

Bishop's Charge: The Rt. Rev John Chapman opened Synod with recognizing "as we gather this night on the traditional territory of the Algonquin Anishnabe Nation". He referenced the first sermon ever preached to the church, by Peter, calling all the baptized to the cross. The ministry of the cross is a ministry of repentance, reconciliation, and mission. Concluding, he requested that everyone go back to their churches/parishes and invite every person to invite one person/family to come to church, not to increase numbers, offerings, or volunteer based BUT to come and hear the story of Jesus.

Collation of Archdeacons: Ven. Pat Johnston became Archdeacon of Arnprior & Lanark; Ven. Ross Hammond became Archdeacon of Carleton.

Installation of a Canon: Rev. Mary Ellen Berry was installed as the Canon of St. Luke at Christ Church Cathedral.

Interfaith Greeting: Imam Samy Metwally, Ottawa Muslim Association: "Peace be with you, bless our unity, diversity, common morals, and values". He reminded us of the saying "You cannot gain righteousness unless you spend what is most valuable to your heart".

Guest Speaker: Rev. Norman Wesley, Incumbent of St. Thomas, Moose Factory; Diocese of Moosonee. Walking in justice and wholeness: remember to seek first to understand and then to be understood. After sharing his history and the impact of the Residential Schools; Rev. Norm asks: "Walk with us. Journey with us". Remember who you are; not what you do but how you do it.

Priority 1 Working Group: Been busy listening, monitoring, and processing ideas and stories at deanery collaborations; discussing potential models of team ministry, and change is happening. We need to focus on what mission we are called to and then look at our buildings. Data over last 10 years shows that attendance and identifiable givers are down, but they are giving more. Deanery of West Quebec: exciting Kingdom building work. God wants us to be renewing his church Spirit. Each of our deaneries are working in different ways; there is no "cookie cutter" approach. Reminder that people are the important issues, not the buildings. Basic trust between all the layers (laity, clergy, synod office) needs to be developed.

Parish Ministry Committee: Congregational Resource Day: May 06, 2017 at St. Helen's Orleans; with a theme of Worship That Works. Parish Ministry Institute is being developed for congregational development; we must plan change and not just adapt to change. (cdcollege.org)

Deanery Presentation: Carleton Deanery is both rural and suburban; parishes and deanery council presented their gifts of ministry: Messy Church, Seniors Afternoon Out Program, Ecumenical Vacation Bible School, 150th Anniversary "We are Pilgrims on a Journey", Food Truck Rally, Bud Club, Open Table, Science Club, Morning Glory Community Cafe, Youth Ministry.

Homelessness and Affordable Housing: Goal of 125 housing units by 2021 is well on it's way. We are the first faith based organization to speak at the National Conference (held in 2016).

Community Ministries: "There but for the Grace of God go I". Grace is a two-way street. By the Grace of God goes - deep listening, pastoral ministries, hot cup of coffee, shelter, respect the dignity of all human beings. (Video "Beyond the Shadows": <https://youtu.be/AAJw7JXK394>)

Refugee Ministry Working Group: It's been an incredible year. Sponsorships are up; but since 2015 there are twice as many refugees and 373 more children have drown. Memorial: "Greater love hath no more than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends", long-time volunteer with refugees, Ken Bowler tragically died while helping move a refugee family. We give thanks for his sacrificial ministry

Property & Finance Committee: Introduction of new Director of Financial Ministry: Sanjay Grover presented an overview of synod finances for 2015. Of note: net equity up by 4.3 million from 2014, showing a surplus of \$1.2

million due to the sale of All Saint Sandy Hill as budget did not account for sales of property; slight deficit of \$100,000 if sale of building removed. Peter Martin, Chair of Property & Finance Committee spoke of repurposing properties; if not, we should not sell until future relatively clear. We have 2 properties rented, 1 sold, 1 for sale, 1 closed and looking at repurposing. 2017 Fair Share is based on current system; which will be retained after being studied/analyzed throughout 2016.

Nominations Report: All Acclaimed Nominees. Trinity College Corporation: Rev. Canon David Clunie, Rev. Canon Roger Young, David Jeanes, Jane Waterston. Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments: Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah, Rev. Jim Roberts, John McBride. Diocesan Council: Rev. Doug Richards, Alan Preston, Ashley Russell, Pat Leach. Thanks for the hard work of departing members of Council: Audrey Lawrence and Ron Chaplin.

Budget 2017: Budget was created incorporating the responses from Embracing God's Future.

- 2016 was a 1 year budget, we are now back to our regular 3-year budget cycle
- At the request of Bishop John, Parish Fair Share has been reduced by \$200,000; some parishes will see a reduction in their Fair Share but not all, as per the 2015 census.
- Areas to be reviewed/revamped over the next 3-year period as ways to trim operations budget: parish support grants, the writing off of parish debt, costs of the annual synod, requirements of synod staff, current policy of sending 4 people - twice a year to Trinity College Corporation, support of Crosstalk.
- Anyone interested in creating a pie-chart of their parishes Fair Share are encouraged to contact Rev. Monique Stone, Parish of Huntley.
- We now have 67 parishes in the Diocese.

Companion Diocese: Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem: Rev. John Bridges points out that in Israel Christians are 1.5% of population. Of that 1.5%, Anglicans make up 2.8%. Good work happening: Upcoming Women's Conference, Joint work on Autism Program between CHEO and the Princess Basma Hospital.

Cathedral Hill Foundation: Phase 1 is complete and generating income. Phase 2 is progressing; should realize \$1million in revenue over 3-year period and long-term revenue.

Giving Hope: New Annual Giving Appeal, for individuals with no commitments required from parishes. Will allow us to showcase our story as a Missional Church.

PWRDF & Justice Camp: PWRDF saw a shift this year from directed donations towards overseas projects towards relief in our own country for those effected by the Fort MacMurray fires. The first International Justice Camp at Cuba hosted 25 Canadians/25 Cubans; to educate on intercultural and intergenerational relationships.

All My Relations: Continuing to work towards building relationships between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples; remembering our history and walking together in reconciliation.

Government Relations: Compassion, justice, and reason continues to guide our priorities, focussing on a range of key social justice issues; including alleviating poverty, ending homelessness and ensuring affordable housing, developing a new relationship with indigenous people, welcoming refugees, and working towards peace in the Middle East. Our Diocese has led the way on submissions to the federal government in their consultations on refugees, a national housing strategy, and on the political activities of charitable organizations, while supporting PWRDF's submission on international assistance.

CLAY & YIP: Canadian Lutheran/Anglican Youth was held in PEI, August 17-21. Ottawa sent it's largest delegation ever, and one of the largest Anglican delegations ever of 44 youth (out of 250 Anglicans from across Canada). Youth Internship Program continues to grow. Initially funded through GIFT, it supports the diocese. If you have any questions: contact Donna Rourke (donna-rourke@ottawa.anglican.ca)

For more information on what took place at Synod:

Slide Deck that was presented at Synod (<http://www.slideshare.net/OttawaAnglican>)

Summary of the Social Media Conversation (<https://storify.com/OttawaAnglican>)
