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2014 ANNUAL REPORT



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Please bring this REPORT with you to the VESTRY Meeting

Incumbent: the Rev. Pamela Yarrow, BA, STM, MEd

Rector's Warden: Victor Marshall

Deputy Rector's Warden: Faustina Hadaway

People's Warden: Jacques Diotte

Deputy People's Warden: Linden Rogers

Treasurer: St. Clair Codrington, BA, CPA, CGA

Parish Lay Readers:

Ernest Callender, Linder Rogers, Christian Stephens

Music Director: Matthew Lane, BMus, MMus

Secretary: Angie Meklenschek

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Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. (I Cor. 12: 14)

St. Barnabas Anglican Church
Minutes of the Annual Vestry Meeting, February 8, 2014

Meeting was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Pamela Yarrow read the names of parishioners who passed away in 2013: Eunice Bell, Courtney Dear, Beth Graves, Donna Paille, Sunny Phelan, Hope Pingree and Sherri Thomas. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

Marcia Clarke was appointed as Vestry Clerk.

Thirty-eight people attended, while thirty-five persons signed in (original signatures list attached): *Jean Codrington, St. Clair Codrington, Winston Griffith, Bev Jarvis, Lorne Roberts, Hazel Sandiford, Wendy Pingree, Diana Brossard, Patricia Clegg, Sandra Frost, Bob Turpin, Joan Turpin, Victor A. Marshall, Marcia Clarke, Audrey Clarke, Jacques Diotte, Darleen Diotte, Carleen Clarke, Stanley Clarke, Jeanette Barr, Evadne Davidson, Trudy Vatcher, Peter Vatcher, Sheila Farthing, George Thomas, Sylvia Jones, Robert Everitt, Kathleen Davies, P. W. (Peter) Davies, Suiru Tunteng, D. (Debrah) Galt-Shane, Christian Stephens, Geoffrey Alleyne, Madeleine Simpson, Ernest Callender.*

Not signed in: *Marie Claire Callender, Sandra Everitt, Pamela Yarrow*

The Rev. Pamela Yarrow welcomed everyone and gave regrets from Linden Rogers, Richard Abrokwa Ampadu, Faustina Hadaway, Joan Stephens, Edward Dwarka and Mabel Georges.

Adoption of Agenda was moved by Bev Jarvis and seconded by Winston Griffith. Carried.

The Incumbent promised that next year both the Agenda for the meeting, and the minutes of the last year's meeting, will be included in the Vestry Booklet for everyone's convenience.

1. Acceptance of Minutes.

- Move to accept the minutes of the Special Vestry meeting held on November 9, 2012: by Robert Everitt and seconded by Peter Vatcher. Carried.
- Move to accept the minutes of the Special Vestry meeting held on August 4, 2013: by Peter Davis and seconded by George Thomas. Carried.
- Move to accept the minutes of the Annual Vestry meeting held on February 2, 2013: by Jacques Diotte and seconded by Victor Marshall. Carried.

Business arising from the Annual Vestry meeting 2013: The Rev. Pamela Yarrow commented on the **Safe Church** protocol that is now in place, and referred to the report of the Safe Church Coordinator, p. 19. She explained that a Safe Church Implementation Team was formed after the Vestry meeting, originally chaired by Stanley Clarke, the People's Warden. Linden Rogers took over as Safe Church Coordinator in June, and distributed questionnaires to all heads of volunteer ministry positions, asking for job descriptions and risk assessments. We learned, over the course

of the year, that the level of risk assessment, and thus the necessity for vulnerable persons checks, is left to the parish's discretion. At this point, measures have been taken to reduce the risks in all positions (e.g. the Lay Eucharistic Ministers always visit in pairs). Currently there are no high risk positions at St. Barnabas. Rev. Yarrow thanked everyone for their participation.

2. Omnibus motion to accept Ministry Reports in the Annual Report was moved by Peter Vatcher and seconded by Jacques Diotte. Carried.

In addition to those mentioned in her written report, the Rev. Pamela Yarrow thanked the Editors of the newsletter, the *Script*, Suiru Tunteng and Peter Davies. She also thanked the Envelope Secretary, Ron Edwardson, and his assistant, Peter Davies, for their hard work.

3. Presentation of Financial Statement & Reviewers' Report: a brief explanation of some items was given by St. Clair Codrington, Treasurer (e.g. the Organist's remuneration should be listed with the other salaried staff on p. 35).

A question was raised about the cost of security fencing, note 3, p. 32: approximately \$400 per month. Fencing will remain indefinitely.

St. Clair Codrington moved the acceptance of the Financial Statements, seconded by Peter Vatcher. Carried.

4. Presentation of 2014 Proposed Budget: was made by St. Clair Codrington. An amendment was noted: \$200 is budgeted for the Sunday School; the Incumbent's Discretionary Fund is reduced from \$400 to \$200. Stanley Clarke moved the acceptance of the Budget for 2014, seconded by Peter Davies. Carried.

5. Election of Church Officers: the Nominating Committee—composed of Sandra Everitt and Peter Davies—reported that the following persons had agreed to stand as Officers for 2014:

- People's Warden – Jacques Diotte
- Synod Delegates – St. Clair Codrington & Winston Griffith
- Alternate Synod Delegates – Peter Vatcher & Linden Rogers
- Financial Statement Reviewers – Peter Vatcher & Richard Abrokwa-Ampadu.

There being no other nominations from the floor, Sandra Everitt moved the acceptance of this slate of Officers, seconded by George Thomas. Carried.

