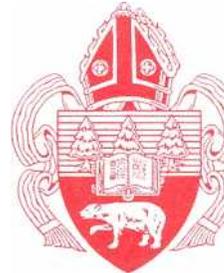


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Newly ordained Priests

*Thank you for
Praying*



Day 10 & 25

Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.
Dean Peter Williams and Barbara Williams. Rev.
Mary Battaja, (Associate Priest, on leave). Lino
Battaja and family.

Day 2 & 17

Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene.
Toad River, Alaska Highway, mile 150-506
Lay Leadership

Day 3 & 18

Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist
Lower Post, Swift River.
Telegraph Creek: St. Aidan.
Dease Lake; Glenora.
Teslin: St. Philip's
Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame & family.

Day 4 & 19

Carcross: St. Saviour's.
The Rev. David Pritchard
Tagish, Johnson's Crossing
Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy

Day 5 & 20

Communities of: **Carmacks, Keno, Faro and
Ross River.**

Day 6 & 21

Atlin: St. Martin.
Deacon Vera Kirkwood & family.
Licensed Lay Minister: Dorothy Odian & family.

Day 7 & 22

Clergy in secular employment holding Bishop's
License for ministry in the Diocese of Yukon:
Rev. Martin Carroll, Deacon Nall Sheridan.

Day 8 & 23

Haines Junction: St. Christopher's.
Beaver Creek: St. Columba.
Alaska Highway: mile 918-1202
Archdeacon Sean Murphy (Whitehorse)
& Lay Ministry Team.

Day 9 & 24

Whitehorse:
Church of the Northern Apostles.
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard)
and Licensed Lay Ministers: Mal Malloch and
Sarah Usher.

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.

Rev. Susan Titterington.
Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother.
Deacon Walter Majola, Olga Majola and Licensed
Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

Day 11 & 26

**Dawson City: St. Paul's. Moosehide: St.
Barnabas. The Klondike Creeks; The
Dempster Hwy.**
Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, Deacon Percy Henry.
The Ven. Ken Snider (Retired Honorary
Assistant), Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel
Henry; Shirley Pennell.

Day 12 & 27

Old Crow: St. Luke's.
Rev. Deacon Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer &
family. Rev. Susan Titterington and Lay Ministry
Team.

Day 13 & 28

Sarah Usher: Diocesan Administrative Officer.
Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee.
**Diocesan Prayer Partner: Diocese of
Fredericton.**

Day 14 & 29

Pattie Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate:
Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.
Mission Education & PWRDF co-ordinator:
Rev. David Pritchard.
Diocesan ACW President: Gloria Buckley and
all ACW members.

Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:
Isobel Greenwood.
The Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall.
The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.
The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.
The Rev. Don Sax & Deacon Lee Sax.
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.
Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.
Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon
Ven. Arthur & Muriel Privett.
Canon David & Alice Kallice
Ven. John & Deacon Carol Tyrrell.
Marion Carroll.
Licensed Lay Minister: Edith Josie.

Day 31 and daily:

Bishop Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle & family.

From The Bishop



We are I believe on the brink of a new day in the Diocese of Yukon.

We are blessed with many resources. Our resources are of God in the people of God.

Circle Ministry has brought to us a new sense of ownership of "Church" and "Ministry".

Our Ministry to Youth is expanding as we attempt prayerfully to make "Youth Ministry" an important priority in the Diocese of Yukon.

The Bishops' School of Yukon Ministries encompasses all training and equipping for ministry in the Diocese of Yukon. The future of this training initiative looks

even more promising as we converse with the Diocese of the Arctic, Caledonia and Alaska about working together with them in this vital area of training and equipping our people for ministry.

Preaching workshops on site in our various communities for those engaged in preaching ministry will continue to provide inspiration, insight and ability in this important ministry.

Presently we are exploring the development of a street ministry in the City of Whitehorse. This outreach initiative is a ministry of caring, of being where people are for people in the City of Whitehorse. This could be a demanding ministry to people of all ages, young and old. The need is

obvious. The financial cost of this ministry is a serious consideration. The question is, "can we make it happen"? Faith says, "Yes we can," if this is where and how our Lord would have us serve.

