

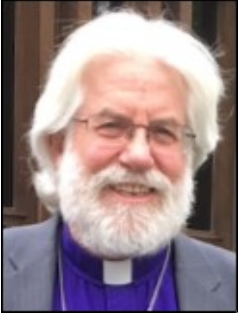
The *ARCTIC NEWS*



Lift High The Cross

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BISHOP PARSONS' MESSAGE



I'm often asked has anybody ever told you look like: then they proceed to tell me who they think I look like. I usually laugh or smile because it happens so often.

I grew up in a northern community where we were used to transient people coming north for two to four years. I loved my friendly town. We made a point of welcoming our new friends in a way that their stay with us would make a great impact on the rest of their life. Over the years I have met so many people that shared with me that the best years of their life was when they lived in the north.

I often look at people as I walk down the street or in airports and just give a little nod to say, hi there friend, I see you.

I compare people to a box of puzzle pieces each one bears an aspect of the image on the box. Each one is unique with some aspects of similarities to each other. At first none of us really stand out. But we are all part of the whole; we are all important.

So many people walk with their heads down and rarely make eye contact. There are many reasons for this and one of the worst that I know is that some feel they are nothing: invisible

God has given us all a mission to share His love and concern for each other. Often my little nod, causes them to approach me. Before I know it I'm in a conversation. I think I'm God's messenger boy to say, "You are God's favorite part of the puzzle. You are important! You are loved, and God has a plan for your life. Seek Him with all your heart and you will understand."

So many people have been beaten down in life. They do not realize they were created in God's image. Just like the puzzle piece on the box cover. So many people do not

realize how valuable they truly are. All pieces of the puzzle have equal value, BUT when the puzzle is almost finished and one piece is missing regardless of its position, it now becomes the most important piece.

Last summer immediately after Rita and I ate a meal on a outdoor restaurant balcony a little girl came up to me. With her head down not quite looking in my eyes she proceeded to tell me her Christmas wish list. Following her conversation with me, her Grandma told Rita that her granddaughter has always been nervous of Santa but as she saw Rita and I walking across the street to the restaurant she exclaimed to her Grandparents, "Look its Santa on holiday!" She could hardly contain herself as she waited for us to finish eating so she could approach us. Precious but so are you.

Many years ago our family drove from Aklavik, NWT to Saint John, NB. We were new to the area. I needed new glasses and so went to an eye clinic. The receptionist, who had never seen me before shocked me as she said, "You are a preacher aren't you?" I responded. "Do I look like a preacher?" "No" she said, "But you are one!"

Friends, I believe that as Christians there are times God opens people's eyes so that in our faces they see Jesus. It may be a divine appointment instigated by God in order to bring someone a message from God. Therefore, I pray that I never act in such a way that I create a stumbling block for others. Who do people see when they look upon your face?

Please take a look at a similar story of an unusual act of trust on page 15. I hope that this edition of Arctic News brings you encouragement. God Bless you and Merry Christmas.

+David L. Parsons

BISHOP MCCARTNEY'S MESSAGE



As I was having a cup of coffee with Karen I happened to see a book, titled Dunkirk written by Robert Jackson, on the piano in our living room. The book caused me to remember a movie

trailer that Karen and I saw about a movie soon to be released based on Sir Winston Churchill as Prime Minister of Great Britain. If my memory serves me correctly, Sir Winston Churchill was a complicated character and for quite some time toxic to be around. He had been a failure in the First World War as First Lord of the Admiralty, being forced to quit following the disastrous Gallipoli Campaign. Nonetheless Winston Churchill became the man of the hour when Britain went to war the second time with Germany.

Sir Winston was afforded a second chance when the stakes were high, extremely high. Winston refused to give up, a couple of his famous quotes being "We shall never surrender" and "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat." Oh, may we have the same resolve in the spiritual battle that is being waged.

Recently, I had the opportunity to take up an invitation to be at a clergy retreat in the Diocese of Albany. During the retreat there was a service of healing where clergy could receive prayer and anointing. The hymns that were being played were hymns that I had grown up with in church, hymns with great content and that lifted my soul. It was at this service that I asked the minister, who was playing the piano, if he knew "Saviour like a shepherd lead us" attributed to Dorothy A. Thrupp. The minister glanced at the hymn book that I was holding, he said nothing to which I thought meant he didn't. To my surprise he started playing the tune so beautifully, without having to read the music. I invite you to pray it now...

Saviour, like a shepherd lead us,
much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us,
Be the Guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us,
seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear,
O hear us when we pray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus! Hear,
O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
We will early turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favour,
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Saviour,
With Thy love our bosoms fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus!
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

It is my prayer that you will have been blessed by reading these words and that you will be encouraged as you seek to follow Christ.

+ Darren James McCartney

Arthur Turner Training School

By the Director Rev. Joey Royal

We are nearly halfway through the second and final year of the ATTS program. At the end of May 2018 the current group of students will graduate, at which point they will – God willing – begin a new phase of their ministry in the north.

Thus far this school year has been as challenging and as fruitful as the first year. It began with a counseling course, led by Dr. Clair Schnupp and his wife Clara and their



assistant Dorcas. Students were taught both theory and practice of Christian counseling. This process invited them not only to understand people better, but also led to a deeper knowledge of God and themselves. Students unanimously said that although this course was emotionally demanding it was also formative for their self-understanding as Christians and as future church leaders.

The Director Rev. Joey taught a semester-long course called “Confessing the Faith”, which focused on the main themes of Christian teaching, or what is often called “systematic theology.” Students learned about Christian teaching on God, Christ, humanity, the church, salvation and other central concepts. As usual, the various topics prompted deep and thoughtful conversation about the practical and pastoral import of these teachings. We discovered that although many of these ideas were forged in very



different historical and cultural contexts, they nonetheless are transferrable to our northern context in very surprising and life-giving ways. We were also blessed with a visit from Prof. Ian Henderson, who teaches New Testament at McGill University in Montreal. Ian led us through the Gospel of Mark and the Epistle to



the Galatians, allowing us to see these texts in all their power and strangeness. Students were challenged to see themselves as part of God’s story in Christ, and to see the way these texts shaped and sustained the earliest Christian communities, and have the Spirit-inspired power to continue shaping and sustaining us many centuries later.

Of course, what happens outside the classroom is often as important as what happens in the classroom. This is very true for us. After a summer practicum involving full-time parish leadership and community service, students have now integrated themselves more fully into parish ministry.



They have been preaching regularly at both St. Jude's Cathedral and St. Simon's parish. Parishioners have commented on the confidence and biblical insight that they have shown in their preaching. As well, students continue to volunteer weekly at the Iqaluit soup kitchen.

At ATTS, we seek to integrate the various parts of Christian life and thought into a rigorous program of discipleship. Academic study, spiritual formation and Christian service all mesh together in a process of apprenticeship in the way of Jesus. This



Rev. Francis Delaplane Teaching

process is rich, challenging and surprising as God shapes us individually as his children and corporately as members of Christ's body. This is fruitful work, and I hope it encourages you to read about it. Many people have asked how they can support the work of ATTS. Here are some ways:

(1) If you live in the north, please promote

ATTS and help to identify people who may be good candidates to attend the school. We are planning on accepting another class of students in September 2018, and are hoping to admit 8 students at that time. An ATTS brochure will be sent to all the parishes in the Diocese of the Arctic before Christmas 2017, which will help



Annie Keenainak

to increase awareness and recruit future students.

(2) You can donate money to the school or to the students. ATTS is run by the Diocese and operates on a very modest budget. Costs in the north are extremely high, and so every donation we receive is put to good use operating the school and buying educational materials. We are also hoping to travel to Israel in summer 2018, and so will be requesting funding for that trip as well.

**All donations can be sent payable to:
The Diocese of the Arctic,
PO Box 190 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N2**

Please write the cheque to the Diocese of the Arctic, and indicate that it is for Arthur Turner Training School (because ATTS is part of the Diocese, we do not have an account separate from the Diocese). We are so grateful for the generosity of so many, and are humbled that people have partnered with us in the Gospel.

(3) You can pray for the school and the staff and students. There are many challenges here, and we are constantly aware of being uplifted in prayer by other members of Christ's body. Please pray more broadly for

the church in northern Canada. Pray that northern people will continue to be aware of the reality of God's presence, and to meet God in Jesus Christ and so be transformed by the Holy Spirit. Pray that the powers of evil will be far from here, and that the light of Christ will shine ever more brightly. Your prayers are far more effectual than you may even realize. They are truly a blessing.

