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Rise

A temple can enshrine a people's highest aspirations. It can be a place where generations rise from the mundane to realms of daylight, and then bring that light back to the realms of the ordinary.

-Br. Mark Brown
Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

Mission to Seafarers a welcoming haven for isolated mariners

By Matt Gardner

June 25 marks the International Day of the Seafarer, an annual occasion designated by the International Maritime Organization to recognize the contributions of seafarers who operate the cargo ships that provide many of the goods and materials we use every day.

Since 1856, Anglicans have helped promote the well-being of seafarers and their families through the global outreach ministry Mission to Seafarers. Its Canadian region, Mission to Seafarers: Canada, operates in ten centres across the country stationed by full-time and part-time chaplains.

As the International Day of the Seafarer approaches, many Mission to Seafarers centres across Canada are planning special events to mark the occasion. In Halifax, Mission to Seafarers will be inviting the public to an open house and holding its annual luncheon with the local Filipino community, joined by the mayor and other dignitaries.

In Thunder Bay, the local Mission to Seafarers is hosting the annual Blessing of the Fleet ceremony featuring a pipe band and short service with prayers, a memorial for all those who have died at sea, and a blessing of vessels on the water.

“Seafarers play a vital role in our economy,” said the Rev. Canon Ed Swayze, a naval chaplain with the Anglican Military Ordinariate and part-time chaplain at Mission to Seafarers Thunder Bay.

“Here in Thunder Bay, we ship eight million tons of grain a year,” he said. “Well, that’s grain that’s grown in the Prairies, and so the seafarers are a link in that chain back to the farmer. If you look at sea containers, right now NAFTA’s talking about percentage of all the parts in cars; well, the parts that come from offshore come in a sea container, and they’re brought here by seafarers.

“In Eastern Canada, most of our gasoline and petroleum products comes from the refinery in Saint John. Well, the ship brings the oil to the refinery at Saint John [...] When you drive your car, the gasoline you’ve got at some point in its life was transported on a ship.”

For chaplains, the work of ministry with seafarers begins with visiting merchant ships that come into port and speaking with crew members, striking up conversation and asking whether there are any issues onboard.

The Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, regional director of Mission to Seafarers Canada, greets crew members on a ship docked at the Port of Halifax. Submitted photo “Most seafarers don’t have a lot of people in their work life that they can [put their] trust in,” the Rev. Maggie Whittingham-Lamont, chaplain for Mission to Seafarers Halifax and regional director for Mission to Seafarers Canada.

“They know that when they see the flying angel logo, they’ve found someone who they can confide in, they can trust in, and anything they tell us will be dealt with to the best of our ability without endangering their position onboard ship or endangering their future employment, which is always an issue.”

Inquiring into the welfare of those onboard, chaplains will sometimes discover issues such as unpaid wages or insufficient food. Many seafarers come from nations such as the Philippines, India, or countries in Eastern Europe where average wages are much lower to start with.

To help assist with any needs that are raised, chaplains will orient crew members to services offered by Seafarers’ Centres located near the ports.

These centres offer conveniences such as small shops to buy toiletries and souvenirs, and stockpiles of used clothing to keep warm, since many seafarers find the cold Canadian weather a chilly surprise. All centres have a van used to transport seafarers, operating as a free service while accepting donations. Chaplains will often use the vans to take seafarers ashore to do shopping or even sightseeing.

Because many seafarers have little access to shore leave—often as little as two days per month—Mission to Seafarers also help them get in contact with loved ones by connecting them to Wi-Fi, selling SIM cards, and helping them to wire money back home.

“We’re not the only way they can do that, but we have a role in helping them communicate with their family, and I think for everybody, family support is important,” Swayze said. “It’s a primary support in our lives.”

Over the last few decades, the nature of ministry to seafarers has gradually changed. Where in the 1960s, it was common for a ship to be in port for two weeks, today a typical duration is between five to eight hours.

With advances in communications technology, chaplains often stay in contact with seafarers even after the latter have left harbour.

“I just spent my whole lunch break talking via Messenger to a seafarer that’s heading into New Zealand tomorrow, but they have a problem onboard and so he’d message me to talk about it, and to see if there’s anything I can do about it,” Whittingham-Lamont said.

“So it’s not just locally—with computers and the Internet, we’ve sort of become cyber-chaplains as well as on-the-ground chaplains.”

Mission to Seafarers offers Seafarers’ Centres with full-time chaplains in Halifax and Vancouver. Centres with part-time chaplains operate in Toronto, Hamilton, Oshawa, Thunder Bay, and Saint John. All Canadian missions are locally funded.

