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The cross is carried by (from left): Interfaith Housing Initiative members the Rev. John Gee, Tim Alexander (hidden from view), Housing Ambassador Mike Van Boom, Anglican Bishop Jane Alexander and Catholic archdiocese ecumenical relations coordinator Julien Hammond.

## Interfaith community walks together in transformation of our selves and our world

MARGARET MARSCHALL

Christ continues to be crucified today in victims of unjust structures, systems and practices. Recognizing this is happening throughout the world and right here in Edmonton, Diocese of Edmonton Bishop Jane Alexander and deacon the Rev. John Gee marked Good Friday, March 25

by participating in Edmonton's 36th Annual Outdoor Way of the Cross.

Carrying a large, wooden cross they, along with other members of the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative ([www.interfaithhousinginitiative.wordpress.com](http://www.interfaithhousinginitiative.wordpress.com)), led a procession of hundreds of people through Edmonton's

urban core. They read scripture, offered prayer and joined in song whilst making their way to the "End Poverty" station at the Bissell Centre – home to the office of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM) and the Emmanuel worship community.

"When we think of poverty in the context of the United Nations, we

think of the Global South, and rightly so. But we need to begin in our own back yard," said John Gee, calling attention to the first of 17 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals: to end poverty in all its forms everywhere.

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**O God, bring our nation and all nations to a sense of justice and equity, that poverty, oppression, and violence may vanish and all may know peace and plenty. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.**

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## Outdoor Way of the Cross cont.

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“Poverty is found in all parts of the city but is concentrated in certain neighbourhoods like this one,” said Bishop Jane Alexander.

The recent downturn in oil prices has highlighted the vulnerability of our province to economic factors beyond our control. When budgets have to be cut, the poor usually suffer the most. According to the most recent statistics, 12.3% of people in Edmonton live below the poverty line - approximately one in eight. Many jobs do not pay enough to avoid poverty even with full-time employment; 19.5% of all Edmonton workers earn less than \$15 per hour.

“We are tasked with walking alongside the poor, proclaiming by our words and by our actions that God is present,” said Bishop Jane. “We must bring our whole selves to this task, holding nothing back.” Reflecting on the Gospel of Luke, chapter 4, verse 18, she said, “To set free those who are broken to bits by life: this

was Jesus’ ministry and it is to be ours. Jesus shows us how the radical love of the incarnation is to be lived out. To have an active faith that asks questions such as ‘who is captive?’ or ‘what have I become blind to?’ or ‘who around me is broken?’”

In March, 2014 the City of Edmonton took the unprecedented step of starting a task force to eliminate – not manage or reduce, but eliminate – poverty in our city within a generation, said Bishop Jane, who along with Mayor Don Iveson, co-chairs the End Poverty Edmonton Task Force. The detailed strategy was approved unanimously by City Council in December.

“We don’t think it’s going to be easy, but we actually believe it’s possible,” she said.

We are called, as Anglicans and as Christians, to respond to human need with loving service and transform unjust structures of society ([www.anglican.ca/help/faq/marks-of-mission](http://www.anglican.ca/help/faq/marks-of-mission)).

## Edmonton diocese welcomes new treasurer

MARGARET MARSCHALL

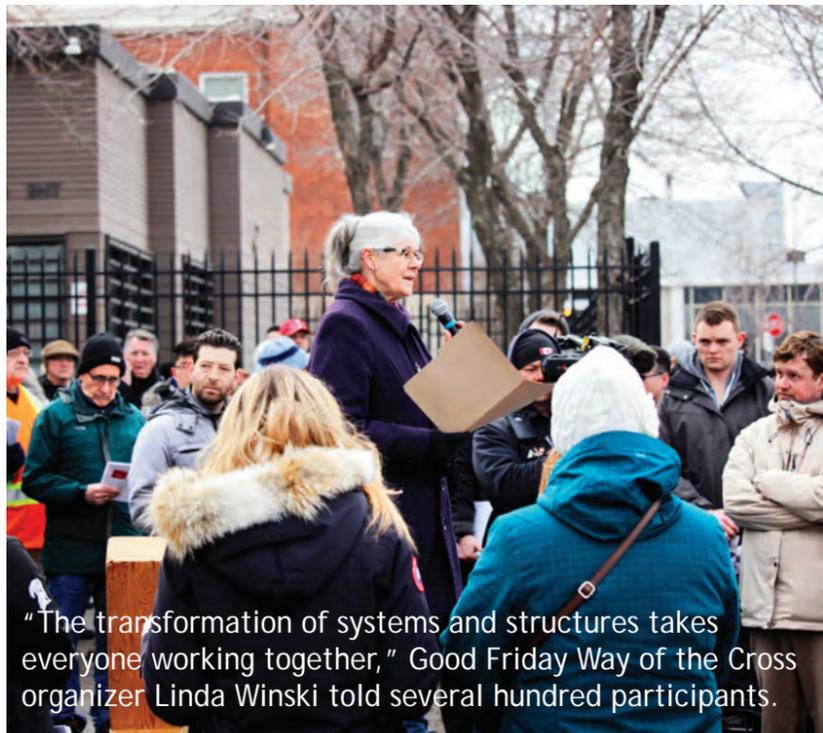
**B**ishop Jane Alexander has appointed the Rev. John Gee Treasurer of the Diocese of Edmonton, effective May 1, 2016. He will succeed Jeannette Madill, who is retiring on June 30, 2016, having served as diocesan treasurer since 2009.

Gee grew up in the Edmonton diocese, first at St. Mary’s and then at All Saints’ Cathedral. He attended St. John’s School

of Alberta. After studying business and law he worked as an administrator for non-profit agencies in Edmonton. Recently he completed his Master of Theological Studies in Urban and International Development at Wycliffe College, Toronto, did a practicum in the Diocese of Buyé, Burundi, and was ordained a vocational deacon. Since 2014 he has been the Community Development Facilitator for the Edmonton diocese.



The Rev. John Gee appointed Treasurer of the Diocese of Edmonton, effective May 1, 2016.



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“The transformation of systems and structures takes everyone working together,” said Way of the Cross organizer Linda Winski, who has participated in the walk for three decades. “As we

walk together, let us listen with open hearts and be open to the Spirit moving and speaking to us, calling us to personal transformation and collective action to transform our selves and our

world,” she said.

