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"YOUR LIVES WERE STOLEN. I FEEL FOR YOU. I WEEP FOR YOU. YOUR VOICES WILL BE HEARD. YOUR STORIES WILL BE TOLD. WE WILL NOT FORGET YOU."



Photo: Roy Glidden

From February until March, the extraordinary strength, courage and resilience of Aboriginal and Métis women were revealed through a creative project of acknowledgement, remembrance, understanding and reconciliation. Hundreds of people became part of the public art installation "Ni wapataenan" (Michif for "We See"), curated by Diocese of Edmonton Priest-in-Mission and Métis woman Lori Calkins. With the help of Bleeding Heart Art Space Director Dave Von Bieker and a large team of artistic collaborators, Calkins transformed an empty field, located next to St. Faith and St. Stephen the Martyr Anglican Churches on Alberta Avenue in Edmonton, with the red dresses from the travelling residential school exhibit at All Saints' Cathedral. Snow and ice melting beneath their feet, "We See" participants gathered around spires of red dresses and an unskirted tipi. Together they sang, drummed, and prayed for Canada's 1,200 missing and murdered indigenous woman. Across the street at the Bleeding Heart studio, the beauty of indigenous women, the lifeblood of families, was portrayed with vibrant colour strokes by multidisciplinary Cree artist Lana Whiskeyjack (pictured above singing the "Strong Woman Song" with Darlene Auger and sisters Camille and Jocelyn Louis) in her art exhibit "KĀ-KATAWASISICIK ISKWĒWAK" (Woman Who are Beautiful). Pictures continued on page 2.



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## Intersection of faith, life and art



"We want the stories of these women to be told and not forgotten," said Stephen Neuman at "We See" with his daughter Hope. "They are my daughter's stories, too." At right: Lori Calkins at the opening of "We See." Watch the May issue of *The Messenger* for full story.

## Children are the change - Cathedral exhibit on residential schools inspires elementary students to reconciliation



Canon Barbara Burrows (left) visits grade 6 student Aja Arshad's Truth and Reconciliation display, part of the "Resistance, Resilience and Reconciliation of First Nations, Metis and Inuit Peoples in Canada" presentation at Garneau School. In the fall of 2015, the class made a field trip to the residential school exhibit at All Saints' Cathedral.



Cree elder Wilson Bearhead and his wife Truth and Reconciliation educator Charlene Bearhead (right). Garneau School Grade 5/6 Teacher Jessica MacKay (center) invited Wilson to help teach her class and took her students to visit the TRC Exhibit at All Saints' Cathedral. A display illustrating the systemic discrimination against indigenous peoples in the Indian Act of 1876.



MARGARET MARSCHALL

A field trip to All Saints' Cathedral for a special exhibit on residential schools was a significant step in a transformational learning journey for an elementary class from Garneau School.

Last fall, between Thanksgiving Weekend and Remembrance Day, more than 2,000 people viewed "Truth and Reconciliation: A Special Exhibit on the Legacy of the Residential Schools." A travelling exhibit, it brings to light the 262-year relationship between the Anglican Church and Canada's indigenous people from 1753 to the present day.

A collection from the National Church archives

was grouped into five sections: Beginning, Truth, Apology, Healing and Reconciliation. It originated at St. James Cathedral in Toronto and was brought to Edmonton by Bishop Jane Alexander in a spirit of healing and understanding. A team of volunteers, led by curator Canon Barbara Burrows and members of Indigenous Ministries of the Diocese of Edmonton contributed local information and artifacts from the Edmonton diocese and surrounding area. Red dresses were displayed throughout the Cathedral to remember and honour the more than 1,200 missing and murdered aboriginal woman.

Among several

Edmonton schools accepting Canon Burrows' invitation to visit the exhibit was Jessica MacKay's grade 5/6 class from Garneau School. MacKay, or Jesse as the students call her, recognized a wonderful opportunity for students in the Child Study Centre alternative program to further engage in learning about the true history of indigenous peoples

in Canada. As part of a unit on democracy, the students had recently taken part in the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, discovering the effects of colonization and the connection between voting, governance and legislation. Field trips to the Cathedral and the Amiskwaciy Academy (Cree high school) helped Jesse introduce and engage her students in the "Resistance, Resilience and Reconciliation of First Nations, Metis and Inuit (FNMI) Peoples in Canada."

Keeping an open mind and open heart, Jesse found unique ways to help each student discover the FNMI-related topic of most interest to them. She invited Elder Wilson Bearhead to share his wisdom and traditional teachings with her class.

"The first time we met Wilson he sang with us and played his drum while we danced... His gentle, loving nature pervaded all of his interactions with us," said Jesse. "He quietly mentioned that some of the classes he visited had room for the students to sit in a sharing circle – a message for me to make space. We got to work removing most of the 27 desks..."

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# Walking a path of holiness



**BISHOP JANE ALEXANDER**  
Diocese of Edmonton

Since coming back from the Holy Land I have had an opportunity to reflect and pray about what I saw and most of all about the incarnation of Jesus Christ. I think that the deepest reflections came when walking through and reflecting upon the scriptural events leading up to Jesus' passion and death and then following into Emmaus and Galilee for resurrection stories.

I think that for any visitor to the Holy Land the immediate effect of being there removes any lingering trace of the distance between oneself and the gospel accounts, and also brings one into the gritty reality of life there. I was visiting in January and so I have to tell you it rained (poured actually) and snowed (heavily) and was very sunny and hot – all in the space of a few days. Roads through the desert were uncertain and at times washed out. The paths were rocky. Any thoughts of the ease of travel with which I have often read the words

about Jesus “he went to...” disappeared. The disciples and Jesus had a hard life demanding great physical endurance to spread the message of the gospel.

