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**KINGSTON.** Bishop Michael Oulton celebrates the Eucharist at the Pentecost and diocesan 160th anniversary service at St. George's Cathedral on Sunday May 28 following the close of diocesan Synod. The guest preacher was Archbishop Anne Germond. *Photo-Mark Hauser.*



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# Are you looking for solutions?

## Green Group Anglican Diocese of Ontario

The world knows we are facing a severe climate crisis. Scientists tell us how little time we have left to respond. Our leaders talk of change but the pace of action is painfully slow. As Christians, are we feeling some urgency in God's call to be good stewards of this beautiful and suffering creation? Are we looking for solutions?

This is a collective problem. Together we have made this mess and together we must clean it up. It will take everyone doing something. Every action big or small matters.

One of many good actions we can take is to participate in the worldwide Anglican Communion Forest Project. Trees contribute so much to the quality of life on earth. They provide life-giving oxygen in exchange for carbon dioxide! They foster biodiversity, help to clean water, provide homes for wildlife and so much

more.

Our church, St. Philip's, Milford, has accepted Bishop Michael's challenge to plant 160 trees in honour of our diocesan anniversary, in response to the Anglican Communion Forest Project. I look forward to planting and caring for the three seedlings my husband and I have purchased. At my age I wonder if I will still be here when they mature. This reminds me of the story that is told in which a 100 year old man is observed planting a fig tree. When asked if he expects to enjoy the fruit of this tree his reply goes something like this: "My ancestors planted for me, and I now plant for my children." This is the attitude we need to solve the climate crisis we face. God's love has no barriers, let's not put any on ours. Let's ask ourselves how our actions will affect the next seven generations.

More actions we might consider include providing prayer and or financial support for people or organisations



"My ancestors planted for me and I now plant for my children.' This is the attitude we need to solve the climate crisis we face." says the Diocese of Ontario Green Group. Photo-Shutterstock.

already doing great work for the environment. We might join a group of like minded people and learn from what they are doing. There are several online groups and many

in our communities. Does your church have a green group? If not, might you be the person to start one? Would you be interested in joining the Diocese of Ontario Green Group?

You can contact us at greengroup@ontario.anglican.ca. We would love to hear from you. What actions are you taking that you might want to share with others?

In the spirit of communal effort, in the fall we, the Diocese of Ontario Green Group, hope to host a gathering of green groups and other like minded people. The purpose is to discuss goals and actions and to consider what things we are doing that are working and which ones are not. We would also like to find ways that we can all work together more. This event will be promoted in eNews and Dialogue.

For more information about our group and for more ideas on what we can do to take action on climate change, please have a look at our website at: <https://www.ontario.anglican.ca/creation-care>.



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also entitled to a donation receipt for \$2,500.

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"But do not neglect to do and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." (Hebrews 13:15, 16)



# Synod 2023: *Forward! Together in the Spirit*

Ven Nancy MacLeod

The 145th Synod of the Diocese of Ontario, "Forward! Together in the Spirit" began on Friday, May 26, at Queen's University Biosciences Complex with Morning Prayer led by Rev. Canon Bob Wright, during which Matthew 13:31-33 was proclaimed and we prayed for the gathering.

Following 'house-keeping motions', all of which are available in the circular (<https://www.ontario.anglican.ca/synod/synod-2023/pages/convening-circular--207>), regarding Clerical and Lay Secretaries, acceptance of the agenda, courtesies of the house, approval of minutes, appointments to Diocesan Court, reports received and greetings to His Majesty, all of which carried, it was announced that the Green Group, as part of our participation in the Anglican Communion Forest Project, would be providing a seedling to each person attending.

Bishop Michael noted that The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD would be our Synod Chaplain.

**Bishop's Charge**

The Bishop framed his charge around Acts 1:6-8. After expressing his thanks for his time as our Bishop, he remarked that the Acts passage speaks of 'in between' times, during which we often ask 'why?'

In his last teaching to



Bishop Oulton delivers his Bishop's Charge to Synod which he framed around Acts 1:6-8. Photo-Mark Hauser.

the disciples Jesus had responded to their 'why' questions by providing them "with an entirely new context for them to consider, painting a powerful new image of the situation in which they find themselves." Jesus instructed them to wait for the gift of the Spirit to begin their new mission. Bishop Michael indicated

that our Synod theme links us back to that experience. "We who live in the great 'in between' time of Jesus' ascension and return are always seeking to discern our mission and purpose for the times in which we are placed. The 'why' questions of uncertainty are replaced with the 'how' questions that give shape to our mis-

sion. How are we called to serve? How do we order our common life to assist in fulfilling our mission? How can we best communicate the Good News of Jesus in word and action so that others may see the pearl of great price before them? How are we being called forward through the times in which we find ourselves?"

He remarked that this Synod had been planned around three words - situation, inspiration and celebration and referred back to his first Charge in 2012 in which he had charged us with three imperatives - fiscal, governance and missional, with the first two being shaped in service to the third, our priority. He reviewed some

of the ways, sometimes involving difficult choices, in which we have made fiscal and governance decisions to enhance our ability to serve Christ's mission. The Ministry Task Force was a key part of this process, especially in the creation of parish covenants. The Task Force focus on "breaking down  
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# Bishop William Cliff elected 13th Bishop of Ontario

## Diocese of Ontario

The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Brandon, has been elected to succeed The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton as Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Ontario. His tenure as the thirteenth Bishop of Ontario will commence upon the Service of Installation planned for a future date. Bishop Oulton has served as Diocesan Bishop since 2011. He announced his resignation in January of this year to take effect upon the installation of his successor.

