



CROSSROADS

Supporting Small Church Ministries

Board Meet by Phone Nov. 15

The Rural Ministry Network Board met via conference call on Monday, November 15, 2010 from 12:00-1:00 pm CST. Participants were Warren Frelund, Netha Brada, Sue Norton, Patsy Barham, John Harris, David Caffrey, Jane Helmer, Jimmy Martin, and Bob Honeychurch, and Steve Christy.

Following the agenda sent by President Warren, Jimmy opened with the Prayer for Conventions and Conferences from The Book of Common Prayer.

Minutes of the August meeting, taken and prepared by Ben Helmer have been read by all. No changes.

Warren then encouraged us as board members to keep and review the Timeline of Assignments, developed at

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that meeting, and make corrections if needed. None made at this time.

Warren then introduced by name the three nominees for the board. Current board members had already seen nominees' biographical sketches. All were appointed through unanimous vote, and welcomed. [More on page 11]

Netha, Membership Chair, reported that she will send out renewal notices after January 1, via e-mail or USPS cards, for the calendar year 2011. She reminded the board that we need an updated format for membership process, and will be sending the list for review.

David, Patsy, Jimmy, Sue, and Jane (for Ben) reported on results of phone calls made to members. Everyone commented on the challenges of calling but

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Search for new Editor continues

Names are being solicited for a new editor who, it is hoped, will be in place at the very beginning of virtual communications for Rural Ministries Network. If you know someone—including yourself—who may be qualified for this position, please send name and contact information to the Crossroads mailing or e-mail addresses on page 2, lower left.

The current Editor for RMN is phasing out of this position, and ends full responsibility with this issue—our last issue mailed before the 2011 introduction of VIRTUAL Crossroads.

Barefoot Sunday, aka All Soles Day

There were no signs saying “No Shoes, No Service” Sept. 26 at St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church [71] in Jacksonville, Florida. The Rev. Michael D. Moore, St. Elizabeth’s rector, [simply] invited churchgoers to leave their shoes at home and bring a pair to donate.

Small Congregations

“Barefoot Sunday” was designed to show how millions around the world live without shoes on a daily basis, according to a press release from the parish.

Estimates reveal that 300 million children around the world don’t own a pair of shoes, the release said, adding that it is “sad irony ... that Americans threw the same number of shoes into landfills last year alone.”

The parish decided to partner with Soles4Souls, a Nashville-based charity and two local charities to offer shoes to people in Jacksonville and around the world.

“The mission of ‘Barefoot Sunday,’ also known as All Soles Day, is a simple one: collect new and gently worn shoes to donate to victims of natural disasters and those living in poverty,” Moors said in the release. “We



Photo: St. Elizabeth’s Episcopal Church

want to change the world by providing shoes—one pair at a time. This mission outreach is a tangible way to share the love of God within our community and the world.”

Some 275 pairs of shoes were collected, representing six pairs of

shoes for every adult who participated in the service.

“Not wearing shoes in church was a first for me, but it made me stop and think of those without,” Altar Guild chair Linda Hargraves said in the release.

from *Episcopal News Service*, Staff writer, Sept 29, 2010

From your Membership Chair—

Understanding the new renewal process

On or about January 1, members will be invited, by mailed card or e-mail, to renew their memberships. Some of you may have paid dues fairly recently and

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HUNGER—THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE

CONFERENCE RESOLUTION *From the 2010 International Rural Church Association Conference*

“Hunger—a global challenge”

At the IRCA-conference from 20 to 26 September 2010 at Evangelische Landjugendakademie Altenkirchen, Westerwald, Germany, 50 participants met; grass root people (farmers, ministers, lay people) from rural areas from five continents.

The theme of the conference “Hunger - a global challenge” was drawn from “The International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development” (IAASTD) of the UN which brings a new and revolutionary approach to agriculture. (Report Summary: [www..agassessment.org/docs/10505_Multi.pdf](http://www.agassessment.org/docs/10505_Multi.pdf))

The facts are known: abundance and overweight on the one side, hunger and poverty on the other. Farms being given up, migration, discrimination, climate change, threat to biodiversity and problems with water follow.

The IRCA-worldwide community and solidarity strengthened our belief in networking. It encourages us to continue our journey as the people of God, though we know, that the road to the Promised Land leads us through the desert.

From the conference we bring back to our churches, communities, countries what we have learned:



God, we affirm that you are still speaking.
May we still listen. Amen.

From the IAASTD report:

- The first purpose of cultivating the land is food production, but it also includes social, cultural and ecological factors.
- If carefully recognized, these factors prevent forced migration and bring a good livelihood to humanity.
- Most attention has to be paid to the small and subsistence farmers and the work of women, who feed the world. This is one surprising result of international research.
- Food sovereignty needs to be valued as a human right. Each person and each people group have the right to gain their daily bread from their work. (A first step toward this direction: UNO-Resolution of 28/7/2010 recognizes the right of pure water as a human right.)

Water was identified as a key issue for the future of creation and humanity:

- Water must be considered as common property, faith says: a gift. For Christians (and all other religions) it is a symbol of vital importance.

UTO grants are awarded for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally within Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. See page 10

- It must not be the subject of commercial exploitation, but considered a common resource.
- A similar approach is needed for “the land”.

The presentation from the migration department of the World Council of Churches (WCC) brought out:

- Migration affects 250 million people in the world. Some of them are persecuted Christians.
- Migration plays a more important part in the Bible, and in the past and actual history of humanity than we usually recognize.
- Migration affects urban and rural areas and churches.
- Each human being has a need for “roots and relationships”. This is a challenge to rural communities and churches.

