expense history/distribution, budgeted expenses and recommended 2007 Diocesan budget and Fair Share Levy to Diocesan Council for its consideration.

Recommended to Diocesan Council that there be a moratorium on new expenditures until the current budget deficit is eliminated.

## **October 14, 2006 – Diocesan Council**

Approved the Minutes of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod and authorized the distribution of the minutes to members of Synod.

Authorized the sale of the St. John's Cathedral Deanery.

Authorized a grant of \$6,000 to Humboldt Parish for 2007.

Authorized a grant of \$8,000 to St James Parish for 2007.

Approved budget and Fair Share Levy for 2007.

Authorized changes in signing officers at Bank of Montreal.

## **January 16, 2007 – Joint meeting of Diocesan Finance Committee and the Executive Committee**

The committees met to discuss the deficit budget trend of recent years. Mr. Scott Verity, Chartered Accountant with KPMG LLP/Assurance and Business Advisory Services performed a financial analysis and offered recommendations.

Authorized fair share levy exemptions to the Lloydminster Parish for funds raised for furnace replacement and to St. Stephen's for piano and organ replacement.

Recommended to Diocesan Council that external grants no longer be funded automatically and that each organization apply for grants by meeting the criteria set by the grant application process.

Recommended to Diocesan Council that the Cathedral Grant be reduced from \$12,000 to \$6,000.

Recommended to Diocesan Council that travel pooling grants be amended to show as a reduction in Fair Share Levy rather than as a diocesan grant.

## **February 14, 2007 – Joint meeting of the Diocesan Executive Committee and Diocesan Finance Committee**

Mr. Hassell of Raymond James Ltd led members through the investment portfolio results for the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2006.

Authorized the clergy supply rate of \$100 per service in 2008.

## **March 3, 2007 – Diocesan Council**

Approved the elimination of automatic grants to organizations and approved the diocesan grant application process.

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Authorized the Diocesan Finance Committee to conduct a review of the Fair Share Levy formulae.  
Approved effective 2006 Fair Share Levy received from parishes be reflected in diocesan accounts as net of grants.

Rescinded the diocesan study guide on same sex blessings.

## **March 13, 2007 – Diocesan Finance Committee**

Reviewed the 2006 investment results led by David Hassell, Investment Advisor with Raymond James Ltd.

Authorized the sale I Units – Cdn Scotia Cap S/T Bond, TD Short Term Bond, I Units Dividend Index Fund and Global Resource Split Corp and the purchase of Meritage Conservative Income and Standard Life Cdn Dividend Growth funds.

Recommended to Diocesan Council that the budget category “external grants” be changed to “Mission and Outreach” Grants as this term better reflects a grantees partnership, development and work supported by grants received from the Diocese, and that grant awards will be determined at each annual budget.

Recommend to Diocesan Council that the Campus Chaplaincy, Prairie Centre for Ecumenism, Okema Society, College of Emmanuel and St. Chad and Earthcare Connections be advised that 2007 be the last year that an automatic grant be awarded.

## **June 2, 2007 – Diocesan Council**

Received and approved the 2006 financial statements.

Received the resignation of Dr. Phil Carverhill as Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee and approved the appointment of Pastor Jim Halmarson as Chair.

Approved recommendations made by the Diocesan Finance Committee at the meeting of March 13, 2007.

## **September 25, 2007– Diocesan Finance Committee**

Reviewed, revised and recommended a budget for 2008 to Diocesan Council.

## **October 13, 2007 – Diocesan Council**

Authorized the appointment of KPMG LLP Chartered Accountants to perform an audit of the 2007 financial statements.

Approved the change to the fair share levy formulae:

12% – \$1 – \$60,000

22% – \$60,001 – \$100,000

25% – > \$100 ,000

With a 19% cap.

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Considered, amended and approved the 2008 budget.

Authorized the appointment of a Committee on Compensation and Benefits to conduct a review and report to the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod.

Authorized the appointment of an Insurance Review Committee.

Authorized the sale of the church property parcel in Carragana.

Authorized the renewal of the Suncorp Valuations contract.

## **November 13, 2007 – Diocesan Finance Committee**

Met with Investment Advisor, David Hassell to review investments for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2007 and considerations for 2008.

Authorized the sale of Brompton Income Trust units and the purchase of 3yr and 5yr monthly pay term deposits.

Reviewed and discussed Diocesan Council's changes to the 2008 budget.

## **February 2, 2008 Diocesan Council**

Approved the amended and corrected 2008 Budget.

Authorized Bishop Andrews to initiate a consultation process with parishes affected by the cancellation of the Travel Pooling Grants.

Approved a loan request for the cost of land survey and authorized Good Shepherd Parish to sell the vacant church property in Delisle.

Approved the terms of reference for the Grants Allocation panel and the election of the Grants Allocation Panel members.

Acknowledged the work and recommendation of the Constitution and Canons Committee and commends the changes as presented to Synod for its consideration.

Approved the draft agenda for the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod.

Approved the proposed plan: "Turning Hope into Action – Future Directions for the Diocese of Saskatoon 2009–2014" for presentation to the 68<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod for its consideration.

Approved the offer to purchase the church property in Carragana.

Recommended to Synod that the proposed Fair Share Levy and budgets be presented to parishes by September 30 to solicit responses before the Diocesan Budget is finalized.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorea Eufemia,  
Secretary Treasurer

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## DIOCESE OF SASKATOON ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN

Anglican Church Women meetings are open to any church woman who wishes to attend. Our official hymn and motto is "The Love of Jesus Calls Us". The ACW, at the parish, deanery, Diocesan and National levels contributes invaluable to every aspect of church life. We are Anglican women dedicated to outreach, fundraising, fellowship, and participation in community and church activities. A concern frequently raised throughout the Diocese is that the ACW is an aging group and does not have the energy nor the resources it once had. Many parish ACW groups have disbanded for these reasons. Yet, with age comes wisdom, patience, grace, courage and experience. Despite lowered membership numbers, the ACW continues to accomplish many important projects. The ACW does the following activities:

