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*Responding to God's Call to mission and ministry in the northern regions of Canada*



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**Bishop Isaiah Larry Beardy during his consecration ceremony at Sagkeeng First Nation in Tataskweyak, Man. on Sep. 23, 2018**

## New beginnings

### A conversation with Bishop Larry Beardy of the newly formed Northern Manitoba Area Mission of Mishamikoweesh

INDIGENOUS Suffragan Bishop Isaiah Larry Johnson Beardy has only been in his new ministry of the Northern Manitoba Area Mission Diocese for less than a year, but his ministry is quickly breaking new ground.

Beardy's area mission spans the northern Manitoba portion of the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh, as well as the northern portions of the Dioceses of Saskatchewan and Brandon.

Born in Tataskweyak, Man., Bishop Beardy worked as a teacher before being ordained in 1999. In 2007, he received an honorary doctorate of divinity from the college of Emmanuel and St. Chad, in recognition of his work in education and ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada.

*Contact* spoke with Beardy to learn of the new developments in his diocese, as well as the pastoral and spiritual needs of the Indigenous communities in the Northern Manitoba Area Mission.

This interview has been edited for brevity.

**Q. On November 30 to December 2, 2018, you called a Sacred Circle for the**

### **Northern Manitoba Area Mission of Mishamikoweesh. What happened at this Sacred Circle?**

**A.** Over the course of the three days, we discussed a wide range of issues including the vision of this newly formed area mission, stewardship of both God's creations and Indigenous spiritual journeys, as well as the formation of an Indigenous council to implement action items arising from the Sacred Circle discussions.

We also talked about the construction of a mission office in Split Lake, for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission Diocese. We hope to have this mission house constructed as soon as possible.

### **Q. Could you please tell us more about this Indigenous Council that was formed?**

**A.** This Indigenous Council is for the Northern Manitoba Area Mission, and it consists of four members: Bishop Mark Macdonald, Bishop Lydia Mamakwa, Bishop Adam Halkett, and myself. The

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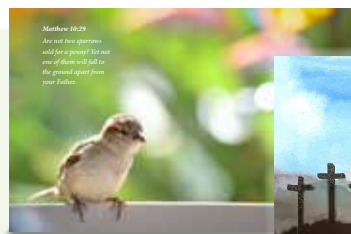
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### ■ Diocese of the Arctic

Elections are underway for the installation of three suffragan bishops in the Diocese of the Arctic. Calls for nominations for potential candidates closed on February 18, 2019, and the election process will take place between March 28–30, 2019. The installation of these three suffragan bishops will bring the total number of bishops from the Diocese of Arctic to four, as Bishop Darren McCartney steps down on March 31, 2019.



### ■ Diocese of Caledonia

A reconciliation process between the Wet'suwet'en, British Columbia's government and TransCanada Pipelines Ltd. is underway, following a national outcry over oil pipeline construction in Wet'suwet'en Territory.

On January 8, 2019, 14 people were arrested in the Wet'suwet'en First Nation for setting up a blockade called the Gitdumt'en access point. The blockade was erected to prevent pipeline workers from entering the Indigenous territory that stretches over both the diocese of Caledonia and Territory of the People.

In a joint statement of concern and call for prayer released on January 11, 2019, Bishop David Lehmann, Bishop



Barbara Andrews, Archbishop Melissa Skelton, Primate Fred Hiltz, and National Anglican Indigenous Bishop Mark MacDonald called for the continuing work of reconciliation as outlined in the 94 Calls to Action, from Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

The government of British Columbia has released a statement in which they acknowledge the systemic denial of Wet'suwet'en rights, and commit to working with the community in a capacity that is respectful of Wet'suwet'en self-determination and self-governance.

### ■ Diocese of Moosonee

St. Mathew's Cathedral in Timmins, Ontario, has found a resourceful way to manage rising expenditures with decreasing revenue. The cathedral, which has long served as a gathering place for the Timmins community, now has its eyes set on using its facilities to provide a venue that is inclusive and welcoming to local artists. Through this venture, the cathedral hopes to provide an incubator space for emerging artists, and looks forward to supporting the growth of its community and local artists.



PHOTO: COURTESY OF REV. EYAD A AJJI

*The Rev. Ajji (left) with Bishop Michael Hawkins during his installation on Sunday Feb. 10, 2019*

### ■ Diocese of Saskatchewan

St. George's Anglican Church at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, has a new warm

face serving its congregation.

The Rev. Eyad Ajji is the Diocese of Saskatchewan's newest priest, and he comes all the way from the Middle East. Ajji immigrated to Canada about two years ago with his wife and two children. Originally from Syria, Ajji and his family lived in Jordan for 13 years due to the war in his home country. It was in Jordan that he became ordained as an Anglican priest.

Ajji's arrival at the Prince Albert parish not only marks his first time in the city, but also his first time in the province of Saskatchewan. He was formerly ministering in Calgary, Alberta.

