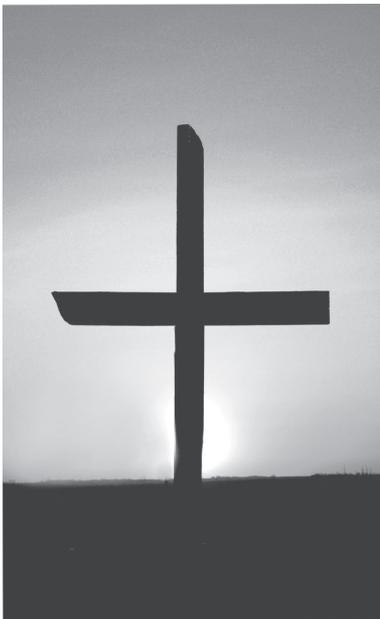


Northern Lights

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*The “SON”
Has Risen
Alleluia!*

Thank you for Praying



Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.
The Very Rev. Peter Williams and Barbara Williams.
The Rev. Mary Battaja, (Associate Priest, on leave).
Lino Battaja & family. Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Zimmerman

Day 2 & 17

Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene.
Toad River, Alaska Highway, mile 150-506
The Rev. David Terwilliger, Lisa Terwilliger and family

Day 3 & 18

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

Day 4 & 19

Carcross: St. Saviour's.
The Rev. David Pritchard
Tagish, Johnson's Crossing
Teslin: St. Philips
The Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the Ministry Team

Day 5 & 20

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

Day 6 & 21

Atlin: St. Martin.
The Rev. Dn. Vera Kirkwood & family.
Licensed Lay Minister: Dorothy Odian.

Day 7 & 22

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

Day 8 & 23

Haines Junction: St. Christopher's.
Beaver Creek: St. Columba.
Alaska Highway: mile 918-1202
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy
& Lay Ministry Team.

Day 9 & 24

Whitehorse:
Church of the Northern Apostles.
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard)
The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

Day 10 and 25

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.
The Rev. Susan Titterington. and the Lay Ministry Team
Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother.
Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

Day 11 & 26

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

Day 12 & 27

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

Day 13 & 28

The Rev. Dn. 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.
PWRDF Diocesan Representative: Megan Perry.
Diocesan ACW President: Dorothy Odian and all ACW members.

Day 15 & 30

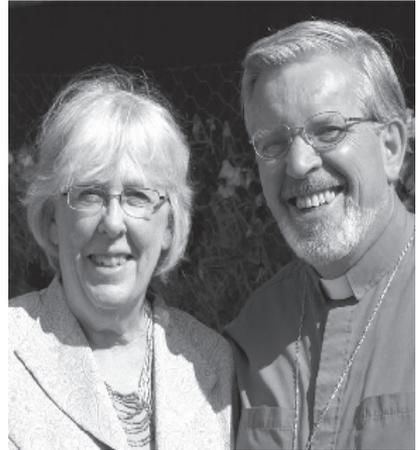
Those retired from Missionary Service:
The Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall.
The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.
The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.
The Rev. Don Sax & The Rev. Dn. Lee Sax.
The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.
The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.
The Rev. Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon
The Ven. Arthur Privett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

Day 31 and daily:

The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle & family.

From the Archbishop.....

For the past few months darkness has hung over the North like a blanket, but now as we move into the season of light it is as if that cold dark blanket of winter is being lifted off of us and the sun in its spring-time brilliance is providing a most welcomed life-giving light and warmth. Easter is like that. Its message of hope lifts off of us the cold dark blanket of emptiness and offers us the good news message of the life-giving light and warmth of resurrection hopefulness through our Lord Jesus Christ. As the sun shines in its' spring-time brilliance so Jesus shines in the brilliance of His glory as the resurrected Christ, Saviour of the world. We are challenged as a diocese in northern Canada to respond to what we see happening in our northern society. We are an area of Canada with a small population. Our congregations are small in numbers. Many of our members are into their senior years. Children and young people and young adults are not too evident among our congregation members. And yet before us is possibility, potential and hope for expanded mission and outreach ministry. Mission and ministry needs stare us in the face but sometimes we can't see it and sometimes we cannot respond to that which we do see. But this does not mean that we do not want to care, to reach out, to share and to demonstrate the good news of God. So often it is just that people have grown tired or it is that they don't know how to really go about it. It weighs upon us sometimes like a



