

The Nicodemus Project begins



With the launch of the Nicodemus Project across the Diocese at the end of January, many people wondered how we expected to accomplish its ambitious goal — to inspire a deep spiritual transformation in the diocese.

It is important to remember that when God calls, God enables. We believe that God called us at Synod 2009, as well as during the two years before it, to become a diocese of healthy, mission-focused, welcoming and growing parishes. God also called us to be open to the changes necessary to achieve this transformation.

How this takes place depends upon each parish — what it was like in the past, where it is in the present, and what its vision is for its future. There is no 'one size fits all' formula.

It will take several years to accomplish what we want in our diocese, so Synod 2009 identified 'action' items that parishes can implement in the very near future that will begin the process of change.

- Conduct a self-assessment and produce a Parish Plan as individual as the parish itself. Facilitators are available to help parishes that need assistance.
- Use the specially prepared Lenten study, based on lectionary readings for Ash Wednesday and the Sundays in Lent, that relates the Gospel to Anglicanism.
- Send clergy and parish leaders to a leadership workshop planned for late spring.
- Address financial stewardship with the help of forthcoming supplies.
- With parish visions in mind, work with surrounding parishes to create plans for the future of the deanery.
- ***Pray for God's guidance and help in all that we do.***

The Nicodemus Project is both urgent and necessary. Over many years we have moved away from being the church that God calls us to be, so now we are a church in decline. We need to ask God to transform us — as individuals and as his church — and help us re-learn the true meaning of being Christian and Anglican.

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A Nicodemus Project initiative

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Chaplains for Camp Medley

Clergy and lay professionals are welcome to serve, experience is not required. Contact Shawn Branch 506/642-2210 ext 221
<shawnbranch at me.com>.

Retired

The Rev. Donald Hamilton will retire on March 31. His last working day as priest-in-charge of St. James, Moncton and chaplain in the Moncton hospitals is Feb. 19.



RESOURCES

Teens Encounter Christ

Applications available now for TEC 18, May 22-24.
Space is limited
More info from
<4bents at nb.sympatico.ca>

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Register with Joanne MacIntosh
P.O. Box 123
Truro, NS B2N 5B6
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