- have regular parish group meetings and annual deanery and diocesan meetings
- provide speakers at these meetings
- provide funds to the Synod Office, Bishop's discretionary fund, St. Chad's Emmanuel College, PWRDF, Saskatoon Native Ministry, Youth Discover Christ, Camp Okama, and Camp Lore, Guyana Mother's Union and Queenstown (Guyana) Daycare Centre , and others
- publish a Newsletter three or four times a year
- send a delegate to the Diocesan Council meetings, to Synod, and to the National ACW Conference
- provide a Link person who communicates with our companion Diocese in Guyana, South America.
- sent two ACW representatives to the Mother's Union Annual Meeting in Guyana, 2007
- arranged for two Mother's Union and Queenstown Daycare Centre representatives to attend Synod and the ACW annual general meeting in Saskatoon, 2008
- provide bed and breakfast and hospitality to our Guyana visitors
- provide hospitality to visitors at deanery and annual diocesan meetings
- assist in food donations for church camps, Christmas hampers, school lunch programs
- collect and distribute toothbrushes and toothpaste to inner city schools
- prepare mother/baby packages for the Salvation Army Bethany Home
- provide a community drop-in program for mothers and pre-schoolers to explore Bible stories
- participate in church garage and book sales
- organize bake sales, craft sales, church teas, socials, Christmas parties
- bake Christmas pudding, chicken and turkey pot pies etc. for fundraising
- cater events
- operate a gently used clothing boutique and donate the funds to outreach programs
- participate in World Day of Prayer
- organize prayer partners and prayer chains
- knit healing shawls and participate in healing prayers
- participate in Altar Guild
- knit and assemble afghan squares that are donated to places such as the Crisis Nursery, Egadz, the YWCA Crisis Shelter and others
- knit dolls, teddy bears, and make pneumonia vests for distribution
- collect used postage stamps for the leprosy fund, bottle tabs for the CNIB

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The commitment dedication of all of these selfless women make the ACW an epitome of true Christian fellowship and love.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauren Jardine, Diocesan ACW President

## CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

\*\*\*A report has not been included in this Convening Circular as changes to Constitution and Canons will be considered at Synod. Please see the Resolutions section for this information.\*\*\*

## CURSILLO

Cursillo (pronounced kur-SEE-oh) is a Spanish word meaning "*short course*," which in the Christian community has been expanded to mean "*a short course in Christian living*." The purpose of Cursillo is to present a method of living which is fundamental for being a Christian in the world. Cursillo presents a way of structuring our Christian lives so as to make a difference in our immediate and greater worlds. The Cursillo Movement is one method of renewal ministry in the Church. Its purpose is to help those in the Church understand their individual callings to be Christian leaders. This leadership may be exercised in work situations, in the family and social life, in leisure activities, and within the church. The Cursillo is not a substitute for your parish church. It is a movement of the Anglican Church, designed to help you to renew and enhance your Christian life, to enable you to function more fully in your parish, and to be a friend, make a friend, and bring a friend to Christ. The Cursillo Weekend experience explores the fundamental aspects of a life lived in close contact with Christ. It is an opportunity to journey spiritually with Jesus and serve him more faithfully and effectively.

The Cursillo Movement is strong and growing within the Diocese of Saskatoon under the authority and blessing of our bishop. The administrative body known as the Cursillo Secretariat provides leadership consistent with the Canadian Anglican Cursillo Secretariat.

In May 2007 separate weekends were held at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster. Monthly reunion meetings known as 'Ultreyas', a Spanish word for "*Onward (or Keep on going)*," alternate in one of the Saskatoon parish halls. These reunions are open to anyone wishing to know more about Cursillo and are conducted in an inviting, inclusive manner.

The next Cursillo weekends are booked for **Men March 5-8 2009** and for **Women March 12-15 2009** at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster.

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For more information about Cursillo please contact someone you know who has been on a Cursillo Weekend, write to:

The Cursillo Secretariat  
c/o The Synod Office  
P.O. Box 1965  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 3S5

or contact Austin King at 306-933-4007 e-mail [a.king@sasktel.net](mailto:a.king@sasktel.net).

Yours in Christ,  
Austin King  
Lay Director  
Saskatoon Anglican Cursillo Secretariat

## DIOCESAN OUTREACH NETWORK

by **Margaret Gruber** (Coordinator, [gruberm@sasktel.net](mailto:gruberm@sasktel.net), 343-6791) & **Mary Ann Assailly**  
(Administrator, [rassailly@sasktel.net](mailto:rassailly@sasktel.net)) 382-0766)

**Annual Network Gatherings:** In April 2006, the Network Annual Meeting was hosted in the Western Deanery by St. Paul's, Battleford/Red Pheasant, with the educational theme '*Learning and Worshiping at Red Pheasant Reserve*'. The April 2007 Meeting was hosted by St. Timothy's in the Saskatoon Deanery and featured the theme "*Fuelling the Future: A Call for Energy Justice*". In 2008, the Annual Meeting will rotate into the Eastern Deanery.

**Website:** A Website was set up for the Diocesan Outreach Network, but **requires a volunteer to input material.**

**Congregation Visitation Project:** In October, 2005, a series of visits to each congregation in the Diocese were initiated by the Outreach Network. The purpose was to introduce the importance of outreach ministry in the homily, to inform Anglican churches (and their ecumenical partners) of the Outreach Network, and to find out how the Network can support parishes. Information was collected on active lay persons, congregational/local area culture and needs, ecumenical efforts, PWRDF visibility, types of outreach, and other church activities. Three Network representatives (Margie and Klaus Gruber and Mary Anne Assailly) conducted the Visitation Project on a volunteer basis. As of June, 2007, all congregations have been visited. Parish Information Sheets are now being entered into a relational database, which will be housed in the Outreach Computer at the Synod Office. The distinctive nature, strengths, and concerns of each parish and importance of visits to rural parishes were especially noted.

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Some rural parishes expressed interest in twinning with a city parish. All parishes received the Outreach Network flyer, the Network financial management document, and Network contact information.