Since no reply had been received from the person approached as Deputy People's Warden, the Chair asked for nominations/volunteers from the floor. Since none were forthcoming, it was moved by Peter Vatcher, seconded by George Thomas, that the Board of Management appoint a Deputy People's Warden at a later date. Carried.

The Chair thanked all who have agreed to serve in the coming year.

6. Appointment of Church Officers: The Incumbent was pleased to announce that the following persons have accepted the appointments listed below:

- Rector's Warden – Victor Marshall
- Deputy Rector's Warden – Faustina Hadaway

- Ministries licensed by Bishop: the Rev. Pamela Yarrow moved the acceptance of this list of names to be presented to the Bishop for licensing to the following ministries at St. Barnabas Church for the year 2014; second by Stanley Clarke. Carried.

Communion Helpers: Richard Abrokwa-Ampadu, Patricia Clegg, Jean Codrington, St. Clair Codrington, Peter Davies, Jacques Diotte, Ron Edwardson, Sandra Everitt, Sheila Farthing, Hazel Sandiford, Peter Vatcher and George Thomas.

Chapel Prayer Ministers: Diana Brossard, Patricia Clegg, St. Clair Codrington, Beverly Jarvis, Wendy Pingree, Janette Ridguard, Hazel Sandiford, Christian Stephens, Joan Stephens, Joan Turpin and Margaret-Ann Thomas.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Ernest Callender, Patricia Clegg, Jean Codrington, St. Clair Codrington, Wendy Pingree, Hazel Sandiford and Christian Stephens.

Bank authorization/signing Officers: the Chair announced that the signing officers for the parish for the year 2014 would consist of any 2 of the following: Rev. Pamela Yarrow (Incumbent), Victor Marshall (Rector's Warden), Jacques Diotte (People's Warden), St. Clair Codrington, (Treasurer)

7. Other Business:

Task Forces Chairpersons reported on the four scenarios being explored concerning the future of the parish:

- Brief update was given by Peter Vatcher about the **Repair** of the building, and the roof replacement. Issues: to see if the Church can be classified as an historic building separately from the Hall and Parish House, so the latter could be repaired/re modelled without restrictions from the Religious Heritage Foundation.
- Summary was given by Jacques Diotte about the **Redevelopment** of the property. Issue: meaning of Category B designation (Religious Heritage Foundation): can the Hall and Parish House sections of our facility be redeveloped separately from the Church. The Mayor of Pierrefonds has given verbal assurances of support for any project we might undertake.
- Brief summary was given by Geoffrey Alleyne about **Relocating** to another facility. Issue: looking at a number of churches of a size that could accommodate all our needs and programs.
- Update was given by Patricia Clegg about **Merging** with other churches. Issue: a short list of churches in the area will be approached to discuss conditions of merger.

The Incumbent announced that another open Congregational Meeting would be arranged as soon as clearer information becomes available.

7. Expression of Thanks:

- The Rev. Pamela Yarrow expressed thanks to Peter Vatcher and Lorne Roberts for their hard work and willingness to go up on the roof.
- She thanked Mabel Georges and Sylvia Jones for the fellowship events they arrange throughout the year.
- She thanked Darlene Diotte and Kathleen Davies for the hospitality/coffee hours they arrange each Sunday.
- She thanked Peter and Kathleen Davies for their dedication and service in providing coffee and technical assistance for this meeting.
- She thanked former Vestry Clerk Diana Brossard for all the extra work she did, with both Special and regular Vestry meetings this past year.
- She also thanked all the out-going Board of Management Officers and especially volunteer Secretary, Carleen Clarke.
- She thanked all parishioners for coming out to the meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made by Hazel Sandiford.
The meeting was closed with Grace.

Submitted by
Marcia Clarke
Vestry Clerk

St. Barnabas Anglican Church
Minutes of the Special Vestry Meeting, May 25, 2014

This Special Vestry meeting was opened with prayer.

The Rev. Pamela Yarrow welcomed the parishioners in attendance. Forty-six people signed the sign-in sheet (attached).

Regrets were received from Joan Pottle, Patricia Clegg, Joan and Chris Stephens, Audrey Clarke, Cynthia St. John, and Howard Hilton. Janet Marshall (Diocesan Congregational Development Officer) also sent her regrets.

Presentation of the Motion: it was moved by Jacques Diotte and seconded by Victor Marshall:

Given the estimated high cost of repairs necessary to the exterior structural walls and brickwork of the sanctuary, and lack of feasibility of less expensive alternative or phrased approaches to these repairs,

be it resolved that:

the Repair Task Force be disbanded as of June 1, 2014, with thanks for the comprehensive information they have provided

and

the Corporation of St. Barnabas Church be authorized to undertake only such repairs as are necessary to ensure the building can be used safely in the short-term, while other options for the future of the parish are being considered.

A two-thirds majority will be required to pass this motion.

The Rev. Pamela Yarrow and Jacques Diotte (People's Warden), give a brief summary of events leading up to this motion, and answered questions from the congregation.

An amendment to the motion was moved by Sandra Everitt, seconded by Jacques Diotte, that the following phrase be inserted, after *thanks for ... information they have provided:*

*and the decision be taken by St. Barnabas congregation to eliminate the Repair option from future consideration. **Motion carried.***

Summary of discussion:

Let it be known that the reason for disbanding the Repair Task Force is because the repairs required to the sanctuary alone are much more extensive than we originally thought, and may cost as much as \$800,000 (or more)--money that the church doesn't have and would take years to fundraise—even if this were possible or the best use of such money.

