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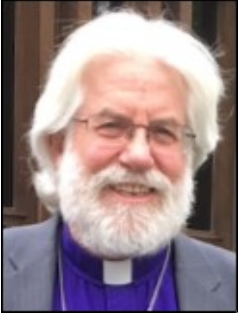
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## BISHOP PARSONS' MESSAGE



On my way to work this morning, there were a lot of detours. For the past two summers Yellowknife has been replacing its old water systems. Old pipes are being dug up and replaced. This has caused Yellowknifers to exercise

great patience as their main thoroughfares are being closed in preparation for the expansion of their city.

Most people are uncomfortable with change. They get set in their ways: think of the good old days as if they are without any problems, trials, or difficulties. That's not the case. There have always been problems, trials, or difficulties and times of transition. It may be nostalgic to look back with faded memories and remember the good times and forget the bad; it's important to be realistic. Yes, times have changed. There were good times in the past but there have also been quite difficult ones, ones that I'm glad are past. But I wasn't alone during those difficult times. Jesus Christ my Lord and God said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden learn of me take my yoke upon you can You'll find rest." "Acknowledge me in all of your ways and I'll direct your path."

In the dark days of trial and oppressive difficulty, I've called out to God, whose ways are greater than my ways, whose thoughts are high above my thoughts and as I look back I can see that He led me in the paths of righteousness for His name sake. I cannot boast in anything. I give all the glory to God Almighty for He has been my deliver and He will lead us into the future.

However, **I'm very concerned for the cooling spiritual lives of many people in the church today.** I hear so much about rights, self-will, self-determination. Humanity seems to be

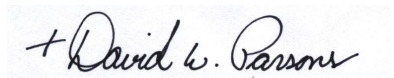
rising up indifferent to God. It seems that even in the Christian church many theologians have lost their way. Many have rejected the Bible as the Word of God and explore their own theories of God and gods.

As these lost theologians, with human reason, seek to create God in their own image, concern is for people who attend Christian services and are left in the murky maze of uncertainty. **People need a message of hope,** life, reconciliation, restoration, mercy and forgiveness that comes through Jesus Christ and Only through Jesus Christ. There's no other Saviour, there's no other who can offer eternal life. Only Jesus can bring us to God the Father and without Jesus we are spiritually bankrupt. Any church that chooses to teach or follow false prophets, that stand opposed to scripture, should remember biblical history.

**The Gospel is inclusive** for it teaches me that the all have sinned and fallen short of God's purpose and plan for our life. All are dead in trespasses and sins, there is no righteous person on earth. Not one of us can have our sins blessed by God. **But God** sent his Son Jesus to take our sin, and although Jesus committed no sin, He was condemned as a sinner in our place so that we may become the righteousness of God. We give Jesus our sin. Jesus gives us His righteousness. This is the good news that people need to hear.

I hope as you read through this edition of Arctic News you are encouraged and will join us in praising God for all He has done. I covet your prayers for God to guide us in the building of His Kingdom, not ours. We need our ears open to hear God.

**Thank you for your prayers and financial support,** and for continuing support of the ministry in the Diocese of the Arctic.



## BISHOP MCCARTNEY'S MESSAGE



Spring in Iqaluit has been a few weeks later this year. When celebrating Liam's birthday last year we had the front door open and sitting out on the front deck. It was warm and the ice

was well on the way to melting, not this year, we had snow. This has allowed more mobility for many as they have been able to continue using their snow machines out on the land and as a result been able hunt more easily.

This last week saw old soldier's day celebrated in some parts of the world. As I read some of my former colleagues posts on Facebook, I could not help but be reminded how the mind is complicated, often selective in what it chooses to remember. Former colleagues had met to remember and parade together and in their comments was reflected something of the "good old days".

I smile as I remember some of the "not so good old days". Something of the challenges, something of the pain and uncertainty, don't get me wrong, I loved what I did but it was not easy.

The mind often gravitates towards the happy and the good times and I see something of this often reflected in the church. I am sure you know something of what I am talking about. The good old days, when it seemed everyone went to church but I am quite convinced that should we choose to go a little deeper in our memories and discuss, we would come to appreciate there were many challenges or struggles at the same time.

The church has a rich history of people persevering under great trials and hardships. I am humbled by the faithful witness of the

early Christians who were sent to work as slaves in the Roman mines. Unable to stand up in a dangerous and harsh environment, sent there because they followed the way of Jesus Christ. They left their marks in more ways than one, physical marks - Christian symbols carved into the sides of the mines they worked in. They never forgot who they followed and sought to encourage one another to remember.

As I travel across the arctic, I am encouraged and humbled by many who continue to be a faithful witness of the Lord Jesus Christ whom they follow. They meet, they share, they minister, they are bearers of the Word and our communities are blessed by their presence.

I want to ask you to remember them in your prayers as they work in challenging environments. Should you be one of the faithful, I want to encourage you to persevere and I thank you for your witness and partnership in the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thank you and blessings

### Prayer Requests:

**Please pray for the Teens Encounter Christ weekend retreat, and the youth ministry school.**

**Please pray for the incoming ATTS students.**

**Please pray for the Arrow Leadership conference for our clergy and our lay leaders in November 2018.**



Arctic Travels—December 2017

By: Melanie Delva

In December, I spent 2 weeks travelling Nunavik—the Eastern Arctic and most northern points of Quebec. I meant to “live blog” it along the way, but not only was it a lot to take in and process, but wifi is still satellite there and very unreliable in places and at times. But I did want to do a blog talking about what I experienced and learned.



Our stops along the Hudson and Ungava bays. with the exception of Kuujuaapik, all above the tree line!

From Montreal we took a Dash-8 Air Inuit flight to Kuujuaapik.



Our Dash-8 reading for boarding in Montreal

Anglican mission began here in 1882! It is the southernmost of the ‘northern villages’ with a population of 600 people. Historically it

was known as Great Whale River but as it is comprised of both Cree and Inuit communities, it also goes by the Cree name of Whapmagoostui. You can tell what part of the community you are in based on the syllabics on the signs—some Cree, some Inuktitut:



Cree and Inuktitut Stop signs in Kuujuaapik

Everything in Kuujuaapik was new and exciting for me—from my first visit to the local co-op general store, to the ski-doo’s whipping up and down the main street through the town. The first thing that really struck me, though, was the quality of light in the North.



Sky in Kuujuaapik

It is very hard to describe. The light that time of year was low, but is beautiful and the sky brilliant with sun dogs. I couldn’t possibly describe it properly but it took

my breath away everywhere we went.

I was grateful to be traveling with some pretty great people. One was Esther Wesley of the Anglican Healing Fund and the other, the Right Reverend David Parsons of the Diocese of the Arctic. Esther and I were really guests of Bishop David on his Episcopal travels—visiting parishes and doing services of Confirmation, licensing of clergy,



weddings, teaching etc. I felt really honoured to have been invited. St. Edmund's, Kuujjuarapik has both Cree and Inuit congregations who came together for the service we attended there. Each line the Bishop spoke in English was translated first into Cree and then into Inuktitut. It was amazing to watch the translators work — what an incredible gift to really hear what a person is saying and be able to convey the meaning to another language and culture.



Inside St. Edmund's. The igloo and teepee carvings on the altar rail speak to the two worshipping communities. On the right are seal skin offering baskets.

In all, we traveled to 8 communities — we missed one because we were weathered in due to a 2 day blizzard! Every community was unique while sharing similarities characteristic of Arctic communities. In Ivujivik we experienced the most northern community in Quebec — high above the tree line.



Living above the tree line means having a Christmas tree is not so simple. Luckily, the local airline, Air inuit was having a Christmas Tree special — \$25 delivery included — seemed like a good deal to me!

This was my first taste of hearing mainly Inuktitut in public places. All along the way we stayed in the local co-op hotels which are staffed by local community members. They were incredibly welcoming, comfortable and beautiful. Because none of the communities we went to were large enough to support a restaurant, the co-op hotels all have large, communal kitchens for preparing meals.



Some views of the inside of the Co-op hotel in Ivujivik. We were weathered in here an extra 2 nights!

This meant that in every village, one of the first things we would do is walk to the local co-op store or Northern store to purchase our food for the next couple of days. We learned early on that buying some extra was always a good idea as we didn't know if weather might permit us from getting to our next stop or from getting to the store the next day. One of the things that I loved about the co-op hotels is that they all had local art on display. Everywhere we went there was art — from the inlay in the floors, to wall hangings and carvings in display cabinets.



