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BISHOP ORDINARY TO THE FORCES
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1910 – 2010 ONE HUNDRED YEARS OF WORKING TOGETHER IN CHRISTIAN UNITY *by Padre David Greenwood*

John Mott, an American Methodist lay person, was inspired by the 1893 Chicago World Fair with its Parliament of the World's Religions, to establish and lead the World Christian Students' Association, the YMCA and the YWCA. In 1910, he with Lutheran Archbishop Nathan Söderblom co-chaired the first World Missionary Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland. There weren't many attendees, mostly European Anglicans, Presbyterians and Lutherans, and their main agenda item was to co-ordinate and share resources in missionary endeavours in Africa and the Far East; but that first meeting 100 years ago, has grown into today's Ecumenical Movement.

The first challenge that the committee met was the stubborn denominationalism that was (and often is) rooted in each church group represented. There was a firm resolve that they could not agree to work together when they could not agree on many issues that had divided them during the Reformation. Some felt it was a betrayal of their church's integrity to just assume that all was well. Some felt that covering the cracks of Christianity with flimsy wallpaper would not work and was not an effort which had any integrity.

In one brilliant flash of insight, they came up with a compromise. Let us not set up another working committee to follow on after this conference – let's set up TWO such committees. One standing committee would look at the issue that led to the divisions – the doctrine, the faith and the issues of church governance and order. They called this academic committee of theological research and dialogue, "Faith and Order." Then with that out of the way, it was decided that it was shameful to ignore the plight of the poor, those crushed by industrialization, the rise of the drug and opium trade, forced labour, illegal migration, and child welfare. Archbishop Söderblom said, "We cannot afford to remain separated and in the state of unnecessary impotence caused by our own separation, up to the time when we shall be truly united in faith and church organization." And so they agreed to simply leave the resolution of theological divisions up to the Faith and Order group and simply work together, co-operatively, "as if they were already one." This other committee focused on Life and Good Works, and so when the "Life and Works" committee encountered differences they simply noted them and worked around them.

And this has been the practise and the process of what has grown into the World Council of Churches and the past 100 years of ecumenism.

And by the way, Söderblom was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1930. Mott also was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946, two years before he became the first Honorary President of the WCC.

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A word from our Archdeacon...

As I approach Easter my thoughts are on the importance of prayer. Prayer can be an activity in which we can occasionally engage and for many people this is the only way it is. But prayer can also be viewed as a way of life; and prayer in this sense is something that is our constant normal mode of existence. Prayer becomes more a way of life when we adopt regular prayer times, but also when we consider approaching almost all we do with an attitude of prayer.

Throughout the day, in all that we do, it is possible to use a few set prayers that we can repeat and through this repetition they can become a way of being. The prayers that come to mind are the Jesus prayer and also Psalm 70:1

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.

O Lord, make haste to help me!

Jesus lived a life of prayer. In his conversations with his close associates and with whoever he met, he always directed the conversation to include one's relationship with God, our heavenly father. Life for Jesus was life lived in communion with God. Jesus shows us that our lives were intended to be lived in communion with God.

The Spirit is central to communion with God. It is the Spirit who brings to us God's presence. Jesus was able to maintain communion with God through the fullness of God's Spirit present in him. Prayer is directly connected with the presence of God's Spirit in our lives.

Jesus carried out his ministry of preaching, teaching and healing through the power of God's Spirit. Jesus focused his life on God and service to others. He exhausted himself at times ministering to large crowds of people. He maintained his relationship with God the Father through regular and extended periods of prayer.

As Jesus approached the end of his life, he took his closest disciples up a mountain to pray. Prayer opened the door to amazing spiritual encounters for Jesus and the disciples. In prayer, Jesus had communion with Moses and Elijah and they encouraged Jesus to face death to bring salvation to humankind. Prayer also led Jesus and the disciples into the cloud of God's presence and the Father spoke in the clearest of terms telling us that Jesus was his Son and that we should listen to him.

Prayer enabled Jesus to face the greatest challenge of his life which was offering himself as a sacrifice to God to bring salvation to all humankind. Prayer is what will enable us to accomplish our calling to proclaim and model the good news of God's love for all humanity. God is calling us to live a life of prayer. Prayer enables us to remain connected to God and God's Spirit blesses us and all those around us as we pray..

