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**BISHOP ORDINARY TO THE FORCES**  
**The Right Reverend Peter Coffin STB, MA, DD**

## NORM CLARK 1935 - 2008

At this time of year we think of harvest and the abundance that God gives us. Sometimes, however, God acts as the harvester and brings the wheat home into his many storehouses. It is in thanksgiving that we remember Norm Clark. Norm Clark, a faithful Lay Reader of the Ordinariate for many years, died on 4 June 2008 at the age of 73. Norm was an Air Force Veteran who moved to Canada in 1968. Maintaining an Air Force Association membership throughout his life, he remained in contact with the Canadian Forces, donating time to the historical section of 1 Canadian Air Division and becoming instrumental in the setting up of the Memorial Park outside of the Division HQ in Winnipeg. His love for the Forces, in particular the Air Force, was evident at all times, and this love was brought into his Lay Reading abilities as for many years he organized the Battle of Britain services held at the Memorial Park. His Lay Reading ministry extended to his service at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd at 17 Wing, Winnipeg and also at St Chad's Anglican Church in Winnipeg where his services as a Lay Reader were appreciated by "Padre" Gordon Shields, who officiated at his funeral on 11 June 2008.



Padre Andrew Cooke, Warden of Lay Readers, knew Norm both as a Lay Reader and a very good friend. "He would attend my small Bible discussion group at 1 Canadian Air Division, and also sometimes at Bible Studies held at my house when we lived in Winnipeg. These times were great blessings to me and others who were present. I could always count on Norm to raise some questions and to be very open in his quest for a deeper understanding of the faith he already had."

"Norm was a great example how an individual can bring a great contribution to the life of the chapel, and the local church" says Padre Cooke. Indeed, Norm Clark brought leadership and a focused ministry that particularly allowed retired person to have a way to exercise their faith and remain connected to a community they love.

At Waterloo in 2001 and in St Catherines in 2004 Norm Clark represented the Anglican Ordinariate of the Canadian Forces as one of our elected lay delegate to General Synod.

Sadly in recent times, Norm lost his wife, Irene, and his daughter, Karen, to cancer and he now joins them in the heavenly kingdom prepared for the faithful.

*For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;*

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*Come to God's own temple, come,  
raise the song of harvest home.*

### **ARCHDEACON**

Col the Ven K.R. Mclean, CD

### **CANONS**

LCol the Rev'd Canon John Fletcher, CD  
CANON PASTOR

LCol the Rev'd Canon Baxter Park, CD  
CANON RECRUITER

LCol the Rev'd Canon Nigel Shaw, CD  
CANON TREASURER

LCol the Rev'd Canon Gary Thorne,  
MMM, CD  
CANON RESERVIST

Cdr the Rev'd Canon John Wilcox, CD  
CANON SECRETARY

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## A WORD FROM OUR BISHOP

### “A Profound Experience”

It is now almost a month since we left Canterbury and the Lambeth Conference which was indeed a powerful and wonderful experience. This was the 14<sup>th</sup> Lambeth Conference, which happens every ten years (pretty much), since 1867. There were over 700 bishops present, many with their spouses who had a parallel conference led by Archbishop Rowan’s wife Jane. There were over fifty ecumenical guests, an equal number of young people from across the Communion acting as stewards, and a myriad of volunteers from the church throughout the UK. When buses were loaded for the ‘London Day’ which included a ‘March of Witness’ for the Millennium Development Goals (see below), lunch at Lambeth Palace and then to Buckingham Place, apparently referred to as Her Majesty’s ‘Purple Tea’, there were 1,600 people present.

For almost three weeks we met. For the bishops the first days were in a prayerful and silent retreat in Canterbury Cathedral led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking often of the ancient desert fathers and their deep and principled conviction that it was not their duty to condemn another person. As I sat in silence for periods of meditation before the shrine of Saint Thomas Beckett, martyred in 1170AD, I felt that it was a profound grace to begin Lambeth by relocating ourselves in the Scriptures, in the wisdom of the ages, and in the fellowship of a living Church which we experienced both at the conference and by visiting dioceses before our arrival in Canterbury. The Lambeth Conference would end in this Cathedral where a martyrdom had taken place by reading the names of seven members of the Melanesian Brotherhood martyred in August, 2003. In solemn procession and with a haunting litany their names were taken to the Chapel of the Modern Saints and Martyrs by members of the religious orders of Melanesia.

