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Faithfulness

The Order of the Diocese of British Columbia honours new members.

BY IAN POWELL

Witnessing the reaction of the laureates as they came up to Bishop Logan in front of a packed cathedral was incredibly moving. The very meaningful service, held Saturday, October 20 at Christ Church Cathedral, was full of joy and emotion as we celebrated the founding of the new Order of the Diocese of British Columbia and watched the investiture of the first group of worthy faithful.

This inaugural event was the culmination of two years of preparation, achieving Bishop Logan's desire to honour the laity of the diocese. On his visits to parishes, he had been constantly impressed by the high level of faithful service of so many volunteers. Despite such a high benchmark, there were still those who, for many years, had risen higher still. In addition, he was extremely grateful to those who stepped out of their parish ministry to provide invaluable assistance to various diocesan ministries.

Since he couldn't acknowledge

and celebrate both these distinct services with the tools available, the notion of creating a diocesan order was born.

Any honour system we created had to be done correctly and in accordance with the accepted principles for founding an order in the modern era. I modelled our Order on similar honours such as the Order of Canada.

Our Order was established with two ranks – member and officer – each one of those having an honorary version which allows the diocese to recognize people outside its borders, even outside our denomination or faith, who have also done exemplary work for their community, work that exemplifies our diocesan ideals.

The member rank recognizes individuals for their outstanding voluntary commitment of service to their parish for an extended period. Each parish has the opportunity to nominate one of its members for this award. In this inaugural year we received nominations from most parishes, and we hope that the others will participate in the 2020 investiture. In addition to receiving nominations, Bishop Logan has the privilege of awarding people as well.

The officer rank recognizes individuals who have given for the extraordinary time exemplary voluntary service not only to their parish, but to the Diocese of British

offers a delightful alternative to this money madness: one that connects with both the Christian essence of this sacred holiday and the magic of more traditional celebrations.

The 10th annual St. Barnabas Star Sunday fair will take place at the Fernwood church on Sunday, December 9 from 3-5 pm.

The event is infused with Christmas spirit and cheer and is modelled on a German Christmas Market. Before entering either the church or the hall, visitors are



The first group invested in the new Order gathers after the ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral.

Columbia and/or the Anglican Church of Canada. This is limited to five in any one order cycle (about every two years), and each person must be nominated by at least five members of the diocese from five different parishes. Bishop Logan may make two personal awards.

Honorary awards: there can only be three honorary members and one honorary officer awarded in any order cycle. While the bishop will accept recommendations, they are within his gift.

The insignia of the Order was granted by the Canadian Heraldic Authority earlier this year and was a collaboration between the deputy chief herald and me. It brings together the founding history of our diocese in the form of Bishop Hill's cross from the diocesan arms, and our renewed journey in the form of the dragonflies, designed for the authority by Doug LaFortune of the Tsawout First Nation.

The motto of the Order, faithfulness, has been adopted to honour the faithful service over a considerable time by the members of the Order to their parish families, the Diocese of B.C. and the wider church and community.

The Rev. Ian Powell is the secretary of the Order and part of the clerical team at Christ Church Cathedral. He is also managing director of Paul's Restaurants Ltd and general manager of Inn at Laurel Point.

Star Sunday

BY GREGOR CRAIGIE

Many of us feel that the mayhem at the mall and the hullabaloo of the holiday season miss the essential meaning of Christmas. Yet many still shuffle off to shop like sheep every December, spending too much money on presents and other commercial trappings. St. Barnabas Anglo-Catholic Church

greeted with carolling around a bonfire, along with steaming hot apple cider and waffles.

Star Sunday is a perfect opportunity for children to make their own gifts for family and friends. High-quality craft materials, inspired by the Waldorf education model, are supplied. Children decorate their own candles, build wooden handicrafts, mix bath salts in mason jars, weave their own wreaths, and make many more



Children get help at the beading table at Star Sunday.

