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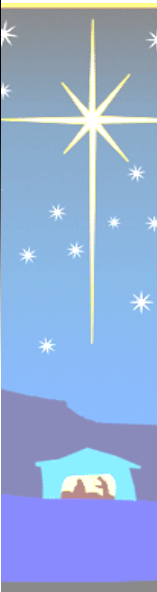
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**Say unto
the cities of
Judah.**



**Be-
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ADVENT



“All your losses are but as the loss of a farthing to a prince.”

John Flavel

Setting out our nativity scene on a bookshelf in our family room, I paused to look at the baby in the manger. There is nothing remarkable about the porcelain figure. If anything, he looks rather plain, like any other baby. Yet, looking at that figure my heart and my imagination were caught up into far greater things.

Consider the enormity of that moment.

The Spoken Word of God condescended taking human flesh in a baby in a manger in Bethlehem. The “Big Bang” lay as a baby boy wrapped in strips of cloth. Foretold by prophets and heralded by angels this moment

was witnessed by a young mother, and adopted father, a handful of shepherds and wise men.

Saint Paul captures the magnitude of this moment,

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9

Looking at the baby in the manger you see the Lord Jesus Christ beginning an earthly journey of obedience to His Father. Throughout his life the Lord of the cosmos would take the lowly place. Paul says that He did it “for your sake”. So that, “you by his poverty might become rich.”

Jesus took the lowly place for your sake. He gave up heavenly glory, taking the form of a carpenter’s son, to secure heavenly glory for you and me.

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Not many of us are rich with earthly treasures. In Christian life we can get caught up in all we have sacrificed to follow Jesus. At times we face ridicule and rejection from family and friends. It was with this in mind that,

“Peter began to say to him, “See, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.” Mark 10: 28-30

In this way, Christmas brings perspective.

At Christmas we are reminded that the cosmic Lord became poor for us, securing riches for us beyond measure. How then can we complain or feel short-changed when we face persecutions and loss in this life? A Christmas perspective brings joy to the Christian life even in the face of loss.

Take time this Christmas season to consider Jesus in the manger. Take time to consider the eternal riches He secured for you. Let joy arise in your heart and watch all your losses fade into obscurity compared with the riches brought by the baby in the manger.

Ray David Glenn

**Behold a virgin shall
conceive and bear a son,
and shall call his name**

Immanuel.

Isaiah 7: 14

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday, December 16th

8:30 am Service of Holy Communion
10:15 am Service of Lessons and
Carols

Sunday, December 23rd

8:30 am Service of Morning Prayer
10:15 am Service of Holy Communion

Monday, December 24th

4:00 pm Family Service of Holy
Communion
9:00 pm Service of Holy Communion

Tuesday, December 25th

9:00 am Service of Holy Communion

Sunday, December 30th

8:30 am Service of Morning Prayer
10:15 am Service of Holy Communion

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*You are invited to
St. George's Afternoon Women's Fellowship
Christmas Afternoon Tea
on Thursday, Dec. 6th, 2012
at 2:00 p.m.
at the Crossroads Centre
Bistro Room*

*Please come and share in stories of
Christmases past, carol singing, and
Yummy Christmas baking
All women are welcome*

*If you require a ride please contact Margaret Hunt (905-854-0233)
Louise LePage(905-681-6287) or Rose Robertson(905-635-8044)*

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In the Dominican Republic

Dave and I just returned from the Dominican Republic on November 24th and wanted to start to share what we learned and did there. We will do a full article for a future By George, but this little bit of information might whet your appetite for more.

We worked for a small foundation in Sosua. Their core purpose is to provide housing for the poorest of the poor in the Dominican Republic. They build villages for the people with a complete infrastructure including water, electricity and roads; schools; medical facilities; churches and opportunities for vocational training. By so doing, they aim to show the love of Christ in action.

Individuals, groups and clubs can ...

help fight against poverty through short and long term missions, or by participating in one or two week programs. Since 1998, 9 villages consisting of more than 1,000 homes in total, 5 schools, 5 medical clinics, and 10 churches have been built; impacting thousands of lives in the Puerto Plata region on the north coast of the Dominican Republic. Partnering with The Samaritan Foundation blesses everyone involved.