Esau Tatatoapik



AN INTERVIEW WITH OUR STUDENTS

There are currently 5 students enrolled in Arthur Turner Training School in Iqaluit. God willing, they will complete the program at the end of May 2018. The current students are Sarassie Arragutainaq (Sanikiluaq, NU), Annie Keenainak (Pangnirtung, NU), Martha Kunuk (Iqaluit, NU), Esau Tatatoapik (Arctic Bay, NU) and Manasee Ulayuk (Hall Beach, NU).

In what follows they share their experiences and thoughts about their time at ATTS thus far, and the joys and challenges that have come with being a theological student in the north.

ARCTIC NEWS: Tell us about yourself and how God called you to study at ATTS.

MANASEE ULAYUK: I'm from Hall Beach, Nunavut. I grew up in church, and have been involved in church for many years. God's call became clearer to me the more I got involved with church leadership in Hall Beach. But I felt torn: I wanted to get closer to God, but I also wanted to get a good job. The more I pursued a higher position the more conflict I felt. More and more I sensed God's call for me to serve him, to work with different churches and to preach the Gospel. That call lead me to study at ATTS.

ANNIE KEENAINAK: I am a daughter to Simeonie and Daisy Keenainak, sibling of older sister Rosemary and younger brother Patrick James. I was born in Pangnirtung (when it was still Northwest Territories). I'm a single mother to Avery, Kole and Jenelle Keenainak.

How did I sense God's call to come and study at ATTS? With a bait! God has been pursuing me and baiting me and I did not even know it or see it coming. I grew up in a Christian home. My paternal grandfather Elijah Keenainak was an Anglican minister, and I have been going to church as long as I could remember. I didn't know it at the time, but seeds had been planted even back then, giving me the desire to better understand and pursue God. I can remember when I was young I would listen to sermons and wonder where God was – he often seemed unreachable and distant and scary to my young mind. At the same time, I sensed God was loving and merciful. But I didn't know how to reconcile these different pictures of God.

As I've been attending ATTS, God's light has shone more brightly and helped me realize that it was God working in my life all along, and it was God who brought me here. I thought I was coming here to "just" learn the Bible, but as we progress further into the program, God is becoming bigger and my

own understanding is becoming smaller. God is astronomically beyond my comprehension, and yet I am part of his plan and his greater purpose. That is a humbling thought. As I learn more I have gone beyond my childhood understanding; I now realize our great God is also very near to me, and that his love is unconditional and he embraces me in his arms.

SARASSIE ARRAGUTAINAQ: I heard about ATTS when I was at the Diocesan Synod in Iqaluit in May 2016. I sensed at that time that it was time for me to move on and accept God's will. So I applied and got accepted.

ESAU TATATOAPIK: It wasn't until half way through the course that I became fully aware that God had called me to ATTS. When I initially applied for the course, I was already volunteering in my church in Arctic Bay (I was a lay reader and had some other leadership roles). When I heard that ATTS was reopening in fall 2016 I thought that since I was already volunteering then maybe this would be a good opportunity to learn more about God and how he works. Now that I've been in the course for more than a year I can see that God has been working in my life to bring me to this point. God has used my prior learning and my abilities to call me to be part of his work.

MARTHA KUNUK: It has always been hard for me to tell what God wanted me to do. I had many questions and asked myself – or, more likely, asked God – what he really wants me to do, but I never felt like I had a good answer to this question for much of my life. When I heard about ATTS starting in Iqaluit, I thought: "How wonderful! Lucky people!" I didn't realize that I would become a student, but then spring came and I got more interested the more I heard about the program. So one day I looked up Joey's email and requested an application. I submitted the application with the intention of satisfying my interest about the Bible. But

now God is doing far more than I had imagined – it's like a very good trap!

ARCTIC NEWS: What has your experience at ATTS been like? What are some of the most valuable things you've learned?

MANASEE ULAYUK: I've experienced the power of the Holy Spirit, teaching me many things about the Gospel. One of the most important lessons I've learned is the unity that all Christians share because of Jesus, and how important it is to connect and work together with brothers and sisters in Christ who are part of different churches. The Holy Spirit is the one who works in us to bring unity, and we are called to preserve that unity.

ANNIE KEENAINAK: My experience at ATTS has been a blessing – emotionally, mentally and most of all spiritually. The program is not only about study, but about personal growth. This process of growing has been valuable in all aspects of my life – at home with my children, in the community and no doubt in the future as I meet more of God's people.

I see ATTS as not only valuable for future ministers, but also for lay readers, choir members or Christians who feel called to a ministry of counseling. The more people receive this training, the more we can help our communities to be healthy and whole. I'm not thinking of only the north, but all over. This course can be helpful to anyone, so I encourage anyone who has interest to pursue it. There is a need out there; Jesus says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few" (Luke 10:2)

SARASSIE ARRAGUTAINAQ: My experience at ATTS has been challenging. Learning the Bible in a deep way has been challenging, and it's also been challenging putting it into practice by forgiving others and loving my neighbor.

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**We Are
TRAINING FUTURE ARCTIC LEADERS
We Seek A New Roster of Students**

**And Other Clergy To Join Our
Life Saving Team**

Can you understand that some of us are sinking deep in sin far from the peaceful shore sinking to rise no more? We too need to hear the Master's voice through you so that Love may lift us.

Are you someone who has answered Jesus' call to follow Him, and learn from Him, and have you been sent to rescue the perishing?

Jesus said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:38

**Seeking Life Guards
&
Swim Instructors**

We seek people who understand lifesaving. We seek you if you are able to share what you have experienced, so that we too may have fellowship with God the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We need help to reach our children and neighbors so that our joy may be complete

We have heard about "Amazing Grace." Have you experienced it? Can you come teach us? We know what it is like to be dead in trespasses and sins, to walk following the world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is still at work in the sons of disobedience.

Some of us have been set free, but we can't boast, because we know we once lived in the passions of the flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind. But God who is rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, by Grace we have been saved.

But we are not strong, and we know that our



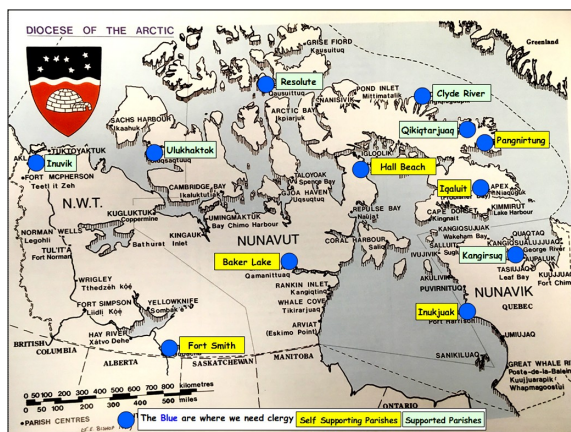
ways are still not God's ways. We need someone to come tell us the stories of Jesus that we love to hear. Jesus said, He came to seek and save the lost, and to destroy the works of the devil. We want to know what Jesus meant, when He said that, and we want to know what Jesus meant about seeking FIRST the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Some of us now are able, by faith, to float resting on the waters of God's love, but we have many loved ones still sinking. Are you able to teach us how to swim to them, so that they too may be rescued?

Will you come be our lifeguards and swim instructors?

We know that a labourer is worth their labour. We know you have to continue learning, so we give one week a year for educational leave, along with 6 weeks of vacation. When you are refreshed you will be a refreshment to us.

Many church buildings were constructed to look like an upside down ship to remind us that we are on a journey, and are not there yet. Jesus is the Captain of the ship and his crew are 1st Officer (the Bishop) 2nd Officer (the Clergy) and the congregation (full members of the crew.) Sometimes there are passengers on the ship who are welcome to join the crew, but at present, are tourists. The Captain sails the seas of life, in hope of rescuing the souls that are in danger of drowning. The 2nd officers (clergy) are the lifeguards and instructors who lead members of the crew in lifeboats that drop into the sea with a twofold purpose, the salvation of souls



and then training saved souls how to be active crew members.

The Arctic sea is as salty as any other. Our Captain the Lord Jesus Christ seeks a compliment of 2nd officers (clergy) to join Him. These 2nd officers train the crew in lifesaving skills, that our Captain calls Discipleship. (Matthew 28-19-20) Please look at the map (above) to see where 2nd officers are needed. If you are compelled to join in our lifesaving exercises, please request an application from our Lord's 1st officer, Bishop David W Parsons PO Box 190 Yellowknife, NT X1A 2N2 or by email david.outreach@gmail.com

Diocesan Youth Ministry

By Deanna Monks



Youth Ministry in the Diocese of the Arctic is moving forward. We are growing and learning. We are seeking the Lord to lead us, so that youth in our diocese may know Jesus,

and grow to become more and more like Him. We had a very busy and exciting summer and fall. The beginning of July we had a diocesan youth conference, and mid-August we had our first ever Teens Encounter Christ. A youth committee was formed in Arviat, NU and are looking forward to having youth leadership training sometime this coming winter. As well, Salluit, in Nunavik, had a youth festival in November that began

with a few days of youth leader training and then hosted a youth gathering.

