

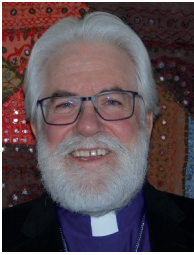
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BISHOP DAVID'S MESSAGE



In the midst of a noisy world when many seek our attention and/or compliance to their point of view, have you heard a still small voice inviting you to a place of solitude?

On the first resurrection afternoon, two of Jesus' 70

disciples left the 11 in Jerusalem and with downcast spirits began the seven mile walk to Emmaus. They barely noticed their Lord, the resurrected Jesus, who began walking alongside them until He asked, "What are you talking about?" An hour or so later they realized they had been mourning a risen Saviour.

Sometimes the noise of this world prevents us from hearing God who softly asks, *"What are you talking about."* While many voices dominate our time and mind, the still small voice of God has much to share if we would only accept His invitation to come and learn from Him. Matthew 11:28 *"Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me..."* In Colossians 1:16 we are told that God created this world and that. *"...all things were created through him and for him..."* Therefore, the only way to know our purpose is to get to know our Creator. My parents loved me enough to not leave me in the cradle; they brought me to the Christmas manger where Jesus lay, to the cross where He hung and died for my sin, to the empty tomb where Jesus rose to give me life. However, as much as my parents loved me, they could not walk the Christian walk for me, I had to follow Jesus myself.

Whenever we wake up, we wake up to what is called today. It's not yesterday or tomorrow it is today, and each day is a day of decision. We have free will to decide what we will do and each decision we make will have repercussions. Being able to decide is a great gift and a great responsibility as few decisions impact only us. There is both negative and positive influence. Negativity affects each of us and many have been led to believe that they have no purpose, position

or worth. This is false. Each of us are like a puzzle piece meant to be connected to others and part of a greater plan. Just as a piece of the puzzle bares the image of the front



cover of the puzzle box we each bare of the image of God our Creator.

God created through words, "let there be light." words are powerful! We all know what it is like to be emotionally hurt through words, but honourable words are able to build our spirit and our entire mental wellbeing. Just as God created through words, God wants to strengthen us and recreates us through His words. In the bible, when God spoke through the Holy Spirit, people heard the voice of God as mental impressions. In the 1st Psalm, David said we are blessed when we meditate on the Word of God. In the book of Hebrews chapter one, we are told that today God speaks through His son, Jesus. So, what does Jesus have to say?

In the Gospel of John 6:25, Jesus said, He is the bread of life. Just like breakfast give us energy for the day, the words of Jesus give our spirit life. God wants us to have life and life in abundance. Jesus said in John 10:10 that He is the Good Shepherd. Who are the bad shepherds? Ezekiel 34 says that many of the people whom God intended to be shepherds (guide His people) were selfish, they only fed themselves. In Ezekiel 34, God says one day He Himself was going to come to shepherd His people. As Christians, we believe Jesus is God incarnate. This means the all-powerful God, who could do anything, became a human being. Jesus is God.

The Gospel of John says, *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."* John 1:1-5

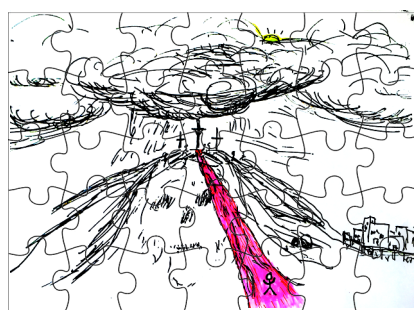
Continuing in John 10, Jesus said He is the Good Shepherd and that His sheep hear His voice. Jesus also said there was a thief (Satan) who comes to steal kill and destroy. In Colossians 1:13-16, in speaking of Jesus, we are told that God. *"delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things were created through Him and for Him."*

Friends there are decisions to be made; Who will we follow? At baptism we are asked to make a decision. Will we follow Satan or Jesus? To follow

Jesus, we must first reject and renounce Satan, his evil ways and our own sinful selfish nature. As parents, we promise that we will teach our children to also reject Satan. But how can we teach our children if we are ignorant to the Biblical story or the spiritual war we were born into. Unless we know the Covenants of God and the reason for the Old Covenant, the Abrahamic Covenant and the promises of the New Covenant, we will never follow the Baptismal Covenant. Ignorance will lead us astray as will any false teaching. Although, Satan, a fallen Angel (known as the price of Tyre in Ezekiel 28) has been defeated by Jesus, Satan still has the power to influence and whisper lies. Satan comes to confuse, to give false impressions, to speak against God. Satan wants us to live independently separated from God. In John 10:10, Jesus said Satan came to steal, kill and destroy and if we are ignorant of this who will protect our children, friends and neighbours? In a world of over 7.7 billion people how important is 1 individual? **VERY!**

To God each person is valuable. It's a shame when we put ourselves down and many do, thinking they have no purpose. But we do have value and we were created for a purpose. As I said there are many voices trying to guide us. In Jesus, God the Holy Spirit wants to guide us to a life of peace. This peace is a peace during the storm not a promise of deliverance from the storm.

Going back to my analogy of a puzzle. A single piece in a box may not stand out. And if we are that



puzzle piece, with different thoughts and impressions coming to our mind, thoughts that put us down, we can become



a lost puzzle piece, thinking we are worthless not needed or wanted. Yet whenever a puzzle is almost completed and just one puzzle piece is missing, the lost piece becomes the most important piece. To Jesus each lost person is like a lost sheep; as in a lost puzzle piece, valuable and worth His effort to seek and save that lost sheep. 1 John 3:8 says Jesus *came to destroy the works of the devil*. Jesus wants to destroy the false impressions of doubt, fear and unbelief.

You need to know that Jesus the Great Shepherd took your place in the puzzle of life. We may be deep in a deceptive dream, that we are OK: we're not OK! We are sinners and as a result we are separated from God. Satan may condemn us for being self-centered sinners who choose to be guided by other like-minded lost souls rather than God. Yet God loves us so much He wants to exchange our sin for His righteousness. As lost people plagued with thoughts that condemn us, we may feel that we have no hope but there is hope. John 1 says Jesus came to His own and they rejected Him, yet Jesus still called them to come follow Him and learn from Him. It is Jesus who saves and none else. Jesus declared that no one comes to God the Father except through Him.

We live in a time of Canadian history when many (even leaders within the Anglican Church) do not believe that Jesus is the one and only Saviour. Many voices tell us to embrace all the world's religions. But Jesus says He and only He is the Way the Truth the Life. There is no lack of religious thoughts. So why in this pluralistic world tolerant of every philosophy, wind and religious doctrine is Jesus an embarrassment? Why is belief that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God mocked? Why are so many atheists mad at God? Why are the tolerant liberals in our church so intolerant of the doctrines in the Anglican Church of Canada? Jesus is still the Bread of life to millions of Anglicans. We have many "Prophets" bringing conflicting messages. I know 1 Corinthians 14:8-9 is about speaking in tongues but I believe it applies. "...⁸ And in a war, if the trumpet does not sound clearly, the soldiers will not know it is time to prepare for fighting. It is the same with you. If you don't speak clearly in a language people know, they cannot understand what you are saying. You will be talking to the air!"

Today, while souls wander lost without The Shepherd, we who were sent with the Gospel are left with a decision to embrace the Word of God or reject the Word of God. What will we do? One of the saddest parts of Scripture is from the Gospel of John 6:66 "...after this many of his disciples turn back and no longer walked with him..." Friends a time of decision has come. Will we choose John 6:66 or John 3:33 ..." whoever receives His testimony sets his seal to this, that God is true..."