Ministry to children in the form of Vacation Bible Schools is an on-going effort to reach out to children in our communities.

The establishment of The Bishops' Aboriginal Advisory Council will with our Lords' leading further enable the ministry of and to the Aboriginal people of our diocese.

The involvement of ministry resource leaders from outside of our diocese will offer us fresh insight and vision as we seek to be the Church alive in the Holy Spirit.

On-going "Ministry Conferences" now replacing "Clergy Conferences" will involve all engaged in and aspiring to ministry both lay and ordained, offering encouragement and empowerment for ministry and witness.

A prayerful consideration of the ministry of "Evangelism" will challenge us to

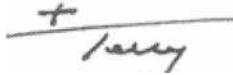
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realize the potential that each of our congregations has to engage the society in which they live with a Godly demonstration of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that "a new evangelism" will emerge that will help people to understand and believe the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So having shared with you all of the above I rejoice in the faithfulness of our Lord and ask your prayers for our diocese. May God be honoured here!

Yours sincerely in Christ,



T.O. Buckle
Bishop of Yukon



Diocesan Synod Meets in Whitehorse

Delegates and guests met in Whitehorse for the 36th Synod of the Diocese of Yukon. All the sessions were held in Hellaby Hall at Christ Church Cathedral. The weather was hot and sunny as the Yukon experienced an early Spring. The Synod began on Friday evening with Bishop Terry giving his charge to the diocese.

On the Saturday afternoon, Archdeacon John Tyrrell gave a Powerpoint presentation of the time he and his wife Carol spent in Sri Lanka doing tsunami relief work.

The Sunday morning worship in the Cathedral was an uplifting and joyous time of worship. Instead of hymn books, all the hymns were projected onto a large screen for all to see. The music team, consisting of guitar, cello, organ and piano enhanced the time of worship. At the Sunday morning service, the Rev. Niall Sheridan was officially welcomed into the Anglican Church as a deacon.



Clergy and Lay Ministers at Synod

Three Deacons Ordained to the Priesthood

Friends, family, parishioners and fellow clergy gathered in Christ Church Cathedral, Whitehorse, on June 1

share in the service of ordination to the priesthood of three deacons.

Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington and the Rev. Susan Titterington were ordained priest by the Rt. Rev. Terry Buckle, Bishop of Yukon.



Archdeacon Sean Murphy was the preacher. We thank God for each of these three new priests and pray God's blessing upon them in their various ministries.

Due to the small number of clergy in the diocese, they, along with our lay people in

positions of leadership in our parishes, need our continued and prayerful support.

Photograph: L to R: Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Bishop Terry Buckle, Lee Titterington and Susan Titterington.

Where Are They Now?

Don and Lee Sax

Don and I were in the Yukon from 1983 to 1997 and in Old Crow from 1983 to 1994 . We were ordained in Old Crow by Bishop Ron Ferris in April 1985 and Don, along with Ellen Bruce (Old Crow Elder) were ordained Priests in 1987. For 1994-95 we covered both St. Paul's Dawson City and St. Luke's Old Crow - from Dawson. Don actually retired in 1994- and I was Deacon in charge of Dawson City with Don as my honorary Priest assistant! That was because he turned 70 that year!

Don began the Bishop's School of Native Ministries and out of that a number of Native people were ordained. They were: Dr. Ellen Bruce, Effie Linklater and Mary

Battaja. We always saw our job as developing lay leadership. We retired from Yukon in April 1997. and spent 2 years in a retirement ministry in Marathon, Ontario. That's when we decided my mother was getting too old to be living by herself. She was born and raised and lived her whole life in Southern California; there was no way we could ask her to come live with us in Canada and so we moved to Banning to take care of her. This June she celebrated her 100th Birthday. She is an artist and poet and has had many showings of her art and many poems published. She still writes poetry everyday. Don and I joined St. Agnes Episcopal Church just 3 blocks



Where Are They Now?

