

Northern Lights

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**The Clergy, Lay Ministers and Parishioners attending
the Ordination of the Rev. Dorothy Odian to the
Diaconate from throughout the Diocese of Yukon,
from Fort Nelson to Dawson City.**

Photo by Cozmo Ace Malzarby

*Thank you for
Praying*



Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.

The Very Rev. Sean Murphy; The Rev. Canon David Pritchard & family; Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll & family; Licensed Lay Minister: Beverley Whitehouse.

Day 2 & 17

Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene. Toad River, Alaska Highway, Mile 150-506

Licensed Lay Minister in Charge - Ida Reid; The Rev. Don & Lana Thompson and family; Licensed Lay Ministers Terry Reid, Glen Gough, Jeanie Arva & Mark Tudor.

Day 3 & 18

Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist; Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek: St.

Aidan; **Dease Lake; Glenora.** The Rev. Rob Langmaid; Licensed Lay Ministers: Tim Liver-ton & Monica Langmaid

Day 4 & 19

Carcross, Tagish, Johnson's Crossing
St. Saviour's.

The Rev. Canon David Pritchard and family

Teslin: St. Philips.

The Rev. Sarah Usher and the Ministry Team

Day 5 & 20: Communities of: Carmacks & Keno.

Day 6 & 21: Atlin: St. Martin. The Rev. Vera Kirkwood; The Rev. Dorothy Odian and their families. Licensed Lay Minister: George Holman.

Day 7 & 22: Communities of Faro and Ross River

Day 8 & 23

Haines Junction: St. Christopher's. Beaver Creek: St. Columba: Alaska Highway:

Mile 918-1202: Lynn de Brabandere and the Ministry Team

Day 9 & 24

Whitehorse: Church of the Northern Apostles.

The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, Sheila Robertson, The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle, The Rev. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

Day 10 and 25

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark. **Pelly**

Crossing: St. James the Lord's

Brother. **Keno City:** All Saints

The Rev. Stephen Martin, Michelle Martin & family and the Lay Ministry Team; Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

Day 11 & 26

Dawson City: St. Paul's. **Moosehide:**

St. Barnabas; **The Klondike Creeks; The**

Dempster Hwy. The Rev. Laurie Munro, The Rev. Percy Henry. The Ven. Ken Snider (Hon. Asst.) and Aldene Snider. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry; Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

Day 12 & 27

Old Crow: St. Luke's.

The Rev. Laurie Munro, The Rev. Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family and Lay Ministry Team

Day 13 & 28

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

Day 14 & 29

Patti Tettichi, Yukon Apostolate. Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.

PWRDF Diocesan Representative: Betty Davidson

Diocesan ACW President: Evelyn McDonald and all ACW members.

Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:

The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.

The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.

The Rev. Don Sax & Deacon Lee Sax.

The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.

Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon.

The Rev. Canon David Kalles.

The Ven. John & Deacon Carol Tyrrell.

The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.

The Very Rev. Peter & Barbara Williams.

The Rev. Mary & Lino Battaja.

The Most Rev. Terry and Blanche Buckle;

Marion Carroll.

Day 31 and daily:

The Rt. Rev. Larry and Sheila Robertson & family.

A Message from the Bishop



Dear Friends:

After a long winter and very little spring, summer is here. The warmth of the sun, the gentle breeze and the increase of joy in the people of the Yukon, remind me of the Warmth of the Son of God, the gentle wind of the Holy Spirit that guides us, and the joy that comes from knowing Jesus. May our God, the great Creator, instill these three blessings in you and your families.

Many things have happened over the recent past: the Belize Mission, General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, some moving in and a moving out. All of these affect the Diocese of Yukon and will be commented on in some way in this issue.

One of the great impacts on the Anglican Church, not only in Canada, but also around the world is the five *Marks of Mission* that have been adopted by the Anglican Communion. They are as follows:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize, and nurture new believers

- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society, to challenge violence of every kind and to pursue peace and reconciliation
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

The *Marks of Mission* is meant to be a way of life for the Church. All decisions of the Church should have one or more of the Marks as its motivation. As your Bishop, I ask myself, "Are the actions of the Diocese of Yukon based on or influenced by the Marks of Mission?" This is a question I will be asking as we move into the future as a diocese.

But the *Marks of Mission* is also meant to be used on a parish level and an individual level. I would ask each parish to examine the life of the Church and see where the Marks of Mission are served. In your own personal life, can you see your actions and words fitting into the Marks of Mission?

