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A Ministry of Presence

Transforming Futures vision is making a difference at St. Columba, Port Hardy

BY TONY REYNOLDS

Fifteen years as a front-line worker in shelters and social justice ministry taught the Rev. Alastair Hunting the importance of relationships and listening. “Being prepared just to hang out with people, to give them lots of time: that’s the essential ingredient in a ministry of presence,” said Hunting.

When he first arrived at St. Columba’s, a joint Anglican-United Church parish in Port Hardy, Hunting met an Indigenous elder. Through hearing stories of this place within the larger history in Canada, it was evident that a relationship between the church and the Indigenous community

had been disrupted and even lost.

But in March 2016, Bishop Logan McMenamie completed his Sacred Journey, walking 480 kilometres from Alert Bay to Victoria and asking permission from First Nations to enter traditional lands along the way. The walk touched many in the North Island. It demonstrated the church’s commitment to reconciliation and paved the way for the congregants of St. Columba’s, and Hunting, their new minister, to enter into meaningful relationships with the First Nations. Many at the church hoped St. Columba’s could become a place of welcome and a place to find healing and a new relationship together.

“When I first went into the First Nations communities here, I was asked, ‘Who are you? What are you doing here?’ If it wasn’t said, I could see it on their faces,” Hunting said. “If you want to create meaningful relationships with First Nations people, you can’t go with an agenda.”

Hunting had one personal contact on the reserve. A young man he had cared for when the teenager was a resident at



At a Christmas Eve ceremony, Bishop Logan received the gift of a button blanket (story, page 2) with assistance from (left to right) Fr. Martin Brokenleg, OSBCn; Elder Alex Nelson; Maureen Applewhaite and Sr. Brenda Jenner, SSJD.

the Salvation Army shelter in Courtenay. Then he met Marion Wamiss, a deeply respected elder who lives in the Gwa’sala Nakwaxda’xw community near St. Columba’s. Wamiss is the widow of a former chief and pastor of the Gwa’sala Nakwaxda’xw, and mother of Norman who helps lead the John Charlie Memorial Church, named after her late husband.

Wamiss welcomed the young priest into her home and

they talked as though there was nothing more important in the world than spending time together. A dynamic and charismatic presence with her hair dyed bright pink, a twinkle in her eye and steady flow of laughter, Wamiss is a keeper of culture and fluent speaker of Kwak’wala. There’s always a pot of coffee on, a listening ear, and a caring heart in her kitchen.

The services at J.C. Memorial were Sunday evenings

following a community meal. Hunting decided to go as an ordinary worshipper, returning again and again. After a while, others from his congregation came with him and friendships grew. Then Bishop Logan preached at J.C. Memorial on Good Friday in 2018.

Over time Hunting shared with parish council his vision to build relationships of friendship and trust and leave the results to God. *Continued on page 7*



The Rev. Alastair Hunting baptizes William, a young First Nations boy.

Photo by Alison Hunting

The Greatest of These is Love: Clergy Couples

Google the word “love” and you get 15.4 billion responses. That’s no surprise. Love not only keeps the world’s songwriters busy; in its many forms, love is the central message in the Anglican Church and others.

In this February edition, in a month when marketing love is a bonanza for florists

and chocolatiers, romantic love is the theme. In our diocese there are a few two-minister couples, all pursuing their callings while managing their own love for each other. That got us thinking: what special challenges and joys are the results of sharing the same vocation? Three couples offered to write about their

relationships. The articles offer wonderful insights into what it takes to live what you preach, stories all evocative of the classic descriptions of love in verses from 1 Corinthians 13. The stories are on pages 4-5. Be inspired!

Susan Down

Blanketing the Bishop

BY THE VERY REV. ANSLEY TUCKER

On Christmas Eve, at Christ Church Cathedral, Bishop Logan was presented with a traditional button blanket, thanks to planning by our reconciliation working group and Fr. Martin Brokenleg, OSBCn. Featuring a wolf crest and moon, the blanket was created by Una-Ann Moyer, a well-known Tahltan artist living in Langley. Bishop James Cowan made a matching mitre.

Elder Alex Nelson, of the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw First Nation of Kingcome Inlet, assisted with the proper protocols. These included having the bishop stand on boughs of cedar and asking two women (also part of the protocol) to place the blanket on the bishop's shoulders. In this case, we invited Sr. Brenda Jenner, from the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine (SSJD), and Maureen Applewhaite, both of whom have been deeply involved in the work of reconciliation in our diocese (particularly through Aboriginal Neighbours). Nelson then circled the bishop four times, followed by the women while he chanted and released eagle down in blessing.