**Ministerial Grants and Equipment:** A 3-year \$7,500/year ministry grant and a one-time \$3,100 database grant were received from the St. Luke's Fund and Diocesan Council. A laptop, desk top computer, and video projector were purchased for conducting outreach education and to house the Parish Information Database. Funds were also used to install an Ethernet and secure internet access in the Synod Office. The video equipment is available on a sign-out basis. The ministerial grant partially supports the start-up and on-going activities of Focus/Partner Groups. Funds are available for supporting a focus on rural church issues and to gather youth interested in outreach action.

**Sharing Outreach with Other Dioceses and the National Church:** Margie Gruber made a presentation on the Network to national EcoJustice and Partners-in-Mission staff and outreach reps from 12 dioceses across Canada.

**Basic Local Needs Outreach: (Diocesan Group Coordinator not determined at this time)**

Concerned individuals from several Anglican churches volunteered at the Egadz Centre in Saskatoon and at the provincial correctional centre or were involved new "*Passion for Action*" groups that have sprung up in Saskatoon round the homelessness issue. These include a "*Coordination of Information*" group, a "*Quality of Housing*" group, and a group on "*Support Services for Immigrant Women*". A "*Navigating the System*" group has created a directory with volunteers to assist and answer questions. The "*Saskatoon Overnight Shelter*" group "*SOS*" is developing a 20-40 bed overnight shelter. A "*DVD about Homelessness*" group is documenting homelessness and real-life stories. The Outreach Network is searching for an individual to coordinate these types of activities at a diocesan level.

**Refugee Outreach** – Klaus Gruber (Coordinator [gruberkm@sasktel.net](mailto:gruberkm@sasktel.net), 343-6791) **See separate report.**

**PWRDF Partnership** – Diocesan PWRDF joined the Diocesan Outreach Network in 2008 – **See separate report.**

**Global Ecological Peace & Justice Outreach** – Kathy Storrie (Coordinator, [kstorrie@sasktel.net](mailto:kstorrie@sasktel.net), 242-6540)

A new coordinator is injecting passion for this area of social justice and outreach into the Diocese. Kathy Storrie co-organized the 2007 Annual Meeting educational component, which included speaker Paul Hanley (environment activist/writer) presenting '*Water for Life*', a seminar on the complex nature of water resources along the South Saskatchewan River. A 2<sup>nd</sup> speaker, Louise Jones, presented '*Road Map 20/20*' on Saskatoon's response to saving energy, climate change, and sustainability. A compact disk on "greening your church" was given to each church.

**Aboriginal Outreach and Advocacy** – Mary Ann Assailly (Coordinator [rassailly@sasktel.net](mailto:rassailly@sasktel.net), 382-0766)

Membership of the Aboriginal Outreach Focus Group became reduced and fragmented through 2007 as a result of transfers out of the Diocese, Shawn Sanford Beck's ministerial license withdrawal, and family issues for some key members. We mourn Shawn's situation and Pat Clay's death with Colin and their

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children. In spite of these difficulties, the smaller group was very active in advocacy and support for Aboriginal People. Letters were written to Prime Minister Harper (cc: Indian Affairs) regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Aboriginal Peoples. Members advocated and attended functions in support of the Sisters in Spirit Campaign for Missing Aboriginal Women in Saskatoon. We held up individual missing women in our activities and prayers, and we mourned the loss of life and participated in the Aboriginal Day of Mourning in August in Saskatoon. Members also attended and were involved in the Human Rights Day held at White Buffalo Lodge.

***Aboriginal Art Fair:*** Aboriginal Focus Group members, Diocesan Outreach Network members, and St. John's Cathedral Outreach Committee assisted with the organization of the Christmas Art Fair, an annual event sponsored by the Outreach Network and St. John's Cathedral in support of emerging aboriginal and refugee artists. This culture-bridging, anti-poverty activity is enjoyed by artists, volunteers and public alike. A "Tree of Life" painting and a framed 3-dimensional beaded picture were donated in Dec, 2007 to the Art Fair Committee by two participating artists in gratitude for support given to artists by the Saskatoon Anglican Church through the Art Fair. The art is being donated by the Art Fair Committee to the Saskatoon Diocese and St. John's Cathedral in recognition of its committed Outreach volunteers.

***Aboriginal Outreach aside from the Focus Group,*** Ethel Ahenakew continues to minister as the Assistant Director at Saskatoon Native Ministry and to attend gatherings of the Anglican Council for Indigenous Persons. In 2007, she completed her term on the EcoJustice Committee of the National Church.

Jean Thompson and Mary Ann compiled the work of the "*Bishops Task Force on Aboriginal Ministry*", presented it to Bishop Andrews in September, 2007, and gave an over view to Diocesan Council in February, 2008.

Ethel and Mary Ann continued their ministries as Anglican Church "*Listeners*" at the "*Alternate Dispute Resolution Hearings*". In January 2007 they attended the "*Gathering of Listeners for a Time of Healing*" in Banff. In January 2008, they attended the "*Anglican 2008 Gathering to Honour the Ministry of Listening to Residential School Disclosures*" in Toronto. This included Anglicans who are representing the Church at the hearings and Clergy who provide pastoral support to former students of Indian Residential Schools and their families.

At the 2008 meeting, the Primate charged all attendees to spread the word of the upcoming 2008 cross-Canada "*Church and Aboriginal Leaders Tour*", that prepares the way for the new 2009 "*Truth and Reconciliation Hearing*". Mary Ann spoke to Diocesan Council in Feb 2008 about the "*Tour*" and *Hearings*. Both Ethel and Mary Ann are members of the committee hosting the "*Tour*" event in Saskatoon on March 9, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

Margie Gruber

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## COLLEGE OF EMMANUEL AND ST. CHAD

In its second term the 2007–08 academic year the College of Emmanuel and St Chad has 18 full-time and part-time students enrolled in courses and programs. As well there are 70 students pursuing the Diploma in Indigenous Anglican Theology through our collaboration with the Dr William Winter School for Ministry in Kingfisher Lake, Ontario, some 15 of whom are likely to graduate this spring. In the past three years, the College has taught over 100 students in summer school courses, regular term courses, and its collaborative programs, as well as the many students we teach in our courses through our participation with Lutheran Theological Seminary and St Andrew's College. Our students have included Anglicans from the Dioceses of Edmonton, Calgary, Athabasca, Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Qu'Appelle, Brandon, and Keewatin, as well as Roman Catholics and Mennonites.