News and Events:

1. Deanery Council News:

a. **CAMP MANITOU Season 2018**

Camp Manitou is opening soon for 2018. Each congregation in the Deanery is asked to please add this Diocesan Camp to your prayer list for great team leadership in each camp and that God will lead children and families. And keep praying from now to first week of September and beyond as the Board of Directors then evaluates and starts working toward summer 2019. There are still some volunteers needed - contact Shari Blasutti at blasuts59@gmail.com or Trevor Marshall at marshall.trevor@gmail.com Camp opens in late June with a Work Camp, followed in July by 1 week camps for senior girls, junior girls, senior boys and junior boys and in August by nature camp, and three family camps with a close-up work week in early September. All registrations can be completed online at the website below. If any of you are interested in volunteering in any way or interested in providing bursaries for

campers or donating your time talent and money in any way, please go to the camp website: www.manitoucamp.org

b. **From the Diocesan Office:**

i. **Prayers requested for Donna Bos**

Posted: May 4, 2018

Many in the Diocese of Algoma will remember Donna Bos who worked in the Synod Office as office receptionist, William McMurray manager and overall "good feeling" coordinator. Donna is undergoing surgery on May 29th to remove a malignant growth on her lung. She has requested prayers from her Diocesan family.

From St. Augustine's Prayer Book:

‘Good Jesus, physician of souls and bodies, in your mercy tend to those who are burdened with illness; soothe with your presence each ache and pain; because you have known the weakness and pain of our mortal bodies, teach us to unite our sufferings with yours and give us patience to endure our own pain and tender sympathy for the pain of others, that in all things we may grow in knowledge of you and in all circumstances may accomplish your good purposes. Amen’

We ask God for guidance and wisdom for her surgeon, compassion for her caregivers, and support for her family. We also ask that Donna be relieved of any anxiety as she awaits her surgery date.

ii. **Algoma [News:](#)**

(1) **Thorneloe University News**

Posted: June 11, 2018

(a) **President, Provost, and Vice-Chancellor**

Thorneloe University invites nominations, applications, and expressions of interest for the above position. Details are available from the Diocesan website here. Visit our Website.

(b) **Theology Course**

THEO 3900 – Special Topics in Theology: Christian Mystics and Spiritual Discipline (The Rev. Dr. Spencer Boersma)
 “Since with all my soul I behold the face of my beloved, therefore all the beauty of his form is seen in me.” ~ Gregory of Nyssa.

This course will survey the history and theology of Christian spirituality focusing on those unique individuals often identified as “mystics” and what their lives and writings have to teach us about relating to God. What does it mean to experience God? How does one practice Christian spirituality?

In doing so, the course will also explore various virtues and spiritual disciplines such as reading of Scripture, prayer, fasting, meditation, etc. with special focus on how these practices are taught and adapted to meet human needs, including mental health and disability.

Classes will take place 9 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

Two written assignments

One in-class presentation

No exam

Registered students may request to stay in the Thorneloe Residence at no extra cost (please place your request no later than June 11, 2018)

Required Textbooks

Foster, Richard. Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth. New York: HarperCollins, 2009. ISBN-13: 978-0-0618-0039-9

Calhoun, Adele Ahlberg. Spiritual Disciplines Handbook: Practices that Transform Us. Downers Grove: InterVarsity Press, 2015. ISBN-13: 978-0-8308-9911-1

Registration Fees:

For credit: \$450

To audit: \$330

Registration Deadline: June 18, 2018

To register: 2018SP/SS (Fillable PDF)

There are no pre-requisites for this course

More information and info available at

<http://thorneloe.ca/theology>

(2) Temiskaming Deanery:

Trillium Anglican Parish news - Bishop announces new appointment

Posted: June 18, 2018

Bishop Anne Germond is pleased to announce the appointment of Joan Morris to Trillium Anglican Parish as their Lay Incumbent effective July 1st, 2018.

Joan is a recent graduate in the M.Div program at Wycliffe College and has a specific interest in rural ministry. Prior to attending Wycliffe Joan had a long career in banking so parish ministry is a new experience for her. Joan enjoyed the parish placements which were part of her coursework, and in her final evaluation at the Parish of Ida and Omeme, the Rev. Peter Mills wrote about her excellent communication skills which helped put people at ease and

created a positive learning environment for parishioners who attended the small group sessions on prayer.

Joan is at the very early stages of the postulancy process in the Diocese of Algoma. Trillium is her first parish placement and she will be working closely with the Archdeacon of Temiskaming.