The Marks, if taken seriously, are rooted in a deep desire to know, love and serve Jesus and to want others to do the same. There can be no higher motive for a Christian. When we live like this we will truly feel the Warmth of the Son of God, the gentle wind of the Holy Spirit that guides us and the joy that comes from knowing Jesus. Blessings to you all.

Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, DD
Bishop of Yukon

Changes Around the Diocese: from top to bottom

Over the last few months things have been busy here in the Diocese of Yukon. Take a trip with me from top to bottom and see where we believe God is leading us.

The first place is Old Crow, the only place we must fly to, as there is not a road leading to it. The current Church building is not used. Logs are rotting and the place is caving in on itself. The congregation, served locally by Deacon Marion Schafer (locally trained), is meeting in the Cultural Center. As the church is one of the few places where the language is still used, this is indeed appropriate. This congregation is in the midst of trying to build a new worship place as money becomes available.

Next door in Dawson City there is construction of many kinds going on. Rev. Laurie Munro, with the able help of her ministry team, has seen improvements on the church, the hall and the rectory. Rectories in the north are essential, for without a rectory there is no chance of having a minister, as the cost of housing is so high. It is my understanding that a youth choir has been started, the Historical Evening prayers will again run throughout the summer. It is out of Dawson that this Diocesan magazine is produced by Dan Davidson, for which we are thankful.

Driving down the road we come to Mayo where Steve Martin (Ministry of Presence) is leaving us to move to Inuvik. We wish him well in this new ministry. This does, however, leave a vacancy that also affects the communities of Pelly Crossing and Keno as part of the parish. Please pray for a volunteer pastor to come forward in the near future.

Under the guidance of Very Rever-

end Sean Murphy, Dean of the Cathedral, Historical Evening Prayer service take place in the Old Log Church in Whitehorse. These provide an opportunity to worship but they also teach the history of the early ministry in our diocese. Canon David Pritchard is having weekly lunches to raise money to build a home for a needy family in Swaziland, Africa. \$10,000 will build a three-bedroom home and give a family some dignity and privacy again.

Church of the Northern Apostles (Whitehorse) is getting a minister in September. The Rev. Rob Langmaid with his wife Monica will be leaving St. John the Baptist in Watson Lake and joining the Circle Ministry Team in Northern Apostles. Ford Hewlett will be replacing Rev. Langmaid in Watson Lake. We wish them all well.

Two other ministries of the Diocese of note in the Whitehorse area are the First Nations ministry under the direction of Rev. Martin Carroll and the recently started Street Hope Ministries under the direction of Archbishop Buckle. Street Hope reaches out to the down and out of Whitehorse with the love of Jesus.

St. Martins, Atlin, BC is always a busy parish. This spring there was great joy as longtime Lay Minister Dorothy Odian was made a Deacon of the Church. Tears ran freely as her 93-year old mother, the Rev. Vera Kirkwood, put a deacon's stole on her daughter. Both these persons are products of the Bishop's School of Yukon Ministry and have been locally trained.

One of Dorothy's Quiet Day Team was Lynn De Brabandere the Lay Minister in St Christopher's in Haines Junc-

tion. Entering into her 3rd year as part of our Ministry of Presence, Lynn has conducted retreats for the ladies of the diocese besides her parish work.

The most southerly parish is St Mary Magdalene in Fort Nelson BC. This is a Circle Ministry parish and is led by Ida and Terry Reid, who came to us from Newfoundland as part of the Ministry of Presence. This parish has just held a teaching weekend through the Bishop's School of Yukon Ministry that saw over 25 people attend. The Bishop's School of Yukon Ministry is under the care of

Archbishop Terry Buckle (retired).

The Diocesan Office continues to be staffed by myself and very capable Rev. Sarah Usher, our Administrative Officer, who is also the Deacon in Charge of the parish of St. Philip's, Teslin. There are no other office staff members hiding under our desks. We have cut the administration costs to a bare minimum to allow whatever funds we receive to go to providing ministry in the parishes

Blessings.

Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson, DD

Diocese of Belize: A World Away But Oh So Similar

Earlier this year in the cold of winter a team of five people from the Diocese of Yukon with one from the Diocese of the Arctic, went to the Diocese of Belize on a five day mission to teach Christian music to the children of the Diocesan Schools in Belize. (It was hard to leave the - 25 C weather of the Yukon to endure the +25-30 C of Belize, but we managed it). In addition to this there was a day long session on Parish Administration and Communication. We visited four of the over 20 Diocesan Day Schools. As Bishop, I want to say how proud I am of the team that went. Their skills in music blended well to meet the needs of the mission. Their conduct as representatives of the Diocese of Yukon was to be praised. What impressed me most of them was the love and concern they showed toward the people. Over and over again I received praise and compliment on behalf of the team. Several asked when are we returning? The laughter and joy on the childrens faces revealed how much they enjoyed

singing the new praises and hymns. They were truly fine ambassadors of the Diocese of Yukon.

As I spoke with their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Philip Wright, we were both struck as to how, despite the distance between us, the two diocese are so similar. The following are some of the facts we share as dioceses:

Over 3/4 of the population dwell in one city (Belize City and Whitehorse) the rest of the population are scattered in small communities around the diocese.

Both dioceses have a strong mixture of cultures, both local and foreign. Although English is the main language of the church and government, many other languages are spoken.

Both dioceses, due to declining resources, have had to drastically reduce the number of stipendiary clergy, forcing them to look for new ways to minister to the members of the diocese.

Both dioceses have made lay and local training a priority

Both dioceses have had to rely on volunteers to do much of the pastoral care.

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Both dioceses are relying more and more on outside volunteers to supplement the shortages of clergy.

It is my hope that these two dioceses can strengthen the bonds of friendship

between them, and out of this friendship find mutual support, encouragement and prayers as we share our stories with each other.

Bishop Larry Robertson, DD



At St. John's Anglican Cathedral - Monica and Rob Langmaid with Bishop Wright (center), Bishop Larry & Sheila Robertson and Betty Davidson in Belize City.



Mission Trip to the Diocese of Belize, March 2013

A report from Rob and Monica Langmaid

On February 28, 2013, we set out for Belize. Beginning in Whitehorse, we travelled through Vancouver, Los Angeles and Houston before landing in Belize City on March 1st. Stephen, from the Belize diocesan office, graciously met us at the airport and brought us to the Diocesan guest house. He was very informative, explaining some of Belize's history and , showing us some of the sights along the way.



The next day we did some exploring around Belize City, enjoyed lunch with Dawn, another employee of the Diocese. We had a chance to meet Dawn's 16 year old daughter, and they took us out to Old Belize. There, we enjoyed a small museum highlighting different eras of Belize's history. Later than evening, we connected up with the rest of the group.

Early the next morning (7:00 am), we attended Sunday worship at the Cathedral. Bishop Larry preached, sharing about ministry in the Yukon, and Rob assisted with the service. The afternoon was spent practising music for our time in the schools the following week.

We visited four primary schools, one each morning, on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. During visits we had the joy of teaching new songs and singing with children ranging in age from about 9-12. The children were very excited to learn the new songs. They especially seemed to enjoy the

ones with actions.

Most of the schools were located in what appeared to be very poor neighborhoods, and the schools themselves were very simple and lacking most of the equipment and infrastructure we might consider standard in Canada. What struck us most was the respect the children

displayed for us and for their teachers.

They exhibited very well disciplined behavior, and it was obvious to us that they considered their education a great privilege. On more than one occasion, the students or their

teachers asked when we were coming back. The joy and blessing was mutual.

Several parish and diocesan administrators came into the city from across the country for Bishop Larry's administration workshop on Tuesday. The rest of our team enjoyed sharing lunch with them that day. We (Rob and Monica) especially enjoyed a conversation about youth ministry in Belize and learning about the big conference for Anglican youth from across the Caribbean that happens every two years.

During the afternoons, we were able to take in some of the history and culture of Belize City. Ask anyone on the team about some of our taxi rides and you're sure to get a few exciting anecdotes. Once the week of mission was over, we explored beyond the city. At the Belize Zoo we saw a number of very cool animals, including spider monkeys, mountain "cows" and the Harpy Eagle, to name a few. All of the animals in the Belize Zoo are rescued,

so they have some pretty incredible stories. We then took the bus to Orange Walk Town, staying for two nights. The highlight of our time there was a 30-mile boat trip upriver to visit the Mayan Ruins at Lamanai. The boat trip included several stops to look at crocodiles and feed bananas to spider monkeys.

Our time in Belize was a blessing, and we would certainly welcome the opportunity for another mission trip there.

Note: Rob and Monica were serving in St. John the Baptist, Watson Lake, at this time of writing, and will be moving to Church of the Northern Apostles, Whitehorse, in the summer of 2013.