It would have been difficult to describe the way I was feeling when I set off from Canada for Israel. I was excited, yes, but more than that there was a feeling of anticipation; of an encounter waiting just around the corner, an unexpected gift. It is perhaps silly to say it

The Church of Dominus Flevit on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem



out loud, everyone who is about to walk where Christ himself walked must feel exactly the same and yet, for me, there was a feeling, or perhaps more correctly labeled, a hope. Not for a re-ignition of faith, more a triple shot of espresso. It was not that I expected God to be more present to me, rather that I would be more present to God. As at so many other times in my life, God surpassed my expectations. Thanks be to God.

I don't intend this to be a bishop's travelogue. But I'd like to share with you a few quite profound moments and invite reflection.

The first was walking down the Mount of Olives from Bethphage, to Dominus Flevit and ending at the All Nations Church. Through the whole walk down the steep hill we could see the temple mount before us always present. The sound of our singing ‘all glory laud and honour’ at Bethphage still

ringing in my ears as we wept and spent time in prayer in Gethsemane. I have always imagined a deserted garden where Jesus prayed – not so deserted when you have a view of the temple. Jesus' earthly fate is right before his eyes and he holds firm – not my will but yours. I thought about all the times when I put my wants and desires

before God's and asked for forgiveness and the chance to try again.

On a Friday we walked the Via Dolorosa (the “Way



One of the Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa, the “Way of Suffering,” where Jesus walked to his crucifixion.



Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem's Old City.

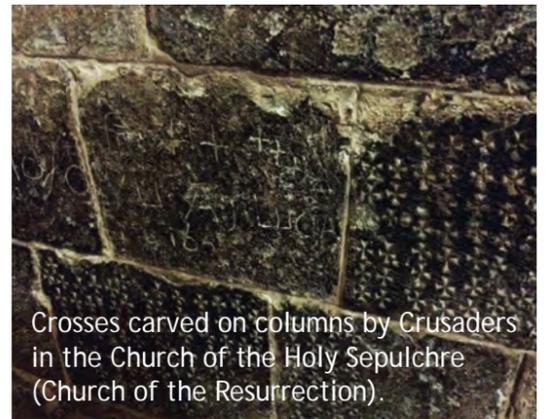
of Suffering” where Jesus walked to his crucifixion) in Jerusalem and stopped and prayed the stations of the cross as we made our way to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. We had already heard how pilgrims walking the Via Dolorosa have often been ridiculed and even spat upon.

Our host told us that if that happens to the local Christians they just say thank you and try to carry on. We were not scorned in any way. Some orthodox Jewish men

stopped their ears and covered their eyes as they walked past us. We made our way unhindered through the narrow streets to the church of the Holy Sepulchre. It was busy inside, busy with people praying. There was such a strong sense of being part of the body of Christ from all over the world. Voices were raised in prayer in so many languages. It could have been confusing and distracting but it was not. It was a holy space. The walls through parts of the church were covered in pilgrim crosses. As I ran my fingers over the

indentations I wondered in some ways what I am leaving of my faith and witness. As I saw so many people witnessing to their faith I was called to wonder how I speak up in what can seem an indifferent world.

I prayed at the stone of anointing for those I love



Crosses carved on columns by Crusaders in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Church of the Resurrection).

who are in sickness at this time. I remembered the words of a very wise nun whom I had met in Nazareth. She had said that if you come to the Holy Land with questions about history and archeology you will find answers. If you come to see architecture and art your eyes will be refreshed. If you come seeking the Lord you will find Him. I stayed for hours in the church praying and committing myself once again to service in Jesus' body, the church. Body and soul I am His and ever will be.

In Christ,  
+Jane

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## REACH funds improve and expand Buyé maternity ward



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Two years ago, when the Diocese of Edmonton REACH campaign was launched, \$500,000 of the targeted \$5 million in proceeds was designated for ministries of the National Anglican Church. Of that amount, \$200,000 was for expanding the work of the Primate's World Relief

and Development Fund (PWRDF), with a focus on our partner Diocese of Buyé in Burundi.

That ambitious goal has now begun to be realized. At the end of February, the Diocese of Edmonton sent PWRDF a cheque for \$47,450 to pay for renovation and expansion of the maternity ward at the Buyé hospital. Like most of the infrastructure in Burundi, the hospital has not been kept up to date because of the disruption from the lengthy civil war that ended in 2005. It was originally built in the 1940s, and the area's population has increased enormously since then. Approximately 5,400 women from the three surrounding municipalities now give birth in the hospital each year.

As a result, the maternity ward is tremendously



The overcrowded maternity ward of the Buyé Hospital is in great need of renovations.

overcrowded. Rooms designed to hold four beds now contain ten, allowing little privacy. There is only one delivery room, and often there is more than one woman giving birth at a time. The operating room used for Caesarean sections is not properly isolated from the rest of the unit, resulting

in an increased risk of infection. The walls are cracked and the roof leaks.

The money from the Edmonton diocese will allow the size of the ward to be doubled from three rooms to six. There will be a second delivery room and separate rooms for women who have had Caesareans

and those who have complications of pregnancy. In the existing part of the building, the walls and ceiling will be repaired, modern windows will be installed, and the roof and sidewalk will be replaced.

Another problem with the maternity ward which is not addressed by the PWRDF funding is the state of the beds, mattresses, and bedding. With the high usage of the unit there is tremendous wear and tear and the items are not of institutional quality to begin with.

The Diocese of Edmonton ACW has agreed to raise funds so that when the renovated unit opens, there will be new beds and bedding to go with it. To contribute, please contact the ACW representatives in your parish.

## Good work of PWRDF presented on April 9th



DOROTHY MARSHALL  
PWRDF Representative

I am probably putting a date on myself by referencing a Jim Stafford song. But this particular stanza resonates with me: "you can take a trip and never leave the farm." The song is titled "Wildwood Weed" and I am sure you can guess what Stafford is referring to. However, those lyrics (you can look them up under the "oldies" files) make me think of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)!