(right) Elder Alex Nelson prepares to spread eagle down while Bishop Logan shows the blanket design, and (left) stands proudly in his new attire. (Photos by the Rev. Ed Lewis)



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Questions from Parishes



PWRDF Corner

BY GEOFF STRONG, PWRDF DIOCESAN REPRESENTATIVE

Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me.
— Matthew 25:45

Questions I've been asked about PWRDF, after more than 40 sermons and 30 longer visual presentations in four dioceses over the past 25 years, provide an interesting rationale for outreach in the Anglican Church today. The answers also demonstrate Christ's mission to us as instructed in the gospel messages.

Why does the Anglican Church have its own relief and development aid group when there are so many other larger aid organizations?

Following the disaster that spawned PWRDF (the Springhill, Nova Scotia coalmine disaster in October 1958), the Most Rev. Walter Barfoot, the Anglican primate at the time, realized that there was a need for ready funds to draw on in times of such disasters at home or overseas. General Synod thereafter approved the formation of PWRDF in 1959. Emergency organizations stress that the most critical period following a disaster is the first 48-72 hours, when injured people require the basics: food, water, clothing, and medical aid. Hence the need for a ready fund. Besides, Jesus's message throughout the gospels is to help others.

I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you

welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.
—Matthew 25:35-36

And why should we provide aid to just any group anywhere in the world?

Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.
—Matthew 5:42

The PWRDF has provided aid even to the richest country in the world (the U.S.) on several occasions, such as in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina (2005) and Harvey (2017).

How can PWRDF provide emergency and development relief worldwide with such a small paid staff (23 at present)?

The key to PWRDF success is working through partners, primarily church organizations such as the ACT Alliance (Action by Churches Together International) or

Anglican dioceses in the area being helped. ACT Alliance is a coalition of 151 churches and faith-based organizations active in over 125 countries. This means that whenever or wherever an emergency occurs in the world, ACT is already there, or nearby, with church organizations and facilities to use as a base. PWRDF staff continually monitors emergencies throughout the world and can take same-day action by transferring funds to ACT or other partners such as Canadian Foodgrains Bank and KAIROS, an ecumenical program run by the United Church of Canada.

When we send money overseas, are we not taking it away from needy people in our own community?

There are many organizations working to help needy people locally. In some regions where PWRDF works, it is the only agency providing aid.

When Jesus told Peter to "feed my sheep" (John 21:15-17), he was instructing Peter, and all his followers, including us, to look after all people everywhere. As for taking something away from another needy person or persons, Jesus qualifies this in Mark 9:41. *For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.* Interpreted literally, this means that the feeblest service will be accepted, and acts of love that may be forgotten by man, will be remembered by Jesus. But it can also mean that there is always enough kindness to go around.

If you would like to learn more about PWRDF work, go to the website at www.pwrdf.org, or visit our local PWRDF Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/dbcpwrdf/

If you want to invite Geoff Strong to give a presentation at your parish, contact him at pwrdf@bc.anglican.ca.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Each month when I receive my *Post*, I turn first to Herbert O'Driscoll's column. He brings Christian faith to a different level,

brings it to life, and sometimes I find myself in his story back 2000 years ago. The first few words of his column usually capture your attention. His December article was no exception, describing Christmas "as more than a mere word," and likening it to a musical chord composed of notes. How could you not read further?

Herbert then went on to describe his third Christmas of 1932 in Ireland; suddenly

he had me recalling my early Christmases as a young boy in Newfoundland in the 1950s, with similar memories of visiting relatives in the country during Christmas and being delighted with farm animals as Herbert was.

Thank you, Herbert, for that remembrance. I hope you continue your column for some years to come.

Geoff Strong, Cowichan Bay

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Intent to Love

Brenda and Ian Nestegaard Paul

How long have you been married and how did you meet?

We met during call-backs for a Regina Summer Stage production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. We initially thought this was just going to be a great stage relationship as Tevye and Golde, but six weeks into it, sharing a beer and pizza following a bad rehearsal turned into our first “date.” It was followed by four subsequent dates each night that week; then Ian proposed and I said the sooner the better. We were married five months later, and as of the end of 2018, we will have been married 29 years.

