

SYNOD HIGHLIGHTS

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Theme: "Love Your Neighbour"

The Diocese of Toronto's 160th Regular Session of Synod was held - November 25 - 27, 2019 embracing technology as a virtual gathering, with electronic voting.

Attendees from Holy Family: Rev. Julie Meakin, Canon Judy Allen, Bonnie Stockley, and Kenwyn Singh

Bishop Charge: In his Charge to Synod, spoke about sharing agape love with one's neighbours, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Bishop touched on the ways in which we are called to show God's love in the world, the need to discern where God is calling us into the future, and a call to generosity in stewardship.

Missional & Outreach Moment - Throughout Synod, members had the opportunities to learn about how the diocese is living out its vision. First and foremost was a fantastic video presentation that featured Jim Akaya, Joan Jackson and members of Holy Family's Young At Heart (YAH) – Salome Bryan, Marjorie Hayes and Lorna Cushnie - about how the group was able to pivot during the pandemic, grapple with technology, and seniors' involvement and support.

Reconciliation - The Diocese committed financial support to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and communities.

Under Episcopal Leadership: The Bishop announced that the diocese will move forward with three bishops: one diocesan bishop and two suffragan bishops. He will also appoint as many as six to eight territorial archdeacons who will offer administrative oversight to two or three deaneries each.

Governance changes - Synod approved motions dealing with the Constitution and Canons that will allow changes to be made to the diocese's governance structure. The changes to the governance structure will be undertaken during a two-year pilot project. Some of these changes will see Diocesan Council and Executive Board being amalgamated into one body called Synod Council. Five committees will be established and they will have decision-making authority delegated to them.

Under Priorities, Plans and budget - The diocese considered what a post-COVID Church would look like, the strategy is to be nimble and **NOT** make significant changes to diocesan ministry. The focus in 2022 is to assess how parishes will emerge from COVID-19, and **NOT** make major decisions until a long-term strategic plan is in place.

Assessment Rate: There will be no change to the parish assessment rate (24.70%). The diocese is also offering a one-month relief from allotment for all parishes in 2022.

Being a Synod delegate offers unique opportunities for increasing understanding and perspectives of the Anglican Church from multiple viewpoints, including: spiritual, community, and governance, it provides a chance to contribute on the way forward for the church.

For further details, all are invited to access the Diocesan webpage with Synod highlights at <https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/category/news/>

Submitted by Lay Delegates: Bonnie Stockley & Kenwyn Singh

Upcoming Dates

Christmas Services: Christmas Eve: Friday Dec. 24th 8:00 pm

Christmas Day: Saturday Dec. 25th 10:00 am

Christmas 1: Sunday Dec. 26th – zoom recording sent via Happening that week

Epiphany: Sunday Jan. 2nd

Vestry: Sunday February 27th

Wardens Update



HeartBeat

December 19th, 2021 Advent IV

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Dear Friends,

It is fitting that our HeartBeat Tribute Edition to Ian McHaffie is being published on Thanksgiving. As the tributes you'll read here attest to, we are grateful for the gift of Ian's presence with us for many years at Holy Family and for the many wonderful memories we share. It is strange to be putting together an edition of HeartBeat without him, because I looked forward to our lively meetings where we planned the content and there was always too much to include. Ian was "larger than life" as many of you have mentioned and he is sorely missed. Let us keep Paddy Ann in our prayers and continue to give thanks for Ian.

*And when the stream that overflows has passed,
A consciousness remains upon the silent shore of memory;
Images and precious thoughts that shall not be
And cannot be destroyed.*

from The Excursion by William Wordsworth

+Rev. Julie Meakin+

O Happy Day!

Congratulations to Paul Deacon and Nerissa Smith who were married on November 20th. We wish them every happiness in their new life together as husband and wife.



Dwight Thomas – Congratulations!

Dwight was ordained a deacon in the Diocese of the Northeastern Caribbean and Aruba on All Saints Day, Nov. 1st. Dwight is currently serving a number of parishes on the island of Nevis. We wish him all the best and hope to see him soon (maybe a sermon via zoom?!)



May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace...

~from the Christmas Blessing The Book of Occasional Services

Baptisms!