+David W. Parsons

BISHOP JOEY'S MESSAGE



Only a few weeks have passed since I was elected and consecrated as suffragan bishop of the Arctic. I am still learning what this new role entails, and what my life will look like going forward. I feel both excited and

intimidated by what lies ahead! But I know God is faithful, and the people in this Diocese have been unfailingly supportive. I'm grateful for all that.

As my first episcopal reflection in Arctic News I thought this might be a good opportunity to explain something of my vision for episcopal ministry, and to outline what I take to be its primary tasks. This vision has emerged over the last decade as I ministered in Yellowknife as a parish priest and Iqaluit as the director and primary instructor at Arthur Turner Training School. Together these locations – and the experiences they represent – have clarified for me two primary tasks that God has called me to: pastoring and teaching.

My calling as a pastor emerged during my time in Yellowknife. The word pastor means “shepherd.” Of course, Jesus is the “Good Shepherd” so in that sense he is the only true pastor of the church, but our Lord has nonetheless given pastors to the church in order to shepherd people in his name for the good of his church. What a wondrous thing it is to be a pastor – to encourage people who are struggling, to challenge people who are complacent, to comfort people who are grieving. In all of it, pastors are given the joyous privilege of being a sign of Christ, to show his presence through their own presence.

Of course, pastoring is not all sweetness and light. There are times we need to protect our flock from danger, from “wolves” who intend to harm the church by dividing and scattering Christians one from another. We are to resist these destructive forces by the power of the Holy Spirit. Thus the role of a spiritual shepherd is central in order to gather God's people, to keep them together bound in love, and to protect the unity of the Spirit. It is an awesome task, possible only by God's grace, and

one that I will devote myself to faithfully, with God's help.

The second task God has called me to is to be a teacher. This has been clarified for me during the last few years in Iqaluit leading Arthur Turner Training School. Teaching is an enormous responsibility (James 3:1). Communicating the Gospel with courage, clarity and grace is no easy thing. It requires first of all that the one teaching know what the gospel is and why it matters. Michael Ramsey, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, used to tell potential ministers that they should “study to be simple.” In other words, the more we study scripture and learn the content of our faith, the more we're able to communicate it in clear ways to people in our communities.

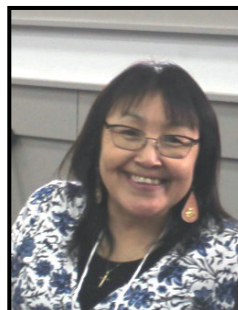
That said, this is not simply a matter of grasping information but more so a matter of knowing Jesus truly and personally. The gospel is about relationship, with God through Christ and with others in Christ's name. It goes without saying that if a bishop is going to lead people to Jesus, then he or she needs to know Jesus as Lord and Saviour. We cannot lead people to someone we don't know ourselves. That means bishops must pay attention regularly to his or her own soul, to ensure he or she is submitting to Christ in all areas of their lives, and to ensure that all parts of their person are integrated into a consistent pattern of Christlikeness (1 Timothy 3:1-7). Pray for me!

I believe the essence of the episcopal office is contained in these two roles of pastoring and teaching. By God's grace he will bless our faithfulness across this land as we work together for his glory. Let's uphold one another in prayer regularly. God bless you all.

+J. Royal



BISHOP ANNIE'S MESSAGE



March 28, 2019 was an election for the Diocese of the Arctic. The three were elected as suffragan bishops Joseph Royal, myself Annie Ittoshat and Lucy Netser and consecrated on Sunday March 31, 2019.

With Lucy Netser living in

Arviat and Joseph Royal in Iqaluit this leaves us moving back to Nunavik which community still has to be determined with my husband Noah, and my two boys Peter and our foster son Peter Kasudluak and yes, we have two Peters. Three of our daughters Dinah, Alice and Minnie are adults and living on their own in different communities.

Having lived in Montreal working for the Diocese of Montreal has really been an honour; prison visits, hospital visits and hold a service at a boarding home for patients who come down for medical reasons.

It is an honour to now step into the work that has already been done within the Diocese of the Arctic, by those who have laboured and worked hard. Much has already been laid out by ministers and lay leaders in the past; I am looking forward to now carrying this work on!

I am looking forward to working with Bishops David Parsons, Joseph Royal and Lucy Netser and bring out what the Lord wants to do within The Diocese of the Arctic.

Lucy Netser 

BISHOP LUCY'S MESSAGE



I was one of the four people that were nominated for Suffragan Bishops at Diocese of the Arctic Synod which took place in Yellowknife, NWT. Synod was from April 28 to 31st, 2019.

I've been a Regional Dean for Kivalliq Region since September 2014. For those that aren't too familiar with Nunavut, it's the central part of Nunavut, west part of Hudson's Bay.

There are 7 communities and 6 of them are with Diocese of the Arctic. These communities are widely spread apart from each other and there are no roads from community to community. We only travel by air and if you're fortunate you can travel by ice in winter to other communities that's excluding two most northerly places. Keep in mind that its way too cold being dragged by skidoo in kamutiik (sled) at -40 to -60 temperature and blizzard can come anytime, nearest community to

each is miles and miles away.

We had bad blizzard days in our region when Synod was actually going on and no one attended from our region but we can't do anything about the weather although we were looking forward to participating in the Diocesan Synod and elections.

Despite blizzards, we Kivalliq people were able to communicate by computer/telephone and we kept in touch to which route we may be using next, Winnipeg or Rankin.

Many thanks to retired Diocesan Executive Assistant Debra Gill forfilling in for the position that was vacant at this busy time. She kept adjusting our Kivalliq tickets (daily). Unfortunately we were all too late to attend the Synod.

When I was still at home, I received a call from Bishop David and Rev. Jared Osborne who has expertise in technology. They explained that people that are up for election have to give a talk. They asked if I could join them via computer or by Facetime. I agreed to use my cellphone Facetime.

After the 3 nominees had their speeches I did mine. I spoke in my mother tongue knowing and being told about simultaneous interpreters and that it was up to me to use whichever language I chose.

I received a call from Archbishop Greg, Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land that the results of the election had just finished and that I was one of the elect Bishops and asked if I accepted, I said "yes". I believe he had speakerphone on when he called, after "yes" there were people in the background applauding.

Saturday, weather cleared up, my husband and myself finally left home for Yellowknife. The consecration was to be held the next day April 31st. We made it to Yellowknife in the evening, when we reached the hotel there were people greeting us and congratulating right from the entrance.

As soon as we got to the hotel, we learned that rehearsal had already been done and I was given pointers to where and what they'll do.

Bishop Matthew went through the program with us, newly elected bishops.

Our eldest daughter Tina was able to attend despite the weather because she was already in Winnipeg for some other event. All her 4 siblings didn't make

it to Yellowknife.

Sunday morning came, it was very new for me to put purple coloured robes and thoughts came saying “really?” LOL. Now don’t get me wrong, I knew this was very real and that I had thought deep about it with my husband for 2 plus years. God had made it clear in Spring 2016 that I’ll become a bishop. When He said it, I was very puzzled since we had two bishops, one being a Suffragan. I didn’t have a clue but odd as it sounded I told my husband anyway. This year we submit ourselves to what God wants since we pray the Lord’s Prayer “Thine will be done”.

I also relied on the electors to bring this about in case I had misunderstood God. None of my region had a vote.

When the Bishops laid their hands on me I felt that hands were heavy on me as if they were pressing. I asked and I was told that they were not pressing hard.