Before you go

wondering what we do at our gatherings, I will explain. PWRDF allows me, while never leaving my farm, to work together with people around the world for global justice, health and sustainable development. The PWRDF is an instrument of our faith that connects Canadian Anglicans to communities around the world in dynamic partnerships. It offers me the opportunity to share stories of positive change in people's lives; stories like the incredible work being done to provide relief to those fleeing the conflict in Syria.

Over the past five years, as the Syrian civil war crisis has escalated, PWRDF, working with local partners, has intensified its response. Through the generous support of Canadian Anglicans, more than \$525,000 has been raised since the Canadian Government began matching donations last fall. Our support did not end with

the program at the end of February, and we will continue to provide food, shelter, water, education, and medicine to those hundreds of thousands of Syrian families living in refugee camps in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt who are awaiting the opportunity to safely return home.

As PWRDF representative for the Edmonton diocese, I am a link between its work and the parishes. I offer support and resources to parish representatives so that they, in turn, may share this information with their church community. Through sharing stories and opportunities for involvement we are enabling others to improve their own lives with our support.

Parish reps are an essential part of the network, enabling volunteers in parishes across Canada to help PWRDF carry out relief and development work without spending large sums on fundraising



Workers labour to set up tents in a Syrian refugee camp.

and administration. In fact, PWRDF spends only 9% of its budget on administration and a further 2% on fundraising, which is considered very minimal in the non-profit sector.

Being a PWRDF Parish Rep is a form of ministry. It is sharing stories of the development work of our church throughout the world. This allows others the opportunity to become involved in participating, with the resources God has made available to them. This is doing Kingdom work, which is exactly what we are supposed to do as Christians.

We are planning a diocesan gathering of PWRDF parish reps on April 9, at St. Timothy's,

Edmonton. If you are a parish rep or are interested in becoming one, we hope you can join us at 2:00 pm on that afternoon. And, if your parish does not currently have a rep, perhaps someone can come on behalf of your church.

Please contact me, Dorothy Marshall, if you are planning to attend or if you would like more information about what is involved, at [camfarm@syban.net](mailto:camfarm@syban.net)

If you would like more information about the work of the PWRDF, check out [www.PWRDF.org](http://www.PWRDF.org). You can show your support financially, either on-line or through your parish envelopes.



David Holehouse, on his way to work at City Hall, receives ashes and a blessing from a familiar face at Churchill LRT Station. He is greeted by the Dean of Edmonton Neil Gordon.

MARGARET MARSHALL

On Ash Wednesday, February 10, more than 520 Edmonton commuters embraced a unique opportunity to connect with their Christian faith amidst the forces of daily life.

Ecumenical teams of Anglicans, Lutherans and

Roman Catholics, cloaked in white robes and purple stoles, offered Ashes to Go, taking worship to the streets on the first day of Lent. At train stations and university campuses across the city, people received a blessing and, if they so wished, a cross on their forehead as

a sign of God's grace and forgiveness.

Forty-five people received ashes and prayer at the University of Alberta, says Anglican chaplain the Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman. Many more passers-by were interested to learn about the religious significance of Ash Wednesday, Lent and Easter.

"I had conversations with people who seemingly had little prior knowledge of Christianity or a church background. They did not receive (ashes), but they were very interested and respectful and even appreciative of public expressions of religious devotion," Sharman says.

Two young Muslim women wondered whether Christians were beginning their fasting. When Sharman responded, "yes," they replied, "congratulations, and may God be pleased." "This was a beautiful gesture on their part, and very gratifying to me personally because of the work I've been involved with in Muslim-Christian dialogue on campus," says Sharman.

Six years ago, the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton joined the



Holy Trinity members Bethanne O'Neil (top left), the Rev. Heather Liddell and Archdeacon Chris Pappas (below right) meet commuters at Southgate and Churchill stations.



international "Ashes to Go" movement, as a way for the Church to be present in the midst of community, not separated from it, explains the Ven. Chris Pappas, rector of Holy Trinity, Edmonton. He started Ashes to Go in Edmonton after observing the unique way the Episcopal Church was taking church to the people in the Chicago area. What began simply as a way to make ashes available to people outside church walls, has become an annual practice welcomed by some who would otherwise not go to a traditional liturgy, he says.

"By putting ourselves out into something new we have transformed what it means to be church and have begun a new ritual for some who might otherwise feel disconnected," says Pappas.

In the Christian tradition, Ash Wednesday marks the start of the holy season of Lent, a time for reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. Often the ashes are made from year-old palm leaves saved from Palm Sunday services of the previous year.

## Moms and Tots Receive Cuddles and Blessing



At left: Maks, son of Jordan and the Rev. Chelsy Bouwman, rector of St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan, sports a cross on his forehead while playing at the special Ash Wednesday edition of the Christ Church drop-in group for moms and babies.

THE REV. SUSAN OLIVER  
Mother of Amelia and Simon; Rector of Christ Church, Edmonton

the Anglican Parish of Christ Church in the Oliver neighbourhood west of downtown Edmonton. After overhearing one of the moms lament that she would not be able to make it to an Ash Wednesday service for the first time in many years, rector and mother of two the

Rev. Susan Oliver organized an informal service for moms, babies and the wider Oliver community.

At noon on February 10, moms, babies and several grandmas spread out on the comfy couches and floor to be marked on the forehead with ashes and

receive a familiar reminder from Sue: "remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Moms prayed prayers of repentance while babies crawled on the floor, as this eclectic group of God's people began their Lenten journey together.

Every Wednesday morning a lively group of moms and babies blankets the carpet in the meeting lounge at

# St. James Cathedral coordinates Peace River welcome for Syrian refugees



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*Editor's Note: the following is an abridged and updated version of a story originally published by the Calgary Journal: <http://calgaryjournal.ca/index.php/news/3156-peace-river-prepares-to-welcome-syrian-refugees>*

On a chilly December afternoon in Peace River AB, a five-year-old girl with curly brown hair emptied the entire contents of her piggy bank, a grand total of \$2.95, into Deb Prothero's hands at the town's Skating for Syria fundraiser.