Two original prints hanging in the hotel in Ivujivik

The view from the hotel in Ivujivik was particularly beautiful, and each morning we would be up before the sun (not so hard as we didn't really see it until after 9 and we are early risers!) and sit watching it emerge.



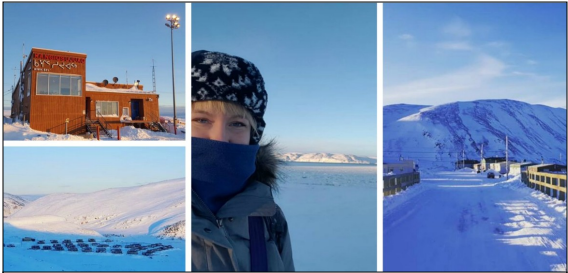
Sunrise in Ivujivik

The church in Ivujivik was filled with children and young people, and we met several amazing leaders from the community.



The village of Ivujivik and St. Columba's Church

After being weathered in 2 extra days in Ivujivik we finally made it to Salluit en route to Kangiqsujuaq. Landing here took my breath away. The beauty of this village on an inlet of the Ungava Bay is unbelievable. Wow.



(Opposite bottom) Some views of Kangiqsujuaq, the airport, and the surrounding water/landscape.

The services we got to experience in Kangiqsujuaq were really moving. First there was a wedding. Because we were late getting to the village due to weather, the people did not know when we would be arriving. But once word got around that the Bishop and priest had arrived (by this time, we had been joined by the Rev. Victor Johnson — priest of Salluit and Regional Dean of the area), then sure enough we heard the sound of ski-doo's and trucks as people began to show up for the wedding ceremony. The church was absolutely packed with standing room only by the time the service began. What an honour to be able to witness this moment in these two young people's lives! After the ceremony, we had a bit of a break — just enough time to walk to the local Northern store to use their facilities as there are no washrooms in the church! — and then it was time for a confirmation service.



We arrive at Church of the Epiphany, Kangiqsujuaq, and a shot of the confirmation service with Bishop David laying on hands and the Rev. Johnson standing.



Bishop David’s sermons for both services were so moving and (dare I say it?) even FUN. People were clearly engaged, me included!

One of the things I learned on this trip is that people are completely at the mercy of the weather. I learned not to take anything for granted—including schedules! So I was beyond grateful that the weather had cleared enough for us to get to witness these services.

From there we were off to Salluit. Salluit is the largest of all the communities we visited—with over a thousand people and is the meeting place of the Hudson and Ungava Bays. The word “Salluit” literally means “skinny people” or “thin people” and I was told that it had to do with a time when there was a famine in the area.



Almost everywhere we went, people take their shoes and boots off before going in to church —  
St. James, Salluit

St. James Church in Salluit is quite large and was beautifully decorated for Advent. I made it to the Sunday morning service but due to a migraine, couldn’t go to the evening service,

which included confirmations, induction of lay leaders, and even the ordination of the Rev. Nalini Johnson. I was sad to miss this. The pace that Bishop David kept up and keeps up as he ministers to his Diocese is incredible.

From Salluit, we journeyed to Quaqtq. The word “Quaqtq” means “intestinal worm” and I pale when imagining how it got its name! I should mention that few of these flights are what we would consider “direct”. In fact, from Kuujuarapik to Ivujivik, we stopped 4 times in between. People get on the plane, people get off, cargo is picked up and dropped off. Even a frozen fish was passed to a passenger on board at one of the stops who nonchalantly put it into the overhead compartment! I’m told this is perfectly normal and commonplace. As we were flying to Quaqtq, the Ungava Bay looked like lace with the ice on it.



“lace” of ice on the Ungava Bay and our first glimpse of Quaqtq from the air.

Everywhere we went, we saw and heard about the effects of climate change on the people. For them, it is not something that happens somewhere else and to other people. It is an immediate crisis. I was told that the Ungava Bay should have been frozen solid by the time we saw it, and that people are



dying going through the ice trying to get to their hunting grounds, and have to travel many miles to get the water they drink. It impacted me a lot to realize that climate change is not simply an inconvenience here, but a life or death situation.



Interior of St. Chad's. Quaqtaq before and after clean-up and set-up

In Quaqtaq we met an incredible soul — a wonderful Elder in his 80's who had been working hard to renovate and fix up St. Chad' Church after it had been damaged due to a leaky roof. He was so excited to welcome the Bishop to his church, and they planned for a service in the evening. Later that afternoon, Esther and I had the opportunity to help him get the church ready. We even managed to find some Advent/Christmas decorations in storage to bring out—including a lovely wooden nativity scene. The pride the Elder takes in his church was really inspiring and touching to see. This will go down in my memory as one of the most moving and fun things we got to be a part of.

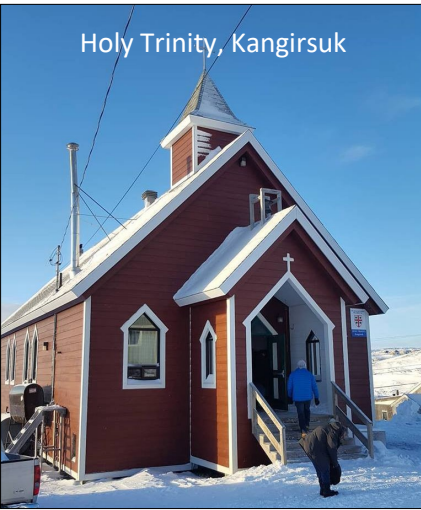
After Quaqtaq we made it to Kangirsuk — what a place! Maybe it was the brilliant sun that greeted us, maybe it was the way the village spans a little bay from which steam was rising in the relative warmth of the sun on a freezing cold day, maybe it was the incredible welcome we received from the

people — probably all of these — but I fell in love with Kangirsuk.



The village of Kangirsuk has just over 400 people

The people of Holy Trinity Church had a lunch for us, and we got to meet some really incredibly inspiring people here—including one gentleman who had been part of the negotiations of and had signed the James Bay Treaty!



Holy Trinity, Kangirsuk

By this time, I was full-on sick with a sinus cold, so we had a truly northern experience by going to the nursing station. By "nursing station" I

had imagined one room with a nurse who could help with basic aches and pains. I was so impressed with the nursing station and the staff there. It was like a mini version of a hospital triage and the nurses are incredibly skilled! Seeing as the nearest hospital could be quite a long flight away, they have to deal

with a lot of types of incidences. Once again there was a service in the evening which I was unable to attend. When I got home and went to my doctor, I was also told I had a throat ulcer, so all in all I was not at my best at this point. But I was still loving every minute and taking in all I could. This was also where we got to eat a lot of local, traditional food, which I loved. This including Arctic char (a type of fish) both raw, frozen and in soup, caribou, and muktuk (beluga whale skin and blubber).



Muktuk — a friend told me when she saw this picture, she thought it was coconut and pear pieces!

Friends have asked me what it was like. It has a very light taste and is chewy. I liked it a lot, but the raw char was definitely my favourite.

The people in Kangirsuk told us there was another storm coming, but before that, we managed to make it out in a little Twin Otter plan to Aupaluk. Aupaluk was the smallest of all the communities we went to, with just over 100 people. The evening on the day we landed, we had a Gospel-based Discipleship Bible study with the people in the little church of St. Titus. It was a good thing we took that opportunity too, because the next day the storm that we had heard about in Kangirsuk hit. And boy, did it hit! We found

out afterwards that the winds had been 110 km/hr.



The views out the window during the storm, and under the hood of our truck after the blizzard!

The sound was incredible, and the wind was so strong that we could see the water in the toilet bowl moving back and forth because the whole building was being blown about!

This was really a lesson for me about my helplessness as a human in the face of Mother Nature. In my life, I think that I live as though I am in charge of my life and what happens. I learned very quickly that this is not the case. It also taught me a lot about the people of the North. This is their life. If there is a storm, schedules, outdoor tasks, anything that involves travel or simply going outside are moot. People are prepared and take things as they come—respecting the land and the weather for the power it truly has. For 2 days the storm raged. It was really incredible. Because of the storm, we did not get to go to Tasiujuaq as we were meant to, and had to make our way straight to Montreal to get home (as I said before “straight” is a relative term as we had to go via Kuujjuaq).

In all this, I have shared only where we went and what we did. The learning and “take-

aways” from the trip are more complex, and I am still working through them. I learned a lot from the people, the land, the travel itself. I was incredibly inspired by the faith of the people. It is brilliant in its immediacy. I was humbled as well—humbled by what I take for granted, my consumerism in comparison to what is available and valued in the North. Someday maybe I will write more about that, but for now I am awash in gratitude. To my travel companions who taught me so much and were so great to travel with, to the people we met who were unending in their kind welcomes and hospitality, and to God, whose grace in giving me the gift of this experience is above all to be praised.