heavy winter blanket that is hard to get out from under or even too comfortable to leave to discover the possibility of life and ministry in the power of the warm life-giving light and love of the living and present Saviour of the world. This is the Easter challenge, to live together the new life that is ours in Christ our Risen Lord and to allow the new life that the Gospel offers to come to us more fully, and to blossom out into the glorious fullness of fruitful service to our Lord. This we are called to do among those with whom we share life in this northern part of Canada that we know as the Diocese of Yukon or wherever we might reside. By God's grace we can do it together. May it be so.

Archbishop T.O. Buckle

God is Raising Up The Next Generation

Dean Peter Williams

Some time back a bright young high school senior came to my office to see me. He told me he was interested in studying The Classics and that the Anglican Church was the principle denomination that kept appearing in English literature; he wanted to find out more about it, and he wanted to be baptized as well. Charlie Brunner had come from an evangelical church in Dawson City where he had come to faith in Christ and had grown spiritually. But I could tell that, like myself years ago, Charlie was another evangelical on the Canterbury trail.

Not only was I impressed by this young man's spiritual quest, but with his intellect. In one of our first conversations Charlie told me he was trying to reconcile the concept of purgatory and hell in the Divine Comedy by Dante Alighieri, with the same concepts found in The Great Divorce by C.S. Lewis for a class paper. I wasn't sure if I could be of help, but that was how our relationship began.

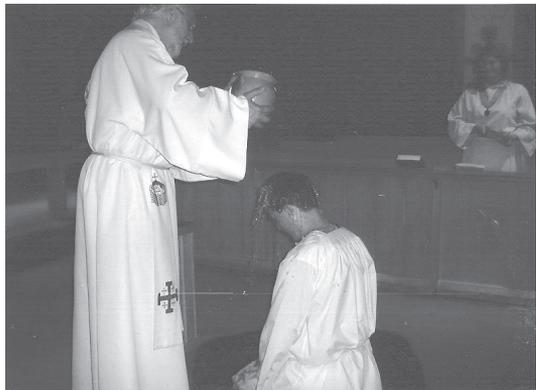
Charlie returned to my office over the next few months while he was attending grade 12 here in Whitehorse. We pursued other topics of discussion. I was impressed by the perceptive awareness that Charlie possessed of the polarizations within the Anglican Communion and we spoke at some length about those.

Not much more time elapsed before Charlie was regularly attending

the Eucharist on Sunday morning. Before long he became a server and was very faithful in that ministry for a year.

Next came the decision about baptism. Initially, Charlie suggested baptism by immersion and was eager to get on with it. The ice was still on the Yukon River; so that was out. He entertained the idea of renting the Takini Hot Springs for an hour with all his new friends from the Cathedral driving out to witness this great event.

Finally we decided that it would be better all the way round to have it in the Cathedral with Charlie being baptized by effusion. Now this was a new experience for most of my flock. They had witnessed baptisms by sprinkling, and some had gone to a relative's baptism by immersion at a Pentecostal camp, but effusion? What's that all about? Well we got a discreet little plastic pool. (It reminded me of a duck blind) At the right moment Charles knelt down while I poured a flagon full



*Charlie Brunner being baptized by
Dean Peter Williams*

Next Generation: continued from previous page

of water over his head and shoulders. The deed was done and all rejoiced.

Subsequently Charlie's parents gave him as a generous graduation gift: the funds necessary to make a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Charlie walked the entire 30 day route, stopping at posadas or inns along the way which were filled with other pilgrims. For Charlie it was a spiritual moment of transfiguration. He felt God had spoken to him about studying for Holy Orders and that was confirmed by other pilgrims who spoke

prophetically to him about his calling.

