

April 25-May 1, 2011

ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF EDMONTON



# Synod Scene

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please remember in your prayers this week:

- For those who are sick or suffering: Ruby, Ted.
- For those who have died and those who mourn their passing.
- Theological students, all in the discernment process and all in theological colleges.
- For those serving overseas.

### Toll-free Number

For the benefit of rural parishes, the Synod Office can be reached toll free by calling:  
**1-877-494-8890**

## DIOCESAN ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Messy Wednesday Easter**

**Celebration:** Sixty-five people gathered at Holy Trinity Riverbend in Edmonton's Terwillegar neighbourhood, April 20<sup>th</sup>, for a special Messy Wednesday Easter celebration. The festivities included a meal of roast lamb, beef and ham, crafts, songs and worship. At left, the Rev. Jonathan Connell leads the children through the Stations of the Cross.

Photo: Margaret Marschall

### **Ordination to the Diaconate**

Bishop Jane is delighted to announce that God-willing, Chris Dowdeswell will be ordained to the diaconate, at 7 pm on the Feast of St. Columba, Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at All Saints' Anglican Cathedral. Clergy are invited to vest. The colour is white. Please keep Chris in your prayers.



**"Building Life" Lenten/Easter Project:** Bishop Jane has invited each member of the Diocese of Edmonton to help 'Build Life' in our partner Diocese of Buye. Our goal is to raise \$12,000, which will be used to fill a 40-foot container with medical supplies to be shipped to the Buye Diocese. **To date, we have raised \$3,600.** As we journey towards the season of new life, please join Bishop Jane in bringing hope for life to the Diocese of Buye. Cheques may be written to the Diocese of Edmonton, with "Burundi Medical Supplies" marked in

the notes. Pictured above is an HIV/AIDS clinic under construction in Burundi.

**Interactive "Kiskinowasihta" Evening at Edmonton City Hall:** As part of a possible bid for the City of Edmonton to host an upcoming Parliament of the World's Religions, Edmonton's Interfaith and Aboriginal leaders are hosting a creative and interactive evening of fellowship, the arts and what is known in Cree as *kiskinowasihta* (listening which changes the listener).

You are invited to "Peace Movement: A Process of Listening to Self, Others, the Land" on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 5:45-9:30 pm at City Hall. This interactive evening will feature a delicious meal, followed by an opportunity to experience *kiskinowasihta* through dance, drama and dialogue.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> to Netta Phillet, Edmonton Interfaith Centre, @ 780-413-6159 or [intfaith@shaw.ca](mailto:intfaith@shaw.ca).

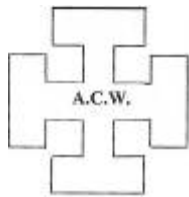
The Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions was created to cultivate harmony among the world's religious and spiritual communities, while working to achieve a just, peaceful and sustainable world. The Rev. Dick Ficca, Executive Director of the Council for Parliament of the World's Religions will be in attendance. Please see attached poster.



**Becoming an Inviting Church:** You are invited to attend "Unlocking the Growth", a seminar by Back to Church Sunday leader, Michael Harvey, to be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10014-81<sup>st</sup> Ave., Edmonton, Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10 am to noon. This is a great opportunity for parishes to

hear about ways they can be welcoming and inviting. The cost is \$40/registrant; or \$35/registrant for two or more participants from the same congregation. For more information, please call the Synod of the Alberta and the Territories office at: 780-439-2636 or (toll-free) 1-866-430-2636.

**University Chaplaincy Annual Dinner and Silent Auction:** The University Chaplaincy will hold its Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, at the U of A Faculty Club. Guest Speaker will be Court of Queen's Bench Judge Beverly Browne. For more information, please see attached poster and ticket request form.



**ACW Annual Meeting: "Standing Firm in One Spirit" (Philippians 1:27)** Bishop Jane Alexander will be Guest Speaker at the ACW Annual Meeting, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at St. Matthias Church (6210-188 St., Edmonton). Registration begins at 9:00 am. Several Board positions are available, and all women in the diocese are eligible. If you feel a call in this direction, please contact Diane Howes (1-780-672-9327) [dhowes@telusplanet.net](mailto:dhowes@telusplanet.net). Specific responsibilities for

each Board position are outlined in the Manual of Duties for Diocesan Board Members, available in most parish offices.