June 30th – July 4th, 2017 the Diocese of the Arctic hosted a diocesan Youth Conference in Yellowknife, NWT. Youth came from across the diocese. The theme was “Who am I?”

There was morning and evening services each day. There were activities based around youth leadership skills training: 5 who am I workshops, a reconciliation workshop, Inuit and indigenous values and traditions workshop, a community outreach workshop and other activities such as a visit to the swimming pool and museum. The conference came to a close with a feast and square dance. These activities helped the youth form communication skills and helped them form leadership skills. Right after the conference 2 attendees participated in the 2-day ASIST (applied suicide intervention skills training) workshop. Before the conference, we had a youth leader training day where we spent time learning about youth ministry and how to lead one.

We had 32 attendees from 13 different communities, 6 workshop leaders, 8 speakers and 6 volunteers. We had the attendees divided into 3 groups based on age and gender for the workshops. This worked really well, as the delegates were able to open up to their group and their workshop leaders. The networking and friendships that were built in those groups became very strong in the little time we had together. Many delegates have told me that the friendships they made during the conference have truly impacted their lives and gives them confidence, assurance and strength to be who they are in Christ.

Personally, those two weeks of leading the conference was tiring and so draining. But even more so it was such a blessing to see each youth and young adult grow and change throughout the short time we had together. It was an honour to hear their stories. It was a pleasure to have late night prayer sessions and early morning airport runs. It was an absolute honour to serve these amazing

young people. I fell in love with them. Seeing them praise Jesus brought me to tears. Seeing them claim their identity in Christ broke me down. Seeing this has been one of my biggest desires. It has given me encouragement to persevere. We have more work to do. We have more youth to reach. We have more communities to impact. All for Jesus. All by His power and through His wisdom. All for His Glory!



**Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) Began
With leaders Focused On The Cross**

August 18-20th, 2017 the Diocese of the Arctic hosted Teens Encounter Christ in Yellowknife at Trappers Lake Retreat Center. The theme was “Unity in Christ” – Phil. 2:1-4. We had seven youth; we were able to fly in five youth from across the diocese and two came from Yellowknife. There were six churches from Yellowknife involved in serving the Lord, so these youths could encounter Christ. We also had the honour of four leaders coming from TEC New Brunswick to join us in serving, and mentoring as we led. The TEC weekend consisted of times of praise, a few services, ten themed talks, table discussions, awesome fellowship, free time

and delicious food. Each day had a theme: Die Day, Rise Day and Go Day. Die Day: death to self. Rise Day: New life and Resurrection. Go Day: celebration of the Pentecost message to go into the entire world and share the Gospel.

As TEC is all about outreach. The youth heard about the bible, who is Jesus, why did He die, why did He rise, how do we live out being a Christian and what that means for us. Each youth had the opportunity to choose where Jesus fits in their lives.

This first TEC was also about developing and encouraging leaders. We had leaders from various church backgrounds and it was amazing how God brought such unity in the body of Christ. Throughout the weekend I was beyond amazed how God brought it together for His purpose and glory.

Judy, a youth who attended TEC said, “TEC2017 in Yellowknife was the best weekend I've ever had! Learned more things I didn't really understand and made new awesome friends, also reunited with some friends I made during the youth conference last month! I'm glad I took the chance when I had it”

**Journey to Yellowknife TEC,
By Val Phinney Rothesay, New Brunswick**

August 2017 is a sweet memory for me. Yes, having the opportunity to see some of Canada’s north was great and made me want to come back to really spend time enjoying the beautiful vistas and people, BUT my highlight was worshipping, laughing and ministering with God’s people who happened to live in the North. A group of New Brunswickers who have been part of many TEC’s were asked to help start a group in the North and I was blessed to be one of the 4 invited.

Honestly there was second thoughts about going, this was not a sight seeing trip on the dime of the Northern Diocese but to share and mentor a new team to bring the



knowledge and experience we had in NB. The TEC weekend's purpose is to give 16-21 year olds a weekend to hear and experience Jesus as young adults making life choices regarding the Lord. Their peers share about their spiritual walk and struggles, there is teaching worshipping, praying and lots of laughing. Usually the team would meet several times prior to a weekend to get to know one another, pray and prepare for the weekend and to pray for the candidates. Obviously that was an impossibility because of the distance. Deanna Monks did her best to keep us in the loop but it just isn't the same as building relationships in person (or so we thought).

So our team headed North really not knowing what to expect in the way of preparation and understanding the basic principles of TEC from the Northern team. We arrived at the retreat centre and was met by Kim who had the biggest smile and the warmest welcome. Immediately we were at ease and as we met each team member we came to see that the team all had the same passion and goals as we had for youth. Their desire was to love, live and rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ and to share that passion with the youth who were attending. It turned out to be one of the most amazing teams I have ever had the privilege of working and worshipping with. They all had the same drive and mandate in their souls to love youth into the kingdom of God. It was the most diverse denominational

group of people for such a small team who were excited just being together for a weekend. Immediately there was a unity and joy and excitement about God's love and commission for us and what He was capable of doing in our lives. The Holy Spirit knit us together as a unit, it was amazing, it was a blessing and I will never forget the North. Months later, I reflect on my very short time in Yellowknife and I know I left knowing that God is up to something amazing there. In some ways I left feeling jealous that such a group of people are there shining His light so strong for the Lord God. I was given more of a blessing than I could have ever deposited. I am truly thankful and humbled by how wide and long and deep is the love of Christ from the North to the South, from East to West.



TEC 2017

Team Leaders And Youth



Asha Johnson Malina Moorhouse Deanna Monks Sandra Saviadjuk Anthony Kaitak

scared, etc.. for His glory. God does not call the qualified. He qualifies the called! He will qualify you!

Session 3- Our past does not define who we are. When we choose Jesus, He defines who we are.

Session 4- We are made new through Christ! Put off the old self and put on the new. We become renewed through Him! Brand new! He makes us new!

Session 5- We are not condemned in Christ Jesus. Salvation is a free gift from God, not by what you do or say or have given. You can't earn it - it is a free!

Session 6- We are forgiven and receive the free gift of salvation, because of the cost and sacrifice Christ made in dying on the cross.

Session 7- The power of prayer! The power of forgiveness and love. Our Joy and love come from Our Lord

Session 8- You were washed clean, white as snow. Sanctified and Justified. It's time to stop living as if you weren't made new by the blood of Jesus.

Session 9- Like the eagles make a choice. Pluck out your 'old beak', 'old talons', & 'old feathers' to make room for new ones to

grow. Choose new life in Jesus, not death is disobedience. As Christians, we are not called to survive, but to thrive, to fly like an eagle.

Session 10- Living life as a new creation, as a Christian is meant to be lived together in fellowship. Study and obey the Word together. Eat together. Pray together. Provide for, listen to, and love each other. Praise God together.



Worship band and Prayer Walk Though Salluit





I thank God for the training of clergy, youth and all who are hungry to hear and understand the gospel of our Lord Jesus. I am grateful for the support Rev. Joey Royal receives as he directs the Arthur Turner Training School. I am thankful for every parent who inspires a child to seek God's direction and every lay-leader and clergy who work so hard to help families build healthy relationships. I am grateful for all who support and pray for Deanna Monk's, our youth Coordinator, as she organizes our youth conferences, and the Teens Encounter Christ program.

This past year during a sabbatical I read the stories of those who came north with the Gospel. Their stories of faith encouraged me to continue holding high the cross and not be ashamed of Jesus. I thank God (Father, Son, Holy Ghost) for Jesus: His life, His blood, that He shed for us, His death on the cross; for our ransom, His victory over principalities and powers; to free us from death's power of condemnation and paralyzing guilt proven by Jesus' bodily resurrection, His Commission and love commandment. My heart's desire is to help others understand God's plan of salvation.

I believe that the Collect (prayer) for the second Sunday in Advent is important to take to heart. It says, "Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus

Christ. Amen."

At times in my bible reading I return to a passage that I had once marked and just read the area that I hi-lighted and its as if God speaks directly to my heart. The following portion of scripture is from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians I hope that it speaks to you as it did to me.