The Samaritan Foundation can be found on facebook or at <http://www.thesamaritanfoundationdr.com/>

Here is a picture from a typical village that the foundation has finished.

We'll give you more details in the next By George!

In Christ,

Debbie Dymont



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faith and aging



I need only to look in the mirror to see just how much I have changed over the years. At 16, I had plans to become either a minister or a teacher, and although I have been active in the church since I was five, it wasn't until 1981 when I began working for our church that I genuinely invited Christ into my heart. My faith came alive at that point and God brought to my attention such need around me as I served Him in the office.

The first question of the Westminster Catechism is: "What is the chief end of man?" The answer: To glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

In order to glorify God, I began seeking ways to learn how. After a course in Pastoral Care, I began visiting in the hospital in 1986. My weekly rounds would put me in contact with folks in vulnerable states – some Christian and some not. This was the most exciting and the most faith-filled ministry. It taught me so much about being bold enough to step out, be sensitive to others, and be observant of what was really going on in both their lives and mine. This was a wonderful training ground.

Scripture tells us that the Holy Spirit was given to live in us to comfort and lead us. If I am to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, my example must point to God throughout all challenges, stages and ages of life. As I worked in the church office, I would get calls from the hospital staff to say that someone was dying and ask me to come to be with them and their family members. I used to feel the need to get there quickly but I learned to resist that somewhat. I found eventually that if the Lord wanted me as a Christian presence to arrive in time, He would make straight my path. I became very aware of my dependence on the Holy Spirit's leading as I walked the halls there. My availability to Him led me to the most wonderful times of learning from folks who were so willing to pour out their hearts. As this happened, prayer became such a sweet release to them and to me. They felt a sense of being able to do something at a time when they felt helpless. For me, it was wonderful to know the solutions did not rest on my shoulders. Then, together we could place their concerns at the foot of the cross where God could deal with them. We also had opportunity to pray for the working out of God's good and perfect plan in their life for as long or as short a time as there was left and give thanks for family and staff who were so ably serving them.

The majority of my visits were to seniors. For this reason, issues of God's assurance, eternity, their faith and their worth were very important in their time of need. I found that some folks move into aging with grace and courage despite physical problems, drawing on their faith and are bold to proclaim their belief that better days are coming with God's help. I can remember kneeling in prayer beside the wheelchair of a dear Christian man who assured us with the statement "One thing I know girls – it is well with my soul!" He died before we came in the next week. We knew where he was bound!

Some have never heard the gospel message and are eager to learn. Still others fight aging and

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any mention of the gospel is not wanted. The staff asked if I would spend some time with a gentleman who was dying. So I went into his room and introduced myself. On the first visit, we made no eye contact. He would speak, if asked, but the rest of the visit (which was short) he stared out the window. He was bold to tell me that he was an atheist.

I had some prior knowledge of him in the community and I knew he had been an antique dealer. This was a good clue! The next visit, I was on my way to do a program in the chronic wing of the hospital. Part of that program was working on reminiscing with the folks. I was carrying a small pewter ink well in my bag.

He would not look at me when I came in so I asked for his help and mentioned what I was going to do after his visit. Still no eye contact. I brought out the small ink well and asked him if he could tell me anything about it so I could use the information with my group. His head came around. Ah, eye contact was achieved. He told me the history of the object in full sentences. I thanked him and went away.

The next week, I came in, his head came around and he asked me how the program had gone. I said it went well because of the information he had given me. We visited briefly and I left.

The next week, he was very down but didn't seem to want any help. I said, "At times when I am upset, I say a prayer. Would you like me to say one for you?" "If you want," said he. I said, "It is not what I want that matters, it is what might help you." After a little pause, he said yes and I prayed for him. Dear man. He wept so much during that prayer. I likened it to a cleansing of his soul. He seemed a little embarrassed but somehow relieved.

I received a call the next week to say he was dying and to ask me to come. Although he was not responding, a couple of his friends and I gathered around his bed and prayed for him. He died that afternoon and I was asked to do his funeral. A month later, I received a letter from his lawyer saying that he had left a good portion of his estate to pastoral care at the hospital.