God Bless,

Karl+ Archdeacon, Anglican Military Ordinariate



*Colonel the Venerable Karl McLean
Archdeacon of the Canadian Forces*

COLLECT FOR PALM SUNDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who, of thy tender love towards mankind, hast sent thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of his patience, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before thee for all estates of men in thy Holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve thee; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

COLLECT FOR EASTER

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: We humbly beseech thee, that as by thy special grace thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A WORD FROM OUR BISHOP

Lenten and Holy Week Reflection
2010
Bishop Peter R. Coffin

Dear Friends:

When I think of the pilgrimage of Lent and of what our Lord has done for us I am moved by these words of Saint Paul, some of which were read at the Ash Wednesday liturgy:

“God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting our faults against us, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We beseech you on behalf of Christ be reconciled to God...

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.” (2 Corinthians 19-20, 6:2b)

It is by the way that Jesus witnessed to the love of God and by his passion, death and resurrection that he has indeed reconciled the world to God and brought about our salvation. As we celebrate the Holy Eucharist we remember what Jesus has done for us; we share the peace and we gather as a reconciled community. At the end we are sent out to spread this message of peace and reconciliation to others and to engage in a mission of great import to God’s world.

We are ambassadors for Christ and an ambassador can only do what they are sent to do if they are loyal to that which they represent. When an ambassador comes to our country, their first stop is a visit to the Governor General to present their credentials. We too must give credible proof that we are sent. As ambassadors for Christ, the greatest proof of our mission, which is his mission, is in our fidelity to him and by living the way of life that he expects and modelled for us. Lent is a particular time, though not the only time to be sure, to mend broken relationships with God, other people and within our own soul so that we might then have the confidence to share the grace that we have received.

So much needs to be reconciled in this world. We have personal needs for healing. Communities, nations and peoples need to be reconciled, as we

know only too well given the missions in which our military community are engaged. Our churches need reconciliation, as well as between faith communities, and there is disorder between humans, other creatures and the earth itself. All needing reconciliation and ambassadors for the Prince of Peace and for a God who made all things good and created us to be stewards of the earth.

God has taken the initiative. Will we respond? Can we apply our vocation as ambassadors for Christ to our own situations and put it in practice in the places where we live? Can we take it further afield, indeed into all creation? We will need some help because it is a difficult mission and there will be set backs. Just look at what it cost Jesus. However, though we may not always be successful we can at least be faithful. As the parable of the sower assures us, although some seed does not even begin to grow or flourish other seeds do and the result is -- a harvest.

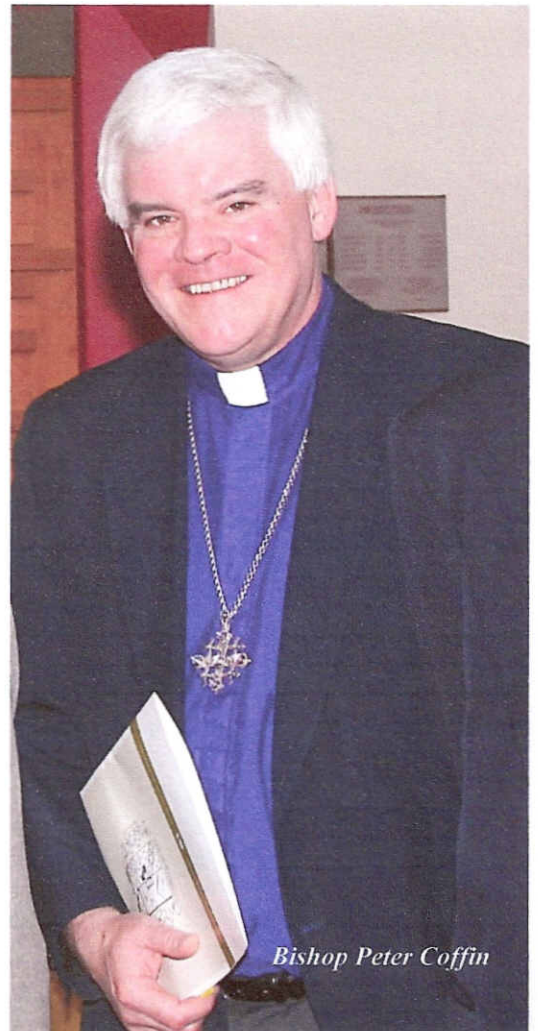
In this Holy Season we remember and give thanks that Jesus has given all for the mission of reconciliation and that he has entrusted the privilege of this ministry to us. ***“Creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God” (Romans 8:19)***

May you have a blessed Lent and Holy Week and may we all truly live as an Easter People rejoicing in God’s wonderful gifts and sharing the abundance of Divine Grace.

+Peter

Anglican Bishop Ordinary

(The Right Reverend Peter Coffin was appointed by the Primate to the position of Bishop Ordinary (Anglican) to the Canadian Forces in November 2004.)