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." - Philippians 1:3-11

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel..." - Philippians 1:27

"Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death..." - Philippians 3:8-10

"I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 3:13-14

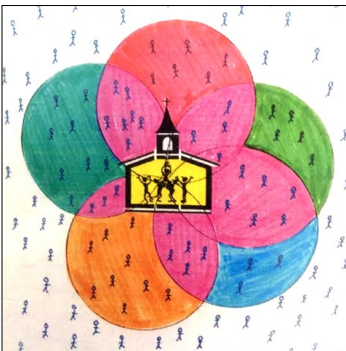
"For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ." - Philippians 3:17-18

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:6-7

I thank God for these words penned by St. Paul but inspired by God the Holy Ghost.

So many people are imprisoned within this world. People who God loves and it is you and I that God is now sending to bring His message of hope, the Gospel of Jesus. We know, God so loved the world that he sent His Son. Likewise for love of the world Jesus prayed, *"I do not ask that you take them (Believers like you and me) out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world..."* - John 17:15-18

Saint Peter tells us in 1st Peter 3:15... *"in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ..."*



In our circles of life God often leads us to someone to let the Light of Christ shine

An Unusual Act of Trust

By Bishop David



The man in the picture with me is Dr. George Kovoov. George, a neurosurgeon from India, has quite the testimony of God's healing power. George was born with a condition called hydrocephalus, (an excessive accumulation of cerebrospinal fluid results in an abnormal widening of spaces in the brain) which caused him to have a very large head. The initial prognosis given to George's parents was not encouraging. But his parents, both missionaries put their trust in God, prayed and continued their ministry.

Today, George has his own hospital, is a bishop in his denomination and shares a powerful message of the work of God the Holy Spirit.

While on sabbatical I'd often go for a prayer walk in a park near where I was staying. One day George came with me and we had a great time of prayer and enjoying God's creation.

At one point we stopped to ask two ladies if they would mind taking our picture. After a moment somewhat tentatively they took our picture. We then introduced ourselves saying, "I am from the Arctic and George, is from India." Soon we were telling them about God's love for them and His desire to be part of their lives. They really seemed to be drinking in the words and at one point one of the ladies seemed to come to herself and said, "Oh I almost forgot my appointment." Then she said to her friend, "You can stay here with George and David." "No no." I said, "She can't stay with us. Both of you go. You heard what we shared. You know God loves you and you can speak to God yourselves." I was shocked that this lady put trust in strangers so quickly that she was willing to leave her friend with us. God bless them.

Georgina's Place

By The Rev'd Francis Delaplane
St. Andrew's Hay River



The past year has been a very productive one for Georgina's Place Thrift Store in Hay River, NT. The Thrift Store has been able to provide support to several community programs while also investing in the building. Thanks to funding from the Anglican Foundation we were able to install a washroom in the thrift store, which has been long needed for the volunteers. We also have done some upgrades to the exterior of the building and because of the generosity of local businesses and individuals have freshly painted the building and installed a new sign. The sign signifies the official establishment of the thrift store as "Georgina's Place"; named for much loved Priest and Thrift Store manager Georgina Basset, who passed away in 2014 after a battle with cancer. The sign, which was designed by Hay River's own Poison Graphics, features Georgina's signature taken from the vestry book at St Andrew's Anglican.

We are thankful to all in our community who volunteer many hours to keep the thrift store operational. We are also thankful to the community of Hay River who continue to support the thrift store through donation and patronage. Our hope is that for years to come Georgina's Place will contribute to the wellbeing of Hay River.

Men's Breakfast

For many years now Albert Eggenberger has been hosting a Men's Breakfast at Holy Trinity in Yellowknife every month on the second Saturday at 9 am.

Albert usually sends out a notice of the breakfast each month about a week before



the breakfast to let us all know that there is going to be a breakfast. The email from Albert goes like this.

"Good morning everyone, Just a note to let you know that this coming Saturday is men's breakfast. The door will be open at 8 and we will be eating at 9. I will have the coffee on if you come early to help or visit. See you there. Albert" Short and sweet.

On Saturday there is usually a good crew on hand just wanting to be with Albert, enjoy his smile and get cracking on the eggs and whatever else is on the menu that day.



At home the alarm clock goes off and unlike a work day where we may be groggy but not today. We are out of bed, in the truck and down the highway. We can already smell bacon. As for the view there is nothing like an early morning in the north. The sun is usually blazing out of the sky bright enough to burn our retinas out. There are ice crystal in the air. You can have your southern snow storms with back breaking wet sloppy snow, we'd



rather have our gold dust that covers all nature with hoar frost. Sure the temperatures are nippy but where in Canada does it feel like the tropics in the winter. Plus in the north there are opportunities to see Sun Dogs. At times it looks like there are three suns in the sky the two on either side of the sun we call Sun Dogs

Well back to the breakfast. Sometimes Albert invites someone to give a short talk after we are finished eating. And who are “we”? We are guys from all different churches in the city. We enjoy the relaxed atmosphere and the time to talk together. Thanks Albert for



your ministry to the men of Yellowknife!! For over 60 years during lent Holy Trinity hosts a Lenten lunch. People gather to to



Food Opens Doors



share a meal together and to listen to a short devotional talk. For the last twenty years or so the Yellowknife Ministerial has joined with



Holy Trinity. Holy Trinity acts as host and each week a different denomination provides the meal and one of the members of the clergy provides the devotional.

During the Advent season the ministerial has various functions where the body of Christ gathers for carols and other festivities.

On the third Sunday of each month there is a pot luck lunch following the 10:30 service. Food opens doors for sharing and caring.



Wholeness Through Christ

By **Kassandra Spencer** St. Andrew's
Anglican Church, Hay River, NT



Kassandra with her husband Rev. Francis Delaplane

God doesn't always answer prayers in the way we would expect, or want. In fact, it is rarely what we would expect. You might not expect God to answer your prayers through a course. Especially if, when you first visited the website for that course it seemed a bit radical.

However, this is what happened to me. The idea of attending a Wholeness Through Christ seminar seemed daunting at first. Admittedly, I do not have a lot of experience with Christian conferences, but this one, in particular, seemed scary to me. Things like a spending 2 full days in complete prayer certainly seemed out of my element. Yet having now completed my second course I would say this course is anything but radical. In fact, it is simple. It is simply applying many of the things that the Bible tells us to apply. Listening for the Holy Spirit to speak, praying, reading scripture, praying for each other. By using these practices WTC walks you through past hurts and helps you to pray through them with compassion, love, and ample support.

I do understand that, at first, the thought of taking a week out of our busy lives to focus on healing our past may seem extravagant, or something that is just not a priority at the moment. What I have learned, however, is that prayer ministry is not a luxury, it is a gift given by God for the rejuvenation, rest and

healing that he has promised. It is my hope that those of you reading this who are interested in or feel pulled toward learning to spend connected, meaningful, healing time with the Holy Spirit (or maybe just need a little refresher in it) consider this opportunity to learn how to sit with Him. I am certain that God will meet you there.

Grace & Peace,

Kassandra Spencer

The Rev'd. Canon S. Paul Williams,

Priest-in-Charge, St. Andrew's Kugluktuk
Regional Dean Kitikmeot



There is a truism at work within my family, to wit: If we're going to spend time at Kamanialuk (our vacation spot) on Southhampton Island, God is going to show His hand, usually in order to rescue the family from Paul's misadventures.

In June somewhere around 1988 or so, our little family had arrived in safety to our place on the lake, and had set up our tent on the tent frame. The early days were spent enjoying our time together, fishing, cooking and just relaxing and refreshing. We enjoyed this time away, and away it was. The campsite was 45 kms away from the community (and at this time there was no road close by, no easy access), and at the time our little spot of paradise was not as popular as it would later become (at least for others longer than several hours to fish). We were quite alone.

Out of nowhere, a blizzard developed, and

In Gjoa Haven Canon Williams shared a testimony on how God intervened to rescue his family after their skidoo broke through the ice. Do you believe in Miracles ? We do. The next day after the skidoo was retrieved from under the freezing waters it started and Paul was able to drive his family safely home. PTL !



blew coldly about for a few days. The snowmobile, the kamotik and the tent were soon buried under the snow. We were using naphtha-powered burners for both cooking and heat, and every so often I would have to go out to refill the reservoir with white gas. This wasn't the most comfortable thing to do in the howling winds, especially as I couldn't do it with gloves on. On one of these forays, I had just refueled the tank, but had somehow managed to cross-thread the cap without realizing it.