Rosalind G Dixon, Editor

The Rev. Bruce & Audrey Aylard

The Rev. Bruce and Audrey Aylard served in the Diocese of Yukon from 1988 to 1994. Their first area of ministry was at St. Saviour's, Carcross and St. Philip's Teslin, and then later, St. Martin's Atlin and St. Philip's Teslin. They made their home in Teslin and made many friends there.

When they left in 1994, Bruce and Audrey moved to Devon, Alberta and in 2000 moved to Sherwood Park, Alberta, where they now live. Bruce is the Honorary Assistant at St. Thomas's, Sherwood Park. Sunday School and doing the coffee hour are just two of Audrey's areas of ministry. Their two grandchildren, Becky and Gregory, whom they have raised, are also involved in the life of St. Thomas's. Becky teaches in the Sunday and Gregory helps with all the sound equipment, all of which are important ministries. Becky is 18 years old and just graduated from High School, and Gregory is 16, going into Grade 11.

Bruce, Audrey and their grandchildren enjoyed life and ministry in the north and feel that part of their hearts are still there. As Audrey stated: "There is a uniqueness about the north, both in the scenery and the ministry". They try to go back every two years to visit their many friends.



Don and Lee Sax

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rom our house and spent the first 4 years assisting our Priest, Victoria Hatch, in the services and supporting her in all that she did. She was the first woman to be ordained Priest in the Diocese of Los Angeles and had been in Banning at St. Agnes for 26 years. It was time for a change and two years ago the Diocese moved her to our mother congregation and asked if we would take over this little mission church for awhile. We are still at it and enjoying the development of team ministry in our small congregation. We often think of all our friends in the North and tell all the marvelous stories of such a unique place. It was a blessing to us to have had the opportunity to serve the Lord in the diocese of Yukon. But then it is a blessing where ever we follow our Lord. Grace and peace to you all The Rev's Don and Lee Sax.

Sorry, no photograph available)

Here and There in the Diocese

Dawson City:

Throughout the month of June, the diocese was pleased to welcome Don and Mary Hogarth from Ottawa. They were travelling on behalf of the Madge Hogarth Foundation, named for Don's mother, which has financially assisted so many of our churches and rectories. They were trying to visit all the churches, Anglican, Roman Catholic and others that the foundation has helped over the years.

Don is a retired professor of Geology who has not really retired at all! A visit to the Klondike and the rocks of our goldfields was a definite pleasure for him. St. Paul's, Dawson City was blessed by their presence for Sunday worship. We all hope they can return once again.



Pictured on the steps of St. Paul's is Don and Mary Hogarth with Deacon Carol Tyrrell on the left.



Congratulations:

The Rev. Martin Carroll and his wife Ruth, recently received their Diplomas in Lay Counselling from Providence Theological Seminary.

Martin and Ruth live in Whitehorse and attend Christ Church Cathedral.

Although somewhat belated, we offer our congratulations to Archdeacon Arthur Privett on celebrating his 90th birthday last year and for being ordained 60 years! Arthur and his wife Muriel will be feeling especially proud at this time as their son, John was recently elected Bishop of the Diocese of Kootenay.





*The Very Rev. I
Dean and Rector: Chi
White*

I was born in the west end of Toronto in 1944, an only child. I was baptized in the Anglican Church, since my maternal grandmother was a devout Anglican from Kent, England. However, in the suburb where I grew up, the nearest church was Royal York Road United Church. There I was sent to Cubs and Sunday School. It was there I learned the great Bible stories and of my need for salvation.

A friend of mine attended a Baptist Church and went to Pioneer Camp each summer. One year I tagged along for a month; heard the Gospel, and around the campfire, accepted Christ.

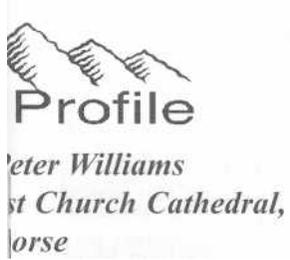
Returning to a secular family and a secular set of friends, the flames of my new life in Christ quickly became a mere ember.