The last photo I took in the Arctic — from the “tarmac” in Kuujuaq



**Change is  
So Good**  
By: Deanna Fillion,  
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

Wow, it has been almost three years since I started my position as youth coordinator with the Diocese of the Arctic. So much has changed, especially me. Change is so good when it means we are being obedient to Him. Change is so good when it’s Christ that has

transformed us – transformed our minds, our souls and our bodies. Change is so good when it means we are learning how to love God and love others. Change is so good when it means we are becoming more and more like Christ.

In August 2015, Bishop David sat me down by the fire on our church camping trip at Prelude Lake just outside of Yellowknife, and offered me my current position. I was in all honesty shocked: why would God want me to lead this ministry, especially it being youth ministry? I knew nothing about it. I was not trained to lead any kind of ministry. I was a 26-year-old school teacher, living in my hometown, wanting to serve the Lord, yet did not know where He wanted me nor how I could serve Him. I did not think God would be able to use me. I had major memory issues, I was struggling to see myself as worthy for this kind of leadership, I was struggling to see myself as a leader someone would want to listen to, and I was struggling to see myself as God sees me. I definitely did not have confidence in myself and I did not think I was capable or able to do this position.

Oh, how things have changed. The thing is I am not capable to do this position, WITHOUT seeking Jesus, WITHOUT seeking His Will for our diocesan youth ministry. I learned and am still learning that I absolutely must ABIDE IN HIM. I am not able, but He is. I am not intelligent enough or strong enough, but He most undoubtedly is. John 15:4 says: “Abide in me and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.” This is what I so desperately want. It is of God that we are His fellow workers. We labour with Him and in His power. We belong to Him as His servants and His children. (1 Cor. 3:6-9). I’ve learned and continue to share with my youth leaders from across the diocese that **“GOD DOES NOT CALL THE QUALIFIED, HE QUALIFIES THE CALLED.”** He is doing that in me. He can do it in you too.



# Youth Committee Training in Arviat

By: Deanna Fillion,  
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

In Mid - November 2017 I received a message from Rev Lucy Netser saying that a youth committee has been formed in Arviat, Nunavut, and that they would like to invite me to come facilitate some youth committee training. So, I went to Arviat February 21<sup>st</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. We had a range of 5 to 20 participants, and the training was during the days and evenings.

We focused primarily on becoming disciples who make disciples. We learned about how Jesus wants us all to be disciple makers, which is highlighted in our diocesan mission verse, Matthew 28:19-20.

We spent time working through a youth leader discipleship book: 'Building to Grow'



A Few Of The Arviat Youth Committee Training

by Ken and Julie Moser. We dug into our bibles to learn about the foundations of



Youth Committee Training

youth ministry, the weekly meeting, leadership and bible studies. We as well learned a little about our diocese, its mission and being relational just like Jesus. There were three scripture passages we kept coming back to as the week and sessions progressed: Colossians 1:28-29, Matthew 28:19-20 and 1 Thessalonians 2:11-12.

The youth committee decided to add bible study and prayer to their outreach youth night. This youth night is a place where youth from the community can come, spend time with godly leaders and work on crafts and projects (such as kamiks and crocheting hats) together. The Arviat Youth Committee hopes to host a regional youth event in the coming months. Please pray for the youth leaders as they seek to become more like Christ and as they share Christ with youth in their community.

## Taloyoak Youth Revival

By: Taloyoak Youth Committee

The Taloyoak Anglican youth group did a youth revival in Taloyoak, on April 26-30. We had people from different areas. There were more than 20 people that came from Gjoa Haven. There was two from Coral Harbour. There was one from Baker Lake. And one from Yellowknife. During the morning they did Bible study, and it started at 9:00 and the did until 11:30 they went for lunch. At 1:00 they went back to doing the bible study and it



Nick From Gjoa Haven, Paul From Taloyoak and Maggie From Coral Harbour Led Worship

continued until 3:30. They did that for a few days. then in the evening at 7:00 they did a youth revival-praise and worship, and that went on until 10:00 to about 11:30. We had speakers from Taloyoak, Gjoa Haven, And Yellowknife. The first night Steve Swan from Yellowknife was the speaker. Then the second night Ikey Nashooraitook from Gjoa Haven. And those first two nights there were a lot people in our little church, and it was very crowded; that was good to see. Then the third day it was taken care of by Jacob Atqittuq also from Gjoa Haven and it was at the Community Hall. Then on Sunday they did a Holy communion in the morning at 11:00 and that was done by Ikey and Steve. Then at 7:00pm they speaker was Salomie Arqviq from Gjoa Haven and the last night was Rhoda Nanook from Taloyoak.

During the week we had an outing to a cabin that was 20 minutes away and we had country food. The weather was cooperating with us and it was a very beautiful day. And the youth group was so thankful to the people that came from far away, so they gave them gifts: Steve was gifted seal skin mittens, Judy from Baker Lake received an Ulu, and Maggie from Coral Harbour also received an Ulu. During the evening service people gave Testimony.

The theme for this youth revival was

‘encourage youth’. And all the speakers did a very good job at capturing this theme. It was so successful that on our last night we had almost 300 people, 297 to be exact. The youth group had help from so many people, they got helped from a lot of individuals in the community by donations of their own house ware items. Some of them even donated homemade items that were very beautiful, and I know that they put a lot of time and effort into their work. We had support from our local Government the Hamlet Council. We also got helped from our local Vestry.

While we were doing our youth revival, there were people helping behind the scenes. We had people from out of town to be prayer warriors, and in town we had people that offered their homes for people to stay in that were from out of town.

Taloyoak Anglican youth group are so thankful to all the people that were involved one way or another. We believe that God will bless all the people that were involved with the youth revival one way or another.

Throughout our revival, the youth group felt all of the prayers from people, and the group was also praying for the community to be close to God and His will. We hope that you will help us keep praying for all the people that need God’s help.

## My Arctic Experience

**By: the Rev. Steve Swan,  
Yellowknife Alliance Church**

I was recently invited to speak at and participate in the Youth Revival in Taloyoak, 26th – 30th of April. Spring had just sprung in my Yellowknife home, but I dug out my parka and mukluks because it was still very much winter in Taloyoak.

A first time visitor to Nunavut, I was struck by the incredible beauty of the land – still very cold – and also the great warmth of the community. I was amazed at the hospitality

of the people towards me, both as a guest to Taloyoak and to the Inuit culture and as a visiting minister within the Diocese (I am an ordained pastor within the Christian & Missionary Alliance). I would say to my new friends in Taloyoak that I was not an Anglican but that “I am friendly with Anglicans.” They were always kind enough to chuckle at this lame humour; further evidence of their generosity.

Lenny and Laura Panigayak did a terrific job organizing the course of the five days, although they had lots of help from engaged young people. The excitement had been growing for several months as preparations were made. Many folks flew or drove across the ice from Gjoa Haven, including Rev. Ikey Nashooriatuk, who was immensely kind to me. There were even young people who came from as far away as Coral Harbour and Baker Lake.

The Youth Revival gatherings began Thursday evening with praise, testimonies, preaching,

great openness to God’s Word and the ministry of His Spirit. The studies and sermons were wide-ranging – from the 7 “I am” statements of Jesus to the praying faith of Naomi and Ruth. The Gospel was preached



Elders of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven  
Pray Over the Youth and Young Adults

by clergy and laity alike, with clear calls for people to place their trust in Jesus. I spoke of the great battle between David and Goliath, casting us not in the heroic role of David, but as the fearful and impotent Israelites in need of God’s sent Champion. It was my first time ever preaching through an interpreter, but there were “Amens” and “hallelujahs” in all the right places.

Ostensibly, it was a youth-focused event. But I was struck, and encouraged, by the intergenerational quality of each one of the meetings. I was especially moved on the final night, when the community elders of Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven encircled the youth and young adults to anoint them and bathe them in prayer. There were few dry eyes during this time.

Personally, my visit will be an experience I’ll long treasure. Spiritually, the excitement of large gatherings can be edifying and refreshing. But what really matters is the abiding work the Lord does in a community or individual human heart. I have been, and will be, praying for long lasting fruit, for both the Church of the Good Shepherd and the beautiful, hospitable community of Taloyoak.