The poor and brain-drained rural areas need a voice. IRCA assumes the role of a voice for and to the voiceless.

More about the recent IRCA conference can be found in the full report from www.irca.net.nz

From the Editor's Desk

The plan to ‘go virtual’ has been greeted with approval, both in messages to the editor and in reports from Board members. Some members routinely copy or scan Crossroads to send to colleagues.

These are heart-warming items for your editor who works in a home

office. The worker’s greatest encouragement comes in finding that others are encouraged by the work done.

Reports like these have made my task all the easier through seven years of editing Crossroads. I have enjoyed it, late nights and all, deriving personal satisfaction at seeing each issue from start to finish.

Thank you for the opportunities that have come to me because of this job. I now leave to continue the great adventure of living in God’s world.

May God’s peace be with you all.
jane

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Notes from all over

Response to 'Virtual'

Hello, I received the last issue and wanted to let you know that I believe the virtual edition will be every bit as effective as receiving it in the mail. Our church uses the prayer list on Sundays and I for one would like it online. We had our copy mistakenly thrown away a few months ago and I had no way to duplicate it. I realize I could have written for a copy but being able to print another off makes it so much easier. I also like the name change to Small rather than rural. I have worked with small churches for most of my 36 years of ministry. Not all of them have been rural, in fact some have been in the middle of an urban area. Thanks for your work as editor.

Larry A. Carver, Instructional Technologist

Adding e-mail address

I'm sending this to confirm that the Episcopal Diocese of Iowa is on your e-mail list to receive "Crossroads" as an e-mail attachment. Please double check that our e-mail address is in your distribution list. Thanks!

[It is—Ed]

Elizabeth Adams, Diocesan Assistant

E-mail deemed good by Canadian member

In a recent phone call, John Matheson (Sask) gave definite thumbs-up to the electronic *Crossroads*. —Ed

"This is my family, and you have a place in it"

Diocese: Diocese of San Diego *Church Name:* SS Peter and Paul Episcopal Church *Abbreviated Church Name:* SS Peter and Paul *Welcome message or mission statement:* Whoever you are and wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome. Our one message is that the unconditional love of God is extended to you right now through Jesus Christ. Here in this church God says, "I will bless you. You belong. This is my family, and you have a place in it."

*Recent update to online Episcopal parish directory
www.theredbook.org*

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wonder why you are asked again so soon. Here's why:

Each renewal that we receive (in 2011) will be for the ENTIRE YEAR OF 2011 regardless of when your old renewal date was. Next January (2012) you will again receive a reminder to renew. The January notice will be the only reminder we send during the year—so if you choose to submit payment later in the year, you might keep the card or email as a reminder to renew.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to write, call, or e-mail me. I will be most happy to visit with you. And I hope that the above note has cleared up some of the questions you have!

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Back to Church Sunday

Back to Church Sunday (BTCS) is based on one simple idea: Encourage parishioners to invite a friend to come to church with them. It began in the diocese of Manchester in 2004 and then spread to churches across the UK in 2005. Now, it has spread beyond the Church of England to other denominations and countries such as the U.S., New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

This year, the dioceses of Qu'Appelle, Niagara, Toronto and Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island participated on Sept. 26. The Anglican Journal asked them to tell us about their experiences.

Have it every Sunday

More on page 5: See BTCS

The campaign was a great success. This highlighted the importance of intentionally inviting people. It has also emphasized the need to be welcoming, inclusive and hospitable to all visitors, at all times. Every Sunday needs to be 'Back to Church Sunday!'

The Rev. Brian Galligan & Tracey Hand-Breckenridge, St. Alban the Martyr AC, Acton, Ont., diocese of Niagara.

Strong Opposition to Far North Act

The Ontario government's Far North Act (Bill 191) passed third reading in the provincial legislature today, despite strong opposition from aboriginal groups who live in the region where the bill proposes to create a 225,000 sq. kilometre protected area.

Grand Chief Stan Beardy (L) talks with Chiefs of Ontario Regional Chief Angus Toulouse at rainy protest at Queen's Park in Toronto



Photo: Courtesy Chiefs of Ontario

Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Deputy Grand Chief Mike Metatawabin issued a statement yesterday vowing that aboriginal people living in the region will continue their opposition to the bill. "If Bill 191 passes Third Reading, NAN will not recognize it," said Metatawabin. "We will not compromise our rights as Treaty people. The law can be passed by the Province of Ontario, but this does not promise industry free access to our lands."

And he repeated a previous warning that the bill's passage could lead to "uncertainty and unrest." Metatawabin added that "NAN First Nations have not been properly consulted on Bill 191, despite the province of Ontario's continued attempts to state otherwise. As per unanimous resolutions passed by the NAN Chiefs-in-Assembly, the legislation will be opposed by any and all means necessary."

"This is not what we want, but given the province of Ontario and the premier's refusal to honor their commitments to the people of NAN, we have no other choice," he said. "First Nations in the Far North have

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voiced their concerns over and over again regarding this bill, and yet the Premier of Ontario remains unmoved.”

The Ontario government’s view of bill is very different. According to Linda Jeffrey, minister of natural resources: “Third reading of Bill 191 is the beginning of a new journey working with the First Nations. Our government remains committed to supporting investment and development in the Far North in co-operation with First Nations – creating new jobs and exciting long-term economic prospects.”