World leaders adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development at the United Nations Sustainable Development Summit on September 25, 2015. This includes a set of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030. The SDGs recognize that ending poverty must go hand-in-hand with strategies that build economic growth and address a range of social needs including education, health, social protection, and job opportunities, while tackling climate change and environmental protection ([www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals](http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals)).



Pictured from left: Majed Mardini, who came to Canada in December having fled civil war in Aleppo, Syria, carries the cross past Immigration Hall to the “Peace and Justice” station; Way of the Cross organizer Jim Gurnett with Interfaith Housing Initiative members John Gee and Mike Van Boom.

# Catholic label a commitment moreso than identity



BISHOP FRASER LAWTON  
Diocese of Athabasca

Some words have the power to provoke a passionate response from people, while other words have so many meanings they are powerless. Others lose their meaning altogether or become obsolete. This has always been so as languages and cultures shift and change. Sometimes words hang on for a long time because of their purpose.

As it turns out, some words also fit more than one category. I've had conversations with people who say they have a problem

with the word "catholic" in the creed, associating it solely with the Roman church. "Catholic" is an Anglicization from Greek as a technical term. Often it is summarized as referring to the "universal church" to help us express that, despite our human divisions and brokenness, there is only one church, meaning all of us who believe in Jesus. This, though, is a bit of an over-simplification. While these are true statements, "catholic" also includes the sense of what that church believes and how it lives. To be a part of the church includes being truly bound to Christ, truly bound to one another, and truly bound to the faith we've received. It is a commitment as much as an identity.

In many ways we seem to have an esoteric concept of the Catholic Church and catholic faith. That is part of the reason why partnerships

are so important: they help us better understand and experience the universality of the church by connecting with our sisters and brothers from other parts of the world who live the same faith in different cultures and environments. The process is underway to help broaden that experience for us in Athabasca by way of a visit from a delegation from the Diocese of Ibba. Please pray, as that visit is contingent on each person being issued



a visa from Canadian Immigration authorities. It is a process that can take some time, so the applications have already been initiated.

The visit offers us

more than an encounter with other Anglicans from another place and culture and language. It is also about us receiving something from God through them. Though they are "foreigners" to Canada, they are not foreigners to us. They are our family. They have a share in us, and we in them. Our prayerful desire is that they will join us in time for our diocesan conference in October. In addition to experiencing

and seeing some of our parishes and environment, we will invite them to speak and minister to us. It is a timely thing, as part of the focus of the conference is about being community.

Not only are we "catholic" in terms of our relationship with the people of Ibba, but in terms of our relationship with one another. "Catholic" isn't meant as a title to distinguish us from some other

expression of Christianity, but more particularly an expression of commitment to one another. That commitment is about sharing our lives with one another; of sharing the spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit expresses through us; of being faithful companions in the faith; of learning the faith and being true disciples. It is a commitment not to a neo-Christianity that is merely personal pickings from a smorgasbord of concepts and bits of theology that make us happy or comfortable. But to a robust and full embrace of the truth and the transforming presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

I suppose, then, that being uncomfortable with the descriptor "catholic" is understandable. Being truly catholic is costly. It is also the church God has given to us to be His family and to keep us in His ways.

The Lord be with you,  
+Fraser

## Athabasca bishop's working group on oil and gas industry

*Editor's Note: At the March 12 meeting of the Council of General Synod (CoGS), the Ven. Terry Leer, Archdeacon for Mission Development in the Diocese of Athabasca, made a presentation on the church's push toward divestment from fossil fuels. He noted that many people in the Athabasca diocese are employed in resource extraction. If the goal is to reduce use of fossil fuels, Leer said, attention must*

*be paid to consumption, not just production. Divestment closes doors to efforts within the resource industry itself to mitigate environmental impact. He argued that General Synod should pursue actions and pronouncements that affirm the church's care for Christians who work in the oil and gas industries ([www.anglican.ca/news](http://www.anglican.ca/news)).*

In January 2016, the Bishop of Athabasca, the

Rt. Rev Fraser Lawton, appointed a working group on the Oil and Gas Industry to provide advice on issues arising in the church's relationship to the oil and gas industry. The group consists of Stan Berry, Sharon Krushel, Ross Whitelaw, the Rev. Dane Neufeld and the Very Rev. Iain Luke (chair).

The working group made the following recommendations to Bishop

Fraser the Athabasca diocese and to the wider church:

a) to resist calls for divestment, to the extent that they distract from the real work of changing the demand for fuel production

b) to prefer socially responsible investment practices which engage with companies about their environmental impact, as a way of encouraging those whose work is environmental protection

c) to ensure that any national church action (or statement) on fossil fuel industries is preceded by direct consultation with church members involved in those industries, and

d) to continue further conversation within our diocese about the economic and environmental impact of resource extraction, especially in relation to indigenous communities.

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# Helping others attain the “ordinariness” of life

MARGARET MARSCHALL

**M**arion Bulmer has an extraordinary gift. She helps troubled people have ordinary lives. From young children to the elderly, Marion finds support for men, women and children for whom freedom is absent from daily reality.

Quality of life is important to Marion. Even as a child she demonstrated particular concern for the wellbeing of others and the world. Since 1979, this concern has led her to help as many as 70 people displaced by war and persecution find refuge in Alberta.

Marion began walking alongside people on the margins at the Bissell Centre in inner city Edmonton. After a year, she felt she lacked the skills needed to help people battling addictions in addition to homelessness. She served for eight years as the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) representative for the Edmonton diocese, and then, upon completion of the Education for Ministry (EfM) program, began to fully realize her gift to help people adjust to everyday life in a new country as they coped with the effects of post-war trauma.

First while attending Garneau United Church, later as a member of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Sherwood Park and finally as the founder of the Ecumenical Refugee Sponsorship Committee of Strathcona County, Marion has helped find homes for people from Vietnam, Cambodia, El Salvador, Kosovo, Somalia, Eritrea and Syria. She has managed to accomplish this while pursuing a career as a laboratory technician and homemaker, raising three children with her husband Tim.

“Teaching someone to cook or make a doctor's appointment has always come naturally to me,” says



St. Thomas parishioners Marion Bulmer (left) and Trish Downing share their story of refugee sponsorship with *The Messenger* at Common Ground Community Cafe in Sherwood Park.