"She said 'It's very important for everyone to give,'" recalled Prothero, who is coordinating Peace River's preparation for the arrival of two refugee families fleeing the violent civil war in Syria. "That, to me, is just indicative of everyone's generosity here."

## I. Signing the paperwork

The first step was for the Anglican vestry council to make the official commitment to the sponsorship by applying to Citizenship and Immigration Canada. They did so through the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton, a longtime Sponsorship Agreement Holder.

"They have a direct relationship with the government and they're how we could prove that we have the capacity to support the refugees for at least a year, which is the legal commitment," said Prothero. "We're riding on the coattails of their agreement, basically."

Prothero realized that support would have to come from the Anglican community and beyond. "The people that are refugees are not always Christian, and big as your Christian heart might be, you can't integrate people into a community that is not theirs," she said. "They have to fit into the geographical community, not just the church community."

As such, she reached out to all of Peace River, inviting anyone who was interested to a public meeting a few days after the application went through. Some 22 people came, and Prothero helped divide them into task forces based on the perceived need.

"I knew about refugee coordination, but they knew Peace River and I didn't, so we had to marry the two," she said.

## V. A community's generosity

Prothero has been coordinating the efforts mostly through a Facebook group, which now has about 230 members. She said she has been amazed at what the town has been able to accomplish in such a short time. All the money raised for the project, over \$26,000 so far, has been donated by individual people, as were almost all the furnishings for the townhouses. The only things Prothero had to buy new were mattresses; the rest of the money will be

The Government of Canada lists Peace River, a five-hour drive northwest of Edmonton, as one of 288 communities across the country that will be welcoming more than 26,000 refugees. There are many advantages to being a small town, says Prothero as volunteers prepare for the arrival of the Al Sawaf and Al Hallak families from Turkey.

In Peace River (population under 7,000, according to the 2011 census) "everybody knows everybody, so it's really easy," Prothero said. "At one meeting, we wanted to reach out to the local soccer association to get them involved, and I asked who I needed to get in touch with. A bunch of people just hollered out the names of the coaches and their phone numbers. Then we wanted to get in touch with the swim team, and one lady stood up and said 'Hi, I'm the coach.'"

## II. A systematic approach

The discussion resulted in 10 volunteer groups. The first two covered household setup and the legal side of housing. They now have two townhouses almost completely furnished, down to the dry goods in the cupboards.

Margaret Stewart has been in charge of setting up the homes since she joined the volunteer team in January. She has watched them go from completely empty to move-in ready over a matter of weeks, and said she was amazed at how quickly everything has come together.

"The donations that we've gotten from the community are absolutely amazing," Stewart said. "We've had people dropping things off, moving bedroom furniture around, and there was a group that came in to clean everything. The units look and smell so fresh and clean, and they just feel really welcoming and cozy and homey."

Stewart knows Prothero from their church, which is how she came to be involved. "All the negativity around the whole refugee crisis really bothered me, with people not wanting them here, and calling them terrorists," she said. "This was my way of fighting back at it with something positive. I would hope that if a crisis like that ever happened in Canada, then some other country would open their arms and welcome us."

used to pay for basic expenses like rent, utilities, groceries, internet and phones.

"We're way ahead of schedule on fundraising," Prothero said. "Just yesterday someone gave me another \$1,000. It seems like every time I go out I'm a target for cheques. People want to give, and they've been incredibly generous."

The entire town is anticipating the refugees' arrival. As of Prothero's most recent information, both families are still in



Glenmary High School Social Justice Club presents \$700 to the Very Rev. Dr. Lain Luke of St. James' Anglican Cathedral. The club earned the money at a student-staff hockey game in support of the refugee families. Photo: Deb Prothero

## III. Dealing with negativity

While most of the response to the refugees' arrival has been overwhelmingly positive, there has been some negative backlash. In an attempt to gauge the town's feelings about refugees back in November, Prothero posted her idea to Peace River's general Facebook group.

"Within six hours, there were about 300 comments, some of which had to be removed," she recalled. "I chose not to respond, to see what other people would say, and many of them came forward and said, 'Hey, we're better than that.' The community answered its own negativity, and part of that definitely comes from being in a small town where everyone knows each other."

The next work area is what Prothero calls wallets. "If you think about what's in your wallet — ID, driver's license, health care cards, bank cards — we need one of every one of those for each person. It takes a particular skill set when you're doing that for new people with language issues who have to navigate bureaucracies that want them to fill out forms."

The main task of the job readiness group will be to get the refugees' foreign credentials recognized, matching them with mentors in their various fields, and preparing them for any professional exams they may need to take. Meanwhile, a group of teachers will be helping the children enrol in school.

"We deliberately chose townhouses near three schools, including a French school," Prothero said. French is a common second language in Syria, and a few of the refugees have indicated that they know some French.

Turkey. The Al Hallak family — Mohamad Saeed, Maysa and their sons Mohamad Sami, 7, and Wissam, 2 — were called for an exit visa interview on Feb. 11 in Ankara, while the Al Sawaf family — Zakaria, his wife Rahaf, their five-year-old daughter Lana, and Zakaria's parents — had their interview on Feb. 15.

"The host country — Jordan, Lebanon, or in this case, Turkey — has to issue an exit visa before the Canadian government will put them on a plane and get them over here," Prothero explained.

Overall, being in a small town has been a big advantage for Deb Prothero and her volunteers prepare for the arrival of the Syrian refugees. They have been able to do twice as much as

Prothero moved to Peace River from St. Thomas ON in January 2015. She was inspired to get involved with the Syrian refugee crisis after she saw the now famous picture of Alan Kurdi, the drowned three-year-old boy whose body washed up on a Turkish beach last September.

"Seeing that picture motivated me," she said. "I just couldn't sleep after that, and I thought, 'I need to do something about this.'"

Days later Prothero reached out to St. James' Anglican Cathedral, which she has been a member of since moving to Peace River. The support was immediate and outspoken.