Bishop Peter Coffin

INTRODUCTION OF OUR LAY DELEGATES TO GENERAL SYNOD

General Synod is the senior 'court' of the Anglican Church of Canada. The house of Bishops meet with the House of Clergy and House of Laity to reflect, pray, sing, study, listen, delegate, make decisions, give direction, approve or deny proposed legislation (national canon law or resolutions), regulate relations with other churches, discern, share, pray some more and, in general, lead our Church. Every bishop goes. Every diocese sends clergy and lay delegates. Our Ordinariate is fully represented by our Bishop Ordinary, two clergy delegates, and three lay delegates – to adult and one youth delegates.

In Canada, General Synod is held every three years. In Britain, the General Synod is the national assembly of the Church of England and it meets every six months! In the US, General Convention is the primary governing and legislative body of the Episcopal Church and it meets every three years, like us, but comprises two houses: the House of Bishops and the House of Deputies (clergy & laity combined).

This year, the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada will meet at St. Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, from 3 to 11, June. This is an exciting time to be an Anglican. Our two clergy delegates are Padres Todd Meaker and Michelle Staples. Joining with them and Bishop Peter Coffin are the Ordinariate's three Lay delegates, Mark Nicolle, Nelson Usher and Colleen-Nora Bateman. Here are their stories in brief and some answers they have given to some questions:

Chief Petty Officer Second Class MARK NICOLLE is a Naval Cook currently posted to the Vice Chief of the Defence Staff in Ottawa as a Planning Officer with the Canadian Forces Liaison Council. He has been in the Navy for 28 years. NELSON USHER is the Nursing Director for a private home-based palliative care nursing agency "At-Home Hospice" in Ottawa. He is a military spouse. COLLEEN-NORA BATEMAN is a first year student at the University of Waterloo taking studies in Recreation and Leisure with a double major in Recreation and Business & Therapeutic Recreation. As the Ordinariate Youth Delegate, she lives in Petawawa Ontario with her parents who are Anglican military chaplains.

Question One: You let your name stand for election. Why?

MARK NICOLLE: *I have always been interested in the way the Church operates, and this is a way that I can see first hand. It is also a way that if there is any aspect of the church where there is change needed than this is where it can be done.*

NELSON USHER: *I think it is important that we all share and contribute in the growth of our Anglican church. After serving on Parish council and many other committees in the church where I worship, I feel this is another step forward for me, learning, sharing, contributing and growing.*

COLLEEN-NORA BATEMAN: *I let my name stand for election because it seemed like an excellent opportunity to meet people and to discuss faith and issues that face us as individuals and as a church in today's society.*

Question Two: What is your fondest memory of Anglican worship or Anglican Christian witness and service?

MARK NICOLLE: *I don't know if there is one memory that is fondest in my memory. I do recall the General Synod service in St. John's NL in 1989 where I led the procession (as crucifer) of all clergy and Bishops through the streets of St. John's to a service of 5000 people at the Memorial Stadium.*

COLLEEN-NORA BATEMAN: *My fondest memories in the Anglican Church would probably be seeing my mother's and father's ordinations. Granted I was very young when my father was ordained. I remember being proud by their degree of faith and accomplishment.*

Question Three: What are your hopes and prayers for General Synod in June?

COLLEEN-NORA BATEMAN: *My hope for the 2010 synod is that we can come together and share our faith and discuss, with open minds, important issues that face our church.*

NELSON USHER: *As an aboriginal Canadian, a gay man and a military spouse, I am deeply aware that many of these issues to be debated and decided at General Synod are difficult and potentially divisive. I believe God is calling us to*

healing and reconciliation, and to moving forward with a renewed vision of inclusiveness and justice. I am hope-filled that Synod will discern and follow the spirit's leading and become a strong witness for celebrating unity and diversity.

MARK NICOLLE: *That the church solves the rifts that are developing in our church.*

Question Four: What excites you about being elected and on your way to General Synod in Halifax?

COLLEEN-NORA BATEMAN: *I am excited to come together with people from all over the country to learn new things and gain new experiences. Plus Halifax is beautiful!*

NELSON USHER: *Nova Scotia is home for me, so being selected to be a representative of the Anglican Ordinate for this General Synod in my home province is doubly exciting for me. I look forward to meeting new Anglicans from across the church and helping them to discover and enjoy some down-home hospitality as we journey through Synod together.*

MARK NICOLLE: *That I can help to bring the church together to carry on God's work in Canada and throughout the world.*