Q: Who will be responsible for looking after the short-term repairs that will be needed?

A: It is hoped that some members of the former Repair Task Force will be willing to continue to advise and assist the Corporation—and that others will volunteer their services.

Q: Is there a time frame for the repairs?

A: The time-frame is: to make the repairs as soon as possible to ensure the building is safe for our continued use in the short-term.

Q: Is there a chance the developers might keep the building?

A: Impossible to know what the developers might do; irrelevant to this discussion. We can only vote on what we want to do with the building.

Q: Is there a plan if we have to leave this building in a hurry?

A: Our fall-back plan, in the short-term, would be to rent space from Christ the Redeemer Lutheran church—who are always ready to help us in an emergency.

It was suggested that the Diocese wants to get rid of the Church. The Rev. Pamela Yarrow emphasized and reassured parishioners that the Diocese doesn't want to get rid of St. Barnabas congregation, just the St. Barnabas building. The Diocese feels it is not sound stewardship of resources to invest further large sums of money in a structure that is so flawed.

The Chair called for the vote on the amended motion:

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be it resolved that:

the Repair Task Force be disbanded as of June 1, 2014, with thanks for the comprehensive information they have provided, and the decision be taken by St. Barnabas congregation to eliminate the Repair option from future consideration

and

the Corporation of St. Barnabas Church be authorized to undertake only such repairs as are necessary to ensure the building can be used safely in the short-term, while other options for the future of the parish are being considered.

A two-thirds majority will be required to pass this motion.

Forty-four people voted in favour of the motion; one opposed; and one abstained. The Corporation permitted the inclusion of four votes that were mailed in: three were in favour of the motion, and one opposed. Giving a total of fifty votes cast. The motion was **carried**.

The Rev. Pamela Yarrow thanked Peter Vatcher, Chair, and the members of the Repair Task Force for their hard work and dedication in investigating this complex and important option.

Thanks was also extended to Peter Davies for providing technical assistance for the meeting.

Note: the next Congregational meeting will be held on June 8, 2014, to discuss the Relocate & Merge options. Then, on June 29, a Congregational meeting will be held to discuss the Redevelop option.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sandra Everitt.
The meeting was closed with the Grace.

Submitted by
Marcia Clarke
Vestry Clerk

Incumbent's Report 2015

...and on this rock I will build my church.... (Matt. 16:18)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

While the year 2014 was intense and event-filled, it was also very gratifying, as some complex issues in the parish began to be clarified. Concerns about our building predominated for too much of the year, but we can happily report, as we look forward to 2015, that, for the immediate future, our building is in good repair. More importantly, we rest on firm foundations, and not just literally, in the sense that this physical structure is on solid footing, and no longer plagued by a leaky roof and falling bricks. But also figuratively, in the sense that this community of St. Barnabas also rests on the sure foundation of our faith in Christ, and our unshakable desire to continue to discern His will for our future.

In terms of our **physical foundations**: the year 2014 began with some uncertainty and anxiety, with the sanctuary roof replacement still unfinished, and the Task Forces working mightily to explore the feasibility of the options to repair, redevelop, relocate, or merge our community. As the year progressed, it became clear that the cost of the major repairs necessary for the sanctuary were prohibitive, and the Repair option was removed from discussion, at the Special Vestry meeting held in May. I want to express my sincere thanks to the Wardens, Jacques Diotte and Victor Marshall, and to Peter Vatcher, Chair of the Repair Task Force, for their diligence in facilitating this process. Structural engineering not having been a course covered in my seminary training, I am extremely indebted to Peter Vatcher, who has been exceedingly generous with his time and expertise. I also want to thank our tireless sexton, St. Clair Codrington, and our extremely dedicated Building Manager, Lorne Roberts, for their tender care of this physical plant, especially throughout all sorts and conditions of building problems!

By August of last year, we found an alternate solution that enabled us to make limited, short-term repairs, at a reasonable cost, to the exterior sanctuary walls. These repairs, combined with the roof replacement (an excellent job, when finally finished!), have made our building safe and useable for the near future. We then decided (with your input at Congregational Meetings) that it would be best to focus our attention solely on the Redevelop option, since our preferred long-term solution, if this building is irreparable, is to remain on a portion of this current site, in a smaller church structure, and to sell the remainder of the property to a developer.

To that end, I thank Jacques Diotte, and the members of the Redevelop Task Force, for the comprehensive Requirements document that they produced, articulating what would be needed in a new church building. As well, the Board of Management, assisted by Peter Davies and George Griffith, formed a Finance sub-committee to more carefully assess the financial position of the congregation. Jacques and I have been in regular consultation with the Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese, the Ven. Bill Gray, and the Diocesan Real Estate Advisor, Wayne Heuff, the latter of whom has been mandated to find a developer, on our behalf, who respects our one essential condition: that St. Barnabas remain in this location. We await further information, and will continue to schedule Congregational Meetings to update you on progress in this regard.

So be assured: we are not closing. St. Barnabas is here to stay, in some physical structure yet to be determined. As well we should, given the vitality of this parish—as evidenced in our parochial statistics for this past year. In these, it is clear that our **congregational foundations** are similarly solid. Notice that our total number on the parish roll has increased, as has our attendance at Sunday worship. An average Sunday attendance of 92 persons is still strongly indicative of a faithful, healthy parish, no matter how our ranks have diminished over the years, and no matter how challenging our current situation remains.