Bishop-elect Cliff was elected on the 1st ballot during an Electoral Synod held on Saturday April 29 at St. George's Cathedral in Kingston. The other nominee in the election was Major the Rev. Canon Bradley Smith, Rector of St. John the Evangelist Church in Peterborough, Ontario. Bishop-elect Cliff received a majority of votes from both the clergy and lay delegates to the synod. Once the election is confirmed by the bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Bishop Cliff will

become Bishop-elect of the diocese.

Bishop-elect Cliff will become the chief pastor of the Diocese of Ontario whose See City is based in Kingston. The diocese is home to 63 congregations, serving Anglicans in Eastern Ontario within an area bordering the north shore of Lake Ontario extending from Quinte West to Cardinal.

Bishop-elect Cliff was ordained to the priesthood in 1992. He is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, Huron University and Kings College at Western University. Over the past 31 years since being ordained, Bishop-elect Cliff has served in various locations and in a variety of roles. He is currently the 7th bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Brandon, Manitoba and Chair of the Pension Committee of the General Synod. He has served in past roles as Canon Precentor of the Diocese of Huron and as a board member of the Royal School of Church Music in Canada. He served in various ministries within the Diocese of Huron, most notably as a member

of the Three Cantors singing group, raising over two million dollars for relief and development work through two hundred concerts held across Canada. He also serves the Anglican Church of Canada in both national and international roles in addition to being an active keynote speaker, workshop leader and columnist.

A situation arose following the Electoral Synod. An allegation had been received regarding Bishop William Cliff, our bishop-elect. This allegation had been received by our Metropolitan Anne Germond and she has informed the bishops of the ecclesiastical province of its existence. The proper authorities were informed.

While the allegation is being investigated, Bishop Cliff has been inhibited from performing any of the duties of his office in both the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and by his Archbishop Greg Kerr-Wilson in his home Province of Rupertsland. Inhibition does not in any way relate to the veracity of the claim. It is an

administrative step in the process of investigation.

Archbishop Anne Germond stated in a letter dated May 2, 2023: "On Monday May 1, 2023, following an allegation against Bishop Cliff, I suspended the concurrence process and notified the Ontario House of Bishops of this decision.

I have directed that the allegation be investigated following the Safe Church procedures laid out in the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario. This investigation may take some time and we ask for patience and prayers as this difficult work is undertaken.

Bishop Cliff has been inhibited in the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Ontario and Rupert's Land pending the completion of the investigation."

Bishop Oulton, in response to questions regarding his

remaining time in office said: "further to questions I have received regarding the effective date of my resignation and the uncertainty created due to the current situation with our bishop-elect. My letter of resignation stipulated that my resignation would take effect upon the installation of my successor. We had hoped

that date would have been June 24, but due to the current situation, this cannot be confirmed. I want to assure members of our diocese that I will remain in office until the installation of my successor, whenever that occurs. There will be no period of vacancy in the Office of Bishop in our diocese."



## It takes courage

Diana Duncan-Fletcher

One of my favourite Biblical verses is: "This is the day that the Lord hath made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118: 24 KJV.

When I am having a difficult day, it is a reminder; when things are going well, it is a thanksgiving; when I need courage, it is all encompassing. All in all, it is a blessing.

Every one of us has a hidden list of thoughts and prayers that we keep inside and don't reveal to our family or close friends. Often it contains names of people we imprint silently on our hearts. Perhaps we have been asked to keep them in our prayers. I will give you three examples (I have changed their names to protect their innocence).

Joy, whose life is upside down right now. Her husband died after a sudden heart attack. Then she discovered she was



Diana Duncan Fletcher explores the power of prayer in our day to day lives and the impact it can have. Photo-Shutterstock.

riddled with Cancer. Her two daughters are devastated and yet cannot look after her needs—neither has the space, time or ability to care for her. One has a child with a severe mental condition which needs full time care; the other's husband is an abusive alcoholic, but she perseveres in that relationship because she believes in the vows she made on their wedding day. Joy has no income, and cannot afford to remain in her condo. What should she do? Where should she go?

Another scenario is a young man, Hugh, whose

father beat him almost into oblivion when he discovered Hugh was in a gay relationship. Hugh was brain damaged in the attack. He spent a month having treatment, but was discharged afterwards to a hostel. That lasted for a week and he left as soon as he could. He is now on the street begging for food. His disfigured face revolts people and he is often hungry. His friends cannot help. His family are not willing, as they are all afraid of his father. What should he do? Where should he go?

Then there is a brother

and sister, John and Mary, close in age, who once loved each other. They spent a happy upbringing, but are now barely speaking. This is due to a so-called friend, Alexis, who accused Mary of incest, and spread lies on Twitter about it. When John and Mary retaliated, their lives were further destroyed by Alexis overdosing on Oxycodone. She left a note asking them for forgiveness for creating such havoc. What about them? Where should they go?

These three situations read like a Grade B movie, or melodramatic

soap opera. They are not, unfortunately. I am sure in your family or within your circle of friends, you have at least one similar scenario. Often our hands are tied and we cannot do anything to help. But one thing that can be done is to pray. I know people who scoff at that suggestion, but I do believe it works.

In my own life prayer certainly has played a big part. In times of grief or sorrow I do pray. I also use the Biblical verse above. And I also pray and give thanks when my prayer is granted. That happened

in all three examples I shared:

Joy moved to another city with daughter number two, who after being beaten one time too many, called 911, and reported her husband's actions. He was arrested and jailed. She then applied elsewhere for a good job which she got. Then she left her abusive situation to look after her Mom with help from the Cancer Society.