We wish Joan well as she prepares to begin this new ministry in the Diocese and ask that you uphold her and the parish during this time of transition.

c. **T-Shirt design Contest for CLAY 2018** (from Diocesan Treasurer Jane Mesich)

Hi Everyone:

My son, James, is involved with PWRDF Youth Council. They are doing a T-shirt design contest. The new design will be unveiled at CLAY 2018 in Thunder Bay in August.

Please help us spread the word to the youth in your diocese.

The link to the website page is below:

<http://www.justgeneration.ca/help-the-pwrdf-youth-council-design-its-next-t-shirt/>

Thanks.

Jane Mesich, Diocesan Treasurer, Diocese of Algoma

2. **Future Events to Mark on Your Calendars:**

a. **Church of the Ascension**

Wednesday Eucharist and Bible Study

Bible study is now done for the summer, but we will be having Eucharist every Wednesday at 9:30am through the month of June.

Church of the Ascension [Dominion] Canada Day Weekend Breakfast
- June 30 8:30 - 10:00am

Start Canada's Birthday weekend off with a great breakfast and even better company! Choices for breakfast will include: eggs, sausage, pancakes, oatmeal, toast, fruit, juice, milk, coffee, tea. Free-will donation accepted. For further details, or to volunteer, speak to Fr. Aidan or the Wardens." See attached poster.

Golf Tournament - Sept. 23rd

Join us for the annual golf classic on Sunday September 23rd at Cedar Green Golf Club. The cost is \$45 with a shot gun start at 3pm - this includes 9 holes, power cart, dinner and a chance to win prizes. If you cannot make the golf tournament consider joining us for dinner. For registration, please sign up at the Church of the Ascension or call Ken Winfield 705-566-3258.

Summer Worship Services

Summer hours are 10 Am from July 1 to Sept 2, 2018

b. **Church of the Epiphany**

Summer Worship Services

10 AM through to Sept 2, 2018

c. **Partish of Copper Cliff and Lively**

Summer Worship Hours

10 AM: July in Christ Church Lively

August in St. John the Divine

d. **Parish of Elliot Lake/Massy**

Summer Worship Hours

St. Peters Anglican Elliot Lake—9.30 am

Faith Lutheran Elliot Lake—11.00 am—1 ST.and 3.RD sunday

Zion Lutheran Massey 2nd. Sunday of the month at 1.00 pm

Gowan Gillmore Sagamok 2.00 pm at Harvey Owl house
every 4th Sunday

e. **Parish of St. Alban's Capreol**

Prayer Request:

Nora, a member of our St. Alban's flock, was born nearly four years ago with a serious heart defect. On May 9, she will undergo open-heart surgery at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. We ask that God will guide the surgeons and all entrusted to Nora's care, that the surgery will be without complications, and that her recovery will result in her being able to live a full and healthy life. We ask, also, that her family will be strengthened and encouraged by God's presence and the peace that comes from knowing they are not alone. We know that God answers prayers and we at St. Alban's ask you to add to ours your individual and collective prayers for Nora and her family, now and as she recovers. **UPDATE:** Nora is recovering, but still at Sick Kids. Prayers for her ongoing recovery would be appreciated for a few more weeks. (See attached poster)

f. **Deanery Daily Vacation Bible Schools**

July 2-6 2018 St. John's Copper Cliff - 9AM -12 PM

Aug 13-17 2018 The Church of the Ascension - 9 AM -12 PM.

This is also an opportunity for this Deanery to sponsor a child (suggested donation of \$20 per child covers materials and snacks) which can be forwarded to Linda Goodale at 1386 Sunnyside Road Sudbury ON P3G 1J1. If you would like to volunteer to help, also contact Linda at 705-522-1639.

Thanks to those who have already sponsored a child and volunteered.

- g. **Lutheran Women's Social Monday, September 17**: This event was cancelled earlier this year has been rescheduled for September 17 at noon at Trinity Lutheran Church, Sudbury. The day's events will include a light lunch, the program based on a Six Word Memoir and a time of fellowship with one another. **All Anglican women are welcome to attend this time of fellowship.** While a reminder will be published in late August, this is an advanced notice so that calendars can be marked.
Pam Radunsky.

We send the Deanery Digest weekly on Fridays, usually before 10 PM.

Feel free to send me and Allison Cline-Dean (our Webmaster) any and all events and news. Articles are also very welcome. You can use either my personal email as above or the Deanery email address above.

We would like to receive items by the Wednesday evening before Friday. Some items may be repeated due the date of the event. If you have some news and/or articles and miss the Sunday cut off, please send directly to either personal e-mail address above. We will gladly include parish events, special events, and worship times. Please make sure all info is as accurate as possible, and any poster type submissions are as camera ready as possible to be included as **PDF attachments** to the Digest.

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