Rev. Steve Swan In Glory

and extended prayer times. Bible studies took place during mornings and afternoons. The crowds grew each consecutive evening as the meetings moved out of the Church of the Good Shepherd into the community hall. By Monday night, the final service, there was well over 200 community members present for worship and prayer. The best laid human plans are nothing without God’s presence and action. Amidst the crowds there was



## Diocesan Youth Update

By: Deanna Fillion,  
Diocesan Youth Coordinator

Spring is here! There are a few exciting things happening in our diocese regarding youth ministry. We have several active youth ministries across the diocese. Please pray for all our youth, youth leaders and youth committee members.

We have three exciting announcements to make regarding youth ministry in the Diocese of the Arctic:

We will have our second Teens Encounter Christ weekend retreat in Yellowknife, NT over September long weekend (September 1-3, 2018). 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.

We are also very excited to announce we will have our second youth ministry school in September (16-23, 2018), which will be held in Iqaluit, NU. Then there will be the two day Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training workshop. This training is for those interested in becoming youth leaders in their local communities. We will be training these new youth leaders how to lead a youth ministry, and train them to become disciples, who makes disciples, who will then make disciples. There will be a youth leader manual published and given out to youth leaders across the diocese in September 2018. This manual will be translated into Inuktitut hopefully by the end of 2018. We will also be giving this manual to those in attendance at the youth ministry school in Iqaluit. The manual will include the vision and mission for youth ministry in the Diocese of the Arctic as well as sections on leadership, outreach, discipleship, evangelism and safety.

## Pray For Teens Encounter Christ

August 31- September 2

### ATTS Graduation

By: the Rev. Joey Royal, ATTS Director



Rev Royal, Esau, Annie, Manasee, Martha  
Rev. Smith

On April 29, 2018 the first cohort of the reopened Arthur Turner Training School graduated. The graduates are Sarassie Arragutainaq (Sanikiluaq), Annie Keenainak (Pangnirtung), Martha Kunuk (Iqaluit), Esau Tatatoapik (Arctic Bay) and Manasee Ulayuk (Hall Beach). The graduation was held on a Sunday morning at St. Jude's Cathedral. It was wonderful to see so many friends, family members and parishioners there to support our graduates. In attendance also were Bishop David Parsons, Bishop Darren McCartney, two representatives from our partner institution Trinity School for Ministry, as well the Premier of Nunavut and several cabinet ministers and MLAs.

The graduation brought to completion two years of hard work by our students. The program combined classroom study with practical parish ministry, with a focus on Christian discipleship throughout. The Director, Rev. Joey Royal, taught the bulk of



Mary Tatatoapik Translate For The Bishop

the core curriculum, but there were many guest instructors who helped us deliver an excellent program uniquely suited to our northern context. Students regularly talked about how the program led not only to learning but also to spiritual growth and self-confidence.

Although the students have their diplomas, the program officially comes to an end on June 30. During the months of May and June, we will be going to Israel to take part in a course on the history and geography of the Bible, offered jointly through Tyndale University in Toronto and University of the Holy Land in Jerusalem. Upon their return students will continue to assist in the parish in Iqaluit. On June 27, some of the students will be ordained deacons at St. Jude's Cathedral.

It's an exciting time to be in ministry in the Arctic, as we witness another generation of northern clergy responding to Christ's call to serve across the Arctic. Please pray for our newest clergy, as well as future students of Arthur Turner Training School. We're thrilled to participate in the mission of God in this vast and beautiful land.

**Please Pray For  
Our September  
Class Of ATTS**

## The Rev. Victor Johnson

Regional Dean for the Ungava Bay

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ Jesus !

**"NAKURMIIK MAGIYALO" (A BIG THANK YOU)**

PSALM 51 : 10 *"Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me."*

**"HOLINESS COMES FROM GOD AND A PURE HEART GIVES GREAT UNDERSTANDING "**.

My sincere thanks to **Bishop David Parsons and Bishop Darren Mc Cartney** . Thanks to my **Diocesan Clergy friends** and **many supporters** in the ministry including our **dedicated Diocesan Team**. Heartfelt thanks to **Bishop David Parsons** for the privilege I had in joining him to visit different churches in the Ungava Bay in the month of December, 2017. Completing Two years serving in the Canadian North, the Lord Almighty has been good at all times. I am grateful to God for the opportunity to work with prayerful and dedicated Vestry Members at St. James Church, Salluit and all the different Churches in the Ungava Bay. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the Churches in the Ungava Bay for their support and encouragement.

Kindly pray for me and my family, as I take up the new assignment, God willing as **Rector** at the **Anglican Church of the Ascension, Inuvik, Northwest Territories September, 2018** with the additional Charge as the **Regional Dean for the Mackenzie Delta**.

My wife, **The Rev. Nalini Victor J**, had been a great support in shouldering the various responsibilities in the Ministry. I would like to acknowledge the immense support of **Lay Leaders Siasi Saviadjuk, Susie Alaku and Elisapie Angutigirk**.

My daughter **Asha**, by the grace of God has graduated from 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 soon to join us in the Arctic to pursue his further studies in Sound and Music Recording from **Summer 2018**.

**The family of the Ungava Bay:** Beginning from the **St. James Anglican Parish, Salluit**, it had been a very beautiful journey with the support of prayerful Vestry members. Please pray with us for the Lord Almighty to raise a committed candidate from St. James Church, Salluit, and from the **various Churches in the Ungava Bay**, for theological training at ATTS, Iqaluit, Nunavut.

Once again, **THANKS** to all the wonderful people of God throughout the Ungava Bay for your prayerful support and inspiration.



May the Lord Almighty continue to be our **GUIDE** as we make a choice to serve our living God faithfully. Let us learn to surrender completely to our Risen Lord Jesus Christ and always have a great relationship trusting Him at all

times.

Let us remember the Diocese of the Arctic in our regular prayers in a very special way. We believe the Lord will raise more and more leaders to serve in His Vineyard for the glory of God. **AMEN.**

**Kangisualujuaq– Rev. Raquel Mack**

"Whoever has a bountiful eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor." Proverbs 22:9.

St. Andrew's has been blessed to be a blessing! With a focus on community outreach, earlier this year we opened up a food bank. Inspired by the idea of, "lend us your strength, and let us lend you ours", the food bank is not a hand out, but rather a hand up. We believe that good things happen and spread when people are both physically and spiritually fed.

Soon we will be concentrating on starting support groups, encouraging people to be there for one another. These groups will be



**Rev. Raquel cutting the ribbon at the opening of the food bank**

tailor made to fit the needs of the people and community. We are also working on coming up with a variety of ways to be together. This includes such things as a Bible Study/Running Team, as well as a summer swim team for the children.

We ask prayers for prayers for both our church and our town of Kangisualujuaq (George River). Thank you and God Bless!

**Kivaliaq Deanery Report**

**By: the Rev. Lucy Netser, Regional Dean**

**Coral Harbour – Rev. Lucassie Nakoolak**

Lucassie goes to Naujaat, Nunavut to visit their link parish when needed and of course by air since that's the only way to travel in Kivalliq especially in winter. He goes there for baptism, weddings and of course communion. Lucassie had not been too well this winter so please keep him in your prayers.

**Rankin Inlet – Rev. Eimsook Young**

On Sunday March 4, Dan Toner, the director of the Billy Graham Association preached at Holy Comforter in Rankin Inlet. Rev. Eimsook and our diocese has been working alongside the Billy Graham Association in their 'Rankin Inlet Celebration of Hope'. There were several ministry events throughout the



RANKIN INLET  
**CELEBRATION**  
OF HOPE  
WITH WILL GRAHAM

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## Launch Event

**Join us for worship, prayer,  
and catching the vision for  
the Celebration of Hope.**

**Wednesday, March 7**  
**7:30 p.m.**

## Community Hall in the Singiiktuq Complex

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Spring and there will be more to come in the Fall of 2018. We are excited to continue to serve the Lord alongside Will Graham in the Rankin Inlet Celebration of Hope

## Naujaat – Lay Leader Paul Malliki

Three of the Naujaat churches held a prayer and worship gathering on December 10<sup>th</sup> in the school gym. Many families requested Father Daniel and Rev. Lucy Netser bless and pray for them. They were greatly blessed. Lucy stayed a bit longer in Naujaat to help and talk to the leaders in the Anglican church. On May 13, 2017, the church held a community pot luck to recognize and celebrate Seemee Malliki's 40 years of service as a lay leader in the church. Seemee moved from Igloolik to Nunavut 40 years ago and had been working in the church since. We also celebrated Charlie Tinashlu who worked over 40 years as a lay leader.