Hugh's partner, Derrick, got physical and mental help for him with government financial aid. They now live in a halfway house together and are accepted. Hugh's mother and his sisters visit regularly.

John and Mary eventually reconciled. They now meet once a week to have dinner together. Their lives are now more stable, as each has a partner who cares for them and helps them adjust.

Prayers of thanksgiving definitely are important. Remember the ten lepers — only one came back to give thanks to our Lord. Saying "Thank You" never hurts.

Thanks be to God!  
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## Synod Summary From page 3

silos” continues to be of vital importance.

Our diocesan Vision and Strategy, “Living Boldly into the World,” adopted in 2016 called us to “Mission Driven Stewardship,” “Investing in Ministry” and “Serving Communities,” further committing us to connections, ministry and mission beyond our congregations. Based on the good work that has flowed from these initiatives, it is his hope that we will move forward “from strength to strength,” so he highlighted some examples of how this has been happening.

Referring again to ‘situation, inspiration and celebration,’ Bishop Michael upheld them as a “wonderful chart and compass for our time together in synod.” He noted how we are having to adapt to times and situations that change more rapidly than we previously could have imagined, and how we need to discover or recover a sense of curiosity rather than suspicion as we engage the world, and “take a wrecking ball to the silos that too often keep us separated from one another,” striving for greater collaboration and cooperation as we engage in Christ’s mission.

Bishop Michael welcomed Bishop Susan Bell of the Diocese of Niagara, who, after our engagement in our ‘situation’ on Friday, on Saturday was invited to lead us through a process to inspire us in our mission. Working towards parish ‘Mission Action Plans’ will help us equip all lay people for their part in our mission, even as the wider church is working diligently towards the formation of clergy for this mission focussed church of the future.

While COVID-19 took much away from us, he expressed his delight that, on Sunday, we would celebrate our diocese’s 160th anniversary, with our Metropolitan Archbishop, Anne Germond, preaching.

He welcomed our Synod Observer, Bishop Michael Pryse of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Eastern Synod.

Bishop Michael announced the names of this year’s recipients of the Diocesan Medal of Merit, “eight faithful people who have made significant contributions to our life together, as well as supporting the mission and ministry of Christ through the conscientious offering of their time and skill,” being Sylvia Dopking, Doug

Green, Michelle Hauser, Aveleigh Kyle, Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Mary Radon, Paula Walker and Laurel Dempsey.

He also announced his appointment of Deacon Fran Langlois of St. Mary Magdalene’s Parish in Picton to the Canonry of St. Phoebe.

The Bishop expressed his deep appreciation for the staff of our Diocesan Centre.

He concluded by noting the joy he has experienced in coming to be among us in our parishes, saying that “the clergy and lay people of the parishes stand on the front line of the Churches’ presence in the world.”

He noted the ‘unique time’ in which our Diocese exists following the events after our recent episcopal election, and reiterated his commitment to remain with us through this process, and wrapped up by referencing the motto he has taken as our Bishop, from Frederick Buechner, that “your vocation is found where your greatest joy meets the world’s greatest need,” concluding by saying “may joy continually be at your side as you carry your vocation forward into the world where Christ beckons. The world is waiting.”

Following the Bishop’s Charge, parish groups returned to their table groups to discuss the following questions related to the Charge: How are we called to serve? How do we order our common life to assist in fulfilling our mission?

- How can we best communicate the Good News of Jesus in word and action so that others may see the Pearl of Great Price before them?
- How are we being called forward through the times in which we find ourselves?
- How would you answer the question the Bishop posed regarding the decisions we take regarding the fiscal and governance areas that order our life together in the Church and how those relate to our mission?
- What other models to support our mission would you propose?
- How will our fiscal and governance decisions enhance the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ?

### Second Plenary Gathering

Gathering back in plenary, Bishop Michael welcomed Archbishop Francisco de Assis da Silva, who is with us during his sabbatical and who then extended greeting from his Diocese of South West Brazil, noting our



(TOP) Executive Director Callie Hill spoke to Synod about the past, present and future of the Mohawk Language on Tyendinaga. (BOTTOM) Members Valerie Smith and Peter Cory speak to a motion to ban the use of single-use plastic bottled water at diocesan events. Photos-Mark Hauser.

historical relationship and similar ministries. Archbishop Francisco noted that our Synod is happening in a good liturgical time, because “liturgy teaches us about God’s economy” and we’re now in a time to wait, which will conclude this Sunday as we celebrate the Holy Spirit who comes to give us the joy of God after the time of darkness of Covid, which unfortunately did not change the world’s behaviour. He stated that we need to live joy, not “fear and hard faces,” except for hard faces against injustice and inequality. He urged us to stay together as those first disciples did, and join our fire with each other, not to destroy but purify. He concluded by offering his blessing.

Bishop Michael invited

the Lay and Clerical Secretaries to declare quorum, thereby duly constituting synod. He then reviewed the nominations received for Members of Synod Council and Delegates to Provincial Synod, found in Section 6 of the Circular. He called for further nominations, and received:

#### For Synod Council

- Anne Striker, Holy Trinity Frankford, for Hastings (Lay)

- Susan Withers, St. Mary Magdalene Napanee, for Quinte (Lay)

#### For Delegates to Provincial Synod

- Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop, St. James’ Kingston, (Clergy)

#### Financial Presentation

Diocesan Financial Office Alex Pierson made a presentation on our

finances,

He noted the major changes since 2011, including sales of properties and reduction of our proportional gift to the National Church from 26% to 20%, and the impact of COVID-19 through the financial lens. Assistance from the Federal Government mitigated our reduced income somewhat as we received almost \$1 Million support. He spoke of the ongoing priority of seeking financial efficiency while Common Ministry and Mission from the parishes, the major source of income, has been ‘trending down.’