The subsequent summers I went to Camp Mini-yo-wee and again heard the Gospel, re-dedicating my life to the Lord each July! By autumn however, having dropped out of Sunday School my commitment had ebbed away.

I left High School without completing it, and worked as a clerk, farm-hand, salesman, and gardener. After a stint in the Canadian Navy I took a course as a welder-fitter and found lots of employment opportunities. Around that time back in 1965, I went to church with

the girl I had corresponded with while I was in the Navy. It was called "The Overcomers Church" and I fell in love with it, feeling like I had come home after a long lonely journey. In my new church in downtown Toronto, I made a new set of friends and became heavily involved in the activities and ministries of the church. Each Saturday night we played volleyball and staged a Biblical epic drama in the church hall. Sunday was full with a morning service, visiting hospitals and parks in the afternoon to share the Gospel, then culminating with an evangelistic service and a prayer meeting that lasted till after 10:00 pm. My parents never really believed that I was in church all that time each week, but they saw a change in me that was positive. It was at "The Overcomers Church" that I met the girl who has been my wife and loyal fellow labourer for the past 36 years. Barb used to come over on Saturday evenings and Sunday nights to our services from the Baptist Church, and against the counsel of her pastor!

Sadly, "The Overcomers Church" met with tragedy. It was discovered that the pastor was crossing sexual boundaries with his parishioners. It was then that Barb and I began to look for a new spiritual home. At this very time, we moved to Oshawa, and began to attend the local King Street



Pentecostal Church and got involved in youth ministry there.

Out of King Street Church, I managed a Gospel Choir and we travelled often on weekends to minister in churches throughout southern Ontario. One of our visits was to a local Anglican Church in Whitby, Ontario, where I met the Rev.

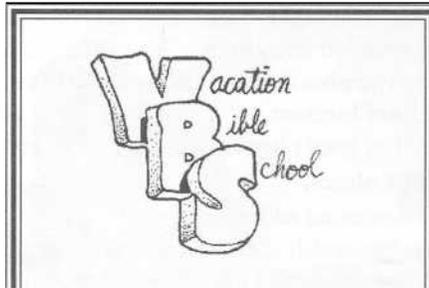
Raymond J. Carder, who would become a spiritual friend and mentor to me in the days ahead. I was powerfully drawn to the Anglican ethos on that occasion .

For many years my father had tried to woo me away from The Overcomers Church, believing it was quasi-cultic. I thought Satan was speaking through him however, and always resisted his overtones. He used to say to me: "Son I know you would like to become a minister, but why don't you do it through a respectable denomination? I'll help you financially!" By this time I did know that God was calling me to the ministry, but when The Overcomers scandal broke I was deeply depressed and disheartened. It was during this time that my dad came to visit Barb and I, now married and living in Oshawa.

To make a long story short, I applied to Wycliffe College, was accepted contingent upon receiving an undergraduate degree. After seven years of study, I was ordained in Toronto in 1978. We have served in



five dioceses, including five years in Peru. Presently I am Dean of Yukon in Whitehorse.



News of Diocesan Summer Ministry in the next Issue

ACW Diocesan Centennial

Gloria Hockley Diocesan ACW President



Aldene Snider

Thank you to all who participated in the "Century of Service" Centennial Conference for the Anglican Church Women held April 30 to May 1st. It was a very exciting time and we all came away with some wonderful experiences and new or renewed friendships. Attendees came from parishes in Mayo, Dawson, Old Crow, Haines Junction, Atlin, and Whitehorse as well as guests from North Vancouver and other places.

The opening address was given by Venerable Sean Murphy, Archdeacon of Liard.

