

The Nicodemus Project



THE ARCHDEACONRY OF MONCTON is involved in Nicodemus Project initiatives — seeking renewal as Anglicans and new and more effective ways to serve Christ — in the south east corner of New Brunswick.

ARCHDEACON RICHARD McCONNELL REPORTS:

¶ We have been meeting twice a year as Greater Chapter seeking a common vision for our life together. In that process we have approved an Archdeaconry Mission Plan that follows the outline of Bishop Salmon's Stewardship Vision from the days spent in Sussex a year ago— Our Stewardship of the Gospel; our Stewardship of the Leadership of the Church; and our Stewardship of our Resources.

¶ We met as a Greater Chapter on Sept. 29 to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels (renewing our identity as Anglicans) in concert with our Companion Parish of the same name in Worawora, Ghana. Parishes have responded magnificently to the appeal for a corn grinder for that parish.

¶ We also celebrated the first few months of Street Hope in Moncton, where Eden McAuley is working with Threshold Ministry among young people at risk.

¶ We are also taking the first tentative steps towards a common webpage with links to parish pages.

¶ About one half of the parishes in this deanery are seeking creative ways to thrive despite demographic challenges; six parishes are facing challenges in supporting full time priestly leadership. There are three examples of shared ministry that have already developed, but further, more creative, avenues of working together are being sought.

¶ Our aim in all of this is not merely to survive, but, as Bishop Salmon says, to thrive the mission of Christ to the counties of Kent, Westmorland and Albert.

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

APPOINTMENTS

The Rev. Canon Walter Williams, presently Archdeacon of Woodstock, is appointed priest and rector of the Parishes of Oromocto and Maugerville effective February 14, 2011.

The Rev. Rev. Brenda McKnight is named honorary assistant in the Parishes of Waterford and St. Marks under the direction of the rector, the Rev. Allen Tapley.



DIOCESAN NEWS

PWRDF LEADERS PROGRAM

Jennifer (Jenny) Fowler of the Parish of Upham was recently chosen to participate in the PWRDF 50 Leaders Program that works with young Anglicans (16 to 30 years old) to discern and the gifts the Spirit has given them. She is actively involved in her parish's growing project and raising funds for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.



RESOURCES

LENTEN STUDIES

The Spiritual Formation Team of Diocesan Council announces **Christian and Anglican: The Marks of Mission, a Lenten Study for 2011 featuring DVD addresses by Archbishop Claude Miller**. Synod in 2009 gave responsibility for the production of programs to help reestablish our identity as Anglicans. Please plan to participate in these studies in your parish. There is a poster and the DVDs will be available in late February.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Diocesan Stewardship Team is planning a **Stewardship Conference on April 30, 2011**. Location and other details forthcoming

PARISH SEEKS WORSHIP MATERIALS

The Parish of Bright seeks two matching brass collection plates, six matching brass candle holders, a matching chalice and paten, 40 Books of Alternative Services and 50 Books of Common Prayer. Please contact Eugene Price, (506) 363-4463 or <pricee@nbnet.nb.ca>.