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A Season of Discipleship: You Are the Laity of God



Bishop Logan Writes

BY THE RIGHT REVEREND DR. LOGAN MCMENAMIE, BISHOP, DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We began this season on October 20 at Christ Church Cathedral. We gathered then to honour and raise up in the life of our diocese the ministry of the laity with the Order of the Diocese of British Columbia.

The Season of Discipleship is born from our diocesan vision. It is found in faith in formation and in lay ministry and leadership, but also in youth and family life.

Remember, there is no place in scripture where the laity is referred to as a lesser order or more ignorant than the clergy. "You are my people (laity) and I am your God. Once you were not a people (laity) but now you are the people (laity) of God." (1 Peter 2:10)

Two programs within our diocese come to mind that can be used for the formation of lay

ministry. The Cursillo movement is one and Education for Ministry (EfM) is another. Cursillo begins with a weekend experience and develops into a study program founded in group work.

The Education for Ministry website describes the program this way: "Education for Ministry is a program of theological education by extension for lay people. There are four years of study, but participants commit for one year at a time, meeting in small groups with a trained mentor. The program combines

academic study with integrative components to help participants take what they learn about Scripture, church history, theology and ethics into their own lives and hearts, supporting them in living out a vibrant baptismal ministry in the church and in the world."

I am very interested in how the Diocese of New Westminster will be looking at renewing the Cursillo experience and developing it into a new model. My hope is that we will continue to use, strengthen and shape EfM and Cursillo anew in the life of our diocese.

A Season of Discipleship is about life together. It is my hope that together we will begin to live in community in several ways. Many have heard me refer to page 555 of the *Book of Common Prayer* which directs every Christian to live by a rule (rhythm of life). The rule calls us to pray, to study, to worship and to give.

It is a rhythm every Christian is invited to live daily. Parishes are encouraged to form groups that regularly come together to tell their story, to pray, to study and to encourage each other to be witnesses. There are those in our parishes who already live this way. There will be others who need to be reminded of this invitation, or have it extended to them for the first time.

...one of the greatest challenges the churches have to meet in this century is how the modern person (modern man), who cannot live the monastic life, can yet experience community life...because we have seen, it is more and more acknowledged that life together is the very essence of authentic Christian existence."

—Tullio Vinay Agape Centro Ecumenico, Italy (Speaking at Corrymeela Community, 1965)

Bishop's Calendar

December

1	Ministry Discernment Weekend
2	Church of the Advent - Parish Visitation and Confirmation
4-6	National ACPO Meeting
9	Nanaimo Correctional Centre
13	Finance Committee Meeting
20	Diocesan Council Meeting
24	Christ Church Cathedral
25	Christ Church Cathedral

Another rule of life is found in the gospel-based *A Disciple's Prayer Book* that comes from the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples and can be downloaded free from the General Synod website. During the Season of Discipleship, it is my hope that you will use *A Disciple's Prayer Book* as your primary resource.

Gospel-based discipleship is not a program. It is not bible study. It is an encounter with the Gospel, designed to engage people with the Gospel appointed for the day, or the Sunday proper. It depends on participants being willing to share responses to the three questions. The Gospel is read three times and after each time the question is asked. What words or ideas did you hear? What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you? What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?

As you gather, take time to be attentive to the reading and the questions. The experience of the word that is before us is the central engagement.

I will continue to work with the vision groups shaping and forming the community of learning within our diocese. It is my hope that in the new year we will begin to see and experience a fuller program being offered.

I will also continue to work with the youth council of the diocese to build up youth ministry and leadership giving them, as well, an experience of a community of learning.

Yours in Christ,
The Right Reverend
Dr. Logan McMenamie
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Star Sunday continued from cover

special gifts. Star Sunday has become a fixture for many families in the neighbourhood, both parishioners and neighbours, with more than 300 people taking part every year.