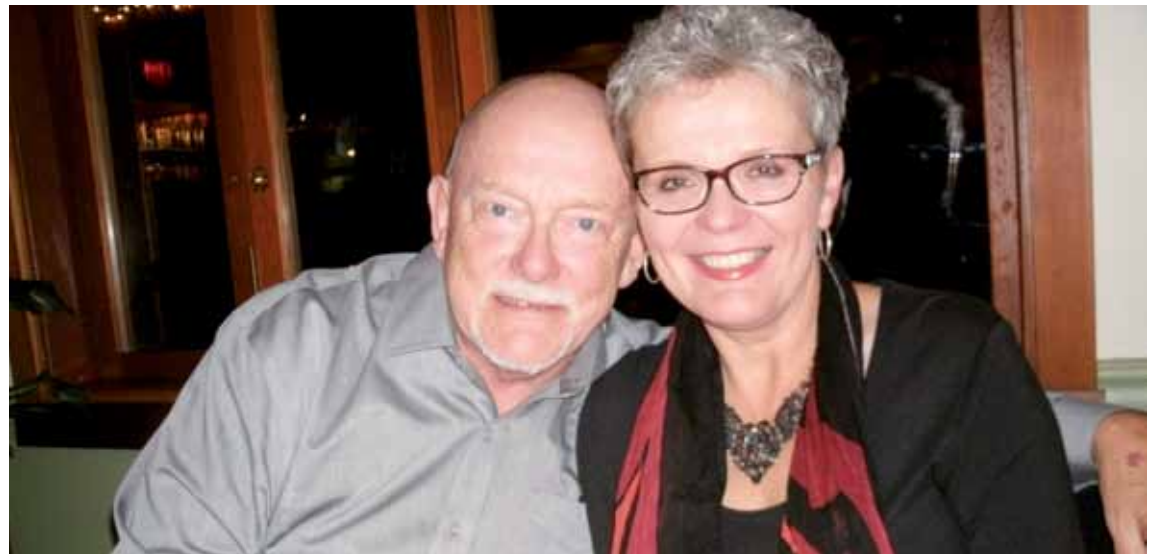
We were both involved in the entertainment business when we met, having our fingers in many pots as singers and actors, instructors, directors and more. I was also a freelance journalist with CBC, and Ian worked with computers. After being married 14 months with a three-month-old daughter, following a Good Friday service, we were moved to admit to one another a prevailing feeling of being called to ordained ministry. The admission was

like brick walls dissolving that had surrounded our deepest selves. We were so surprised! A year and a bit later we had sold everything and began our studies on the same day in September 1992 at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Saskatoon. We were ordained together in 1999. Though both ordained as Lutheran clergy, from the beginning our calls involved both the Lutheran and Anglican churches.

What are the special challenges that come with being a two-minister family?

Every two-vocation couple has the challenge of finding meaningful work in the same locale. Certainly this has been a challenge as a clergy couple as well. We have both held calls at the same time where the calls were in the same location and far apart. Most recently, for most of 2011 through 2016, we would live together for two weeks, then be separated for two weeks of the month. One simply makes it work.

Another challenge is boundaries. Given that we share a mutual passion in our work, it would be easy to talk about the facets of our work all the time.



The Revs. Brenda and Ian Nestegaard Paul have served in both Lutheran and Anglican churches and have been married for 29 years.

So early on we had some rules: no conversation about the parish was allowed in our bedroom, and the phone was not answered at mealtimes. When we were home for the day or evening, we changed our clothes; this was vital to honour days off and holidays were “away,” although we have also lived in communities that gave us our space where we lived. These rules were especially important for our daughter, for her to know that our family life was as important as our parish life.

How have you influenced one another?

One of the greatest gifts of both being clergy is that through the years we were often our own text study group. It was great to have a person in the household to discuss the upcoming Sunday’s Gospel text. We would intentionally try to

keep any notions of competition at arms’ length, though admittedly sometimes that was difficult.

How does sharing the same ministry path enrich your relationship?

We understood what each other was experiencing. We “get” one another, often with very few words, and the support from that mutual understanding combined with the love we have for one another has been inestimable through the years.

What has your faith taught you about marriage, and marriage about faith?

The words from I Corinthians 13:1-8 were written to the whole of the church in Corinth to describe how followers of Christ are to behave with one another. As such, they speak to those in a marital relationship as well. Taken to

heart, these words have served as inspiration and correction that have helped shape and sustain our relationship through the years. As to what marriage has taught us about faith, it’s all about intention. When one clings to that intention to love and be in relationship, when one trusts it and gives it the care and attention needed daily, the relationship itself deepens and becomes more than what one ever imagined whether one is speaking of one’s spouse or the Divine.