In my experience, I have found that people are rather surprised by their own aging. "I never thought this would happen to me!" is a common phrase that I hear repeated by many people who find themselves needing care. The process of aging is not something that is taught. And no one says "I can hardly wait to get old!" as we might have once said when we couldn't wait to turn 16.

In years past, I have wondered why the church is not more involved in preparing us for aging and its challenges. But really, our faith walk should be the guiding force for all our years. In our older years, we can reap the benefits of remembered Scriptures. We can take courage that many of the heroes of the Bible were quite old when the Lord called them to service. In later years there is time to delve into faith issues and to develop a deeper prayer life for our own concerns and those of others. That is a fruitful ministry to be involved in and one which demonstrates our dependence on faith to a needy world. As long as we breathe there is "kingdom activity" that we can be active participants in. Thank the Lord that He allows us to be part of that. Scriptures, sermons, prayers, and

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favorite hymns bring such healing to hurting souls and bodies.

I can remember Jessie. She grew to have very advanced dementia over the years. There were no finished sentences. I prayed that the Lord would give me a tool to reach her for Him. He was faithful. Each week, I would go in. I would listen to her conversation for a short while and then I would begin to sing Jesus Loves Me. Her eyes would focus on me while I sang and then she would begin to sing – she knew it off by heart. I could tell her heart was warmed and she was experiencing (if only for a short while) the love of her God that she sang praises to as a child. Five minutes later, she would not remember my visit. But she was reminded of God's love once again. I gave thanks to God for that experience every week.

A lesson I learned after surgery in 2000, is to allow others gracefully and thankfully to give us care when we need it. If we go on in this world maintaining that we can do it ourselves, how will others learn compassion? Some find this easier than others but “if we are to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord”, we need to consider the impact of our actions on others. I have seen many lessons taught to family, visitors, and staff by folks with dementia, those in a coma, and those that lay dying. In those watchful hours, we learn much about our faith, ourselves and others.

I witnessed a preview of eternity and God's love in my Mom's last days. On her 102nd birthday, she was completely overwhelmed by God's love for her. She could not get over how blessed she had been that God had gifted her with the ministry of music for so many years. She felt His love so much that day. To see the beauty of a life of ministry fulfilled with love for so long brought her overwhelming joy.

She lived 12 more days. During the last week, she was not responding. I was sitting by her bed quietly praying and singing to her off and on. Suddenly, her eyes opened, her head came up off the pillow, she looked towards the ceiling, her face lit up and she said, “Oh, yes, I'll be along!” Then she went back on the pillow and slept. This happened again in about 20 minutes. I am convinced that God was beckoning to her with outstretched arms to come and join Him. It has been a beautiful memory for me and brings me assurance of eternal life with Him.

I pray that we will all be thinking about our faith and how we can draw on it for the years ahead, determined to do the best we can until our “good and perfect plan is worked out.” For myself, when I look back at my life, and the dreams I had at 16 for teaching and ministry, I can see that God honored them. They may not have been in the usual manner, but serving the vulnerable and training pastoral students has been the passion of my life.

When I retired from working for the church in 2009, I was disoriented a little. I had to re-evaluate ministry and pray for the Lord to show me a way to use my gifts in a different way. Writing on topics to do with the elderly has been one way and encouraging chaplains has been another. I continue to learn from life's situations to keep ministry going that God has uniquely fashioned for me. As the catechism said, “I want to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.”

Kathy Powell



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An Advent Message

I have a Christmas gift card - it says....

Wise men still seek Him!

It is quite beautiful; there are the three kings in profile in the foreground with Bethlehem highlighted by the star as the backdrop.... How this simple message still speaks to us today.... Have these wise men journeyed long to remind us in 2012 what we should really be looking for today?

Perhaps our focus at this special time should be in keeping watch, as the shepherds of old did.... It could be a long watch.... Or perhaps it may not.... The wise men found the King wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger, a humble beginning, scripture tells us it will be a very different second coming.... We shall find, we too shall see Him as He is... the King of Glory.... Bright morning star.... Let us keep our lamps trimmed ready. The promise is "They that seek shall find."

Blessings for Advent, ***Annette Harris***

BIBLE STUDY

Commencing on January 8th, Pam Pole's group will be studying the Gospel of Mark. The study booklet costs \$9.00.