Bringing the stove back into the tent, we re-lit it and then Nowyah and I realized that we needed to go outside to knock the snow accumulation off of the tent roof, as it was beginning to bow under the weight of the snow. Charlene was perhaps 11 and Derek was about 5, and they were wrapped in blankets, playing cards.

While we were outside banging on the canvas to remove the snow, Charlene screamed out that we were on fire. They dashed out of the tent, Charlene carrying her barefoot little brother to sit on our nearby snowmachine, and I dashed in. The entire corner of the tent by the stove appeared to be engulfed in flames. The cross-threaded cap had been allowing the gas fumes to escape and they caught fire. Without thought, and without gloves or mitts, I grabbed the stove and shoved it out the door, throwing it onto the snow, dousing the fire. Quickly putting out the flames inside, I ran back out to check on

the family, and thankfully found that they were all okay, though somewhat unnerved. When we went back inside, we were amazed to see that while a small bit of plastic holding our food had melted, and a little bit of the wooden frame above where the stove had been scorched, there was no other sign that there had been a fire. Also, strangely enough, my hands had not been burned, not even singed.

After a couple more days, the storm petered out and some of our relatives came out to the lake to check on us. Hearing the story, and seeing the lack of damage to the tent, they came to the same conclusion that we had: God had been in this place watching over us. That was, for us, the only explanation because by all rights, that tent should have gone up in a puff of smoke leaving us without protection from the elements. Praise Him!



David Kuptanna a Lay Leader in Ulukhaktok leads his grandchildren in the Lord's Prayer

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debt with the Diocese of the Arctic. Bishop Benjamin Arreak once said that I, Quitsa Tariasuk will be replacing Peter Ainalik in Ivujivik Church. He said that I will lead now, but will not be able to do baptism's and marriage. But can take over what Peter Ainalik had started, so since then the debt owed by Ivujivik has been paid off through the people giving 10% of their income to the church. And now we were able to pay for the Clergy's air tickets when we need to do baptisms and marriages at our church. I Quitsa am grateful that I am able to do this with God's help.

I have wonderful testimony to share as well. People in Ivujivik sometimes asks for their houses to be prayed for because the enemy usually bothers some homes at night, and in most case, it happens when they are sleeping, and for some this continues for many years. After the homes are prayed for, the enemy stops bothering them. Power of prayer is the most helpful tool in this world. When I am feeling confused about certain things, I usually ask other clergy for suggestions and they are always helpful. We, and clergy are a team, we help each other spiritually in time of need. I would like to say hello to everyone and farewell.

Thank you!
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The People of God

by Rev. Canon Brian Burrows

Brian & Rita Burrows served in the Diocese from 1962-69 and 74 - 80 and did interims at Kangirksuk and Iqaluit and spent one year in Hopedale, Labrador in the Moravian Church under the auspices of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador.

The phrase **'the people of God'** is used frequently in our prayer book. As I ponder what this means, I draw upon my experience in the Diocese of the Arctic and come to the conclusion that irrespective of where one lives, people are people, needing to be encouraged in their relationship with God.

1. Meeting face to face!

People become more meaningful to us when we go out of our way to speak to them about our own faith in God. I recall a conversation with Marcusie Peter in the Weston Sanatorium in Toronto where we were both patients. We were talking about missionaries in the Arctic. He said to me, "You took the trouble to come to us." Many people in the north and elsewhere live in small and isolated communities. Even with present day modern technology, the personal contact is still the most rewarding. People appreciate 'face to face' encounters especially in moments of stress or difficulty in their lives! Meeting them in this way is an important step in bringing God's love to people.

What, though is said about the Arctic is true everywhere. The people of God in every place need someone to take the trouble to visit them and have fellowship with them in the name of Jesus Christ.

2. Speaking the language!

All people speak, but not all people speak the same language. After all these years I have not lost my English accent. Again, I was speaking with Marcusie Peter and he said to me, "We find your English accent hard to follow, but you have taken the trouble to learn our language." I should say that this was

not easy and I have made and continue to make many mistakes. Once, I tried to talk about my fishing net. The word should have been 'nuluaka', but I changed one vowel and stressed the end of the word to say 'nuliarka', which meant I was in fact saying, "my two wives!" Marcusie said with a grin, "We know your one wife, where do you keep the other?"

We are privileged to speak about the 'people of God' in English. Surely other people should have the same right and privilege to worship in their own language. Whilst living in Puvirnituk, I once had a conversation with Joe Talirunilik the famous carver. I mentioned to him that in the New Testament every time Jesus spoke to the people, he was in fact saying 'Inuit'- the word used to translate 'people'. I said, "Didn't this make it easier for them to believe that Jesus had come especially for them- the Inuit." Joe replied very wisely, "Yes but we know that 'Inuit' – really refers to all people everywhere!"

In the same way when thinking about the 'people of God', it is important to communicate with them in their own language or dialect. Every congregation therefore, has its own way of saying things. It is then, helpful to understand what is being said so that people can feel close to the God who loves them and who sent His Son to be their Saviour.

3. A message of Hope!

It has been my experience that the closer you get to people and the more you understand their language and thoughts, the more you stumble upon the dark side of human nature.. In my early years in Puvirnituk I came across people suffering from depression and what may be called spirit-possession. Even later on in Iqaluit and in Hopedale, Labrador, the people seemed to be constantly depressed by superstition and reported the presence of evil spirits.

I remember talking to Isa Qupirqualuk, the then lay reader about 'Angakuit- spirit-filled people. He told me that the 'Angakuk' in the early days used to perform in the porch of an

igloo, where no one could see what was happening. The Angakuk would demand food, skins or even someone's wife etc., and the people petrified with fear would give him what he demanded.

It was only when the people were told that God was a God of love that the people lost their fear of the 'Angakuit'. The message of the Gospel gave the people hope in a hard and difficult world.

It seems to me that all the people of God in the north and elsewhere need to be assured that faith in Jesus Christ conquers the dark side of human nature. We must still respect the fears of people in their own culture, yet we can also embrace hope. We are his people - the people of God, wherever we live.

Report by Rev. Lucy Netser

Rector Arviat Nunavut
Regional Dean of Kivalliq



Trainings in the community: The Youth Committee that recently formed and had invited Youth Coordinator Deanna Monk to come to the community to teach them more on what they need to know. We have the following programs: Sunday school on Sunday. Monday evening, Youth Ministries

service which is open for anyone to attend. Tuesday we have bible studies for ladies every. (I've had announced at the church for the men to start the men's bible studies but no one have offered to start one yet. Tuesday evening, music lessons for youth at the church. Wednesday, midweek service and Thursday we have a Brigades service.

Good news report: Tradition for this community is that they spend quite a lot of their time out on the land from May to September, mostly on the weekends but since it's getting colder again they are starting to be in the community and more people are attending the church.

Testimony of God's work in someone's life:

There was this young girl who tried to overdose from Tylenol #3 and took 2 bottles of them plus another bottle of extra Tylenol. I was called by a parent to come to the Health Centre to pray for the youth since she was spitting blood and barely conscious. When I went to the HC she was in the emergency room and was going to be medivac out. I talked to the father that was outside of HC and asked to where his wife was, he said that she was home looking for bottles of pills so the nurses will find out to what kind she took.

I went to the mother to where she lives since she was taking too long to come back to the HC. When I went there she was just at home sitting, shocked to what's happening. She explained that she was guarding at the police station since someone was at the cell when she received the call about their daughter.

At the police station that there was a man in the cell, been drinking and was saying that there'll be death in her family since he prays to Satan and worship him. Later on in the day she received a call about her daughter.

Mother of the teenager started saying that it was this man at the cell that cursed them and she knew it. I asked her not to have any grudge and no mumbling. We then had a prayer and agreed together that curses be cut off and that her child be healed. Then we

went to the HC to pray for the youth and family was there, we prayed and anointed her with oil for healing.

Teenager was sent out to Rankin Inlet hospital and was high on Tylenol for 3 straight days according to the mother but she recovered and went home and there is nothing wrong with her.

Teenager had a story to tell about the out of body experience when she came back from the hospital. She said that she came out of her body and went into darkness and when she entered the darkness all her being got into pain, there is no peace but pain there. And she could see small orange light in distance where she was and her being headed towards that orange light. Because someone prayed for her she came out of that darkness and came back to her body.

Not so long later another youth tried doing the same thing (overdose), he has exact same story about darkness, pain and orange light but because of prayer he also came back.

These teenagers are telling their family that they will never try and do that again because without Christ you don't go to heaven.

