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## Pentecost 2018

Anglican Church of Canada: News from General Synod

### **Shamattawa First Nation parish seeks to rebuild after fire destroys church**

By Matt Gardner

The Rev. Mary Anne Miles lives a considerable distance from St. John's Anglican Church in Shamattawa First Nation, the northern Manitoba parish in the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh where she serves as priest.

As a result, it was through a telephone call that she first learned about the blaze on April 18 that burned the community's only Anglican church to the ground.

"I had a call that the church was burning," Miles recalled. "I'm not really sure what the first person was who saw it."

"It was very sad when I heard that it was burning, because I have everything in there and I lost everything through the fire," she added. "All my registry books, whatever I do, my recordings for the services—I lost everything, even my licenses for being a reverend. I lost everything in that fire."

According to an RCMP spokesperson, investigators traced the origins of the fire to a furnace within the church that had recently been malfunctioning.

In the wake of the destruction of St. John's, Miles and her congregation responded with a fierce determination to rebuild their church.

“While the fire was on, I had thought to myself, whatever it takes—that I will do what I can do to help have the church [back] as soon as possible; that I can find ways to have the church rebuilt again,” Miles said.

An isolated community with an official population of 1,016, Shamattawa relies on winter and ice roads for taking in supplies, including any materials that would be necessary to rebuild St. John’s.

Mindful of the amount of time it would take for supplies to come in, Miles wished to begin efforts to rebuild as soon as possible. She spoke to local residents who helped set up a GoFundMe page with a goal of raising \$50,000. At the time of writing, the campaign had raised a total of \$750.

At the same time, the parish has received a wave of support from various dioceses and ecclesiastical provinces of the Anglican Church of Canada. Among the first to respond was the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, which pledged to gift materials including Bibles, prayer books, a chalice, and paten. Bishop John Watton invited members of his diocese to pray and make a donation through their own local churches.

Shortly thereafter, the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land took up a collection at its provincial synod in early May, with all proceeds going to support the congregation of St. John’s. The synod ultimately raised almost \$1,000.

Archbishop and Metropolitan Greg Kerr-Wilson called the offering “an expression of our solidarity and our love for our brothers and sisters” in Shamattawa First Nation, while noting that other churches had been stepping up to donate materials such as extra vestments.

“First and foremost, there’s the tragedy of losing the building, but there’s also of course the psychological trauma of losing their place of worship, which is very dear in many smaller communities especially,” Archbishop Kerr-Wilson said.

“There’s a real important place for the churches, and so understanding [those] signs of support and love from the rest of the church are really, I think, crucial for helping people move through the thing and begin to rebuild their life together as a church.”

National Indigenous Anglican Bishop Mark MacDonald described St. John’s as one of the Anglican Church of Canada’s most remote congregations. Through the ministry of Miles, he said, “St. John’s provides the primary pastoral and social care for a community that faces many challenges.”

“The response of the Anglican Church of Canada to their needs is an indication of our sensitivity to our fellow church members in a time of grave crisis and need,” Bishop MacDonald said.

“The response so far, especially the pledge of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, is promising. We hope that many others will join them and that all of our churches will pray for this community in crisis.”

### **Donate to support rebuilding efforts for St. John's.**

[https://www.gofundme.com/new-church-shamattawa-manitoba?utm\\_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm\\_campaign=7a4e15dbb7-EMAIL\\_CAMPAIGN\\_2018\\_06\\_08\\_12\\_23&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=0\\_6285aca377-7a4e15dbb7-243900825](https://www.gofundme.com/new-church-shamattawa-manitoba?utm_source=Anglican+Church+of+Canada&utm_campaign=7a4e15dbb7-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2018_06_08_12_23&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_6285aca377-7a4e15dbb7-243900825)

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## **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](mailto:blasuts59@gmail.com) or Trevor Marshall at [marshall.trevor@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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:** Thorneloe University News  
The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker heading "Down Under"  
 Posted: May 16, 2018

Bishop Anne joins with Thorneloe University in wishing the Rev. Dr. Robert Derrenbacker every success and happiness in his new appointment as Dean of the Trinity College Theological School on the campus of Melbourne University in Australia - an appointment he assumes on January 1st, 2019.

## 2. Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively

Sunday **June 10** will be Parish joint service at 10 am held in the Kinsman Hall, Lively and will include a baptism and Eucharist with guest celebrant and preacher, Bishop Anne Germond. This will be followed by a catered lunch.

## 3. Diocese of Algoma:

Bishop announces upcoming ordination – Patti Brace

God willing, Bishop Anne Germond will ordain Dr. Patti Brace to the Sacred Diaconate on Saturday, June 9th at 1 pm at the Church of the Epiphany, 85 Larch Street, Sudbury. The Rev. Dr. Bob Derrenbacker of Thorneloe University will be the Ordination Preacher.

From +Tom Corston: We would be so pleased if you might come. If you are unable to join us, please uphold Patti in your prayers as she steps forward into this new ministry.

Anglican clergy...please extend this invitation to your Layreaders who are also invited to vest and be in procession. The liturgical colour will be 'red'.

A reception will follow the service in the church's Phoenix Hall.

#### 4. **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.

###### National Indigenous People's Day - June 24th

June 21st is National Indigenous Peoples Day. Following the 11am service one June 24th we will be having a meal and then some teachings from a local Indigenous knowledge keeper. All Welcome!

###### 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."

###### 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.

##### b. **Parish of Copper Cliff and Lively**

New Website: our new Website is up and running:

[www.thelivelyanglican.org](http://www.thelivelyanglican.org)

###### Annual Yard Sale and Strawberry Social June 9 2018:

Held at St. John the Divine. Yard sale begins at 8 AM; Social begins at 11 AM. Bake Table from 8 AM to sell out. Tickets for Strawberry Social Tea \$8.00. The Yard Sale event is in conjunction with the Copper Cliff CAN community Yard Sale. The Strawberry Social has been an annual event for approximately 100 years. We have been getting help from Christ Church Lively and many other volunteers. More details to come. See attached poster.

c. **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)

d. **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.

- e. **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.

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**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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