Charlie is now studying Classics at Mt. Allison University in Sackville New Brunswick. He keeps in touch by e-mail and tells me of his progress. We managed to get him some generous bursary assistance to pursue theological studies, so when he completes his undergraduate degree he will enter my alma mater Wycliffe College, University of Toronto. Do remember to pray for Charlie Brunner. One day he may return to Yukon to be your priest or bishop.

Fort Nelson Parishioner Licensed as Lay Minister



Don Thompson is a long time well respected resident of Fort Nelson, and a faithful member of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church. For many years he served the parish as Rector's Warden and was on the Diocesan Executive Committee. He served as a member of the Council of General Synod and last summer was accepted by ACPO. Now after much hard work, Don has been licensed by Archbishop Terry Buckle as a Lay Minister. This event took place last October but too late for it to be included in the Winter 2007 issue of this publication. We pray God's blessing upon Don's ministry in Fort Nelson and beyond.



*L to R: Don Thompson, Archbishop Terry,
Rev. Dawn McDonald*



Anglican/Lutheran National Lutheran Youth Gathering August 14th - 19th, 2008 To Be Held in Whitehorse Yukon.

Whitehorse has been chosen for the 2008 location for the ELCIC national Lutheran Youth Gathering. This event is held every two years at various locations across Canada. At the 2006 Youth Gathering in Winnipeg it was announced that Whitehorse had been chosen for the 2008 Youth Gathering. What an exciting surprise!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Anglican Church of Canada is in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada and all Anglican youth (ages 13-18) are invited to attend.

Thanks to the Canada Winter Games, Whitehorse now has several large centres for just such events. The Gathering anticipates 1200 youth plus Home Team Leaders and other adults.

The local Lutheran congregation in Whitehorse, Trinity Lutheran Church, is responsible for obtaining as many volunteers as possible. Help is needed for volunteer hours in the following positions:

- Nursing or first aid station
- Security
- Information and Registration
- Hospitality snacks
- Assistants in large group gatherings and at worship
- Transportation/cars available for the planning committee

We hope that Anglican youth from around the Diocese and around the Province will be participants. Volunteers from our Anglican parishes are needed to make this event a reality. If you are interested in volunteering or know youth who would like to attend, or for more information please contact www.youth/elcic.ca.

Reverend Susan Titterington, Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator at susant@northwestel.net or 867-993-5381 or Whitehorse Lutheran Youth coordinator - loulou702@hotmail.com.

Easter



The Story Behind The Front Cover Photograph.

Every Easter Sunday morning in Battleford Saskatchewan, overlooking the Battle River Valley, a number of people gather to worship the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. This service with Christians from various church groups is held in the garden of the home of Menno and Joyce Feguth. Menno is a gifted photographer and one Easter Sunday morning captured the photograph you see on the front cover of this issue. Unfortunately, we are not able to print this in colour but we hope it gives you some idea of the beauty of the sun rising up behind the cross.

When the service is over, everyone gathers in Menno and Joyce's home for a Pot-luck breakfast and continue to celebrate the Risen Son!

When this is all over, the people disperse and attend their home churches to celebrate that Christ has risen

From the gloom of death to the radiance of life: this is the hope of EASTER!

Some Easter Sayings:

We live and die; Christ died and lived!
~John Stott

Let the resurrection joy lift us from
loneliness and weakness and despair
to strength and beauty and happiness.
~Floyd W. Tomkins

Do not abandon yourselves to
despair. We are the Easter people and
hallelujah is our song.
Pope John Paul II

All of life's beauty, The Lord created,
for us all to share.
Spring breezes begin to flow, sending
fragrances through the air.

The winter's thawing will let the
rivers, lakes, and streams rise and
flow.
The beauty of the Earth will make us
all feel aglow!

Farmers and gardeners will start to
hoe.
And then they'll begin to sow.

On Sundays, we'll hear the various
church bells ring.
Let's be grateful for the LORD, let's
rejoice and sing.

If it wasn't for the Lord, we wouldn't
have anything!