But NAN First Nations argue that their people have not been adequately consulted and accommodated. Treaties require that “all development and protection decisions within NAN territory require the free, prior and informed consent of NAN First Nations,” obligations that NAN argues the government has not respected.

Last week, about 60 protesters brought their concerns to a protest at the Ontario legislature. Representatives attending the rally from the Anglican Church of Canada included National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald, indigenous ministries co-ordinator Donna Bomberry and Bishop Lydia Mamakwa. They brought a letter to Grand Chief of the Nishnawbe Aksi Nation, Stan Beardy, from the primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. Archbishop Fred Hiltz appealed in solidarity with NAN for the rights of indigenous peoples to be respected and the Canadian constitution to be honoured. He also asked the premier and legislators to keep their promises and renew commitment to consultation.

“We’re primarily trying to walk with the communities and the people of this Treaty Nine area, the Nishnawbe Aski Nation,” said Bishop MacDonald. “We are concerned, as they are, that the government would have consultation with them on environmental issues and the use of their lands and other things, and we really feel that full and prior consent needs to be explicitly stated.” He added that those opposed to the bill have a number of concerns. “They are anxious to have economic development, but they are also hoping to see their lands used in a sustainable way that doesn’t provide economic resources in a way that denies them their traditional lifestyle and their traditional relationship with the land.”

by: Leigh Anne Williams Staff writer September 23, 2010

What approaches have helped your congregation to fulfill its vision of remaining a vital source of assistance to the community and to the world?

* Number entered in square brackets [#], above and elsewhere in Crossroads, indicates size of congregation as reported in the Episcopal Church Annual (aka The Red Book).

Monroe parish wins EPA award One of 5 winners nationwide

St. Alban’s Episcopal Church [80 *] in Monroe, Georgia, has been named one of five winners of the 2010 Energy Star Congregations Awards made by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Winners are recognized for fighting global warming through effective energy management practices and innovative efficiency solutions.

St. Alban’s saves more than \$1,800 annually in energy costs for the operation of its worship space. The savings of nearly 70,000 kilowatt-hours per year represents a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to the carbon-dioxide emissions from the electricity use of more than five homes.

Stan Meiberg, chair of the Diocese of Atlanta Commission on Environmental Stewardship, who works for the EPA, was part of a Sept. 26 ceremony when a plaque was presented to the people of St. Alban’s and their rector, the Rev. Brent Owens. Frank Roth, a member of St. Alban’s, accepted the award. Winners were announced nationally Sept. 22.

St. Alban’s made a variety of improvements to the 50-year-old building. “We added insulation and changed lighting from incandescent to compact-fluorescent bulbs,” said Frank Roth, who was the first St. Alban’s parishioner to volunteer for the Diocese of Atlanta Creation Keepers Network and has spearheaded the congregation’s conservation effort.

Roth noted that the rector’s office was relocated so that portions of the building unused during the week didn’t have to be heated or cooled. “This substantially reduced HVAC expenses,” he said. “Smaller, but significant, improvements included adding timers to water fountains, weather stripping and caulk. Landscaping also was upgraded to include large areas of mulch to reduce mowing and water.”

Owens said the church is saving approximately \$150 a month on electricity alone. “For a church our size, an overall savings of \$1,800 a year can balance a budget or help support a new program.” Owens added. “We also look at all our improvements as educational for our member families.” A “kill-a-watt” meter and expertise have been made available to help make changes at home.

from Episcopal News Service,
October 04, 2010



Frank Roth (right) of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church, Monroe, receives the Energy Star 2010 Congregational Award plaque from Henry Slack, EPA Energy Star representative.

Photo/Diocese of Atlanta

Reflections on Back to Church Sunday

The first to sign up

All Saints Bedford saw a three-fold increase in attendance. Many have expressed to me how proud they were to be a part of the successful “Back to Church Sunday.” We will be among the first parishes to sign up again.—*The Rev Arran Thorpe, All Saints', Bedford, diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island.*

A positive response around the diocese

The highest attendance bump I've heard reported was 41 per cent above the average Sunday attendance so far this year.—*The Rev Malcolm*

French, St. James the Apostle, Regina, diocese of Qu'Appelle.

The theme was 'hope'

Many newcomers were in attendance. We enjoyed a spirit-filled service with lots of children and young people. The worship theme was hope.

—*The Ven. Tricia Ingram, St. Thomas Church and St. James Church, parish of Musquodoboit.*

Enthusiasm

We welcomed 21 visitors to Grace Church. I was very pleased with the energy and enthusiasm and anticipate building on the success. —*The Rev. Dr. Michael Mondloch, rector of Grace Church, St. Catharines, Ont.*

New eyes

We had a great Back to Church Sunday! Attendance at St. Mary's Aylesford increased from 40 in 2009 to 58 this year; and at Christ Church Berwick, that number rose from 37 in 2009 to 71 in 2010. The best part is the shift in congregational culture and a real sense of excitement. People have been challenged to see the church through the eyes of the outsider.

—*The Rev. Charles Bull, St. Mary's Aylesford & Christ Church Berwick.*

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agreed on the benefit of the rewarding calls and the energy generated for callers and respondents. Some had been unavailable and Warren encouraged callers to extend phone contacts through Jan. 11, 2011.

Next on the agenda was Jane's report on Crossroads. She asked how the virtual website would work with the national church, and if the existing RMN website would continue. Warren, Jane and Bob agreed to discuss these matters in the next few weeks*.