Space and time considerations prevent me from listing by name all of you who so generously share your time, talents and resources at St. Barnabas Church. I have felt richly blessed, on many occasions, to be part of a team of such mutually supportive and encouraging Christian people. I will single out the careful stewardship of the Wardens, Jacques and Victor, and Deputy Wardens, Faustina Hadaway and Linden Rogers, who, with the Treasurer, St. Clair Codrington, as the Board of Management, take overall responsibility for maintaining ministry in this place.

In fact, ministry continues to be varied and growing at St. Barnabas. Our congregational life is rich and rock solid because of the dedication of: our Lay Readers, and the many who assist at our worship services, the Altar Guild members, greeters, choir and Hand bell choir members, servers, readers, intercessors, communion assistants, lay Eucharistic ministers, prayer companions, coffee convenors, and Family Life fellowship enablers. The parish is also blessed with several external Bible study groups, as well as supports outreach activities such as the Women's Shelter, *Suitcases for Africa*, *Operation Christmas Child*, and Christmas baskets.

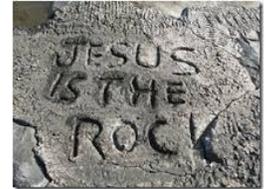
In 2014, we saw more new faces, not just in the congregation, but also in the office, as we welcomed another new parish Secretary, Angie Meklenschek, and a new Music Director, Mathew Lane. Both have already had an impact for good in the parish, in their caring natures and creative contributions (e.g. Angie, with her 3-fold bulletin idea; Matthew, with the wide variety of music and instruments he incorporates in our worship). I personally took on a new responsibility, adding to the 3 regular monthly seniors services another monthly communion service at the Symphony Residence (formerly served by St. John the Baptist parish). This ministry of pastoral care would not be possible without the dedicated team of volunteers who serve with me, also, at the Pierrefonds, Ile Bizard, and Dollard des Ormeaux seniors' residences.

The Wardens and I spent considerable time this past year clarifying and updating numerous ministry documents (e.g. parish and donor lists, job descriptions, rental agreements and security protocols) to facilitate the work of this congregation. And you probably noticed the new look of our parish newsletter, the *Script*, as well as our continuing updating of the parish website. These updates have been labour-intensive, but I feel are also critical in helping us communicate to the wider community the food for body, mind and soul that St. Barnabas offers.

Which brings us finally, and most importantly, to our **spiritual foundations**, and here, as well, we find encouraging news. We experienced a holy and thoughtful Lent last year with a well-attended joint worship and study program with Christ the Redeemer

Lutheran Church, pondering the demands of Christian discipleship each week with a verse of the hymn *Will you come and follow me*. In early July, we also welcomed our Lutheran sisters and brothers in Christ to our second annual joint summer worship service and picnic (on the lawn). Throughout the year, not only is attendance at both our 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services solid, it is also increasingly diverse. We welcome new faces, and new individuals and families, and are especially joyful at the more regular participation of the Sunday School in our 10:30 a.m. service. A goal for this year is to expand this participation to include other (all ages) initiatives in worship.

In fact, in the coming year, my **goal** is to focus less on managing this physical plant and more on **building up** this body of Christ (present and potential). I would hope, this year, to focus less on coping with urgent situations, and more on intentional and ongoing pastoral care and stewardship of all our resources. God continues to call us to build up His church on this rock, in this place, at St. Barnabas. Join me, as we endeavour to equip members to move forward in this parish, and to reach out into the wider community, with God's strength, by God's grace, in His name.



In His Service,
(the Rev.) Pamela Yarrow+

PAROCHIAL Statistics

	2012	2013	2014
# families on parish list	53	54	57
# individual members	84	81	83
TOTAL # on parish roll	254	255	271
# Envelope holders	116	104	111
# Easter HC	237	214	281
# Christmas HC	144	138	164
Aver. Sun. attendance	80	87	92
# Baptisms	0	2	4
# Weddings	1	2	1
# funerals	3	5	6

Incumbent's Parochial Statistics	2012	2013	2014
# hospital visits	-----	31	25
# home Communion	-----	18	23
# home visits	-----	28	18
TOTAL:	-----	77	66

Warden's Report

Dear sisters and brothers,

To say that 2014 was uneventful would be a slight exaggeration. Nevertheless, we are thankful for all the blessings that came our way, for all the hard work from each of the ministries at St-Barnabas, and for the fact that amid some difficulties we remain very strong as a parish, as we move forward into the future.

Where to begin? As you all know, we experienced some very serious building deterioration on the exterior east and west walls of the Sanctuary. After many attempts, we managed to have these walls temporarily restored, and bricks removed, allowing us to continue using our building for worship. We are pleased to report that the repairs done to the outside walls were paid for with some of the money from our Building Fund (not the Trust Fund), and we encourage you to keep donating to this Fund. We are happy to report that from the \$125,000 borrowed from the Anglican Trust Fund, (proceeds from the sale of the Rectory), \$17,000 was put back into the Fund. Also, after many challenges, the work on the new roof has been completed. The borrowed funds were used basically to have the roof replaced, and ensure security around the building, such as scaffolding and fencing. Again, so many people provided assistance and support, but special thanks and gratitude goes to Peter Vatcher and Lorne Roberts, for their willingness and commitment to this project.