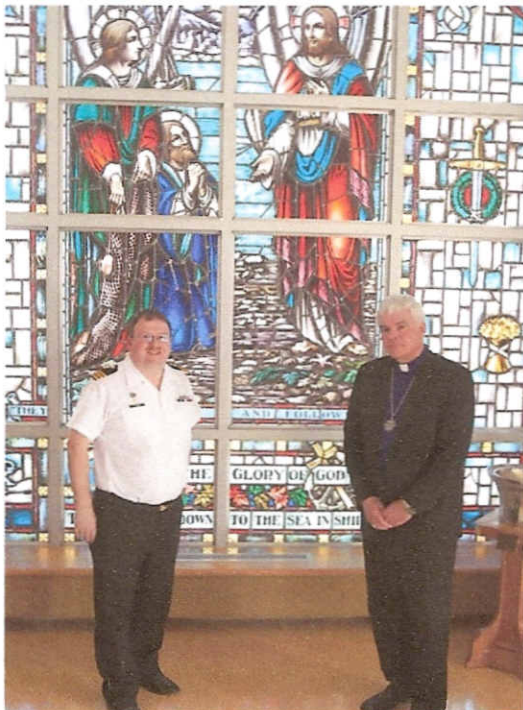
COLLEEN-NORA BATEMAN: *I have been a member of a military chapel for over six years. I see the differences between the services and ministry approaches that different Christian traditions bring; and yet see the importance of the Anglican contribution to the military community. As the child of two serving Canadian Forces parents, I realize how important a strong faith and an even stronger faith community is during hard times.*

Question Five: How do you see conveying or relating your role as a leader / representative of the Military Ordinariate to the wider members of the Ordinariate? How can we capture and tell your General Synod story?

MARK NICOLLE: *Part 1: At a future meeting either joining members of the Ordinate to have an open discussion or giving a written report to them for their review. Part 2: I would think that a report for the webpage may be the best way to capture our story.*

NELSON USHER: *I'll do my best to journal my reflections and thoughts of the General Synod experience as it unfolds, and look forward to opportunities that might allow me to share these with other members of the Anglican Ordinate. I hope to do so through the newsletter, web page or at an upcoming meeting of clericus. Thank you for the honour to serve as a representative to General Synod and thank you for your prayerful support of all the Synod delegates.*

Thank you all -- and thank you for letting us hear of your preparations for representing us at General Synod.



OUR BISHOP VISITS HALIFAX On 11 March 2010, our Bishop Ordinary, the Right Reverend Peter Coffin visited the chaplains at Formation Halifax (pictured below). Posing at left are the Formation Chaplain, Commander Baxter Park and the Bishop in the Naval Chapel of Remembrance in front of one of the many sea-based pieces of stained glass. This piece was from the old Protestant Chapel in Shannon Park.



DESERT EXPERIENCES *by Canon Baxter Park*

I must confess as I look around this Anglican Church of Canada, an institution that I love, I sometimes find myself feeling pretty morose about the future. I may be wrong but the church gives the impression its downsizing. Staff layoffs at our national office and once healthy and viable parishes opting for part-time clergy because of financial challenges are two signs of the times. Of course, we have the ever-present predictions of our demise as a church.

The secular media in Western Canada recently mused that we Anglicans could disappear in a generation. There are even some who are living in a self-imposed limbo, claiming to be a part of our worldwide communion, while ignoring our National and Diocesan structures because of their liberalism. In a time when many question the relevancy of the church, a small civil war, gleefully reported on by the secular media can be very discouraging.

In the midst of all of that I am living a very 'gray Halifax winter' and the liturgy is doing little to cheer me up at this time of year. "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." "Jesus was led by the spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days He was tempted by the devil."

