



Nicodemus Project News

The Bishop's Task Force on Rural and/or Struggling Parishes recommended to Synod 2009 that:

- the diocese immediately establish a Congregational Development Fund to support congregations (alone or in a shared ministry context);
- make a decision to focus on growth through mission and community outreach;
- funding for this program come initially from an annual appeal to every Anglican in the diocese;
- this whole initiative be overseen by the Parish Support and Development Team of Diocesan Council, whose membership would need to be expanded to include representatives from each of our nine deaneries;
- parishes, regardless of size or location, be eligible to apply for financial support from this fund for a specific number of years – according to a clearly defined and time-limited plan;
- all parishes in the archdeaconry/deanery of these risk-taking parishes, proactively and without hesitation, offer them as much support as possible in order to help them grow, become healthier and sustain themselves in the long term.

Synod 2009 overwhelmingly adopted this report and its recommendations. The Fund mentioned above is the **Foundation for Life** Fund.

As an Anglican in this diocese, expect a package in the next week or two containing a letter from the Bishop, a brochure outlining the purpose of the fund and how to donate or apply to it, and a postage paid addressed envelope.

According to Archdeacon David Edwards, chair of the Parish Support and Development Team of Diocesan Council, an annual \$25 donation (above the regular offering) from every adult New Brunswick Anglican, and \$5 from every Anglican child, is requested to fund **Foundation for Life** in order for parishes to help parishes so innovative mission and ministry can flourish.

All the money collected this year will be dispersed in order to make exciting new ministries and missions a reality. Fresh donations will be sought next year to support even more innovative opportunities. This is our opportunity to make a difference — to help to fund the innovative projects that will lead our diocese into a new and vibrant future proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the Making of Disciples.



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FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE

• *Farewell to the Nutters*

The diocese will bid farewell to Archbishop Harold and Edith Nutter at a special service in Christ Church Cathedral at 12 noon on Saturday, Oct. 30. A reception will follow in Cathedral Memorial Hall. The Nutters are moving to Ontario.

- Jonathan Springthorpe and Michael O'Hara are accepted as postulants for ordination to the priesthood.
- The Rev. Canon Robert (Bob) Smith of St. Stephen was appointed to ministry and pastoral oversight as interim priest-in-charge of the Parish of Musquash for a six-month period effective Sept. 19, 2010.
- On September 27, 2010 the Bishop of Fredericton gave notification to Archbishops and Bishops of the Anglican Church of Canada that the Rev. Alan John Reynolds and the Rev. Donald Clarence Hamilton, having been admitted to the office of Priest in the Anglican Church of Canada, have abandoned the exercise of that ministry according to the terms of Canon XIX of the General Synod The Anglican Church of Canada.



RESOURCES

- Back to Church Founder
- Meet the Rev. Michael Harvey at Parish Church in Fredericton, Corner of Westmorland and George Streets on Tuesday, Oct. 19 from 7 until 10 p.m.
- Meet Sue Careless
- Author of *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer, Volumes 1, 2 and 3* Oct. 23, 1-2 p.m., Anglican House, 116 Princess Street, Saint John
- Conference on Congregational Development
- At St. Mary and St. Bartholomew's Church, Saint John, Oct. 29 - 30 with guest speaker and workshop leader the Rev. Chuck Owens, rector of the Church of the Cross in Bluffton, South Carolina.
- "SOULRUSH 4"
- A Youth Event at St. George's in Bathurst, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., Nov. 20. Young people from age 12 to grade 12 welcome. \$5 fee includes lunch and dinner.
- Every Member Visitation Workshop
- Learn how to successfully organize and conduct a program to visit every member of your parish. The workshop runs from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Trinity Church, Sussex. A registration fee of \$15 will help defray expenses. For registration and information contact Ann Fairweather <annfair@nbnet.nb.ca>.
- Working Together Within Small Parish Groups
- An NB Anglican Cursillo "Nicodemus" Project. Guest speaker Archdeacon David Edwards, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 27, St. John the Baptist, River-view.