We also met casually, of course, and these were often times when we heard stories of courageous witness in great tribulation some of which cannot be shared as they could endanger those at home. Some expected trouble when they got there. For me it was particularly good to be with the people that I had visited in the Episcopal Church of Sudan just a couple of months before and to hear their stories, once again, of sacrificial ministry in a war wearied country. In such sharing we were admonished that it was our duty to bring our dioceses and ministries with us and I felt privileged to do so. I shared something of your life as Christians in our Canadian Forces and a nine minute DVD showing some our work and many of your faces appeared a number of times in venues throughout the conference. For this I would like to thank Padre David Greenwood and the good people that he worked with at NORAD in Colorado. As I write he and Cynthia are en route to their posting for ecumenical studies in Rome. The five Bishops Ordinary in the Communion met and shared their experiences and asked Bishop Len Eacott (Australia) to help to us keep in touch.

In Bible Study groups of eight, for almost two hours every day, we studied the ‘I Am’ sayings of Jesus in John’s Gospel and we got to know each other a little better. In my

group were: the Archbishop of Canterbury; Bishops Duleep de Chickera of Colombo, Sri Lanka; Mark Sisk and Catherine Rostam of New York; Bill Godfrey of Peru; Godefredo David, Primate of the Philippine Independent Church and Timothy Radcliffe, a Roman Catholic partner and Master of the Dominican Order.

While there were plenary sessions, at which time we listened to brilliant presentations, the main working unit was the Indaba Group of forty - five Bible Study groups.

This is an African process for an ‘intentional conversation about

something of mutual concern’ and was chosen, as a radical departure from the process of making resolutions, as in previous conferences, in order to facilitate maximum participation. The way we conduct meetings is not the way that is done in everyone’s culture and is not a comfortable process for many. Where language is an issue we stilled needed the help of translators but the comfort and communication level was higher for everyone. At the end of the day we did not issue resolutions, as many were probably expecting and which to some would have given more clarity, but we did issue Conference Reflections from the Indaba Groups. This is well worth reading as it does make recommendations and, to quote the Archbishop of Canterbury’s recent Pastoral Letter to Bishops of the Anglican Communion, provides “a number of pointers as to where the common goals and assumptions are in the Communion”. Three of the major areas were:

(1) We have a common witness to play a full part in the worldwide struggle against poverty, ignorance and disease and to increase our capacity to do this work which has long been a part of the church’s ministry and one in which we are well positioned to make a substantial difference.

(2) The controversial issues that have divided us require a better kind of conversation, a deeper sensitivity to each other and an understanding that we are mutually interdependent and responsible to each other.

*(dictum of the Anglican Congress in Toronto, 1963)*

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*School children with a CF Anglican Ordinariate themed banner at Hartest Primamry School welcome Bishop Coffin.*



## *A word from our Archdeacon...*

In my reading over the last few months I have been blessed by those who have given guidance on how to live a healthy spiritual life. One writer in particular that I have enjoyed and learned from is Saint Hesychios. He was probably the abbot of the monastery at Sinai in the sixth or seventh century. Hesychios wrote a powerful treatise on watchfulness and holiness. I will share with you some of the insight I gained from this holy person.

There are four things we should possess if we wish to be happy, have a pure heart, and enjoy God.

The first requirement is to be humble. It is not good to be arrogant and focus on our own self importance and to spend the majority of our time seeking ways to gratify ourselves. We need to remember that everything we have is a gift from God and is intended to be used to benefit others as well as ourselves.

The second requirement is to be attentive. Hesychios reminds us to be watchful at all times; guarding the intellect and heart. We must guard against evil thoughts that would seek to enter and corrupt our hearts. There is a need to be aware of what is going on in us and what is presenting itself to us. We need to discern what is good and embrace every virtue.

The third requirement is to possess the power of rebuttal. By this, he means that we need to reject evil when it appears and to tell the Devil that he is not welcome. God has given us a will to decide what we will or will not do. In order to be holy we must make a decision to not accept that which is evil and damaging. We need to be passionate about rejecting evil.

The fourth and final requirement is to pray. Hesychios stresses the importance of the Jesus prayer. It is calling on the name of Jesus which is the key to living a holy and fulfilling life. When temptations or challenges arrive at our doorstep that are overwhelming such as the desire to acquire excessive material goods or desires of an improper sexual nature, we need to greet these images with the name of Jesus. Lord Jesus save us. This is a powerful prayer which will enable us to overcome temptations which on our own we would not be able to resist.