In 2023, income is down from 2022, while expenditures are ‘flat,’ leading to a projection of a \$151,000 deficit.

He spoke to pie charts

depicting areas of budget expenditure and where the dollars go.

Alex noted that we’ve had a big shift to more part time staff.

He indicated that the plan to fund the 2023 deficit includes use of the approximately \$90,000 remaining in the ‘pandemic fund’ from government support, and \$50K from the Ministry Allocation Fund, which grows as properties are sold. This would cover most of the deficit, which is projected to be around \$151,000.

He noted that \$40,000 of depreciation is included in expenses, and noting that payroll is often made before funds are received from parishes, highlighted that cash management is very important.

Alex acknowledged the excellent committee who manage our finances. The policy is available here: <https://www.ontario.anglican.ca/pages/investment-policy-statement>.

Investment Funds declined in 2022 due to markets, but we have been able to maintain a return rate of approximately 5% over a number of years. Diocesan Funds at the end of 2022 totalled approximately \$4.8M, including funds held for other parties, e.g. DOORS, and including other funds with external, e.g. per Wills, and internal, e.g. per Canons, restrictions, leaving approximately \$1.1M unrestricted.

He reminded Synod that parishes have responsibility for maintaining records and proper use of their funds.

Parish receivables are trending up since 2018 and loans are also up. To best manage these realities, congregations that may be struggling engage in a process towards financial viability plans, with five congregations having gone through review, resulting in two loans now in place totalling \$97K, and three plans/loans completed (including forgiveness).

Alex reviewed the proposed three year financial framework, with a longer planning horizon for things that take longer to come to fruition. The planned process is to prepare a three year financial framework after consultation on goals, objectives and investments, with synod to approve the framework and synod council to approve the annual budget.

The planning process is to set goals and objectives, develop a financial framework and measure performance and progress. Based on feedback, the development of the three



year financial framework is deferred until we have new episcopal direction. Based on consultations, Synod Council will develop and approve a budget for 2024.

He reviewed some of the input from the financial consultations which have taken place, especially regarding priorities.

Prior to lunch, all gathered in offering The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation, saying 'Creator forgive.' During lunch attendees had opportunity to visit the resources booths/displays for The Anglican Diocese of Ontario Foundation, PWRDE, Canterbury Club, Anglican Foundation of Canada, Green Group, Stewardship and Congregational Development, Broughtons, Lay Readers Association, Recruitment, Training & Development Committee, Reach & Stretch Grants, Sisters of St. John the Divine, Ministry in Corrections, College of Deacons and Rev. D.J. Robson.

### Third Plenary Gathering

Executive Director Callie Hill, assisted by Karen Lewis spoke to Synod about the past, present and future of the Mohawk Language on Tyendinaga. The presentation included the location and brief history of Tyendinaga and other Mohawk communities, and the wider Iroquois Confederacy.

Callie shared some of the story of the Mohawk language, which was originally oral and is the birthright of the people and was the mother tongue until the early 20th century. Missionaries in the mid 19th century recommended that the people 'lay aside' their language and adopt English and much pressure was exerted to force them to do so, including through the 1920 amendment of the Indian Act establishing day schools and bringing government control of education with the aim of bringing 'enfranchisement' to get rid of the so-called 'Indian problem.'

They shared testimonials from 'I'll Sing 'til the Day I Die' by Beth E. Brandt, which spoke of Elders being fluent in the language, and their decision not to speak it with the children for fear of them being punished.

Reclaiming the language is not easy, as it took decades and threats and breaking down families to lose it. It is still a critically endangered language. Of 53,000 Mohawk people in area, approximately 30,000 of whom are in the Territories, less than 1,000 speak the language, and they trace back to certain families who were determined not to lose it.



(TOP) Synod Members take part in the Friday morning opening worship. (BOTTOM LEFT) Jane Kirkpatrick and Rev. Margaret Johnston-Jones, honorary lay and clerical Secretaries of Synod. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Rev Lynn Mitchell provides music for the closing hymn with Bishop Bell. Photos-Mark Hauser.

The good news is that now we have over 1,000 2nd language speakers at mid level proficiency or above, but there is a long struggle ahead.

Callie spoke of the many actions they have taken and are taking to enhance cultural teaching, including through social songs and dances. Their organization was formed with a mandate of revitalizing Mohawk language, culture and traditional teachings, and they are seeing signs of hope. The hope is to soon build a facility to provide space for school programs, a teach-

ing kitchen, art studio, gathering area and replica longhouse, with a goal of hearing the language everywhere.

Callie invited us to explore their website (<https://tto-kenhsteke.org/>) as she spoke of her determination to continue to learn and pass on her birthright language.

Bishop Michael thanked Callie and Karen for what they are doing and presented a gift of thanksgiving.

*Financial, continued*

Moved: that Synod approves the Guidance for Synod Council to work

within as part of the 2024 Planning Process/Budgeting process.

Following discussion, including concerns, the motion was carried.

*Other Motions*

Moved: That as trees are removed from church properties across the diocese that synod expects congregations or parishes to plant at least one new tree to replace it. Carried.

Moved: That the Diocese assist congregations with the costs of the greenhouse gas reductions called for in the above resolution (from Synod 2021-to reduce their

carbon emissions by 50% by 2030 over 2018 levels and to report annually to Synod on progress being made.) Carried.

Moved: that the Diocese of Ontario recognizes and affirms that access to clean, drinkable water is a basic human right; and that the Diocese of Ontario opposes privatization in any form of water and wastewater treatment facilities and services; and that the Diocese of Ontario will ban the availability of single use bottled water at all events where feasible, and will provide water jugs with municipal

water instead. By declaring the three steps cited above, the Diocese of Ontario will become a Blue Community, which will include all the churches in the Diocese of Ontario.