Report on the United Nations Status of Women Commission in NYC

by **Gloria Hockley**

Anglican Communion Delegate for the Anglican Church of Canada

For 15 days in March, 2013 the 21 appointed Anglican Communion delegates from around the world met with over 6000 delegates (representing over 800 NGO's) in New York City for the Status of Women Commission of the United Nations. This year the theme was "elimination and prevention of all

from the Anglican Communion Office at the United Nations (ACOUN). Part of the mandate for each Anglican delegate was to submit a country report with a particular focus of the review theme. First I provided demographic information on Canada and the female population. I then compared the prevalence of sexual assaults across Canada, with the high rate of incidence in northern territories, focusing on Yukon Territory in particular.

ACOUN was also a place where our delegation could gather, hold debriefing meetings, watch in-house webcasts, use the office equipment, and hold receptions. ACOUN in New York and staff in Geneva interface between the United Nations and the Anglican Communion. Staff convey Anglican concerns to the UN and Governments while also keeping Anglicans informed about international initiatives. In this way, they enable the Communion to develop effective partnerships with the UN and its various organisations. The Anglican Communion Office serves the Anglican Communion comprising around 85 million members in 38 regional and national member churches around the globe in more than 165 countries.

This year we achieved consensus by developing the Agreed Conclusions. Drafts were worked through to agree on the less conflicting points, then on the last days, working through the difficult areas point by point. The closing ceremony was delayed in order to achieve agreed conclusions. This was a victory as in 2012 the commission was unable to come to an agreement on the issues of rural women. As all countries have to agree and some of these come



Gloria Hockley, Pender Island, BC (formerly of Whitehorse) directing a play at a worship service during the United Nations Status of Women Commission

forms of violence against women and girls". I was appointed by the Archbishop and Primate Fred Hiltz as one of two official delegates for the Anglican Church of Canada. This year a youth delegate was also in attendance. For six months prior to the event we received review literature and assignments



International Anglican delegates from England, Japan, Brazil, New Zealand, Peru, Canada, Scotland, Australia, United States, South Africa, South Sudan, Nigeria, Burundi, Sri Lanka. Gloria Hockley is in middle row, 7th from left.

from fundamentalist backgrounds, you can appreciate how hard it is to come to an agreement. The Anglican Communion Delegation also developed a statement called "A Call to Raise Our Voices: Faith in Action".

Some of the many highlights for me were meeting women from other countries and backgrounds, the peace marches despite poor weather, the encouraging speeches from UN dignitaries including Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, UN Women Director Michelle Bachelot (former President of Chile) and Assistant UN Women Director Lakshumi Puri, the many presentations from NGO's and the US Presiding Bishop Kathryn Jefferets-Schori who spoke on human trafficking. It was also very encouraging to see young men attending and giving their support to eliminating and preventing violence against women. Ambassador Anwarul K. Chowdury from Bangladesh (former Under Secretary General and High Commissioner to the UN) spoke at the Anglican Communion Chapel with a

particular focus on the need for women as peacekeepers. Our delegation took a tour of the Saint John the Divine Cathedral which included a Eucharist service as well as a luncheon hosted by the Dean and his wife. In order to get there we experienced the human crush of the New York subway system. There were many social functions which we were expected to attend. One evening Canadian NGO delegates attended the Canadian Mission reception hosted by the Ambassador to the UN Guillermo Ryschynski and the Status of Women Minister Rona Ambrose.

Worship services were conducted at the UN Church Center early each morning, rotating through a list of Ecumenical Women delegations. The Spirit moved us in many ways through singing, dance choreography, group dancing, readings, plays, and traditional services. The Anglican Delegation led a quiet respectful service which included a play I wrote called "Voices of Our Women", focusing on the theme with voices of women from around the

globe.

As there were over 300 panels, presentations and other events to choose from, presented by many diverse NGO's as well as UN departments, it came down to schedule choices. Subject matter included: domestic abuse, sexual assault, genital mutilation, hu-

man trafficking including labour servitude and slavery, gender discrimination, female reproductive rights, workplace harassment, elder abuse, exploitation of girls at major events, media treatment of young girls, cyber bullying, child/early/forced marriages, femicide, war/conflict situation violence, plus responses from NGO's including churches, awareness raising, changing attitudes, working together in partners and alliances, men working at rape crisis centres, women's empowerment through education, technology and elimination of poverty, and much, much more.