## Whale Cove – Lay Leader David Kritterdlik

Vestry had done renovation of their church and all expenses were paid by the church. Started before Christmas and work done by January. They fixed up the flooring, interior paint, put addition to the side to make more space in the building for the congregation.

Metal roofing was also done.

Their next goal is to upgrade the electrical since the building was built years ago. The building itself was built years ago and was donated by kind guy that used to live there.

Older building was deconsecrated a year and half ago and this building that they are using was consecrated by Bishop David.

There is no priest in Whale Cove, so we send a priest or one of the deacons go to do weddings and baptism when need be.

A view of the bay in Whale Cove.



Arviat – Rev. Lucy Netser

February 21-28, 2018, Deanna Fillion, our diocesan Youth Coordinator was in Arviat. Deanna's preaching was very helpful and the training sessions gave the Youth Committee a

better understanding as to what their roles and since Deanna's visit they have been very active. In August the Youth Committee are planning to host a Youth Revival in Arviat. They've been busy fundraising and will be inviting other communities to come and participate.

Lena Napayok our church Treasurer greatly helped the youth start their committee. She had contacted the people that contribute material in Alberta and they sent boxes of material, scissors, needs and etc. So now when the youth want to make something for fundraising, the accessories are all there, thank you very much for Lena and the people that donated.

Women Auxiliary started last fall and are still in learning stage, Rev. Lucy teaches them to what their roles are since Lucy was with Women Auxiliary for 30 years before being a priest.

The women meet once a week and are active in the church and also helping out with people that need a hand with terminally ill people.

Since the number in women are increasing, more local people are donating material and yarn to the ladies so that is really helpful for everyone. The Ladies are planning to hold gatherings occasionally for the community to socialize more, at least few times a year, e.g. Summer games, Easter and Christmas events. In February, Bonnie, a retired deacon from Toronto was here to visit a friend. Bonnie is a music leader and while here she taught and helped out at church with music for the Youth and a Music Lesson night. She also helped with mid-week prayer and singing. It's always good to have different people teach occasionally on different topics.

Retired Deacon Joe Manik and his daughter Dorren Hanak, invited Rev. Joshua Arreak to Arviat for the week of March 14 to 21. Joshua held daily evening teachings. Many thanks to Joe and Dorren for inviting Joshua and paying all the expenses.

We have Sunday school services every Sunday at 11:00 in the morning, held at a Inuhivik, which is an old parish mission; renovated and had become useful for the church and community.

Brigades every Thursday, weather permitting in Winter since the weather can become deadly cold or blizzardy which is way too hard even for adults. Programs run from Fall to beginning of May. We have 4 teachers and they are doing very well.



Brigades were competing with other Brigades around the world so we are waiting for the results. Thanks to Rita Burrows that never get tired of working and keeping in touch with us. If you need more information or would like to start this program you can look it up on web page [www.christianservicebrigade.ca](http://www.christianservicebrigade.ca)

We also hold weddings, baptisms and communion whenever possible and of course funerals.

We have good news from this church, our parish had loan which was to be paid off by 2023 but it was cleared before Christmas. I have talked to Bishop David and we should be expecting him in the Fall to consecrate the building.

Vestry is talking about new church for the future since the current church is having issues from wet/rain. We need to work on the floor this summer as it is rotting on one side. It is also too small now on special occasions.

We would very much appreciate any contributors who would be able and willing to help us. Thank you.

**Upper Mackenzie  
Deanery Report**

**By: Rev. Francis Delaplain, Regional Dean**

The Deanery of the Upper Mackenzie is comprised of four parishes spanning over a thousand km. This combined with the cost of travel through out the north provides challenges. We are very thankful for the work of church communities and lay leaders for continuing to be a faithful witness to the gospel of Jesus in the gathering of the community for worship. We continue to pray for these communities that God would provide vocational ministers.

In Ft Simpson the congregation of St David's has continued with lay-led services. They have a building project under way in the Church basement; which if completed they



will be able to hold Sunday school in that space. They continue to look for a rector to come to the community

and lead the church. In the meantime we try to have ministers visit from other communities as often as possible. We pray for the community of Fort Simpson and for St David's Church. We pray for them as they seek to complete renovations, and in their search for a minister.

St John's in Ft Smith has also begun the search for a new rector, as their previous one was elected bishop in the diocese of Caledonia. Our congratulations to Bishop David Lehman! The church there has been very active in community outreach and works to keep those ministries going in the absence of a minister. We are very thankful for all of the leadership that has been provided by the vestry and lay leaders. We pray for them in this season as they seek a new minister.

Holy Trinity in Yellowknife is very excited to be experimenting with live streaming technology. This could provide Churches without a priest to access sermons online; as well as those who are unable to attend the morning service. The Reverend Bryan Haigh has also participated in traveling to the parishes within the deanery without clergy. Rev Francis and Rev Bryan will be taking turns in each others pulpits as well. The hope is to create a spirit of cooperation within the deanery and to see each parish as a part of the whole. We thank God for Holy Trinity and Rev Bryan's leadership in this direction.

St Andrew's in Hay River and Georgina's Place Thrift Store are excited to be honouring the late Reverend Georgina Basset with a Community Development Grant of \$5000 dollars to a program in their local area. They are also replacing the windows in the church, which will be a much needed upgrade to the building. Rev Francis Delaplain has participated in services in Ft Simpson and Ft Smith over the past year and looks forward to more. We pray for St Andrew's in their efforts to connect with their neighbours.



As a Deanery we appreciate all the prayers we can get. There are no shortage of challenges to face, and yet we are filled with hope as we endeavour to minister to our communities. We are reminded of the words of Jesus that “every branch that bears fruit [God] prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” (John 15:2) We are encouraged that these challenges will only serve to produce more faithfulness and fruitfulness in our Churches. Praise be to God!

## News from the Diocesan Office

We regret to share that one of our executive members has passed away . Rhoda Nutarak died in Ottawa on May 17th. She was born in 1963 and had been battling lung cancer since the spring of 2016. Rhoda was our High Arctic representative on the Executive Committee of the Diocese of the Arctic. She lived in Pond Inlet, NU.



### A Short Story

**By: Rev. Methusalah Kunuk**  
**Regional Dean South Baffin**  
**& Rector of St Jude’s Cathedral**

My name is Rev. Methusalah Kunuk and I’ve lived in Iqaluit, Nunavut since April 1981. Because I’ve lived in Iqaluit for 37 years, I now consider it as my home. I was born near Igloodik, NU where my parents used to have camp, I grew up there. In my early years we lived in qamaaq (sod house) and sometimes in an igloo in the winter or a canvas tent in the summer time.

We used to stay inland during winter and moved to the island in the spring and summer where hunting was better for walrus and other sea mammals.

Growing up, I lived in a Christian family and by 12 years old I had read most of the New Testament, except for Revelation, as I was

unable understand what it was talking about. In my teen years I strayed away from God and lived like any other young person at that time, drinking and trying to have a fun. Luckily, there were no drugs at that time, maybe I would have tried some too.

Finally on October 30, 1986, I surrendered myself back to God and since then I tried to stay with him, although there were times I was not. I was ordained as Deacon in 1999 and became a priest in 2000.

The Anglican church has been a central part of my faith. I have been involved in the Council of the North and in the Executive committee of the Diocese of the Arctic.

The Anglican church in the Arctic has been vital to the people of the north for many years in spiritual guidance and social support. In the early days local ministers would be just about everything: school teacher, doctor, social worker etc. The cost of living in the North is very expensive, our churches in the North are surviving. Thanks to the Anglican Churches for helping us, and other generous donations we have received.

### Translation Update

**By: Matilda Nakoolak,**  
**Diocesan Translator**

I have finished my first little booklet that the Bishop had given me to work on. It was already written in syllabic’s, but needed some updating, so I used the new Inuktitut Bible to do some updating. It is a booklet talking about “Daily Strengthening” which has 31 days of devotions and Bible readings. As of now I have been working on the ‘Just the Basics’ booklet.

Recently I translated some of the ‘Journal of the Fifteenth Constituted Synod of the Diocese of the Arctic’ which is now completed. As well, I typed up the BAS in syllabic’s pages 1-18. I am wondering what your thoughts would be, if more of the BAS was typed up in syllabics? Would that be useful in your parish? I translated as well

some invitation letters for ATTS, ATTS applications, letters to clergy from the Bishop and more.