I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during the consecration because He is faithful and kind to everyone.

It was an honour for my husband to put the Bishop ring on me and our daughter to put the cross around my neck.

We, three Suffragan Bishops, along with my husband stayed for another week for training and update on to what has been done and what would need to be done. Diocesan Bishop David and his wife Rita had us at their house, may the Lord bless them for being accepting.

I’ll be primarily looking after the Kivalliq Region and Kitikmeot but our jobs as Bishops applies to the whole Diocese of the Arctic. Bishop Joey is for Baffin Region and Bishop Annie for Nunavik (Northern Quebec).

I’m looking forward to working with our Diocesan Bishop and two other Suffragan Bishops and work for our people in the north. There’s so much to be done and can be done for the wellbeing of everyone. There has been tragedies and social issues plus suicides in the north. Lastly, we need to be walking side by side with people and be open to hear what they’re saying.

Joey Royal

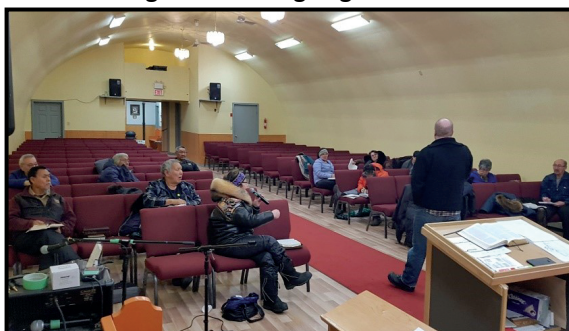


Arthur Turner Training School

By: Rt. Rev. Joey Royal

Director – Arthur Turner Training School

Theological Education in the Arctic: Learning and Growing Together in Christ



One of the things that fills me with joy and hope is the hunger for God’s Word that I see and hear about all across our Diocese. People regularly tell me they want to learn the scriptures, and they raise interesting and profound questions about things related to God and the spiritual life (I don’t always have a satisfying answer to those questions!). The education committee seeks to meet some of those needs with quality theological education for ordained and lay people alike.

Our education initiatives are rooted in a common vision, centered on the gospel of repentance for forgiveness of sins resulting in personal transformation (what the Christian philosopher Dallas Willard called “the renovation of the heart”). Our faith rests on a “high” view of scripture as the Word of God which speaks directly and clearly into the lives of northern people. Any education initiatives in our Diocese seek to be Gospel-focused, culturally-relevant and scripturally-rooted.

As a committee we’re focused on three key areas: First, training clergy through Arthur Turner Training School. Readers of The Arctic News will no doubt be aware that ATTS reopened in 2016 after a decade-long hiatus. Our first cohort graduated last April, and four graduates are now ordained and ministering in parishes within our Diocese. Our partnership with Trinity School for Ministry (www.tsm.edu) is stronger than ever, and we are proud to provide a joint ATTS-Trinity diploma for our graduates.

We had intended to accept another cohort this fall, but have found ourselves involved in a mandatory

and extensive review by the Government of Nunavut (GN) to determine whether or not our students would continue to be able to access government funding for their studies. Given the extreme cost of everything in the north, our students depend on that funding. Therefore, I am delighted to announce that we recently have been notified that ATTS has been designated by the Government of Nunavut for the next 5 years! This is a wonderful blessing, and means – God willing – we will be accepting a new cohort in September 2019. Please pray for those who are being called to prepare for ministry in the Arctic.

The second area where education is needed is in lay leader training. In many of our communities lay leaders run parishes – including preaching and leading services, conducting funerals, doing pastoral visits and so on. For even the more gifted and qualified lay person this is a heavy load, and many lay people need further training. Our goal in the coming year (and beyond) is to provide both training and resources to lay leaders across the Diocese. We plan to make material available, and also to conduct training workshops in strategic sites across the Diocese. Last January, I went to Arviat to teach a two-week training course to lay leaders from the Kivalliq region. What a blessing it was to meet committed lay leaders from the region, many of whom have served faithfully for years in their home communities. During the evenings, I taught a survey of the Bible for anyone who was interested, and most evenings we had about 25 people turn out for that. Much thanks to Bishop Lucy and the church in Arviat for hosting this and for covering the cost of travel and accommodation for everyone. God willing, we'll do another session in the Kivalliq in November 2019.

Lastly (but certainly not least), we need to continue fostering continuing training for our clergy. Unlike clergy elsewhere in the world, our clergy have few opportunities to take courses or attend conferences. For our unilingual clergy there are few training resources available in their language. Combine this lack with the fact that clergy bear a very heavy load in communities, often becoming the “go to” person for all the emotional and spiritual needs of the people. The sad irony is that our people need continuing education the most yet have the least access to it. There has been much effort within the Diocese to support clergy. For

instance, there is a monthly conference call (one for English-speakers and one for Inuktitut-speakers) which allows for mutual support and prayer. We have had regional gatherings as well as Diocesan-wide clergy conferences. These have been a source of encouragement and renewal for our people and we hope for them to continue.

I hope the preceding has given you some sense of our vision for education in this Diocese. We are a Diocese “on the move”, looking ahead at growth and not decline. That said, we need further resources to accomplish all this. Would you consider financially supporting the education initiatives of the Diocese? Any donation marked “education” will be put toward the training and upbuilding of clergy and lay leaders, who are “on the ground” fulfilling the mission of Christ’s church. Even if you cannot financially support us, we would greatly value your prayers. Please pray for God’s blessing on our work, that our people would be strengthened, encouraged and equipped.



Diocesan Youth Ministry

By: Deanna Fillion
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

The sun is now out more hours than there is darkness, and spring has begun in the various regions of the diocese. There has been so much going on in our diocese, and that includes youth ministry. We have numerous (15) youth ministries leading weekly youth services as well as youth bible studies, youth local radio programming, youth bands and youth sewing groups. We have some amazing clergy that promote and train youth and young adults how to lead youth ministry. Special thanks to Bishop Lucy Netser, Rev. Caleb Sangoya and Rev. Ikey Nashooriatuk.

We have started a youth ministry prayer cycle that has now been translated into Inuktitut, as well we are planning to have our 3rd annual Teens Encounter Christ weekend retreat over September long weekend in Yellowknife, NT. The goal of Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is to provide a safe, non-judgmental place where young people ages 16-21 can take time from the pressures of the outside world to think about and maybe decide where Jesus fits into their lives. The weekend is filled with

talks, worship times, and open space for reflection. The prayer and desire are that each teen will encounter the living Jesus during his/her TEC weekend.

