



Why A Diocesan Newsletter?

Welcome to the first issue of the **Diocesan Connection**. Beginning at our Diocesan Synod in May 2006 and ending with the Synod in April 2007, Wayne Penney led us through a Strategic Planning Process. His report to the May Synod was 132 pages, with many recommendations. These recommendations covered all areas of the Diocese and were divided into eight categories:

- Mission Statement and Organizational Mandate
- Congregational Development
- Youth, Stewardship
- Viability
- Change
- Leadership
- Communication.

At the first Executive Committee meeting after Synod in May, the Executive Committee was challenged to be a working committee, and it was decided to begin implementation of Wayne's recommendations as soon as possible. When asked earlier if there was one single most important theme in his report, Wayne immediately answered, "Communication!" There will eventually be a Diocesan Committee to work on the recommendations of each of the above categories. In the meantime, the theme that flows through all of them is Communications. This is why the Communications Committee is the first to be organized.

We see our mandate to be two fold.

1. To improve communications between the Synod Office and the people in the diocese. The **Diocesan Connection** is one step towards this goal.
2. To offer resources to help communications within the diocese. This could include workshops on communications, conflict resolution, leading meetings, reporting to meetings and many other topics. If you see a need in your parish or deanery, let your rector or warden know and we will try to help.

One of the challenges we have identified is getting information out to people, people in official positions as well as the average person in the pew. Most people now have access to e-mail. It is fast and inexpensive. We know that other dioceses have been successful with E-mail Newsletters. Our goal is to keep it simple so that it can be accessible to anyone. It will include news of interest, announcements, stories from parishes and much more. It will be sent to anyone who wants to be put on the list. Priests are asked to make a few copies for church bulletin boards and people without e-mail access.

*Rev. Chuck Lockhart, Chair
Communications Committee*

Bishop's Message

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the first edition of "**Connection**."



Our Strategic Plan informed us that one of our greatest needs was for more effective communication.

This "Electronic Letter" is intended to keep our Diocesan family informed about what is going on in the Diocese. Please pass our mailing address along to anyone you know who might like to subscribe and print a hard copy for people without computers.

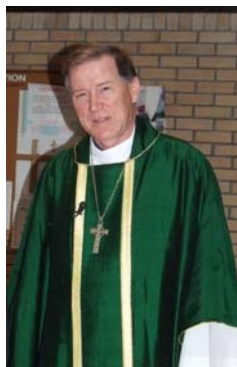
The success of this newsletter is dependant on what you do with it; pass it on in your parish and it becomes a lifeline of communication, an instrument of grace and community building; do nothing, and it dies.

Thank you to the Executive Officer and Communications Committee. We look forward to seeing many editions in the future

*Faithfully,
+David*

Holy Trinity Parish Centennial Anniversary

The Parish of Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Grand Falls-Windsor was privileged to have The Most Reverend Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican



Church of Canada, to be the guest speaker at the 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Saturday, September 15. It was a wonderful evening of good food, wonderful music, fellowship, and greetings from members of the congregation, other denominations, political circles, and the wider community.

The Primate also celebrated Holy Communion at the 8:30 service and brought the Message at the Special Sunday Service at 11 a.m. on September 16.

Fred, as he likes to be called, said he is going to pour his heart and soul into his new role and hopes that we, the church community, will throw ourselves into the work God is calling us to do. We are called to be a welcoming and nurturing community where people can grow in grace. He hopes that the Good News will continue to be proclaimed and that we will be known as a Church who speaks up and out for our Lord Jesus.

In his message on Sunday, Primate Fred reminded that we are on holy ground, are holy people, and have a holy purpose. He reminded us that the church building is a house of praise, prayer, and thanksgiving. It is where we come to confess our faith with our lips and to honor Jesus hidden in the scriptures and in the bread and wine. He told us that the liturgy ends around 12:30 but the service begins when we go out into the world and live the life of faith through our lives. As people of faith, we honor Jesus in the world as we respond to those in need, show acts of compassion, and do works of mercy, Being a witness for Jesus will drive us toward movements of advocacy for change and have a compassionate concern for justice.