As the PWRDF Diocesan Representative, I ordered some Informational Resources, Pamphlet's, Children's Magazines, Donation Envelopes, etc. And I will start giving them to Bishop David when he travels to communities' in hopes of having them in your parish for the congregation to use. I am still looking for Parish Representative's. I would really appreciate having Parish Representatives in each community, so everyone can be informed about everything that goes on with the PWRDF. If you have anyone in mind with the heart and desire to help volunteer I would really appreciate the support. Thank you.

## **My Reflection on Ministry in the Arctic**

**By: the Rev. Paul Williams**

As I leave the staff of the Diocese of the Arctic after 38 years of ministry amongst the Inuit, the Inuinnaït and others, I have been asked to reflect on those years. In many ways my ministry has been no different for that of other long-term clergy in the Arctic, or elsewhere for that matter, and I'm sure that others can do a much better job of describing "ministry". So what follows are merely some thoughts about my time of serving in the Arctic.

Those who are faithful followers of the prayer calendar in the Arctic News over the years (and let me say "Thank you!" in a most heartfelt way; you might have no real idea how tremendously blessed we are to you for holding us up in prayer each month) will likely remember that I came into the Arctic in June of 1981, straight from seminary in Saskatoon, in order to begin working off my three year contract with Bishop Sperry. He had sponsored my applications to become a priest since my high-school years and was tremendously

supportive throughout all my later education. He was very wise in the way he moved me about in these early years, sending me from my parents' home in Toronto (which is where we emigrated to when we left Wales in the late 1950s) to the smaller city of Saskatoon for seminary, to the smaller city of Yellowknife for seasoning and guidance, and finally into a small hamlet. The Lord knows that if I'd gone directly from Toronto to the small hamlet communities, as some of our later clergy have done, I'd have had an extremely tough time of it.

After some quiet deliberations, during which time I worked as a curate under future bishop Chris Williams (my second cousin, as it



happens), Bishop Sperry decided to post me to St. Mark's, Coral Harbour. There for nearly three years, I began to learn a lot about the Inuit people, their culture, their grasp on Christianity and to a small extent their language. It took many more years for the language to become something I was able to speak with some sense of competency.

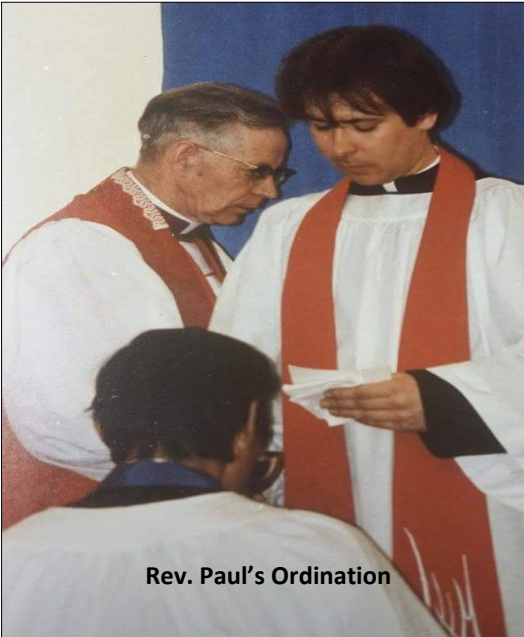
In those early days, we had early satellite telephones in the houses and televisions with one channel selection (I seem to recall it was the Canadian Broadcasting feed from St. John, Newfoundland for 4 hours a day). When making calls, we would have to stop after every sentence or two and wait for the person on the other end of the line to talk or we would cut each other's words off. But even that was a huge improvement over how the earlier missionaries would have to communicate.

Another memory I have had to do with the

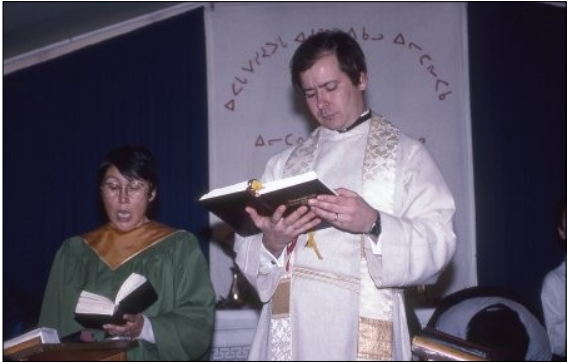
heating system in the mission house. Many of the community houses had been converted to forced-air furnaces, but the mission house was still using a "White" stove to provide not only the ability to cook and bake but also provided heat for part of the house (all the time, even in the warm summers) and our heated water. There was another non-cooking stove to provide heat on an as needed basis for the remainder of the house. One deep winter night, the electricity went out all over town (I think one of the generators at the power plant had failed) and so everyone's furnaces shut down. During the night, I remembering going out and bundling up the little 4 year old girl who was destined to become my daughter and carrying her on my shoulders back to the house, bringing her, her mum and a few others out of the cold and into the warmth of the mission house until the electricity could be restored. Her mum, Nowyah, had been and continued to be my interpreter for many years and when we married in 1983, I became a member of a very very large family. Any thought of moving back to the south at the end of my 3-year contract flew from my head. Actually it had been gone many months by this point, as I had grown to love the people and the north. In the 30 years that God was pleased to grant me with Nowyah, that love of the Inuit and their faith, lifestyle and culture grew immensely as she led me deeper into their world. In subsequent moves, the bishops of the Arctic moved my little family of three, and then soon enough of four, to Taloyoak (Spence Bay), back to Coral Harbour, Rankin

Inlet, and finally to Kugluktuk. In the intervening years, we saw changes galore. Satellite phone systems were replaced by land-line systems which were eventually replaced by cell phone (or mobile phone) systems and interestingly enough a return to satellite phones (for when hunters and others are on the land). Televisions grew from one channel wonders in black and white to 13 channels in living colour, to cable systems and satellite systems which brings stations from almost all over North America and even the BBC into these Arctic homes. Internet provides near instant communications and ways of connecting with family and friends that would have astounded

our forebears. We can now be introduced to all the wonders of other peoples of the Arctic, and elsewhere, learning from one another and sharing our cultures, our "norms", our attitudes and biases. Throughout all these changes, however, the message of the Church continues apace (even as the Church itself changes). We are called to share to truth of the Gospel, the knowledge of God's love for His people, for



Rev. Paul's Ordination



Rev. Paul preaching, Nowyah interpreting



His creation. As change heaps upon change, we have been called upon to remind our congregations that God eternal is the same yesterday, today and forever. Our biggest message continues to be that God's love extends to all, that His invitation is open to all who would receive Him.

It is a message that the people of the Arctic have responded to, showing levels of sacrificial love that can beggar the mind. I remember in January 1994, barely 16 months after we'd arrived there, the mission house in Rankin Inlet burnt to the ground leaving us with literally just the clothes on our backs. Almost instantly, members of the local community were there providing clothing, shelter, the necessities to get through those first few weeks. Several of the congregations throughout the diocese were equally quick to reach out with funds, prayerful and even physical support to help our little family to rebuild our lives. The love that God had shown these peoples had its response in their extreme generosity. Although it took us some time to figure out exactly what to do with seventeen frying pans....

Humour also helped. One of my cousins back in Wales, upon hearing of the fire, was puzzled because she had thought that our residences wouldn't burn as much as they would melt, being made of snow as they undoubtedly were.

Throughout all the years of ministry that I've had thus far, the biggest question that people need to have answered seems to be some aspect of "Does God love even me? Can God help even me? Am I worth anything? After all that I've done, or after all that I've done to others, while I am undergoing this grievous illness with no apparent chance of a cure, while my family members are struggling, dying, being killed, when I see what God is doing in the lives of others and not in mine, is there any hope for me?" I hope that I have helped people over the past 38 years to see that they are indeed loved, they are welcomed, that there is indeed hope, promise and that I've helped some at least to

come to deeper faiths in Jesus and His Father. And now, after this life-long career in the Arctic, I have been invited to leave the Diocese of the Arctic for a time, to work with Bishop David Lehmann in the Diocese of Caledonia in Northern British Columbia. He made the invitation, Bishop David Parsons agreed to release me, and so I am taking up the position of rector and dean of St. Andrew's Cathedral. It will mean a serious change for me. Trees... roads that go further than just in and around the community... spiders... (okay, I could do without the



spiders), new customs both inside the cathedral and amongst the First Nations peoples here, many many others. But I believe the needs in ministry will stay essentially the same: Love and welcome the people, serve the Lord in His people, let the people know of the hope that is in our Lord Jesus Christ. In this, I remain. Thank you all for the support, the prayers, over the past decades. And God bless you all.