Marion.

Many years ago, Marion helped a young Vietnamese family that did not speak a word of English adjust to their first night in a townhome. Since then, she has acquired a myriad of skills. Mentored by Peter Wightman, who was then a member of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton and is now on the St. Thomas Refugee Sponsorship Committee, she soon acquired the knowledge and know-how to assist prospective refugees in what can be a convoluted visa application process. In anticipation of welcoming new families, she coordinates teams of volunteers to secure housing, furniture and essential supplies. She helps new arrivals determine and meet their healthcare needs and adjust to the “ordinariness” of daily life. Many of the Syrian refugees have needed immediate dental care and she was able to find a local dentist willing to donate his service.

Members of Marion's church have been moved and inspired by her goodwill and deep sense of compassion. Fellow volunteer and St. Thomas parishioner Trish Downing nominated Marion for a community service award.

“I'm blown away by the amount of work she does,” says Trish.

When Trish and her husband Jim came to Canada

from the UK 34 years ago, they encountered many cultural differences. Biking had been the couple's main mode of transportation, but they soon found that here in Canada owning a car was practically a necessity. As a member of St. Thomas' Refugee Sponsorship Committee, Trish enjoys helping newcomers navigate the public transit system, find the nearest grocery store and even acquire bikes.

The Edmonton Mennonite Centre for Newcomers has accepted Marion's nomination, presenting her with the Community Leadership Award in the Non-Immigrant category at its annual RISE Awards Gala held on May 4th.

“We are very excited about this award. Marion has been a wonderful coordinator for our ecumenical group,” says the Rev. Steve London, rector of St. Thomas, Sherwood Park. “She has a handle on everything, coordinating drivers, calendars and everything else. She is very hands on and loves the work. She is a real joy to work with.”

When an extended family of 14 Syrians, including one man with a complicated medical condition, applied for sponsorship to Canada, Marion leaped into action, coordinating a team of 30 volunteers from six different churches, including her

home church of St. Thomas. She dedicated as many as 50 hours a week to preparing for the family's arrival in February. She assisted the ecumenical team in finding a cozy rental home in Ottewell - a bungalow so that the family would not have to carry the man with cerebral palsy up and down stairs.

The ecumenical sponsorship group, which was formed with a \$10,000 anonymous donation to St. Thomas church for refugee support, has raised more than \$23,000 and is working toward a goal of \$35,000. In addition, “my husband estimates that more than \$12,000 worth of in-kind labour has gone into making a home for the family,” says Marion.

Realizing that the Syrian children could not afford their school's regular hot lunch program, a lunch attendant offered to pay for their pizza. “If you give people an opportunity to help, they will,” says Marion.

Though sponsoring a large family can seem like a huge responsibility, Marion says that in some ways it requires less effort than sponsoring one or two people. The larger group acts as its own social support system, whereas an individual refugee might require more attention so as not to feel isolated and alone.

Marion is humbled by the recognition of her effort and says if anyone deserves an award it is her friend Gail Millard, refugee sponsorship coordinator for the Edmonton diocese. “We support each other,” says Marion, who often accompanies Gail on parish visits to provide encouragement

and awareness about the sponsorship process.

“Marion is the most selfless person I know,” says Gail. “And she is a powerhouse. She researches anything she needs to know about helping newcomers. Because of her, St. Thomas is sponsoring six families and working with two who have just arrived this year. I do not know how I would function without her help and guidance.”

“I feel really blessed that the church has supported me in this ministry,” says Marion. She adds that it would have been impossible to facilitate so many successful sponsorships without the support of St. Thomas and the ecumenical community, former Edmonton Bishop Victoria Matthews and current Bishop Jane Alexander who has ensured that the Edmonton diocese continue as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder.

“I applaud our government for bringing in 25,000 refugees and reinstating the Interim Federal Health Program, but it's been fast,” says Marion who practices centering prayer to keep up her energy level.

“Still, I would like parishes to have confidence in stepping out to sponsor a refugee, knowing that if they need help we're there for them. There has never been a time when we have not met our sponsorship obligation. Someone always steps up to help,” Marion says.

In a previous article for *The Messenger*, also published by the *Edmonton Journal*, Trish Downing shared the story of the Addullahi Abdi family, a father, mother and their five children. As Somalians born in Ethiopia, they were in danger every day of being jailed or killed. With St. Thomas's help the family, all but the youngest child who was left with her grandmother, came to Canada in February, 2015.

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# TRC “Calls to Action” invoke emotional response



FIONA BROWNLEE  
Aboriginal and Rural  
Communities Liaison

Last June as I was recovering from surgery, I watched by livestream over the internet the last national event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in Ottawa. As I lay on my couch, tears running down my face, I listened as the commissioners called on all Canadians to live out a life of reconciliation. I was so thankful to share their vision for Canada – a nation made stronger and richer by the first peoples of this country. It was reaffirmation

that I have responded appropriately to God’s call to live a life based on Jesus’ reconciliation with us.

When I returned to work I began to read the “94 Calls to Action” put forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. With care, I read each one from the viewpoint of a settler living in Canada, paying special attention to what, in particular, they were saying to me as a Christian Anglican. The “calls” gave me so much to think about and I will spend the next few months considering those that, in particular, concern the church. “Call to Action #46” starts out like this:

*We call upon the parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement to develop and sign a Covenant of Reconciliation that would identify principles for working collaboratively to advance reconciliation in Canadian society...*

This call outlines

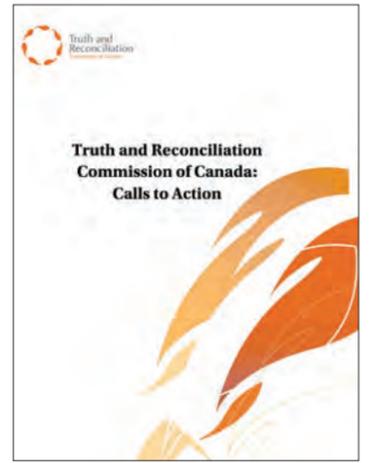
the prerequisites of this Covenant and some ideas for a working framework. One of the items is the repudiation of the concepts *Doctrine of Discovery* and *terra nullis*. While I was reading this I wondered how many Anglicans know about these concepts and what they mean for us now.