As you will recall, we had other issues that needed to be dealt with, such as the tree that fell on the east side of our building in August. Thanks again to those who have so willingly donated their time to have branches removed and trimmed, in order to secure the area. We have also replaced the construction fencing and scaffolding around the building with a much less expensive alternative solution, which at the same time provides for security.

In September, Angie Meklenschek became our newly hired Secretary, replacing Rowena Haines who is now pursuing full time study at McGill University. We were sad to see Rowena go, however we are wishing her the very best in her new challenges. Angie has many years of experience working in administration and education in community organizations. Previously, Angie was (part-time) Administrative Assistant to the CEO at Clevernet Solutions in Kitchener-Waterloo. Angie currently works as a part-time educator in Canadian History and English Literature (grades 7-11) at Learning Tree Educational Co-op, an inter-denominational Christian Co-operative, in Dorval. Welcome Angie!

We were also sad to lose our former organist, Alexander Bauhart, who chose to return to the U.S. for personal reasons in the fall. Our best wishes accompany him. We welcomed Matthew Lane as our new Music Director in December. Matthew is originally from Kingston, Ont., and is a doctoral student at the Université de Montréal. From 2010 to 2014, he was a substitute organist at Beaconsfield United Church, Mont Royal United Church, and the Norwegian Church of Montréal. Prior to this, he was the organist at St-

Andrew Presbyterian Church in Sackville, N.B. We welcome Matthew and wish him a very long stay with us.

We also bid farewell to Linden Rodgers who is resigning as Deputy People's Warden, effective February 8th 2015, as other priorities are calling her to be elsewhere. She will be missed for her hard work and dedication, and we wish the very best for her and her family.

From the four Task Forces that were initially created, three remain in operation. As you know, the Repair Task Force was dissolved, as a result of a decision made at a Special Vestry Meeting in May that the parish cannot afford permanent repairs to the building. The repairs made to date are temporary repairs while we evaluate the best option for our place of worship. We are told by the experts that our building, with the current temporary repairs, is structurally sound, but the structure will continue to weaken over time, and additional bricks may fall from the exterior walls. We are confident however, that the new roof will reduce, if not eliminate, this occurrence. Our thanks go to Peter Vatcher for diligently chairing the Repair Task Force, and for providing his continued assistance to other task forces.

The Real Estate Advisor hired for us by the Diocese had our property re-evaluated at \$2.2 million, which represents its FMV (Fair Market Value). The Redevelop Task Force has prepared and forwarded to the Real Estate Advisor our Requirements Document. With the written agreement of the new Executive Archdeacon, the Ven. Bill Gray, we have instructed that any interested developers be informed that the sale of this property is conditional on having our new place of worship built on our current site. We will continue to provide updates and schedule Congregational Meetings when more information becomes available. However, for now we are safe and sound.

Without mentioning all of the events that took place in 2014, I must remind you of Pamela's memorable 25th anniversary party of her ordination to the priesthood (May 14, 1989), which was held on May 10th. The real challenge was to keep it a secret. If you know Pamela, it wasn't easy, but the look on her face when she entered the hall was priceless. Special guests were Bishop Barry, Pamela's beautiful daughter Alexandra and husband Kris. Everyone truly enjoyed the evening. Special thank you to Family Life and Sandra Everitt for organizing such a memorable event, as it was our way to say "thank you" to Pamela, on reaching this special milestone, for serving the Good Lord, for her hard work and dedication to our Parish, for being a model for us all. Thank you Pamela!

Of course, the International Dinner was a unique and successful fundraising event in February. Again, our thanks go to Family Life, Sandra Everitt, and all those who contributed to this event, filled with good food, music and fellowship. This type of event is so crucial to providing continued fellowship, and raising funds to keep our parish going. Thank you so much.

In other news: in line with our security protocol, the Key Register and Alarm Codes procedures were updated to reflect our current renters. Contracts were also revisited and finalized for both regular and non-regular renters. A short document describing the functioning of the alarm system was made available to all individuals who possess a key

to the building. As well, a clean-up effort was undertaken in the loft (above the east hall entrance); thanks go to Peter Davies, St-Clair Codrington, and Lorne Roberts for this. The east side entrance was repainted, as well as the Secretary's office, and a new photocopier/printer was acquired.

We could go through all of the individual ministries and accomplishments here at St-Barnabas, but that would require several more pages. In addition, and although we keep struggling with our financials, we have seen growth in terms of attendance at both services. And what to say about our Sunday School, and the dedication of Marie Claire Callender and Debbie Shane....We have been blessed. Truly, a heartfelt thanks to all of you, as well as to the groups that have transferred money from their accounts to help us pay for some very important invoices throughout the year. Let us ask and pray for the Good Lord's guidance as we enter a new year.

Blessings to all!

Jacques Diotte, People's Warden
Victor Marshall, Rector's Warden

I TRUST in YOU
I say, O LORD,
You ARE my GOD
My TIMES are in
Your HANDS
Psalms 31: 14,15

St. Martha's Altar Guild Report

The Guild currently has 13 active members who undertake the task of preparing the Sanctuary for weekly services, ensuring that the necessary supplies and fresh linens are always available. We are also called to oversee the decorating of the church for special seasons, especially Christmas, Easter and Harvest/Thanksgiving.



We are very grateful for the willingness of parishioners whom we have asked to help to come forward. Some things are becoming difficult for our aging, shrinking ladies to accomplish!

