

THE DEANERY OF SUDBURY-MANITOULIN COUNCIL ZOOM MEETING  
FEBRUARY 26, 2021 – 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

(Please note the Zoom Link will open at 9:30 a.m. for a Get to Know You Time prior to the official meeting.)

Present:

Rev. Bev van der Jagt (Incumbent, St. Georges' Espanola); Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green (Incumbent, Church of the Epiphany, Sudbury); Gilles Tessier (People's Warden, Church of the Epiphany); Rev. Doug Prebble (Incumbent, Anglican Churches of Manitoulin Island); Ven. Glen Miller (Archdeacon and Incumbent, Parish of St. John's and Christ Church, Copper Cliff and Lively); Dave Stamp (Council Secretary/Rector's Warden/Alternate Lay Synod Delegate, St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff); Joanne Stamp (Peoples' Warden, St. John the Divine, Copper Cliff); Rev. Canon Genny Rollins (Incumbent, All Saints, Coniston); Geraldine Robinson (Peoples' Warden, St. Peter's, Elliot Lake); Ursula Paxton (Council Treasurer/Warden, Holy Trinity, Little Current); Marion Collinson (Lay Synod Delegate/Communications Coordinator, Church of the Epiphany Sudbury); Rev. Jeff Hooper (Incumbent, Church of the Ascension); Diane Fraser (Warden/Treasurer, St. John's, Kagawong); Robert Dutton (Rector's Warden, St. George's, Espanola); Bill Rivers (Warden, All Saints, Coniston); Karen Young (Warden, All Saints, Coniston); Treena St. Pierre (Lay Synod Delegate, All Saints, Coniston); Kathryn Greenidge (Lay Synod Delegate, Church of the Ascension Sudbury); Brent Leigh (Deputy Warden/Alternate Lay Synod Delegate, Church of the Ascension Sudbury); David White (Peoples' Warden, Christ Church, Lively); Joyce Foster (Deanery Warden of Lay Readers, All Saints, Gore Bay); Charlene Chambers (Warden, St. John's, Kagawong)

10:04–10:05      Welcome and Housekeeping

10:05–10:20 Opening Prayer and Reflection: Rev. Jeff Hooper – story of Israelite exile and rebuilding of temple (Nehemiah) – Godly Play

10:20–10:30 Regrets:

Lesley Flowers (Lay Synod Delegate, St. John the Divine Copper Cliff); Sherry Steeves–Beaudoin (Deanery ACW President, All Saints, Coniston); Jen Ames (Peoples' Warden, Church of the Ascension Sudbury); Pat Cunningham (Rector's Warden, Church of the Ascension Sudbury)

Review of Agenda: Additions/Approvals : No additions.

Motion: that we accept the agenda as circulated. Moved by Rev. Jeff Hooper and Geraldine Robinson. Carried

Minutes of from Oct 16 2021.

Motion: that we approve the minutes as circulated (no amendments). Moved by David Stamp and David White. Carried

Business Arising:

Election of a Deanery Lay Steward.

Nominations: Ven. Glen Miller and Rev. Genny Rollins nominated Mara Waeren (Lay Synod Delegate, St. Alban's Capreol). Glen gave us a brief biographical sketch (see biographical note attached). There were no other nominations. All in favour. Mara Waeren is acclaimed as Deanery Lay Steward.

10:30 – 10:50 Written and Verbal Reports:

a. Archdeacon (attached): Ven. Glen Miller outlined his report.

- b. Regional Dean: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green gave a brief verbal report. Thanks for our support and patience; she is still on a learning curve; Covid still interrupting her duties; still positive at and in the neighbourhood of Epiphany – they don't let anybody that chooses to ignore protocols; there is a 1 PM prayer vigil at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church downtown – prayer service at Epiphany tomorrow as well; she will be going out to several of the churches in the western part of the Deanery.
- c. Lay Steward. None and see Regional Dean report.
- d. Deanery ACW Representative – Rev. Bev van der Jagt reported on behalf of the President, Sherry Steeves–Beaudoin: next annual meeting is June 1 via ZOOM; there is a \$15.00 registration fee and more information is coming.
- e. Deanery Lay Reader Warden: Joyce Foster reporting. The Lay Readers of this Deanery had good session of workshop refresher lay reader course with Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle; a 2<sup>nd</sup> session is planned for late April/early May either in person or ZOOM or both.
- f. PWRDF: Mary Donato is still our representative.
- g. Deanery Pastoral Position (attached) – reps from parts of the Deanery to discuss this position; email Bev ([reverendbev@bell.net](mailto:reverendbev@bell.net)) Rev. Bev hopes to have DVBS in the summer with protocols; Rev. Bev is beginning a ZOOM ALPHA 1 PM Mondays beginning March 7.