**Natural Church Development (NCD) Seminar:** Bill Bickle, the Canadian National Partner for NCD, will be conducting two sessions for pastors and lay leaders at All Saints Anglican Cathedral, 10035-103 St., Edmonton, on **Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 – 12:30 Basic Introduction to NCD
- 1:00 – 4:30 Going Deeper with NCD (New Tools, Processes, Resources)

Please visit [www.ncdcanada.com](http://www.ncdcanada.com) for more information. Pre-registration is required by May 6<sup>th</sup> to help us plan

appropriately. Registration form attached.



**Isaiah Quiet Day:** "A Quiet Day with Isaiah", sponsored by the Diocese of Edmonton Cursillo Community, will be held May 14<sup>th</sup> from 9 am-3 pm. The day will feature readings from Isaiah followed by time to reflect and pray as you enjoy the beautiful setting of the Wilderness Centre. You can go for a walk or just rest and enjoy the comfort of the lodge. Cost is \$10 (please bring a bag lunch). Registration is required before April 30, 2011. A [Registration Form](#) and poster are attached.



**PWRDF Spring Workshop:** The Edmonton Diocese PWRDF Spring Workshop will be held at 10 am, Sat. May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick Anglican Church, 334 Knottwood Road, Edmonton. Staff from the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund in Toronto will be present to describe what PWRDF is

doing around the world and in Canada on behalf of all Anglicans. More details to follow next week, or contact either Mark Vigrass (780-436-7555 or [mvigrass@shaw.ca](mailto:mvigrass@shaw.ca)) or Geoff Strong (780-922-0665 or [geoff.strong@shaw.ca](mailto:geoff.strong@shaw.ca)).

*"For I was hungry, and you gave Me something to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me something to drink; I was a stranger, and you invited Me in. Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me."* Matthew 25:35,40b

**To Register/More Info**  
[vitalchurchplanting.com](http://vitalchurchplanting.com) [churched@edmonton.anglican.ca](mailto:churched@edmonton.anglican.ca) 1.877.494.8890

**Vital Church Planting**

**West:** "reChurch – Take Another Look", the Vital Church Planting West Conference 2011, will be held May 26-28<sup>th</sup> at Concordia University College, 7128 Ada Blvd., Edmonton. Guest speakers will be Bishop of Sheffield Steven Croft (Fresh Expressions UK) and Pastor Beth Fellingner (church planting). Workshop leaders include: Archbishop David Ashdown and Bishop Lydia Mamakwa

(aboriginal ministry) Pastor Tim Wray (rural ministry), the Rev. Nick Trussell (children's ministry) and many more. Team rates available! Register online at: [www.vitalchurchplanting.com/west](http://www.vitalchurchplanting.com/west).

**Lay Reader Continuing Education Session Schedule:** Lay Readers are reminded that to extend their license, they are required to participate in one learning session every four years. In 2011, we will be holding four such sessions, on the topic of "Digging deeper: advanced techniques and resources for sermon preparation." Each session begins at 10:00 am (doors open with coffee/tea available at 9:30 am), and ends by 4:00 pm. Participants are asked to bring a pen/pencil and paper, a bag lunch, and a bible. We ask that you register for these sessions by the Monday prior to the date:

- Saturday, May 14:** Immanuel Anglican Church, Wetaskiwin
- Saturday, June 4:** St. Catherine's Anglican Church, Edson
- Saturday, September 24:** St. Saviour's Anglican Church, Vermillion
- Saturday, October 29:** St. Matthew's Anglican Church, St. Albert

To register for a session, or for further information, please contact the Lay Reader program coordinator, the Rev. Cameron Burns, at [rev.cameron.burns@gmail.com](mailto:rev.cameron.burns@gmail.com); or call: (780) 469-7530.



**The Ultimate Green Team:** Last June 1,000 green-shirted volunteers demonstrated God's love for the city of Edmonton, removing 20 tons of garbage from the Stony Plain Road area. Community Action Project (CAP) volunteers will be out again in full force on June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Would you like to become a CAP member? Visit the C.A.P. Facebook page, or contact Tisha Raj at [tisha.dr@gmail.com](mailto:tisha.dr@gmail.com); or Erin McCormack at (780) 996-6223.

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS and EVENTS

### Induction Services

The Reverend Julio Martin will be inducted as Rector of St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church in Hinton on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. His induction as Rector of St. Mary and St. George Anglican Church in Jasper will follow on the next day, Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. All clergy are invited to robe and process. The liturgical colour will be white for both services.

The Rev. Chelsy Stevens will be inducted as Rector of St. Mary's, Vegreville and St. Matthew's, Viking on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 pm. The service, to be held in Vegreville, will be followed by a potluck supper. Chelsy will be inducted as the Rector of St. John's, Sedgewick on May 29<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm. Potluck supper to follow. All are welcome to attend!