We meet at Bonnie Place II, 510 Claridge Road, Apt. 208, Burlington (New St. and Guelph Line area) every Wednesday from 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. Contact Pam if you would like to join us: (905) 635-6268.

Pamela Pole

Did you Know?

An engineer in our congregation was one of the two recipients of this year's Engineering Medal for engineering excellence. He is an inventor or co-inventor in 67 issued US patents, many in the area of rail car design. His work includes improving efficiency and safety while reducing cost of ownership. He is currently the chief designer at National Steel Car Limited.

Congratulations to Jim Forbes!

[Kelvin Loveless, Central Pastorate Leader]

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Can these bones live?

Bones! You need them! They give you shape. They give you strength. The Prayer Book is the bones of Anglicanism. But can these bones live? These bones are 350 years old this year. Dusty old things! Shouldn't we just bury them deep? We would be formless blobs then, we Anglicans. These bones are alive! Our shape! Our strength! Why would we bury our bones?

The Christmas season is a perfect time to celebrate the strength of these bones. It is remarkable and noteworthy that the services of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer feature the hymns of joy at the coming of the Saviour. Who would spend the time to feed the soul with the praises of Zachariah [Luke 1], Mary [Luke 1], and Simeon [Luke 2]? We Anglicans. For three and a half centuries we have worshiped along with Zachariah, Mary and Simeon in the services of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer.

These Spirit-spoken psalms express the deep longing of the ages, the hunger of God's people for His Coming, the God-spoken promises fed upon and clung to through centuries of expectant waiting. Surely they would have long since abandoned their Hope! Buried it! But, faithful ones, no! They fed their souls on God's word, clung to it. And then, inexpressible joy at the coming of the Saviour! And so, we too sing with Zachariah, Mary, and Simeon, the Benedictus [BCP page 9], the Magnificat [BCP page 21] and the Nunc Dimittis [BCP page 22].

We too need to feed our souls on centuries old, God-spoken promises, express the deep longing of the ages for Jesus' Coming; we need to wait, persevering, patient, expectant, longing for our Hope. This is worship! When He comes, Jesus the Glorious Lord, pray God there are faithful ones to sing with joy!

The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy, hath holpen his servant Israel; as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.

Mary Ann Masters



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Sunday school news



When it was time for the Israelites to build the tabernacle, the people came forward with their gold and jewels in such abundance that leaders had to ask them to stop; they had enough. Well, the Sunday school children are coming forward with their treasures for the new building. They asked with joy and enthusiasm if they could give towards the new building. So, between November and Easter the Sunday school offering will be going towards the new building. They have been learning about tithing and giving cheerfully and they have been encouraged to do jobs around the house to bring their own offering to God.

Sunday school is becoming a busy place as everyone gets ready for Christmas. You can hear the children practicing their carols for Christmas Eve and they will begin practicing for the nativity soon. We often see an increase in our numbers around this time of year; so take a moment to welcome the children and families in church.

We are still a little short handed in Sunday school, and as a result have been asking a lot of our teachers. To give them a break we will not be having Sunday school at all on December 30th, and on December 16th we will be having Sunday school only for children up to age 6. We still encourage families to come with their children and we will have activity pages for the children on the 30th. December 16th is the Service of Lessons and Carols and we felt that the older children will enjoy this beautiful service. If you are interested in teaching or helping in Sunday school please speak to Lesley or Shelley.

Thank you for your support and prayers again this year.

Shelley Loveless

Philip Doddridge, the author of the lovely Advent hymn, "Hark the Glad Sound the Saviour Comes" was born in London, England in 1702, the youngest of 20 children. His parents died when he was a boy, but he was raised by family friends. He attended a non-conformist seminary and became pastor of Castle Hill congregational chapel in Northampton, England. He also formed a seminary to train men for ministry and taught Hebrew, Greek, Math, Philosophy, Bible, and Theology. He was a prolific writer. His work influenced many readers; in fact, William Wilberforce, who led the fight against the slave trade in England gave his life to the Lord after reading Doddridge's "The Rise and Progress of Religion in the Soul". Doddridge wrote over 400 hymns, most of them as summaries to his sermons and to help the congregation respond to the truths taught.