Questions Arising from Reports (please use your electronic hand):

Motion: that we receive the above reports as presented.

Moved by David White and Joyce Foster. Carried.

- h. Treasurer's report (attached) Ursula Paxton presented. Dues for 2022 are listed. Since she put out her report last week, one of the outstanding dues from 2021 has been paid (along that congregations 2022 dues. Rev. Genny Rollins stated that she would make sure All Saints in Coniston is caught up with their dues.

Motion: Ursula Paxton and Gilles Tessier moved that we make donations of \$100 to PWRDF in memory of Bishop Tom Corston and Rev. Henk Willems. It was suggested that, since Henk was from Holland, that we make the donations to the European theatre. Gilles suggested that donation go to the Diocese of Moosenee in memory of Bishop Tom. Geraldine Robinson agreed with Gilles. Glen Miller suggested donations to the Ukraine through PWRDF. Joyce Foster said donations could also be made to the Red Cross for Ukraine (matching from Federal Government) and the Cancer Society. Ursula then amended her original motion to read: that we make donations in memory of Rev. Henk Willems and Bishop Tom Corston to a charity of their choice. All in favour. Carried.

Question: Rev. Jeff Hooper – check balances on the report do not seem right. Ursula gave the correct balance as \$951.41.

Motion: that we accept the Treasurer's report as circulated with the correction to the bank balance.

Moved by Ursula Paxton and Geraldine Robinson.  
Carried.

10:55–11:05 Quick Stretch

11:05–11:30 Breakout Sessions (breakout sessions not available): What are your ideas to bring Parishioners' and potential Parishioners' back to in person services? Choose a scribe to give a brief summary of ideas.

Open discussion:

Web sites; newsletters, email groups, Facebook;

what are our protocols so that they can feel safe coming back in to the building, ask what would make them feel safe;

groups in the Hall with a big TV with the service streamed;  
highlighting the need to do personal invitation; make Hybrid type of service available;

outreach committee and personal conversation;

Back to Church Sunday celebration: centre post of such a Sunday is individual invitation and respect for their decision – “we do the ask and God looks after the response”;

letters/conversations to people are already happening;

start back with prayer before each worship service – changed how we worshipped – praying for the people we want to get back in to the worship;

guest speaker;

value of outside meetings for events – people may feel safer in this venue, sunrise service, walk around in Kivi park, donkey around for a walk – Palm Sunday walk; Palm Sunday walk around community churches;

parade/march for stations of the cross with Easter hymns;  
decorating outside the churches building;

special stuff for children;

bring back suggestions from Synod – plant a tree in  
anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's 70<sup>th</sup> of her reign

11:30–11:50

Parish or congregation to share what they will be doing in  
this Lent. Sharing (2 minutes per parish or congregation):

Parish of St. John's/Christ Church: Sunday School resource  
for families which can be sent out to families; Ash Wed  
Services and Good Friday; hybrid meetings

St. Peter's Elliot Lake: in a state of flux after Rev. Henk died –  
Lutheran and visiting Anglican priests – surviving at this time

Manitoulin Island Churches: Little Current – Ash Wed service,  
rev Doug arranged a Lenten Bible Study; Gore Bay – same  
joint with Kagawong;

All Saints, Coniston: Ash Wed service in the evening; Bible  
Study around the Book of Isaiah; lots of people joining us on  
ZOOM for Sunday worship; thinking about something for kids  
at school from All Saints; on All Saints Facebook

Church of the Ascension Sudbury: 2 Ash Wed services – 11  
AM and live stream the 7 PM; hybrid Bible Study around the  
Book of Exodus via ZOOM