Arctic Seasons In The Sun

By Bishop Parsons

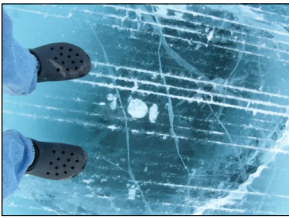


south but at times the snow drifts make up for it. In the West the tree line extends far north almost to the coast west and the hoar frost make the landscape magical. Another



aspect of the Arctic is the horizon which seems eternal and is painted with numerous hues of majestic blues, pinks, gold and silver. In some ways the winter landscape is similar to the prairies. There is a vast panoramic sky which in our clear northern atmosphere helps us be spiritually aware of our Creator.





Have you heard of the TV show Ice Road Truckers? Transport trucks can drive on ice that is four feet thick without much worry. However if you want to go fishing it takes a bit of exercise to chisel through that much ice. Fishing season happens all year. It doesn't matter whether it's fall, winter, spring or summer people are fishing somewhere. But a lot of people take advantage of the fall fishing when the ice is only 4-5 inches thick.

This is Rev. Enoki Iqittuq. He is the Deacon in Charge of Hall Beach. Enoki enjoys living off the land. He especially enjoys being with his parishioners as they go fishing at Hall Lake.



Some people drive over the land in their 4x4 trucks while others go by quad. The sun is blazing and there are lots of very hungry fish. Paul Hauli (to the right) just caught a land locked Char and the ladies have a trout.



All in all the people had a good day. The temperature was only about minus 6, which is fairly warm for October the 7th.

(Opposite top) David Simailak Deacon in Charge of Baker Lake also fishes. He catches



fish for his dog team. Instead of using a fishing rod David puts a net under the ice. There is a long rope attached to the net. The man in the background is pulling the rope as



David feeds the net back into the hole as it is pulled a hundred yards under the ice. There was quite the catch. David's wife the Rev Jean Simailak holds up a lake trout.

Arctic life provides opportunities to get out on the land, enjoys the beauty and participate in the life of hunting and gathering with the people. Often I find the night breathtaking, as stars sparkle , aurora dance and snow crunches under our boots as



we walk with our heads raised heavenward. Some people think that the Arctic has so much darkness and often ask, "How do you do it?" For me as the days grow shorter I feel it's getting cozy. Everyone puts Christmas lights up very early, so we get to enjoy their beauty.



During the winter season many recreation committees plan: fishing contests, art & craft sales, games nights, crafts nights to learn to sew, carnivals where there are numerous events and winter games, such as: snow shoeing, ice chiseling-tea boiling contests, skidoo racing, dog sled racing, talent shows. As with any winter nation in Europe, North America or Asia, winter is a fact of life, along with the recreations that we enjoy during that season. As for the Arctic, soon into the new year the sun begins to blaze and each day is longer, giving time to wake up from the Christmas season and get out to enjoy sport and nature.

Following winter, from March to September people all over the Arctic are out at their camps hunting and gathering. It's a wonderful time for the parish clergy to get out in the sun and visit the people. Spring comes alive with Goose season, and sounds of thousands of geese a few who provide a great pot of soup or a harvest of eggs. I prefer my goose baked, stuffed like a Christmas turkey. But in Baker Lake these huge drums were used to cook Caribou. Yum!



As soon as the ice is gone its whaling season. *(In the Canadian Food Guide whale fat is equal to fruit and vegetables)* People also harvest seals which provides the best protein and walrus. In the summer char swim to their

ocean feeding grounds. They can be caught in nets but many enjoy catching them with a fishing rod from shore. And let me tell you that is fun. A lot of fish is dried for winter. Next is berry season. There is no doubt about it the Arctic seasons are very enjoyable.

We thank God for all that is harvested through out the year and we are grateful for our recreational committees who plan feasts. Often the entire community comes out to enjoy all the delicacies from harvest. There's lots of salads, various types of baking, meat and fish. Elders go first and in some communities everyone is served by a team of volunteers. In others there are assortments of



frozen fish, caribou, whale or if you are fortunate aged walrus which tastes like blue cheese and I love blue cheese.



For country food, people gather around a collection of cardboard boxes that have been flattened to cut up our caribou, fish, egonaq or whale. Each man has knife while women use an Ulu, to cut into their favourite portion. Some of us dip our quaq (frozen) meat in a mixture soya and hot sauce. Some prefer seal oil and others like HP sauce or simply a bit of salt.



Following the feast, there are times that we head for home or the recreation committee may of planned some fun games and even an old time square dance. People love to dance to joyous sound of fiddle, guitar and squeeze box. These are community building gatherings with Elders and Youth interacting together, enjoying fun, food and relaxation.



While at Gjoa Haven, the feast at the Church of the Messiah was soup and sandwiches. Following our feast our priest the Rev'd Ikey Nashooriatuk presided Holy Communion. I feel blessed to be able to visit each community.



Church of the Messiah Gjoa Haven

Rev'd Ikey Nashooriatuk
Priest in Charge Gjoa Haven



Arctic Circle Assembly

By Bishop Darren McCartney



How often are you pleasantly surprised? Well, I had such an experience in October of this year when I took up the request to attend “Just Peace with the Earth” and the “Arctic Circle Assembly” in Iceland. I had the great pleasure of sitting in many meetings, and if you know me you will know that I love to be out on the land, in a boat, hiking and such and that meetings are a means for me to develop the Christian character trait of patience and perseverance. I thought that the



above conferences in Iceland would give me another such opportunity. I highlighted the fact that I was surprised. Surprised from the get go, from the young theological student who got up in the middle of the night to come and pick me up at the airport to other such encounters. This sacrificial student and I have continued the friendship and the communications since the conference. Surprised also when introduced to the pastor, Gunnar Sigurjonsson, whose church we were using for the “Just Peace with the Earth” conference. I discovered that we had a shared love for motorcycles, hunting and caribou/reindeer. His name was enough to get my attention in the beginning, Gunnar, who wouldn’t find that name intriguing?

Surprised to learn, from my observation, that Iceland is miles ahead in leading the world in the use of renewable resources. Iceland has been a world leader for many years in the development of technologies that best use these resources. The former President of Iceland Olafur Ragnar Grimsson has received much credit for his leadership in encouraging Iceland to pursue such technology and also for his leadership of the Arctic Circle Assembly. In preparing for the conference, Bishop David had written to a number of organizations including NWT and Nunavut governments and we very much appreciated the information we received from The Honourable Robert C. McLeod, Minister Environment and Natural Resources Government of Northwest Territories and The Honourable Joe Savikataaq, Minister if the Environment,



Government of Nunavut. From the information provided I was able to educate myself on something of our own context and the challenges and opportunities that we in the north will be facing in the years to come. For example Arctic temperatures are rising twice as fast as the rest of the world and the affects are being seen here in retreating glaciers, loss of sea-ice and thawing permafrost. As a result

- Land infrastructure (e.g. buildings, roads, mines, and railways and runways) is being seriously damaged by permafrost thaw and extreme weather events.
- Marine infrastructure (e.g. docks, wharves and ports) is being damaged by coastal erosion and extreme weather.
- Sea ice and snow melt have caused great change to traditional hunting routes and wildlife patterns have changed due to invasive species, extreme weather, and changing seasons.
- Possible positive impacts may include longer boating/shipping season and with the expanding population and range with warmer temperatures of certain species that are harvested.

I was somewhat comforted that the information I had received from our governments was being supported by the presentations given by scientists from other northern nations. I believe the message was well presented and we were encouraged to play our part as churches in seeking to pass

on the information concerning the need to look more and more for opportunities where we can harness and use renewable resources. It was a privilege to have been invited to participate in the conversations and discussions at the Just Peace with the Earth Conference and to have been given the opportunity to speak to the Arctic Circle Assembly, to encourage the many different governments, businesses and organizations represented of the need to take climate change seriously. Many people's lives, where I live and in other parts of the world are being impacted by rising temperatures, so much so that people will be moved from their traditional lands as water levels increase. I wish to take this opportunity to encourage you to take the fact of global warming seriously and to do your part in encouraging others to do the same.

Korean Global Mission Leaders Forum

Migration, Human Dislocation And Accountability in Mission

In November, Our Bishop and Rev Eimsook Joung, of Rankin at the invitation Rev. Dr. Jaehoon Lee senior Pastor of Onnuri Church, in Seoul attended KGMLF where leaders considered the modern Diaspora. After listening to 14 presentation they considered what God may be calling the church to do as in such a time as this. While in Korea, they spent time at Jesus Abbey a religious community established by the family of R. A. Torrey, attended 3 mega churches and sat with two of the head pastors to speak about the Diocese of the Arctic.



Report by Victor Johnson,

Rector of St. James Salluit
Regional Dean for the Ungava Bay.