Our diocese had synod the last weekend of March and we had 6 youth delegates from across the diocese all from different regions. Sadly, our youth delegate from Kivalliq, Gwemdalyne Ishalook from Arviat, was unable to attend due to weather disrupting flight plans. We had Jasmine Firth from Inuvik representing the Mackenzie Delta, Nick Kigeak from Gjoa Haven representing the Kitikmeot, Anthony Kaitak from Salluit representing the Ungava, Matthew Mulooki from Yellowknife representing the Upper Mackenzie, Narsuaq Atagotaaluk from Inukjuak representing Hudson Coast, and Solomon Kooneeluisie from Pangnirtung representing the South Baffin. They really enjoyed learning and were actively engaged in the process of electing Bishops, making motions and nominating each other to be elected to attend General Synod, Provincial Synod, and for our Diocesan Executive meeting. Two youth wrote and made a motion to the floor. This motion did pass. As well, one of our youth delegates spoke very well sharing their thoughts and concerns to the floor regarding another motion. It was amazing to see these youth flourish, lead, and encourage one another throughout our short time together. It was hard to say our good-byes. 🇸🇰



Diocesan Synod 2019
Youth Delegates

Human Trafficking

By: Deanna Fillion
Diocesan Youth Coordinator



Bishop David asked me to attend the “Engage Freedom Anglicans Against Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery gathering – April 2-5th, 2019 in Nanaimo, BC at the Bethlehem Centre. I joined the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon gathering. As a delegate from our diocese I was unable to attend the gathering for our ecclesiastical province last Fall. The purpose of the gathering was to learn about human trafficking and modern slavery that is happening in Canada, even in our regions. There was a focus on enforced sexual and labour exploitation, highlighting the most vulnerable, Indigenous women & girls, and temporary foreign workers. Risk factors include and not limited to being: female, indigenous, youth 14-25, impoverished and or homeless, low self-esteem, mental health issues, involved in child welfare system, LGBTQ2S, access to social media, middle income families and transportation corridors. Human trafficking and modern slavery is the third most profitable criminal global enterprise. In Canada, it is primarily for organs, marriages, sexual exploitation and labour exploitation.

Once you know, once you have become aware – in good conscience you cannot just sit back and do nothing. This is something that needs to be shared. I have learned from this gathering that being aware of the signs and knowing the risk factors of the most vulnerable is key to prevention, while most importantly broadly sharing this highly important information. Another key to prevention is getting to the root of the issue within many of the risk factors.

We, in the north are not immune to this. It is happening in the Arctic and we need to become

aware. Opening our eyes and seeing what is happening in our communities. We need to be teaching our children, youth and young adults about the risk factors, and what are some of the protective factors. This doesn't just happen in the big city; it is happening in rural and isolated communities.

Please watch and share with others these two videos to learn more about human trafficking:

<https://www.anglican.ca/issues/human-trafficking/Anglican Church of Canada Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery video>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iIML8kKHs0M>
International Justice Mission video about cybersex trafficking of young children.



can't wait to go home. My spirit was enlightened just being there around my people, talking, praising and fellowshiping in my own language. I was so happy that my dad's (Lucassie Nakoolak) uncle, Bobby Nakoolak who is almost 80 was at the Synod, coming from Quaqtaq QC. I would like to congratulate our new suffragan bishop's Annie, Lucy and Joey!!

I would also like to thank Christopher William's, Lucy Netser, Luii Mike, and Esau Tatatuapik for helping me translate Report's from Circular. I am now working on translating the Journal, and for those of you who weren't able to make it here for the meeting, I will be sending you Circulars, Journals and a few things in the mail before General Synod in July.



PWRDF

By: Matilda Nakoolak



PWRDF will be hosting a workshop in Winnipeg on June 7 & 8 , 2019, regarding learning how to facilitate Mapping Exercise. During this time we will be given more detailed information of what is expected after this workshop is done. Lena Sangoya is our newest Parish

Representative to PWRDF from Pond Inlet, NU, so I'd like to take this time to thank her for willing to volunteer. I was going to work on Strategic Planning with PWRDF, to try and come up with lunch programs in Nunavut, because I know a lot of students who don't eat lunch because they have no food at home, and it really affects their learning ability, so kind of hoping that I will get around to it, once things have slowed down in the office.

It has been a busy start of the year, preparing for Diocesan Synod, it was very interesting and challenging at the same time. Diocesan Synod 2019 was very good. First day of the meeting I stayed in the venue for about 13 hours that day, after the elections, they were jamming singing gospel songs! I did not want to leave; usually after meetings I

Diocesan Executive Officer

By: Sandra Drost



As I sit here reflecting on all God has done to bring me to this role of executive officer for the Diocese of the Arctic, I can not begin to explain how humbled and privileged I am feeling. Let me give you a glimpse of the journey from the Tropic of Capricorn of

Australia to The Arctic Circle of Canada

As a teenager, that was quite some time ago, I felt called to ministry, but like many, God had much shaping and molding to do of the clay of my life. As I grew in Him, this call began to deepen. At the same time He was preparing this also in my husband. I loved the experience of seeing God at work in his life as well as mine.

Skipping a few years to about 17 years ago, our home bible study group was studying the power of prayer and we watched the video series 'Transformations'. One of the areas of the world that was shown was the Baffin Island communities of Canada. It told the story of the amazing work that was going on in the Arctic and how God was

growing the indigenous people of this region of the world with a deep faith in Him. A little while after this, the Holy Spirit spoke to my husband calling him and before we knew it, our family was heading off to Bible college and then to the northern region of Canada, with an interdenominational Christian mission organization. Now neither of us felt equipped for ministry or for living in a climate opposite to all we had known, but we held onto His promise, to equip us to do His will in Hebrews 13.

After a little training and being mentored by Ray Jackson, Yukon's First Nation's Evangelist, Northern Canada soon felt like home and the indigenous people of the north were imprinted on our hearts. God took us to live in the communities of Fort McPherson and Tsiigehtchic in northern Northwest Territory. How did this happen, an Australian family living in the Arctic regions of Canada? We loved it! We loved the people and the environment! We loved living life authentically and transparently amongst our new friends. Times were not always easy, but through it all, God placed people to be His hands and feet to support, encourage and love us, to be our friends. One of the hardest days was the day we were asked to move to Yellowknife. We were asked to be in a supporting role to those who were ministering in the northern regions. The mission was hoping to increase their work and partner with other ministries in the region. It tore my heart to consider moving from those who had grown dear to me, I didn't understand. I remember sitting there one day in tears, feeling sorry for myself when on the CBC radio the Gwich'in ladies came on to run a program. I couldn't understand a word of what was been said, but all of a sudden God lifted me out of my quagmire, as the ladies began to laugh. I can still hear them today laughing away. God was saying 'trust me, you don't need to understand to experience joy and peace in the unknown.' God had certainly grown our hearts and shown us the need, through our ups and downs, for effective support and equipping of those who minister in the northern regions. So off to Yellowknife we went, with a heavy heart but also one that was trusting God in His direction. Things were not easy, we had healing to do and much learning. We yearned to be back up north and yet we felt a strong call that Yellowknife was where God was asking us to be. We became confused and discouraged. God took us through another time of

refining, moulding and a time of being still and waiting on Him and His timing.

That was over six years ago. God placed many individuals in our path and began developing connections that we were yet to understand. It never ceases to amaze me how God gives little appointments and brings things into our lives for His purposes and plans. When we lived in Yukon, we began developing friendships with a number of those ministering in the Anglican church and then up in the Beaufort Delta region those ministering in St. Matthew's parish carried us through some difficult moments of life. As we moved down to Yellowknife, through a number of ministry opportunities, God connected us again to those ministering in the Anglican diocese. God impressed on our hearts the important work that He was doing through the Diocese of the Arctic and we started wondering was there some way we could be a support and encouragement to this work. At times, we would run into Bishop David around town, and as he often states, these were potentially divine appointments. On one occasion my husband, John, was chatting with Bishop David when the need for an executive officer was brought up. Was this something God would have us consider. Well from there you know the story, as here I am learning how I can best serve, support and encourage those who are ministering and going about the Lord's work in the northern regions of Canada. The connections God made are incredible from using Bishop David to encourage a video of the Baffin region to be produced 18ish years ago, to having us meet here in Yellowknife and grow a friendship, to now being part of the work that God used to draw us here in the beginning. I am humbled and excited about how God wants to use us in this work.