Church of the Epiphany Sudbury: new live stream system in  
place (10:30 AM service); during Lent –reaching out to  
downtown businesses – how can we... help with a prayer  
service following in the church building; outreach committee  
meets once a week and hands out 200 sandwiches using

food from Out of the Cold (which did not run this year)

Thursday mornings; Ash Wed services

St. George's Espanola: Ash Wed service and in retirement home; one on one visits with shut ins; Wed prayer services – using a Lenten video series from SSJE on the Gospel of John – Bev will send a link for those interested; ALPHA Series Via ZOOM; probably do a sunrise service

Diocesan/Deanery opportunities during Lent and Easter:

Ven. Glen Miller: Archbishop book study wed evenings 7 PM beginning Mar 9 for 5 sessions based on a book by Archbishop Desmond Tutu – “In God’s Hands: A Lenten study”; Archbishop Fred Hiltz is also doing something advertised on the Diocese of Moosenee Diocesan web page;

11:50–12:00      Next Meeting and Closing Prayer (video song the “Peace”

Spring meeting Hybrid? Tentative date: May 14 10 AM.

Adjourned at 11:52

See reports attached below

## APPENDICES

### Archdeacon's Report for Sudbury-Manitoulin Deanery Council meeting Feb 26 2022

To the saints serving Christ in the various congregations within this Deanery I greet you all in the name of Jesus with thanksgiving for the amazing work you are doing within your own parish and throughout the Deanery.

We continue to cope with the restrictions brought on by the spread of the Covid-19 virus and to date I am not aware of any cases of that spread being caused by a congregation within this Deanery (or the Diocese for that matter). You are all to be commended for the careful way you have conducted the ministry to which we have been called while sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in creative and new ways. While we all were aware of the technology to broadcast services the pandemic has pushed many of us into this different way of worshipping God and even though it may have been against our will the adaptation to this new technology has been, in my opinion, quite impressive.

The months to which we are approaching will see the first Easter during which we may have in person worship since the pandemic was announced. I know that congregations are making plans within the protocols to honour this holy feast in beautiful ways. I pray that God will guide us through His Holy Spirit to expand our imaginations as we make our plans.

A number of changes have taken place within the life of the Deanery. For instance, we celebrate with the congregation at the Church of the Ascension as they welcome the Rev. Jeffrey Hooper as their latest incumbent effective January 1, 2022. We had hoped to celebrate this new ministry but given the rise in Covid 19 cases that we witnessed in the first part of the year it was felt to be a wiser course to delay this service until a later date. An announcement will be made once a date has been chosen. May God bless this new ministry relationship.



The congregation of St. Thomas in French River decided to request permission to sell their building which required a Deconsecration ceremony held in October. The building has since been sold and the remaining congregation continue to receive ministry from the Rev. Bev van der Jagt as they map out their next steps.

We continue to mourn the death of so many of our valued members. In each parish there have been funerals held for long-time members and we pray with, and for, their families as they grieve. The hope of resurrection continues to help us see a wondrous day. Of those significant deaths were two of our clergy: the Rev. Henk Willems, and the Rt. Rev. Tom Corston. While we mourn we celebrate the beautiful impact both of these men had on the congregations in which they served. Close to 100 years of combined service to Christ is wrapped up in these two lives and we miss them terribly while we rejoice that they have moved into the nearer presence of our Lord. We continue to pray to God – the giver of all comfort that he would: Deal graciously with those who mourn, that casting every care on Him, they may know the consolation of God's love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the death of Rev. Henk the Parish of Elliot Lake is now in a period of searching for their next incumbent. During the interim Lutheran and Anglican pastors, along with the Lay Readers and Honourary Assistant at St. Peters, are conducting regular worship services as I serve them as the acting incumbent. Please pray for God's discernment in the search for their next leader.

The move of Fr. Jeff to the Ascension has meant a change in the service leadership arrangement at St. Alban's in Capreol. Parochial Lay Readers from some congregations in Sudbury supplement the leadership provided by their Lay Reader and I, as Archdeacon, also serve them as their acting incumbent.