It has been about three years that I have been personally using the Jesus prayer or an abbreviated form of it. I am finding it helpful to use it as I breath deeply in and out saying the first half on the way in and the remainder on the way out. It is becoming easier and I find myself using it more often, even while running. As I breathe I focus on a different person with each new breath seeking the Saviour to bring his life giving salvation and peace to that person.

This is a very short and inadequate summary of the writings of this holy saint, but I hope it inspires you to seek holiness and happiness. Anthony said that our natural state is being holy. When we purify our minds we gain penetrating insights from the Lord and we find true peace and happiness.

Cheers, *Karl+*

Archdeacon, Anglican Military Ordinariate



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*(Bishop's article continues from the previous page)* There was a plea for restraint, which will not make everyone happy, and some kind of a Covenant and process, involving what was called a Pastoral Forum, for dispute resolution.

(3) We need to manage our life together as a Communion to enable better conversation and governance; to enhance partnerships and relationships that will effect our Lord's compassionate and reconciling ministry to a hurting and damaged world, and to further the Kingdom of God and to be a church totally committed to nothing less than doing the will of God.

Yes, this Lambeth was different from those that had gone before and, yes, it will take some reflection and a great deal of prayer to know where to go from here. However, I do believe that most us felt deeply moved by the experience and felt that God was and continues to be very much at work in our part of the Christian Church. This was a time of rebuilding relationships and trust and confidence in the Anglican identity and probably in ways that exceeded our expectations.

Indeed, there were a number of bishops who did not attend and were at another conference in Jerusalem in June though many at that gathering also came to Lambeth. We were aware of and deeply saddened by their absence and we want very much to re-establish these relationships.

We rejoice in God's gifts to the Anglican Communion and indeed to all people of faith. May we, personally and together ask for God to open us to all that he wills to give. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness." (2 Cor. 9:10)

In God's Peace and Grace. *Peter*

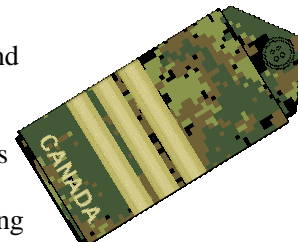
## A THANKSGIVING ABUNDANCE OF AWARDS

During Thanksgiving we give thanks to God for the abundance of creation all around us. This summer has certainly produced a harvest of recognition for some of our chaplains. Over the next few pages you will see far more than the usual number of “grip and grin” photos. A significant number of our chaplains have been recognized and rewarded for the ministries they are undertaking. As we are all in team ministry and all interdependent, this is really recognition by the operational branches, of the good work being done by the chaplain branch and by the Ordinariate. Here are some of our Anglican brothers and sisters with whom we celebrate.



### Promotion... and

Effective the first of July 2008, the Reverend Canon Gary Thorne was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Padre Thorne was presented his promotion at Land Forces Atlantic Area Headquarters (LFAA) by Brigadier General Rick Parsons, the outgoing Army Commander of LFAA. Padre Thorne is the first chaplain reservist in LFAA to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and it marks a significant evolution in both the opportunity for Army Reservists in region, and for the overall capability of chaplain services in the Army sectors of Atlantic Area. Concurrent to his promotion, Padre Thorne also assumed the responsibilities as the new LFAA Area Chaplain.



### ... and notice of an award.

On June 24, 2008, Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief of Canada, announced that Padre Gary Thorne will be inducted into the Order of Military Merit. It is anticipated that the order will be presented to Gary by Her Excellency the Governor General sometime this autumn.

The Order of Military Merit recognizes distinctive merit and exceptional service displayed by the men and women of the Canadian Forces, both Regular and Reserve. Many have demonstrated dedication and devotion beyond the call of duty, and the Order honours them for their commitment to Canada. The level of Member (Post-nominal: M.M.M.) recognizes exceptional service or performance of duty



## Promotion

On 18 April 2008, then Chaplain General, Brigadier General Rev Stan Johnstone (pictured at right on the left) promoted Padre Rick Durrett to Commander in a short ceremony at the Interfaith Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy (ICCMC) Office at Canadian Forces Support Unit (Ottawa). Commander the Reverend Durrett is now serving as Director Chaplain Services 2 (Training, Recruiting, Policy, Doctrine and Lessons Learned) under Canon John Fletcher (pictured at right on the right).