What a privilege it is to serve Him. What a peace it gives to know that we don't have to be fearful of the future as we sit confidently knowing that He has it all in His plan. When we look to Him for His will even though the road may be rough and full of twist and turns, His wisdom will direct and give us peace beyond our human capability. I hold onto the truths of scripture that tells me to 'Walk by faith not by sight' and to 'Seek ye first His kingdom and all these things will be added unto thee.'



Bishop David

Diocesan Synod 2019 Charge



Welcome to the 16th Synod of the Diocese of the Arctic. It has been an honour to serve Jesus and as your bishop. Jesus commissioned His Church to focus on evangelism and discipleship. These two ministries are the substance of our

Diocesan mission statement and through prayer God directed us to focus on family, parish development and the training of clergy and youth leaders.

Being someone saved from sin and the deceptive philosophy of liberal religious Universalism, God did not call me to stand idly by and watch the church being hi-jacked by false doctrine. We live in a time, when the church is in an appeasement mode. Rather than dealing with the conflict most people want to be politically correct and avoid conflict. A bishop is called to guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church. A bishop is called to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word.

38 years ago, after many clergy talked to me about biblical criticism, I began to listen closely to the message coming out of theological colleges. I saw people more in love with church ceremonies than with Jesus. I saw a passion for procedure, but not for the lost. With glassy eyed wonderment theological students drank from the polluted wells of new age progressive thinkers whom bishops allowed to attack the doctrines of Jesus' virgin birth, Jesus' resurrection, the divinity of Jesus, God's plan for marriage and replace these biblical doctrines with the doctrine of self will rights. The bible says there is a way that seems right to man but it ends in

destruction.

We are about to go to General Synod. Some wish to amend the Marriage Canon to allow same sex marriage. Others want to protect the biblical Doctrine of Marriage and believe the Marriage Canon should not be changed. The reality is we have two opposing views. Truth and error cannot walk together or be unified.

I am part of the group that says, "I will embrace the bible even when it convicts me of sin." The other side says, God is love and what ever we do in love, is of God. If the bible speaks against love, then the bible or that part of the bible is not of God. They have concluded, that they will not embrace what the bible teaches if it doesn't line up with their understanding of love.

The bible says, our ways are not God's way. Jesus invites us to turn from our ways, follow Him and learn His way, which include self denial. Every living creature reproduces, and Jesus said those who abide in Him will reproduce. So, to test whether a teaching is true or false look at the fruit.

I have two glasses of liquid, they look the same, but one is water, the other is vinegar. One is refreshing but which one? Friends just as a little baking soda will test which is water and vinegar, test the churches. Jesus said those who abide in Him will be fruitful and multiply. In our country, Liberal heterodox churches are closing in unprecedented numbers, while biblically orthodox Christ centered churches are growing.

I believe Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life. I believe the bible is the trustworthy Word of God. I believe that marriage is intended as a life time covenant between one man and one woman. The Bible does not give me permission to bless same-sex unions or to allow same-sex marriage in our diocese. I realize that the hatred, isolation and prejudices experienced by so many people, due to how they identify themselves sexually, is both tragic and heart breaking. However, scripture prevents me from advocating for same sex marriages and I will not and cannot support changing our National Church Marriage Canon and I will not affirm error. Rather I call on

those in our church who oppose scripture to repent and seek God's will by prayerfully reading scripture.

I also call on those in our diocese who engage in bullying, lying, fornication and adultery to repent. We live in a time when many children are being raised to believe that selfishness, greed, bullying, fornication and adultery are normal. For decades delegates from the Diocese of the Arctic have stood in General Synods and called upon our church to follow the Bible. How can we preach to others when marriage is not being honoured as it should be in our Diocese?

Our diocese has more people living in common-law relationships than any other part of Canada. Many children are being raised on their own as parents move from relationship to relationship. Family violence is at an all-time high, babies are aborted, while others are hungry because parents gamble money away or use it for drugs. This type of environment glorifies Satan not Jesus.

We live in a time when marriage and families are being attacked by deception. Marriage and family are God ordained institutions. Marriage is honourable before God. God wants us to tell our husband or wife, "I am committed to you and I will ask God to help me honour you in our marriage.:

God loves each baby in the womb and wants every child to be nurtured in a home where they learn the Word of God, life skills, culture and traditions to help them thrive. Words are powerful and every child needs to be blessed and encouraged by hearing, "I want you, you are valuable, I will help you and guide you. Life has difficulties, but I will teach you how to face them and work hard. You can do it and I will help you learn how to do it. You will make mistakes, but I will forgive you and you need to know this my child, you are mine, I will never leave nor forsake you." These are the words; God the Holy Spirit speaks to us and our children need to hear those same encouraging words from us.

God intended the family to be the place where children are evangelized. Jesus taught the

Christian faith during meals and so should we. In Deuteronomy, chapter 6, God says during meal times mothers and fathers teach your children about my principles, precepts and commandments. Clergy should not be expected to teach our children about God. It is the primary role of parents to teach their children the gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, clergy should coach mothers and fathers and provide good Christian formation classes so that those, who are having their children baptized, will train their children, not so much how to operate in the world's kingdom but in the kingdom of God.

We live in a time when people from all over the world are coming to the Arctic. Many are Christians who come from vibrant churches and it is important to learn what these brothers and sisters can teach us. Others are non-Christians. We could invite these new comers to our homes and invite them to study the bible with us. Bible Discovery is a program that invites non-Christians to explore the Bible in a safe environment. One or two Christians invite non-Christians to meet with them to explore the bible. Our part is not to teach but let the Holy Spirit teach as we get them to read and discuss what they are reading. Then we ask, "What would it be like to follow these teachings that you are discovering in the Bible? Many atheists and people from other religions have met Jesus through the Bible Discovery Program and now follow Jesus as a result of exploring the bible in this way. <https://multmove.net/resources-dbs/> www.amazon.ca/Contagious-Disciple-Making-Leading-Discovery-ebook/dp/B00KQ2G1T6

Anglicanism has a parish mentality. This means we believe we are responsible to care for everyone in the community. Years ago, I asked God, "How do I make disciples?" God directed me to look at 1 Peter 2:21 which says to follow in the steps of Jesus. As I thought about Jesus. I remembered Jesus saying in John 6 that no one comes to Him unless God the Father draws them. I also remembered Jesus spent most of his time training Peter, James and John; just 3 people. I started asking God to lead me to people whom

He was drawing to Himself and were hungry for Him. Over the years I have disciplined many who now teach others. In the early days the gospel spread in the camps of the Gwich'in and Inuit as they sang, prayed and shared the stories of Jesus. Now it's our turn.

Seven Years Ago, the diocese was experiencing great difficulties. The Cathedral owed 3.4 million dollars with \$30,000 interest being added each month, ATTS was closed, the building condemned, we needed clergy and we were experiencing a suicide epidemic. The day after our ordination, Bishop Darren and I were asked what we were going to do about all the suicides? As new Bishops it was quite overwhelming. However, the bible says count it all joy when you encounter trials. We had opportunity after opportunity to be joyful. The bible also says, "Seek first the Kingdom of God, in all our ways acknowledge God, believe God's promise and walk in faith." As we prayed a vision developed. At Synod in 2016, I shared the vision God gave us to focus on: family, parish development, training new clergy and youth leaders and pay off the Cathedral. Then we implemented Freedom 2015 asking every Anglican in the Arctic to give \$20.00 per week until the Cathedral was debt free. God encouraged us "Don't fear. Don't look at difficulties as obstacles but as opportunities and put faith into action." As we obeyed God, the vision He gave us began to produce results. I hope you are encouraged and give God glory as I report on what God has done.