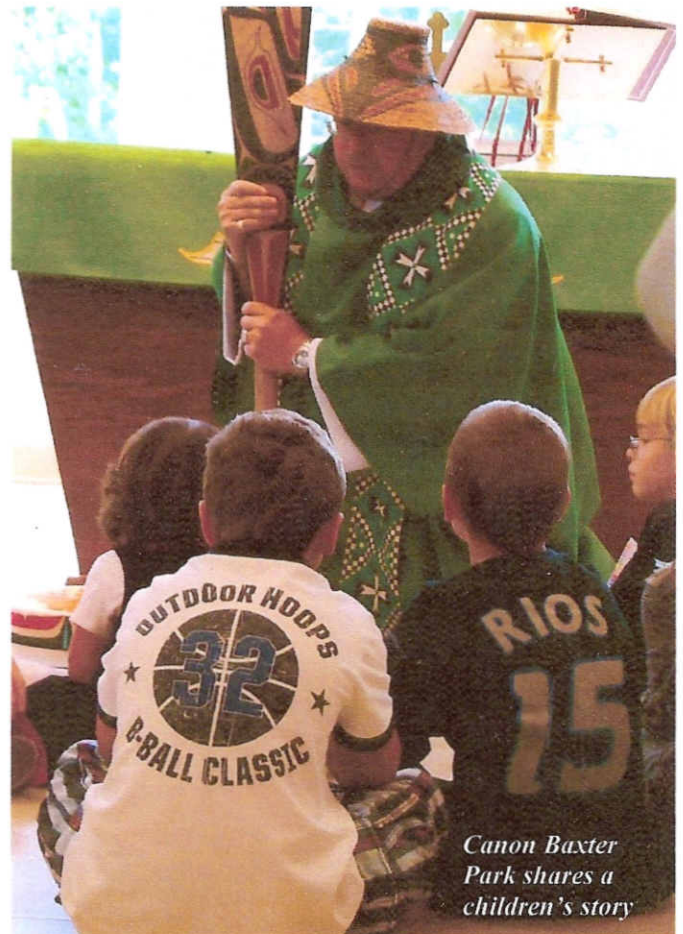
Deeper reflection on the Lukan gospel has been very helpful in overcoming my negativity though. In the three temptations Jesus is tempted by material things (bread), power (earthly authority) and fame and spectacle (throw yourself off the temple). Jesus responds to all of these temptations with commentary that reminds us that these things are not enough. He refers us back to the source of all life and all love, God the Creator. It is only there that we will find, as Jesus did, the source of our hope and an unending joy.

That same hope is visible to us again today. It can be found in the response of the human spirit to calls for justice and equity. In the month following the announcement of cutbacks in staff at PWRF, over one and a half million dollars was raised for the people of Haiti. Secular organizations might say that's a lot of bread and we need to redirect some of that to address our organizational deficiencies. We, Anglicans, will give it all away and be better for it because we trust in God. That's not a bad response for people on their death bed.

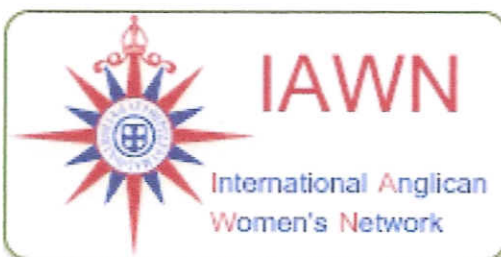
As for those in self-exile, suspicious of my liberal theology, the poet Edwin Markham wrote my response in his poem, "Outwitted":

"He drew a circle that shut me out -
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.
But love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in."

I am dust and to dust I shall return, but in the meantime God has given me gifts, abilities and the gospel of reconciliation. God provides the hope that after the desert experience there will be a wedding in Cana, and after the ashes and cross of Lent there will be the new life of Easter. That's why even at the grave my song will be alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



Canon Baxter Park shares a children's story



I am very excited to introduce to you the new International Anglican Women's Network newsletter. It addresses issues from IAWN groups all over the world. The first issue was in December 2009 and it contains an article by our own Canadian representative Elizabeth Loweth as she recounts her experiences visiting women in Northern Ontario. It is very interesting and moving! The newsletter can be found on the IAWN site at <http://iawn.anglicancommunion.org>.

by Cynthia Greenwood, IAWN Canada, Military Ordinariate Rep

EVERYTHING OLD COULD BE NEW AGAIN by Padre David greenwood

In 1920 the Russian Orthodox Church was under a great deal of pressure. The nation's political revolution had proceeded to the point where the Church had become disenfranchised. Much of the population was missing, dispossessed of land, or dead and congregations were greatly diminished. Mass immigration to Canada and other countries had added to the loss of numbers. Their resources were gone and their ability to minister openly was lost. In order to survive, they reached out westward and made a strong invitation of communion with the Protestant Churches of Europe. They did this by issuing a Patriarchal Encyclical addressed "Unto the Churches of Christ everywhere." The goal of this encyclical was to outline how churches might agree to work together, and how churches, trapped in division and impasses of failed and failing relationships could agree to grow together and work together and find unity again.

The Patriarchal Encyclical starts by quoting 1 Peter 1:22 "Love one another earnestly from the heart" and then asserts that "Our own church holds that rapprochement between the various Christian Churches and fellowship between them is not excluded by the doctrinal differences which exist between them. In our opinion such a rapprochement is highly desirable and necessary."

It would seem their observation is that rapprochement is needed and desired by Christ – that all may be one even as Christ and God are one. This is also a good message to be noted by the various elements within the Anglican Communion which are today straining the loose bonds of fellowship that hold us together as a communion.