The Rev. Brenda Nestegaard Paul, 60, lives in Port Alberni with her daughter, Bronwynn and serves as pastor/incumbent at Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church. The Rev. Ian Nestegaard Paul, 69, presently resides at the Dufferin Care Centre in Nanaimo where, even though retired, he delights in being called upon to be a pastoral presence in numerous situations.

Dancing Together

Sandra and John Hounsell-Drover

How did you meet?

For us, ministry, marriage, family, and life are all parts of a dance. We are both proud Newfoundlanders, and we met as students at Memorial University in 1993. Sandra was doing a double-major in folklore and religious studies. I was doing a double-major in philosophy and classical studies.

After quickly becoming best friends, we grew closer and closer, marrying in 1996. Both of us had very active lay ministries at the time and we shared a strong calling to serve God through ordained ministry. We were trained together at Queen’s College, St. John’s, Newfoundland and Labrador, under the guidance of Provost, Fr. Boyd Morgan. We were ordained to the diaconate and priesthood together in the Diocese of Western Newfoundland in 2001

and 2002, and though we have always held positions of ministry in the same geographical area, we have never really worked together. We’ve danced around each other for over 22 years. Since John joined the Canadian Armed Forces in 2008, the dance has made its way across Canada, from Newfoundland and Labrador to Nova Scotia, to New Brunswick, and now to British Columbia.

What are the challenges of being a two-ministry family?

The greatest challenge for us has been the extended periods of time apart as a military family. Between deployments and training, we’ve had to maintain our relationship across the country and, at times, across the world. Making this challenge more significant for us has been providing a healthy and supportive home life for our two children, William, aged 14, and Peter, aged 13. On Sundays, we try to worship together as much as possible; when this cannot



The Revs. Sandra and John Hounsell-Drover have worked from coast to coast during 22 years of marriage.

be the case because of different commitments, the boys join into the dance and decide which parent to accompany and which faith community to attend.

We have been a significant influence on each other from the moment we first met. We both have had a deep respect for the other’s calling and gifts, humbled at times. Often, we hear the comment, “Well, at least you only have to prepare one sermon

each Sunday.” Nothing could be further from the truth! Both of us are very strong-willed and opinionated. There is much we agree on, but also much over which we have what the boys call “theological debates.” A spat in our home is as likely to be about the liturgical placement of the Blessing as it is about who forgot to close the garage door last night!

From the beginning of

our relationship we have seen ourselves as Anam Cara (soul friend) to each other. We are not competitive, but do challenge each other to answer God’s call in our lives, even when it means hard decisions and swallowing our pride. Despite the challenges through which our faith has called us, we have always sought ways to encourage one another along the way. *Continued on next page*

Friends and Adventurers

Jim Holland and Selinde Krayenhoff

What are your backgrounds?

Jim: We have very different backgrounds. I grew up in Washington, DC, third of seven kids in a very devout Irish Catholic family. I went to Catholic school, and the family said the rosary together every Friday night.

Selinde: I come from an immigrant family; my Dutch parents and three siblings emigrated from Indonesia via Holland. My parents were in the resistance during World War II and were incarcerated. They were not religious, but I have always been spiritual. I have been a restless soul from the beginning. I grew up in Vancouver.

How did you meet?

Selinde: Jim and I met while going to school in Toronto. He was a seminarian with the Roman Catholic Diocese of Richmond (Virginia, USA) at University of Toronto working on his MDiv and I was studying community work at George Brown College.

We were part of a loose Christian community of about 10 households. We ordered bulk food and organic apple cider together, and Jim's house (where he lived with three Catholic

seminarians) was where we split up the food.

Jim: The first time Selinde came to get the cider, I knew that my life was going to be completely shattered. I knew as soon as I set eyes on her.

Selinde: He had been in seminary for 10 years before we met so this was not a whim. He went ahead and became ordained as a transitional deacon, but we had already fallen in love. He took a year to live at the Catholic Worker house in Chicago to work with theologian Matthew Fox.

I was in heavy grief because I had finally met someone whom I thought would be my life partner, and I knew I had to let him go. I didn't hear from him for six months; then out of the blue he called me. I was just getting to the point where I could get through a day without weeping. He said, "Hi this is Jim." I think I said, "Jim who?" just because I needed to stick a little dart in his heart. He said, "I'm just wondering if you have room in your heart to explore a relationship." I flew to Chicago and we spent four days together. We went back and forth for almost a year. We were married in 1982. I was baptized a Catholic in 1994.

Jim worked on a publication in Toronto and then on a magazine in California. I wanted to be close to my family, so we came up here. Neither of us could find jobs in Victoria, so we



The Revs. Jim Holland and Selinde Krayenhoff travelling in Ireland in 2015.

started Island Parent Magazine.

