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Charge to Synod

Archbishop Shane Janzen



My dear Brethren in Christ:

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. As we begin our Synod today we give thanks to Almighty God in our Saviour Jesus Christ for all His blessings bestowed upon us as members of His holy Church. We especially give thanks for “the Faith once delivered to the saints” and pray God to give us the grace and strength always to witness faithfully to the same unimpaired to each generation – ‘in the world but not of the world’.

We remember this day all of God’s righteous servants, known and unknown, who have gone before us marked with the sign of Faith. We remember especially the ministry and faithful witness of Canon Edward Gale and Father George Daley. We pray for the repose of their souls, and all others of our brethren across the ACCC who have passed since our last General Synod: Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon. May they rest in peace, and rise in glory. Amen.

As I begin my Charge to the 2019 Synod, I would like to take this opportunity once more to thank my brother bishop, Bishop Craig Botterill, for his steadfast leadership, wise counsel, and faithful witness, both as Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of Canada East and as Provincial Chancellor. I also want to thank the clergy, lay readers, members of Vestries, and the many parishioners who continue to serve Christ and His Church with faithfulness, courage and dedication. It is due in large measure to all of you that we are gathered here today – renewed, strengthened, and moving forward. God be praised!

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Only last month, here at the FCJ Centre, the College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion met to discuss the progress of Christ's Church across our global Communion. Shortly after our last General Synod in 2016, my brother bishops of the TAC elected me as Primate of the Traditional Anglican Communion, unworthy though I am. In that capacity I have traveled to various Synods, clergy meetings, conferences, and ecumenical talks. In each and every case, I have been encouraged by the faithful witness of the Continuing Anglican Church around the world. We still have much to do, but we are moving forward not backwards. The Traditional Anglican Communion is strong; the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada is strong; our parishes and people are strong. Yet it

remains vital that we maintain our vigilance, and continue our steadfast witness to the faith, order, discipline, and evangelical witness of the historic Anglican tradition.

Our witness to the Christian Faith, the Anglican Tradition, and the Book of Common Prayer, both in worship and practice, should be evident to anyone who comes into our midst. As traditional Anglicans, we are called to maintain and live out all that is best in the Traditional Anglican Church; while remaining alive to the present moment and the spread of the Gospel in our contemporary society.

The saving Gospel of Christ is as vital and necessary today as it was for the early Church – founded as it is upon the revelation of Jesus Christ, 'Who

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is the same yesterday, today and forever'. The Apostles and early evangelists, together with the Christian missionaries of centuries past, all faced the challenges of a pagan world – as we do today.

As Christians, we live in a society based on secular values and the paramount importance of individual expression, self-determination, and self-identification in terms of sexuality and gender -- over and above all other concerns or interests or moral imperatives. It is indeed not only a post-Christian era in which we live but also a post-religious society in which people of faith are ridiculed, shouted down, marginalized, and even persecuted.

What then are we to do? How are we to 'work the works of God' in an increasingly faithless society? Firstly, we cannot retreat behind parish walls or the comfort of our own sanctuaries. We must not become just the church of the like-minded, insular and isolated. Our strength lies in our Christian faith not in our numbers. Our future lies not in accommodation but in conviction.

As we move more and more into the digital age, social media will become an increasing reality in our



Ordination of Deacon Brian Allen at the FCJ Centre on July 25, 2019



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lives. Social media, as we know, can be a means of positive communication but it can also be a means of spreading lies, misleading information, bullying and evil. But as Church, as Christians, we cannot be afraid to embrace the power of this medium in our outreach, communication, and evangelization. In so doing we need, however, to be careful; to be considered in our message, and mindful of its power. Young people today use tablets, iphones, personal computers, digital media. And not only young people, but many in different age groups, different backgrounds. We too can embrace and use modern means of communication in the spread of the Gospel and the growth of the Kingdom. Used properly, social media can be an effective tool in the arsenal of spiritual warfare and the communication of Christ's teachings to the world.

Nothing, however, absolutely nothing, can out-do, out-reach, out-communicate the Gospel message of salvation in Jesus Christ, than personal interaction, that is, simply put, you and me. The Apostle Andrew brought Peter to Jesus. Philip brought the Ethiopian eunuch to faith in Christ. Our Lord said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in their midst." The importance of personal witness, personal contact, cannot be understated.