The Primate asked everyone to hold him in daily prayer as he carries out the vocation that Christ has called him. We pray that the Spirit of the Lord will be upon him and each one reading this message, and

that we will experience a fresh outpouring of the Spirit for the work to which we are called.

Linda Pafford, Newsletter Editor

Stewardship



Food for Thought:

What do you do with the leftovers?

When do you eat the leftovers?

In our house it is usually on those days when we come home late, or when there is a meeting at the church in the evening, or when only some of the family will be home for supper.

Would you serve leftovers to an invited guest? Maybe, if it is a close friend coming over for the evening, or a relative who stops by a lot, somebody we do not consider really special.

But would you serve leftovers to a special guest like Jesus? If Jesus is not important enough to us, there's a chance we are going to serve him leftovers.

During this week as you prepare and enjoy your meals think also about these questions:

- Does Jesus get the leftover time you have?
- Do you use any of your best talents and abilities for Jesus?
- Is your giving to the Lord based on what you have left over?
- If you belong to Jesus, then he is already in your house. Is it possible that you could remember to pass the inner plate to Jesus first instead of letting him eat the leftovers?

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Horseradish

A minister who was very fond of pure, hot horseradish always kept a bottle of it on his dining room table. He offered some to a guest, who took a big spoonful. When the guest finally was able to speak, he gasped, "I've heard many ministers preach hellfire, but you are the first one I've met who passed out a sample of it."

Bishop's Itinerary for October 2007

- 1 - 3 Queen's College Corporation, St John's
- 4 50th Anniversary
St. John the Baptist Church, Wareham
- 5 Induction of Rev. Shaun O'Connor
Pound Cove
- 6 - 8 Booked
- 9 - 11 Clergy Conference - Mint Brook
- 12 - 14 Cursillo
- 19 - 20 Lavrock
- 21 Confirmation - Parish of Brooklyn
- 25 - 30 House of Bishops - London, Ontario



Around the Dioceses

Healing Mission. The Order of St. Luke, Holy Trinity Chapter, Grand Falls-Windsor will hold healing mission

starting Saturday, **October 21**, at 1 p.m. and concluding after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 22. **Rev.**

John Gillam will be leading the mission. Mission Theme: *Unlocking the Power of Scriptures to Build Faith in Healing*

Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk

of the Diocese of the Arctic will be visiting the Diocese of Central Newfoundland between November 26 - 29, 2007.



Where: Badger's Quay

When: November 27

Why: Attend Bonavista North Deanery Meeting and "Gospel Sing."

Cost: A freewill offering to support the new Cathedral of the Arctic

Where: Botwood

When: November 28

Watch for announcements of the program there

Timothy Graham Ordained Deacon

St. Martin's Cathedral, Gander - "*Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant Timothy whom we now consecrate in your name to the office and work of a deacon in the Church.*" With these words uttered by the Right Rev'd David Torraville, Bishop of Central Newfoundland, Timothy Angus Maxwell Graham was ordained Deacon on September 19, an Ember Day. The Ordination Service brought together clergy and friends from around the Central Diocese as well as a number of invited guests. The readings were done by friends of the Graham family. The Rev'd Perry Cooper was preacher for the Service. The theme for his homily was, "*Times They Are A Changing.*" Rev Perry preached on how ministry in the Central Diocese has to change to meet the needs of our aging population. There will be an ever increasing demand on pastoral ministry thus limiting the time for outreach and other ministries. As clergy, we have to meet this challenge in our parishes.

A lunch was served at St. Martin's Parish Hall following the Ordination.

Rev Graham will serve as Deacon-in-Charge of the Parish of Grand Bank commencing October 1, 2007. Please hold Tim and Cindy and the Parish of Grand Bank in your prayers.

Rev. Bruce Vallis, Rector, Hermitage Parish

Have a story to share about the impact the Church is having in your life or your community? Contact Chuck Lockhart [executive@nfld.net]

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