Jim: After we sold the magazine in 2003, I thought if I'm Anglican I can become a priest and still be married which was really what I wanted all along. I found myself walking in the door of St. John the Divine to ask for a mentor. I was ordained a deacon in 2005 and ordained a priest in 2006. *Selinde:* I had a business teaching non-violent communication. But when we moved to Ladysmith, I went back to university and earned my bachelor's degree at Vancouver Island University. I went to see Bishop Cowan just to say I have all these skills and would love to support the clergy in the diocese. He asked if I had ever considered a call to the priesthood. I said no, but five months later I was at Vancouver School of Theology. I

was ordained a deacon in 2015 and ordained a priest a year later.

How do you make it work now?

Selinde: We live on campus at Shawnigan Lake School. We are both getting tired of the regular interruption in our relationship, so we are having a tiny house built and situated halfway between our workplaces so we can be together in the evenings and split the commute.

What has your faith taught you about marriage, and what has marriage taught you about faith?

Jim: We're both big adventurers – that's a key compatibility for us. We're not cautious people.

Selinde: Even though our backgrounds are different,

they are similar in that our parents really valued relationships and life and service over stuff. We're very good friends, and we want to see the other person flourish. We have come into our marriage respecting the other and being open to the gifts and wisdom of the other. And marriage has taught us that it's all grace. One has to work on a relationship. But we're not alone. Never have been. God has been blessing us all along.

The Rev. Jim Holland, 63, is chaplain at Shawnigan Lake School and regional dean of the diocese's Cowichan/Malaspina region. The Rev. Selinde Krayenhoff, 62, is incumbent at St. Mary, Nanoose Bay. They have two adult sons.

Dancing Together Continued from page 4

What does date night look like for you?

We have done the dinner and movie thing, the concert thing, the dancing thing, but also the driving down new roads thing and walking through the grocery store thing. Since we started

our relationship as best friends, a relationship that is stronger than ever, we find blessings in almost every situation, even the most banal.

What has your faith taught you about marriage?

Our faith journey together has taught us that marriage, like any relationship, is about respect, honesty, and the willingness to sacrifice for one another. These ideals have danced throughout our faith journey all these years, reminding us that to be a

Christian means to be a host to the other. A host offers respect, honesty and a willingness to sacrifice for the need of the other, the guest in our midst. Beloved, let us love one another.

The Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover, 45, is the rector at

Church of the Advent in Colwood and the regional dean for the Selkirk region, and Lt.-Cmdr. John Hounsell-Drover, 46, is a Canadian Forces chaplain currently taking graduate studies at Royal Roads University.

Director of Deacons to Receive Award

BY SUSAN DOWN

A clergy member at Christ Church Cathedral will be recognized in 2019 as a Companion of the Centre for Christian Studies (CCS). The Rev. Canon Nancy Ford, deacon to the city for the Cathedral and director of deacons for the diocese, will receive her award at CCS's annual service of celebration on March 24, 2019. Ford was ordained a deacon in 1998.

Based in Winnipeg, CCS is a national theological school that prepares people for ministries in the United Church of Canada and the Anglican Church of Canada and offers lifelong learning to others. The Companion of the Centre award, established in 2001, is handed out to just one or two people each year.

In the announcement, CCS said Ford and her team compassionately engage with

marginalized people in Greater Victoria. "Nancy brings natural gifts, professional training, and experience as a therapist to her ministry as a deacon."

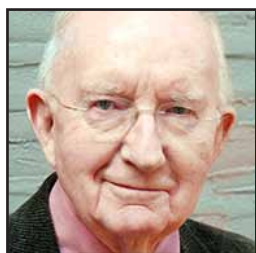
Ford is a member of the inter-agency Downtown Service Providers; she has served on the Community Social Planning Council; and she is vice-chair of the Umbrella Society, which assists people affected by mental health issues and substance

use. During the 2016 tent city encampment on the provincial courthouse grounds, Ford reached out to the campers. As director of deacons, she guides the discernment, formation, and mentoring of mentors, and assists congregations to understand role of the diaconate.

Other achievements include co-chairing the planning committee for the 2017 assembly of Anglican

deacons and playing a big role in development and adoption of the Iona Report, a list of competencies for diaconal ministry in the Anglican Church. She is president of the Anglican Association of Deacons in Canada until 2020. Finally, she was active in the program review of CCS, as well as a key contact and resource person for CCS's Learning on Purpose course at the Cathedral in 2018.