The way to full churches is for every member of every Parish to invite someone they know to come

with them to church on Sunday. The 'shotgun' method of evangelism can sometimes work but is not as reliable nor as effective as that of hands-on personal interaction. At your next church potluck be sure to invite people who are not currently members of your parish – friends, family members, neighbours, colleagues from work. The place of our churches in the larger community through hall rentals, concerts, recitals, and other public events can be a means of letting people know where we are and who we are. In an age of increasing impersonal communications, the personal touch cannot be underestimated as an effective means of evangelism.

Yet in this personal witness, in our communal outreach, we must always 'speak the truth with love' as St. Paul exhorts. So, be positive, not negative; let people know what we believe, not what we condemn. Let others experience our Christian charity and welcoming smile rather than a litany of woes or a chorus of moral lamentation. We are a people of faith, hope and love – let that be evident in all we say and all we do in the Name of Jesus Christ.

During the course of our gathering here in Synod this week, we will be taking time to talk about evangelization; and ways and means of not only growing our parishes but of expanding the Kingdom of God.

In closing, I would like once again to thank all of you for your steadfast witness, perseverance, and patience. We are going through a time of transition and challenge – but it has ever been thus in the Christian Church. The Holy Spirit challenges us to go beyond ourselves, and to grow in our faith and commitment to Christ.

As in all things in life, there are no guarantees, only the assurance of our Lord's abiding presence and saving grace. He transcends all times and all circumstances. He is the Head of the Church, you and I are but labourers in the Lord's Vineyard. Therefore, it is in Him that we place all our hopes, all our prayers, and all our tomorrows.



College of Bishops 2019

*Archbishop Michael Gill
Secretary of the College of Bishops and
Metropolitan of the Province of Africa*

The College of Bishops of the Traditional Anglican Communion met in Calgary, Alberta, Canada in June 2019. This was an extraordinary meeting, called by our Primate to make decisions that will shape our Communion/Church for many decades, even centuries to come.

I must, at the outset, tell you of the sense of godly unity that prevailed. Decisions were taken decisively and in a prayerful manner that was unlike anything I have experienced before in church meetings. Usually, decisions in the church take forever, with numerous committees being formed, but in this instance, under the mature and spiritual leadership of our Primate, Archbishop Shane Janzen, we felt the hand of the Holy Spirit guide our debates and subsequent decisions. Every decision taken was unanimously agreed upon.

The main item for discussion was a fundamental change to our Traditional Anglican Communion, a

federation of national churches, to become The Traditional Anglican Church, a unified, large, dynamic global body of believers under one name and under the authority of [an international General Synod led by an elected Primate, and consisting of the College of Bishops, together with a House of Clergy and House of Laity, elected from each of the Dioceses across the TAC].

The Traditional Anglican Church will function in Provinces throughout the world: a TAC Province for Latin America, a TAC Province of India, a TAC Province of Australasia, a TAC Province of Canada, a TAC Province for the United States of America, a TAC Province of the United Kingdom, and a TAC Province for Africa. This development changes us from a federation of churches into one significant body of Traditional Anglican believers throughout the world, holding the same Faith and Order, and with the same sense of purpose and mission. It is a

logical development and will clear the way for future growth throughout the world.

The movement from a Communion to a Church was the main item for discussion by the College of Bishops. There were other matters, but this fundamental change to our TAC Concordat was the prime reason for our meeting in Calgary. It was a blessed moment when this proposal from the Primate was unanimously accepted by the assembled Bishops from every area of the world. It was a bold and historical decision by the

College of Bishops, and a moment that will be part of the significant advancement of Orthodox Anglicanism worldwide.

I believe that this is the change that will enable us to halt the march of the liberals in Anglicanism, and I have the strong feeling that we are blessed to be living in an age of real church growth, mission and evangelism as we spread the Good News of Jesus Christ our Lord. The implications for our lives of a Traditional Anglican Church are enormous.

Synod 2019: Parish and Mission Reports

From those Parishes and Missions which provided written reports to Synod



Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist Victoria, BC

During the years of our Lord 2016 to 2018, the Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist, Victoria, BC, continued to be spiritually, theologically, and financially sound. Together we have remained faithful to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and to the doctrine, teachings, and fellowship of the Apostles as received and handed down through the witness of the historic Anglican expression of the Christian Faith. With God's divine providence, we will continue to proclaim the truth in Jesus Christ, and to offer people a place of worship and spiritual fellowship – formal yet friendly, traditional yet contemporary in its message of salvation, in the world yet not of the world, one with the Church universal in faith and doctrine, ever true to our Anglican heritage and patrimony.