Easter

Changes and New Beginnings for St. Mary Magdalene, Fort Nelson

New Years bring with it many resolutions of change, but normally ‘change’ is something that most people dread (which is why most resolutions fail). People appreciate ‘sameness’ because when things remain constant we understand and know what is coming; there is no risk. However, if we avoid change, and the risks that may be associated with change, we also miss opportunities to experience new and wonderful activities, people, or situations.

Change is something St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church here in Fort Nelson has had a great deal of in the past three years. There have been three moves in our worship location, and now we add another change to our resume, as we welcome our third new Priest in as many years. Yet, it is only the ‘opportunities’ that the St. Mary’s congregation is optimistically looking forward to, as The Rev. David Terwilliger and his family arrive from Alaska (via Indiana) to assume his call to lead the St. Mary’s family.

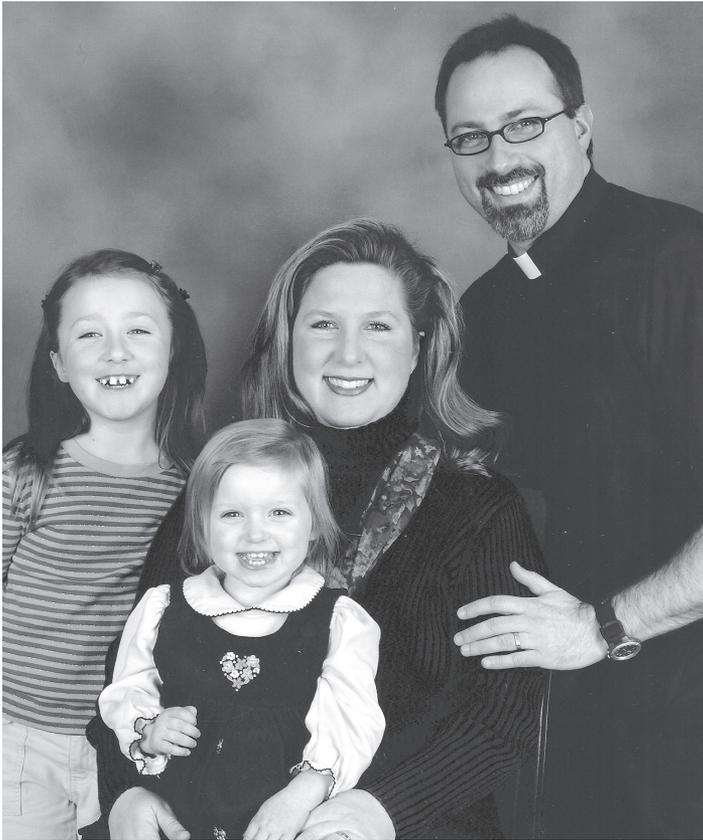
After being ordained a Deacon in the Diocese of Alaska in 2003, our own Archbishop Terry Buckle ordained David as a Priest in 2004. David was

raised in Haines and Anchorage, Alaska. He has spent most of his youth traveling the north and the Alaska Highway; and later was drawn back to the north as an adult. He is not a stranger to the unique and satisfying lifestyle a town such as Fort Nelson provides.

Having David and his family arrive is not the only change for St. Mary’s. The Anglican congregation is now worshipping at Hillcrest United Church at 11:30 am on Sundays. We are thankful to the United church congregation for making changes to their worship time allowing us to worship later (but not too late!). We feel fully welcomed into their building. Our church office can still be found at 5520 53rd St. at the back of the residence.

In my short time knowing David, it is clear he has a keen interest in all people and their story; and with every new situation he recognizes a unique learning experience. David has come with a mission of sharing the Word of God with the people of Fort Nelson, and not only that, but to also foster friendly and caring relationships with the St. Mary’s congregation as well as throughout the community.

The Reverend David comes to Fort

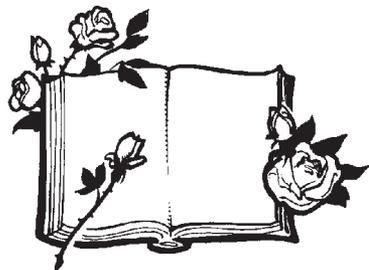


Nelson with his family; Lisa his wife, Hannah (9), and Mary-Grace (3). This change, a priest with a young family, is something St. Mary's has not seen since the 1980's when the Archbishop Terry was Rector; and it promises to create a new kind of energy, along with the already renewed optimism, in our church.