## 2008 Bishop Wells Award for Ministry Initiatives

The Bishop Wells Award for Ministry Initiatives was presented to Captain the Reverend Maude Parson-Hörst by Padre Lawrence MacIsaac and Brigadier General Raymond Romses at the High Commission in London on Monday 23 June 2008.

The Monsignor George Anderson Wells Award honours the spirit of initiative found in the chaplain ministry. This spirit of initiative can be seen both in the workplace and within the teams of chaplains, who use the opportunity to re-examine certain aspects of chaplain operations and the ministry itself in order to introduce new means of offering better service to CF military members and their families.



This year's recipient distinguished herself in an international environment that brings into play the Canadian Forces' reputation for professionalism and leadership. With her profound desire to be there at all times for our members, in every aspect of their training, she has spared neither time nor effort – emotional or physical – in ensuring the excellence of a new ministry of presence in an environment marked by cultural diversity.

Driving on the left in a heavily populated urban area is no simple matter in and of itself. But what can you say about driving on the left in the narrow alleys of an over-populated country, not to go to the pub, but to visit the hundreds of Canadian military families assigned to every corner of the United Kingdom? Imagine always working with your right hand when you're left-handed. Yet to see this woman at work, one would swear that she is an ambidextrous minister in the land of Bretons and Celts who has never lost her own accent, that of her native Newfoundland.

When you hear her talk, you get some idea of what our Canadians experience in the United Kingdom. They work like navvies either to pass their professional development courses or to perform at a level befitting our country's reputation among the English. While they are making this commendable effort, their family members are often left at home alone, totally uprooted from their usual environment. If we see our fellow Canadians so well through her, it is because she knows them inside out. She has the intelligence and initiative to phone them up for a friendly chat, to unerringly locate them, which is not as easy as it sounds in England, to pay a neighbourly, straightforward visit to their homes and attend their community activities, to give an ear to their problems, to make them laugh as only she can do, to reassuring them with compassion, to offer them sage advice, and, rather frequently, to defend them before the military authorities with good judgement and courage. Thanks to her, certain complicated family situations have been effectively settled, thus resolving problems that may ended up at diplomatic level and, quite simply, destroyed our members' military careers.

For this reason, and for others that unable to mention in such a short text, the Chaplain General was pleased to award, and Padre MacIsaac was pleased to present the Bishop George Anderson Wells Award for Ministry Initiatives to Padre Maude Parson-Hörst.

## WORKPLACE FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN AND THE ANGLICAN ORDINARIATE

Canon Nigel Shaw, Canon Treasurer and financial officer for the Ordinariate, advises that the National Defence Workplace Charitable Campaign or the United Way Campaigns, which are beginning at Units, Squadrons, Battalions, Garrisons, Wings, Bases, Districts, Areas, Divisions, Formations and Headquarters will allow us to direct our donations to any registered charity – including our own Anglican Ordinariate. Your donation goes into the campaign drive who, in turn, forwards it onto the charity identified by the giver. Should you decide to support the ministry of the Ordinariate through this medium, it is simple to identify the Anglican Ordinariate by inserting the **Charitable Donation number (86847 3315 RR0001)** where indicated. This is available to all members of DND – military or civilian who are participants of the Campaigns.

## NEW ADDRESS FOR ANGLICAN ORDINARIATE NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please be advised that with the move of our newsletter Editor overseas, articles should now be submitted to the following email address:

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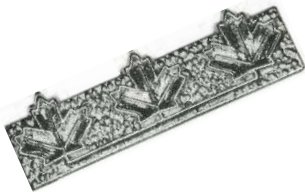
Our busy editor will be without DWAN access for the next two years but will try and carve out the anticipated four issues a year. Blessings to all.



## Commander, Land Force Command Commendation

Lieutenant General A. B. Leslie, the Commander, Land Force Command presented his “commendation” to Major the Reverend Todd Meaker on 28 June 2008. The Commendation was awarded in recognition of the exemplary professionalism that marked Padre Todd’s tenure as Land Force Atlantic Area Chaplain.