Following discussion, including a proposed amendment to direct the diocesan investment committee to pursue divesting from investments in companies that promote the commodification of water, which amendment was tabled and directed to Synod Council, the original motion was carried.

*Election Results*



The following are acclaimed or elected with deep appreciation expressed by Bishop Michael.

**Synod Council:**  
Leeds Grenville: Mary Haigh and Angela Kelman. Frontenac: Susan Orgill, with the additional appointment by Bishop Michael of Michael Anthony [Tony] Ashworth. Quinte: Cathy Seymour. Hastings: Ann Striker, Rev. Brad Beale and Rev. Jeff O'Hare.

**Provincial Synod:**  
Lay-Philip Bury, Jane Kirkpatrick, Audrey Doliszny and Lesley Monette. Clergy-Rev. Canon Nancy Beale, Venerable William (Bill) Clarke, Very Rev. Douglas Michael and Rev. Lynn Mitchell. Alternates-Rev. Canon Sharon Dunlop and Rev. Jeff O'Hare.

*Resolutions, continued*

Moved that this Synod resolves to pledge, by way of contributions and solicited donations, at least \$30,000 towards the refurbishment of the guest house of SSJD, to support their ongoing ministry, and for the support of the future life of the Anglican communion in Canada.

Many spoke in support of the vital role of the Guest House, and Sr. Connie, with courtesies of the house, offered closing remarks. Carried.

**Response to Bishop's Charge**

Russ Grant presented the response, having worked with Joyce Williams and Pauline Kuhlmann to collate the responses from the table groups.

People were inspired-it painted a picture of the future and made clear the need for change. It is a testament to what we've accomplished and a challenge about what we need to do.

In summary, we know what we need to do and some of it won't be easy. We recognize the shifts in the world around us and need to build and restore trust through actions, not words. We need to remember the leadership role of all gathered at Synod and carry that back to our parishes. Bishop Michael was thanked for his leadership, passion and perspective.

**Synod Observer**

This is Bishop Michael Pryse's third time as our Observer.

Some of the images he takes away: Acts 1 as framing the Charge-in between time living; questions are shifting from why to how; situation-inspiration-celebration with leaning into inspiration; wrecking ball to silos; deeply moving presentation about Mohawk language-the



(TOP/BOTTOM LEFT) Bishop Susan Bell leads Synod through a Mission Action Plan workshop and discussion. (CENTER-RIGHT) (L-R) Rev. Canon Michael Read, DEO David Selzer, Doug Green. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Synod Member Maureen Sills responds to questions posed by Bishop Bell. Photos-Mark Hauser.

invitation to them and their presence shows desire to seek partnership and their generational experience might teach us about connection with younger generations re faith; full communion appreciated; joyfulness in being together here even in difficult time for our diocese; Archbishop Anne's care; reference in the Charge to the Salt & Light candle as an image of what we hope to be—salt 90% of the time is in solution (i.e. in the world), light is 95% exterior. We need to claim that balance as being as it should be and dedi-

cating time on Saturday to being missional speaks well to this.

**Metropolitan's Remarks**

Archbishop Anne Germond brought greetings on behalf of the Province and spoke of the relationship that has been built between our diocese and her Diocese of Algoma.

She spoke of Bishop Michael's role as a senior bishop and mentor in the Provincial House of Bishops and the House's close and caring relationship, including prayer for each other. She assured us

that we were held in prayer during this difficult time in our diocese, referring to the good way in which the church has a process for investigation, and asking for our patience in the process, and our prayers for the process and for the House of Bishops.

Evening Prayer was led by Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover, during which Ephesians 1:15-23 was proclaimed and current and new members of Synod Council were commissioned.

Bishop Michael introduced Bishop Susan Bell

who reflected on what she had heard during the first day, applauding our desire to put our energy into a future seen through the lens of mission, so we should anticipate a full Saturday, the success of which depends upon our engagement with the process.

Bishop Susan led the gathering in learning the theme song for her upcoming work with us, 'Your Labour Is Not In Vain' by Wendell Kimbrough, Paul Zach and Isaac Wardell.

On Saturday of Synod Bishop Michael welcomed Bishop Susan Bell, who led

the gathering in Morning Prayer.

She began with an overview of the day ahead. While Canon Missioner in the Diocese of Toronto she sensed something happening. Her work is rooted in mission being founded in renewal of faith. In her episcopacy she has listened to that process of growth. The Diocese of Niagara began to organize around the sense of longing and to try collaborative gatherings toward what would become a diocesan mission action plan. Firstly, to create a practical, living document for an organic process. Secondly, to identify one part of God's mission the diocese was particularly meant to engage. Thirdly, to create a 3-5 year action plan to move into that. The priorities ended up being about creating opportunities, adapting structures to facilitate, and emphasizing social justice. COVID-19 became an opportunity to focus on what could be done and have forward motion in a time that could have been static. Parishes were excited to have mission action plans, so assistance was put in place for that. She noted that 'parishes' clearly means all of the geographical area, not just those who enter the walls.

The entire process (<https://niagaraanglican.ca/mission>) is being gifted to our Diocese and will be available on our website.

The work that Synod members undertook in their parish groups on Saturday was an overview of what is intended to be at least an eight-week process primarily led by a lay leadership team in the parishes.

In the first of a series of parish group working times members addressed Adult Faith Formation in the parish as it currently exists and discussed how spiritual practices and discipleship could be strengthened, following which groups shared their highlights.