New Churches and Mission Houses: While many dioceses in Canada are downsizing, closing churches we are upsizing. We hired 3 additional Synod office staff, recruited 9 priests, ordained 10 deacons with plans to ordain 4 more. The cathedral has been paid off and consecrated as are churches in Arviat, Kangirsuk, Kuujjuak, Rankin Inlet, Whale Cove and praise God, after last year's fire, in Grise Fiord St. Peter's has been restored. Mission houses in Arviat, Hall Beach, Igloodik, Rankin Inlet, Inukjuaq have been paid off as well.

Bible Translation and BCP Revision: Rev Canon Jonas Allooooloo completed the Children's Inuktitut bible and the Nunavik Cree have a new Syllabic bible. Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk and Jonas are now revising the Inuktitut bible and BCP. We are working with Faith Comes By Hearing to have the Bible recorded in Inuktitut. Myles Leitch of the Canadian Bible Society is working with Edna Ellias, Suzie Ebyagotailak, Millie Kuliktana, David Kuptana, George Hayokhok, to complete the Inuinnaqtun bible.

Translator: Matilda our translator is a great asset to improving communications and preparing services such as the cathedral consecration, ordinations and this Diocesan Synod. Many expressed their delight to be able to read an issue of Arctic News stories that was partially bilingual. Please send stories to put in Arctic News.

Youth Ministry: We asked God, "How do we help people who are thinking about ending in their lives to choose life and how do youth learn?" God gave us an answer and a vision. "Young people are influenced by their peers. Therefore, hire a fulltime youth coordinator to find Godly evangelistic teenagers and teach them how to come alongside and influence their peers, teenagers and people in their twenties and thirties. Train an army of youth ministers to enter every area of society and workforce." Deanna embraced this vision and has developed a youth network, a team of youth leaders, organized training schools, held a Diocesan Youth Conference, is planning another and has organized two Teens Encounter Christ weekends. These efforts are influencing youth across the Arctic. Many Yellowknife denominations are helping Deanna as are ministries across North America.

Arthur Turner Training School: God gave us a vision that resonated with Joey and Jen Royal. ATTS is up and running with 5 graduates; 4 were ordained deacons. We are excited about new students enrolling in September. Our hope is that the new generation of clergy and youth ministers who are trained will bless parish and family life throughout the diocese and create a revival.

We need clergy to help congregations gain spiritual insight and be aware of the work of the Holy Spirit and walk with hope by faith not by sight. Please pray for ATTS and ask parishes to prepare to receive new ministers in their parishes. After meeting with the people in Cape Dorset, I promised them that one of the next ATTS graduates will go there. There was no mission house in Cape Dorset so I asked the parish to raise the funds and build a rectory.

Inukjuaq asked for one of the ATTS graduates; they also didn't have a suitable mission house so in September, they began to build one and in December their new minister moved into a debt free Mission House! How could they do this?

You too can become Self-Supporting: Three years ago, Bishop Andrew told us how Inukjuaq became self-supporting and learned to tithe. Bishop Andrew said a minister asked every household to make a commitment to give enough money each week so they could become self-supporting. This is the plan. The cost to have a minister is \$75,000 a year. If your community has 150 households. Divide 75,000 by 150 equals 500. So along with tithing ask each household to give \$500 a year or \$10 per week. This method can be used for communities that need a church. A million-dollar church could be built in five years if a community of 150 each gave \$25 per week. Inukjuaq used this method to become self-supporting and they have since learned to be givers. Using this same mentality every community could have a new mission house, new churches and be able to pay their minister, their assessments and even hire a youth pastor.


Freedom Forever: As we had Freedom 2015 to clear our Cathedrals debt, we need to be free to do the ministry that God has called and entrusted to our care. Of the 7.6 billion people in the world our diocese has a population of 95,000. These 95,000 people are our mission field. We need to support our own ministry. To become a self-supported diocese, I propose we begin a fundraising campaign called Freedom Forever and ask every household to give the diocese \$25.00 a month. The money raised will support ATTS, youth ministry, building of mission

houses, churches and the hiring of clergy.

Partnerships: We thank God for our partnerships in Canada and around the world, such as Arctic Fellowships in Canada UK, (ACW) Anglican Church Women who pray for us and sent bales of clothing for years. We plan to strengthen our partnerships within the Anglican Communion and develop partnerships with those who have effective ministries and promote an orthodox walk of faith.

Ministry of Reconciliation: I recognize the Anglican Church North America to be a faithful community of Anglicans. My desire and prayer is to be in full communion with them therefore, I humbly request the Archbishop of Canterbury to welcome Anglican Church North America into the worldwide Anglican Communion. If you share my commitment to the faithful orthodox Anglican Church North America, you might consider a proposal from our Synod to the Archbishop of Canterbury recommending such a step.

I want to welcome Sandra Drost, a missionary with SEND North, whom I have hired to be my personal assistant and Executive Officer. I want to say to thank Debra Gill. Thank you, Debra, for your incredible support and ministry of love. This synod would not have happened if you had not dropped everything and come when I called. Thank You!! I also want to thank Bishop Darren McCartney. Only Rita, knows what an exceptional brother you've been to me these past 7 years. Words cannot convey how comforting it has been to face the spiritual warfare knowing you had my back. Thank You Brother, I will always cherish you as a dear friend.

Friends Please Share the Vision: I ask you to take the vision I've shared with you and share it with your communities. I thank Jesus for all that has been accomplished and give Him the Glory. I pray God's blessing upon you, and I pray that Jesus Christ will use you mightily in the days ahead for His Glory! Amen. 

Diocesan Synod 2019


By: Rev. Geoffrey and Rosalind Dixon (retired)



After eight weeks of rewarding ministry in Ft. Simpson preparing the congregation for the arrival of Eimsook Joung to be their new minister Rosalind and I had the privilege of attending the Diocesan Synod. In 1975 we came from England to serve in the Arctic under the leadership of the late Bishop John Sperry, after forty four years we are still part of a Diocese that adheres unashamedly to the Bible as the Word of God, and proclaims with conviction the uniqueness of the person and work of Jesus Christ. The synod was a powerful testimony to the unchanging nature of the gospel. At the synod there was joyful worship in the different languages and dialects spoken across the diocese. Faithful ministry of God's Word was enriching and challenging.

Listening to synod delegates speaking and discussing issues relevant to the mission of the diocese was wonderfully encouraging. As the synod worked it's way through a full agenda no one was left in any doubt that under the leadership of Bishop David, and the newly elected suffragan Bishops that the diocese has a clear vision for mission and ministry in the church across the Arctic. After forty four years we have observed many changes in the north, but amidst these changing times the Anglican Church in this diocese continues to proclaim that

'Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.' Indeed God was glorified at a Diocesan Synod where politicking, arguing and religiosity had no place. It was a Synod that should serve as an example of how all synods should be conducted. In these days of so much theological confusion in many parts of the church let us all pray for the Anglican Church in Canada's Arctic to continue growing and impacting the lives of all people in the north' with the glorious gospel of our Lord Saviour Jesus Christ.

In appreciation for having been so richly blessed at the Diocesan Synod. 

Canadian Bible Society

At Diocesan Synod 2019

By Jeff Green (Translation Consultant)



The Diocese of the Arctic and the Canadian Bible Society (CBS) have been working together for decades. The Inuktitut Bible translation project began in 1978, and the complete Bible was published in 2012 and dedicated at the same time as the rebuilt St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit was dedicated.