LUKE 9 : 23 “Jesus said : Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.”

“THE PRESENCE OF GOD GRANTS US HIS WISDOM AT ALL TIMES”

Gratitude to Bishop David, Bishop Darren and Bishop Andrew for being there for me to encourage and extend their fullest support at all times. Thanks to my Diocesan Clergy friends and many supporters in the ministry including our dedicated Diocesan Team. Completing One year serving in the North, the Living Lord Almighty has revealed His faithfulness in this journey in wonderful ways. There had been excitement in learning and understanding the new culture and knowing that God is surely leading to do His will in our lives. I am grateful to God for the prayerful and dedicated Vestry Members in joining me to fulfill the mission of God together.

My wife, The Rev. Nalini Victor J. Deacon, Assistant at St. James Anglican Parish, Salluit had been able to see the Lord doing marvelous things in the life of the Sunday School, Women Helper and Elder's Gathering. We focus on the importance of Prayer and deeper meditation on the Holy Word. The vital fact of sharing Testimony is supported to encourage one another and to strengthen our relationship with God and One another. We recognise the importance of creating the awareness in the Communities regarding Suicides. Initiative is taken to organise Seminars/Workshops to educate our community in addressing various issues faced by individuals and families.

My daughter Asha, by the grace of God has come closer to completion of her Secondary Five studies in the Arctic. My Son Aashish, has completed Bachelor of Mass Media in Advertising from University of Mumbai, India. God willing he would join us in the Arctic to pursue his further studies in Sound and Music Recording from Summer 2018.



Youth and church leaders in Kangiqsuallujuaq

The family of the Ungava Bay: Beginning from the St. James Anglican Parish, Salluit, it had been an adventurous journey with the support of prayerful Vestry members. The Weekly Bible Study is a very passionate time to meditate on the Holy Scripture together as we learn to wait upon the Lord to enlighten us. The exercise to mark the very special occasions like observing Mother's/Father's/ Grandparent's Day is an opportunity to thank God for their lives while appreciating, honouring and praying for them is a very wonderful experience. The Practise of celebrating Church Anniversary as a Thanksgiving moment helps us to remind ourselves of God's provision to have granted us the Holy Sanctuary to worship the Lord and congregate for witness. The Women Helper Team is very much geared up to pray and participate in various opportunities available to minister.

Our heart goes to sincerely thank Rita Burrows for her consistent guidance and support for us to introduce Brigade for Boys and Girls. The Elder's Gathering meets Once in a month and is indeed an enjoyable moment. We praise God for the Almighty opening doors to revive our young people. As a step forward, we had our youth attending the Youth Conference organised at Yellowknife from 30th June to 04th July, 2017. Under the guidance and leadership of our Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator, Deanna Monks. we organised Youth Festival from the 31st October to 12th November 2017. This was indeed a great beginning to sow the seed in

the lives of our young people. The bad weather led us to begin the Youth Leader Training from 1st to 4th November, followed by Youth Gathering from 5th to 12th November. The Theme : "Take a Chance, Make a Change!" indeed was very challenging. And based on Psalm 103 : 5 "He satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the Eagle's. The Opening was done by the Church Elder, Qalingo, who cut the ribbon and prayed. The Last day message was based on the life of an Eagle. As the Eagle enters its 40th year, its talons can no longer grab prey, its long and sharp Beak starts to bend, the Old aged and heavy wings stick to its chest making it difficult for the eagle to fly. At this point, the eagle has only two Choices : Die or Bear a painful process and CHANGE. For the next 150 days the eagle first flies to a Mountain top, starts knocking its beak against a rock until it plucks it out and waits for its beak to grow back. Once the New beak forms, the eagle starts to pluck out its talons. When the New talons grow back, the eagle starts plucking out its Feathers. After which, the eagle takes its famous flight of Rebirth and lives for 30 More years.

So the question was asked, Why should anyone choose Change ? We are called To not just Survive but to Thrive, to grow, develop, flourish and be successful in life. Then, We were encouraged to begin our process of Change and get ready to fly like an EAGLE. The afternoon was Bible Study time led by Deanna. Evening we had Pastor George, Pastor Victor and Deanna speaking on different occasions. We celebrated 'The International Inuit Day', enthusiastically participated by the Parishioners wearing the traditional attire and appreciating the culture. We observed 'Remembrance Day' and maintained 2 Minutes Silence and prayed for the precious lives. We also remembered the James Bay Agreement Day and its significance. One afternoon was time for 'Prayer Walk' led by Deanna and indeed very touching moment in the midst of strong

winds, to earnestly pray for different people, organisations and buildings for God's protection and care. The Closing ceremony was also inspirational where we felicitated the Speakers and also challenged to say yes to the Lord Jesus Christ and become His Disciples. God is so good and Faithful, now we have people attending the Bible Study regularly, expressing willingness to get married in the Church, more people coming forward as Candidates for Confirmation.

St. Columba's Church, Ivujivik : Marriages and Baptisms have already begun for this year. Bible Study is introduced on Wednesday for more learning of the Scripture together. Now getting geared up for more effective communication process. Efforts are being initiated to motivate more committed people for active participation in the worship and ministerial engagements.

Church of the Epiphany, Kangiqsujuaq (Wakeham Bay): It was a great moment to visit Church of the Epiphany at Kangiqsujuaq which is a small beautiful church. The most exciting incident was to baptise 24 children at a time in one worship service which was indeed a lifetime experience.

The need of the hour is your earnest Prayer Support : Kindly pray for -

The Visit to the Ungava Bay is proposed to be in December, 2017.

Quaqtaq, St. Chad's Church: To explore more during my December 2017 visit.

Kangirsuk, Holy Trinity Church: God is doing wonderful things, with the help of the Vestry members, in the congregation by inspiring parishioners to participate in various activities of the Fellowship.

Aupaluk, St. Titus Church : To explore more during my December 2017 visit.

Tasiujaq, Church of the Transfiguration : To explore more during my December 2017 visit. Kangiqsualujjuaq, St. Andrew's Church. The Lord is beautifully leading the Church in various ministries under the leadership of Rev. Raquel Mack and the Vestry members.

Kuujuuaq, St. Stephen's Church. Under the able leadership of Rev. Abraham and the

Vestry members, greater works are being done by our Lord and lives inspired. May the good Lord enable us to worship Him in Truth and in Spirit through our lives. We pray for God’s direction in serving Him to do His will in our lives as He intends, to bring glory to our Creator and Maker of the Universe.

The Interview With ATTS Students
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ESAU TATATOAPIK: ATTS has given me an opportunity to learn God’s grace – how he works, how he has worked with people in the past, even from the beginning of creation. Remember that where we are today is not the beginning nor the end; God has been at work long before we were born, and there is more to God’s work after our time is over. Another valuable thing that I’ve learned is that I need to always strive to be at the center of God’s grace. Sometimes God doesn’t act when we expect him to, but he provides for us and knows the right time better than we do.

MARTHA KUNUK: My experience with the ATTS course has been amazing like nothing else. I have taken workplace training before and have learned other wonderful things, but taking this course is like no other training I have experienced. I can say it is only by the grace of God that my eyes, ears, heart and mind have been opened to deeper understanding. I feel privileged to be among others who are also eager to learn more about the purpose of Jesus. I now have a much wider sense of acceptance, and also further understanding of what it means to be part of the family of Christ.

ARCTIC NEWS: What have been some of the most challenging parts of studying at ATTS? In what ways have you been pushed outside of your comfort zone?

MANASEE ULAYUK: In coming to ATTS, my biggest challenge has been moving from a

community (Hall Beach) to a larger center (Iqaluit). I long to go out on the land and to hunt, but I don’t have many opportunities to do that while in Iqaluit. When I’m out on the land, I feel refreshed. It clears my mind. Being out on the land also brings me closer to God.

ANNIE KEENAINAK: I’m sure this is different for everyone, because we’ve all been created different. For me, I think the most challenging parts have been very personal, related to my spiritual growth. I have experienced obstacles within myself; these aren’t necessarily bad but they are humbling. I feel “rough around the edges” and have experienced God polishing me. Sometimes God uses others to help in that polishing, which means not only do we shine brighter as individuals but we also grow together as a family. We’re individuals but also deeply connected with one another in Christ. God pushes us out of our comfort zone – we’re not meant to stay in a box.

SARASSIE ARRAGUTAINAQ: For me, preparing and delivering sermons has been the most challenging. We delivered sermons in church a few times last year, and now we’re doing it more regularly at the Cathedral and at St. Simon’s in Apex.