Recently, I heard the *Doctrine of Discovery* described as the idea, put forward by the Roman Catholic Church in the 16th Century, that any land not occupied by Christians could be claimed by European explorers. All lands in North and South America, in Africa and the Indian sub-continent were encompassed by this so-called doctrine of the church. It meant that governments in Europe could ‘claim’ as their own, lands already occupied by indigenous populations. It enabled the colonization and subjugation of those peoples. It set the course for so much to go wrong in Canada with

indigenous peoples for the next two centuries.

The term *terra nullis* is Latin for “empty land.” European explorers and eventually settlers saw the land that eventually became Canada as empty. In other words, it was theirs for the taking. There was no concern for the peoples already inhabiting the land from coast to coast to coast, many of whom had welcomed the new settlers by teaching them how to survive and thrive on the land.

At the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada in 2010, our church repudiated the *Doctrine of Discovery* and the concept of *terra nullis*. This monumental step forward is a strong foundation for us all, indigenous and settler alike, to build on the framework of reconciliation. As Anglicans and Canadians, we have begun to educate ourselves about the true history of our country.



94 “Calls to Action” were put forth by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, following their extensive work of listening to stories and probing the past regarding Canada’s treatment of indigenous peoples.

The more we learn, the more we are called to action as individuals and as parishes.

Neighbourly reconciliation begins with educating ourselves and talking with first nations folks who live in our communities. To learn more, contact me at [f.brownlee@edmonton.anglican.ca](mailto:f.brownlee@edmonton.anglican.ca)

# PWRDF helping world’s 19.5 million refugees



DOROTHY MARSHALL  
PWRDF Representative

We live on a farm two hours southeast of Edmonton. From an upstairs window you can almost see the roof of the closest neighbour’s place. You would have to travel several miles in other directions to see another house. Many days the traffic on our road consists of the school bus and its twice daily run, and the only noise we

hear outside is that of the livestock and the wild birds. I feel extremely blessed that God has planted me on this piece of His earth.

When I go to the city I am amazed to hear conversations from neighboring yards as I visit family in their homes. I am surprised that you can smell the barbecue suppers roasting down the block. But what if you lived in a place where, as a matter of course, you were privy to intimate conversations through adjoining tent walls? Consider what life would entail if you spent sleepless nights trying to avoid loud snoring from a neighbour who slept just feet away from you in the next tent? I imagine that this is what it must be like for people living in refugee camps.

Refugee camps have been a reality at least as far back as 1948 when the state

of Israel was established and Palestinians fled to the West Bank; three generations have grown up in those “temporary” camps in the last 65 years. There are refugee camps in many countries, the largest one being at Dadaab, Kenya. That camp crams 332,000 people in a facility built to house 90,000, and we cannot imagine what life must be like for those people.

According to the UN Refugee Agency, in 2015 there were 60 million forcibly displaced people on earth, 19.5 million of them being considered refugees. These numbers are staggering and the enormity of the situation is overwhelming. What can one person do to make a difference? One thing we can do is support the recent influx of Syrian refugees welcomed into Canada. The Primates World Relief



Two youth examine the fish they are farming in the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya.

and Development Fund, on behalf of Canadian Anglicans, has provided support to people forced to flee their homes in war-torn Syria. Since 2012, PWRDF has worked with partners in Syria, Jordan, Egypt and Lebanon to provide food, water, shelter and healthcare to people in camps.

PWRDF also does great work in camps in other areas, such as the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya. This

camp was opened in 1992 and was designed to hold 70,000 refugees. It now houses over 180,000 people from 14 nations, many of them having lived there for decades. The isolation, frustration, depression, poverty, and lack of opportunity in a camp like Kakuma led to a myriad of social problems.

The good news is that, since the camp’s inception, PWRDF and its partners have provided healthcare support and are helping people become self-sufficient. Even as a refugee, Burundian fisherman Noah Errambona wanted to practice his profession. With support, he now leads a group of 12 entrepreneurial fellow refugees from Burundi and Dabar to run a fish farm in three ponds they have built.

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## Ecumenical celebration of Cuban heritage and Christian faith

MARY GISLASON  
All Saints', Athabasca

**A**s an ecumenical congregation gathered at All Saints' Anglican Church, Athabasca on March 4th, they were welcomed with a handmade white butterfly jasmine flower, the National Flower of Cuba.

In Athabasca, as in approximately 2,000 communities across Canada, various Christian churches take turns hosting the World Day of Prayer. Originated in 1922 by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada the movement is today observed in more than 170 countries worldwide. The 2016



WDP offerings are prayers in action, supporting project grants to benefit women and children in need around the world.

liturgy was prepared by the prayer committee of Cuba.

The local program was organized by All Saints' Church Council members Mary Lou Newberry, Jean Golonka, Judy Edwards, Karen Bradfield and the Rev. Christobel Lines. Parishioners and clergy from different Athabasca churches, including United and Roman Catholic, joined together in prayer. The Rev. Lines led a service centered on the Word of God and accentuated by Cuban expressions of faith, the fruits and vegetables of Cuba and reflections on visiting Cuba.

Some of the uplifting and joyful hymns were "Let Us Build a House (All Are Welcome)," "Mothers of Salem," "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" and "Love Lifted Me."

The evening concluded with a lunch prepared by the All Saints' Church ladies. While feasting, attendees contemplated the improved

relations between the United States and Cuba and the affect this new relationship will have on Cuban society.

In the 1990s, the Cuban Constitution granted religious freedom. Today there is considerable growth in Christian congregations, some of which survived thanks to the effort of extraordinary women who occupied leadership positions.



Members of All Saints' Athabasca Church Council host the World Day of Prayer 2016 service.

In most Cuban congregations, women are pastors, missionaries, nuns and laywomen. Many are ordained to holy ministry and have high-level responsibilities, such as the episcopacy of the Anglican or Episcopal Church of Cuba and the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Various Seminaries have had women deans. There is also a movement of women theologians that has been outstanding in the life of the church in Cuba.

Of the Cuban faith traditions, the most deeply rooted religion is Christianity, in its diverse manifestations. The Roman Catholic Church, which now has over 600 churches across the country, arrived with Spanish colonization in the 15th Century. The second half of the 19th Century saw the arrival of various protestant and evangelical churches, which now include over 60 denominations ranging from the more historic like Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopal and Baptist to the Pentecostal, Neo-Pentecostal and Orthodox Churches.