**Rummage Sale at Holy Trinity:** A "Huge Rummage Sale" will be held Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-9:00 pm and Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am-1:00 pm at Holy Trinity (corner of 101 St. and 84 Ave., Edmonton). The sale will feature something for everyone: furniture, clothing, books, toys, household, baking and more! Admission is free. Due to space limitations donations will only be accepted on: Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-8:00 pm); Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-8:00 pm); and Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (9:00 am-12:00 pm).

**Historical Eucharist:** In commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the English translation of the King James Bible, St. Luke's Anglican Church, 8424-95 Ave., Edmonton, will be holding a Historical Eucharist on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am, using the Book of Common Prayer (1559). All are welcome to attend!

**Alpha Marriage Course @ St. Paul's, Leduc:** A seven-session Alpha Marriage Course designed to improve any relationship will be held Wednesdays, May 4, 2011 to June 15, 2011 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 4416 - 50 Street, Leduc. Enjoy a candlelit meal at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks on DVD that are informative and fun. Discussions take place privately between you and your partner. Sessions will begin at 6:15 pm. Register by April 15<sup>th</sup> by calling 780-986-3447 (space is limited). Cost is \$100 per couple includes all materials and food.

**Trinity Players Present "Theories of Relativity":** Join the Trinity Players on a musical journey through the hardships and joys of family. "Theories of Relativity" will be performed May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 10037-84 Ave., Edmonton. The "paywhatyoucan" performance, directed by Morgan and Darlene Kunitz and featuring accompanist Mark Fukushima, will be followed by a reception.

**All Saints' Cathedral "Free Lunch and a Movie":** You are invited to a "Free Lunch and a Movie" at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton on Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm ("Florence Nightingale") and Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm ("The King's Speech").

**St. Faith's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction:** St. Faith's, 11725-93 St., Edmonton, will be holding their annual dinner and silent auction on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 6 pm. Entertainment will be provided by the band trio "Regeneration". Tickets are still \$25 and available through the church office at (780) 477-5931. All are most welcome to an evening of fierce and fun bidding, good food and great entertainment. Proceeds go towards our community meal outreach programs. We would also welcome any donations of new items, goods or services for the auction. If you provide a receipt for the item, we will issue a tax receipt.

**A 'Touch of Taize':** A "Touch of Taize" service will be held May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 8424-95 Ave., Edmonton. This service is sponsored by the churches of Strathearn-Holyrood and all are welcome to attend.

**St. Stephen's Strawberry Tea:** St. Stephen the Martyr ACW will hold its Annual Strawberry Tea on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30-3:30 pm. Please join us at Prayerworks Hall, 11723-93 St., Edmonton, for homemade strawberry shortcake, baking and door prizes. Admission is \$5 (adults); \$2.50 (children 6-12 years).

**Drumheller Passion Play:** A bus excursion to the "Passion Play" at Drumheller will leave from Gibbons and Edmonton on Saturday July 23, 2011. The cost is \$95 per person and will include a luncheon at Big Valley, a catered dinner at Drumheller and a big, cushy bus for the trip. See those who went two years ago. They can tell you how wonderful it is. This year the play will be told from the point of view of John the Evangelist. Approximate departures: 9 am from Emmanuel, Gibbons and 9:30 am from St. Michael and All Angels, 5003 146 Ave., Edmonton. For more info, contact: Penny Pawlechko at: [780-942-4554](tel:780-942-4554); mailing address: Box 1543 Gibbons, AB, T0A 1N0; email: [pennyp@albertacom.com](mailto:pennyp@albertacom.com).

**Children's Ministry Worker Needed:** St. Peter's Church, 11035-127<sup>th</sup> St., Edmonton is seeking someone called and gifted to help us develop ministry with children and their parents. The parish will provide \$120 per week to the person who takes on this new position in our parish. If you feel called to explore this ministry, or if you know someone who might be, please contact the Rev. Stephen Hallford, Rector of St. Peter's, at (780) 455-3665 or email him at [priest@interbaun.com](mailto:priest@interbaun.com).

## BEYOND the DIOCESE

**Free Performance of "Thank God for Marriage":** Clergy and lay people are invited to a free performance of "Thank God for Marriage" at King's University, 9125-50 St., Edmonton, on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The play, an inspiring piece about love, marriage and God's amazing grace, is about 45 minutes long and was first performed on World Marriage Day in February. It was created by Maureen Rooney, Paul Punyi, Lori Mohacsy and Bruce Mohacsy. Tea, coffee and goodies will be served following the show. Please RSVP to Lori Mohacsy: [lori.mohacsy@gmail.com](mailto:lori.mohacsy@gmail.com) or call [780-459-9816](tel:780-459-9816) by April 21<sup>st</sup>(ish).