A major initiative has been building up our summer offerings. As members of the Diocese of Saskatoon know well, this is a beautiful place to come in the summer, and so we have been offering more courses here in May, June, and July, as well as offering courses in Calgary. One particularly valuable offering for clergy and lay people will be our course in **Stewardship for Leaders of Small Congregations**, to be offered in two parts from June 9–13, 2008 and a second week in January 2009. The course leaders will be The Rev'd Dr Stephen Hopkins, from the Diocese of Niagara, who is probably the finest and most experienced congregational development consultant in the Canadian Anglican Church, and The Ven Rob Hardwick of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, who brings his experience in working at stewardship in his own prairie context in Swift Current and around his diocese.

Over the past three years the College has made several decisions which have led to greater financial stability, and considerably enhanced our partnership and relationships with the other Colleges of the Saskatoon Theological Union. Our move into the Lutheran Seminary and the subsequent sale of our century-old buildings to the University of Saskatchewan has enhanced our work in several ways: by bringing our faculty and administrative staff into a more effective working configuration; by enabling much more regular shared worship with our full-communion Lutheran partners; by bringing our students into daily contact with the greater part of the students of the colleges here; by enabling more contact and collaboration between our two respective faculties; and by considerably enhancing our endowments.

### Key Goals and Objectives

- 1) *Program Development and Student Recruitment*—We are becoming increasingly aware through feedback in international Anglican circles that our new four year program with a backbone seminar focused on the Great Books of the Christian and Anglican tradition is the envy of many much larger seminaries across the continent. They affirm that we are one of the first seminaries to look seriously at what sort of preparation will truly be required to prepare people for ministry and outreach in the North American world of the future rather than the past. At the same time, there are very few postulants being generated in any of the prairie dioceses. Our objectives in the area of recruitment include: piloting in cooperation with the Diocese of Saskatoon an Anglican version of a program, *It's Your Call*, which has been extremely successful in the Lutheran Church; and, developing an exciting public campaign inviting young people to consider priesthood as a vocation.

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2) *Increasing Financial Stability*—Gifts to the College's operating fund have grown by over \$100,000 a year since 2004, a rise of nearly 70%. In this regard we are probably doing as well or better on the development front than most of the theological colleges in Canada. People and parishes in every diocese in the Province of Rupert's Land are deeply committed to the College and its future. We have also for the past three years been asking parishes to implement a paradigm of giving 1–2% of their total annual donations to theological education somewhere in the Ecclesiastical Province, and many parishes are responding positively. We also believe that it is important that Dioceses continue to share a modest part of the commitment to maintain the work of theological education and the Provincial Theological College—training leaders for the future is a part of the life and mission of the church that is not simply about benefit in the here and now, but for our children and grandchildren. ***We worship a God who promises to keep faith with those who are faithful to the thousands of generations.***

The College of Emmanuel and St Chad thanks you as individuals, as parishes, and as a diocese, for your prayers and financial support for our part of the Church's work of Growing People in Christ. Your support is essential if we are to maintain our share in this partnership as we have continued to do for the past 129 years.

Respectfully submitted--Dr Walter Deller, Principal

## EARTHCARE

Earthcare is grateful for the previous grants which enable us to maintain the presence of a member of the Anglican Church on our board of directors. Walter Nisbet, currently the chair of the board, has given long and valuable service to the organization and has helped immensely in its development.

This year Earthcare Connections marks its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This significant event indicates that the organization's ideas, goals and philosophy are relevant and valid. It also shows that its projects and programs are sustainable.

With the current growing concern about the sustainability of the environment, we believe it is the time for the organization to begin expanding its support.

A proposed way to do this is to take our most mobile, visible and recognizable tool, the Earthcare Balloon, on a Saskatchewan tour. We plan the arrival of the balloon in a community to coincide with other existing community events, when possible, and also use community facilities as much as we can.

Specified groups will be invited to visit the balloon, attend a presentation on Earthcare and its many programs, and learn how both individuals and groups could support Earthcare.

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The estimated budget for this event includes:

| <u>Need</u>                   | <u>Cost</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Tour name and graphics     | \$1,000     |
| 2. Media materials            | \$2,000     |
| 3. Tour promotion materials   | \$5,000     |
| 4. Presentation and materials | \$5,000     |

To further this end, Earthcare Connections asks the Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon for a \$1,500 grant. Your gift will help develop and carry out this event, and thus make Earthcare more widely known throughout the province.

We ask God's continued blessing on the Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon, and your upcoming Synod. If you need more information, please contact the office; we will be pleased to oblige.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Guina  
Executive Director

## **ECUMENICAL CHAPLAINCY**

[Anglican, Presbyterian, United]

**University of Saskatchewan**

"Whose idea is this?" inquired a young student in the Indian Teacher Education Program as she sat eating her soup and bannock. "I was so pleased to see the poster," she continued. "Sometimes I don't have time to make lunch or the money to buy anything." 'Sarah' has long days. She decided it was better for her infant son if they stayed in their home community rather than move to Saskatoon, so during the week she travels back and forth from Duck Lake.

Launched in the fall of 2006, our monthly soup and bannock lunch is part of our Christian Elders Services, a program which seeks to be respectful of both Aboriginal and Christian beliefs and practices. The Christian Elders, Reverend Stewart Folster and Ethel Ahenakew, who are sometimes joined by other guests too, are on hand at our lunches to share their experiences and talk with with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students, staff and faculty. Ethel is also available for individual support counseling and Stewart has officiated at Holy Communion Services.

The Christian Elders Program is just one aspect of our ministry that offers pastoral care, worship, community and educational opportunities in a variety of ways to a constantly changing constituency.