Change is not something to fear but a call to new opportunities and optimism. To celebrate the changes at St. Mary's, and to welcome The Reverend David and his family to Fort Nelson, a potluck luncheon was held at the United Church after the Sunday service on January 20th. We welcome you all with

open arms to join us at worship and fellowship, to rejoice in the changes and blessings God has provided to St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church.

This article first appeared in the Fort Nelson newspaper and was written by a member of the parish.



What Do Clergy Do When They Retire? They Are Re-directed!!

We have all heard it said that clergy never retire! This is certainly true of two "retired" Yukon clergy and their wives!

Retired (or Re-directed!) Archdeacon John Tyrrell and his wife, Deacon Carol Tyrrell and Rev. Canon Geoffrey Dixon along with his wife, Rosalind, have not let the grass grow under their feet since leaving full time parish ministry! Or, should I say they have not let the snow melt under their feet!

John and Carol went to Iqaluit, Nunavut for many months and then to Cambridge Bay until May 2008, working in the parishes in both those communities and Carol also working in her profession as a nurse.

Geoffrey and Rosalind went to Kugluktuk Nunavut on the Arctic Coast and for the past two years have returned a number of times to Aklavik



NWT which was once their home and parish in the 1980's. Each August Geoffrey and Rosalind have also returned to Yukon to do Vacation Bible Schools.

*Above Photograph:
Deacon Carol Tyrrell in a blizzard in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, where she is spending five months as the Home Care Nurse for the town and helping out at St. George's Anglican Church. People from the St. George's send their best wishes to Archbishop Terry and Blanche who are remembered fondly for their time here by long time members of the church.*

Left:

Rev. Canon Geoffrey Dixon with Dr. Ellen Bruce and her daughter Bella Greenland. Ellen was visiting her daughter in Aklavik when this picture was taken



Jason Haagstrom Ordained Priest



For the first time in nearly twenty years, a person was ordained priest in the Baie Verte Peninsula. On Saturday, November 1st, 2007 (All Saints Day) Bishop Percy Coffin gathered with a large group of clergy, family and friends for the ordination of the Rev. Jason Haggstrom to the priesthood. The ordination was held at St. Peter's Anglican Church, Westport, in the parish of Seal Cove, White Bay.

Rev. Haggstrom has been in the diocese of Western Newfoundland since the summer of 2000.. He, his wife Nova and their family, came to Cook's Harbour where Jason served in the parish of Pistolet Bay as a Church Army Captain. In September, 2005 Captain Haggstrom relinquished his ministry as a Church Army officer in the parish of Port Saunders to study full time at Queen's College in St. Johns. Previously he had been studying by distance with the help of a tutor though Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

This past May, Rev. Haggstrom convocated from Queen's College,

and the Bachelor of Theology by Distance Programm, with his Bachelor of Theology degree. He was then ordained deacon on Ascension Day, and was subsequently appointed to the Parish of Seal Cove.

The Haggstroms reside in Baie Verte and care for the congregations of St. Paul's (Baie Verte), St. Swithin's (Seal Cove), St. Peter's Westport and La Scie.

Jason served in the Diocese of Yukon at St. Aidan's Telegraph Creek, Christ Church Cathedral and St. Mary's with St. Mark's in Mayo.

This article was submitted by Jason to "Anglican Life" the paper of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland.



Jason and Nova with their two children: Aaron (left) and Joshua (right)

Congregation of Church of the Northern Apostles in Whitehorse.....



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Ten Pin Bowling and the Annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper are just two of the activities that the congregation of Northern Apostles has taken part in. A time to relax with one another and have fun. Taking time out from busy lives to get together in an informal way and enjoy each others company. These photographs depict some of the fun being had at these times of informal congregational get togethers.