**Stewardship and Mission Education Event:** The United Church AB and NW Conference invites parishes to a two-day workshop on "Money, Meaning and Faith" by Internationally-acclaimed presenter, Nathan Dungan, president of ShareSaveSpend. The workshop will be held April 29<sup>th</sup> (evening) to April 30<sup>th</sup> at Robertson-Wesley United Church, 10209-123<sup>rd</sup> St., Edmonton. A presentation on the "Ten Best Practices for Congregational Financial Mission" will be given on the Friday evening (6:45 pm) by Barbara Fullerton, United Church Stewardship Development. There will also be a presentation on "Consumerism, Youth and Families". The cost is \$50/person or \$45 each for congregational teams of three or more (includes lunch). The Saturday session (9 am-4 pm) will feature "Money Sanity Solutions". For more information, please visit: <http://www.anwconf.com/public/upcomingevents.htm>.

**Restorative Justice Seminar:** On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm, the Mustard Seed will present “Explore! Seminars ‘Beyond Retribution’: Restorative Justice and Canada’s Prison System”. The seminar will be hosted by First Christian Reformed Church, 10956-96 St., Edmonton. Hear from Kris Knutson, the Director of Community Correctional Services at The Mustard Seed, about how a restorative justice approach can bring healing for victims, offenders and communities. All are welcome! No RSVP necessary. Call Sarah at 780-442-3573 for more information.

**The Myth of Religious Violence Lecture:** Please join us for a lunch and lecture at The King’s University College on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Our guest speaker is Dr. William Cavanaugh, Professor of Catholic Studies at DePaul University in Chicago. Professor Cavanaugh is the author of several works including “Torture and Eucharist; The Theopolitical Imagination”; and most recently the highly acclaimed “The Myth of Religious Violence”. Professor Cavanaugh will challenge the view of religion implied in the claim that religion causes violence. In doing so, he will invite a more nuanced and careful reading of the events of our time, as well as the global significance of religious practices. Cost for the lunch and lecture is \$25. Please contact [Roy.berkenbosch@kingsu.ca](mailto:Roy.berkenbosch@kingsu.ca) to reserve your space, or to receive further information. Please note that Professor Cavanaugh is also a keynote speaker at the “What’s the Bottom Line: A Christian Critique of our Economy” event – visit [www.micahcentre.ca](http://www.micahcentre.ca) for more information.



**1/2 Speed Creative Worship Retreat:** Come join a community of learning and growing Christians who serve in a variety of roles as leaders within worship, theology and the arts. We will be gathering at [King’s Fold Retreat & Renewal Centre](#) from June 12-17, 2011 to collaborate, share ideas, worship together, and enjoy God through the opportunities that the Retreat Centre offers. We would love to have you be a part of this, as we seek to slow down, become attentive to the deep currents of God’s work among us, and take opportunity to be available to God and each other at a deep level. Our Cost is \$875 per person, with meals and 5-night accommodation and conference fees included. See [www.halfspeed.org](http://www.halfspeed.org) for more information.

**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Celebration:** St. Andrew’s Day, November 30, 2011, will mark the 35th Anniversary of the ordination of women to the priesthood in our Anglican Church of Canada. Lutherans mark this anniversary, too. Women Anglican and Lutheran priests from across Canada are invited to Lunenburg, NS, November 29-December 2, 2011 for a time of celebration, reconnecting, sharing stories, renewing baptismal and ordination vows, and a variety of workshops to equip us in future ministry. Online registration is available at: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/35thAnniversaryWomenPriests> with Visa or Master Card payments possible. Registration is limited to 90 people. For more info, visit: <http://www.nspeidiocese.ca/35thAOWP.htm>.

**Associates’ Work/Study Week at Sorrento Centre:** During this course, May 8-14, 2011, Ray Simpson tells the story of how the Holy Island of Lindisfarne in Scotland became the base for Christianizing English-speakers and is now part of a world revival of pilgrimage. Key features of Celtic Christianity and spirituality are highlighted. Drawing inspiration from great Celtic Christians, Ray offers exercises and tools to help participants. An Anglican priest, Ray is founding Guardian of the International Community of Aidan and Hilda and principal tutor of its Celtic program on the Holy Island of Lindisfarne. Ray’s books have sold over 100,000 copies since the 1995 publication of Exploring Celtic Spirituality. Poster attached.