Arm In Arm



Reflections

BY HERBERT O'DRISCOLL

You know those moments in life when, at the time, you felt nothing in particular was happening, but when you thought back on the moment you realized that a great deal had happened? I want to share two such moments with you. Both took place about 40 years ago. Good heavens.

I was driving along Cornwall Street in Vancouver. It was about noon on a lovely late fall day. I was driving very slowly because if you can glance between the houses you get ravishing views of the mountains and English Bay.

I became aware of two people coming down the sidewalk together, obviously out for a walk. Two women, they walked arm-in-arm. One was in her early 20s, the other I estimated as mid-70s. Just as I passed, they paused in their stride, their heads went back almost in unison, and they laughed.

They were obviously of the same family. I'm almost certain they were grandmother and granddaughter. There was the same styling of hair, one dark, the other silver. There was the same facial formation, especially in the moment of their laughter. I felt that I had been given a glimpse through a time barrier and had seen the same person alive with laughter at two different moments of her life. All this flashed into my mind as my car passed them.

There looked to be between them an intimacy and an ease that made years and decades seem irrelevant. I was reminded

of the beauty and the priceless gift that family at its best can give us. The sharing of laughter, the linking of arms, the similarity of face and stance, all made me aware that affection knows nothing of time. There can be in family ties such unity that when eyes look into eyes, they see neither age nor youth but a reflection of themselves.

The other such moment came at the intersection of Davie and Denman in the West End. It was one of those long evenings of summer that linger in memory. There was a kind of hush in the air that seemed to mute even the engines of the traffic that wound its way slowly along Beach Avenue. The yellow bulbs on the popcorn vendors' barrows twinkled through the late evening light.

All around me were people of every age and description. There were family groups, couples, singles, all moving with a kind

of weekend relaxation, everyone wishing to savour and to extend this hour before nightfall.

I became aware of a couple walking together. They were elderly and slightly bowed. They moved slowly, but in perfect unison arm-in-arm. It was a rhythm that came from countless walks together. For a moment the long golden road of the sunset flashed them into invisibility as they crossed between it and where I stood.

They came to a point where the sidewalk ended. For them it was a high step. In their fragility, which they had long ceased to try to disguise, it was a formidable obstacle, even a moment of potential danger.

As I watched, he very slowly stepped into the roadway. When he was safely down, he turned to help her make the same step carefully, gingerly. Together they set out on the journey to the other side

of the busy boulevard. Once again he stepped up on the sidewalk, turned and helped her do likewise. Linking arms again, they continued their evening stroll.

Out beyond the bay, the sun began to sink behind the islands. Children were unwillingly leaving the softly lapping water of the bay as parents called. It would be important to be home before darkness fell.

In an unusually tender moment, the apostle Paul once wrote that there are three things that last forever: faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these is love. I remember that golden evening down by English Bay because I had glimpsed two of the countless faces of human love.

Herbert O'Driscoll is a retired priest, the author of a number of books, hymns and radio scripts as well as a conference leader in a number of provinces of the Anglican Communion.

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My Journey

BY THE REV. GYLLIAN DAVIES

My Journey is a series of interviews with newly ordained or inducted clergy in the diocese. The Rev. Gyllian Davies will be inducted in 2019 as rector at the Anglican Parish of Salt Spring Island, which includes three churches: St. Mary, St. Mark, and All Saints by-the-Sea in downtown Ganges.

What made you decide on the priesthood?

I was living in Christina Lake and going to church in Grand Forks; the priest asked me if I had ever thought of becoming a priest. I said no. A year later he asked me again. The Quakers say that if a spiritual elder asks you something twice, that person obviously sees something in you. Two other people who influenced my decision were The Rev. Canon Marianne Wells Borg, former canon pastor at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Portland, Oregon and Vancouver theologian, The Rev. Dr. Donald Grayston.

What field were you in previously?

I led classes and retreats as an artist, life coach, spiritual director and labyrinth facilitator.

What route did you take for your studies?

I got my bachelor's degree in music, I completed an early childhood education certificate, then I got a bachelor of arts and crafts in Oregon. My Master of Divinity degree was from the Episcopal Church Divinity School of the Pacific seminary in Berkeley, California. I was ordained in the Diocese of Kootenay in Nelson in 2016, then worked as a deacon at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist in Saskatoon and in Lloydminster. I was ordained as a priest in 2017.

Tell us something about your background.