As newcomer to both Canada and the Prince Albert community, Ajji is grateful for the warm reception and support that he and his family continue to receive from the Anglicans across Canada.



### ■ Territory of the People

The diocesan office of the Territory of the People has changed their email addresses. Effective immediately, their new email addresses are as follows: Margaret Mitchell, Office Coordinator: [office@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:office@territory.anglican.ca)

Bishop Barbara Andrews: [bishop@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:bishop@territory.anglican.ca)


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Dwight Oatway, Finance Officer: [finance@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:finance@territory.anglican.ca)

Be sure to update your contact lists and direct your messages to these new addresses.

### ■ Diocese of Yukon

Diocesan Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Sarah Usher will be taking over the Church of Northern Apostles as priest-in-charge from Bishop Larry Robertson and will also be in charge of St. Phillips Church in Teslin. This move will allow Bishop Larry to develop ministry in the inner Whitehorse area, while still being able to fulfill his day to day duties as a bishop. 



**THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH** is a grouping of financially assisted dioceses, supported through grants by General Synod, that serve sparsely populated areas in the Arctic, Yukon, Northern and Central Interior British Columbia, Alberta, northern Saskatchewan, Manitoba; and northern Ontario. Specifically:

• Diocese of the Arctic • Diocese of Athabasca • Diocese of Brandon • Diocese of Caledonia • Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh • Diocese of Moosonee • Diocese of Saskatchewan • Territory of the People • Diocese of Yukon •

# “Dumpster diving sisters” raise \$1,000 for Northern and Indigenous communities by collecting bottles

THE DEPOSIT on a single alcohol bottle or can of beer isn't much, but three nuns from the Community of the Sisters of the Church (CSC) have found an enterprising way to make a big difference using negligible amounts of change.

To date, Sisters Margaret Hayward, Heather Broadwell, and Michael Trott, have donated just over \$1,000 worth of empty bottles and cans to the Council of the North and the Anglican Healing Fund.

It all started when the three nuns moved into their apartment building and took note of all the discarded empty bottles and cans in the building's garbage and recycling room.

Margaret recalls saying to Michael, “This is ridiculous—look at all the bottles here! We should take them to the Beer Store, get the money, then give it to charity or something.”

Today, the sisters are fondly known in their building complex as the ‘Dumpster Diving Sisters.’

“People know what we are doing and they usually call us ahead to drop off their empty bottles. And when the super[intendent] finds bottles, he will put them in the back corner of the



PHOTO: COURTESY OF SISTER MARGARET HAYWARD

*Sister Margaret and Sister Heather are all smiles as they load bags of empty bottles into their car.*

garbage room,” says Michael.

The nuns usually wait until they have accumulated at least \$5 to \$10 worth of bottles at a time before they transport them to the Beer Store in shopper bags.

“It's exciting when we get folded money, not just coins. Sometimes we even get purple folding money. That's exciting!” says Margaret as she chuckles.

For more than 25 years, the Anglican Church of Canada has financially

supported local, community led healing programs in Indigenous communities in order to support healing, education, and recovery of language and culture, due to the devastating legacy of the residential school system.

Once the sisters have collected \$100 worth of notes and change, they then write a cheque of the heart centred gift to either Council of the North or the Anglican Healing Fund.

“Alcohol has done such incredible harm to Indigenous people that it is almost poetic justice that we are collecting these bottles and at least trying to make some small contribution towards helping relieve some of the effects,” says Margaret.

“We just have a burden in our heart for [Northern] ministry—for what we have done.”

For those that would like to kickstart a bottle collection initiative in their own communities, the sisters have a great tip on how to get the ball rolling.

“Get a tin or box or something...you don't need to be doing something full-time—just collect your bottles.”

“Don't let your money go to waste. There is money in those dumpsters.” ☺

## Charting a new path forward

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council is mandated to find ways of implementing self-determination in both finances and policy development. There are three Indigenous language groups that are represented on this council: Ojibwe, Cree, and Dene, and it will serve a term of three years.

**Q. When is the first meeting of the new council and what is on the agenda?**

**A.** Our first council meeting is a teleconference scheduled for Monday, January 28, 2019. During this, and future teleconference meetings, we will discuss and explore matters such as youth ministry, lay readers training, catechism, implementation of our budget, stewardship, music ministry, and how to partner with local leaders and businesses in northern Manitoba.



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*National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark McDonald and metropolitan of the ecclesiastical province of Ruperts land Bishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson look on as Bishop Beardy gives sacrament to laity.*

**Q. While all of the above agenda items are important, which do you think is the most pressing?**

**A.** Stewardship. We need to find ways to support the ministry of Northern

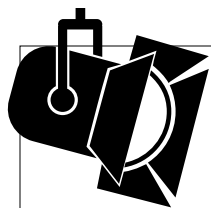
Manitoba Area Mission. All of our clergy at the Northern Manitoba Area Mission are nonstipendiary. We also don't have very many clergy. There are some communities that do not receive any sacraments. We have to find ways to get to all our brothers and sisters in northern Manitoba, and look after one another.