Major the Reverend Meaker’s personal dedication, compassion and leadership were fundamental to the provision of pastoral support services for the families of the soldiers deployed with Task Force Afghanistan Roto 3. His tremendous efforts also resulted in the establishment of highly effective networks with the police and clergy of all the Maritime provinces so as to ensure timely and compassionate notification of tragic news to the next-of-kin of the fallen and wounded soldiers. Padre Meaker was cited as demonstrating a rare combination of professional skill and personal compassion and has brought great credit to Land Forces Atlantic Area, to Land Forces Command, and to the Chaplain Branch.



## American Joint Service Commendation Medal

On 13 August 2008, Colonel Thomas Vail, US Army, Command Chaplain of North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command and United States Northern Command presented Lieutenant Commander the Reverend David Greenwood, CF, with the US Department of Defense’s Joint Service Commendation Medal.

The citation which accompanied the presentation reads, “*Padre Greenwood, Canadian Forces, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service as Staff Chaplain to the Command Chaplain, North American Aerospace Defense Command from July 2005 to August 2008. During this period, the outstanding leadership, professional skill and compassionate service of Padre Greenwood resulted in the development of a strong and lasting relationship between the Office of the Canadian Chaplain General and the Command Chaplain of North American Aerospace Defense Command. Padre Greenwood’s immediate engagement with the Joint Support Group during Hurricane Katrina relief efforts provided comfort and significant religious direction for the logistical effort. His clear thought processes and expertise contributed significantly to the development of religious support planning for the Bi-national Civil Assistance Plan. Further, his tireless efforts and diplomatic skill greatly enhanced training and coordination with NORAD’s regions and sectors. Through his distinctive accomplishments, Lieutenant Commander the Reverend David M. Greenwood reflected great credit upon himself, the Canadian Forces, and the Department of National Defense.*”



## AN ABUNDANT HARVEST OF STUDENTS

This time of year, of course, always renders a large crop of students entering into Grade 12 or heading off to college or university. It is interesting to think about how these young people have been formed.

Beloit College puts out a Freshman List (this year is for the class of 2012). It kind of puts things into perspective... Of course these are also the same group from which the majority of our new service personnel are recruited. It might be prudent for chaplains to refer to the list each year to keep sermon references current.

Some Canadian issues have been added at the end.

### BELOIT COLLEGE 2012 FRESHMAN YEAR LIST

Students entering college for the first time this fall were generally born in 1990.

For these students, Sammy Davis Jr., Jim Henson, Ryan White, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Freddy Krueger have always been dead.

1. Harry Potter could be a classmate, playing on their Quidditch team.
2. Since they were in diapers, karaoke machines have been annoying people at parties.
3. They have always been looking for Carmen Sandiego.
4. GPS satellite navigation systems have always been available.
5. Coke and Pepsi have always used recycled plastic bottles.
6. Shampoo and conditioner have always been available in the same bottle.
7. Gas stations have never fixed flats, but most serve cappuccino.
8. Their parents may have dropped them in shock when they heard George Bush announce "tax revenue increases" after telling them to "read my lips" about "no new taxes."
9. Electronic filing of tax returns has always been an option.
10. Girls in head scarves have always been part of the school fashion scene.
11. All have had a relative--or known about a friend's relative--who died comfortably at home with Hospice.
12. As a precursor to "whatever," they have recognized that some people "just don't get it."
13. Universal Studios has always offered an alternative to Mickey in Orlando.
14. Grandma has always had wheels on her walker.
15. Martha Stewart Living has always been setting the style.
16. Haagen-Dazs ice cream has always come in quarts.
17. Club Med resorts have always been places to take the whole family.
18. WWW has never stood for World Wide Wrestling.
19. Films have never been X rated, only NC-17.
20. The Warsaw Pact is as hazy for them as the League of Nations was for their parents.
21. Students have always been "Rocking the Vote" prior to a Federal election in the States.
22. Clarence Thomas has always sat on the US Supreme Court.
23. Schools have always been concerned about multiculturalism.
24. We have always known that "All I Ever Really Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten."
25. There have always been gay rabbis.
26. Wayne Newton has never had a mustache.
27. College grads have always been able to Teach for America.
28. IBM has never made typewriters.
29. Roseanne Barr has never been invited to sing the American National Anthem again.
30. McDonald's and Burger King have always used vegetable oil for cooking french fries.
31. They have never been able to colour a tree using a "Raw Umber" Crayola.
32. There has always been Pearl Jam.
33. The Tonight Show has always been hosted by Jay Leno and started at 11:35 EST.
34. Pee-Wee has never been in his playhouse during the day.
35. They never tasted Benefit Cereal with psyllium.
36. They may have been given a Nintendo Game Boy to play with in the crib.
37. US authorities have always been building a wall along the Mexican border.
38. Lenin's name has never been on a major city in Russia.
39. Employers have always been able to do credit checks on employees.
40. Balsamic vinegar has always been available in the US.
41. Macaulay Culkin has always been Home Alone.
42. Their parents may have watched The American Gladiators on TV the day they were born.
43. Personal privacy has always been threatened.
44. Caller ID has always been available on phones.
45. Living wills have always been asked for at hospital check-ins.
46. The Green Bay Packers (almost) always had the same starting quarterback.
47. They have never heard an attendant ask "Want me to check under the hood?"
48. Iced tea has always come in cans and bottles.
49. Soft drink refills have always been free.
50. They have never known life without Seinfeld references from a show about "nothing."
51. Windows 3.0 operating system made IBM PCs user-friendly the year they were born.
52. Muscovites have always been able to buy Big Macs.
53. The Royal New Zealand Navy has never been permitted a daily ration of rum.
54. The Hubble Space Telescope has always been eavesdropping on the heavens.
55. Body temperature of 98.6 F (33 C) or otherwise has always been confirmed by putting a thermometer in their ear.