Our speaker Aldene Snider gave some personal reflections on her experiences coming North as a WA missionary fifty years ago.. She also discussed changing roles of women in the church. At the Sunday service Aldene also addressed the Cathedral congregation talking about the

spiritual roles and contributions of some of the early Yukon women. She was dressed in a vintage walking suit loaned to her by Parks Canada.

Entertainment included a Fashion Show through the Decades (with some charming outfits featured), a Talent Night, then a potluck one night and a catered turkey dinner the next. There was much fun and merriment at the Talent Night where the ladies showed such diversified talents as piano playing, singing, comedy routines and dancing. A bi-annual meeting was also conducted, including an election of officers. An interesting, sharing time was when the reports from the parishes on their women's activities were presented.

Thank you to all who contributed in some way to making this conference such a success! This will be remembered for years to come. **Roll on another celebration!**

L to R: Blanche Buckle, Aldene Snider, Barbara Williams, Gloria Hockley and Veronica Maleby



Movements in the Diocese

This summer will see a few changes in the diocese. The Rev. Fred Carson, his wife Marcia and son Matthew are leaving Fort Nelson and returning to their home in Simcoe, Ontario. They go with our appreciation and thankfulness for their ministry in the Diocese.

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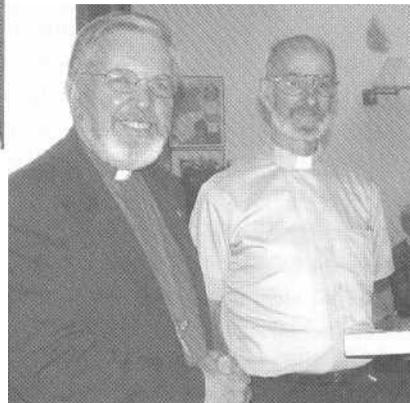


The Ven. John Tyrrell and his wife, Deacon Carol Tyrrell have retired from ministry within the diocese. We wish them God's blessing and appreciate the many gifts they brought to their ministry in the Diocese.

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The Rev. Canon David Kalles and his wife, Alice have now retired and will continue to make their home in Watson Lake, where they have lived for many years. David went to Teslin once a month for services and his ministry was much appreciated.

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The Rev. Dr. Lee and Rev. Susan Titterington are leaving Mayo and taking up residence in Dawson City. Lee will be the rector of St. Paul's and also the Director of Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries. Susan will be travelling as her responsibilities will take her to Old Crow and Mayo. She is also the Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator.

*SOMA Ireland Canada
Team Visits Yukon*

Rev. Fred Carson

The mission to the Diocese of Yukon began in the southern most parish, St. Mary Magdalene's in Fort Nelson, BC. This part of the mission was kept intentionally interdenominational, beginning with a shared meal in the local Aboriginal Friendship Centre, with evening meetings held in three of the community's churches. Appropriately, the first address was on being filled with the Holy Spirit and, glory to God, as people were prayed with, they were filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered in a new way for ministry. Other topics in Fort Nelson included healing and intercessory prayer, timely topics in an age of confusion and bewilderment. The area is well known for its affluence, but there is also considerable hurt and pain. God spoke to many during this mission and provided comfort, emotional and physical healing. Intercession also brings with it healing, reconciliation and a sense of well being. The team encouraged people to answer the call ... to pray for the pastors, churches and Christian unity. This has been heard and received. As a result, an intercessory prayer team is currently being set up to address the needs within the community. The community is also encouraged to become part of the Global Day of Prayer. An exciting video presentation showing how a prompting of God in 2001 and a subsequent prayer rally in Cape Town, South Africa with 45,000 people covered every country in Africa by 2004. An



to R Bp. Christopher Williams, Bernadette O'Rourke,, Gerry Griffin, Rev. Niall Griffin

invitation was offered to share in a Global Day of Prayer on May 15, 2005.

Continuing up the Alaska Highway, the team stopped first at the small community of Watson Lake and then on to Whitehorse. As the team addressed the Signs of the Times with the Watson Lake ministerial, we were reminded of the events taking place that fulfill scriptural prophecies, how we are all part of it, the special role of the Jewish people and the need to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. The public evening session dealt with intercession, with emphasis on Jesus' will for the Church to be unified and how then He is able to do all that He intends. This challenge was well received.