I grew up in Rossland, 4,000 people and four churches. Everybody went to one of the

four churches. I was raised Anglican, but in Grade 12 I went to a Quaker school. I fell in love with Quakerism; I loved how they talked about God and the journey, and the way they treated me. Through the Quakers, I was introduced to Matthew Fox, Elisabeth Schüssler Fiorenza, Robert Bly, Mary Daly and other theologians. I loved the activism on environmentalism and social justice found at Quaker meetings.

On Salt Spring Island, I am so impressed by the people who are actively engaged in the community. I love living by the ocean. My family on Salt Spring is my standard poodle, Bayley.

What do you see as challenges facing the Anglican Church?

People need to get past

their yearning for the church to fill up with young people and be like it was when they were growing up. I say, why torment ourselves? It is distracting us from focusing on service out in our communities. I have heard so many stories of people in their 50s and 60s starting to have this hunger that won't go away for a spiritual community where they can belong. People come back to the Anglican Church because they say they love the words of the liturgy.

Another challenge is to let go of doing things the way we've always done them. If we really want to be of use to the world, we need to ask ourselves not how to get the world to love what we're already doing, but how to feed its needs.

A Ministry of Presence

Continued from cover

Soon members of Wamiss's church came to St. Columba with their guitars and participated in the service, sharing stories, culture, prayer, laughter and tears. Alison Hunting, the minister's wife, has participated at North Island Building Blocks, a family outreach and support centre administered by the Gwa'sala-'Nakwaxda'xw. It was time to move forward.

The parish could only afford to support Hunting at 70 per cent of his time, so it decided to apply to the Vision Fund to enable him to extend the scope of his ministry in the Indigenous community. The Fund

provided funding twice over two years.

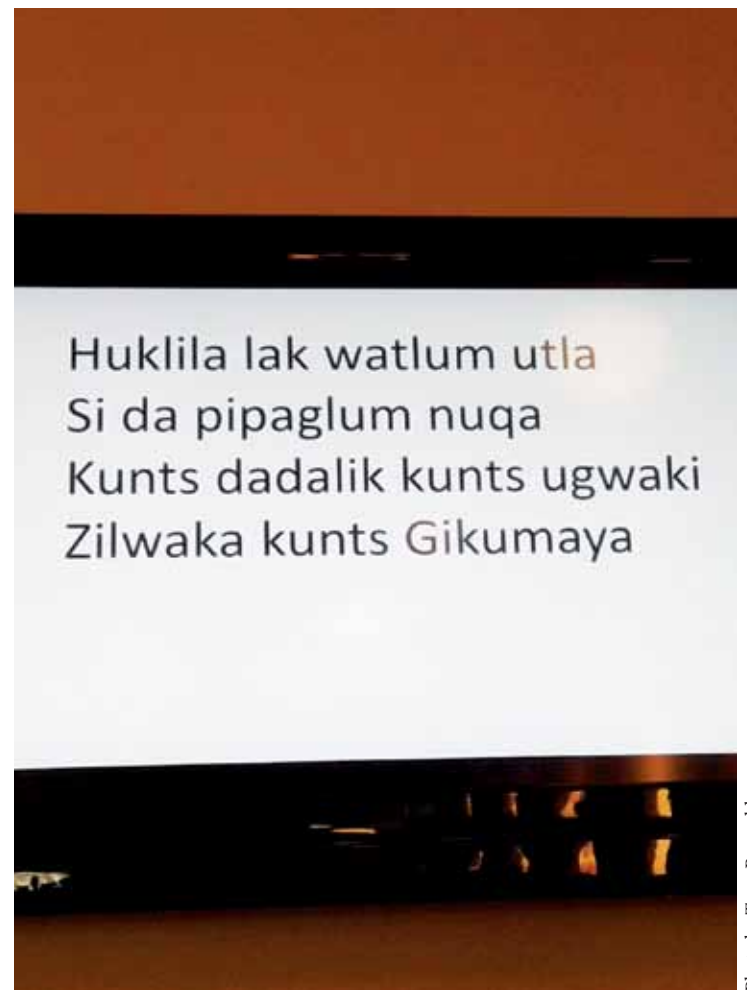
Parish council was asked by the elders in the community to introduce the Kwak'wala language into the liturgy and translate some of their favourite hymns. Last year, five Indigenous teenagers were invited to attend the "We Together" diocesan youth gathering in Duncan. "It was really wonderful to see Port Hardy represented and to have their voices heard," Hunting said. In November 2018, St. Columba's organized a fall retreat and took another group of teens to connect with youth at St. George United Church in Courtenay.