"Everyone stood up and said: 'You tell us what to do and we'll help,'" Prothero recalled.

Prothero had previous experience helping refugees in Canada, having coordinated the settlement of 10 Vietnamese families in 1980, a Bosnian family in the mid-90s, and an Iranian family in 2004.

## IV. Mental and physical health

The trauma associated with witnessing violence is a major focus for the group responsible for mental health.

"These refugees are often coming with nothing," Prothero said. "They're coming from a camp where they had a tarp over their head, and they have trauma baggage. It sometimes takes a few months for that panic to get out of their system."

There is also a physical health group, which is coordinating necessities such as doctors, dentists and food. In a new refugee settlement strategy for Prothero, the group will also ensure that each family member gets involved in some kind of activity.

"That is really helpful in overcoming mental health problems and trauma as well as integrating into the community," she said. "If you have a language barrier to begin with, you tend to isolate. You do the things you have to do — go to work or go to school — but then you just go home. And that's not a full integration."

To help ease that language barrier, a group of retired educators and Arabic speakers will be tutoring the adults and the children in English as a Second Language. "We have quite a few nationalities represented in Peace River," Prothero said. "It's far more diverse than I expected. There's a small Arabic community, and a small Muslim community."

"Food is a great way to integrate refugees, because they know how to cook their food and they get excited about sharing it," Prothero said. "Cooking with someone is one of the best ways to get to know them."

expected, due to generous donations (more than \$30,000) from the town's religious and secular communities and one of the families being self-sufficient.

With no direct communication with the Al Sawaf and Al Hallak families, Prothero eagerly anticipates the phone call announcing their Estimated Time of Arrival at the Edmonton International Airport. The Welcoming committee, she says will include several members of St. James' Cathedral. Also planning to be present to extend a warm Alberta welcome, subject to the flight date and time of arrival, will be Alberta Premier Rachel Notley and Diocese of Edmonton Refugee Coordinator Gail Millard.

# REFUGEE ARRIVALS

February 17 was a banner day for the diocesan refugee sponsorship program, says coordinator Gail Millard.

Three parishes welcomed new Canadian families at the Edmonton International Airport. In the early evening, St. Patrick's, Mill Woods and the Edmonton South Cares group greeted a family of four with balloons and homemade welcome signs. Soon after, a family of five was met with great anticipation by Holy Trinity, Edmonton. The largest group, a family of 12, was lovingly received by St. Thomas, Sherwood Park and the Ecumenical Refugee Sponsorship Committee.

And, it was with warm smiles and winter coats that seven members of St. Philip's parish met Kahled Al Akrad, Yasmeen Al Maselmeh and their four boys, ages one to seven, at the Edmonton International Airport on the evening of February 6.

"We were not able to communicate through language, but a smile is universal," said the Rev. Peter Yeung.

Since forming the Westlock and District Refugee Resettlement Association last fall, St. Philip's has been looking forward to welcoming a refugee family to their community. Upon arriving, the Akrad family who is Syrian and was living in a refugee camp in Jordan, was taken to a fully furnished rental home in Westlock. They have begun to settle in and were given tours of two local schools by members of the resettlement association who speak Arabic. The refugee resettlement association will hold an fundraising auction on April 16.

The Syrian families will receive much support as they begin their lives in Canada; attaining necessities such as groceries, medical care, employment and transportation.

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Members of St. Patrick's and Edmonton South Cares with Jamal (father standing front and centre), Hala (mother, standing behind Jamal), and Jana and Rand (daughters standing in pink jackets on either side of their dad). Photo by the Rev. Kevin Kraglund, rector St. Patrick's, Edmonton.



Kahled Al Akrad (father), Yasmeen Al Maselmeh (mother) and their sons Walid Al Akrad (7), Abdulrazak Al Akrad (5), Mohammad Al Akrad (3) and Adullah Al Akrad (1) arrived February 6, 2016.

# WESTLOCK

# Miwasin healing and learning gathering “a good thing”

MARGARET MARSCHALL  
and SHARON PASULA

Indigenous Ministries of the Diocese of Edmonton hosted a gathering in celebration of aboriginal culture on February 6. It was an opportunity to further our commitment to reconciliation while continuing to acknowledge our involvement, as Canadians and Anglicans, in the dark legacy of residential schools.

Bishop Jane Alexander, her Oskapewis / Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Helper Sharon Pasula and Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison Fiona Brownlee welcomed 34 participants to All Saints' Anglican Cathedral, on Treaty Six land, for the Miwasin Healing and Learning day. The event was made possible by the support of the “Our Faith, Our Hope Regional Gatherings” fund, the Diocese of Toronto and Council of the North.

“As we strive for a better relationship we have to get to know one another. The best way to do that is to meet face-to-face and hear each other's stories,” said Bishop Jane. “Thank you for coming and for being willing to step into something new.”

It was an intense, for some, profoundly moving time of listening and sharing. The Rev. Lori Calkins, a Métis woman and priest-in-mission for the Edmonton diocese, led the interactive and moving KAIROS Blanket Exercise ([www.kairosblanketexercise.org](http://www.kairosblanketexercise.org)), a real and honest look at aboriginal culture and history through the eyes of Turtle Island's original inhabitants.

Participants were invited to remove their shoes and walk in the shoes of their indigenous brothers and sisters, stepping onto blankets representing the lands we now called



Participants in the Miwasin healing and learning gathering pray together after an emotional Blanket Exercise workshop.

*I FOUND THIS GATHERING A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE IN GETTING ACQUAINTED WITH FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE, AS WELL AS BEING TOUCHED TENDERLY, BUT POWERFULLY, BY THEIR SPIRITUALITY.*

Canada. Reading aloud scripted words, today's inhabitants of Turtle Island travelled 500 years through our country's history, discovering and, on some level, feeling the effect of colonization on relations between indigenous and non-indigenous people.