There is great popular acceptance of Afro-Cuban religions, which have their roots in the religiosity brought and cultivated by enslaved Africans. In a process of safeguarding their spirituality, the slaves produced a religious syncretism with colonial Catholicism, causing religions with African characteristics to survive until the present day.

Islam, Judaism, Spiritualism and New Christian Religious Movements with fundamentalist tendencies are also present in Cuba, albeit in lesser proportions ([www.wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/world-day-of-prayer-2016-cuba](http://www.wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/world-day-of-prayer-2016-cuba)).



The WDP 2016 logo is the design of artist Ruth Mariet Trueba Castro, a member of the Methodist Church in Jaimanita, Habana, Cuba. She is currently coordinating the Liturgical Renewal Program of the Cuban Council of Churches.

## Haub brothers' baptism incites joy in Athabasca

MARY GISLASON  
All Saints', Athabasca

**T**he joyful baptism of Kyler and Kayden Haub was held at All Saints' Anglican Church on February 28, 2016.

Kyler and Kayden, together with their parents Dustin and Santana, were welcomed into the family of Christ and into the parish of All Saints' and St. Alban's in Athabasca.

It was a delightful and especially moving service led by the

Rev. Clive Scheepers.

No doubt, the Haub family was well supported by their many relatives in attendance. At the end of the service two lit candles, to be relit on special occasions such as the children's birthdays, were presented to the parents and relatives, who also received bibles from the parish.

A cake celebrating the children's special day, beautifully decorated by the family, was enjoyed during the post-service luncheon.



Clive Scheepers, rector of All Saints', Athabasca, baptizes infant Kayden Haub and his brother Kyler.

# World Day of Prayer 2016



MARGARET MARSCHALL

The Anglican Parish of Christ Church hosted the 2016 World Day of Prayer Service for central Edmonton on March 4.

As women from Christ Church and neighbouring Robertson-Wesley

United Church participated in the service, they paid tribute to the women of Cuba by carrying maracas, bongos, cassavas and sweet potatoes to a small altar draped in white. The liturgy, "Receive Children. Receive Me," was beautifully written by the

World Day of Prayer Committee of Cuba. A selection of prayers and scripture poignantly conveyed the witness and experience of being Cuban and Christian.

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**The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement that brings Christians of many traditions together to observe a common day of prayer each year on the first Friday of March.**

**The day has its origins in the 19th Century, when Christian women in North America started to be involved in missions at home and in other parts of the world. Today in Canada, the World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.**

## Faith, hope, and action to end poverty

MARGARET MARSCHALL

On the feast day of Christian missionary St. Patrick, two ministries known for providing nourishment and hospitality came together on Treaty Six land in the community hub of PrayerWorks Common to offer heaping plates of beef stew and biscuits topped off with a generous serving of hope.

In the church hall next to the sanctuary shared by St. Faith and St. Stephen the Martyr parishes, where weekly meals are a regular source of nourishment for struggling inner city residents, ACW ladies and their families served more than 150 traditional Irish dinners. With stomachs full, many guests stayed to hear about how the city of Edmonton is working to ensure everyone has enough to eat.

"We must have hope that we can move people out of poverty into a life that we would accept as dignified and nothing less," said the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton in her post dinner address.

John Campbell, Chair of the Inner City Pastoral Ministry (ICPM) Board, welcomed Bishop Jane to the ICPM Annual General Meeting to share her passion for social justice. Speaking on behalf of the End Poverty Edmonton Task Force, which she co-chairs with Mayor Don Iveson, Bishop Jane said all Edmontonians deserve to live with dignity and that every child is entitled to adequate food, shelter and educational opportunities.

"I believe with all my heart that

God refuses to leave us locked within a single chapter in our lives," she said, outlining the key points of the task force strategy, a bold initiative to lift people out of poverty, approved unanimously by City Council in December.

Not even during the period of the Great Depression and Dirty Thirties, when levels of unemployment and poverty reached pandemic levels, would people have imagined a time when more than 100,000 adults and 30,000 children would be living in poverty in our city," said Bishop Jane. She came face to face with poverty as a school teacher in England. "I noticed that one of my students, a little boy, was frequently absent from class. When I asked him why that was, his response was 'it wasn't my turn to wear the shoes, miss.'"

In March 2015 nearly 15,000 people were served by the Edmonton Food Bank. Yet, "when it was started 30 years ago do you think people thought it would be around forever? No way," she said.

Recognizing that Alberta spends \$7 to 9 billion every year trying to manage poverty, the task force has adopted a proactive response, suggesting that not only is it a social responsibility to eliminate poverty within 30 years, it is a major economic benefit.



Dorothy Delorme, a long-time member of the Emmanuel worship community at the Bissell Centre, presents Bishop Jane Alexander with a hand-crafted dreamcatcher.

As the poverty elimination strategy continues to unfold, an integral part of the information gathering process involves listening to the voices of people living below the poverty line. Bishop Jane highlighted six "game changers" the task force identified as making a significant difference to individuals and families struggling with poverty: eliminate racism, livable incomes, affordable housing, accessible and affordable transit, affordable and quality child care, access to mental health services and addictions supports.

Before her invitation to serve on the Mayor's Task Force two years ago, Bishop Jane says she was embarrassed that she and her faith community had not been more vocal about speaking out against injustice. She has great hope for a toolkit being developed by the Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative to

give the faith community suggestions for taking action to end poverty. It is our belief as Christians, after all, to "care for the stranger" (Matthew 25).

To date, more than 4,000 people have counted themselves in as part of the solution, becoming EndPovertyEdmonton Ambassadors to help build a strong economic and social legacy for our children and grandchildren.

Bishop Jane gave thanks for the ministry of Pastor Rick Chapman, and the ecumenical ICPM team

who address the needs of the most vulnerable people in the city by being present alongside them to offer prayer, guidance and a listening ear.

Since 1978, ICPM has provided pastoral care in Edmonton's Boyle-McCauley neighbourhoods. Only five minutes north of the downtown business district, this area is home to the city's poorest population (A Profile of Poverty in Edmonton, Edmonton Social Planning Council). ICPM endeavours to give voice to the victims of social injustice by walking alongside them and guiding them to appropriate support agencies.