I had one person come up to me and say how encouraged she was by the team. Another person acknowledged the tremendous contribution the team made to the spiritual life of individuals in small, isolated parishes.

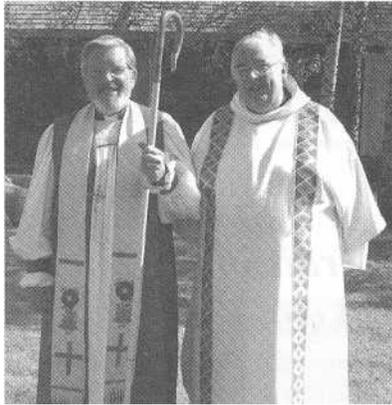
The mission concluded in Whitehorse, but not before people were filled with the Spirit, healed and strengthened in their faith. One person remarked in a sort of matter of fact way how her back had

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The Anglican Foundation

Over the years, the Anglican Foundation has helped many parishes financially in the Diocese of Yukon. New buildings, renovations and other projects have been greatly assisted by the Foundation.. Just recently, the parish of St. John the Baptist, Watson Lake was the recipient of a grant of \$15,000. This has enabled the parish to make

repairs to the rectory and church building, including a new full access ramp. It is through grants such as these that our diocesan property is kept in good order and repair. Our grateful thanks from the diocese goes to the Anglian Foundation and others who help in so many ways to continue the ministry God has called us to do.



hop Terry with the Rev. Deacon Niall Sheridan
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Parish says "Farewell" to John and Carol Tyrrell

Sunday, May 29, 2005 dawned warm with a bright sun shining down on a glorious Sunday morning. It was the morning planned for both the Sunday School picnic and John and Carol's retirement get together. As tradition, the picnic was held on the grounds of the Commissioner's Residence with permission from Parks Canada. Picnic tables were provided and the congregation brought many wonderful dishes and salads. Evelyn McDonald, the Warden, brought her usual delicious and decorated cake for the

special wishes. A blanket was spread out with pillows for those who wished to recline on the green grass, minus the ants. Others, placed their chairs around in a group for conversation and observation of the heavily laden tables. We began with a blessing from Father John and then the lineup began for John and Carol's yearly feed of hot dogs and hamburgers. This was their contribution to the pot luck event. Later into the afternoon, the church treasurer, Brenda Caley, presented the gift on behalf of the congregation, to John and Carol. The fabric art piece was of Yukon fireweed and made by a local artist, Shirley Pennell. Carol said that it would definitely grace their retirement home across the river in West Dawson. All in all, everyone had a great time and wished the newly retired all the very best for the future.

Shirley Pennell, lay reader for St. Paul's Church, Dawson City.

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been healed. Remarkably, a man could now raise his arm, where before the pain was too great to permit it and others received relief from neck and back ailments. God was certainly in this mission. It was evident once more that being filled with the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential to be able to hear God and do the work that He has commissioned us to do. So often we try to do things by our own strength and in our own power and we wonder why we become discouraged and disillusioned. We were reminded that the apostles could do nothing until the day of Pentecost when they were Baptized in the Spirit. Peter preached and 3,000 came to know Jesus in one day. If it happened then, why can't it happen now? The truth is that we need the power of the Spirit to accomplish anything for God.

Yes, the mission to the Diocese of Yukon was exciting, because of what Jesus Christ was doing in our midst. While there were many miracles, perhaps the greatest and most wonderful of all is the profound sense of unity of Spirit we all experienced. To God be the glory!

Note: The Rev'd Niall and Mrs Gerry Griffin along with Bernadette O'Rourke arrived in Fort Nelson, BC, from northern Ireland on April 12. These members of the SOMA Ireland group were joined by Bishop Christopher Williams of Yellowknife, former Bishop of the Arctic. The mission ended on April 17.