Jane is working on the last issue under her care. She will make files of incoming articles; ready to pass on to the next editor. Warren stated that the role of the editor will be clarified during that same conversation with Jane and Bob.

Discussion moved to John's leadership of the By-Laws review. With a motion on the floor for acceptance

Back to Church Sunday is based on one simple idea: encourage parishioners to invite a friend to come to church with them.

We sowed a seed

It was interesting with memorable moments. We prayerfully sowed a seed. —*The Rev. Christopher (Kit) Greaves, incumbent, St. John's Bowmanville, Ont.; regional dean, Durham-Northumberland.*

Prayers on the GO

The clergy of our five parishes offered commuters a granola bar stapled to a booklet that had prayers and reflections for every GO station between Georgetown and Toronto. —*Canon Margaret Murray, St. George's, Georgetown, Ont.*

A wonderful day

St. John's Burlington was full, our choir was robed and in great voice, and our parish family was full of its usual warmth and welcome. As an added blessing, a family spoke to me about having their baby baptized at St. John's. —*The Rev. Bahman Kalantari, rector, St. John's, Burlington, Ont.*

Like this every Sunday?

We had about 100 people, even children invited friends. Normally, we would have about 50 people. One of our children said: “Rev. Ellie, can church be like this every Sunday?” —*The Rev. Ellie Clitheroe-Bell, St. Luke's, Smithville, Ont.*

Love and hospitality

The atmosphere seemed charged with love and hospitality, over and above the norm. God has been watering those seeds, and I'm confident that people will come, in God's time. —*The Rev. Suzanne Craven, Church of the Epiphany, Oakville, Ont.*

Not just one day

This initiative is just a start. We're all saying we'll do follow-ups. It's not just a one-day thing. —*Pamela Angus, rector's warden, All Saints, Erin, Ont.*

Baby steps

We had one new person, but I had conversations with at least 10 others who had made the effort [to invite a friend]. Baby steps, as they say. —*The Rev. Pamela Guyatt, St. James, Merritton, St. Catharines, Ont.*

Gleaned from The Anglican Journal, July 10, Oct 5, Nov 1, 2010

‘as is’ discussion continued with John and Sue making observations and Warren supporting a review of officers' terms so that the terms be filled for 2-3 years.

After a brief review of financial matters to be continued, the next meeting—also by conference call—was set for 12 noon CST on January 10, 2011.

Sue closed the meeting with prayer.

From report submitted by Patsy Barham, Secretary

* Currently there are no changes in the RMN website. For updates, please visit <ruralministriesnetwork.org>

WHO ARE THE HEROES?

TOWN and COUNTRY HEROES—First Quarter 2011

In our prayer cycle this quarter, we remember these outstanding individuals whose ministries were in small church work:

January 4—Rt Rev William J Gordon

January 13—Rt Rev Fred Goodwin

January 13—Rev L Maxwell Brown

January 29—Rev Charles N Lathrop

January 30—Rev Raymond Cunningham

February 13—Rev John Peacock

February 14—Rt Rev Goodrich Fenner

February 14—Rev A Rufus Morgan

February 15—Andrew Good Thunder

March 22—Most Rev Walter H Jones

Prayer for heroes

We bless you, merciful Lord, for all those who have served your Church in small congregations and places throughout the land, remembering especially on this day your servant(s) *name(s)*. Grant that, inspired by this ministry, our work, prayer, and witness may share your love with all who hunger and thirst for your coming; who live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Details of Town and Country Heroes are available on the RMN website at ruralministriesnetwork.org

Canon 22 establishes self-determining national indigenous ministry

Indigenous Ministry

In what was described as an “historic moment,” the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada approved the introduction of a new canon that firmly establishes a self-determining national indigenous ministry within the church.

The resolution to establish Canon 22 was passed at General Synod 2010 in Halifax on June 9. Canon 22 establishes legal recognition for the roles of the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP), and Sacred Circle—the key components of the national indigenous ministry.

Archdeacon Sidney Black, diocese of Calgary, said the resolution placed the synod “at what I hold to be a sacred moment...an historic moment.” He added that the canon was intended to be “a descriptive framework for what now exists...the work and journey of what a truly indigenous Canadian Anglican church will look like is a journey just begun.”

The resolution was approved swiftly. Several members stood up in support, including Bishop Don Phillips, diocese of Rupert’s Land, who called the resolution “very important” and “full of grace and partnership.”

After the resolution was passed, members of ACIP and other First Nations, Metis and Inuit members of General Synod—most dressed in traditional attire—made a presentation to synod.

Bishop MacDonald said one of the key issues national native ministry will address is that of non-



National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, Mark MacDonald.

Photo: Art Babych

stipendiary priests. “So many of our clergy are working in marginal areas without any kind of stipend,” he said, adding that the entire church has a problem. “We have become a church that the poor cannot afford. We need to become a church that can spread the Gospel in all marginalized areas in this land... We will be trailblazers in that,” he said.

He also urged the church to address the needs of aboriginal people in urban areas. “Over 60% of aboriginal people by some counts live in urban areas and it’s time that we provide a spiritual home that is indigenous in those areas,” he said.

Bishop Lydia Mamakwa, the first bishop of the newly created area mission in Northern Ontario, also addressed the synod, recalling that aboriginal clergy were first ordained in the church about 40 years ago. She called her election and the creation of the area mission “the first step towards self-determination.”