Altogether it was a moving emotional and learning experience. No matter what you bring to the table there are others out there who have had experiences so vastly different from yours. The friendships made are in itself so very worthwhile. Women have gone back to their countries and regions to continue this important work of advocacy. Remember, women's rights are human rights.



Gloria Hockley participating in a peace march at the Status of Women Commission in New York City.

Confirmation of Felicia L'Heureux; Derek Hennings; and Megan Banks at Church of the Northern Apostles



Ordination in Atlin

Photos by
Cozmo Malzarby



The Clergy and Lay Ministers attending at the ordination St. Martin's.



The new Deacon: The Rev. Dorothy Odian. Dorothy is sharing responsibility of the parish with her mother.



The new Deacon and the Bishop preparing to administer the bread and wine during the communion.



The new Deacon Dorothy Odian is vested with her new stole by her mother, The Rev. Vera Kirkwood.

Cathedral Plays Host to Smithers' Seniors



The Rev. Martin Carroll and First Nations parishioners host a supper at the Cathedral for the Senior of Smithers and region, on their Bus trip to Yukon, 6th June 2013.

Photo by Cozmo Malzarby

Ordination at the Cathedral

Photos by
Cozmo Malzarby



The newly ordained priest in the Diocese of Yukon, The Rev. Rob Langmaid of Watson Lake (and as of September, the Rector of the Church of the Northern Apostles in Whitehorse), receives a new Yukon Tartan stole from a Vestry member of the Church of the Northern Apostles.



The Rev. Rob Langmaid with his Aunt, The Rev. Mary Anne Langmaid who delivered the Sermon and Bishop Larry Robertson, who presided over the service.



The musicians during the sound check and rehearsal, just before for the ordination.

Yukon Scouting History Celebrated

Photo by Cozmo Malzarby



A photo display commemorating the Centennial year of Yukon Scout History, as shown in Hellaby Hall, on 23rd June 2013. The Yukon Area Service Team of Scouts Canada (Casadia Council), wish to formally Thank all the Anglican Clergy (Parishes & Parishioners) in the Anglican Diocese of Yukon who have over the last Century contributed to the formation and growth of the (Boy) Scout history with-in Yukon and northern B.C.. The Rev. John Hawks-

ley, Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral in Dawson City, formed the first Yukon Boy Scout Troop in Yukon, in June 1913. This was soon followed by The Rev. William George Blackwell, Rector at Christ Church Whitehorse, who formed the Troop here in Whitehorse in the spring of 1915. Other known clergy connected with Yukon Scouting include The Rev. Joshua Eden Phillpotts (District Commissioner), The Rev. Gordon Charles Ashbee, The Rev. Hugh Charles Munro Grant, The Rev. Roy Manwaring and any others who are not listed. [If any readers wish to send memories of their time with Yukon Scouting, or knows of someone who was a member, please email: YukonScoutingCentennial2013@gmail.com.]

Scenes from the Cathedral

Photos by Cozmo Malzarby



CCC says farewell to parishioners Dr. Jacob Abraham & his wife Shoba, who are now residing in Ontario to be closer to their new grandson.
31st Mar 2013.



One of the young musicians(of the Suzuki Strings) playing with the Whitehorse String Ensemble evening concert – “Music on Mother’s Day” in the Cathedral, on Sat., 11th May 2013.



The ladies of the Cathedral ACW, standing behind the display they put together for the 60th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II’s Coronation, Sunday, 2 June 2013.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to The Rev. David Pritchard, who is well over his 70th year! Those attending the Tuesday BBQ’s at the Cathedral sang Happy Birthday to him. 17 July 2013.

THE BISHOP cooking for the weekly Tuesday lunch BBQ at the Cathedral, 16 July 2013. Proceeds to support Rev. Pritchard’s initiative as described on page four.



Scenes from St. Paul's

Photos by Dan Davidson

Betty has started up a children's choir, drawing on kids from all the churches as well as those affiliated with St. Paul's. They practice weekly and provide music in church services once a month from September through May.



The buildings in the Dawson parish are under constant stress from age, weather and shifting ground. This year the challenge has been to finance repairs to the foundation and improve the insulation under the Richard Martin Chapel and the Thrift Store. We provided a meal to the travelling group from Smithers, held a bake sake during the Yukon River Quest, fed the town pancakes on Canada Day, held a Yard Sale and once again took on the task of collecting recyclables around the town in order to raise money to cover the costs. When it comes time for the church roof, we will need to seek grant funding and take out a loan.





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