To find out how to become an associate of Sorrento Centre, call 250-675-2421 or visit

**Anglican Scholarship for Auckland Retreat Centre:** The Governance Board of Vaughan Park Anglican Retreat Centre invites applications for the annual Vaughan Park Residential Scholarship in Auckland, New Zealand. Applications for the 2012 Scholarship will close on August 19, 2011. For full information, including Criteria for Application and Conditions of Grant, please go to: [www.vaughanpark.org.nz/Scholarship](http://www.vaughanpark.org.nz/Scholarship). The scholarship provides the successful applicant with a supportive environment, including accommodation and meals, for a period of three consecutive month's full time study at the Centre. Applicants may be lay or ordained, will hold a recognized level of tertiary education, be committed to an approved subject of study and able to be resident at Vaughan Park for the period of the Scholarship.

### **Spring Programs at Star of the North:**

#### **Heart Spa: Retreats for Women**

May 27-28: *Forgiveness*

An intentional retreat, facilitated by Michelle Jensen, to encourage the personal growth of women as they discover how to let go through the act of forgiveness. Gift your self with a day away to name and claim issues, circumstances or relationships that need to be healed through forgiveness. Participants' growth will be nurtured through group sessions, guided reflection exercises and private reflection times. Register by May 20<sup>th</sup>. Retreat runs 6:30 pm Friday to 4:00 pm Saturday. Cost is \$159.00 (includes Fri. night accommodation, and breakfast & lunch Sat.).

#### **Grace Filled Grandmothering: A Retreat Day for Grandmothers**

*"Grandmothers hold our hands for awhile but our hearts forever" [anon.]*

May 12: 9:30 am-4:00 pm

There is nothing quite like the joy of being a grandmother! During this day-long retreat, you will have the opportunity to reflect on what grandmothering means to you. There will be time for story-telling, personal reflection, rituals and sharing as you engage your own story and your role as a grandmother. You will be given privileged time in a prayerful, positive setting to explore the joy, hopes, dreams and challenges you experience in being a grandmother to your grandchildren. Join other women as we grow together in our understanding of what it means to be 'grace-filled grandmothers.' Facilitated by Sandy Prather and Pam Melnyk  
Cost is \$49.00 (includes lunch).

Call 780-459-5511 to register; [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca).

### **Spring Programs at Providence Renewal Centre:**

Providence Renewal Centre invites you to join Antoinette Voute Roeder on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm for "The Empowering Word: A Writing Day Away".

Treat yourself to this day: to reflect prayerfully on your life, to write and to share with others. \$43 (includes buffet lunch) or \$30 (bring your own lunch). Call 780-701-1854 or email [retreats@providencerenewal.ca](mailto:retreats@providencerenewal.ca), [www.providencerenewal.ca](http://www.providencerenewal.ca).

We hope you'll be able to join Debbie Doornbos at Providence Renewal Centre for The Labyrinth as Prayer on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. Come and learn about the ancient spiritual practice of walking a labyrinth. \$20 (bring your own picnic lunch). Call 780-701-1854 or email [retreats@providencerenewal.ca](mailto:retreats@providencerenewal.ca), [www.providencerenewal.ca](http://www.providencerenewal.ca).

### **Upcoming Concordia Concerts:**

**On Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**, the *Concordia Concert Choir* will return home from their spring tour to present their home concert, “. . . *from Life to Death to Life . . .*” Conducted by Dr. Joy Berg and Dr. John Brough, the choir will present a concert from Palestrina to Schubert to African music, speaking to the journey of faith through our lives. This mixed ensemble of 28 singers (sometimes singing a cappella, sometimes accompanied by piano or organ or flute) will be at the brand new Glory Lutheran Church (corner of Yellowhead Trail and Highway 21) in Sherwood Park at 7:30 pm.

**On Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**, under the direction of Francis Dunnigan, the *Concordia Symphony Orchestra* will present their final concert of the season at 2:00 pm at First Presbyterian Church (10025-105 Street, Edmonton). The program will include Beethoven's *Consecration of the House Overture*, Max Bruch's *Violin Concerto #1* featuring Jared Mosher (violin) and Tom Fettke's *The Majesty and Glory*. The *Concordia Community Chorus* has been invited to join the orchestra in this final work of favorite hymns and spiritual songs. Tickets are available at the door or in advance from TIX on the Square or Concordia Student Accounts. For more information phone 780.479.9313.

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