Archdeacon Larry Beardy, diocese of Keewatin, and Archdeacon Adam Halkett, diocese of Saskatchewan, talked about similar movements toward creating native area missions in their dioceses.

Archdeacon Beardy said “a new vision of what the church can be has begun to emerge amongst my people.” He added that “the word of God is made more visible when a grassroots church is formed.” He assured synod that this was not meant to reject the non-indigenous Anglican church “but to help it become truly a church of the people.”

Symbolizing their continuing journey with the church, ACIP presented gifts of moccasins to members of the Governance Working Group who helped craft the resolution.

From report by Marites N. Sison, Staff Writer, *The Anglican Journal*, July 1, 2010

Support RMN: Renew member - ship; Give memberships to others in small congregations; Become a New Patron.

Note concerning Prayer Cycle, pages 7 & 8: Street addresses have been intentionally omitted in accordance with Board policy respecting personal privacy on website.

+ + RMN PRAYER CYCLE + + +

First Quarter, 2011

Italics indicates New Friends/Members

* indicates new address (see note below)

Bold type indicates Town and Country Heroes

^B indicates new board member

January 1—Holy Name Day

^B *Steve Christy, Sundance WY*

January 2—Second Sunday after Christmas Day

^B *Rt Rev Dan Edwards, Las Vegas NV*

January 3

^B *Rev Doyle Turner Waubun MN*

January 4

Rev Joseph Bordelon, Ball LA

**Rt Rev William Gordon (d. 1/4/1994) As Bishop of Alaska
1948-74 pioneered ministry model after Roland Allen's
teachings.**

January 5

Rt Rev Frederick H Borsch (Ret), Los Angeles CA

January 6—The Epiphany

Rev Netha N Brada, Iowa Falls IA

January 7

Dr Francis M Bradley, Melbourne FL

January 8

John Brooks, San Antonio TX

January 9—First Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev Allen Brown Jr, Cape Coral FL

January 10

Canon Basil J Buckland, Sussex NB Canada

January 11

Rev Martha R Byer, Columbia MO

January 12

Rev David Caffrey, Redlands CA

January 13

Rev Kathryn S Campbell, Charles City IA

**Rt Rev Fred Goodwin (d. 1/13/1968) Appointed in 1924 as
Episcopal Church's first Executive Secretary for Rural
Work.**

**Rev L Maxwell Brown (d. 1/13/2003) Remember Max, beloved
friend and colleague, who died on his way to RWF Board
meeting.**

January 14

Rev Leslie Campbell, Waubay SD

January 15

Rev Larry Carver, Hutchinson KS

January 16—Second Sunday after the Epiphany

Charlie Chitwood, Jefferson TX

January 17

Ven Frank N Cohoon, Topeka KS

January 18—The Confession of St Peter

Rev Patricia Cook, Bluff UT

January 19

Rev B Shepard Crim, Corvallis OR

January 20

Rev Letitia C Croom, Boise ID

January 21

Rev Stephen Cuff, Morrow OH

January 22

Sarah Cummings, Green River WY

Prayer for members/friends

A mighty God, bless we pray you, the work and witness of the Rural Ministries Network, and of each member, especially your servant(s) *name(s)*, whom we remember before you this day. Grant that by our work, prayers and witness, your Church's ministry in towns, country and small cities may be strengthened and extended to your praise and glory. AMEN

January 23—Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev Jeunee Cunningham, Farmville VA

January 24

Rev Bob Davidson, Loveland CO

January 25—Conversion of St Paul

Rev Kathryn Dawson-Puckett, Langsville OH

January 26

Patricia P Dickerson, Amelia OH

January 27

Rev John Drymon, Batesville, AR

January 28

Shirley Dunne, Leesburg FL

January 29

Sandy M Elledge, Knoxville TN

**Rev Charles N Lathrop (d. 1/29/1931) Identified need for a full
time national Episcopal Executive Secretary for Rural
Work.**

January 30—Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ven C Russell Elliot, Wolfville NS Canada

**Rev Raymond Cunningham (d. 1/30/2003) Taught and trained
clergy and lay people to work in and enjoy small church
ministries.**

January 31

Rev William M Fay, Berkley CA

February 1

Rev Michael B Ferguson, Virginia Beach VA

February 2—The Presentation

Rt Rev Douglas A Ford, Calgary AB Canada

February 3

Rev Katharine Foster, Athens OH

February 4

*Rev Warren Frelund, Mason City IA

February 5

Rev Dennis Gilhousen, Mission KS

February 6—Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev Robert T Gribbon, Church Creek MD

February 7

Rev Susan Grimm, Clarksville VA

February 8

Most Rev Frank T Griswold III (Ret), Philadelphia PA

February 9

Rt Rev Sanford Z K Hampton, Anacortes WA

February 10

Rev Inez Hannett, Olds AB Canada

February 11

Rev John Harris, Gridley CA

February 12

Ms Mary Hassell, St Paul MN

February 13—Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev Dr Frederick Haworth, Greenville PA

Rev John Peacock (d. 2/13/1993) Devoted Canadian priest, a charter member of Anglican Fellowship for Social Action.

February 14

James and Betty Heathcote, Georgetown OH

Rt Rev Goodrich Fenner (d. 2/14/1966) Executive Secretary for Rural Work 1931-34; Bishop of Kansas 1939-59; author of the Episcopal Church in Town & Country 1935.

Rev A Rufus Morgan (d 2/14/1983) Beloved priest served in the mountains of the Carolinas. His ideal for Christian life was St Francis of Assisi whose prayer he used to close every service.