For many, learning about government decrees, such as the Doctrine of Discovery, which gave explorers the right to claim territory for colonial nations, and the Indian Act of 1876, which further restricted Indigenous land rights through the creation of reserves, was shocking, shameful and disheartening.

Sadly, an attempt to ensure peaceful coexistence through the signing of the treaties was short lived when the government adopted

a policy of assimilation. It took incredible resiliency to keep the indigenous way of life, its languages and traditions from annihilation. And it took many years for Canada and the Anglican Church to acknowledge their role in the establishment and administration of Indian Residential Schools. Formal apologies by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Anglican Primate Michael Peers signaled a new beginning and belief in right relations between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people. The five-year Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) of Canada convened to hear the stories of residential school survivors and, in response, delivered its Calls to Action. In 2010, the road to reconciliation took another

*I LEARNED ABOUT COMMUNITY IN A DEEPER AND NEWER WAY. I SAW MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST JUST AS HE HAD CREATED THEM, IN THE BEAUTY OF HIS OWN IMAGE. FOR A DAY, WE WERE ONE... I LEFT FEELING REJUVENATED, INSPIRED, AND ENCOURAGED TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION.*

positive turn when Canada endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

“We don't need any more broken promises,” said Lori Calkins. “Only real words and action will lead to change.”

Taking time to reflect on the Blanket Exercise, Lloyd Cardinal said “listening to our heart” will bring much understanding and healing.

A Cultural Knowledge Keeper, Cardinal was one of three indigenous community leaders invited to the Miwasin gathering to talk about the challenges he overcame to learn about, accept and finally celebrate his aboriginal heritage. He was joined by Harold Roscher, Chaplain and Director of the Edmonton

Native Healing Centre, and Joanne Pompana, Executive Director Red Road Healing Society.

As an eight-year-old child, Neil Pascal, a member of St. Mary's Anglican Church in Edmonton, was taken away from his home in Fort McPherson NWT to residential school. In spite of being removed from his own Gwich'in First Nation, he says there is much knowledge and enrichment to be gained from being receptive to other people and their culture.

“Our culture is validated by how much we're willing to share,” says Pascal. “To achieve reconciliation we must forgive but not forget.”

The day concluded with a traditional Métis round dance, marking both the end of the Miwasin gathering and the continuation of “a good thing.”



From left: during the KAIROS Blanket Exercise, European settlers Seumas Calkins (standing) and the Rev. Matthew Oliver lay claim to more land as Turtle Island's original inhabitants nervously await their next move; April Eve colours with her daughter Kimimila Kootenay; Diocese of Edmonton Oskapewis Sharon Pasula introduces members of the Indigenous sharing panel (from left) Lloyd Cardinal, cultural knowledge keeper; Harold Roscher, chaplain and director of the Edmonton Native Healing Centre; Joanne Pompana, executive director of the Red Road Healing Society.

# From anger and shame to wonder and respect

KATHY MILLS

All Saints', Drayton Valley

On Saturday, February 20th the parish of All Saints' Drayton Valley welcomed the community at large to experience the KAIROS Blanket Exercise.

The workshop, facilitated by Diocese of Edmonton Indigenous Ministries team members Fiona Brownlee, Aboriginal and Rural Communities Liaison, and Sharon Pasula, Oskâpêwis/Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Helper, enabled participants to review some 500 years of Canadian history in an experiential manner.

"We learned how the west was really won," expressed one participant. It was an opportunity to learn the truth about our country's

history and see with fresh eyes how interactions between Indigenous peoples and European settlers have affected the Canadian reality of today. Experiences and feelings - ranging from anger and shame to wonder and respect - emerged in a "sharing circle" format.

After a delicious meal of soup and biscuits, many participants accepted an invitation to smudge and exchange greetings in a blessing ritual as they departed.

Those who gathered as strangers, left as friends. The Holy Spirit is always at work among us!

Clockwise from top: engaging in the Blanket Exercise; Sharon Pasula and Fiona Brownlee from the Indigenous Ministries Team; a participant and Sharon exchange greetings.



# Students inspired by TRC exhibit continued

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The students and Jesse entered into a respectful relationship with Wilson as teacher. "Our learning was deepened immeasurably by Wilson. He was able to weave together threads of history, environment, culture and reconciliation," she said.

After Jesse and her students read the novel *Fatty Legs*, by Inuk author Margaret Olemaun, Aja Arshad found she wanted to learn even more about truth and reconciliation. The grade 6 student was intrigued by the story of the young girl who was sent to residential school in Aklavik. Hearing about the 150,000 Aboriginal, Inuit and Métis children who were removed from their families and the 6,000 children who never returned home brought a new awareness to Aja and her classmates of the intergenerational trauma caused by the government-funded, church-run residential schools.

"I learned that it took a very long time for Canadians to recognize what we did was wrong," says Aja.

At various times between 1820 and 1969, the Anglican Church of Canada helped administer more than three dozen Indian and Eskimo residential schools and hostels operated by the federal government. In 1993, Archbishop Michael Peers



Oskâpêwis Sharon Pasula (right) teaches Garneau School students about the indigenous tradition of smudging during a field trip to the residential school exhibit at All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton.

apologized for the Church's role in the devastation wrought by the residential school system.

"Even though we can't change the past, it's necessary for my generation and generations to come to be respectful of everyone," Aja says.

The residential school exhibit at All Saints' gave the class access to pictures and information not found in any school textbook. Students were offered a smudge in the Standing Stones Chapel by Diocese of Edmonton Oskâpêwis / Aboriginal Cultural and Educational Helper Sharon Pasula.

"Sharon taught us to smudge; opening our hearts and minds to new ways of knowing and being," says Jesse. "We began to understand that culture is more than food, clothing and celebrations. We learned about the depths and transfer of knowledge, language, kinship, environment and

expression that were taken away in residential school," she adds.