Aside from just being a document of idle platitude, the 1920 Encyclical, signed by the Patriarch of Constantinople, and re-presented by the Patriarchs of Alexandria and Jerusalem to the 1925 meeting of Life and Works in Stockholm, and which was received and endorsed by the Anglican Lambeth conference of 1930, gave good practical advise on living and learning how to grow together in mutual supportive ministry. It would be great if the Anglican Church of Canada, the Episcopal Church, the Church of England and those in Nigeria, Uganda and the Sothern Cone, could read this letter and re-receive its message again. It might show us clearly how we could practically and with good will tighten these loose bonds of affection that are currently being strained. The Encyclical gave 11 practical things to do immediately. It read, in part:

In our opinion, such a friendship and kindly disposition towards each other can be shown and demonstrated particularly in the following ways:

- 1. By the acceptance of a uniform calendar for the celebration of the great Christian feasts at the same time by all the churches.*
- 2. By the exchange of brotherly letters on the occasion of the great feasts of the churches' year as is customary, and on other exceptional occasions.*
- 3. By close relationships between the representatives of all churches wherever they may be.*
- 4. By relationships between the theological schools and the professors of theology; by the exchange of theological and ecclesiastical reviews, and of other works published in each church.*
- 5. By exchanging students for further training between the seminaries of the different churches.*
- 6. By convoking pan-Christian conferences in order to examine questions of common interest to all the churches.*
- 7. By impartial and deeper historical study of doctrinal differences both by the seminaries and in books.*
- 8. By mutual respect for the customs and practices in different churches.*
- 9. By allowing each other the use of chapels and cemeteries for the funerals and burials of believers of other confessions dying in foreign lands.*
- 10. By the settlement of the question of mixed marriages between the confessions.*
- 11. Lastly, by wholehearted mutual assistance for the churches in their endeavours for religious advancement, charity and so on.*

How would our current stalemated relationships improve if Nigeria and Canada, the Southern Cone and TEC held student and professor exchanges, prayed for each other, respected the diversities that each one shows, shared resources, and exchanged letters of welcome on days of religious and historic significance? What would we say if Katharine Jefferts Schori, Peter Anakola and Fred Hiltz met on Larry King to discuss the importance of religious education in the moral formation of youth, and ended by exchanging Episcopal rings and shaking hands as a sign of collegiality?

HMCS FREDERICTON CREW VOLUNTEER AT GIRL'S HOSTEL IN MOMBASA, KENYA

by Padre Jennifer Gosse and Lt(N) Christ Grant, Logistics Officer
Photos by Cpl Peter Reed, Image Technician

On 1 Jan, 2010, about 30 members of Her Majesty's Canadian Ship (HMCS) Fredericton rang in the New Year in a very exciting way: doing some good work for some very deserving people. Ship's companies often take part in humanitarian projects during their deployments. Fredericton chose to help out at a girls' hostel while in Mombasa, Kenya over the New Year holiday.

The Mother's Union (MU) is an international Christian women's organization. Their aim is to strengthen and support families and parents by running local, grassroots projects in their own neighbourhoods. In Mombasa, the MU of the Diocese of Mombasa began a hostel for girls in 1996. Frequently girl children are often married at very young ages or else sent to the cities to look for work as house helpers. Few are given opportunity to receive higher education. Many end up living on the streets and becoming sex trade workers. In response to this situation, the women of the MU decided to create a safe place where girls from coastal communities could come to stay in Mombasa while receiving training in vocational skills.

One of the MU members volunteered to be a mother for these girls and live with them, so the group constructed a very crude tin shelter and began to take in girls. Meanwhile they continued to fundraise through their local churches to build a better home for their girls. In 2004 a cornerstone was laid for a two storey hostel, on top of which a third storey may be added later. The ground floor was completed and now houses 32 girls. The second storey was built, but not habitable. The MU ladies were wondering how they could find the money to complete the second floor and take in another 32 girls. They had asked for funding from various levels of government and were turned down. That is when Fredericton became involved.

The ship's Chaplain and Logistics Officer (LogO) decided early in the deployment that Kenya would be the best place for a humanitarian project during OP SAIPH Roto 0. Having received the CO's approval, the Padre started looking for a suitable charity. It was important to find an organization that was reputable and already involved in good work. Advice was sought from the local Anglican diocese and the Chaplain was introduced to the girl's hostel project of the MU.

Naturally funding was required for such an endeavour and support under the auspices of Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command through the Commanders Contingency

Fund was sought. These funds are earmarked for activities and projects to advance military objectives on the part of the Government of Canada in fostering good governance, development, reconstruction or humanitarian assistance in aid of the mission. A project of this nature helps to gain and maintain support from the local population and it has far reaching potential impacts in Mombasa and throughout Kenya as the Church and MU spread the word. The benefits of a project of this nature are many and it seemed a perfect way to start the New Year away from home.