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For several years a focal point of our ministry was CONNECT, a student led worship service on Sunday afternoons, but with the loss of most members of the leadership team, we are now exploring new ways to connect, likely through a midweek gathering and service. Last fall a small group looked at the topic of discernment in a series called, *What Do You Want Me To Do, God?* while some students find community and liturgical opportunities through regular gatherings of the Student Christian Movement. Currently SCM, which is associated with the Chaplaincy, is planning a *Hunger for Supper Banquet* in March.

In addition to our own activities, we offer programs in cooperation with our inter-faith and ecumenical colleagues on campus. Together the chaplains advocate for the spiritual needs of students and promote religious understanding. This past year the U of S Campus Ministry sponsored multi-faith tours to places of worship and visits to Sweat Lodges, as well as our usual annual inter-faith services, educational events, and inter-denominational panels, such as *Ecumenical Dating* on St. Valentine's Day!

This May, the Diocese of Nova Scotia is organizing a national Anglican campus ministry conference. Given that this is the first such event, certainly in my memory, I very much hope to attend if I can secure some funding to help make it possible.

The Board is grateful for the support of the Diocese of Saskatoon ever since the Chaplaincy's inception over thirty five years ago. Without that support, including the contributions of your representatives on the Board, our ministry would be the poorer. Each of our three sponsoring denominations can appoint two Board members. Currently you only have one. Reverend Joe Ponc is your official representative, though unofficially Reverend Dr. Dave Tyler represented both your community and the U of S faculty until his recent resignation due to health reasons. Therefore, to help us better serve your constituency, we would very much appreciate the appointment of another member to our Board. If at all possible, it would be helpful if that person had experience in financial matters and fundraising, so that, at the very least, we can continue maintain a half-time ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

Ursula Wiig

Ecumenical Chaplain & Multi-faith Coordinator

## HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Since beginning hospital chaplaincy in June of last year, I have tried to keep up with numbers only in the last 3-4 months. I believe very strongly in this ministry, and also believe it needs to be shared by both lay and ordained ministers. There is such a need on an ongoing basis that one person cannot do it justice...or more importantly, cannot do those in the need of chaplaincy – patients and their families – proper justice. One person doing visitation quarter-time (12-18 hours weekly) is inadequate. Some people do not want a clergy person, while most welcome one. Some people are

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happy with and need only a short visit, some are in need of lengthy visits, and there is no way of knowing what situation is going to be met when walking through the door.

In an average week, there are between thirty-six and sixty patients in the three hospitals every day. The numbers fluctuate somewhat, but this average seems to be a consistent. Of those in the hospital, it is estimated that approximately sixty – seventy percent are over the age of sixty-five. Surprisingly to me, the numbers between those who live in Saskatoon or the immediate area comprise a little over half, and the majority of those say they have, or no longer have, a church home although they identify themselves as Anglicans. It is surprising because my previous guess would have been that most of the people in hospitals with no church home would be coming from out of town, where there is no Anglican presence readily available, or they have not notified their priest of their need for hospitalization.

There are a fairly significant number of long-term patients in all three hospitals, "significant" being a relative phrase. There is also a fairly rapid turnover with some patients...those who come for day surgery and are there only one or two days. It is easy to miss these patients, so they fall through the cracks without being seen by anyone from the Church.

While we have knocked the idea around from one end of the spectrum to the other, hospital chaplaincy is vital to our community of believers, and vital to the Anglican Church and particularly to our Diocese and the city of Saskatoon. It needs to be buoyed and perhaps modified in some way to help ensure that there is more consistent presence to those in need. I have let it be know that I am interested in developing a core of lay people who would visit on an ongoing basis and refer the hospital chaplain, whoever it may be, to those desiring confession and absolution, communion, etc., but so far have had only a group of people from St. Matthew's show an interest. There are a couple of parishes in the city which have or which are developing their own visitation groups, and that is to be commended. However if these groups are only going to visit people in their own parishes, we still need to develop a wider group to visit every Anglican on the hospitals' books.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Gary H. Sinclair  
Diocesan Hospital Chaplain  
Rector of St. Matthew's

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## PARTICIPANTS TO THE NURTURING HEALTHY PARISHES SYMPOSIUM

In 2004 the General Synod committed the church to a new framework for the next six years. Included in that framework was a commitment to strengthening the life and development of congregations. "To bring Anglicans together through networks and programs that nurture and strengthen the development of local Christian communities for local witness". One initiative that was born of this commitment was the *Nurturing Healthy Parishes Symposium*. The symposium included two keynote addresses, workshops on congregational issues, opportunities to network, brainstorm and discuss similar issues as well as a display area containing information, individuals from key organizations, publishers and resource materials.

Sixteen workshops were offered on each of the topics of congregational transitions, congregational discussions, stewardship and congregational development. The three of us attended six workshops each and tried not to duplicate attending any one workshop, thus allowing us to bring back as much information and as many resources as possible.

In addition to the workshops and sharing were two keynote speakers:

Mr. Tex Sample, Coordinator of the Network for the Study of U.S. Lifestyles. Mr. Sample is freelance lecturer, workshop leader and consultant with the church and with communities, governmental and business organizations.

Sample addressed three distinct communication cultures – oral, literate, and electronic – and admonished attendees to "learn the practices" of their audiences' communication cultures.

Sample described oral culture as "a common village culture, where wisdom is crystallized in proverbs". Storytelling is a key component for people of oral culture who think relationally. "Forty to fifty percent of people in mainline churches are of oral culture," Sample said. However, most mainline pastors are trained in a literate culture, made up of "theories and abstract ideas," or conceptualization. Add to this mix the influence of electronic media and cyberspace and another, more complex culture emerges.

Sample identified the most powerful practices in electronic culture as "image, sound, beat, light, movement and dance by an actively performing crowd."

The second speaker was Alan Roxburgh, President of the Missional Leadership Institute. Mr. Roxburgh teaches in numerous seminaries as well as lecturing and consulting throughout North America. Roxburgh stated that contemporary western culture is characterized by high levels of alienation and fragmentation. In our families, churches, neighbourhoods, and workplaces, many live as strangers even to those they rub shoulders with on a daily basis. Typical responses to strangers include suspicion, withdrawal, and fear. Christian hospitality is the art of sharing with others the gracious welcome that we ourselves have received from God. He further stated that it is time for churches to rediscover their

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neighbourhoods not as objects for outreach programs or social service good deeds but as the real flesh and bone place where God takes up residence and meets us all. It is time for the rediscovery of the local, the next-door-ness of Christian life in a culture that spins us apart in a thousand different directions. Roxburgh gave pointers for living the way of Jesus and being the church in the neighbourhood.