Moving forward we look to the day when restrictions are further eased and we can gather in larger numbers to celebrate the wonder of being in God's family with God's family in person. I commend the work of the group in the Ecclesiastical Province and our Diocese responsible for guiding those steps

through the protocols that have been developed. As case numbers descend and certain thresholds appear I trust that efforts to bring back things like singing and fellowship hours will be handled with the same care that all the other steps have been handled.

Your Executive Committee, along with the Archbishop's Council, will likely be discussing some of these matters at the upcoming meeting in early March.

Another change that is coming is that at this meeting we will be asked to elect a Lay Steward and I'm pleased to share the biographical information which Mara Waern has provided as she puts her name forward as a nominee for this position. Should Mara be elected she would fill the position left vacant when Chantal Rozon chose to step down at the end of her four year term.

I close this report officially informing the Deanery Council of my intention to retire at the end of June 2022. It has been such a pleasure and privilege for me to work alongside you for these past 21 years (I took on the incumbency at Christ Church in Lively on March 1, 2001) in a variety of roles. My wife, Mary Beth, and I have decided to look for an apartment in the Sudbury area. As I prepare for this next stage in my journey I give thanks to God for the support of so many wonderful people that I will not risk naming anyone at the risk of missing someone. Please know that I have loved my time here and I look forward to what God has in store in my 'retirement' years.

Yours in Christ's service,

Glen Miller +

Sudbury-Maitoulin Deanery Treasurer's Report

SUDBURY/MANITOULIN DEANERY COUNCIL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 2022

BALANCE – OCTOBER 1, 2021 \$1,029.41

EXPENSES – LAY READERS' CONFERENCE \$75.00

BALANCE – JANUARY 31, 2022-02-22 \$ 941.41

THE \$2,825.00 OWED BY THE DIOCESE HAS STILL NOT BEEN RECEIVED.

+THERE ARE STILL DUES OUTSTANDING FROM 2021 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$33.33  
FROM ST. GEORGES, ESPANOLA AND \$28.87 FROM ALL SAINTS, CONISTON.

DUES FOR 2022

ST. ALBANS, CAPREOL – \$45.95  
ST. JOHNS, COPPER CLIFF – \$60.98  
ST. GEORGES, ESPANOLA – \$34.41 +  
ALL SAINTS, GORE BAY – \$72.67  
ST. JOHNS, KAGAWONG – \$27.78  
ST. PETERS, ELLIOT LAKE – \$52.39  
HOLY TRINITY, LITTLE CURRENT – \$54.93  
CHRIST CHURCH, LIVELY – \$93.62  
ST. PAULS, MANITOWANING – \$24.03  
ST. FRANCIS, MINDEMOYA – \$46.52  
CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, SUDBURY – \$135.24  
CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, SUDBURY – \$274.67  
ALL SAINTS, CONISTON – \$28.15 +

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Nomination for the position of Lay Steward – Deanery of Sudbury-Manitoulin

Mara Waern – Lay Delegate to Synod

for the congregation of St. Alban's Church, Capreol

Thank you for my consideration for the position of Lay Steward. This is a very important role in the church which I will commit fully to if a successful candidate.

Candidate qualifications:

4 time Synod Delegate for St. Alban's – Capreol – continuing For approx. 14 years I have been the Sunday School Coordinator/ Teacher for St. Alban's – Capreol – continuing

31 years of Consecutive Employment with Canadian Hearing Services– 9 years as Administrative Assistant and 21 years as an Employment Consultant – continuing. I work with Deaf and Hard of Hearing and am adept at making supportive decisions, searching options, securing financial resources, obtaining employment and helping to maintain employment for my clients. Requires a minimum BA in Social Sciences. I majored in Psychology (4 year degree).

3 years CFO for the Provincial Political Party that I affiliate to – continuing

2 years on the Executive of the Re-Election Team for the Federal Political Party that I affiliate to (was asked to be CFO as well but I was unable to take on this role while home schooling my grandson during covid) – continuing

9 years on the Executive of the Mid North Literacy Network – continuing

6 years on the Executive of Provincial – Deaf Literacy Network – discontinued

New Lion for Capreol Lions

The above is some of my recent highlights I believe being immersed in the good of your community and church contributes to community health and vibrancy.