Bishop Susan reminded us that "mission is not about the growth of the church—that's a by-product. It's about sharing the Gospel," and noted that this first 'meeting' is about the renewal in the parish that needs to be in place to set the stage for that reaching out in mission to the community. She recommended resources such as the new Alpha program, Revive, and the Christian Foundations program. Groups shared highlights from their conversations.

The second 'meeting' focussed on Reshaping Parish Culture to enable mission, beginning by describing the current parish context, not to criticize but to be clear about where we are.





Synod Member and Diocesan Community Engagement Coordinator Russ Grant delivers the response to the Bishop's Charge to Synod. Photo-Mark Hauser.



(TOP) Bishop Michael Pryse, Archbishop Anne Germond and Bishop Susan Bell observe Synod proceedings. (BOTTOM) End of day worship on Friday May 26. Photos-Mark Hauser.

Bishop Susan reminded us of the anxiety that change can produce and asked us to focus on what's most critical in terms of things we need to add to or change about our current practices to enable engagement with God's mission. She also emphasized the need to go out where the people are, not expect them to come to us.

Once again, groups shared from their discussions.

During lunch, Bishop Michael thanked Bishop Michael Pryse for his presence and input and made a presentation to him.

#### *Reach and Stretch Grants*

Following lunch a presentation was made, noting that nine grants have been approved, totalling approximately \$45,000, with most focussing on food security and Truth and Reconciliation.

Video presentations sharing the fruit of two grants were made: *St. Paul's Cardinal Angel Tree Project*, a grass roots response to assisting children and

families at Christmas, which took the congregation's ministry out to the public and which they hope, through the grant, will be sustainable. *St. Mary Magdalene Napanee Harmony Lounge & Music Club*, a project responding to the need of children and youth through creating a safe and comfortable space for music and fellowship.

Members were asked to consider: *What is the burning bush in your communities that you have ways to serve?*

Thanks were offered to the Diocese of Toronto, especially Elizabeth McCaffrey, for sharing this program with us.

#### *Ministry and Mission, continued*

The third 'meeting' focussed on Fullness of Life in the Neighbourhood. Members were invited to discuss community engagement strengths and opportunities, where God might be calling us into community relationships and what practices we need for that.

Bishop Susan noted that this segment forms the basis for our community visioning and that we should keep Mark 12:29-31 ('The Great Commandment') before us as we engage this part of the process and be mindful that this is NOT about liturgy. Liturgy is the food for the Body of Christ to go out in this mission!

Following sharing from the groups, Bishop Susan said that this is all about turning our hearts 'out' - that God's heart is already there and that sometimes we need to catch up.

Being missional starts with relationship and listening is so important and "nothing less than a whole life of discipleship cuts it."

The small groups did not engage the fourth 'meeting' per the Niagara mission planning resource, but Bishop Susan indicated that this is where mission action planning comes to fruition. Bishop Susan invited us to keep Isaiah 43:18-19 in mind as we spent time discussion what Adult Faith Formation

ideas excited us and what we felt would most impact our parishes.

Following the group sharing, Bishop Susan noted the importance of this process fitting our particular context.

This process has generated much positive energy in the Diocese of Niagara, energy important to the flourishing of the parishes and the diocese as a whole.

The outcomes are only limited by the imagination of parish and are fuelled by their trust in the Holy Spirit.

She concluded by reflecting on the experience by transition to introspection through Ignatian Examen, prompting us to ask 'God, what do you want to say to me?' and asking us to slow down and think about both the 'consolations' and 'desolations' this discussion has raised in us. We concluded this time by once again singing the theme song Bishop Susan had introduced.

Bishop Michael expressed his joy at the

energy of the conversations that have taken place and thanked Bishop Susan for being a gift to the wider church and especially to us today.

#### *Conclusion*

Archbishop Anne shared reflections on the day. She echoed her thanks to Bishop Susan. She had listened during the day and shared her comments in anticipation of our celebration of Pentecost on Sunday.

She gave thanks for sharing, vulnerability and listening. Thinking about the gifts of the Spirit St. Paul lists, she heard us speak about many gifts we share, all essential and marked by individual joy and community need. She heard much joy today. Gifts we have are not proof of faith, are not earned, but are the result of grace. Each of us is given gifts that are so distinct, for our own enjoyment and the common good. The world wants us to be consumers and sometimes it's easier

to wear our spirituality like clothes rather than letting our hearts and minds be transformed. The hard work today is that transformation at work in us. We don't need flames or the gift of tongues to know the Holy Spirit is among us, through our gifts and in our relationships.

Using Bishop Susan's image of a map, she said a large map lets us see the big picture. Phone maps only show a tiny bit of the route. We've been given a glimpse of the big picture in parish and diocesan levels. The theme of walking together has given us a way to do that. There's been so much peer to peer learning and evidence of being energized.

There has been learning of a new language—'missional' not just sending money, but needing to learn more about 'culture,' the difference between 'going to church' and 'being the church,' engaging with others. So much God language has been woven through. For some, our task

has been out of the comfort zone, so she thanked us for sticking with it. Words on papers when we arrived have become, through conversations, a living thing to take back with us.

What we take home and plant in love will bear fruit, so we should trust the process and the disruptive power of the Holy Spirit. The first Pentecost was a movement from fear to faith, from despair to hope, from inwardly focussed to ready to be sent out, a change we too are called to. She shared the story of Lewis and Clark having to reframe their entire mission when they encountered unexpected mountains, as we've had an unexpected obstacle of COVID-19. They changed their equipment, asked for help and went on through uncharted territory, as we are called to do, and through our work today and the implementation of that in our parishes we've been given a 'new map' for this.