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Our mission partners write

News from Italy

We praise the Lord for your faithfulness in praying for our children. They seem to feel more comfortable with their classmates and we see them being more outgoing and confident. They are all doing well in school. Your prayers mean so much to us. This road can be lonely sometimes, away from loved ones and family. But nothing can be compared with acknowledging that you are in the path the Lord Himself prepared for you - that gives incredible peace and joy. We have been through some challenging times, but thank God this has driven Ramon and me closer.

Please pray for my legs, my knees especially. And pray for Ramon to have courage and faith and to continue living by it, to be always aware that we walk by faith not by sight. Pray for our financial situation. We are looking for a new place to live at a better price. Please pray for wisdom for us to know where to look and to be sure at the moment of making a decision that it is the right one.

Please continue to pray for Italy. We encounter everyday people who are completely lost in magic and obscure spiritual rituals. Just yesterday I was in a public office doing some translation work and the people in charge were speaking about reincarnation and all these lives that they believe they have had. I was going to interrupt them and the Holy Spirit warned me only to pray for them because it wasn't the time or the place. Please pray for me as I find myself in many situations like this one, that I would know when to be bold and when to wait and just pray.

We want to thank St. George's congregation for providing for us and praying for us. We pray for the future of your Church, that it would continue to be a light in dark places, that it would not faint but instead that it would shine His light brighter and brighter forever more. May you all have a glorious Christmas and may the coming year be filled with the Lord's presence and may He always be the Rock where you stand.

Love in Christ, Lord and Saviour, Jesus!

Thamara and Ramon Herrera



News from the Campus

September was, as usual, a whirlwind of activity at McMaster University. More than 50 students stopped by our Clubfest table this year. Everyone was given the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a staff or exec member. I enjoyed following up with 5 young women, encouraging them to find a Christian group to hook into to ensure that they have a strong faith support network while on campus.

Our Chilean BBQ was very well attended, as many first year students dropped by to check us out. Close to a dozen have become regulars at our Thursday night meetings, and have joined one of our 5 small groups on campus. I continue to meet one-on-one with 4 Mac students as well as a Redeemer student, and have a small group

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that is studying the book of James. Ragnar Oborn was on campus in September to do a presentation, "Does God Exist". and Chris will soon be doing a "Take a Look at the Book" presentation in one of the residences. Plans are well underway for this year's Veritas Forum, a week-long campus wide outreach in January involving a collaboration among all of the Christian groups at Mac.

As students have been inviting unsaved friends to our various social events, the feedback continues to be positive; people sense genuine love in our group. This is also the case, as we get involved with several volunteer organizations in the city, including Homestead, Micah House, and Running and Reading.

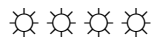
This Sunday once again I will be launching Love Knits, an opportunity for students to come to my home to knit or crochet together. Our finished products are donated to Hughson Street Baptist Church for those in need in that neighbourhood. Students are encouraged to bring an unsaved friend so that we can develop relationships as we hang out and stitch together.

Chris continues to enjoy his position at West Highland and has lots on the go. Alpha is up and running again, as well as a weekly door-to-door ministry, an ESL program, and another great harvest from the King's garden ministry. We just enjoyed an amazing weekend celebrating the 40th anniversary of the church, and are excited and blessed to be part of such a thriving community.

Our three children, Benjamin, Mikaela and Moriah are happily settled into school, grades 4 to junior K. We are blessed as a family in so many ways, and continue to be grateful for you who stand by us. Thank you for your continued support. It is so vital to what we do!

Darci Kovac

McMaster University



News from Angola

PRAYERS ANSWERED:

During 2012 we have asked you to pray for several things and God has answered:

health and safety: We thank God for an accident-free year, despite the many cows and goats on the road during our weekly drives to Matala!

to model and teach good practices at CEML: There has been steady progress on this long-term goal.

our Alpha courses: We have completed three with one underway. There are requests for more, and leaders are developing.

unreached Angolans: CEML's doctors have made several outreach trips and these will

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accelerate with the new MAF aircraft.

our visas: They have been renewed; continue to pray as we work towards a needed change of category.

