



New Horizons for Seniors Program Funding

The federally-funded New Horizons for Seniors Program offers funding of up to \$25,000 to not-for-profit organizations.

Seniors are expected to play a leading role from the development of the project to its implementation.



The current funding priorities include projects related to Access to Information, Intergenerational Connection, and Lifelong Learning.

There is a second set of funding dedicated to assistance in the provision of capital assets, and projects related to issues such as elder abuse. A maximum of \$10,000 is available per project.

Information about both sets of funding may be obtained by calling 1-800-277-9914 or by contacting Cynthia Gregory at 1-709-772-4617 (Fax: 709-772-7082). Her mailing address is Community Liaison Officer, New Horizons for Seniors Program, P.O. Box 12051, St. John's, NL A1B 3Z4. Information is also available on the Internet at www.hrsdc.gc.ca.

Wayne Penney

Strategic Plan for the Central Diocese

The new Strategic Plan for this Diocese is now in its implementation stage. All Clergy have a copy. Additional copies are available at Synod Office. Parishioners (current, lapsed and potential) are urged to 'read, mark, learn and inwardly digest' its contents ... and use it to further the work of the Church. Here are a few quotes from the Strategic Plan, entitled "*Let Your Spirit Soar!*"

"What attracted large crowds to Jesus' ministry? Jesus did three things with crowds: He loved them, He met their needs, and He taught them in interesting

and practical ways. These same ingredients will attract crowds today."

"Never confuse methods with the message. The message must never change, but the methods must change with every generation."

"Information gleaned from both the input from Parishioners and the literature indicated that common elements are visible in Congregations which are thriving. In summary, they include:

- focus on a faith-based sense of purpose that extends beyond Church walls - quality empowered leadership - based on knowledge - teamwork - request for commitment - gift-oriented ministry
- passionate spirituality - functional, accessible structures - dynamic and inspiring worship that connects with the daily lives of members - small group activities that build community
- a realistic number of strong, well selected programmes - flexibility - cultivate resource alliances - needs-based evangelism - solid financial resources - generosity - welcoming - loving relationships. There appears to be consensus that, while the Method of ministry may change (and has changed often and in many ways) from one generation to another, the Church must remain faithful to the Message."

"The issue of Youth correctly belongs in the Section entitled Congregational Development. However, since it received such a high level of emphasis throughout the input, it rightly deserves a separate Section to itself."

"Traditional expressions of our Anglican Faith testify to the 'faith of our fathers'. But without the faith of our children, the Church will not have a pulse."

"Viability can refer to financial ability; it can also refer to the level of membership or workforce, and their potential to maintain or improve their effective and relevant products, services and programs. Potential for future growth and sustainability also

require consideration when discussing the meaning of viability.”

“We are a product of our decisions, not our conditions. Our choices entail the right mixture of caution and courage.”

“We can learn from the experiences of others, but we must likewise rely on a realistic amount of faith in our own abilities and potential level of commitment.”

“We need to listen - but we also need to Lead.”

“Strategy has value only when committed/dedicated people give them energy.”



Around the Dioceses

The International Order of St. Luke, Holy Trinity Chapter, held its Healing Mission on October 20 - 21, 2007. The theme for the Mission was "Unlocking the Power of Scriptures to Build Faith in Healing." The Mission began with prayer and singing followed by a



workshop. During the workshop, Rev. John Gillam, Leader for the Mission and Rector of the Parish of Bonavista, expressed how essential the element of faith is to healing while quoting scriptural passages and providing handouts on where we get the authority for healing and how we need to learn to receive our healing. He also spoke of the 'obstacles' to healing and why we fail in our process of healing. Throughout, Rev. John told personal stories of happenings he has encountered.



An evening service of praise, worship, and a Ministry of the Laying on of Hands followed the workshop. Barbara Leyte was inducted as an Associate Member into the Order. The 'Singing Sidesmen' provided the music throughout the service.

The mission concluded on Sunday morning with a closing service of Holy Eucharist and the Ministry of the Laying on of Hands.

Audrey Bishop, Member of OSL

10th Anniversary ALPHA Dinner Celebration at Holy Trinity Church

On October 6, Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Grand Falls-Windsor celebrated its 10th anniversary. Rev. Randy Lockyer welcomed everyone. The Singing Sidesmen served a delicious roast beef dinner. Patricia Hammond supplied the music for the evening.

Ethel Bennett, Alpha leader, gave a short history of Alpha at Holy Trinity and told of her experience with the Alpha program at the Correctional Center, Bishop Falls for the past seven years.

Rev. John Watton, Rector of Gander Parish, was guest speaker for the evening.



Rev. John gave a very inspiring talk, covering parts of his own life and witness, always giving all praise and thanks to God. He invited everyone present to step out in faith as disciples and God would bless them.

Ethel Bennett (Committee Chairperson)



Upcoming Events

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

Where: St. Alban's, Badger's Quay

When: November 27, 7 p.m.

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

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

When: November 28, 7 p.m.

Where: St. James, Botwood

What: Deanery Service of Word and Music followed by reception

Cost: A freewill offering to help rebuild the St. Jude's Cathedral in Iqaluit

Men's Conference, Mint Brook November 2 – 4, 2007



This year's conference was blessed from the start with fine sunny weather. Forty-one men attended and it was good to find again some men from the South Coast. The renewing of old friendships always generates a wonderful warmth and fellowship which quickly made our newcomers at home. Once again Rev. John Watton led three sessions on practical Christianity. We learned of new approaches in evangelism from the concepts of the missional church to new developments in outreach within our diocese. Our period of Bible study drew such interest that no groups really completed the assignments—more time required next year! Once again Rev. John's ability to share his wealth of experience and concerns touches all for he truly "starts full and finishes on empty."

Once again, the conference was uplifted with good music, both new and old, and we are most grateful to Rev. Robin Trevors and Melvin Knee for their inspired playing. Our last evening wound up with a spontaneous sing-song and we were thankfully spared a visitation from Chief Ougebougie! This was another most worthwhile conference with much food for thought and the warming of many old friendships around the diocese. As tropical storm Noel brushed by, we knew it was time to say goodbye and to thank our leaders and our cook, Ross Ledrew and his helpers for a fine time.

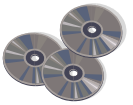
Dr. John Sheldon

Pastor for Dinner

A young couple invited their aged pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were in the kitchen preparing the meal, the minister asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. "Goat?" replied the startled man of the cloth, "Are you sure about that?" "Yep," said the youngster. "I heard Pa say to Ma, 'Might as well have the old goat for dinner today as any other day.'"



Library Corner



The Diocesan Library has been in the developing stages for several years. Over the years, we hired summer students who entered information into a library program. I am pleased to say that after two years of inputting information, the books have now been catalogued. We now have a lending library of about two thousand books. Next summer we hope to work on our lending system, but for now it is enough to know that you can borrow books.

Marguerite Jenniex, Programme Officer, Synod Office

*Have a story to share
about the impact the Church
is having in your life or your
community?*

*Contact Chuck Lockhart
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