Jasmine O'Brian, community life minister at the church, calls Star Sunday an "old-fashioned multi-generational event that is an expression of our belief in the sacredness of life and creation, and respect for the spirituality of children."

All of the materials and foods are provided through the generosity of parishioners at St. Barnabas, local businesses, and the community at large. While donations from visitors will be accepted with gratitude, there is no cost to take part in this lovely celebration of Christmas.

Gregor Craigie is the host of CBC Radio's *On the Island*, and he is a parishioner at St. Barnabas.

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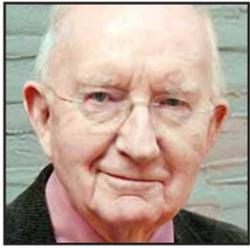
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A Child's Christmas



Reflections

BY HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

Christmas is more than a mere word. In the world of music a chord is composed of notes, but it is infinitely richer than any one of those notes. Some words are like that.

Christmas is such a word. We have only to hear it to feel it probing deeply, first into our hearing, then into our minds, then into memory and finally into our hearts. Then will come the feelings that always accompany remembering: sadness and regret, joy and appreciation, laughter or tears.

Magic moments are really the doorways to magic kingdoms. Most people tend to think that magic kingdoms are, as we say, out of this world. The truth is that magic kingdoms are very close to this everyday world we ironically call the real world. All we must do is to search for the door.

My own magic kingdom was very much in this world. It had small winding roads, a village, a humpbacked bridge over a

small river, meadows of hay, fields of golden corn, horses, a donkey, cows, and a wonderful black and white sheepdog named Billie. At the heart of this magic kingdom was Donaguile, my mother's childhood home, my grandfather's farm.

In the summer of 1929, at the tender age of nine months, I was taken for the first time on the long journey from Cork to Castlecomer and nearby Donaguile. I'm told we went in my father's gleaming Morris Cowley, complete with rumble seat. Come to think of it, perhaps this was the magic chariot sent by the gods to take me into my magic kingdom.

My very first memory of Donaguile is three years later when my father takes my mother and me for a Christmas visit. I am standing with my mother and grandfather at the door beside the horses' stable. This door leads out to the barn field. Later I would learn that every field has its own name. The fields are white with snow, something infrequently seen in the south of Ireland. My grandfather has mixed a large bucket of feed for the young calves. He opens the door, bangs on the bucket and gives a loud call. Immediately the calves turn towards us. Then, with that skipping gait of the very young, they run towards the doorway, all jostling for a place, all trying

to get their heads into the bucket, at times almost wresting it from my grandfather's firm grip.

He watches carefully to see that each gets a fair share. For a moment he lets my mother place my small hand on the head of one of the calves. I feel the matted hair and the hard crown that is already showing the signs of what will one day become horns. My grandfather scrapes the last of the feed from the bucket and hurls it out into the snow. The calves turn and chase after whatever extra mouthful they can get at. My grandfather closes the door on the cold white vision of the fields, and a moment of vivid childhood memory is retained for a lifetime.

Years later I would come across a short but lovely poem by an English poet. It speaks of fields far away from where I stood that December morning as a child gazing at the white expanse of the barn field, but it links me with that moment.

*We stood on the hills, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Watching the frosted meadows
That winter had won.*

*The evening was calm, Lady,
The air so still,
Silence more lovely than music
Folded the hill.*

*There was a star, Lady,
Shone in the night.*

*Larger than Venus it was,
And bright, so bright.*

*Oh, a voice from the sky, Lady,
It seemed to us then
Telling of God being born
In the world of men.*

*And so we have come, Lady,
Our day's work done,
Our love, our hopes, ourselves
We give to your son.*

The poet is Clive Sansom. The title of the poem is The Shepherd's Carol.

A holy Advent to you, and a joyful Christmas.

