

# The NicodemusProject in mid-Lent

*How are we doing?*



On Ash Wednesday, many parishes began the 'Christian and Anglican' Bible Study < <http://spiritualsignatures.blogspot.com/> > prepared by the Spiritual Development Team of Diocesan Council. The study is mainly based on the Gospel readings for the Sundays in Lent, but the first focused on the Exhortation for Ash Wednesday found on p. 611 of the Book of Common Prayer — and in Christ's Sermon on the Mount Matthew chapters 5, 6 and 7, from which the three goals of the penitence of Lent (fasting, prayer and almsgiving) are drawn.

Also available on the website now are the guidelines for parish assessments aimed at those parishes which would like assistance from an outside facilitator < [http://anglican.nb.ca/synod/council/nicodemus\\_project/100212\\_parish\\_assessments.pdf](http://anglican.nb.ca/synod/council/nicodemus_project/100212_parish_assessments.pdf)>. Several people are available to help and parishes need only call Archdeacon David Edwards (506-634-1474) to be put in touch with someone.

The Nicodemus Learning Weekend for Clergy and Wardens is planned for Friday evening and Saturday, May 28, 2010. Details are still being firmed up so please watch for updates.

There is a great need in the Diocese of Ho for corn/millet grinders. Each of our Archdeaconries is paired with a parish. If each of these parishes could be provided with a corn grinder (at a cost of about \$4000) people would not have to resort to expensive third parties for this service, something which is often far beyond their means. Corn grinders do not require expensive maintenance. The proposal will come before the next meeting of Diocesan Council for approval. Perhaps this mission could become part of our archdeaconry plans? Please pray for guidance.

***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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## **FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE**

### **PLEASE RESPECT HOLY WEEK**

**DO NOT SCHEDULE MEETINGS MARCH 28 THROUGH APRIL 4.**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

- **The Rev. Deacon Constance Whittaker-Soulikias**, Honorary Assistant in the Parish of Saint John under the rector, the Rev. Dr. Ranall Ingalls.
- **The Rev. Canon Stuart Allen**, Honorary Assistant under the rector, the Rev. Chris Hayes.
- **The Rev. Canon John Cathcart**, Regional Dean of York for a three year term.
- **Elizabeth Harding**, Camp Medley Director.
- Congratulations to **the Rev. Dr. Barry Craig**, vice-president (academic) of St. Thomas University in Fredericton.



## **RESOURCES**

- Conflict Resolution and Assertive Communication workshops mid-April in Dartmouth and Moncton <204-452-0180>.
- The 2010 National Worship Conference, July 4-7, Vancouver School of Theology, UBC. <info at nationalworshipconference.org>.
- Community Justice Camp for adults, mid-May, Hamilton, Ontario <905-527-1316 (ext 460)>
- Empty Vessels Enough for All, Diocesan PWRDF Quiet Day, March 20, Parish of Upham <506-832-7106>.
- Fredericton Archdeaconry Greater Chapter meeting, March 27, St. Mary's, York.
- Inaugural meeting of the Atlantic Theological Society (ATS) — a study of orthodox Christian thought, Kings College Chapel, Halifax, March 29. Everyone welcome. <506-372-4939>.
- Prevention and Response Involving Sexual Misconduct (PRISM) Compliance Training, Cathedral Memorial Hall, Fredericton, April 24, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Layreaders' Retreat Day with Archbishop Claude Miller, St. Mary's Church, Parish of Chatham, April 24, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.