Pastor Rick leads the worship Community of Emmanuel at the Bissell Centre where Sunday lunch is provided with the help of 80 Edmonton churches.

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# Youth responds to community need with faith-based action

## THE 5 MARKS OF MISSION:

1. To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
3. To respond to human need by loving service
4. To transform unjust structures of society, challenge violence of every kind and pursue peace and reconciliation
5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth



Vowing to seek and serve Christ in all persons, Moia Calkins, a member of St. Paul's, Edmonton, is one of six young adults confirmed by Bishop Jane Alexander.

SYDNEY CARON  
Youth Ministry Leader St. Paul/St. Timothy, Edmonton

Since September 2015, the youth of St. Paul's and St. Timothy's has met on Monday nights to study the 5 Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion. Focusing on the Marks of Mission has given us a better understanding of our calling, purpose and hope rooted in faith-based action.

This spring, as we strive to live out our faith through action-based, experiential learning, our focus is on the 3rd Mark: "To respond to human need by loving service." During this time we will welcome several guest speakers from the community. Each guest is someone who works to provide services that meet the vast amount of human need in Edmonton. As we expand our definition and understanding of human need, the youth closely examine their own needs, the needs of the vulnerable and the needs of the greater community. It is our hope that a greater awareness of ways to connect with God's people will enable us to provide loving service and encourage an attitude of gratitude and giving.

In May, we will head out into nature to explore a variety of ministries and community service opportunities. Shifting our focus to

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We are a mission of the Diocese of Edmonton, **helping Christ be seen** more clearly in libraries, lecture halls and students' **daily lives.**

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If you are unable to attend this year, please consider making a donation at [AnglicanStudentMinistry.ca](http://AnglicanStudentMinistry.ca)



Bishop Jane Alexander confirmed six young adults at St. Paul's, Edmonton on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The class will continue to meet with St. Paul's/St. Timothy's youth ministry leader Sydney Caron over the next two months. They will complete an act of community service as they seek to boldly live out their faith. Pictured with rector Michael Williamson and Bishop Jane are the confirmands (from left): Susan Heritage, Moia Calkins, Paige Morgan, Aiden Schurek and Leonard Zasedko.

the 5th Mark: "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the Earth," will lead us into a time of growth and deeper understanding and connection to God's Creation.

In similar theme, the newly confirmed group of young people at St. Paul's, including five youth/young adults, is now working together to plan an event, take part in an activity or host a scripture

study group. Together we will gain an understanding of the need for physical, practical, and people-based service that we may fully experience and share our faith and love. Confirmation classes have provided candidates with an opportunity to examine the roots of their faith, to test the strength of their foundation and come before God seeking guidance and direction.

## Oil and gas continued

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"Our response to the call for divestment is grounded in our concern for neighbours, friends, family, church and community members who work in these industries," said the Very Rev. Iain, Dean of Athabasca, in a statement on behalf of the Bishop's Working Group on Oil & Gas Industry. "Particularly at a time when many are anxious for their livelihoods, in oil and gas companies but also in the communities where they are the main employers, our church's capacity to offer credible pastoral care has already been undermined by the perception that we are allied with the economic forces hostile to people's employment."

"At the same time, we are confronted with the irony that we share the basic commitment which

appears to motivate the advocates of divestment. The Fifth Mark of Mission, striving 'to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth,' finds no less resonance here in northern Alberta, where people of all cultures live in and on the land, enjoying and appreciating its beauty, abundance, sensitivity, and wholeness. Within our diocese, this attitude can be seen quite clearly in the many people who work in and support the environmental protection efforts of oil and gas companies, as well as those who are critical of failures in those efforts and advocate for stronger regulatory structures."

For a copy of the "Bishop's Working Group on Oil & Gas Industry" statement, email: [dioath@telusplanet.net](mailto:dioath@telusplanet.net).



**A Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction in support of the Anglican Educational Chaplaincy**

University of Alberta Faculty Club  
11435 Saskatchewan Dr,  
Edmonton, AB

Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

5:30pm Cocktails  
6:00pm Dinner

75\$

# Winter weekend of cattail hijinx and geocaching

DR. MARK ARMSTRONG  
Director, Diocese of Edmonton  
Winter Camp

Youth and leaders from the Edmonton diocese embarked on a winter camping adventure in the depths of February. The effects of El Nino and a mild winter put the average weekend temperature right around zero.

After the search for a missing sled and completing check-in with the Strathcona Wilderness Centre we made our way down the trails – darkness already descending. Two of our campers, Adam Walker and Jory Lepine, carried the cook stove along the path, and another leader the Rev. Heather Liddell, assistant curate at Holy Trinity, Edmonton, brought the propane. One of our leaders, Chris Pilon, the REACH Community Engagement Worker from All Saints' Cathedral, built a campfire and we huddled around for warmth before sorting through our supplies and equipment.

Everyone pitched in to prepare dinner and we welcomed the company of Sharon Pasula, Oskâpêwis/Indigenous Cultural & Educational Helper, who dropped by for a visit. After time around the campfire, we headed out for a starlit walk before returning for compline. We bundled up in preparation for bunking down for the night in two unheated cabins. A few of our

campers found sleeping conditions too chilly and went home on Saturday. For those who persevered, adjustments were made and we were warm and toasty the second night.

Saturday began with a hearty pancake breakfast prepared by Dan Helm, followed by sledding and games. Much to our delight, Bishop Jane was our guest for lunch. Jon Spaner led a discussion about ecojustice and the connection between our world's growing population and the depletion of natural resources.

Then it was play time and we hiked down to and across Bennett Lake. We learned cattails make great puff-bombs and discovered muskrat lodges among the reeds. With the sun shining down, trees beckoned to be climbed and snowmen to be tackled. Saturday night we acted out and shared some bible stories about home and homelessness, ate dinner and finished the evening enjoying banana boats around the campfire.

Sunday was a warm, sunny day – ideal conditions for searching for (and finding) a geocache in the park. Lunch was cooked over the campfire in shirtsleeves. Then, all too soon, it was time for the closing eucharist, our final campsite activity. We hauled out our gear, packed up the vehicles and headed back to the city. We returned home tired and suffused with the smell of woodsmoke.



