

The Nicodemus Project



When we convene as the 31st Synod of the Diocese of Fredericton at the Fredericton Inn on Oct. 28 and 29 (Friday afternoon and Saturday) we will be Celebrating First Fruits of the Nicodemus Project. We were led by the Holy Spirit to program of significant change and renewal in our diocese at the 2009 Synod, following the presentation of task force reports on budget support and Rural and/or struggling parishes.

Synod 2011 will be a day shorter than usual because the need is to assess progress and check the course to see if adjustments are necessary, rather than to come up with yet another plan. The work of the Nicodemus Project cannot not be accomplished in a year or two, it will probably take many — just as it took 40 years for God and Moses to change the slave mentality of the Israelites escaping from Egypt into a people worthy of being called God's precious possessions, his chosen ones.

At Synod 2011 we will look at the slowly emerging statistical data and the results of the parish self-assessments to try and gauge progress on questions such as: Are our parishes becoming more mission focused, welcoming and growing? Are they making progress on proclaiming the gospel for the making of disciples? Are we re-learning what it means to be Christian and Anglican? Are our leaders better prepared for the different future we all face? How are we growing spiritually? Do we understand what 10-10-10 means and is that understanding bearing fruit?

We will need data for several more years in order to see real trends, but we have planted the seeds and we are Celebrating the First Fruits.

**Registration for the
Fresh Expressions Visioning Day
with the Rev. Nick Brotherhood
is on-line at <http://anglican.nb.ca>**



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FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

It is with a very heavy heart that I announce our friend and Diocesan Treasurer Fred Scott died on Friday afternoon, Sept. 30, 2011.

Words are limited when reflecting on Fred's relationship with God, family, fellow workers and the diocese. Earthly superlatives pale when set against the essence of true loyalty and devotion to God and the Church. God saw fit to enable Fred with the gift of generosity as demonstrated in his accountable leadership. A true personal and corporate servant has gone from us. God was and is glorified in the lives of the faithful. **Well done good and faithful servant.**



RESOURCES

● Fresh Expressions Event

With Nick Brotherhood, Canadian Fresh Expressions Coordinator

Nov. 26, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

St. John the Evangelist, Nashwaaksis (Fredericton North)

The Christian Faith is failing to make an impact on the lives of many of our relatives, friends and neighbours. This event is an opportunity to consider effective ways in which to respond. The day is open to lay and clergy of all denominations.

The cost is \$10

On-line application/registration available at <http://anglican.nb.ca>.

● Archdeacon David Edwards

is appointed diocesan Parish Development officer effective Nov. 1. He welcomes calls in advance of that date however at 634-1474 or 721-6701.