February 15

Rev J Robert Hector, Mineral Point WI

Andrew Good Thunder (d. 2/15/1901) First Episcopal Dakota, he protected and cared for many through 1862 Dakota Conflict, exile and return to Minnesota, demonstrated both Christian love and the traditional Dakota value that all are related and are to share with those in need.

February 16

Rev Ben and Mrs Jane Helmer, Holiday Island AR

February 17

Rev Richard E Helmer, Mill Valley CA

February 18

Ms Lillie Henderson, Montezuma Creek UT

February 19

Rt Rev Rayford B High Jr, Tyler TX

February 20—Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev Canon Sandra Holmburg, Detroit Lakes MN

February 21

Rev Russell M Johnson, Hilo HI

February 22

Mr Jim Jordan, Gualala CA

February 23

Mr Andrew Kerr, Casper WY

February 24—St Matthias

Rev Marcia Kilpatrick, Park City UT

February 25

Myra H King, Staples MN

February 26

Rev Kirkland W Knight, Shreveport LA

February 27—Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany

Ms Lauri Lawson, Holdrege NE

February 28

Rev Jodi Lediard, Virginia City NV

March 1

Revs Richard H and Sarah V Lewis, New Hartford NY

March 2

Rt Rev Gordon Light, 100 Mile House BC Canada

March 3

LTC Sarah D Lopez, Hawkeye IA

March 4

Rev James Lowery, Old Lyme CT

March 5

Rev Donald & Carolyn Maddux, Shelton WA

March 6—Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Rev Irene Maliaman, Saipan MP

March 7

Mr Michael Maloney, Cincinnati OH

March 8

Rev Irene Martin, Skamokawa WA

March 9—Ash Wednesday

Mr Jimmy Martin, Ft McKavett TX

March 10

Very Rev Hugh Matheson, Kenora ON Canada

March 11

Rev John E Matheson, Regina SK Canada

March 12

Joseph E Mazza, Sturgeon Bay WI

March 13—First Sunday in Lent

Mr Charles McCray

March 14

Rev Richard H McGinnis, River Falls WI

March 15

Canon Alan R & Joan McLeod, Williams Lake BC Canada

March 16

Rev Richard Mendez, Randlett UT

March 17

Rev Susanna E Metz, Sewanee TN

March 18

Rev John Sloan Miller, Baton Rouge LA

March 19—St Joseph

Rt Rev Steven A Miller, Milwaukee WI

March 20—Second Sunday in Lent

Rev James Moore, Tamuning GU

March 21

Janet & Richard Moriarty, Cheneyville LA

Most Rev Walter H Jones (d. 3/22/1903) Retired Bishop of South Dakota (US) and Rupert's Land (Canada); died in skiing accident.

March 22

Rev Warren Murphy, Cody WY

March 23

Mr Werner Noesner, Cody WY

March 24—The Annunciation

Sue Norton, Edinboro PA

March 25

Rev Herman Page, Topeka KS

March 26

Rev Sue Palmer Albia IA

March 27—Third Sunday in Lent

Rev Lisa Pang, Tamuning GU

March 28

Dr Grace Parker, New Braunfels TX

March 29

Rev Limuel Parks, Batesville AR

March 30

Most Rev Michael G Peers Toronto ON Canada

March 31

Helen Philbrick Duxbury MA

THE RT. REV. PATRICK LEE

Bishop Patrick Lee, who was bishop of Rupert's Land from 1994 to 2000, died on Sept. 26 in Perth, Ont. at the age of 79. He is remembered fondly in Canada as well as in Uganda, where he and his wife, Mary, spent six years working in the West Buganda diocese (part of which now Central Buganda diocese).

Archbishop Michael Peers knew Bishop Lee when they were both parish priests in Winnipeg in the 1960s and 70s. "He was creative about ministry in the parish and in the community," said Archbishop Peers. "He was adventurous, in the sense of being ready to go to Uganda, and also for bringing the Ugandan church and our church closer together. ...He was a bridge-builder and a very steady hand."

Bishop Lee was born in Winnipeg and grew up in Gilbert Plains, Man. He completed a B.A. at the University of Manitoba in 1953. He earned a testamur from St. John's College in Winnipeg in 1957, serving as a missionary in Eriksdale, Man. in 1955 and 1956. In 1957-1959, he served as a missionary priest in Interlake Area, Man., becoming rector at St. Bartholomew's Church in Winnipeg until 1967 and at St. Mary's la Prairie in Portage la Prairie until 1975. He was district dean for the deaneries of Portage la Prairie and Pembina (1970-1975), then dean of Cariboo and rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in Kamloops, B.C.

In 1984, with their four daughters grown, Bishop Lee and his wife Mary worked for six years in Uganda. Although their tasks sounded tame—Bishop Lee spent time as dean of a training unit for clergy and leaders of the parishes—they were in serious danger on several occasions in the turbulent years following dictator Idi Amin's regime. Bishop Lee later self-published a book about their time in Uganda titled 'Safari in Faith: Bats in the Attic, Cockroaches in the Kitchen.' He summed up their Uganda experience: "Two privileged middle-class Canadians came to see God present in a suffering people of another continent and another culture—a privilege of eternal worth. Thank you to those people for reflecting God's love and embracing us."