Each of us have brought back and have available resources from the workshops and speakers. Please contact us for more information.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Debbie Ramage, The Venerable Peter Yeung, Mrs. Lorea Eufemia

## ORDER OF ST. LUKE

OSL is a Christian worldwide ecumenical ministry that began in the Episcopal Church in the early 1930s. The ministry is dedicated to restoring Jesus' ministry of healing to its proper place within the mandate of the Christian Church. This is done by the establishment of local chapters for prayer, education and training. As well as these things being made available in the local chapter, each area is encouraged to hold regular healing services, healing missions and teaching workshops and conferences. Local OSL chapters are a resource that clergy and parishioners can look to for help in developing a powerful and effective healing ministry within their congregations.

The Order believes that it is a part of our Gospel mandate as Christians to be involved in Jesus' ministry of Healing. Therefore, it is the belief of the Order that the ministry of healing prayer become a central part of the total ministry of each congregation.

### *Report from the Saskatoon Chapter*

The Saskatoon Chapter of the Order of St. Luke meets at St. Stephen's Church, Saskatoon on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. Our meeting consists of a time for study on different aspects of the healing ministry as found in the New Testament as well as a time to pray for others. When possible we also have a guest speaker and or a formal healing service.

During the week of April 15 to 18<sup>th</sup> the Saskatoon Chapter will be hosting a Kingdom Healing Workshop at the Queen's House of Retreats to train people to further the work of Jesus Healing Ministry in the Church. Our guest speaker and trainer will be the Reverend Mike Endicott, the director of Jacob's Well Centre in Pontnewydd, Wales. The ministry of Jacob's Well is under the patronage of Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury. This event is not a healing mission but is a training event geared towards people either involved in the Christian Healing Mission or people who feel they

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are being called to the healing ministry. Following the event at Queen's house there will be a public mini healing mission Friday evening and Saturday morning at St. Stephen's Church, Saskatoon.

## *Report from the North American Director*

As the North American Director the jurisdiction of my ministry extends throughout Continental North America. I am the chief missioner of the Order and spokesperson for the Order. I am responsible for the 14 Regions of North America and lead missions and workshops on the healing ministry in those Regions and beyond those Regions as I am invited to do so. Every year we hold a North American Conference and healing mission somewhere in North America. This year's Conference will be in Boise, Idaho, July 9 to 12. Every three years there is a world wide O.S.L. conference and healing mission gathering together O.S.L. people from all over the world. Last year's International Conference was held in Swanwick, England. The next Conference will be held in 2010 in Kelowna, B.C.

For further information about the Order please contact the Ven. Larry Mitchell at [larry.mitchell@sasktel.net](mailto:larry.mitchell@sasktel.net) or at (306) 343-6649 or cell (306) 270-4129.

Respectfully submitted,  
Larry Mitchell, N.A.D.; O.S.L

## **PWRDF PARTNER GROUP**

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William Ogara (Kenyan partner from the Canadian PWRDF national board-of-directors) was hosted by the Outreach Network, Diocesan PWRDF leadership, and St. John's Cathedral in October 2006 to conduct an all-day educational event and evening public lecture at St. John's Cathedral on PWRDF, African issues, and African Partnership programmes.

In January 2007 we introduced ourselves in a News Letter as the PWRDF coordinators appointed by Bishop Rodney. To include Ella, who lives in Endeavor, at every meeting we communicate by speakerphone.

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One of our Parish Representatives Anita Verlangen arranged to host the travelling exhibit "Partnership ForLife, A Generation without Aids". The Refinery Arts and Spiritual Center was an excellent setting for the display, videos and Reception.

Parishes continue to report on the ways they raise awareness and funds for PWRDF. From Slideshows focusing on development work overseas with ethnic refreshments, monthly pie sales, funds from Shrove Tuesday pancake suppers, Pennies to support the water project, making announcements in church to reporting to Vestries.

In November, Barbara Spurr represented us at the PWRDF National Forum and came home more than ready to share her experience and ideas from gathering with The Primate Fred Hiltz, PWRDF staff, 3 overseas partners, and the Youth Council.

As Coordinators, we continue to forward the monthly National PWRDF updates to Parish Representatives and encourage them to read pertinent articles in the Anglican Journal. This unfortunately is too expensive to mail to our representatives who do not have high-speed hook-up or are not on email. In January 2008, Diocesan PWRDF joined the Outreach Network as a Partner Group. This partnership will provide financial support for PWRDF Coordinators to carry out parish education to strengthen awareness of this important Anglican ministry.

We are looking at a good year for 2008. With the access to funding we are printing and mailing our first 2008 Newsletter and with funding are able to reach our representatives and long-time friends of PWRDF. We are thankful for Jeanette Dean's skills on the computer.

We are continuing the challenging task of updating the National contact list and will be communicating with parishes on updating their yearly mailing of resources.

Plans are made to have Qu'Appelle diocesan co-ordinator Basil Pogue as the guest/educational speaker at the DON Annual Meeting on May 3, 2008. Basil will tell and show us his journey to Mexico to visit the PWRDF sponsored projects.

As we open our meetings with prayer, it was pointed out to us that we should have a PWRDF prayer. Ella Smith was inspired to write a prayer for us. We have prayed it, adopted it and you will find it in our newsletter.

It is the General consensus of the coordinating group that we positively respond to the request to us to host the 2008 Regional Meeting for the Province of Rupert's Land. The proposed dates are October 17 to 19 or October 24 to 26. We are now exploring options and venues and will be communicating updates to the parishes.

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## Refugee Focus Group

The Anglican Diocese of Saskatoon continues to have a sponsorship agreement with the federal government, Department of Citizenship and Immigration (CIC). This allows us to support Constituency Groups (usually Anglican parishes) to sponsor refugees under the Private Sponsorship of Refugees Program (PSR). This makes us a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH).