## From the Executive Officer

**By: Ryan Peters**  
**Diocesan Executive Officer**

A job that ultimately becomes more than just a job; this is what I regard the Executive Officer position in the Diocese of The Arctic to be.

Being in the position for five months I have come to understand that it is very unlikely that the dealings of this position could not effect one's life on a very personal level, be it on a social, economical, secular or spiritual level.

Morning devotions have presented me with the value of our Anglican Prayer Book. Yes, I still do not understand the whole PB but the richness of the PB in guiding devotion surely underpins the Bible readings.

The Diocese of the Arctic is an inspiring experience, a place filled with men and women of faith and courage. A priest who's life was dedicated to God before she knew about it, a lady who was sent home to die years ago and is still with us serving the Lord, another priest who had no desire to serve God. Lucrative careers and comfortable lives being put aside to preach the Gospel.

Being blessed by the generous donation of all givers across the world daily touches my heart. One often hears about givers, people supporting the various ministries. To actually being part of the administration is a humbling experience. Experiences that speak to one's own heart and at times a sense of conviction.

At times I think that God has presented me this opportunity to build my faith and to walk closer with our God. I have been and still am encouraged by the faith and commitment of men and women within our Diocese and the support of all those who contribute in various ways and by different means. I hope to be sharing these testimonies in future editions of 'The Arctic News'.

## New Parish Building for Kuujjuaq



The community of Kuujjuaq has stood behind the St Stephen's Parish. Before St Stephen's was too small of a building for the community, especially when it came to baptisms, weddings and funerals. Donations for the new building came from local organizations, as well the fundraising efforts was done by a local government department. Fundraising efforts are still happening. The building is set to be opened in September.



## My 2018 Provincial Synod Experience

By: Ryan Peters, EXO

A series of unintentional cancellation brought me to our 2018 Provincial Synod. Some of the elected lay delegates of our Diocese were unable to attend and our DOTA Executive committee elected that I should attend.

First off for me was the realization that one is part of a much bigger family, yes ...to grasp the extent of the institution is easier when you see the extent of the institution. Many individuals bind together by a common thread.....and part of the Body of Christ.

Strange as it may seem, I got to meet and better know some of our own clergy and laypersons. Our Diocese is vast and as the



**Bishop David, Rev. Rick and Rev. Tim, all served in Aklavik as Church Army Officers**

Executive Officer I communicate by email, telephone and social media. What an experience to have finally met Rev Methusalah and Rev Eimsook. Hearing about their experiences and life stories has added to my life and my outlook on life.

Also spending more time with Bishop David, Bishop Darren and Rev Francis. It is valuable to see people operating in different environments.

In the Arctic there is not much of parish level interaction due to the obvious vast distances and cost of travel. What an opportunity to have met Cindy and Nick, two of our lay delegates. We had laughs, shared stories and had some ice cream together at Edmonton

airport. My hope is that more of our parishes get to know each other. The richness of our communities needs to be shared between our parishes.

Teachings, talks of encouragement and Christian fellowship abounded through days of Synod. From discussing scripture in a restaurant with some clergy, sitting under the teaching of Bishop Stephen Cottrell, being informed as to the working of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) while walking to the banquet dinner venue and an evening of Gospel Jamboree led by Bishop Mark Macdonald.

Yes the Synod had its dealings of doctrine, legal and administrative issues which reflected the disagreements of delegates, however the conduct of everyone at all times were becoming of those who dwell in the Light.

I met people from outside of our Diocese. People that think like me, as well as people that think differently than me. The Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land is a big place with many ideas and good intentions that could go far in addressing the many issues that our people are facing.

Synod in essence is a governing council dealing with amongst others issues of doctrine, administration and the like. My first Provincial Synod, the 49th Session of The Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land will fondly be remembered as being one of fellowship, biblical teaching and warmth.



**Our delegates: Rev. Francis, +David, Nick, Ryan, Cindy, Rev. Methusalah and Rev. Eimsook**



## Ministry in Taloyoak & Gjoa Haven

By: Rev. Ikey N, Translated by Matilda N.

Our communities Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak have been brutally cold since the beginning of January. In May, weather has been pretty white out, we barely saw the sun in the month of May. Some days we have baptism and funeral services, plus we have church services. We have one service in the afternoon, and praise and worship in the evening. My lay leaders in Gjoa Haven are Jeeka, Salomie, and Tirigania. In the last two years some young people are been taught about lay leadership, their names are Adam Niaqunnuaq, Nick Takijug, Winnie Aggaittuq, Lucy Aaquaq, Roby Qamaniq and Mary Uquqtuqnuaq. In Taloyoak, my lay leaders are Rhoda Nanuq, Sarah Taqulik, Tommy Aiyout, David Qaurjuaq, Lenny and Laura Panigayak. The young people who have been learning are Andrew Aiyout, Joanne Aiyout and Laverna Pudlat.

I go to Taloyoak every month by plane. We had Youth Revival in Taloyoak during April,. May 11 we had a Marriage Ceremony. For all this, we are grateful for the continued support we receive within both communities'. In Taloyoak, the Municipal Hamlet of Taloyoak provides a place for me to stay. I am grateful as well for Women's Auxiliary in Taloyoak and the people of the community for their continuous support through food and always being welcoming. We are grateful as well for the Gjoa Haven Vestry committee for always supporting me, Ikey, and my wife Elizabeth.

We always try and follow God's Words. We have some English speakers coming into our services, so we do have an interpreter. We work together as one to follow God's Word. I am always thankful for Jesus Christ because we know He is always with us, and because He is the biggest supporter of the weak and the confused. He is able to help them. I am

also grateful for the Christians who meet together for bible study and pray for one another.

## Cathedral Parish Update

By: the Rev. Jared Osborn

The cathedral congregation in Iqaluit is in the midst of a transition period. Our dean, Rev. Jonas Allooloo, retired at the end of January 2018. Bishop David appointed me as the interim rector of the congregation. At our annual general meeting, we elected a search committee to search for the next minister to lead our parish.

After the cathedral debt was paid off, the parish formed a fundraising committee to continue raising funds for ongoing needs in our parish. In May the committee hosted a major event in our parish hall which raised nearly \$5,000 for the parish.

On April 19, our family welcomed Diana Elisapi Osborn into the world. She was born at Qikiqtani General Hospital in Iqaluit at 5:03am and weighted 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Her older sisters, Naomi and Martha, were very happy to meet her. We are all working together as we adjust to being a family of five!



At the end of April, we celebrated the graduation of five students from ATTS. We held a bilingual service where Bishop David preached and the students received their diplomas. We are looking forward to the ordination service in June. We will miss the students who have studied here for the past two years, but we know God has great things in store for them!

Recently, the search committee finished their work and asked Bishop David to offer the position of rector of the cathedral congregation to Rev. Methusalah Kunuk. Since he was ordained in 2000, he has assisted the cathedral parish in Iqaluit as a bi-vocational minister, working in a job outside the church and volunteering his time as a minister. He was appointed the Regional Dean of the South Baffin region in 2015. In his secular work, he had a number of jobs in the government and private sector before becoming Assistant Deputy Minister for Transportation, from 2002-2013. From 2013 to present he has served as Vice President and Vice Chair of Baffin Fisheries. With this appointment he will step down from his current role and work for the church full-time. Please pray for Rev. Methusalah as he begins this position on July 1. Rev. Methusalah is married to Martha, who graduated from ATTS in April 2018 and, God willing, will be ordained deacon in June.



**Bishop David Congratulating Rev. Methusalah on becoming rector of St Jude's.**

## St Peter's Fire

**Compiled By: Ryan Peters, EXO**

On 27 February 2018 a fire severely damaged the St Peter's Anglican Church in Grise Fiord, the only church building in the community.