I realize the position of Lay Steward requires meticulous documentation, following procedures and a thorough but supportive process to churches visited. In interacting with Parishioners in this position – I surmise that the Ministry Team who commit to this process must be active listeners and be able to encourage logical outcomes in line with the Deanery's expectations – all the while leading a process of actualization with the Parishes / Parishioners involved.

My additional strengths are:

MCSE certified– strong computer skills including MS Office, Video Conferencing including Zoom, either custom databases or excel to document each visit in accordance with Canon F–1 part 6

At CHS I have sat on the Provincial Ethics Board for 3 years (resigned this year) where cases are reviewed and either mentoring or discipline are outcomes. As well as creating new policies or procedures and referring outcomes to the CHS Executive Team. I am skilled at reviewing processes and analyzing the situation and future impact of decisions – I think this experience would translate well to the position of Lay Steward.

I am confident when tracking finances (demonstrated by being a CFO) and am sure that I would quickly habituate to the financial review duties associated with Lay Steward.

Of further note –

I have participated in the development of a Fire Safety Plan at my place of employment. As well, I have been involved in the St. Alban's the Fire Safety Plan. In regard to Accessibility – I previously operated a Consulting Business with a focus on Accessibility Audits. Thus I am well aware of Safety and Accessibility as a concern for our disabled and aging Parishioners and may be able to contribute some unique suggestions.

In closing:

I think at this calling to Lay Steward and any commitment we take to building and maintaining our Church health – is also a call to remain Christocentric and focused that this commitment is also a commitment to Jesus Christ our Lord. Endeavours that we center our lives on can enrich our spirit. I truly believe that the human heart is designed to worship and if we are not Christ-centered then we begin to centre on something else. I would look forward to developing a passion for Lay Steward and growing in my commitment to faith. We know ourselves best by our passions and it is reflected in worship and commitment to our church community.

With humility,

Mara Waern

Parishioner of St. Alban's Paris

### Deanery Pastoral Worker Report

February 2022

At our fall meeting the Deanery Council agreed to continue with the Deanery Pastoral Worker position. It was also considered that it may be time to revise the scope and duties of this position. Although parishes in the Deanery may not know how they will navigate in the days to come due to the impact of COVID 19 we can all look to God for insight and vision to retain the vitality of our ministries in our various communities. As the Deanery Pastoral Worker I have been given an opportunity to form a committee that can assist in restructuring the job description for this position and am looking for 5 to 6 people from the various parishes in our Deanery and am looking for volunteers. I see this committee comprising of both incumbents, members of Deanery Council and parishioners. With the opportunity to zoom we can set up meetings so that none of us need to leave our home. If you wish to be a part of this planning committee or want to refer someone, I can be reached at [Reverendbev@bell.net](mailto:Reverendbev@bell.net) or cell # 705-919-6541.

Additionally, through Lent and the Easter season I will be running an Alpha series starting on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. on zoom. I want to invite you to join others for the afternoons which will lead us into the Day of Pentecost. There may be a couple of Monday's which we will postpone due to various holidays. This can also be a hybrid meeting where you may invite a couple of people in person to join you to watch the video with us and then have your own small group discussion. If you want more information, please contact me or watch your Deanery Digest or Deanery Facebook page. There will also be an opportunity for individuals to lead a breakout session on zoom. If you wish to be a leader, we will set up a zoom meeting for some training together.

The last deanery vacation bible school opportunities were in 2019. Hopefully, there will be an opportunity to use the program Rocky Railroad which was purchase for 2020 to have vacation bible school this summer with protocols in place to keep everyone safe. Stay tuned for more information on this.

My report in the fall stated, "looking at the impact of COVID-19 and the shutdown there may be current ministries that need to shift, refocus, or end. It may be a season for new ministries to emerge in which the Pastoral Worker could assist. This is indeed a time of uncertainty, but it is also a time of hope and opportunities as we connect with God's mission for the people of God in our Deanery." I still stand behind this statement all you must do is reach out to see how I might assist in launching some new programs or revamping some tried and true ones.

Respectfully submitted,

Reverend Beverly van der Jagt