The Refugee Focus Group is a member of the Saskatoon Refugee Coalition, the local SAH group, The PWRDF Refugee Network and the Canadian Council for Refugees (CCR).

### Sponsorships and Refugee Support

In May 2007, we successfully completed the sponsorship of a Somali woman and her 3 children. This helped reunite a family that had been divided. The parents and siblings of the woman were here but she had been left behind in the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya with her children. This sponsorship was undertaken by a Presbyterian parish with the help of another Presbyterian parish and the Islamic Association and the family.

St. John's Cathedral has two outstanding sponsorship undertakings, one from Sudan and one from Eritrea. Processing times in Nairobi, the visa post responsible, currently are averaging more than four years and these undertakings were submitted more than three years ago. One of them has had an interview but so far no determination. It may be that, if approved by the visa post, they will be arriving in 2008. However, new problems in Nairobi might push it back.

The Cathedral Outreach Committee also continues to provide financial and personal support to a number of individuals and families (mostly Sudanese) who came as government sponsored refugees or were sponsored by the parish. The Cathedral is also working with one Ugandan family to bring remaining family members to Canada in a family-class sponsorship.

### Refugee Policy, Advocacy and Education

On behalf of the Refugee Focus Group, Lura Mae Sider attended the Refugee Sponsorship Training Program (RSTP) Forum in Montreal and also attended meetings of the PWRDF Refugee Network and the CCR consultation.

CIC has been reviewing the PSR Program and continues to be frustrated by what it perceives as its challenges. As a result, CIC held a consultation in Winnipeg (October 21 – 24) which was attended by Klaus Gruber. In anticipation of this consultation, CIC officials met with a number SAHs. They asked to meet with 5 Anglican SAHs and Klaus Gruber was invited to attend by his Anglican colleagues from across Canada. That meeting was held in Toronto on September 24<sup>th</sup>. A number of local meetings of SAHs (United Church, Catholic Church, Mennonite Church and two Iraqi ethnic SHAs) were also held in order to prepare for the meeting in Winnipeg.

The committee has not been very active during 2007 but communication continued via telephone and e-mail. It is our hope to convene the committee again soon to plan some strategies for 2008–2009.

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One project that we are keen to support is the PWRDF plan to sponsor 50 visa referred sponsorships during 2009 to help celebrate PWRDF's 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our hope is to sponsor at least one family.

Respectfully presented by Klaus Gruber,  
Diocesan Refugee Coordinator and chair of the Refugee Focus Group

## Saskatchewan Anglican

During the period since the 67<sup>th</sup> Synod of March, 2006 the Saskatchewan Anglican has continued to be published monthly, ten times a year (with one issue for the June, July and August period) as a shared publication of the Dioceses of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon and Qu'Appelle. The Saskatchewan Anglican is circulated with the Anglican Journal throughout the three Dioceses of Saskatchewan. In 2006 general circulation numbers for the two papers within the Diocese of Saskatoon were 1,411 and in 2007, 1,305. Starting in 2007, the Saskatchewan Anglican began to be available on the web as a .pdf file download from the web page of this Diocese. Circulation of the Saskatchewan Anglican on the World Wide Web is expected to increase availability without a corresponding cost in printing and mailing and may explain some of the decline in the subscriber base from 2006 to 2007.

The Saskatchewan Anglican is managed by a board consisting of the three Saskatchewan Bishops and the Managing Editor and three Associate Editors. The Saskatchewan Anglican's staff consists of the Managing Editor and one Associate Editor for each Diocese (all non-salaried positions), The Managing Editor, Fred Stephens, who replaced the Reverend Garth Neil in 2006, compiles the paper in addition to maintaining editorial quality control, format consistency and final submission to the printers. The Associate Editors are responsible for soliciting, receiving, selecting and editing submissions to the established format and standards. The Associate Editor for the Saskatoon Diocese, Penny McKinley, resigned in December, 2006; she was replaced, later that same month, by Peter R. Coolen.

Final Financial figures for the 2007 calendar year for the Saskatchewan Anglican will not be available until the end of April, 2008 however, for 2006, Income was: \$17,248.50 and Expenses were: \$16,670.58 and Net Income: \$577.92. Budgeted Forecast Income and Expenses for 2007 were both \$21,339.

In 2007, the Anglican Journal Appeal had its second best year on record with a total of \$565,929 from nearly 15,000 donors giving an average of \$38; 1,048 of these, or about seven per cent of the total, were new donors. In this Diocese, in 2007, \$6,315 was given by 150 donors; half of this amount, after expenses, or \$2,667.33 (versus \$2,297.99 in 2006) goes to the Diocese and, the other half, to the Anglican Journal.

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In 2007 a policy manual was prepared to act as an editing reference and assist the Associate Editors and the Managing Editor in their work. Also, in 2007, policies on such issues as waivers for the use of photographs of and the identification of under-age children were developed. In the past year an "Announcements and Upcoming Events" section and a monthly series of articles from the staff of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad have been added to the contribution that the Diocese makes to the paper; and, additionally, attempts have been made to make the mix of articles more varied, to provide more in-depth biographies of past clergy (rather than brief obituaries) and to increase the number of analytical and theological articles while adding more articles of local interest and generally maintaining and improving on the liveliness of the overall content.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Peter R. Coolen

## SHERBROOKE CENTRE REPORT

Several significant activities have taken place since last reporting in 2006. The Sherbrooke Community Centre amalgamated with Central Haven, including the 21 suite building adjacent to the Lodge. This was at the request of Central Haven and one member of the Mennonite Brethren Church is now on the Board at Sherbrooke. Penny Leverick, a Sherbrooke employee, is the current manager and transition has proceeded smoothly.

The acquisition of The Srs.of Sion Property has been completed but a market survey indicated that building at this time was not feasible.

We now have an artist-in residence at Sherbrook due to a successful grant application. The activity is much enjoyed by residents and culminated with a successful showing at the Mendal Art Gallery.