The Cathedral's program of worship, Christian education and spiritual formation continued throughout 2016, 2017, and 2018. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated each Sunday and Holy Day, as well as Thursday mornings. Quiet Days were held in both the Season of Advent and the Season of Lent. Stations of the Cross, together with the Liturgy of Holy Week, provided the spiritual means to walk the way of the Cross with our Lord, even as we joyfully celebrated His Resurrection on Easter Day. We were blessed to have some new people join the Parish, but we also lost some members. Over the past 3 years we witnessed four Confirmations of young people, as they each took their place in the life of the Church and received their First Holy Communion. Sadly, since the last Synod, we laid to rest our beloved

sisters in Christ, Marion Richards, and Bobbi Crawley, wife of the late Bishop Robert Crawley. May they rest in peace.

The Archbishop continued to visit weekly those of in the Cathedral Parish unable to come to church due to infirmity or age (ably assisted by Fr. Jack Archbold); and to give them the comfort of the Sacraments. On Thursday mornings our weekly Study Group met to study the Scriptures of the Old Testament through the video tape lectures of Professor Alan Ross; then transitioning into the

Deuterocanonical Books of the Old Testament. Our Sunday School continued under the able leadership and instruction of Sonia Nicholson. With children growing up, being Confirmed and taking their place with the larger congregation, our Sunday School currently has only one pupil. In addition to his celebrating Mass and preaching at the Cathedral, Father Archbold continued to hold Services on Saturday mornings at the Sidney All Care Home, with the assistance of our two Lay Readers, Fred Essery and Dereck Atha.

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The Cathedral Church of Saint John the Evangelist is blessed with the dedication and hard work of many fine parishioners: notably, the Church Wardens; the members of the Parish Council; our two Licenced Lay Readers; the members of the Altar Guild; the Servers Guild; the Readers; our Organist, Robert Dukarm; and our excellent Choir (Christine Crawley, Beth Potter, and Sandra Tolley); Beth Potter who cares for our flower gardens and prepares our beautiful flower arrangements at the High Altar and the Lady Chapel and St. John's Chapel Altars; together with all who contributed to our worship and fellowship -- whose energy and commitment we could not do without.

The Clergy and Laity of the Cathedral Church continue to support with their time, talent, and treasure the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, the Traditional Anglican Communion, and the International Anglican Fellowship. We may be small in number but we are big in faith, fellowship and Christian service. May God continue to bless His Church in this Cathedral Parish with strong, faithful, and devoted clergy and people -- and by His grace may each of us continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Easter 2018 at the Cathedral

All Saints Calgary, AB

My Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ:

Much has taken place at All Saints, Renfrew since our last report to Synod.

Although overall parish membership has declined during the past year (now standing at 31 parishioners versus 39 at this time one year ago), fully 26 people (or 87% of the congregation) are "communicant members" [i.e., parishioners over the age of 16 years who: fully support the parish (spiritually, physically, and financially); receive Holy Communion regularly; and have full voting & nominating rights at parish meetings. Perhaps what is even more promising, is that All Saints has recently added six new members to its Parish List, while eight members of the parish are under 30 years of age.

Since Synod 2016, All Saints parish has seen two baptisms (including one adult!). In addition, Archbishop Shane Janzen visited All Saints thrice during 2016-2017 to carry out a number of episcopal duties: firstly, on Sunday, July 17, 2016 to perform the Order for Confirmation for three adult confirmands; secondly, on Sunday, October 2, 2016 to perform the "Institution and Induction of the Reverend Alan Edwardson into the cure of souls at All Saints Parish"; and thirdly, on July 23, 2017 to admit Daniel Edwardson as a Licensed Lay Reader for the parish. To

everyone's relief and delight, during each visit Archbishop Janzen celebrated and preached at the 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Communion, following which a fellowship luncheon was held, generously catered by the ladies of the parish.

As well, Archbishop Janzen visited twice during 2018. First of all, on Sunday, April 22nd, the Archbishop, along with the Right Reverend Stephen Strawn [Bishop Ordinary of the Diocese of the Missouri Valley of the Anglican Church in America (ACA)] made his annual Episcopal Visit to the parish, during which he celebrated (and Bishop Strawn preached) at the 10:30 a.m. service of Holy Communion. (As always - thanks to the ladies of the parish - following the service, a fellowship luncheon was held in Archbishop Shane's and Bishop Stephen's honour.) Secondly, Archbishop Shane (and Father Glenn Galenkamp of St. Barnabas parish, Moose Jaw) came to All Saints (on Sunday, July 15th and July 22nd respectively) in order to celebrate and preach at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, thereby giving Fr. Alan a much-needed (and greatly appreciated) vacation. From Lent 2015 until Lent 2019, All Saints' Bible Study Group faithfully met at 2:00 p.m. virtually every Thursday (weather permitting) from September to June on a total of 124 occasions (taking time off during Christmastide and the summer months) completing in the process: St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians; the Book of Genesis; a

comprehensive analysis of women in Holy Scripture (both named and unnamed); and an in-depth study of the Gospel According to St. John. Just prior to taking a well-earned hiatus, the group had started to examine the General Epistles, beginning with a detailed study of the Epistle of St. James.