Bishop Anne concluded with four vital lessons:

- the world in front is nothing like the world behind;
- no one will follow us 'off the map' unless they trust us 'on the map';
- in uncharted territory, adaptation is everything and everyone is changed;
- believe in God who promises that we are not alone.

Bishop Michael thanked those gathered for their attentiveness and reminded us that Community Engagement Co-ordinator Russ Grant awaits our invitations to help us engage.

He thanked all who provided displays, reminded those gathered that the PWRDF co-ordinator, his wife Sophie Kiwala, welcomes invitations to parishes, and thanked Queen's staff for their hospitality.

He presented a gift of thanks to Sr. Connie for her pastoral presence.

Following Bishop Michael giving Episcopal Assent to the proceedings a motion to adjourn was carried.



# 2023 Anglican Foundation of Grants total \$40,000 to Diocese of Ontario



AFC & The Diocese of Ontario: \$181,500 to 28 Recipients (Since 2010)

## AFC Communications

The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) Board of Directors met in Halifax, Nova Scotia on May 17-18, 2023, and approved \$245,000 in grants to 32 applicants in 19 Dioceses, bringing the 2023 grants total to date to \$328,000.

“We are pleased to have been able to award a total of \$35,000 for three Diverse Infrastructure projects in the Diocese of Ontario,” says Dr. Scott Brubacher, executive director. “When combined with an earlier discretionary grant of \$5,000 to Morningstar Relief Mission in Napanee, this brings the 2023 disbursements total to \$40,000.” Projects funded include:

- St. Lawrence Church, Brockville, St. Lawrence Accessibility Project,

\$15,000

- St. Mark’s Church, Barriefield, Essential Repairs to Church Tower, \$10,000

- St. James Church, Kingston, Rehabilitation of St. James Nave below-grade foundation walls, \$10,000
- Morningstar Relief Mission, Napanee, High School Hot Meal Program, \$5,000.

Since 2010, AFC has provided \$181,500 in funding to 28 recipients in the Diocese of Ontario—\$44,000 of which has support youth-oriented projects. “We are tremendously grateful for the support of the Anglican Foundation of Canada,” says the Ven. David Selzer, diocesan executive officer. “By investing generously in our churches—so that our buildings are safe, accessible, and

welcoming—and by driving innovation with their special focus on children and youth through the Say Yes! to Kids program, AFC is not just a dependable partner in ministry, but a visionary one as well.”

Brubacher says that nationally, the Board and the Grants Committee commented on the size and scope of many of

the projects. “The 2nd quarter grants cycle has been the most robust for infrastructure projects since prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic,” says Brubacher. “It’s exciting to see so many ambitious capital accessibility projects coming forward.”

Noteworthy, too, Brubacher says has been the new focus on choral

scholarships as more parishes see the potential to grow their music programs and make their membership more inter-generational. “Both of the Sacred Music & Liturgical Arts grants this cycle were for choral scholarships,” says Brubacher. “More and more small choirs are experiencing growth and new life thanks to these

grants through the A.E.J. Fulford Trust.”

The next AFC grant application deadline is July 1. For more information on AFC’s new grant categories or to apply for an AFC grant, visit [www.anglicanfoundation.org/](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/) apply.

## Diocese of Ontario Says Yes! to Igniting Youth Leadership in our deaneries

This year, in thanksgiving for and recognition of the ministry of Bishop Michael, the Diocese of Ontario is partnering with the Anglican Foundation of Canada’s (AFC) Say Yes! to Kids (SYTK) initiative—a ministry that is near and dear to Bishop Michael Oulton.

SYTK is a nationwide effort to create a sustainable, abundant source of funding for youth-focused initiatives across the Anglican Church of Canada. Since

it was launched in 2021, SYTK has provided over \$625,000 to more than 100 unique beneficiaries and fundraising partners in support of youth-focused ministry and outreach, including many in our own Diocese of Ontario.

All SYTK projects are different—from faith formation to poverty reduction to arts and music and Indigenous ministries they cover numerous impact zones. But they share a common goal: to imagine more and to

put that imagination into action to grow a brighter future for young people.

All gifts to the Ontario Says Yes! to Igniting Youth Leadership team will establish a fund, distributed equally among our four deaneries, to support initiatives identified by the deanery as important to the growth and development of youth leadership. “Whether sponsoring our next generation of youth leaders to attend a conference or social justice gathering or

supporting deaneries in organizing their own Ignite Youth Leadership events,” says the Ven. David Selzer, diocesan executive officer, “this fund will be used broadly to kindle the fires of youth ministry burning in our Diocese.”

Please give generously to the Ontario Says Yes! To Igniting Youth Leadership team. “Our team has already received a \$1,000 match from AFC, and we are well on the way to achieving our \$5,000 goal,” says Selzer.



Gifts can be made only at [tinyurl.com/ontariosytk](http://tinyurl.com/ontariosytk) or cheques can be made payable to the Anglican Foundation of Canada—

with “Ontario Ignites Youth Leadership” in the memo line—and mailed to 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2.

## 2023 RFP GOES GREEN: AFC issues \$100,000 Green-Themed Request for Proposals (RFP)

The Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) is inviting all Canadian Anglicans to put on their green-coloured classes and ready their submissions for the 2023 Request for Proposals (RFP) under the theme: Viriditas—God’s Greening Power.

Addressing a capacity audience at the Diocese of Huron Synod on Monday, May 29, Dr. Scott Brubacher, AFC’s executive director, explained that the 2023 RFP was inspired by the Assembly 2023 theme

of “Let there be greening” as both an expression of care for creation, and also the broader theme of God’s greening power at work in the church.