Herbert O'Driscoll

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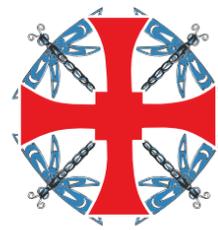


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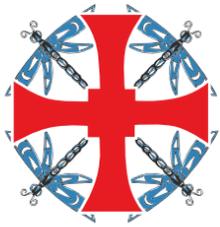
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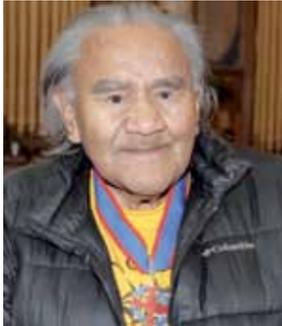
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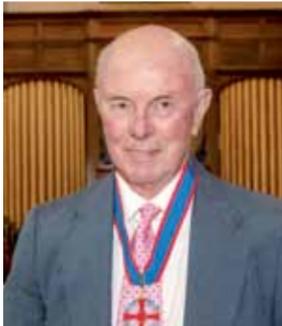
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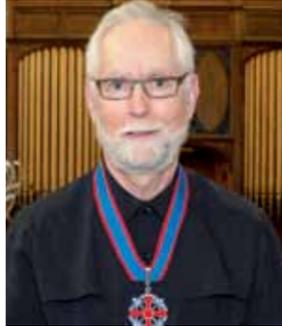


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Dismantling Racism

Taking a first step

BY SELINDE KRAYENHOFF

Do you know the name of the First Nations on whose land you work, worship and live? That knowledge is just the beginning. Soon all clergy of the diocese will be required to take a course: Dismantling Racism.

Developing a curriculum specific to the needs and realities of our diocese began with a four-day

training session in September 2018. Gathered at Bethlehem Centre in Nanaimo, 20 lay and ordained people from around the diocese explored how to create our own program on dismantling racism. We worked our way through a mix of programs offered in the Dioceses of New Westminster and Toronto.

Leaders Rev. Douglas Fenton (Diocese of New Westminster), Rev. Selinde Krayenhoff and Rev. Patrick Sibley (Diocese of B.C.) and Esther Wesley (coordinator for the Anglican Fund for Healing and Reconciliation) led the group through exercises and presentations geared to meet the five goals for the week: awareness, acknowledgment, acceptance,

commitment to fighting racism and action (steps toward committing resources, changing policy and structures).

Most of the time was spent developing an awareness of the impact of racism because racism affects everyone. Some of us just don't realize it. Racism reinforces a power imbalance that benefits and ensures white privilege. As Christians, as members of the one body of Christ, it behooves us to become aware of how all parts of the body are impacted by racism and work towards a world where all parts of the body are valued, cared for, and afforded equal opportunity.

Through liturgy, readings, lectures and experiential exercises,

Faith in Formation

participants gained insight into our Canadian history and how government and church policies have embedded or challenged racist attitudes and practices in this country.

We looked at how circumstances beyond our control (our skin colour, cultural background and birthplace) can determine more fully how our lives will turn out than our own personal effort. We looked at how power impacts those who have it, and those who don't, and why pretending not to see someone's skin colour is a form of racism.

We trod gently through the material and through the week as our eyes and hearts were opened. And sometimes we stumbled. But as one participant commented, "In all our study and work, we need to pray and proceed prayerfully," inviting the Holy Spirit's guidance and care.

The week ended with a eucharist with Bishop Logan inspiring us, affirming us and sending us off to continue the work.

Selinde Krayenhoff is the incumbent of St. Mary, Nanoose Bay and a passionate teacher of Nonviolent Communication.

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PWRDF Corner

BY GEOFF STRONG, PWRDF
DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVE

One of the highlights for the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) in the diocese is an annual workshop, held this year at St. Peter, Quamichan in Duncan on October 13, for it brings the maximum number of parish representatives together for face-to-face feedback. We had 21 participants including 13 reps as well as Bishop Logan and the past-president of PWRDF, Maureen Lawrence.