With respect to the conduct of Holy Worship at All Saints, Fr. Alan celebrates Holy Communion every Sunday morning at 10:30, generally taking the form of a said Holy Communion service (with hymns) from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP); however, on selected occasions or on the fifth Sunday of a month having five Sundays, a said BCP Holy Communion service (without hymns) is celebrated.] Fr. Alan also celebrates either Holy Communion or Ante-Communion on feast days or



*Reverend Alan
Edwardson*

special occasions, such as Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day. Furthermore, except for the first Thursday of each month, the Reverend Canon Douglas Skoyles, SSC (All Saints' Honourary Assistant Curate) faithfully celebrates the 7:00 p.m. Thursday said Missal Mass. In addition to his self-sacrificing sacramental ministry to the parish, Fr. Skoyles also provides timely, sage, and much valued advice to the Rector.

Regarding All Saints' music ministry, Mrs. Alice Edwardson selflessly gives of her time, talents, and resources each week to ensure that music (for pre- and postludes and hymn

accompaniment) remains a spiritual and vital part of the parish's Sunday / feast day / special occasion worship experience. [Moreover, since Sunday, October 2, 2016 (i.e., the date on which the parish began using digitally-downloaded music instead of the organ), All Saints has saved over \$16,000.]

Finally, the ladies of the parish continue to conduct exceptional ministries in: cleaning and/or decorating the church during Holy Week, Thanksgiving, and Advent; organizing and conducting various fellowship initiatives, including frequent Pot Luck/Soup Luncheons; and coordinating and supporting the parish's four main charities - the International Anglican

Fellowship (IAF), Leprosy Mission Canada, the Veterans' Poppy Fund, and the Veterans' Association Food Bank (for which the parish conducted a very successful food drive during November 2018). To say the least, All Saints truly appreciates their faithfulness and dedication in selflessly serving both the parish and the wider church community.

Well done, good and faithful servants all!

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Reverend Alan Edwardson

St. Thomas Mission Courtenay, BC

After the passing of Father George Daley on July 22nd, 2018, the parish of St. Thomas in Courtenay was reclassified as a "Mission". Father Rick Root was appointed Priest-in-charge of this Mission and services continue on a monthly basis.

The monthly services are currently being held at the home of Ron and Gillian Vantor on Sundays at 10:30 am. The attendance is consistently at 5-6 adults and occasionally 2 children who gather for Mass and fellowship. Coffee /tea and

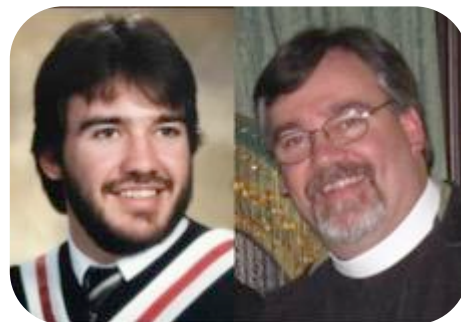
a light lunch are served after each gathering.

This faithful group are very appreciative that the Diocese continues to support this ministry and provide the Holy Sacraments on a monthly basis.

It has been my pleasure to serve this community as Priest-in-charge.

In Christ

The Reverend Canon
Richard Root



*The Reverend
George Daley
(1965-2018)*



*Tom Hilton reading the Lesson at
Synod, July 24, 2019*

**Church of the Resurrection
Edmonton, AB**

Praise be to Our Lord Jesus Christ who is the resurrection and the life, and has promised eternal life to those who believe in Him. We, the members of the Church of the Resurrection, draw courage and enthusiasm from Our Lord Jesus Christ to love and to serve Him with unceasing faith. I am glad to acknowledge the blessings God has been showering upon the church. Although the Church of the Resurrection looks like a mustard seed due to its small membership, we still thrive by the grace of God. Since we are only a small bunch of people, it is easy for the devil to shake and shatter us in our faith, but we hold on to Christ and pray that we continue to be united in love and charity with other members of the body. (From the words of Father Davis)

At SYNOD 2016 Archbishop Janzen pulled the Edmonton delegates aside and said he might have a priest for us. On October 30th, in Victoria, the Archbishop formally received Father Davis Tharayil into the A.C.C.C., and licensed him as a priest in the Diocese, and Assistant Curate at the Church of the Resurrection. On July 16, 2017, during his Episcopal visit, the Archbishop appointed Father Davis as Priest-in-Charge. To Canon Trevor's relief he was permitted to step down as Rector and accepted the designation as Rector Emeritus. In this capacity he

continues to fulfill his priestly functions as needed in the parish.