If there are any parishioners who might feel that they are being called to this ministry, I would welcome the opportunity to talk with you about what it entails.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Turpin

Financial Report

OPENING BALANCE		\$269.53
REVENUE		
Free will offering	\$130.25	
		<u>\$399.78</u>
EXPENSES		
Dry cleaning	\$33.20	
Palms	\$60.00	
Bank Cheques	\$24.00	
	<u>\$117.20</u>	-\$117.20
		<u>\$282.58</u>

(Adult) Bible Study Report



The Bible study on Sunday mornings and Monday nights takes on two forms: the structured form where we follow a prepared agenda: and more often an open forum, where participants are encouraged to propose certain topics on which they would like to be enlightened and to discuss. Notwithstanding the above, we are always open to persons with special prayer request, whether for themselves or others. Whatever form taken, we stay on the premise that Jesus is Lord and that we should always rely on the working of the Holy Spirit.

Specific Bible passages are taught, read and discussed to re-affirm and substantiate the need for our faith in the Lord. We follow the missionary journeys, the work of the prophets, the disciples and more importantly, the teachings of Jesus. Our readings are found in the Old and the New Testaments.

Visitors are welcomed, those with concerns or need for prayers are encouraged to join us. Over the years we have seen many come and go but always with a common need: to get to know the Lord, to accept him as their Lord and Saviour.

This ministry serves not only as a refuge but as a form of encouragement: for those who already are in fellowship with Christ, as well as for the newly born-again Christians, so they follow the appointed way and stay on the path of Christianity.

We pray for a greater involvement from within the Church as this is part of the Church's ministry and outreach to the community.

Yours in Christ,
Ernest Callender

Chapel Prayer Ministry

Every Sunday, after Communion at both the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services, chapel prayer companions are available in the chapel to pray with parishioners. Presently there are ten church members who are involved in this ministry.



Parishioners are encouraged to participate in this very important outreach. If you wish to have prayers offered up for yourself, your family, your friends, neighbours, co-workers, or anyone whom you know is in need of prayer, the chapel is open to you. You can be assured that your requests will be treated with total confidentiality.

Prayers have been offered up for healing, support, thanksgiving, and many other circumstances that the participants have brought to the Lord.

In God's service,
Joan Stephens

Choir Report



While I have only led the St. Barnabas choir since Advent 2014, I am grateful and optimistic about the passion and tenacity they show for their ensemble. During my time with them in 2014, only one month in total, they rehearsed and sang several anthems, including harmonies in *In Dulci Jubilo* and *Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*, and supporting vocals in *Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child*. They attended Wednesday night rehearsals and early Sunday morning rehearsals, bringing with them a strong sense of community and a clear understanding of their mission to glorify God and share their faith through music.

The choir also contributed enthusiastically to leading hymns and carols in the services around Christmas, and lead the congregation in a harmonisation of the Trisagion. They have provided musical gifts for parishioners not only as performers, but as teachers and leaders of the musical parts of the liturgy, and have helped to encourage stronger congregational singing.

The choir have also taught me a great deal about the traditions and rituals at St. Barnabas, helping me to direct music in what for me was sometimes a complex liturgy. At the same time, they have shown openness to new music and new ideas for the choir's role in the church.

During one short month, we have spanned over 500 years of music together, and worked with both vocal and instrumental soloists. Hopefully over the coming year we will have the chance to sing anthems monthly, some in harmony, and continue some of the work begun by Alexander Bauhart in incorporating sung psalms into the service. I hope to use different instruments and combinations of voices to explore many of the colours of music available to us through our choir, our very nice Johannus organ, our piano, and possibly guitar and trumpet from time to time. We will even be presenting some original music over the course of 2015.

On other musical notes, I am actively recruiting for our choir in hopes of balancing out some of the sections, and have undertaken some technical adjustments of the organ sound system to allow us to enjoy the fullest sound possible. We will hopefully also be performing with the Hand bells Choir, and I hope to get the youth more involved in sharing their musical gifts with the congregation in this very blessed New Year.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Lane
Music Director

Christmas Food Baskets



Once more, it has been a privilege for my wife, Jean, and I to be of service in co-ordinating the outreach effort of our community at St. Barnabas Church with respect to the distribution of Christmas food baskets.

There were 14 baskets given out, and their distribution was as follows:

- One (1): Five Turkeys to Mile End Mission.
- Three (3) were distributed by church sponsors **(not included in details below)**.
- Ten (10) were distributed by Jean and me, on behalf of church donors.

Cash received and expended was as follows:

Opening balance-Jan.1, 2014	\$275
Receipts	
Congregation	<u>\$525</u>
Total Receipts	\$800
Expended	
Five Turkeys to Mile End Mission	\$75
Jean and me (10 baskets)	<u>\$475</u>
(supplemented by \$125 from our Prayer Group and donated foods from others)	<u>(\$550)</u>
Unexpended Balance-December 31, 2014	<u>\$250</u>
Held in Sundry Trust Funds Account (Funds not used)	
Total receipts	\$800
Expended :	<u>(\$550)</u>
Balance Dec.31, 2014	\$250

Our references for food basket distributions were under the auspices of The West Island Food Assistance Fund, from whom we received our listing of 12 families. In addition to these, one basket was given to a needy family and one to Mile End Mission.

Once more, a very heartfelt thanks to those who gave of their time and compassion to others less fortunate than themselves. May God bless you richly.

In humble thanksgiving,
St.Clair and Jean Codrington,
Co-ordinators, Christmas Food Baskets.

Coffee Convenors

Coffee Hour, 8:00 a.m. service

The coffee hour continues to be well attended.

Thanks to those who have contributed and to those who have helped with washing up afterwards.