56. Michael Milken has always been a philanthropist promoting prostate cancer research.

57. Off-shore oil drilling in the United States has always been prohibited.

58. American radio stations have never been required to present both sides of public issues.

59. There have always been charter schools.

60. Students always had Goosebumps.

AND TO THIS, WE CANADIANS MIGHT ADD:

a. Goods have always been available under the Canadian-American Free Trade Agreement.

b. GST legislation has always been on the books.

c. There has always been a Canadian Space Agency.

d. Baseball has always been played at the Sky Dome in Toronto.

e. They have never been able to take one train across Canada.

f. They have always been able to visit the artwork "Voice of Fire" by Barnett Newman at the National Gallery of Canada in Ottawa.

g. RCMP officers have always been able to wear turbans.

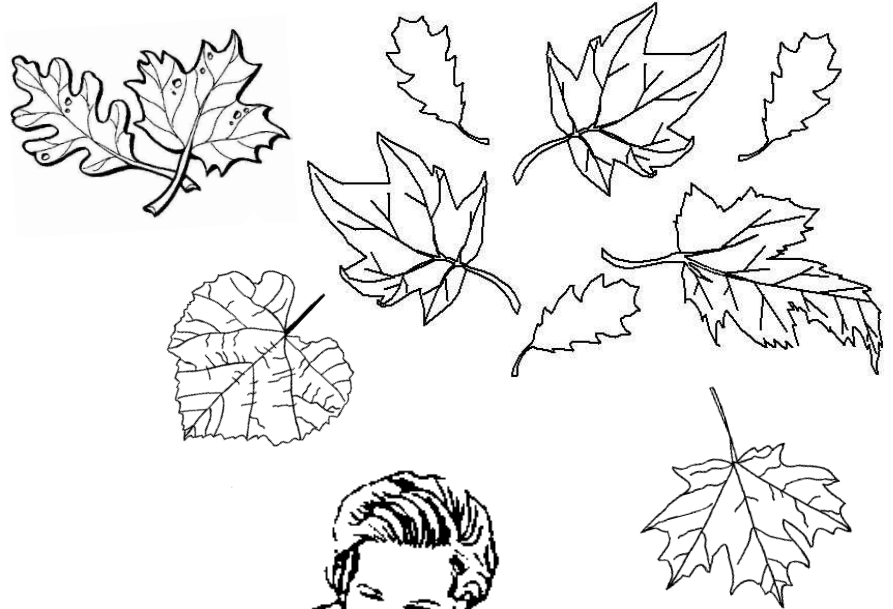
h. Parents in Québec have always been able to vote for the Bloc Québécois.

i. There have always been early December memorials to the women killed at École Polytechnique in Montreal.

j. The Meech Lake Accord has always been dead and Elijah Harper has always been a historical hero within the Aboriginal community.

k. The notwithstanding clause has always been an option.

l. There have always been female combat soldiers in the Canadian Forces.



**THANKSGIVING  
COLOURING  
PICTURES**