For over a year we had the blessing of weekly Sunday Mass until Father Davis' secular career as a clinical psychologist necessitated his move to Grande Prairie in September 2018. He now makes the sacrificial journey to Edmonton twice a month by plane, bus or car to offer Mass, but is obviously curtailed from mid-week services or teaching opportunities. On the alternate Sundays, Evensong is celebrated by either Canon Trevor or by Eugene Phoa as Lay Reader. We continue to enjoy the uplifting music of Louise Fairley on the organ at least once a month and for most feast days. Recently Rodger Cirilo, a gifted pianist, has accompanied us for the occasional Mass.

Our membership list currently sits at thirteen (counting Father Davis). Including visitors, our average attendance from Easter 2018 to Palm Sunday 2019 was 11.75 (!!!) persons with a top attendance of 21 at our Family Day service in 2019.

Eugene Phoa still serves as cantor and leads us in the hymns, and is willing at all times to offer pertinent legal advice or to do the research necessary to provide direction. Tom Hilton coordinates the services, prepares the bulletins, and serves for the Mass. Vera Elliott manages as Treasurer, fellowship coordinator and altar guild. Plus, she bakes the Simnel cake for Mothering Sunday every year. Kay Hilton has fun as People's Warden and secretary. Members invite friends and family. Many, particularly our young people, come as they can, conditional on jobs, school, and conflicting duties. Pat Peard, although not a member, comes faithfully with his son Ken and sometimes with other family members. Father Theodore Gove, an Orthodox priest, is a regular visitor and a keen advocate.

We habitually meet every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church where we share a very cordial relationship with the Lutheran congregation. We have appreciated their friendship, their generosity, and their cooperation. This year we considered moving out to our own place, but after

much effort, especially by Eugene Phoa and others who defined our needs, our capabilities and city zoning regulations, we decided to stay where we are.

Our parish, like others, has suffered the inroads of an aging demographic. Two shut in members, Rudy Walch on January 3, 2018, and Colleen Noble on January 23, 2019, have passed away. Father Davis officiated at Rudy's Memorial service and Canon Trevor at his interment. On December 15, 2018 we held the funeral for Sean Livingston, the son of long time member Cora Taylor who, sadly, had also lost her husband, Earl, that spring. As Father Davis had taken his long anticipated trip home to India, we were blessed to have Father Alan Edwardson come up from Calgary to take the service.

Other regular attenders have moved to the shut-in category, although James has again been able to benefit from a ride to church. Silvia Roberts, at 98 years of age, continues to serve faithfully as Prayer Coordinator but physical disabilities have taken their toll. The mid week Morning Prayer at her house has been discontinued. Since Synod 2016, each of our priests has offered communion to the shut-ins at various times with the assistance of Eugene Phoa, Debbie Risma, or Tom Hilton.

In 2017 our new logo (seen above) was approved. The resurrection of our website under the name, www.churchoftheresurrection-accc.ca, was also much anticipated but to date this project has floundered due to the time constraints on our volunteers. Hopefully there will be something more to report before we actually meet for Synod.

One of the downsides of a parish which draws its members from far flung communities is the distance that needs to be travelled to get together. Thus, Sunday is a precious time for both worship and fellowship. Opportunities for Bible study or teaching of our Anglican tradition are rare - although the spirits are willing, the resources are few. To compensate we have tried to have at least one or two social get togethers each year where we can invite friends and family. Examples are the

Hiltons' house blessing at their new home, Eugene's BBQ in October where our volunteer cooks contended with a sudden blizzard to grill the meat, and elaborate suppers at Vera and Trevor Elliott's condominium. In addition, we celebrate our Archbishop's annual Episcopal visit which is much appreciated, and always too short. (We have been pleased that he is so accessible by phone when complexities arise.)

And so, although we have not yet grown in

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numbers, we maintain the faith. As we all know, God's time is not necessarily our time. Although we can become impatient, we prefer to remain steadfast, looking to God's Spirit who is working faithfully in our lives and in our parish. Thanks be to God!