Angola's elections: These passed peacefully.

fallout from the failure of Norm's former company: There has been no real impact yet, but this is an ongoing prayer request.

financial needs for the ministry at CEML: This is an ongoing request –recent structural changes will help.

CONTINUE TO PRAY:

- for Angola and its people, for spiritual revival.
- that we will interact well with the “climate.”
- for good relationships as we work together with others in Christ's name.
- for Angolan leaders who will be able to reach influential people through Alpha courses.

ANGOLA'S SPIRITUAL CLIMATE

The old ways of witchcraft & accusations of witchcraft, consulting mediums, etc. remain a significant factor in daily life, sometimes even within churches. Where hearts have grown cold, only the “form of religion” remains. Pray for spiritual revival in Angola! We are glad to see significant interest in the Alpha Course – we have completed three courses this year, have started a fourth and there is potential for many more. Pray that we may be able to develop leaders in various denominations that will carry this forward.



Thank you once again for your invaluable support, in prayer and financially for our MAF ministry. Please let us know what is happening in your lives too!

In Christ's service,

Norm and Audrey Henderson



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SYNOD

As your lay delegates, we would like to thank you for your support and prayers as we represented you at the 2012 ANIC Electoral synod.

The following is a summary of the highlights of synod. More detailed information is available on the ANIC website.

The theme of this year's synod was "The night is far spent, the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on an armor of light" from Romans 13:12.

Each morning of synod began with Morning Prayer at 7:00a.m. with various clergy leading and preaching. Most delegates were in attendance at these services.



Opening Eucharist

Photo: Stephen Hale

The opening Eucharist service on Wednesday morning was held at the church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

Archbishop Bob Duncan, our primate, preached and Bishop Don Harvey celebrated. Archbishop Bob chose as his text, two passages that are traditionally used for an election. They are from Acts I: 15-26 and Matthew 10:16-22.

Because this was an electoral synod, there was not as much teaching as in previous synods. The electoral synod was held at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul. The purpose of the

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synod was to elect a coadjutor bishop who will replace Bishop Don Harvey when he retires in 2014. The candidates were the Rt. Rev'd. Ron Ferris, the Rt. Rev'd. Charlie Masters, and the Rt. Rev'd. Trevor Walters. The election process was well disciplined, spirit filled and prayerful. Archbishop Robert Duncan, our primate, presided over the election. Voting was conducted by written ballot. Clergy and laity voted separately. In order for a candidate to win, he had to have a two thirds majority in both houses. The process took three ballots in order for this to happen with the Rt. Rev'd. Charlie Masters named as the winning candidate. This was a very emotional time for your delegates. Please pray for Charlie and Judy as he takes on additional responsibilities in this new role.

While the ballots were being counted, delegates listened to Canon Jack Lumanog, Canon to Archbishop Bob Duncan. Canon Jack shared his journey in establishing a parish in Lansing, Michigan. His talks were very encouraging, entertaining and Christ centered.

Wednesday evening was a free evening for most delegates, but some chose to play hockey on the NHL rink at Scotia Bank Place. Here is the proof. Some familiar faces are Paul Charbonneau, Ray David Glenn, Jess Cantelon and John MacDonald.



Synod continued at the National Arts Centre on Thursday morning, beginning with the Bishop's Charge. This was Bishop Don Harvey's fifth and final charge to an ANIC synod.

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The highlights of Bishop Don's charge were as follows:

He expressed gratitude to Archbishop Gregory Venables for giving oversight to us, at much personal risk, before we became a province.

He encouraged wider representation on ANIC council.

He urged weekly Holy Communion services in all parishes.

He stressed the need to have a church that is financially stable as well as spiritually vibrant.

He cautioned us, "never to lose sight of the reality of our cause and the urgency in carrying it out".

Presentations:

Church Planting: Rev. Ray David Glenn

Ray David presented the guidelines for church plant funding through ANIC and gave examples of current projects that have been approved.

Anglican 1000: Rev. Alan Hawkins

A presentation was made on the growth and challenges facing ACNA through A1000 in the coming year.

Sojourners: Mark Larratt-Smith

A presentation about faithful Anglicans living in isolation.