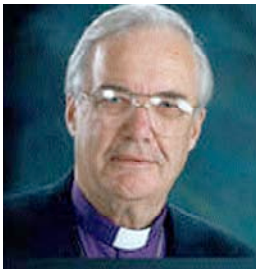


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After returning to Canada in 1990, Bishop Lee served as the chaplain to the bishop of Rupert's Land for a year, then as executive archdeacon until 1994. He was elected on March 5, and consecrated as bishop of Rupert's Land on May 24, 1994.

Archdeacon Godfrey Mawejje first met Bishop Lee when they worked and travelled together in Uganda. Their friendship continued ever since. Archdeacon Mawejje describes Bishop Lee as honest and steadfast, a kind man and a true friend. "He was so dedicated to his work.... And he gave his heart to the places and the people he worked with." Bishop Lee radiated his strong

THE REV. HAGAR HEAD

The Rev. Hagar Head, one of the first Indigenous women to be ordained and attain a Master of Theology degree, passed away suddenly at the age of 72 on Oct. 10.



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The Rev Head was born and lived most of her life on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation in Manitoba. She married John Head in 1956 and together they raised six children as well as adopted and foster children. The couple were active members of the Church of the Redeemer on the Opaskwayak Cree Nation. In 1988, she was ordained as a deacon. In 1998, Head earned her Master of Theology degree from the Vancouver School of Theology. During her ministry in the diocese of Brandon, she helped many families from Opaskwayak Cree Nation and surrounding communities, incorporating spirituality and indigenous cultural teachings such as the Medicine Wheel into her work.

In 2003, The Rev Head retired from the ministry, but as a former student of Indian Residential School, she later worked as a counsellor with the Eyakeen Centre in Winnipeg supporting other former students.

She was predeceased by her husband John and grandchildren Tannis, Jenna and Gina. She is mourned by her children Norman, Elizabeth, Janet, Chris, Annette, Rhonda, and adopted daughter Mary, as well as 17 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

From article written by Staff writer at The Anglican Journal, September 30, 2010

faith to others around him. "It is that faith which kept him coming back to Uganda and even staying in spite of the strife that was there.... He never ran home ... [never] dropped his missionary work to go back home."

The diocese of Rupert's Land is linked with Central Buganda diocese (carved out of West Buganda in 1995). That connection, added Archdeacon Mawejje, is attributed to the hard work of Bishop Lee and Mary when they were there. Today, Mawejje is the rector of St. George's Wakefield and St. Clement-Mapleton and is regional archdeacon for Selkirk-St. Andrew's in the diocese of Rupert's Land.

Bishop Lee is survived by his wife Mary, their four daughters, and six grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Fri., Oct. 1st, in St. James Anglican Church, Perth, Ont. Interment was to be later in Winnipeg. Memorial donations can be made to the elevator fund of St. James Anglican Church, Perth, the Perth & District Food Bank or a charity of your choice.

From article written by Leigh Anne Williams, Staff writer, The Anglican Journal, September 30, 2010

Mission-shaped and rural: Growing Churches in the Countryside

by Sally Gaze, Team Rector of a multi-parish benefice,
Foreword from the Bishop of Norwich
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Mission-shaped and Rural offers hope for fresh expressions of ministry in a doggedly conservative community. At the same time it affirms that traditional forms of church still have their place.

Several chapters of the book are devoted to rural culture: listening to it, finding the distinctives of rural life and cultural change, engaging with it, becoming inculturated, and responding to rural distinctives and change. The call is for ministers to walk among the people—just as Christ did—and meet their needs in their time, their place, and in their way.

Chapter 4 looks at several kinds of expression; alternative worship communities, base ecclesial communities, café church, cell church, churches arising out of community initiatives, midweek congregations, multiple congregations, network-focussed churches, school-based churches, seeker church, traditional church plants, and youth congregations. With such a range of possibilities, it would be a poor minister who could not find some expression that would work in their particular community.

From the first chapter to the last the text is punctuated by stories from life—a kind of diary of the life and growth of ministry in the benefice. The first story is

Sally's own, relating how, when she arrived in her new post she planned to set aside 40 days for prayer and fasting. She quickly discovered that "you can fill 48 hours of every day with activity which seems absolutely essential and urgent." (p.4) By page four of this book, you know the author has walked the walk.

The last 30 pages of the book are devoted to reference materials. The first appendix reports on recommendations for rural mission-shaped dioceses found in the Mission-shaped Church report, covering Diocesan Strategy, Ecumenical Collaboration, Leadership and Training, and Resources.

Appendix 2 provides five pages of resource information, including books and reports, booklets and magazines, DVDs, and useful websites.

Finally, we come to the end-piece which provides information and background to the Mission-shaped Church report. A series of books has been written, including Mission-shaped and rural, with a common approach that has seen the Church of England and the Methodist Church committed to developing a mixed economy—fresh expressions of church alongside traditional local churches—and working together towards the goal.

This is not a book to consign to the bookshelf. This is a book that sits at my elbow—at my desk, at the breakfast table—frequently taken up and studied, for inspiration, for answers, for help.

*From review by Bronwyn Mason, Harihari,
Westland, New Zealand*

United Thank Offering applications process open for 2011 grants

Opportunities

The application process for the 2011 United Thank Offering grants is now open and it is available online, according to a press release from the Episcopal Church's Office of Public Affairs. "This is the first year that United Thank Offering will operate an internet grant application process," explained Claudia Conner, UTO coordinator, in the release. "The purpose is to convert the application process from a 1950s model to 2010 technology. Online availability can eliminate or greatly reduce mailing and shipping costs, which sometimes were quite steep. It will also expedite the UTO board's application review process."