“We have also been influenced,” said Brubacher, “by the writings Hildegard of Bingen who broadened the understanding of ‘viriditas,’ from the Latin word for green, to include this creative and regenerative divine activity, in which we as Christians are invited to partake. It’s both an age-old

message, and an urgent message for the church today.”

As with the 2021 and 2022 RFPs, grants for both ongoing and emerging projects will be considered. Category A grants, of up to \$5,000 will be evaluated based on impact and how they support a creation care project or a new and transformational ministry in a local context. Category B grants of up to \$15,000 will be considered based on impact, project scope, and how they support a

creation care project or a new and transformational ministry in a city, diocese, or region.

Eligible uses of funding include, but are not limited to, administrative expenses, travel costs, equipment, technical costs, remuneration, honoraria, and food. Proposals will be accepted from September 1 to October 1, 2023.

Creation-focused programs that have received funding from AFC in the past include

community gardens and other innovative uses of church green spaces for community-focused ministry. Transformational ministries that have received funding include lay spiritual formation and Christian education programs, arts programs that reduce financial barriers for at-risk communities, and a variety of innovative partnerships with community service providers in the areas of education enrichment, newcomers to Canada, and

health and well-being.

AFC’s Board of Directors will review proposals in November and announce the grant recipients in early December. Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will not count as one of the four submissions each diocese is allowed per year.

For more information visit [www.anglicanfoundation.org/2023rfp](http://www.anglicanfoundation.org/2023rfp).





# Stewardship Reflections

## Based on the Revised Common Lectionary - Liturgical Year A

The following reflections are intended to encourage individuals and parishes to think about holistic stewardship and serve as guideposts along the way of our faith journey. Bless you throughout the lengthy season of Pentecost as we covet anew the Holy Spirit to enable us to take care of all entrusted to us: the gift and practice of faith; our relationships; Christ's church; our local communities; the wider world; and God's creation.

### JUNE 4, 2023

A reflection based on Genesis 1:1-2:4

### JUNE 11, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 9:9-13,18-26

### JUNE 18, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 9:35-10:8

### JUNE 25, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 10:24-39

### JULY 2, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 10:40-42

### JULY 9, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 11:16-19,25-30

### JULY 16, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

### JULY 23, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

### JULY 30, 2023

A reflection based on Romans 8:26-39 and Matthew 13:31-33,44-52

### AUGUST 6, 2023

A reflection based on Luke 9:28-36

### AUGUST 13, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 14:22-33

### AUGUST 20, 2023

A reflection based on Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

### AUGUST 27, 2023

A reflection based on Matthew 16:13-20

# Season after Pentecost

**TRINITY SUNDAY:** Today's reading serves as a timely reminder that we exercise our vocation as faithful stewards of creation including responsibility for the well-being of the garden earth. We are placed squarely in the caretaker position for environmental stewardship; everything that creates and sustains life.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** This story is a reminder about those who find where Jesus is and remain close to him over time. Time is an important pillar of our stewardship. How much time are you making to be with Jesus thus far this year?

**THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** How many times do we hear that we do not have enough talent, time and treasure. Today's reading is a good reminder that blessing often comes from very few resources offered generously and willingly.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** Two weeks ago, the reflection invited us to make time for Jesus. This week's reading is an invitation to show that he is the centre of what we say and do. How are we doing?

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** Today's reading speaks of welcome and hospitality. Who am I, and my parish, invited to serve this year? Are we sufficiently encouraged to be generous in giving?

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** There are many people feeling anxious, overburdened, with work full to overflowing. Jesus reminds us that we are not alone and are encouraged having him share our burden.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** May our faithful stewardship of talent, time and treasure reveal that we listen to Jesus' message, take it to heart, and yield a hundred – or sixty – or thirtyfold!

**EIGHTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** Faithful stewards listen to Jesus' words and allow them to guide their lives. How do we allow those words to take root and continue to grow over the course of our lives?

**NINTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** Saint Paul reminds us that faithful stewardship transforms people to a life of ever deepening spirituality and Jesus speaks of the kingdom of heaven that we seek to come closer to reality each day. How am I and my parish helping these things come about?

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD:** Faithful stewards see the glory of God in the life of Christ. May we reflect that life in our actions and words inviting the church and world to experience change, light and salvation.

**ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** Jesus fed the people, left them for a while and prayed. May we find occasions of quiet amid anxious and uncertain times, listening to the voice of God and discerning what we are called to do with the work of faithful stewardship.

**TWELFTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** In today's reading Saint Paul teaches the church in Rome, "the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable." We are well into 2023 and let us take stock as faithful stewards of our calling and the gifts we share.

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY OF PENTECOST:** Saint Peter responds to the question of Jesus saying, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." As a faithful steward, who or what do you say Jesus is?





## Coronation Sunday at St. Paul's in Brockville

St. Paul's Anglican Church in Brockville celebrated the coronation of His Majesty King Charles III with a celebratory brunch following the 10:00 a.m. service on May 7.

Partakers dined on Coronation Chicken served on a bed of greens which was the menu at the coronation brunch for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Desserts included trifle and treacle tart; a tribute to England all the way.

Diners were invited to dress in their finest with prizes awarded for the fanciest dressed. The coronation ceremony played in the background creating much conversation about the pomp and pageantry of the illustrious day.

The church hall was decorated in the traditional red, white and blue with pennants and Union Jacks adorning the walls, and centerpieces adding to the ambience of the tables.

Fr. Haynes Hubbard gave a toast to the new King as the participants raised their glasses of sparkling (non-alcoholic) apple cider. The toast was followed by a rousing rendition of God Save the King.



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