Maureen stepped down from the PWRDF board in September 2018 after serving for nine years (the maximum), the last two years as president. Maureen lives in Nanaimo with her husband, Caleb, bishop of Moosonee for 30 years until his retirement in 2010. Maureen brought her considerable governance experience on museum and hospital boards and as provincial commissioner

for Girl Guides for Ontario for five years.

Coming from Northern Ireland, she hadn't heard about PWRDF until she was living in the Diocese of the Arctic in the 1960s and PWRDF was responding to the famine in Biafra. On the website, she recalls, "My husband explained the situation of extreme famine to the Cree and Inuit with whom we lived. At that time hunters and trappers, they responded with incredible generosity because, they told us, they were familiar with starvation. I found this both shocking and inspiring." We interviewed Maureen after the meeting.

Babies were being delivered by midwives holding their phones between their teeth to use as flashlights.

What do you want people to know about PWRDF?

A lot of parishes don't know that PWRDF is the social action branch of the Anglican Church of Canada. As Anglicans it's our organization and people don't necessarily realize that because we haven't blown our own horn. Congregations

are not exactly growing, but income is stable.

We believe that it is a really good organization doing important work, so we should be able to appeal to a broader base than just the Anglican Church. We don't do billboard advertising; we're not on television; we're not in malls. It is very much face-to-face through individuals. Traditionally we have always tried to keep our administrative costs low. We have just recently agreed as a board to charge one per cent on donations for emergency relief. Before that we absorbed all the administrative costs.

How do the relief funds get distributed?

For emergency relief overseas, we send the money through the ACT Alliance which is the Action of Churches Together. When an earthquake shook Nepal, we sent the money to the Lutheran Church who had an office in Katmandu. They already knew where the need was.

That's the relief part of the mandate. What is the approach to development efforts?

We don't presume to tell people how to do their work. We work with partners who are already there. For example in Tanzania, one of our partners has been the Diocese of Masasi for over 20 years. So we know the standard of their work.

The actual feet on the ground presence is provided by their people, but we can share ideas from other places. For example, in Africa women are encouraged to come to the clinic to have their babies, and many are born at night. Babies were being delivered by midwives holding their phones between their teeth to use as flashlights. One of our staff came back and mentioned this in the office. Someone else said she'd heard of a company in the U.S. making "solar suitcases" containing solar panels, fetal heart monitors and other necessities. We connected our partners with the company and now they have light for the births.



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Fly on the Wall

BY CATHERINE PATE

This regular column reports on the activities and decisions of Diocesan Council, the “synod between synods” of our diocese. Download monthly meeting minutes at bc.anglican.ca/about

The October Diocesan Council meeting was the first for the new council constituted at Synod 2018 in September. Time on the agenda was set aside for an orientation for new members and an opportunity for members to introduce themselves to each other. The complete list of Diocesan Council members is available on the diocesan website at bc.anglican.ca/diocesan-committees.

Along with its regular business, Diocesan Council reviewed the evaluations collected by members of Synod 2018 and began the work of establishing goals to work towards over the next year.

Synod 2018

In an electronic evaluation sent to delegates immediately following Synod 2018 via email, 111 respondents provided valuable feedback for Diocesan Council, which will be used in the planning of our next synod. Most of the questions on the evaluation were the same as those posed after the 2016 synod, to determine whether progress has been made in sharing the vision across the diocese and

empowering individuals and parishes to embrace the vision both personally and corporately. The responses to these questions clearly indicated that great improvement has been made in communicating the vision, and that most people feel better equipped to enliven the vision at the local level since our last synod. For example:

- 88 per cent of respondents said they believe they better understand the vision because of the presentations at Synod 2018.
- Over 90 per cent said they think they can explain the vision or are excited to get back to their parishes and get to work on living out the vision.

Other responses specific to Synod 2018 were also positive.

- 57 per cent of respondents saying the event was excellent.
- 3 per cent saying it was fair or poor.