Ten Pin Bowling



Journeyings with the Archbishop

Blanche Buckle

On Saturday, December 29th Archbishop Terry and I drove to Pelly Crossing for a Christmas Church service the following day. After leaving Whitehorse there are no stops for an hour, so we enjoyed the scenery of snow covered trees and snow covered mountains, until we came to Braeburn Lodge and restaurant where we stopped for a quick visit and take-out coffee. We then drove another hour passing nothing but snow covered trees and beautiful snow covered mountains until we came to the community of Carmacks where we stopped at the store, then on for another hour driving past nothing but more snow covered trees and beautiful snow covered mountains until we reached the community of Pelly Crossing.

People in the communities usually celebrate the holidays from Christmas to New Years by meeting together in the Community Hall for meals, games, feasts and fun gatherings. Thus when we arrived there was a lot of activity happening in the community.

Archbishop Terry held a service at the First Nations Office on Sunday morning after which we were invited to the home of Kathleen Thorpe where we enjoyed lunch and a wonderful cup of tea. Also while there we met Kathleen's newest baby grand-daughter. We had a lovely time of sharing stories, looking at pictures and we noticed the



beautiful beaded slippers that Kathleen had made. I think there were ten or more pairs ready to be mailed to a friend. Kathleen's home was formerly an Anglican church moved to Pelly Crossing from Minto, with additions added on that made it look more like a home than a church. It is a very cozy dwelling, with a big wood burning stove that was so warm and welcoming especially to stand close to.

The Elders we met with are truly to be respected and looked up to for the lives that they are living, for the love they have for the Lord and for the love and care they have for their families and their community.

We left filled with happiness from time spent with good friends as we drove off into the late afternoon heading for our three hour drive back home to Whitehorse.

Above Photo: Kathleen Thorpe, Archbishop Terry, Betty and Danny Joe. Betty Joe is a licensed Lay Minister in the Pelly Crossing Church

PWRDF News

Sri Lankan women press for peace in the midst of chaos



In the middle of the chaos and the turmoil, the women of Sri Lanka are strong and resilient. This despite the fact that there is on average five abductions per day and everyone is viewed with suspicion.

Kumi Samuel, director of the Women and Media Collective in Colombo, Sri Lanka, and a former international partner on the board (1997-2004) of The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, spoke to staff at the national office of The Anglican Church of Canada on Feb. 27.

She spoke of the long and strong connection between PWRDF and Sri Lanka, dating back to the 1980s when PWRDF staff members would visit the country. That led to a vibrant mentoring relationship where PWRDF provided encouragement and support to help organize the advocacy movement. In 1991,

PWRDF brought to Sri Lanka a delegation of 20 Canadian parliamentarians who added their support to that human rights movement by visiting many parts of the country. They came in the middle of intense internal conflict.

The Women and Media Collective has a 25-year history, diligently engaged in peace-building and peace-making.

That work continues throughout the current civil unrest where thousands have been forced to flee their homes and villages, where dissent is not tolerated and where there is a heavy policing of civil rights groups. Neighbours are encouraged to spy on each other and to report any suspicious activity.

Ms. Samuel says media face daily censorship and intimidation. She says her organization has called upon the United Nations to send in peacekeeping troops. "I am not optimistic about a peaceful solution to the present conflict," she said this week.

The plight of women in Sri Lanka has improved considerably in recent years, thanks to organizations such as the collective. There is a high literacy rate among women, thanks in large part to free education. Most women in leadership tend to be about 30 years old, said Ms. Samuel.

The collective mobilizes women. It was instrumental in introducing legislation on domestic violence, which was passed into law. Ms. Samuel continues

to press for legislation offering land rights for women, and encourages greater participation by women in the media.

This article was written by Keith Knight from PWRDF Feb. 2008



“.....They were puzzled, wondering what to make of this. Then out of nowhere it seemed, two men, light cascading over them, stood there. The women were awestruck and bowed down in worship. The men said: ‘Why are you looking for the Living One in a cemetery? He is not here, but raised up.....’”

Luke chapter 24th (taken from *The Message* by Eugene Peterson)

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Menno Feguth.***

The cover photograph was taken on an Easter Sunday morning at the home of Meno and Joyce Feguth, Battleford, Sask.

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