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Lay Leadership Training: Preaching Workshops

As more people are taking on lay leadership in our parishes, more training is needed.

Preaching workshops have been held in various communities in the diocese, led by the Ven. Sean Murphy, of Church of the Northern Apostles in Whitehorse, and the Rev. Canon Geoffrey Dixon of Parksville, BC, formerly in charge of the parish of St. Christopher's in Haines Junction.

The workshops are based on the Diocese of Singapore training modules and deal in some depth with training for the preaching of God's word.

The workshops involve a great deal of commitment from the participants, such as study, group discussion and preparing



Dorothy Odian (L) and Vera Kirkwood in Atlin with Geoffrey Dixon

sermons.

Watson Lake, Atlin, Haines Junction, and Whitehorse, are just some of the places where these workshops have and are being held.

Farewells



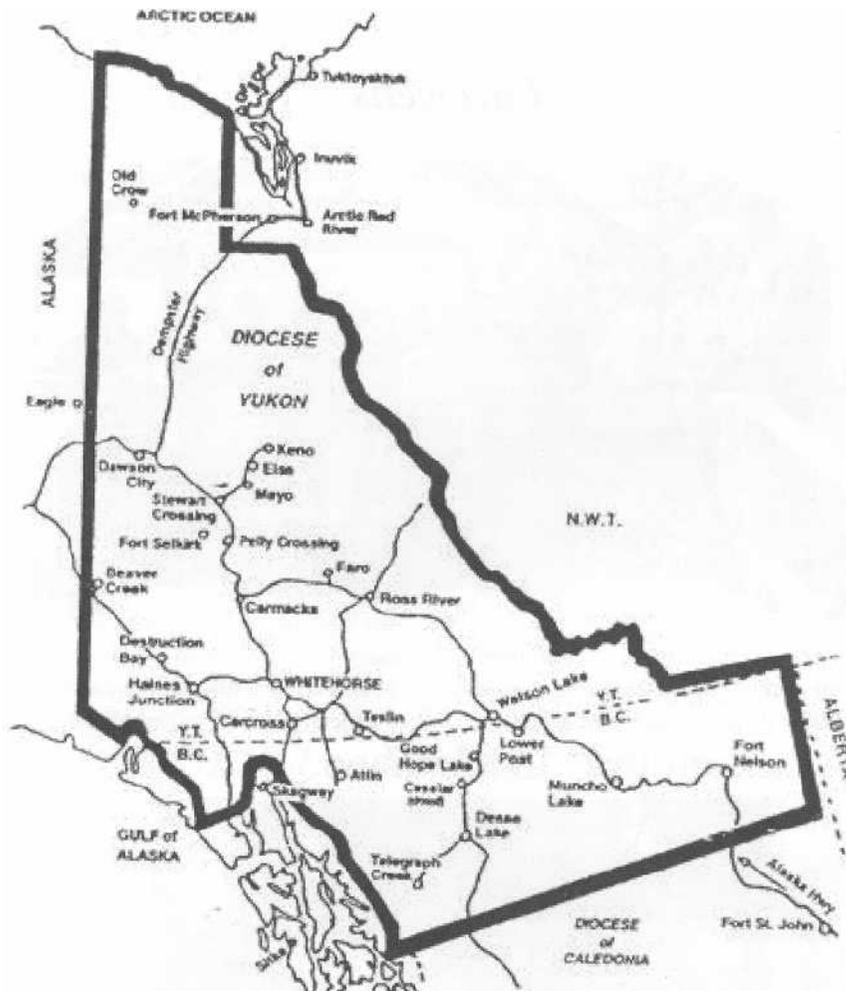
St. Philip 's, Teslin:

On a sunny Sunday afternoon in May, the people of St. Philips Anglican Church in Teslin, gathered together to say an official farewell to David and Alice Kalles.



St. Paul's, Dawson City:

People from the church and community gathered together for John and Carol Tyrrell's final Sunday as Priest and Deacon respectively at St. Paul's, Dawson City.



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