**Q. Is there anything else you would like the rest of the church to know about the direction of the Northern Manitoba Area Mission?**

**A.** We need prayers and we need your support. Our budget is only \$300,000 a year. We need support to provide stipends for our 15 active clergy, and we need support for training new ordained and lay ministers.

If there is any parish, in any diocese, that is willing to partner with Northern Manitoba Area Mission, we are willing to share ministry and exchange visits with you. ☺





# Ministry schools spotlight



## ■ Henry Budd College for Ministry

The Henry Budd College for Ministry in the Diocese of Brandon is offering the following course to equip individuals for ministry in the church, and for service in their communities this winter term.

### Indigenous Christology with the Rev. Ray Aldred, Indigenous Studies Program at Vancouver School of Theology, Intensive Course

April 2-5, 10 am to 4 pm

This course will examine the work and person of Jesus Christ through an Indigenous worldview. It is open to all Indigenous people and those who minister with Indigenous peoples. The course is fully funded so there is no

tuition cost, but you must commit to the entire course. Due to the intense nature of the material, students should stay in The Pas/OCN for the week. Accommodation for the week will be available at Henry Budd College, or in homes in the community. This course may be taken for VST credit.

You do not have to be Indigenous or Anglican to take courses at the Henry Budd College. Courses can be taken for personal interest and growth (\$50) or for Henry Budd College Diploma in Theology credit (\$200). Bursaries are available.

If you are interested in enrolling in this course, please contact Kara at Henry Budd College 204-623-3311 or email at hbcm@mymts.net.

## ■ Dr. William Winter School for Ministry

The Dr. William Winter School for Ministry has been providing Indigenous peoples' training for ministry in the Diocese of the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh for more than 30 years. The school was created to facilitate the long-term vision of self determination amongst First Nations Anglicans in Northern Ontario and Manitoba. For more information on upcoming courses and workshops, contact Bishop Larry Beatty at [lijbeatty@hotmail.com](mailto:lijbeatty@hotmail.com) or Bishop Lydia Mamakwa at [lydiam@kingfisherlake.ca](mailto:lydiam@kingfisherlake.ca). Ω

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### ■ Athabasca Lay Readers Conference

The Diocese of Athabasca will hold a Lay Readers Conference at St. Peter's Ecumenical at Slave Lake, Alberta from April 5 to 7, 2019. Competent and Confident II is a conference, not only for all lay readers, but also lay readers in training, and lay reader candidates. The registration deadline is March 18, 2019, and registration forms can be found on the diocese of Athabasca's website.



### ■ Brandon Evangelism Conference

The Diocese of Brandon is now accepting registrations for the Evangelism Conference that will be held at the Cathedral Centre, from March 15 to 16, 2019. The conference aims to address the ways in which the Diocese of Brandon can implement a program of training on evangelism and church growth. The guest speaker will be former Canon Missioner of the Diocese of Toronto, and new

Bishop of Niagara, The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell.

Youth grades 8 and above are encouraged to register as there is a youth program scheduled in the conference.

The registration form is available on the Diocese of Brandon's website.



### ■ Caledonia conference and mission events

The Diocese of Caledonia will hold its clergy conference in Prince Rupert from April 30 to May 2, 2019. The diocese is also holding two Parish Missional Vision Events on May 11 at Dawson Creek and May 25 at Terrace. Parishes will be gathering for a Vision Day to educate and encourage local missional work. There will be interactive learning and planning sessions. Please contact the Synod Office at (250) 635 - 6016 or [caledonia@telus.net](mailto:caledonia@telus.net) for more information and/or to register.

### ■ Saskatchewan Prayer Conference

The Diocese of Saskatchewan will have the Annual Diocesan Prayer Conference at the Hawood Inn, Waskesiu, Sask., on Friday, April 5 and Saturday April 6, 2019. The Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews will

be the guest speaker this year. He was the Dean of Saskatchewan and Rector of The Cathedral Church of St. Alban the Martyr in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan until 2001.

Registrations are being accepted on a "first come, first served" basis at a cost of \$50 per person. This fee includes shared accommodation, sessions, meals and National Park entry. Please contact the Synod Office at (306) 763-2455 for more information and/or to register for this event.



### ■ Territory of the People call for deacons

Do you have a calling to serve as deacon in your local parish? The Territory of the People is holding a conference from April 12 to 13, 2019 to provide more information and answer questions on the role of a deacon. Deacon Michael Shapcott and other local deacons will be on hand at this event that will be held at the Shrine Conference Centre, Cache Creek. The conference will start on Friday April 12 at 5pm and end at 1 pm on Saturday April 13. If you are interested, please be in touch with your local clergy or the Bishop at [bishop@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:bishop@territory.anglican.ca) by March 1, 2019. All costs will be covered by the Territory of the People. Ω