Kay Hilton
People's Warden and Secretary



*Father Davis
at Synod*

Holy Trinity Medicine Hat, AB

Our very small parish continues on, still small, although we are very slightly growing thanks to the invitations our Lay Reader in Charge, Bryan Schnell, freely gives to his friends. Bryan's dedication is commendable.

We manage to pay our utility bills, but we have received very welcome help along the way to allow us to pay our insurance premium last year and to do some repairs after a vandal broke some windows last summer. The stained-glass windows were spared, but we applied mesh to all the windows on the main floor to prevent any further damage. (It brings to mind a priest I knew many long years ago in another place who, in frustration over rock-throwing

vandals, prayed a curse on the perpetrators. He announced that there were going to be a few broken arms around town, and he declared that no one would be "throwing any windows at our church!" The mental image of someone throwing a window got in the way of concentrating on worship for me that morning.) At any rate, the mesh seems to have done its job at Holy Trinity.

Currently, we have been receiving some much-needed pastoral care from Fr. Glenn Galenkamp, and we gratefully look forward to his continuing ministry to us. We thank the people of St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw, for graciously sharing him on those Sundays he is with us.



*Mrs. Maggy
Onoferychuk and
Mr. Bryan Schnell*

We also thank His Grace, Archbishop Janzen, and the Diocese for guidance and care over the past three years.

Maggy Onoferychuk
Church Warden

Parish of St. Barnabas Moose Jaw, SK



*Deacon Brian Allen and
Reverend Glenn
Galenkamp*

It was with sadness that the parish of St. Barnabas saw the deaths of Enid Burns (2016), Fr. Doug Brewer (2016 in Assiniboia), Jack Uncles (2017 in Calgary), Dave Banting (2017 in Kamloops), Lloyd Ring (2017), and Gwen Ring (2018). We remember them fondly and are grateful for the fellowship that we had with them. May they rest in peace.

The parish was reintroduced to the "Three Hours' Service", in addition to Morning Prayer and Ante-communion, for our Good Friday services in 2016 and the subsequent years. The "Three Hours' Service" consisted of the Stations of the Cross, Solemn Prayers, Veneration of the Cross and "The Seven Last Words of Christ From the Cross". Positive feedback was given regarding the "Three Hours' Service" and so they have continued on an annual basis.

The monthly Study Group continues to meet and go through the biblical references found in C.B. Moss' "A Summary of the Faith". The Group meets the first Sunday of the month [except for July & August] after the fellowship time.

The series of "Walking Through the Book of Common Prayer" continues in the bulletin when space permits. This series goes into detail about the Book of Common Prayer and the "how's and why's" of the BCP. It is based upon Sue Careless three volume series "Discovering the Book of Common Prayer: A Hands-On Approach". We are in our 5th year for this series and have covered nearly 2/3rds of the series.

In 2014 we had a bequest made to us and have set aside a portion of that, to be used to provide transportation to and from church on Sunday for those who are unable to otherwise make it to our services. We have an agreement with a local cab company for them to provide the transportation. A number of parishioners have accessed this service and we are happy to be able to provide this ministry to them.

Brian Allen completed his training as a Lay Reader and was granted a license by Archbishop Shane Janzen to officiate at Morning and Evening Prayer as well as minister the chalice when necessary at Holy Communion. He continues this ministry and the parish is grateful that he is able to lead Morning Prayer when Fr. Glenn is away. Raymond Mynett continues as a Licensed Lay Reader as well in the parish.

A Men's Coffee Group and a Women's Coffee Group were

started up and ran for about two and a half years. These groups were open to the public and were promoted on the parish's facebook page and website. It was a time for people to meet together with Fr. Glenn, have a short scripture verse and meditation, and brief prayer. The fellowship time was enjoyed by all. The groups were put on "pause" in the Autumn of 2018 due to a lack of attendance. However, if there is interest in them again in the future they will resume.

The parish continues to administer the "Father Dennis Dickson Memorial Scholarship Fund" which was set up to assist clergy (or laity reading for holy Orders, or in the office of Deaconess) with: research projects; obtaining materials for education; conferences; seminars; achievement of an advanced degree; or continuing education in Anglican studies. An annual disbursement of \$250 is made in March/April of each year, with deadline for applications being September 30th.

Near the beginning of each year the Vestry has held a general planning meeting for the whole year. This gave us the opportunity to see what was coming up in the year, establish protocols for specific events that are repeated annually, and to have an overall picture of the year. Though some decisions made at these meetings were later set aside due to changing

circumstances, it was found that meeting itself was very beneficial for the Vestry in gaining a general idea of all the events for the coming year.