On February 10, after many months of learning, sharing and experiencing indigenous culture, the students presented their ideas to parents and members of the public, including members of All Saints' Cathedral and the diocesan synod office. With confidence and enthusiasm, 10 and 11-year-olds welcomed the adults into a large classroom overflowing with truth and knowledge - its floor space, walls and hallways a giant showcase for their imaginative and innovative projects.

"This is what education should be," said Charlene Bearhead, education coordinator for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. "What I love about what has happened here at Garneau School is not only this amazing result, but the inquisitive process (children focusing on their chosen area of interest) that was followed to get here. This is an engaging and learning community. This is reconciliACTION."

Research into Inuit and Métis culture and history inspired Sasha Fleming and his classmate Joshua to build a model Hudson's Bay fur trading fort. They placed rocks representing the Inuit people's summer homes outside its walls.

"They were not allowed inside," explains Sasha, adding that it was actually quite simple to make the Great Bear and Mackenzie Rivers on either side of the fortress flow with real water.

"The breadth of knowledge displayed here tonight is almost overwhelming," said Sasha's dad Darcy Fleming. "We've had some pretty interesting conversations at home around the dinner table. My mom and dad used to live in Inuvik and Sasha's way of seeing the world has given us all a new perspective."



Sasha Fleming (right) and his dad Darcy with Sasha's model of a trading fort and two great rivers.

## Walkers bring warmth to cold Edmonton streets



From left: the Rev. Sarah Holmstrom, Jeannette Madill, Curtis Whale, Brenda Voyce, Canon Barbara Burrows, Bishop Jane Alexander, Carol Hoyt, and Betty Benson.

CANON BARBARA BURROWS  
All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton

Easily identified by their blue backpacks and signs, a team from All Saints' Cathedral and the Synod Office walked five kilometers on the evening of Saturday, February 20. The walkers raised more than \$3,000 of the \$60,000 raised for Hope Mission during The Coldest Night of the Year fundraising event. Team members included: the Rev. Sarah Holmstrom,

assistant priest; Jeannette Madill, diocesan treasurer; the Rt. Rev. Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton; Curtis



Bishop Jane bundles up in a warm touque and gloves before setting out with team All Saints' for the Coldest Night of the Year fundraiser in support of Hope Mission.

Whale, Brenda Voyce, Carol Hoyt, Betty Benson, and Canon Barbara Burrows, members of All Saints'. The minus-6 degree night, though cold for 2015/16, was far from the usual winter weather people on the streets have to endure to survive.

## Young parish shares passionate faith with Wabamun

*"because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal." - 2 Corinthians 4:18*

MICHELLE SQUANCE-SLADE  
St. Saviour Mission, Wabamun

Perspective can be a funny thing. By definition it is a particular attitude or way of regarding something. There are usually as many perspectives on a subject as there are people to make observations. For example, the number 666 is often seen as an evil number, inciting terror largely because of its appearance in occult themed shows and certain strains of rock music. While the number 666 may be spooky to some, for a small, spirited congregation west of Edmonton it represents a challenge and faith. It is a number to celebrate and be proud of.

You see, 2015 marked the first full year of existence for the Mission of St. Saviour in the village of Wabamun. In that year there were 666 attendees for Sunday morning worship. Larger parishes can easily see as many people within a few weeks. In a rural community, especially one that is brand new, it is cause for celebration when a sermon is heard by so many pairs of ears. At a time when century-old churches are finding it difficult to get people in the door, we saw almost 700 in our



Rocky the Mission Truck all shined up and decorated for the Dragonfly Festival Parade.

first full year.

Indeed, perspective can be a funny thing. We celebrate that our rector the Rev. Coleen Lynch has greeted 666 people on a Sunday morning. Yet, our parish is growing far beyond the front door of the Wabamun Seniors' Centre. One year ago, after our first AGM, vestry searched for ways to reach out to the community. One year later, it is we who are approached and recognized by community members. When people see one of our bright blue Team Jesus t-shirts, they know the person wearing it can be trusted to be kind and helpful. Rev. Coleen is sought out by many people in want and need of sharing their joys, worries and hurts. We celebrate the number of people who attend church, but it is the countless times we have made a difference in our community that are equally, if not more, worthy of celebration.

This is an exciting time of new ministry! During the year, we marked the Feast of St. Paul, led the local World Day of Prayer service, hosted Holy Week services; and led Cowboy Church at the Dragonfly Festival and during the Canadian Finals Rodeo. We enjoyed a St. Benedict's Breakfast, learned about Summer Saints, participated in Back to Church Sunday, held a Blessing of the Animals Service, shared in Harvest Thanksgiving, Remembrance Day, Blue Christmas and the children's Christmas Pageant. We even held our first wedding and first funeral in 2015.

In addition to regular Sunday worship and our special services we serve our community by volunteering at the thrift shop, participating in highway clean-up, and helping out at festival pancake breakfasts and parades. On Wednesdays, Rev. Coleen is present and available to chat at our church office in the 52nd Street Marketplace. There she interacts with dozens of people – some of whom don't regularly attend church.

Like the roots of a tree, the breadth of work we are doing in our community is immeasurable. In 2016, our goal is to grow in numbers and to strengthen and spread those roots by serving God in our community. Please feel free to join us at any time. Sunday morning worship is at 10 am and, chances are, when something is happening in Wabamun, Team Jesus will be there.



From left: the Parish of St. Saviour Mission, Wabamun is dedicated by Bishop Jane Alexander; parishioners clean a 3.6 km stretch of highway north of Wabamun; assisted by server Holly Sicotte, rector Coleen Lynch washes the feet of Rhiley Slade and officiates the wedding of Taryn and Brendan Rarog.



Front left (back row): McGill, Matthew, Jayden, Myles, Delainey; (middle) Brady, rector Christian Gordon, Bishop Jane Alexander, Madison, Abi; (front) Liberty, Kaya, Tianna, Makayla, Jada, Cody.