The LogO arranged representation prior to our arrival in Mombasa to visit the Hostel to see what type of help FREDERICTON might be able to offer. It was decided that the ship could work to get the second floor ready to house 32 more girls, so the LogO prearranged to have all necessary supplies on hand for the volunteer day.



Members of the crew paint the walls at the shelter.

On New Year's Day 2010, about 30 volunteers from the ship arrived at the hostel armed with extra scrappers, paint, rollers and brushes and set to work. The walls were prepared, plastered, primed and painted. By the end of the day eight rooms were in "move in" condition. The ship's company had collected seven boxes of gifts for the hostel residents, items from the canteen as well as personal gifts from many members, and these were left with the matrons to be given to the girls when they returned to the hostel after New Year's vacation. Much was accomplished in that one day, but much remains to be done.



Members of the ship's company of HMCS Fredericton pose in front of the partially renovated girls shelter run under the auspices of the Mother's Union of the Anglican Church in Mombasa, Kenya.

The LogO met with a local contractor the next day to see what else could be done for these girls and it was agreed safety and hygiene were the priority items. Work set to be accomplished is repair and completion of all washroom plumbing and ceramics, electrical conduits, a septic field, windows, doors and locks, anti-malarial mosquito netting, and painting of ground floor rooms. After the contract was agreed to some late Christmas shopping needed to be done and 64 new mattresses, pillows and linen were purchased to replace the 32 sponge mattresses in tatters, and the absence of pillows and sheets. 32 additional solid wooden bed frames were ordered at a mere \$68 each.

When all this work is finished, 32 more girls, for a total of 64 hostel

residents, will have a safe place to stay in Mombasa so that they may go to school, learn a trade and become productive members of their communities. The MU members are overjoyed at what has been accomplished and what is yet to be done on their behalf. The hostel matron described Fredericton as an "answer to prayer" and believes that they received their very own miracle on the first day of 2010. The members of the ship's company who volunteered described the day as a most fitting way to begin 2010, doing good work for a very good cause. Kenyans and Canadians both went away with a better understanding of each other and with wonderful memories of a short but productive time of working together.

LENTEN ANTHEM: THE SONG OF THE SUFFERING SERVANT: ISAIAH 53:3-6

He was despised; he was rejected, a man of sorrows, acquainted with grief. As one from whom people hide their faces, he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Ours was the suffering he bore, ours the torments he endured, while we thought he was being punished, struck by God and brought low.

He was pierced for our sins, bruised for no fault but ours. His punishment has won our peace, and by his wounds we are healed.

We had all strayed like sheep, all taking our own way; But the Lord laid on him the guilt of us all.