Financial report

January 1, 2014 Balance		\$34.95
Receipts	\$431.06	
Expenses	(\$406.51)	
December 31, 2014 Balance		<u>\$59.50</u>

Expenses:

Tim Horton's coffee, cream, sugar, tea bags, muffins, cookies, cake, hot cross buns, juice.

Respectably Submitted,
Kathleen

Coffee Hour, 10:30 a.m. service

Revenue

Balance as of December 31 st , 2013	\$38.60	
Free will offering and donation 2014	\$304.40	
Total Revenue		\$343.00

Expenses

Supplies for Sundays, Receptions, etc.	(\$164.42)	
Kitchen Supplies	(\$57.03)	
Hot Cross Buns	(\$53.50)	
Total Expenses		(\$274.95)

Balance December 31st, 2014 \$68.05

Thank you to all who make this ministry possible.

In Our Lord's Service,
Darleen Diotte

Counters' Report

The counters for Sunday morning collections consist of four (4) pairs of counters and two (2) spares. These counters have been faithfully serving for many years.

Weekly reminders by Jean Codrington are appreciated by all and ensure that scheduled duties are not accidentally overlooked. All of the counters are conscientious in arranging trades with other teams when one or more members are unable to fill their duty on a scheduled day, so that only unanticipated events, such as illness, require the spares to be called in.

Additional counters and spares would be appreciated as this would reduce the frequency of duties for all the counters, many of whom participate in other duties as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Everitt
Counters Coordinator

Diocesan Pastoral Visitors

The Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge.
(Psalm 94:22)



The Montreal Diocesan Lay Pastoral Visitors held a retreat in June 2014 at L'Ermitage Sainte Croix. The theme was *Who visits? Who cares?* It was led by the Rev. Pamela Yarrow, and it was enjoyed by all.

We have meetings five times a year, from September until May, then a retreat in either May or June. Our team meets in our Lounge, the last Tuesday of the month, from 1:30—3:30 p.m. Our Warden is the Ven. (Archdeacon) Michael Johnson.

God bless.
Your sister in Christ,
Bev. Jarvis

Encouragers Group

The 'Encouragers' are an informal group of parishioners who meet in the Lounge on the first Tuesday of each month. All parishioners are invited to attend and lend their voice to the prayers and discussions. Regular attendance is not mandatory. Come as you are able. (No membership fees or attendance charts!)



The main focus of this group is to prayerfully support Rev. Pamela and the existing ministers of the church, and to seek God's Will for the future of this parish. We welcome suggestions and ideas for ways in which we can strengthen and grow in our service to the Lord in this place.

Respectfully submitted,
Joan Turpin

Envelope Secretary's Report

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014

Annual Givings	Number of Envelope Donors	Total Amount
Less than \$200	23	\$2,364.00
\$200-350	17	\$4,790.00
\$351-500	4	\$1,710.00
\$501-750	16	\$9,784.00
\$751-1000	11	\$9,515.00
\$1001-1500	14	\$17,579.00
\$1501-2000	8	\$12,994.00
\$2001-3000	9	\$21,497.00
\$3001-5000	7	\$23,655.00
More than \$5000	2	\$10,945.00
Total	111	\$114,833.00

There were nine boxes of envelopes issued that were not used.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Edwardson
Envelope Secretary

Greeters Ministry



This year we have continued to work on trying to make all who enter our premises welcome and included in the service by greeting everyone, and by giving out the bulletin for the service—which, by the way, is augmented by Pamela, who reminds the congregation which book we are using and what page we are on. Many thanks.

We started the year with 11 members and lost three for health and personal reasons. We introduced three youth members from the Confirmation class, one of whom could only stay temporarily due to a prior commitment. We also appealed to the congregation and tried reaching out, and were joined by two more members. With these new additions, we were able to continue giving the same service as before.

For the 10:30 service, our group is now composed of: Leonora Brown, Kayla Coppin, Bob and Joan Turpin, Victor Marshall, Darleen and Jacques Diotte, Myles Coppin, Jennifer Bryan and Patricia Griffith. And Kathleen Davies and Ruby Roberts are on duty for the 8 a.m. service.

We had three meetings during the year for updates, reminders and support. We added a new task to the guidelines of our duties, when the premises are rented on Sundays: to help clear the papers and guest book from the Narthex. The group is happy to cooperate.

We thank God who provides for us so we can continue to do His work as Greeters to all.

Madeleine F Simpson
Greeters Coordinator

Hand bell Choir

2014 brought the group back together: Barbara Arnold, Nicky Horvat, Emily Horvat, Gareth Richardson, George Thomas, Norris Wood and Wendy Pingree. I consider myself fortunate and very blessed to be a part of this group of amazing people. We continue practicing Monday nights at 7:00 p.m.



Do you know how many years of Hand bell ringing experience we have? Read on to find out.

In January we played at Hope Pingree's memorial service. I always remember Hope, even after she retired from the Hand bell choir, tapping her toes and waving her finger to the rhythm of the piece we were playing. I would often ask her how it sounded to get her opinion, since I knew she would give me her honest one!

Normally the first part of the year we practice and play from January to June. This year however our schedules did not match up, so we only played in church until May. We then started back up in September to December, after our usual break for summer.

In November we were invited to play at the First Christian Reformed Church, just around the corner from St. Barnabas. It was quite enjoyable! Our year finished with the Carol Service here at St. Barnabas.

Thank you to the St. Barnabas congregation, you are always very welcoming and wonderful. Now we prepare for 2015!