In July of each of the years we had a parish garage sale at a parishioner's home. With all of the wonderful donations we were able to raise quite a bit of money for the parish. One year monies were raised to assist with a special appeal for a vehicle for Bishop Andrew in Zambia. Additional, the Vestry voted to send 10% of funds raised from the garage sale to the International Anglican fellowship for a vehicle for Bishop Andrew Mukuyamba in Zambia. This garage sale was advertised in the Trinity Newsletter of St. Barnabas, as well as the six preceding weeks in the parish bulletin and announced for two Sundays prior to the sale during the services. Facebook posts were made two days prior and the day of the sale, which generated 6 "shares" and 604 visits to the post.

In the late fall of 2017 St. Barnabas received word from the owners of Parkview Funeral Chapel that there was the possibility that the facility may be sold in the coming years. The Vestry met to discuss the situation and empowered the People's Warden and the Rector to begin looking for possible venues for St. Barnabas to call home. One of those ideas was was partnering with another

church. After much research, both online and pounding the pavement, it was discovered that Central Lutheran (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada) was in the process of looking at ways to generate income to keep their church building open. After discussions with Central Lutheran, our respective Bishops, and Congregations, St. Barnabas voted unanimously to move operations to Central Lutheran. With the capable help of a number of parishioners, we were able to make the move in a single morning. We have been very welcomed into the building of Central Lutheran by their Board and congregation. A Sacristy, office space, and Sunday School room have been provided for our exclusive use. We have use of all the other common areas as well. Central Lutheran's Altar Guild have been very accommodating to us and our needs, and we have been reciprocal to them as well. Parishioners of St. Barnabas have been invited to a number of events hosted by Central Lutheran over the past year, such as: Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner; Spring and Autumn Fair Trade Festival; Evangelical Lutheran Women (ELW) Summer wind-up dinner & Christmas dinner; Chinese dinner; Autumn Ham Supper; Heritage Singers Concert. We are doing a Sunday morning "church share", with Central Lutheran meeting at 10:00 am and St. Barnabas meeting at 11:30 am.

The parish has seen two baptisms (Adam Colenutt & Lance Geddes) and one confirmation (Elizabeth Colenutt) over the past three years. The parish was pleased to be able to have the Archbishop with us for the confirmation and our Patronal Feast of Title in 2018.

*...we need to put our trust
in God's providence and
work together in a united
way to reach out to the
population around us and
tell of the good news of the
resurrected Christ and
Saviour of the World.*

A monthly (more or less) Sunday Evening Prayer service followed by a dessert pot-luck afterwards was begun in the Summer of 2018. Sermons given during Evening Prayer have been theme based, rather than on the scripture verses for the service. The main theme has been on prayer. Additionally, Evening Prayer has grown into Evensong with the learning of Anglican Plainsong for the responses, Canticles, and psalms. With a couple of hymns in the service as well, we have been able to experience the richness of a sung Evensong.

Near the beginning of July in 2018 we manned a booth at Sidewalk Days to help promote St. Barnabas and let people know about our new location. Though we had many people stop by, only

one family came to one of our Sunday services.

In the late Autumn of 2018 we began a weekly bible study on women of the New Testament. This has been an opportunity for us to be introduced to eleven women who encountered the living God. Some knew Him personally and spoke with Him, others recognized Him before He was even born. In their friendships with Christ, these women found strength for their lives. Their stories are offered in this study with prose, reflections on virtues, and the lessons they teach us. Through studying scripture, group questions and discussion, prayer, personal reflection, and practical resolutions, we have been discovering what led these women to follow Jesus and realize what Jesus saw in them and the growth in our own lives through their examples.

We had a joint Harvest Thanksgiving decorating bee with Central Lutheran to make the church and hall ready for our thanksgiving celebrations.

The parish has seen an unexpected change in People's Warden, Treasurer, and Vestry Secretary. We would like to thank the Archbishop, Chancellor, and Regional Dean for their prayers, counsel, and guidance through the challenges that we faced during the time of transition. The new Vestry is committed to its mission statement given to us by Jesus

Christ to “make disciples of all nations”, especially so in our mission field of the City of Moose Jaw.

St. Barnabas has also been very supportive of Fr. Glenn's ministry to the parish of Holy Trinity in Medicine Hat. We are pleased that he is able to provide Holy Communion to their congregation from time to time. This past December two baptism were done by Fr. Glenn at Holy Trinity.