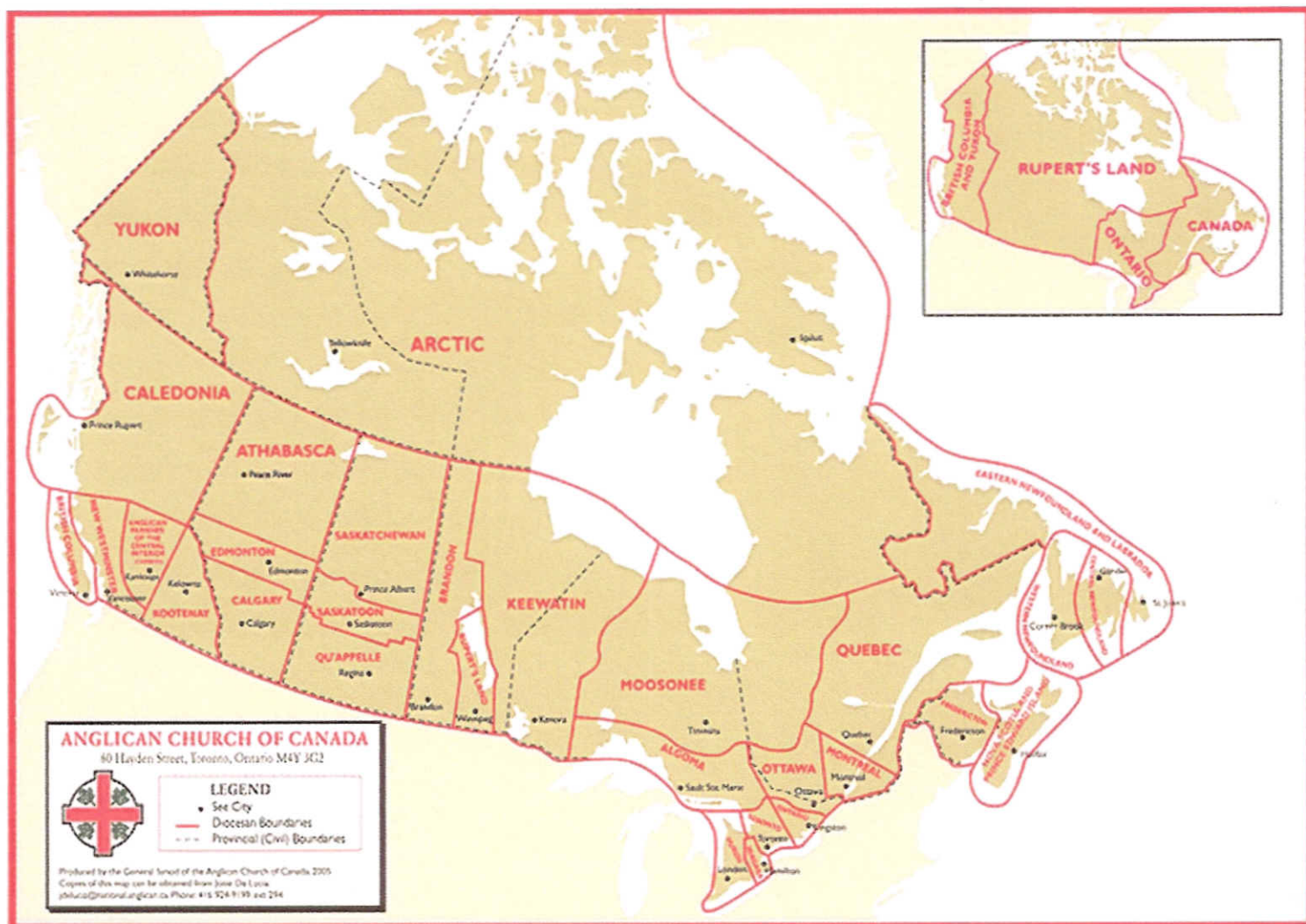
EASTER ANTHEM:

Psalm 118:14-24 Confitemini Domino

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation. There is a sound of exultation and victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord had triumphed! The right hand of the Lord is exulted!" I shall not die but live, and declare the works of the Lord. The Lord has punished me sorely, but he did not hand me over to death.

Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them; I will offer thanks to the Lord. "This is the gate of the Lord; he who is righteous may enter." I will give thanks to you, for you answered me and have become my salvation. The same stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing and it is marvelous in our eyes. On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it!

Anglican Church of Canada



Pictured above is the map of Canada with its four internal ecclesiastical provinces and diocese laid out. In early June our General synod, the national governing body of the Anglican Church of Canada will assemble to make decisions for our church. They will gather in Halifax in three houses – the House of Bishops, the House of Clergy and the House of Laity – three houses in one gathering all dynamic and in prayer to discern the will of the Holy Spirit for us. Here is an excerpt from Patricia Bay's book "Meet the Family" on how Anglicans make ethical decisions. "Anglicans apply to their decision making the same three principles they apply to theological exploration. We appeal first to **Scripture**. What does the Bible say on this issue, and how do we interpret that? We appeal to the **tradition** of the Church. What have other Christians thought about the issue? And we appeal to **reason**. God has given us brains and our faith, and expects us to use them to make the best decisions we can. Ethical decisions are seldom clear-cut. We must weight the various alternatives and use reason to help us evaluate the evidence of Scripture, tradition and our own experience. We explore issues as part of a church community. So study groups and discussion both at the local level and at diocesan and national meetings help us frame opinions on issues. It is important to keep in touch with discussions that are taking place at the national level. Over the years the Anglican Church of Canada has made a number of statements on particular ethical issues. These are not the opinions of individuals but are the considered judgment of a group – General Synod or its committees, or the House of Bishops. Thus they represent the common mind of the group at that particular time." And all of our church meetings local, diocesan and national take place, always, within the atmosphere of **Prayer**. Prayer is an essential element for discernment and listening to the Holy.

Our national General Synod will meet from 3 - 11 June, 2010. Please pray for all of General Synod, for our Church, for the Anglican Communion, and especially for our Military Ordinariate Representatives: Miss Colleen-Nora Bateman, Chief Petty Officer Second Class Mark Nicolle, Mr. Nelson Usher, Padre Todd Meaker, Padre Michelle Staples, and our Bishop, the Right Reverend Peter Coffin (with Canon Nigel Shaw and Padre Edward Swayze as clergy alternates).