The United Thank Offering grants are awarded for projects that address human needs and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally within Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses.

Applications are due Jan. 31, 2011.

Funds will be available starting June 2011 for a one-year grant period. Complete instructions, application form, and additional information are available at www.episcopalchurch.org/110043_117659_ENG_HTM.htm

The UTO awarded more than \$2.16 million in grants for 2010 to assist the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion.

In outlining the application process, Conner noted the following:

- one application may be submitted by each diocese of the Episcopal Church, with diocesan bishop approval;
- one application may be submitted by a diocese of the U.S. domestic Episcopal Church on behalf of an overseas companion diocese, with approval by both diocesan bishops;
- One application may be submitted by invited provinces of the Anglican Communion, with approval by the archbishop, primate or provincial secretary and, if applicable, the diocesan bishop.

For more information, e-mail the UTO Office at utoapps@episcopalchurch.org or call at 800-334-7626.

The United Offering was established at the General Convention of 1889 and became the United Thank Offering in 1919. In 1970, the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church gave its permission for the offering to be allocated on an annual basis and the UTO grant committee was formed.

Episcopal News Service, October 25, 2010

Introducing three new Rural ministries Network Board members

Three new Board members have been welcomed to RMN leadership. Elected to full terms through 2014 are Steve Christy of Sundance WY, Doyle Turner of Waubun MN, and Dan Edwards of Las Vegas NV. All are enthusiastic, serving and working in support of small congregations.

Steve Christy was born in Lincoln, Nebraska and grew up in western Colorado with a pair of skis and an old baseball glove. He attended Colorado State University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Botany, followed by a Master's degree in Botany from the University of Northern Colorado. He worked several years for the Colorado Division of Wildlife before going to work for the Bureau of Land Management in Kremmling, Colorado. After two years in Kremmling he transferred to the Agricultural Research Service at North Dakota State University in Fargo, North Dakota.

After a year of missing the mountains, Steve transferred back to the Bureau of Land Management in Worland, WY. It was in Worland that he met his wife, Julia and became a member of St Alban's Episcopal Church. Steve and Julia raised their two sons, Alan and Andy, in Worland and were active members of St Alban's parish. Steve served a number of terms on the vestry and as Junior Warden. He retired from the Bureau of Land Management in 2006 after a 33 year career as a Forester and Invasive Plant Management Specialist.

Following retirement, Steve and Julia built a new home in Sundance, Wyoming and are now active members of Good Shepherd Church. Steve currently serves as Junior Warden in Sundance and continues his 25 years of ministry as a lay reader. In 2008, Steve started a new part time career working for the Wyoming Office of Travel in the new Northeast Wyoming Visitor Center. Steve now spends his spare time spraying weeds and planting trees on their twelve acre "ranch" at the base of the Bear Lodge Mountains.

The Rt Rev Dan Edwards grew up in Hooks, Texas, a small town near Texarkana. He was educated at the University of Texas, then worked in legal aid as regional director of migrant legal services in Northeastern Colorado. That is when he got used to long drives, living in Greeley, and making the rounds from Ft. Morgan and Sterling down to Ft. Lupton with a portable law office housed in an old VW van—that sometimes ran and sometimes not. He then directed the Indian Law Unit of Idaho Legal Aid, again driving the rural regions from the Kootenai reservation in the Panhandle to Duck Valley on the Nevada border and Ft. Hall near Pocatello.

After a seminary interlude in New York City, he served as a parish priest in Macon, Georgia for 18 years. For 12 years during this time he was Dean, occa-

sionally visiting small churches outside Macon in Middle Georgia. Dan became bishop of Nevada in January, 2008 and is planning to title his memoir "purple rider of the sage."

The Rev Doyle Turner has been a Priest of the Episcopal Church since 1986. He served the four churches on the White Earth Reservation in Northwestern Minnesota for 9 years, and on the bishop's staff as canon missionary for Indian work for 2 years before leaving to be the Executive Director of the Indigenous Theological Training Institute (ITTI) for four years. As such, he traveled extensively over the United States training, teaching, and helping in the formation of men and women for ministry in the church. Doyle and his wife Mary have been married 45 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren.

A member of the Ojibwe Nation, Doyle has lived all of his life on the White Earth Reservation in Northwestern Minnesota with the exception of the three years at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston IL. In 2000 he was elected as Chairman of our tribe and served in that office for four years. Since then he has served as supply Priest for two area churches—one Lutheran and one a partnership between Episcopalians and Presbyterians. He recently retired but continues to serve these two churches.

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Rural Ministries Network telephone conference Board meeting, 12 noon Central Standard Time.

January 31

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February 28 to March 2

Rural Leadership Conference:
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Combining Fellowship with Outreach

In recent few years, members of St. Augustine of Canterbury Church [56] in Edinborough, PA, have been combining outreach with fellowship activities. One of the favorite “combos” has become the apple picking outing. Northwest Pennsylvania has numerous fruit orchards, and a number of these orchards have pick-your-own options. Each fall, members of St. A’s gather to pick apples for their personal use AND to pick apples for the Edinboro Food Pantry.



Photo: St. Augustine of Canterbury

Following the apple picking, members return to the church for chili and dogs (hot). This fall 22 members ranging in age from 15 months to 70+ years gathered to pick six (6) bushels of apples for the Food Pantry (in addition to their own). Fresh fruit is a welcome addition to the normal canned and boxed offerings—and apples keep well without refrigeration, so the Food Pantry welcomes them.

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