Ottawa Theological College: Rev. George Sinclair

Artizo Report-given by current students

ARDFC (Anglican Relief and Development Fund)-presentation by Claus Lenk and Marilyn Jacobsen

Presentations were made about the Diocese of Kindu, Congo and Maseno in West Kenya

Multicultural and Asian Ministry: presentation by Bishop Stephen Leung

Presentation by many cultures represented by this ministry

Time to Build: Archdeacon Ron Corcoran

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We give thanks to our parish for participating and leading the way with this campaign

ACNA Catechesis: Bronwyn Short

- Needed because of the crisis of not following Christian fundamentals
- Grounding people in the gospel
- Course in obedience to Christ's command
- Find ways to bring lively teaching

Plan- to produce ACNA adult catechism; Q&A currently being developed for creed and Lord's Prayer; need to raise up teachers for children; create resources; provide parishes with help; need catechists to teach catechism; summit in February in Texas

Zaccheus Fellowship: Rev. Dawn McDonald

We were challenged as parishes to have resources and programmes ready to help people who struggle with same sex attractions. They need to know that Jesus loves them, they need to submit to Him, the church is a safe place to be, and that their fellow parishioners are ready to walk with them as they work to follow Biblical teachings on sexuality.

Banquet (Thurs. evening) The speaker was Bishop Julian Dobbs. Tying into the synod theme, he challenged us (warned us) to "Wake Up" to the threat of Islam and he shared his experiences in the Dioceses of Nigeria and Kenya where Christians are being murdered.

Business Items

- updates to canons
- presentation of financial statements and budget
- election of lay and clergy reps to ANIC council

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Respectfully submitted

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Joy to the World!



This Christmas, be sure to sing out joyfully and vigorously the Christmas carols and hymns. You will be rejoicing in the GOOD NEWS of the Gospel found in the words you are singing. These hymns are a rich heritage and a rich resource of faith, and even a means of sharing the Gospel to a dark and needy world.

WHO IS JESUS?

He is God the creator! *“Lo, within a manger lies—He who built the starry skies;
He who throned in height sublime Sits amid the cherubim!”*

He is King! *“Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown, When thou camest to earth for me;”*

He is Lord! *“He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,”*

He is God Incarnate! *“We beheld (it is no fable), God Incarnate, King of bliss,
Swathed and cradled in a stable,”*

He is truly God! *“God of God, Light of light, Lo, he abhors not the virgin’s womb;
Very God, begotten, not created”*

WHY DID JESUS COME?

He came because of love! *“I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship, Should set his love upon the
sons of men, Or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers, To bring them back, they know not how
or when.”*

He came to save! *“Good Christian men, rejoice, With heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave; Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save!”*

He came to rescue sinners and bring peace. *“Hark! the herald angels sing, Glory to the new-born
King, Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled”*

born a Child and yet a King

HEARTS TO RECEIVE

You can pray while you sing. You can invite Jesus into your heart!

“Be near me Lord, Jesus, I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.”

“No ear may hear his coming; But in this world of sin, Where meek souls will receive him, still The dear Christ enters in.”

“O holy child of Bethlehem, Descend to us we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today. We hear the heavenly angels The great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel.”

“O come to my heart, Lord Jesus! There is room in my heart for thee.”

ENTERING IN TO WORSHIP

Sing and worship! Worship and Sing!

“O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord.”

“All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease.”

“Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of righteousness!”

“Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the new-born King!”

“Glorious now behold him arise, King, and God, and Sacrifice, Alleluia! Alleluia! Earth to the heavens replies.”

HEAVENLY GLORY

We will see Him in glory!

“And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love, For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.”

“Though an infant now we view him, He shall fill his Father’s throne, Gather all the nations to him; Every knee shall then bow down; Come and worship, Come and worship, Worship Christ, the new-born King.”

What a glorious Gospel! What wonderful Christmas hymns!

Eds.

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Hark, the glad sound!
The Saviour comes, The
Saviour promised long: Let
every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.

He comes, the prisoners to
release in Satan's bondage
held; The gates of brass before
him burst, The iron fetters
yield.

He comes the broken heart to
bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his
grace To bless the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of
Peace, Thy welcome shall
proclaim; And heaven's eternal
arches ring With thy beloved
Name.

Philip Doddridge 1738