ESAU TATATOAPIK: The most challenging part of my studies has been learning to work together as a team. Both in class and outside of it, as well as during the practicum, we have had to work together as a group, and also work with people in the local parish. Working with people is challenging – sometimes people may not want to work together, or other times people may not want your help, and occasionally people will reject you. At times, I have had to learn to compromise so that we can participate in church ministry together. This has pushed me out of my comfort zone, and has taught me not to fight back but rather be humble, which makes me strong before God. I have to trust that God works in this situations for our good. And

when I think back on challenging situations, I realize that it's all part of the learning process.

MARTHA KUNUK: For me, reading study materials and assigned books has been challenging. With English being my second language I find that some of the materials are too wordy. As it says in the Bible if there is speaking in tongues then it should be translated so that everyone understands God's word. I think it's time we work at providing materials that are simple and directed to all members of society.

I have been pushed out of my comfort zone by being challenged about the way I live. I have lived the best way I know how, but never saw that it sometimes wasn't the best way for me or for those around me. I had to learn to move from my old shell; in other words, to vacate my bad habits by changing my ways of thinking. Instead of reacting I

have learned to first receive and then respond. In other words, I have had to remind myself continually that if I want to change, I tell myself subconsciously that negative ways of thinking are evil ways of thinking, and so I counteract the evil with positive and true ways of thinking. So that negativity was my comfort zone, and I am still learning to adjust to my new way. I can only do that by the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

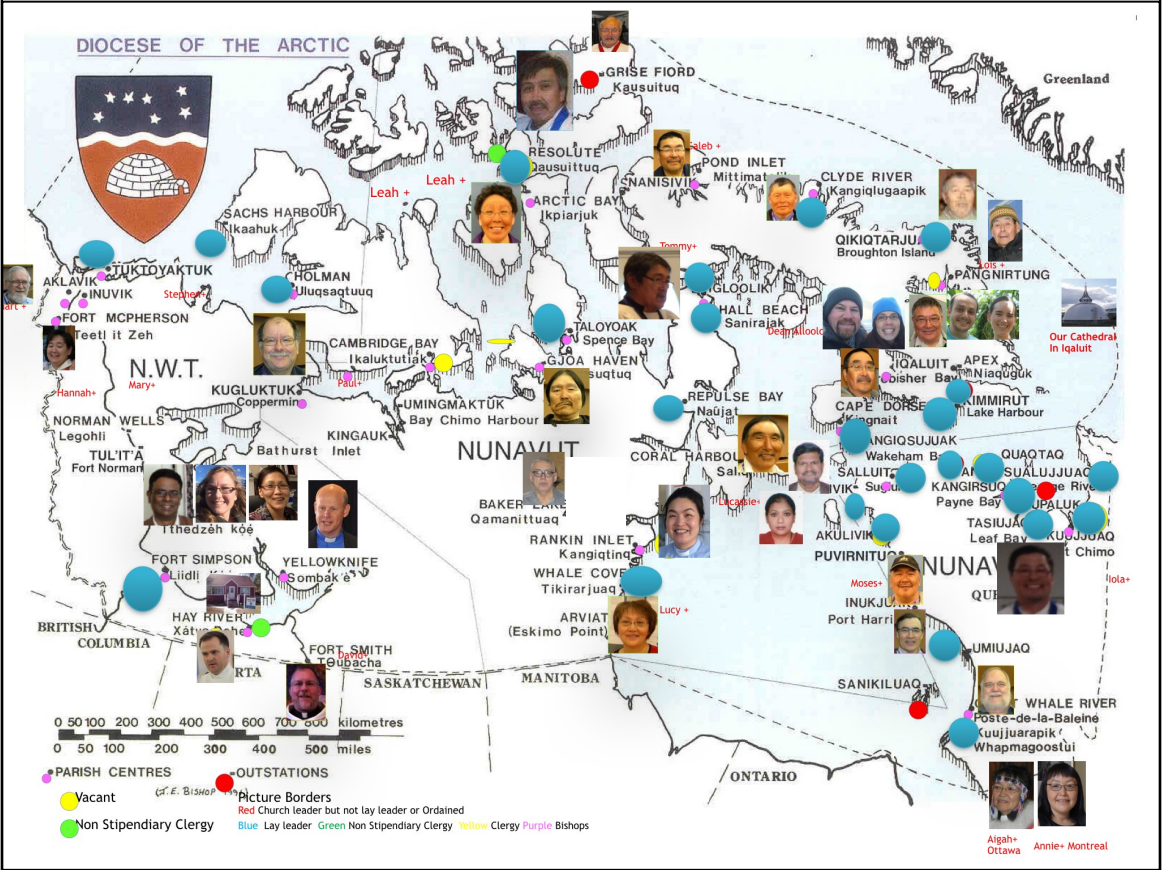
Prayer Requests

Please remember the Rev. Jeannie Natanine whose husband Solomonie whose husband died in November. May he rest in peace.

Also remember in prayer our Dean Jonas Allooloo and Mena and Rev. Stuart and Mabel Brown who retire in January. Bishop Andrew and Mary Atagotaaluk retired in October.

Pray for Rev. David Lehmann bishop elect for Caledonia who leaves us at the end of January

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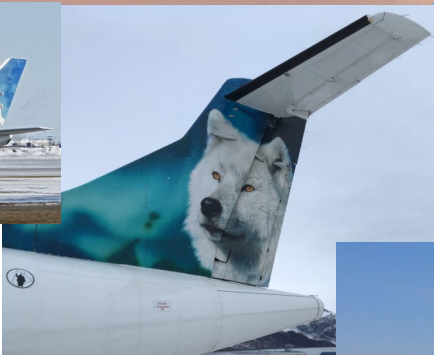
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	Umiujaq	Charlie Tooktoo
3	Puvirnituq	Rev. Moses & Iga Kalliraq
	Akulivik	Joanasie Qaqutuk
4	Salluit	Rev. Victor & Nalini Johnson
	Kangiqsujuaq	Inuluk Qissiiq
	Ivujivik	Quitsak Tarkiasuk
5	Kangirsuq	Rev. Ben & Grace Pearson
	Quaqtaq	Rev. Bobby Nakoolak (retired)
	Aupaluk	No Clergy or Lay
6	Kuujuaq	Rev. Abraham & Martha Tigullaraq
	Tasiujaq	Tommy Cain Jr.
	Kangiqsualujuaq	Rev. Raquel Mack
7	Iqaluit	Very Rev. Jonas & Meena Allooloo
		Rev. Methusalah & Martha Kunuk
		Revs Jared & Rebecca Osborn
	Apex	Rt. Rev. Paul & Abigail Idlout
8	Kimmitut	Joanie Ikkidluak
9	Cape Dorset	Eege Oqutaq
10	Pangnirtung	Rev. Abraham & Meeka Arnaqaq
11	Qikiqtarjuaq	Rev. Loasie & Jeela Akayuk Kuniliusee
12	Clyde River	Rev. Jacobie Iqalukjuak
13	Pond Inlet	Rev. Caleb & Zippora Sangoya
	Resolute Bay	No Clergy or Lay
	Grise Fiord	Rev. Jimmy & Geela Qaapik
14	Arctic Bay	Rev. Leah Qaqqasiq & Frank May
15	Iglolik	Without clergy
	Hall Beach	Rev. Enoki & Sarpina Irqittuq
16	Coral Harbour	Rev. Lucassie & Nowyah Nakoolak
	Naujaat	Paul Malliki
17	Baker Lake	Rev. Ayobami & Rosemary Ayorinde
		Revs. David & Jean Simailak
		Rev. Joedee & Vivian Joedee
18	Rankin Inlet	Rev. Eimsook Joung
19	Arviat	Rev. Lucy & Joe Netser
	Whale Cove	David Kritterdlik
20	Aklavik	Rev. Stuart & Margaret Brown
21	Inuvik	Evangelist Mrs. Mabel Brown
	Sachs Harbour	Joey Carpenter
22	Fort McPherson	Rev. Rebecca & Lesley Blake
		Rev. Hannah Alexie
		Rev. Mary Teya
23	Fort Simpson	Mavis Cli Michaud
24	Hay River	Rev. Francis & Kassandra Delaplain
25	Fort Smith	Rev. David Lehmann
26	Yellowknife	Rev. Bryan & Michelle Haigh
		Rt. Rev. Chris & Rona Williams
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	Gjoa Haven	Rev. Ikey & Elizabeth Nashooriatuk
28	Kugluktuk	Rev. Canon Paul Williams
29	Ulukhaktok	David Kuptana
30	Cambridge Bay	Brenda Janke
31	Tuktoyaktuk	No Clergy or Lay

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