The relationship with J.C. Memorial had infused new life into St. Columba's, and its vision as a warm and welcoming place is becoming a reality. It's true that the predominantly senior congregants had to get

used to youngsters running around the nave during Sunday services. At first, not everyone was comfortable with this. But on a recent Sunday, when children from two Indigenous families were christened at St. Columba's, the congregation joined in "Hark the Herald Angels," singing in Kwak'wala, while children played in the pews.

Port Alice, 40 kilometres away, is the second church the parish supports. It is on the territory of the Quatsino people who have a long, and far from a happy relationship with the Anglican Church. Hunting hopes that in time the same relationship of trust and friendship can be built with people of that First Nation.

Tony Reynolds worships at St. Peter, Comox. Previously, he was a journalist, farmer and executive director of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples.



A verse from Hark the Herald Angels Sing in Kwakwala.

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Season of Discipleship



Fly on the Wall

Season of Discipleship to Inform Diocesan Council Agenda This Year

BY CATHERINE PATE

This regular column reports on the activities and decisions of Diocesan Council, the “synod between synods” of our diocese. Download monthly meeting minutes at bc.anglican.ca/about

At its second meeting (December 20) as a new committee at Synod, Diocesan Council spent a significant portion of its agenda reflecting on what discipleship is and how the Season of Discipleship will guide its work as the synod between synods over the coming year. Future meeting agendas will include reflection and discussion on this bishop-designated diocesan vision-based focus. More information to follow in future issues and on the diocesan website.

Asset Management

The Rogers Court Society-sponsored project for a new ministry centre and affordable housing complex at St. Peter and St. Paul in Esquimalt received

full rezoning and fourth reading in October 2018 at Esquimalt City Council. The public announcement of grant funding and mortgage funding by BC Housing was made in November 2018. The project is proceeding through a municipally-agreed process to deal with heritage alteration as required for this heritage-designated church. Plans call for completion of this process in February 2019 followed by working drawings, bids and a building permit for construction in summer 2019. See details on the diocese website under Asset Management.

Peter Daniel, diocesan asset manager reported on his recent visit to Trinity Anglican + Lutheran Church, Port Alberni, and its Transforming Futures plans for upgrades to make its church and hall fully-accessible. This parish initiative embraces the diocese vision to use its buildings more effectively to create new community partnerships. Submissions for funding assistance to the Anglican Foundation and Rick Hansen Foundation are anticipated. This project will be brought forward to the next meeting of Diocesan Council for review and approval.

Wendy Carriere, a parishioner of St. Mark, Qualicum Beach, will replace Peter Daniel on the board of Bethlehem Investors Group. Wendy will represent the diocesan interests in this company that owns the land and buildings leased by Friends of Bethlehem Retreat Society in Nanaimo.

The diocese will invest in upgrades to the rectory at St. Dunstan in Gordon Head

(Victoria). Work on the site has started with completion expected in March 2019.

An offer made by the diocese on a Victoria property owned by the Sisters of St. Ann was not accepted and no further action is anticipated.

Mount Douglas Seniors Housing Society will draw down its remaining consolidated trust funds (generously provided by the Anglican Church Women) to furnish its new affordable housing complex at 1550 Arrow Road in Saanich. Construction is scheduled to be completed April 2019.

Transforming Futures

Michael Wimmer, Transforming Futures facilitator, gave a brief report to update Diocesan Council on his activities since starting in the role in October. There are six identified parishes ready to begin their fundraising efforts. Michael, along with Brendon Neilson (diocesan vision animator) will work with these and other parishes as they become ready over the coming months to develop a parish case for support, train a Transforming Futures leadership team and track their fundraising progress. Michael will also assist parishes in developing Legacy Gift Giving programs. For more information, visit www.bc.anglican.ca/giving.

Faith in Foundation

Bishop's Calendar - February

(as at Dec 17, 2018)

2 Parish of Central Saanich – Induction of Lon Towstego	23 St. Mark, Qualicum Beach – Induction of Elizabeth Northcott
12 Educational Trusts Board Meeting	24 St. Mark, Qualicum Beach – Parish Visitation
21 Finance Committee Meeting	28 Diocesan Council Meeting

Personnel Updates

Canon Dolly Beaumont has resigned her ministry at St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin, as of December 31, 2018.

The Rev. Anthony Divinagracia has resigned as incumbent at St. John the Divine, Courtenay, effective February 15, 2019 to take on the position of chaplain with the Royal Canadian Air Force.

The Rev. Ed Lewis has been appointed to serve as interim priest-in-charge at the Two Saints Ministry effective January 1, 2019.

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