## 14 Follow Christ

THE REV. CHRISTIAN GORDON  
St. George's, Devon

Confirmation is a celebration of new life in Christ. On February 7, 2016 the parish of St. George in Devon celebrated new

life when Bishop Jane Alexander confirmed 14 young people before a congregation of 144. We had twice as many people as bulletins and were overjoyed to run out.

The confirmands sang "Guide My Feet" during communion as our damp eyes stung and our hearts burned with tongues of fire. Rebirth is beautiful.

## Valentine to Wainwright Community

THE REV. ANN MARIE NICKLIN  
St. Thomas, Wainwright



St. Thomas' Valentine's brunch raised \$3,300 for refugee sponsorship. Photos: Allan Samm

On Saturday, February 13, St. Thomas, Wainwright showed love and appreciation for our wider community, offering our traditional Valentine's brunch free to all comers. We welcomed about 80 people to a buffet of pancakes, scrambled eggs and much more.



The community refugee sponsorship group, of which St. Thomas is a core member, was invited to receive donations. This would be the first fundraising opportunity for the newly named Rural Wainwright Hope Connection (RWHC). To date, more than \$3,300 has been raised by the brunch to help sponsor at least one refugee family and, hopefully, two.

## Cursillo weekend set for Nov 10-13

CATHY PONECH  
Communications Director  
Edmonton Cursillo Secretariat

While I am fairly new to the Cursillo movement, belonging to this community has been a moving and life-changing experience for me.

A Cursillo (Spanish for a short course) weekend is a series of inspiring talks, given by both pastors and lay people, interspersed with encouraging discussion, worship and fun over the course of three days. The movement originated in

Spain over 60 years ago, and weekends are still held around the world!

The next co-ed retreat will be held at the cozy Star of the North Retreat Centre in St. Albert from November 10 (evening) to November 13 (afternoon), 2016. The weekend features fabulous teaching. No bible experience necessary!

The Cursillo experience does not end when you complete the weekend. Many Cursillo veterans (Cursillistas) meet weekly or bi-weekly to support each other in prayer, study and action.

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## Auggie's Cafe

BILL COURTIS  
St. Augustine's, Parkland

Every Tuesday, snow, rain or shine, St. Augustine's Parkland welcomes members of the Spruce Grove community to lunch at Auggie's Café. Warm hospitality, including a meal and companionship, is extended to an average of 70 people each week. The ministry is run entirely by volunteers from the church and the wider community. It is supported by donations from the local business community, service clubs and individuals.

Auggie's Café hosted two very special events in December. At the St. Nick's Party, children who had attended VBS in the summer read books with rector Joanne Webster, and received a visit from jolly St. Nicholas. At the Christmas lunch, no fewer than 180 people sat down to a turkey dinner with all the trimmings.



Top to bottom: Ian Bowden, Amanda Hodgson, Marion Coates, Bob Coates and Bill Courtis making merry music; assistant curate the Rev. Mike Lynch and Audrey Kyfiuk serve hot drinks; rector Joanne Webster reads to the children.

## Third annual trip to Fort Chipewyan

THE REV. DANE NEUFELD  
All Saints, Fort McMurray

At the end of January, members of All Saints, Fort McMurray made their third annual trek to the oldest established community in Alberta. Each winter, All Saints' parishioners travel the 280-kilometer ice road north to St. Paul the Apostle, Fort Chipewyan. Located in the Canadian Shield, Fort Chip is part of the Wood Buffalo Regional Municipality and borders the Mikisew Cree and Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation. The oldest church in the Diocese of Athabasca, St. Paul's is led by rector the Rev. Marjorie Glanfield, a Cree elder. The parishes of All Saints and St. Paul's shared a weekend of fellowship, worship and outdoor activity that in the past has included dogsledding and snowshoeing. They enjoyed a community dinner and attended a Sunday morning church service presided over by Glanfield and visiting rector the Rev. Dane Neufeld.



From top: sledding is part of the winter fun shared by the parishes; All Saints and St. Paul's celebrate Sunday morning worship in Fort Chip.

## Cursillo weekend continued



Pictured from left: the Rev. Laureta Blondin, Liz Taylor and the Rev. Barry Rose.

Ultreyas (Spanish for moving forward) are larger gatherings which feature a talk from a clergy or lay-person, prayer, worship and fellowship.

Ultreya gatherings are typically held the third Friday of the month at St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Edmonton. Watch the diocesan Synod Scene weekly newsletter for upcoming Ultreya evenings.

In December a group of cheerful brothers and sisters in Christ braved long delays in traffic to come together for the annual potluck dinner. After a brief reflection by the Rev. Nick Trussell, we shared our favourite Christmas memories.

The January Ultreya saw about 30 people come out for an evening of prayer and praise

organized by one of our own Cursillistas. Patsy Hawryluk led us in sharing amazing scripture and worship songs, and gave her insight into God overcoming darkness with light.

In February, the spirit-filled atmosphere of the last two Ultreyas continued with about 40 Cursillistas gathering to hear the Rev. Barry Rose (pictured) share his moving faith journey, which involved work as a chaplain on reserves and in the Edmonton Institution maximum security prison. Barry provided each table group with a set of thought-provoking questions which led to stimulating discussion.

Next up, on April 15, is an opportunity to take part in the Blanket Exercise. This is an interactive exploration of the cultural impact of the Europeans colonization of Aboriginal and Métis people. It is sure to be an eye-opening and deeply moving experience. Bring your blanket and your friends!

Stay tuned for Cursillo news in the *Synod Scene* and online at [www.edmontoncursillo.ca](http://www.edmontoncursillo.ca). Or, better yet, come on down to St. Timothy's on April 15th and check us out! We would love to have you and your family or friends join us.

I will be sharing testimonies of my fellow Cursillistas leading up to the annual retreat in November. In the meantime, if you see a brother or sister wearing a wooden cross at your church on Sunday, feel free to ask them about Cursillo.

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Come for one or both sessions. Free of charge.

Details at [www.healingcontinues.eventbrite.ca](http://www.healingcontinues.eventbrite.ca)

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