Pastoral care is offered by Reverend Ray Purdie and he partners with Lutheran Sunset Home to expand experience for 10 students in Clinical Pastoral Education at Sherbrooke.

A No Smoking policy was introduced on May 1 of this year. In September staff and Board members participated in a daylong workshop on Strategic Planning. From this an updated Strategic plan was produced by a Board committee. This month also saw the completion of an NFB film about Sherbrooke and the Eden philosophy.

Accreditation in November gave Sherbrooke high ratings. Recognizing excellence in Quality Improvement, Staff retention and the Eden Philosophy.

October 1 was Sherbrooke's 35th birthday which was celebrated with a program and church service.

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The Reverend Bill Christensen was replaced by Reverend Richard Spencer as the other Anglican representative to the Sherbrooke Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jean Pardoe

## YOUTH DISCOVER CHRIST



Youth ministry within the diocese takes on many different shapes and forms. The goal for anyone involved or wanting to be involved in youth ministry is to move adolescents toward a growing Christ likeness, which is done through modelling friendships and shared experiences with spiritually mature adults. For many, youth ministry is in the form of a youth group; however, that is only part of what I would call youth ministry. Our ministry with youth should be an incarnational ministry that begins when a spiritual mature adult finds an appropriate way to enter the world of an adolescent. Upon entering that world, it is vital that the adult continues in the relationship. In this youth culture, it is more important for us to listen rather than talk. So youth ministry is the gathering together of teenagers in one place but it is also the time you took to be with the young person, maybe for a coke, or their soccer game or Christmas play, or listening to them on the phone. Above all, I understand that youth ministry and the work that we do with the youth is for the future not the present.

For those who continue to do youth ministry (in whatever form that it takes), I encourage to continue to be the heart, hands, ears, eyes and feet of Jesus Christ.

On a diocesan level we bring youth together on the Labour Day Weekend. Our Youth Discover Christ conference or YDC began in 2002 and has continued to be an important aspect of youth ministry in the diocese. It is intended for youth between the ages of 12 and 17. The location for the conference is Camp Kinasao on the shore of Christopher Lake. This conference combines music, worship, recreational activities, Biblical teaching, and basic good fun, to create a weekend experience that celebrates the good news of Jesus Christ. The cost is shared between the participant, the parish, and the diocese. Since the Synod of 2006, we have had one weekend but cancelled the event in 2007. One of our difficulties as been in finding chaperones for the boy's cabins but the last two years the task of filling those positions have proven to be really difficult. The other difficulty is finding a lifeguard and a nurse. Our next YDC is August 29 to September 1, 2008.

Beyond the diocese, we will host the Provincial Youth Workers' Conference on June 6, 7, 8, 2008 at Muenster, for the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land. This event is to gather youth workers from the ten dioceses to network, grow and learn more about youth ministry. It is open to anyone who would like to get involved in youth ministry. Our plenary speaker is Dr. Marv Penner who has over

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30 years experience in youth ministry. The theme is "More Than a Band-Aid" as we explore how youth workers can bring healing to their hurting kids and be more than a band-aid to them. There are plans underway to provide a youth conference in conjunction with Provincial Synod on June 13, 14, 15, 2009 in Calgary for the youth of the 10 dioceses.

Respectively submitted

The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe

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# **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

## **2007 Audited Financial Statements**

We regret that the 2007 audited financial statements were not available at the time of print of the Convening Circular. This document will be handed out at registration to Synod.

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## DIOCESAN INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

### **A review and analysis for 2006 – 2007 and a look ahead to 2008**

The Diocese account mandate stresses safety of principal and income as primary objectives. Growth remains as a secondary objective. Nevertheless, the portfolio has grown at an annualized rate in excess of 7% over the last 8 years. Over that same period the North American and Global Balanced Benchmarks grew at an annualized rate of just over 4% each.

Overall performance for the Diocese account is characterized by strong absolute and relative returns in down markets demonstrated by the fact that the portfolio has never recorded a year of negative performance (losses). In contrast, the Diocese account has a tendency to produce modest underperformance in strong equity markets, attributed to the more defensive characteristics of the portfolio.

### **2006 – 2007: A review**

2006 produced strong equity market returns led by a robust resource sector within Canada and in other parts of the world as well. The portfolio underperformed the Customized Benchmark as well as the both the North American and Global Balanced Benchmarks due to an underweighting in equities and a weak bond market. The Diocese account produced returns of just under 5% on the year.

2007 began with continued strength within the equity markets around the world but by the middle of the second quarter stocks were beginning to show signs of weakness. By midyear, US housing woes had intensified and a full blown credit crunch was taking hold. This sent equity markets around the world into negative territory and central banks in North America responded with a series of interest rate cuts. The Diocese account produced returns of just under 4% on the year, closely tracking the Customized Benchmark and strongly outperforming both the North American and Global Balanced Benchmarks. Asset Allocation (as opposed to security selection) once again accounted for much of the gains as the overweighting in bonds allowed the portfolio to benefit from falling interest rates late in the year. As a matter of interest, average equity market returns around the world, in Canadian dollar terms in 2007, were – 8.30%.

### **2008: Recessionary fears in the US and deteriorating conditions globally**

Fear of a US recession and the continued fallout from the ongoing liquidity crisis will present significant challenges for all equity markets in 2008. In response to these concerns, we have taken steps to reduce equity exposure (down to 33% currently, from 44% at the end of December) and maintain a higher than normal fixed income weighting. In addition, we have increased our exposure to the resource sector and have introduced a pure precious metals component to take advantage of anticipated strength in gold and silver in expectation of continued weakness in the US dollar.

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Although no benchmark comparisons are currently available, the diocese account is up 0.29% to the end of February while the average equity market return over the same time period is - 9.3%. The higher fixed income weighting will provide significant safety for the portfolio this year and the commodity weighted equity component should provide strength. A strong resource sector and a possible late year rally in 2008 in response to additional interest rate cuts throughout 2008 could help push the Canadian markets into positive territory this year.

Respectfully submitted,

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\*\*\*Mr. Hassell will be making a presentation to members of Synod on April 5, 2008.\*\*\*