<p>August 6-12, 2016</p>	<p>Junior High Youth</p>	
<p>Deadline June 30th</p>	<p>Registration Open</p>	<p>Financial assistance available</p>

[www.edmonton.anglican.org/ministries/youth/base-camp](http://www.edmonton.anglican.org/ministries/youth/base-camp)

From top: Dan Helm and Amy Pretorius make their way through the cattails; campers and leaders warm up around the campfire with Bishop Jane; Heather Liddell cozy in a fur hat and hug from Bishop Jane; sledders Jory Lepine and Adam Walker navigate a sharp turn; beautiful day for a wiener roast; chillin' in a muskrat lodge.

Calling all Cooks, Counsellors and Lifeguards: the Edmonton Diocese is Recruiting Leaders for Base Camp 2016, Aug 6-12. Interested? Email: [marmstro@ualberta.ca](mailto:marmstro@ualberta.ca)



# BUYE HOSPITAL PROJECT

SANDRA ARBEAU

ACW Board President, Diocese of Edmonton

The diocesan ACW board and members are seeking support for a project to supply new beds, mattresses, sheets and blankets for the soon to be renovated maternity ward in Buyé diocese.

With funding from the REACH Campaign and PWRDF, improvements to the Buyé hospital are scheduled for completion by July. We are aiming

to raise \$15,600 to equip the ward with 30 beds and mattresses, 60 sheets and 60 blankets.

It is my understanding that the hospital in Buyé, situated just down the road from All Saints' Cathedral, was built in 1940 and is in desperate need of renovation and expansion. In the April issue of *The Messenger*, John Gee, Community Development Facilitator for the Edmonton diocese, gives a shocking

description of conditions of the maternity ward. Approximately 5,400 women from the three surrounding municipalities give birth in the hospital each year. As a result, the maternity ward is tremendously overcrowded. Often two expectant mothers are forced to share the same bed. Rooms designed to hold four beds currently contain 10, allowing little privacy. There is only one delivery room and it is not uncommon for more than one woman to give birth at a time in the same delivery room. The operating room used for caesarean-

section deliveries is not properly isolated from the rest of the unit, resulting in an increased risk of infection. The walls of the hospital are cracked and the roof leaks. We as mothers, grandmothers, fathers, grandfathers and husbands would not accept our daughters or granddaughters delivering children under such conditions.

Funding from our diocese and PWRDF will help double the size of the ward from three rooms to six. There will be a second delivery room and separate rooms for women who have had c-sections and complications of pregnancy. The walls and ceiling of the existing building will be repaired, modern windows installed and the roof and sidewalk replaced.

Approximately \$520 (including the cost of shipping) is needed for a new bed and mattress set and bedding – a realistic goal if we work together to raise funds, perhaps by holding a parish fundraiser or taking up a special collection on one or more Sundays. At the four regional meetings and our ACW Annual Meeting in May, we will request donations for this worthy cause. Let us work together to love our neighbours as ourselves and help give expectant mothers in Buyé a better quality of life.

For information about how to donate, please contact Sandra Arbeau at [arbeausg@outlook.com](mailto:arbeausg@outlook.com) or call 587-920-9199.

## Quiet Day facilitated by Sisters of St. John the Divine

GEN ASHWELL and BETH-ANNE EXHAM

Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD) members, Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas (right), Reverend Mother, and Sr. Susanne Prue, pictured with Canon Maureen Crerar (center) spent an inspiring weekend in the Edmonton diocese, March 4-6.



Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas, SSJD Rev. Mother, leads a reflection on God's transforming love.

Nearly 20 ladies attended a Quiet Day led by the sisters at Christ Church, Edmonton. It was originally planned for All Saints' Cathedral, but was relocated to accommodate the state funeral for former Alberta Premier Don Getty.

Beginning and ending the Quiet Day in prayer, participants reflected on God's transforming love and some people, including Sr. Elizabeth, shared life-changing events. Canon Maureen Crerar, interim priest at St. Timothy's, Edmonton, officiated at the noon eucharist.

The sisters introduced the new SSJD Companions Program ([www.ssjdcompanions.org](http://www.ssjdcompanions.org)) set to begin this fall, providing firsthand knowledge about what life is like in their Toronto convent. The Companion program invites women between the ages of 22



From left: Sr. Susanne Prue, the Rev. Canon Maureen Crerar and Sr. Elizabeth Rolfe-Thomas.

and 40 to spend a year living in God's rhythm. At St. George's, Edmonton on Sunday, the sisters talked about the challenges and joys of living in Christian community.

It is tradition for SSJD associates residing in the Edmonton diocese to begin Lent and Advent each year with a quiet day. Everyone is welcome.

## WDP 2016 central Edmonton service continued

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Music for the service was chosen and played on the piano by United Church member Margery Wright. Recalling the "warmth and friendliness" of Cuban people, Janet Clark, a member of Robertson-Wesley, described a two-week trip to Cuba six years ago as an "absolute rich time." Donna Krucik, also a member of Robertson-Wesley, gave an interesting history of Cuba, a country visited annually by more than one million Canadians.

Following the service, the congregation enjoyed a light lunch served with coffee and limonada. Cuban families often welcome their visitors with a cup of very strong, fragrant coffee, served in small cups with sugar.



Pictured from left: Rebecca Wright, a member of Robertson-Wesley and Spirit West United churches, and the Rev. Susan Oliver, rector of Christ Church Anglican Parish, give voice to two Cuban women; Robertson-Wesley member Janet Clark describes her experience in Cuba as an "absolute rich time;" Donna Krucik shares the lively history of the Republic of Cuba.



## East Edmonton Parishes Unite for Easter Vigil

THE REV. CAMERON BURNS  
Rector of St. David, Edmonton

Four east Edmonton Anglican parishes joined together Saturday, March 26th to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter during Holy Week. Members of the parishes of St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, St. David's, and St. Augustine of Canterbury gathered outside St. Patrick's Anglican Church in Mill Woods to share in the lighting of the new fire.

Led by representative clergy and laity of the parishes, more than 50 attendees joined in singing, prayer, reflection on the word of God and sacrament. This year marked the seventh consecutive time that parishes in east Edmonton have joined together for the vigil service, each taking turns as the host parish. Past celebrations have included the parishes of St. George's and St. Luke's, as well as the chaplaincy of the University of Alberta.