Most comments demonstrated a renewed sense of diocesan pride and optimism. There was strong agreement amongst respondents that the involvement of the First Nations representatives at the synod, along with the decision to hold it at the Songhees Wellness Centre, (coincidentally) on the weekend of Orange Shirt Day, was a powerful affirmation of our ongoing work towards reconciliation with the First Peoples.

Bishop's Task Teams

The bishop will establish six task teams to assist Diocesan Council in its work over the next two years:

- Governance—This team will examine and report on the efficiency of Diocesan Council and its committees.
- Thetis Island Fund—Will report to Finance Committee with

recommendations regarding the use of the funds remaining from the sale of the property on Thetis Island.

- Housing Society—Will report to the Diocesan Council on the feasibility of establishing a diocesan housing society, with oversight of all housing societies in the diocese.
- Regional Naming and Honouring—In consultation with First Nations, make recommendations to the bishop regarding the naming and appropriate land acknowledgements in the five regions of the diocese, as well as any recommendations regarding restructuring of the regions.
- Transforming Futures—Work with the Transforming Futures facilitator to assist the first group of parishes in rolling out the fundraising initiative at the local level, reporting back to Finance Committee and Diocesan Council on the progress.
- Stewardship—Through the clergy, implement the “Giving our Thanks and Praise” stewardship program across the diocese.

Faith in Foundation

Diocesan Council Meetings 2018

- St. John the Divine, Victoria Dec 20 Thursday

Finance

Approved by Diocesan Council:

- An exception under Canon 4.4.01 to allow St. Barnabas to hold trust monies outside of the Consolidated Trust Fund;
- Mount Douglas Seniors Housing Society to access \$25,000 from the Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) to furnish its lobby and lounge;
- 2019 cost of living increase of 2.1% (as per Regulation 5.6.01) for clergy and lay employees of the diocese;
- Six vision grants totalling \$16,370;
- \$25,000 extraordinary vision fund grant for St. Dunstan for senior and childcare space renovation (to fulfill a commitment made to the parish prior to granting guidelines established in 2016).

Transforming Futures

The following parishes, with the support of the Rev. Michael

Wimmer (Transforming Futures facilitator) and the TF task team, will be the first to launch Transforming Futures at the local level in January 2019.

- St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus
- Trinity, Port Alberni
- Parish of Central Saanich
- St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin
- St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay
- St. Barnabas, Victoria

Asset Management

Diocesan Council approved a recommendation from the Finance Committee to amend the land lease arrangement between the synod and St. Paul's Housing Society and draft a new 99-year lease agreement consisting of a subdivided parcel for The Hermitage.

Catherine Pate is the diocesan communications officer, responsible for supporting and animating effective communications in all expressions of the diocese.

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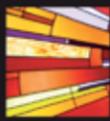
Wednesdays, 12:10 – 12:50 pm

NOV 21 CURT BERGEN, ORGANIST
on the magnificent Casavant organ

NOV 28 EMMA VICKERS, PEDRO SIQUEIRA
soprano and classical guitarist

DEC 5 CELLO & PIANO
musicians from the University School of Music

DEC 12 PRECOCIOUS PIANISTS
ages 8-14, incl. a recent Symphony Splash soloist



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EfM Returns to Victoria

Education for Ministry is a program of theological education by extension for lay people. There are four years of study, but participants commit for one year at a time, meeting in small groups with a trained mentor. EfM offers an opportunity to discover how to respond to the call of Christian service.

Starts Tuesday nights in January, 2019 at St. Peter Lakehill, part of the Two Saints Ministry.

The mentors are the Rev. Canon Dolly Beaumont (artanddolly@shaw.ca) and Ann Barry (annbarry@shaw.ca)

Please contact either of the mentors or Boyd Shaw, (boydshaw@shaw.ca) diocesan coordinator for the EfM program for registration details. **Deadline for registration is December 15, 2018.**



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