In the years since then, CBS has continued to work with two of the original translators, Rev. Jonas Allooooloo and Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk, on revising the 2012 text. They've received feedback from people reading the Bible, and

they've noticed things on their own that could be changed. When I joined CBS a couple years ago, Jonas and Andrew and I met and came up with a way to get their changes into the text and approved for publication. They've now worked carefully through about 80% of the New Testament, and I'm working with them book-by-book on final checks.

All I knew about this project came from my interactions with Jonas and Andrew, and a couple conversations with Bishop Darren. It was Darren's idea that CBS's translation department send a representative to synod this year, and I'm glad he suggested it! I had a chance to say a few words to synod about the value of our partnership and CBS's desire to serve the church. We want to produce Scripture resources that meet real needs in the church, rather than books that will sit on shelves collecting dust. I also gave an update on our current translation work for communities in the Arctic: as we complete portions of the Inuktitut Bible revision, we're partnering with Faith Comes By Hearing to make audio recordings. We're working with a group from Kugluktuk on new Bible translation and a revision of the Bible passages in their prayer book. We're working on various dialect translations of the American Bible Society's *Mission: Literacy* collection, a set of Bible stories designed for new readers. And we're considering a Study Bible edition of the Inuktitut Bible.

At synod, I had the opportunity to meet with church leaders and other committed church members from across the Arctic. I got to hear their stories and learn about their situations. One delegate told me he'd love the Inuktitut Bible to have a topical concordance in it, so that when he is preparing to preach on a topic, he'll have help finding relevant verses. What I came to understand from that conversation and from others is that my Inuit brothers and sisters really do use their Inuktitut Bibles, a lot (I saw Bibles held together by tape), and that they don't have other Bible resources in their language. No concordances, no commentaries, no devotional books. The Bible Society's mandate is limited: we're not going to produce commentaries, and

we're not going to publish a prayer book, but we can do a Study Bible, and my time at synod convinced me that we should, because I've seen the needs it'll meet.

It was encouraging to see the prominent role played by Indigenous languages at synod, with all documents being available in English and Inuktitut, and people reading Scripture, praying, and leading songs in Inuktitut, Inuinnaqtun, Cree, and Gwich'in (sorry if I missed any). And I was happy to see how the Bible translators at synod were honoured and prayed for. The Diocese of the Arctic and CBS continue to have a good relationship, and together we're doing good work.



Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH)
At Diocesan Synod 2019
By: Frank Dvorak



To Yellowknife, Northwest Territories

It was a distinct pleasure and privilege, as a representative for Faith Comes By Hearing (FCBH), for me to be able to attend the 16th Synod of the Anglican Church, Diocese of the Arctic. The visit came at the invitation of Bishop Darren McCartney and was an opportunity to meet with the Canadian Bible Society, The Anglican Church, and the Inuktitut people. FCBH has been working with the Canadian Bible Society (CBS) to record the Inuktitut New Testament for some time. With CBS working on a revision of the Inuktitut New Testament, this is

a great time to be discussing and preparing for its recording.

I was impressed with the dedication of the Anglican Church to the First Nation Languages. It was evident from the outset of the synod, that the Church views worship in the local languages to be integral part of the Christian experience. Just the seeing all of the synod materials being produced in both English and Inuktitut was evidence to the Anglican Church's commitment to seeing God worshipped to the full extent of our heart's ability, through worship in the language that most speaks to the hearts of the people. Completing a New testament for a Language Group is only the first step in seeing people grow in their walk with Christ. It takes implementation at the level of the local congregation to make the Bible translation and Scripture recording work truly successful. In the many discussions with both clergy and lay leadership, I am excited about not only the Church's interest in Inuktitut New Testament recording, but also their interest in seeing it in the hands of every Inuktitut person.

In many parts of the world where Bible Translation and recording goes on, such enthusiasm by the Church is not always what we see. Some Church leaders see translation as a threat to unity within the Church. At Wycliffe Bible Translators and Faith Comes By Hearing, we see translation as one element that most encourages unity. The greater we understand the message of the Bible, the greater will be our love and worship of our Lord and Savior. The more we are given over to our God, the more we have the Holy Spirit guiding us in our love, a true love from God, for our neighbor.

At the 16th Synod of the Diocese of the Arctic, I witnessed a Church's understanding of this and a dedication to seeing the Lord being taken to the people of the Arctic fully and completely. Part of that clearly includes presenting God in the language of the hearer, that God's Word will penetrate to and change the heart. It was a blessing and an encouragement to be in attendance. Thank you so much for having me. 🇨🇦

Visit to the Canadian Arctic: A Personal Reflection

By: Sadiri Joy Tira, D.Min., D.Miss.



The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop of the Diocese of the Arctic of the Anglican Church of Canada, invited me to be with the pastors and lay leaders during the 16th Synod, held from March 28-31; 2019 in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. Although this was my second visit to the city of Yellowknife, this was my first to be surrounded by Inuit followers of Jesus Christ. For four days, I had the privilege of sharing their meals, singing God's praise in their indigenous languages, reading the Scriptures, and praying with them, and partaking with them in the Holy Communion.

Over a hundred church leaders from remote places and isolated islands of Canada came to worship, pray, and select among themselves three new bishops who would lead their diocese and parishes in the years ahead. It was more like a family reunion than a regular denominational gathering. I was moved by their humility and their obedience to the leading of the Holy Spirit — marks of godliness. Although, I was a guest, I was allowed to sit down amongst them and listen to their business meetings. While I could not engage in debate or vote, I silently prayed for my brothers and sisters in Christ. What was very significant was that I was invited to partake in the Holy Communion (i.e., Last Supper). The gathering around the table of the Lord Jesus Christ was, to me, a foretaste of the heavenly banquet

when God’s redeemed people from all nations come together to celebrate eternal life. They will be together for eternity, never to be separated again. My participation in the Holy Communion had a profound impact on my life. I was inspired to meet Inuit brothers and sisters, fellow pilgrims to the City of God.

On Sunday, March 31, 2019, during the installation service of the newly elected Bishops, I noticed that there were people who originally came from the Philippines, Somalia, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and India (among others). I became convinced that these new immigrants had chosen to make the Arctic their home. Despite the long and bitter cold winters these people came to Canada’s north. The arrival of the new immigrants gives the Inuit congregations and parishes the opportunity to welcome people from around the world. Indeed, many of them come to Christ while living in Arctic Circle, a fulfilment of the Acts 17:26, “From one man He created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and He determined their boundaries.” Who would have thought, during the days of William Carey - the “father of modern-day missions,” that the followers of Christ in the northern hemisphere would be “home missionaries” to Asians, Africans, Latinos, and more?

Bishop Parsons charged his diocese:

“We live at a time when people from all over the world are coming to the Arctic. Many are Christians who came from vibrant churches and it is important to learn what these brothers and sisters can teach us. Others are non-Christians. We could invite these newcomers to our homes and invite them to study the Bible with us. Bible discovery is a program that invites non-Christians to explore the Bible in a safe environment... Many people from other religions have met Jesus through the Bible Discovery Program and follow Jesus as a result...”

I was inspired to hear the Bishops challenge. May the Inuit Anglican congregations become missional and vibrant in evangelism and discipleship. It is my prayer that the Inuit churches reach out to the new immigrants and to the thousands of tourists who land on their door steps.