**CBC News North reported:**

*Meeka Kiguktak, the community's mayor said St. Peter's Anglican Church played a central role in the hamlet of about 130 people. "It seems like without it, there's a lot missing in our community. It's a place where we mourn together, we celebrate together, it's a*

*place where everybody comes together," said Kiguktak. (Source: CBC News North: [www.cbc.ca/new](http://www.cbc.ca/new))*

**The Anglican Journal reported:**

*Parishioners of St. Peter's Anglican Church in Grise Fiord, Nunavut, are continuing to hold services in "an old two-storey house" following a February 27 fire that rendered their church building unusable.*

*"Of course, people are feeling sad about it," the Rev. Jimmy Qaapik, deacon at St. Peter's told the Anglican Journal when reached by phone Wednesday, March 21. Qaapik says that attendance at the church could be anywhere from five to 10 people to as many as 25, with more attending on holidays like Christmas and Easter.*

*St. Peter's was the only church in the Inuit*



*hamlet of Grise Fiord, which has a population of about 130.*

*For now, the parish is meeting in "an old two*

*-storey house," says Qaapik. He says parishioners are thankful "from the bottom of our hearts" to the property owners of the Oogliit Sannavik Building, who "have generously offered it freely for Sunday services." Qaapik says he has received many calls from people who would like to help with rebuilding efforts, including companies in Resolute Bay that have offered to send carpenters and electricians.(Source: The Anglican Journal: [www.anglicanjournal.com](http://www.anglicanjournal.com))*

The Diocese Of The Arctic had insurance on the building, however the capped insured amount is approximately \$150 000 less than the anticipated cost to rebuild the church.

We thank God that already we had enquiries from individuals and businesses as to where and how they could contribute to rebuilding this place of worship in Grise Fiord. In the midst of all this, they hosted an On Eagle's Wings VBS in April.

**By: the Rev. Joey Royal, ATTS Director**

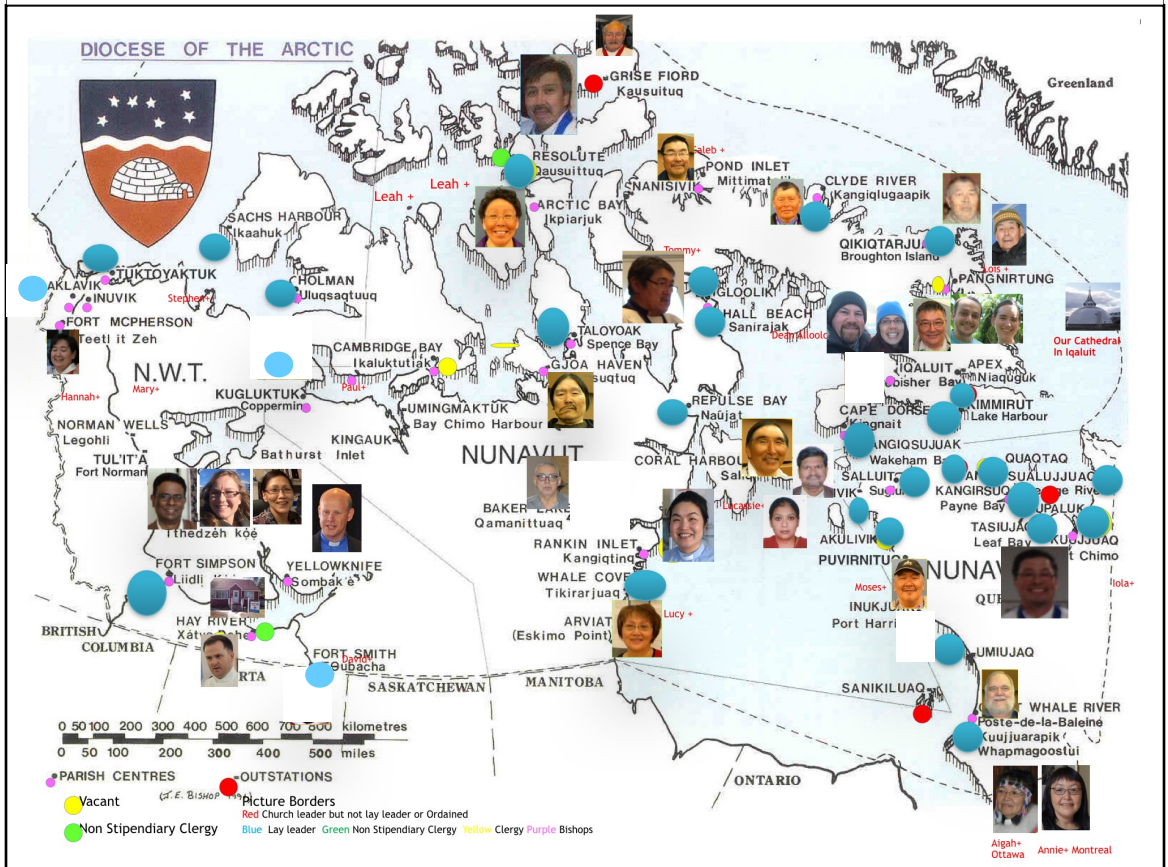
About a third of the time was spent in Jerusalem, where we explored the ruins of King David's palace, the underground water tunnel built by King Hezekiah, the Temple Mount, and of course the traditional sites of Christ's condemnation, death and burial. On one of the final days the students and I walked the "Via Dolorosa" (Christ's path to the cross, literally "the way of suffering").

What a moving experience to walk the path our Lord took to his death, and to read Scripture, pray and reflect at each station. We were all renewed in our gratitude of what Christ has done for us, and reaffirmed in our commitment to follow the way of the cross in our own lives. Some other highlights in the Jerusalem area included a trip to the Mount of Olives and the Garden of Gethsemane. Other highlights are too numerous to mention, but must include a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, sitting in the ruins of a Capernaum synagogue, reading Matthew 5 while on the Mount of Beatitudes, seeing the site of Christ's birth in Bethlehem, and looking out over the vast wilderness that the Israelites wandered in for 40 years.



**Annie K., Esau T.,  
Rev. Joey R. and  
Martha K. at  
Jericho**

**Please Pray For Our Clergy ! The Blue Circles Are Where We Need Full Time Clergy.**





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Day	Parish	Clergy Lay Leader
1	Great Whale River	Rev. Tom & Marianne Martin
	Sanikiluaq	Dinah Kavik
2	Inukjuak	Bishop Andrew & Mary Atagotaaluk
	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	Kuujuuaq	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	Kimmirut	Joanie Ikkidluak
9	Cape Dorset	Eege Oqutaq
10	Pangnirtung	Rev. Tommy Evik
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	No Clergy
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	No Clergy
26	Yellowknife	Rev. Bryan & Michelle Haigh
		Rt. Rev. Chris & Rona Williams
27	Taloyoak	No Clergy or Lay
	Gjoa Haven	Rev. Ikey & Elizabeth Nashooriatuk
28	Kugluktuk	No Clergy
29	Ulukhaktok	David Kuptana
30	Cambridge Bay	Brenda Janke
31	Tuktoyaktuk	No Clergy or Lay
Daily pray for:		Bishop David & Rita Parsons Bishop Darren & Karen McCartney EXO – Ryan & Michelle Peters
		ATTS Director – Rev. Joey & Jenn Royal Youth Coordinator – Deanna & Nathaniel Fillion
		Translator – Matilda Nakoolak Treasurer– Abe Abraham
		Retired and on-leave clergy

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We floated in the Dead Sea and dipped our feet into the Jordan River. We saw the ruins of Canaanite, Israelites and Roman cities, which gave us a sense of what it was like to live in past eras. We hiked through deserts and springs, mountains and valleys, modern-day Israel and modern-day Palestine. We saw deep faith of many who live there currently, as well as something of the animosity driven by modern political and religious conflicts.

The land of Israel is a beautiful and complex place, and being there was eye-opening in so many ways.



Martha K. dipping her feet into the Jordan River



The entire tour was saturated with Scripture. At each site we read relevant passages of the Bible, and not a moment went by when we were not awed by the rich biblical history that was all around us and beneath our feet. We would often break out in sung worship and prayer, the experience being so overwhelming that the only proper response was praise to the Lord of heaven and earth. The trip was life-changing, and we are grateful to all who made it possible. Without the donations given by parishes in the Arctic, as well as individuals, it could not have happened. We thank you all.

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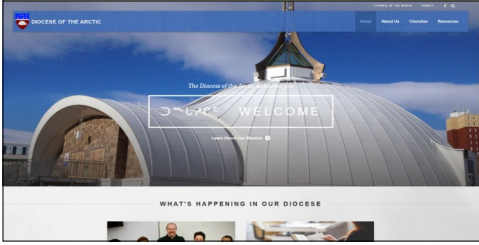
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## GOOD NEWS to share



We have a few items of good news to share. We are launching a new website in mid June 2018. It has the same web address, so it will be easy to find but much easier to connect. We look forward to connecting with you on [www.arcticnet.org](http://www.arcticnet.org).



Our Diocesan Youth Coordinator, Deanna, got married to Nathaniel Fillion on March 24th, 2018 in Yellowknife, NT at the Snow King's Castle. Please pray that God's Kingdom is built in and through their marriage.

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