- Dec. 7th: Nevaeh Burfield
- Oct. 24th: Luna Soranno
- Aug. 29th: Benjamin Austin
- Aug. 8th: Marcel Bridge

May they Rest in Peace

- Violet Allen
- Ian McHaffie
- Joe Moore

Anniversaries

- Felix and Allison Ayeni – 30 years
- Canon Judy and Tony Allen – 50 years



Goodbye....we'll miss you!

On Dec. 5th we said goodbye to Edmund, Jemima, Christian, Joel, Brooklin, and Elinor.

We wish them every blessing in their new life in Ottawa!

Here are the boys enjoying the Pumpkin Party:

Food Bank

Our food bank continued every month supporting people with food for the soul as well as food for the body.

Many thanks to Betty K for leading our team: Judith, Jaya, Margaret, and Joe. Here they are with Christmas bags!



Young at Heart

Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, Your Mighty acts to all who are to come...Psalm 17:18
It's with great pleasure that I present Young @ Heart Senior's News Letter.

October seems to be one of YAH MEMBERS favorite month. We are usually busy crafting harvest baskets, and presenting them to the alter with non perishable food items for the church food bank. Unfortunately, we didn't... instead...We did something unique and extra special, by returning the Church Hall for our first meeting...adhering by the Ministry of Health guidelines. It was a tearful and special moment as members enter through the door...Wow! this was lots of Joy outpouring. It warms my heart, seeing our senior's facial expressions and body languages towards each other. We had a Spiritual Reflection Program, listened to praise and worship musicals, along with individuals sharing stories on their coping method during the pandemic. This was very special indeed. A special welcome to our newest member Delrose Gordon, a cousin of Faith Myers.

Upcoming event for January 2022, is an Educational Night with CENTRAL WEST LHIN. It is through the Home and Community Care Support Services. Details to follow...

During this pandemic with all the challenges that we encountered and has occurred, YAH Ministry was able to scheduled all meetings/activities via zoom. Holy Family had an invitation from the Diocese to produced a five (5) minutes video on how Senior's cope through these changes and challenges. This video was used and shared with other Anglican churches at Synod. This was a privilege that we humble accept. To our God be the Glory great things He had done.

This summer, Young @ Heart Senior's Ministry had the opportunity to collaborate with,⁶

"Seniors Have a Voice Workshop Program" in Toronto. We were all registered, and was able to participates in programs offered by the Canadian Government.

Actually, there was one (1) held Saturday, December 11th that members attend. The topic was "Maximizing Government Resources and Benefits" These workshop are done quarterly, and are consist of three hours. The feed back from our members are excellent... YAH have exceeded above and beyond...In October/November we have the honor, by implementing three (3) special programs under the umbrella on Religious, Social, Emotional and Intellectual Domains.

1. The Bishop Company Cabaret was viewed by YAH members along with the Choir. It was a lovely and enjoyable atmosphere.
2. Joe and Beth Menard wedding anniversary was celebrated. We have the both sitting in the hot seat, playing the Newly Wed Game. Beth said, " This is unbelievable, unforgettable, we love this...it's rekindling"
3. Paul and Nerissa Deacon wedding day, members was in charged of sorting lunches with various copayments in labeled gift bags...for their guest to take home... Thanks from Norma.

- Bishop Company Cabaret
- Joe and Beth...the Newly Wed Game (Oldly)
- Paul & Nerissa's Wedding



- "I want to express gratitude to YAH for the mammoth task they performed.
- Joe was invaluable, he was at the. church on numerous occasions just doing 'stuff'. Turning on the heat, receiving items at 10:00 am on the day of, and not leaving until 6:00 pm that day.
- a group of YAH members, led by Joan Jackson were there from 12:00 noon until after 4:00 pm. They received the meals from the caterer and packed the bags with the entree, dessert, wine, cake, pens and hand sanitizers.
- We we're able to enjoy the wedding knowing that YAH was in charge.
- Joan collected and presented a monetary gift from YAH"
- Norma Deacon.
- Members had their Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 11th. It was a very successful day...We will resume on Friday, January 7th 2022.

There we do not lose heart, though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16.