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Arctic House of Bishops Meeting And Bishops School



Following synod Bishops Joey, Annie, Lucy and Lucy's husband Joe moved into our home and we began our first Arctic House of Bishops meeting and Bishop's school. We spent four days of intense prayer instruction and training. It was a steep learning curve as there was much to learn about the various procedures of the: Anglican Church of Canada, Province of Rupertsland, Anglican Communion, Council of the North and our own diocese. I feel after seven years I am only now beginning to grasp all that is involved with leading a diocese. With the Holy Spirit's guidance, we addressed many topics as time would allow.



We spoke about: Jesus' Great Commission, how the founders of our diocese Inuit,


Gwich'in and BCMS missionaries drafted a very powerful mission statement to ground the diocese in Jesus, the bible and His Commission, our national and international partnerships, ACWs, Arctic Fellowships, the need to develop new partnerships. We talked about the vision God gave us, the progress so far and what we as a group of bishops can do to implement and accomplished the vision. Being a huge diocese with 8 deaneries covering 3.5 million sq km, we will share responsibilities, each looking over 2 deaneries. After brainstorming, we spent a day

with Synod office staff who brought the new bishops up to speed with other organizational practicalities. The whole week was an extremely positive healthy gathering. Along with pondering the vision and how to provide



training and inspiration to our diocese we enjoyed great food including a feast of country food seal, caribou, bowhead, a Newfoundland cooked dinner, a ministerial Lenten luncheon and day outing to an Ethiopian restaurant.



With hearts of excitement and some trepidation it came time to go our separate ways. On Friday April 5th all but Bishop Joey began their travel home. Joey stayed on for a few more days in order to preach to his former congregation of Holy Trinity, YK. Then on April 8th, Joey returned to Iqaluit. We continue to meet as Bishops via social media and plan to meet face to face as much as we can over the next few years in order to prayerfully seek God's direction before we act. God gives the vision. We make steps of faith. 







PAISLEY GRACE TULLUQ

By Elizabeth Nashaooraitook



My baby Paisley Grace Tulluq is a living testimony. Back in March 29, 2014, I was told that she would not live. I cried out to God Almighty for her, my heart was broken into so many pieces I could not bare to live without her. I

was sobbing and I began bargaining with God, telling him that if she lives, I would do anything and praise him and thank him. God answered my prayers and the other people who prayed for her. She had meningitis and two major veins busted on her left or right brain. This happened to her when she was only three months old, now she is 5 years old. Thank you God Almighty.

At times, I do forget but the cross and picture of her is a reminder to me, to thank God Almighty for answering my prayers. God looked down on me with favor and I thank him so much. I thank the people who prayed for Paisley Grace and who keeps her in their prayers. I would like everyone who reads this to pray for my Paisley Grace. She will be home with us for 10-12 weeks some time, in April or May 2019.

When life seems hopeless that's when God steps in and tells us I will take care of it.

Our church always prays for all Christians especially the Bishops, Pastors and Lay Leaders and their families. Also remember to pray for the Jews. From Elizabeth Nashaooraitook and Family

I thank God Almighty for giving us Jesus Christ, our Saviour, our Redeemer, our Confidant, our Healer, our Best Friend, our Mediator, our Counsellor, and everything in our life. This is my favourite song to sing because "Jesus Christ Paid it All".

Jesus Paid it All

By: Kristian Stanfill

I hear the Savior say,
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in me thine all in all

'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone


'Cause Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
My sin had left this crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow

It's washed away,
All my sin And all my shame
And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
"Jesus died my soul to save"
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow


O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead (repeat x4)

We'll praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Jesus You are the one the son of God
Conqueror of death King of kings
The sacrificial lamb

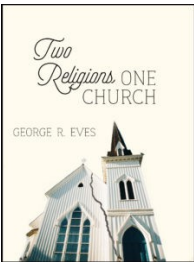
O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Well praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
Jesus 

Please Pray With Us For:

We ask your prayers for Caleb, Moses and George. On Sunday evening following the consecration, there was a gathering at Holy Trinity for a great celebration of Praise and Worship. As Rev. Caleb Sangoya walked back to the hotel that evening he had a small heart attack. An ambulance was called and later Caleb was medevacked to Edmonton. As he was flying home Rev. Moses Kalliraq became ill

and was admitted to hospital in Montreal where it was discovered that he had pneumonia as well as a heart attack. Our Canon Theologian George Kovoov was very sick for the full week of Synod. On April 4th, Caleb flew back to Yellowknife for a day before continuing his trip home to Pond Inlet. After two weeks in hospital Moses and his wife Agah returned to Puvirnituq, PQ.. Please pray for the full recovery of these servants of Christ . 

Two Religions One Church
The Rev. Canon George R. Eves



To Fellow Members of the Anglican Church of Canada:
Our Church is about to make a momentous decision regarding same-sex marriage at its next General Synod this coming July in Vancouver.

It is clear that we are deeply divided on this issue and any vote at General Synod will not bring us to one mind or even begin to work toward it. Whichever way the vote goes it is going to be even harder to hold our Church together.

It has been my view for some time that our conflict over sexuality is really the symptom of a much deeper division that afflicts us and until the nature of this division is admitted and understood we will make little progress toward any lasting resolution.


I have just finished updating my 1998 book entitled *Two Religions/One Church: Crisis, Division and Destiny in the Anglican Church of Canada* which addresses this critical underlying issue. It offers an analysis of our history as well as a suggestion based upon it that might allow us to move forward together after General Synod.

Characterizing our situation as an impasse between two religions is no doubt provocative but I believe that it serves to highlight what I and many others consider our fundamental and intractable differences at this stage in our history. It is not meant as an anathema upon

our beloved Church, but as a heart's cry for understanding, if not sympathy, from a long-time member of its conservative wing as we approach General Synod 2019. It is especially important that members of General Synod receive a copy.

The book is being distributed without charge through email and internet. It is available at <https://georgereves.com/books/two-religions-one-church/> as a PDF. Please share this contact information with other many Anglicans as possible as we approach this critical General Synod,


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Pray each day for General Synod 

**Goodbye Dear Friends
We Sadly Bid you Farewell**



With a heavy heart the Diocese of the Arctic says goodbye to Bishop Darren, Karen and Liam McCartney.

The McCartney's who were unable to obtain Canadian citizenship are returning to Ireland where Bishop Darren accepted an appointment as rector of Clonallon and Warrenpoint with Kilbroney in the Diocese of Down and Dromore. 

**There Will Be
An Arctic Fellowship
At St. Brides Church
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4.	Salluit Kangiqtujuaq Ivujivik	Rev. Annie Keenainak Aquuya Qissiiq Rev. Peter Analik (retired)
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31.	Tuktoyaktuk	No Clergy or Lay

Daily pray for:

Bishop David Parsons (Rita), Bishop Joey Royal (Jen) (ATTS Director), Bishop Annie Ittoshat (Noah), Bishop Lucy Netser (Joe), Bishop's Personal Assistant & Executive Officer — Sandra Drost (John), Suffragan Bishop's Secretary — Debra Gill, Youth Coordinator — Deanna Fillion (Nathaniel), Translator — Matilda Nakoolak, Treasurer — Abe Abraham Bible Translators — Very Rev. Jonas Alooloo & Rt. Rev. Andrew Atagotaaluk, Retired and on-leave clergy.

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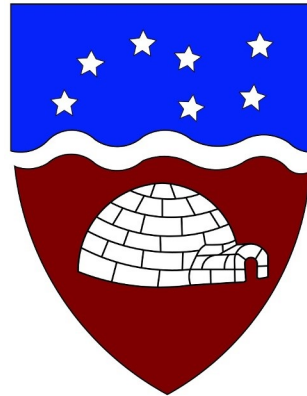
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