Top: the parishes of St. Patrick's, St. Mary's, St. David's and St. Augustine of Canterbury gather together for a joint Easter Vigil Service. Bottom: the Rev. John Gee (deacon and diocesan treasurer) and the Rev. Jonathan Crane (rector of St. Augustine's) light the paschal candle.

## Easter celebrated with baptism and sunrise service

DONNA GAUTHIER  
Theological Student-in-Charge  
St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake

St. John the Evangelist church in Cold Lake had a very blessed Easter Day. We started our day with a beautiful sunrise service at

the lake, followed by a potluck breakfast at the hall. After our time of fellowship we worshipped together in the church, celebrating that Christ is risen! We were also blessed to have the Ven. Alan Perry, executive archdeacon of the diocese, and his wife Noel Yuen join us for the baptism of our newest parishioner Talia Walter.



From top left: Derek Walter and Marla Haring hold their infant daughter Talia Walker next to theological student-in-charge Donna Gauthier and executive archdeacon Alan Perry. Talia was baptized by the Ven. Alan Perry on Easter morning. Top right: Donna Gauthier leads a sunrise Easter service on the shores of Cold Lake. Right: The parish shared a buffet breakfast after their sunrise service.



## Easter Basket Blessings



Noah and Miriam Crane present baskets of Easter Eggs and Paska Bread to be blessed by their father the Rev. Jonathan Crane on Easter Sunday morning at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton.

## Palms Crafted with Care



Hand-crafted palm trees from burlap and umbrellas by members of St. Saviour's, Vermilion help transform the church sanctuary into Ancient Judea for Palm Sunday celebrations. Submitted by the Rev. Mark Murray

## Ending poverty cont.

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Enjoying a hearty plate of Irish Stew.

Through ICPM, a church service called Standing Stones, which honours the Cree tradition and the gospel teachings, is celebrated once a month in response to the needs of indigenous people.

In appreciation of Bishop Jane's leadership and the hope she inspires, Dorothy Delorme, a long-time member of the Emmanuel worship community at the Bissell Centre and a residential school survivor, presented her with a handcrafted dreamcatcher.

To read the task force strategy and to join the movement to end poverty, visit:

[www.endpovertyedmonton.ca](http://www.endpovertyedmonton.ca)

For information about supporting the work of ICPM, visit [www.icpmedmonton.ca/wp](http://www.icpmedmonton.ca/wp)

# Spring brings change to synod office

MARGARET MARSCHALL

This spring, three members of the synod office staff of the Edmonton diocese are transitioning to new phases of their careers and lives.

At the time of publication, multi-tasking office administrative assistant Rochelle Nieuwenhuis will have already pedaled across the North Saskatchewan river to her a new full-time role as team lead at the Neighbour Centre. Her ability to help out in any situation and the respect, care and concern she shows each and every person will be a great asset as she provides support and encouragement to neighbours struggling with poverty and homelessness. With her knowledge of numbers, Rochelle was instrumental in keeping the REACH Campaign running smoothly, and she transformed the look of The Messenger with a creative eye.

We are pleased to announce that, as of May 3, Shelly King has joined our diocesan team as part-time office administrative assistant. Shelly practiced and taught broadcast journalism in southern Alberta and her background in communications, as well as the Anglican Church, will be a great blessing to the synod office. She recently moved back to Canada from the United Kingdom when her husband Richard became rector of St. Luke's, Edmonton.

On June 10, calm, collected and



Members of the Diocese of Edmonton Synod Office as pictured in April (l to r): director of communications Margaret Marschall, retiring treasurer Jeannette Madill, secretary to synod Canon Barbara Burrows, bishop's assistant Charis St. Pierre, treasurer John Gee, office administrative assistant Rochelle Nieuwenhuis, executive archdeacon Alan Perry and oskâpêwis/indigenous cultural & educational helper Sharon Pasula. Missing from picture: Bishop Jane Alexander.

Photo: Bernaie Read

organized Charis St. Pierre, personal assistant to Bishop Jane Alexander, will swap her office computer and desk-diary for a baby monitor and diapers. She and her husband Josh are preparing for parenthood, expecting their first child in time for summer stroller walks in the park.

Speaking of the end of June, as you may have read on page 2, financial slugger and diocesan treasurer Jeannette Madill will be trading in her lunchtime bagels and oranges for ginger beer on her back

porch. Jeannette is retiring from her book-keeping and employee wellbeing duties to spend more time cheering on the Jays. Our new treasurer the Rev. John Gee has yet to sport a jersey at the office. Whether he plans to regale us with tales of east coast road trips, as his predecessor did, remains to be seen.

We wish our friends and colleagues well and look forward to getting to know their successors as we work together to further God's kingdom.

## Ordinariness of life continued

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No longer fearing persecution, they have been able to learn English, find jobs and attend school. Hamdi, the mother of the family, said that coming to Canada has given her "the freedom to live. I will never forget what has been done for us," she said.

"Refugee sponsorship has added to my own life in many ways," says Marion. "It has enabled me to see glimpses of a different world and I have made dear friends." Eleven years ago, she helped a young Somali woman living in Turkey come to Canada. They formed a lasting friendship and Marion was present for the birth of Fatma's first child.

You can learn more about refugee sponsorship at [www.edmonton.anglican.org](http://www.edmonton.anglican.org) or by emailing coordinator Gail Millard at [gmillard1946@gmail.com](mailto:gmillard1946@gmail.com)

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Through this project they raise a variety of fish to feed their families and sell to other refugees. This innovative community project benefits the entire camp. The ponds provide water for the crops of refugees who are farming in the camp. Other groups of refugees are raising chickens, and the chicken droppings feed the growing fish. This empowers people like Noah to improve their lives as well as the conditions in the camp in general. This brings hope to refugees, and is helping to lessen the problems of alcoholism, sexually-based violence and depression.

If you would like to support this important work, you can do so on our website at [www.PWRDF.org](http://www.PWRDF.org) or you can donate through your church envelopes. If you are interested in becoming a representative of the PWRDF in your parish, contact your rector or Dorothy Marshall by email at [camfarm@syban.net](mailto:camfarm@syban.net).

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Parish websites

- Peace River: [www.stjamespr.org](http://www.stjamespr.org)
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