For Lenten devotions this year at St. Barnabas, we had Morning and Evening Prayer on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Stations of the Cross on Fridays, and a parish quiet day on a Saturday with the theme of “From the upper room to the empty tomb”. We also saw the reintroduction of the Maundy Thursday service with Holy Communion, footwashing, and the stripping of the altar. Next

year the parish is looking forward to having all of the traditional services associated with the Sacred Triduum, especially the Holy Saturday Easter Vigil.

Looking towards the future, the parish of St. Barnabas is faced with many of the same problems that a number of churches face, regardless of denomination, that of shrinking congregations. We need to be mindful of our finances, and at the same time remember that as we navigate the coming years, we need to put our trust in God's providence and work together in a united way to reach out to the population around us and tell of the good news of the resurrected Christ and Saviour of the World.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Reverend Glenn Galenkamp, Rector

Parish of St. George's-by-the-Sea Moser River, NS

The Parish of Saint George-by-the-Sea was founded in 2004, taking in the former Anglican Church of Canada Parish of Ecum Secum. It meets at St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Moser River, on Nova Scotia's Eastern Shore. The local Presbyterian congregation is now defunct, and although the local presbytery retains ownership of the building, we enjoy its exclusive use.

The members of the Parish remain a close group and enjoy a luncheon following each service.

The last Rector of St. George retired six years ago, and until recently the Parish has been served by bi-monthly trips made

from Halifax by the Diocesan bishop, who has also managed the nursing home and hospital visits in the area along with his pastoral duties as Rector of Saint Aidan, Halifax. The twenty - thirty regular parishioners have remained quite faithful and continue to pray for a priest. This year, an eighty-nine year old Anglican priest with more than sixty years experience joined the staff as a volunteer at St. Aidan's, Halifax, and assisted by a seminarian, he has been travelling to St. George once a month to celebrate Mass and was able to provide them with a Good Friday Service.

Saint George's holds annual bake sales and yard sales to generate income for the Parish. Because of the lack of

employment and other opportunities on the Eastern Shore (formerly home to a fishing industry), most of the young people leave the area for school and then careers. Although there have been sixteen confirmations at the Parish over the years, there are no longer any youth, and most of the parishioners are pensioners and because of their age are not able to send delegates to Synod.

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Respectfully submitted,

Thomas York
Seminarian



Gary Adams and Stephanie Adams-Kennedy during fellowship at Synod

**Cathedral Church of St. Aidan
Halifax, NS**

The Parish of Saint Aidan was founded in 2002, and originally met at the Chapel at Saint Mary's University. In June, 2007 it acquired its present church building, a former Plymouth Brethren church complete with a modern hall, kitchen, and offices. Renovations to accommodate catholic liturgical worship were completed that year, with oak pews, pulpit, lecterns, and altar rail, all circa 1660, donated from a deconsecrated Anglican Church in the Annapolis Valley. Our organ was donated by an Anglican parish on the Eastern Shore.

Saint Aidan's serves as the Cathedral Church for the Diocese of Canada East. The celebration of the Chrism Mass, at which oils for the sick and catechumens are blessed and distributed to the clergy, and the renewal of vows of the priests of the Diocese take place on Maundy Thursday. The Parish has an active Sunday School and a full liturgical calendar. There is a said Mass every Wednesday evening and a sung High Mass celebrated on Sunday mornings. Saints Days are always observed and there are services each day during Holy Week, including Great Easter Vigil at midnight on Saturday.

We have allowed the local Lutheran Church of Canada parish to meet at our building on Saturdays following the sale of their building. We do not ask for rent as our building was a gift from God made possible by the generous donations of parishes and individuals in the ACCC.

The Parish lost about half its active membership to the Ordinariate, which now meets once a month at a Roman Catholic Church a few blocks away and which is served by one of our former clergy, Fr. Richard Harris, who makes the monthly trip from Fredericton Junction, New Brunswick. We have also experienced the same attrition due to age and illness as have most of our congregations, but we have also had new members join the Parish including a seminarian from the Atlantic School of Theology and a local retired clergyman who has been an ordained Anglican priest for more than sixty years.

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The noise generated by the children during our regular Sunday luncheon following Mass gives reassurance that the Parish has a future, with three generations in some families in attendance. We do have a present practical need – a new roof, for which we have begun to solicit donations. Pray for us, as we continue to pray for you.

Stephanie Adams-Kennedy
Parish Secretary



Synod: Photo Gallery

A few images from Synod 2019