Years of experience in the choir: 157 years! Wow!

Respectfully yours,
Sari Tuominiemi
Director

Bells of St Barnabas-Financial Report 2014

The Bells of St. Barnabas hold an account at the Royal Bank. Financial activity for 2014 was as follows:

Balance as of December 31, 2013 \$386.51

Deposits

Jan. 2, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Feb. 3, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Feb. 4, 2014	donation	\$50.00
Mar. 3, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Apr. 1, 2014	interest	\$0.01
May 1, 2014	interest	\$0.01
June 2, 2014	interest	\$0.01
July 2, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Aug. 1, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Sept. 1, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Sept. 19, 2014	donation	\$100.00
Oct. 1, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Nov. 3, 2014	interest	\$0.01
Dec. 1, 2014	interest	\$0.01

Total deposits	\$150.12	\$536.63
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Withdrawals

Jan. 6, 2014	for two new lights behind the Bell tables	(\$40.00)
Oct. 6, 2014	Annual Reg. fee Ontario Guild of English Hand bell Ringers (OGEHR)*	(\$190.00)

*NOTE: This fee is a large increase from the previous years' fee of \$45.00. OGEHR put into place a new fee structure requiring us to pay a \$90.00 Choir fee plus a \$10.00 fee per ringer, thereby raising the total to \$190.00. Our 8 present ringers and 2 previous ringers, who want to remain members, offset this fee by each donating \$10.00. (i.e. the \$100.00 deposit on Sept. 19).

Total withdrawals 2014	(\$230.00)	\$306.63
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Balance as of Dec 31, 2014 \$306.63

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Pingree

North Shore Lay Ecumenical Committee

This group was formed in the spring of 1994 to plan Ecumenical Mission. Since then, the spirit of the Mission has lived on and the Committee has planned various inter-church events in cooperation with the North Shore clergy. At present nine churches have representatives on the committee. Three activities are usually organized during the year:

- An Advent Carol service
- A service in January during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
- A Walk of Faith on Good Friday

In 2014

In January, we had a pulpit exchange during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Father Bertrand Montpetit preached at the 8 a.m. service at St. Barnabas and Rev. Pamela preached at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church at a later service.

In October, we were involved in an Ecumenical Mission, a five day event celebrating the "Gospel Call," which coincided with the 50th anniversary of St. Luke's parish. Bishop Barry spoke on the Sunday of the Mission.

In 2015

St. Barnabas will have hosted the January Ecumenical Worship Service celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. An invitation is extended to all to attend our ecumenical events.

A sincere thanks is given to Rev. Pamela for her active support and participation in our ecumenical endeavours.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Davies,
St. Barnabas Representative,
North Shore Lay Ecumenical Committee.

(Parish Bulletin) Prayer Ministry

Each week a list of prayer requests is included in the bulletin. These names are submitted by parishioners. Our prayer list is divided into acute and chronic prayer sections.

If you have submitted a name, we would appreciate receiving regular updates. If you know of a name that should be added or removed, please contact Kathleen: 514 684 7367 or Angie in the church office: 514 684 4460.



Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Davies

(St. Barnabas) Parish Family Life

Thank you to all of those who assisted the Family Life Committee. We do appreciate the support and extra bodies. It involves a great deal of work to present any event but with a lot of love and dedication we always manage to pull through. There is a need for more members for this very important ministry. Please feel free to join us and approach any member for information. Special thanks goes out to Lorne Roberts, Jacques Diotte, Rev. Pam, St. Clair Codrington, and Angie Meklenschek.

Events

International Dinner, Soup Sundays, Family/Women's Breakfasts, Funeral Receptions, Hot Cross Buns Lunch, Strawberry Lunch, Suitcases for Africa presentation, Parish Receptions, Soup/Bake Sale/Mini Bazaar

Assisted Events

Pancake Supper, Receptions, Garage Sale, Trimming the Tree, with the Altar Guild

Contributions/Outreach

Meals On Wheels, Women's Shelter, Suitcases For Africa, Stephen Lewis Foundation, Samaritan's Purse, White Gift Sunday, October Harvest, Christmas Donations, Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF), Christmas Baskets

Contributions to St. Barnabas

Gift Donations
Kitchen Supplies
Repairs to Kitchen
Church Trust Fund

Thank you & God Bless,
Mabel Georges & Sylvia Jones

Family Life Financial Report – 2014

Opening Balance:		\$510.60
<i>Deposit Receipts:</i>		
Donations	\$154.65	
Strawberry Lunch	\$150.00	
International Dinner	\$3,295.00	
Soup/Bake/Mini Bazaar	<u>\$1,000.00</u>	<u>\$4,995.65</u>
Total Receipts:		\$5,506.25
 Disbursements:		
Stephen Lewis Foundation	\$150.00	
Suitcases for Africa	\$114.13	
Primate's World Relief & Dev. Fund	\$400.00	
Church Trust Fund	<u>\$4,600.00</u>	<u>(\$5,264.13)</u>
Final Balance:		\$242.12

Seniors Residences

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. (Psalm 143:10)



The Rev. Pamela Yarrow celebrates the Holy Eucharist at three seniors' homes. The Centre d'Accueil Pierrefonds service is held the first Tuesday of the month. The Vivendi Residence is situated on Ile Bizard, and we take Holy Communion there the second Tuesday of the month. The Centre d'Accueil Dollard des Ormeaux is scheduled for the third Monday of the month. All services are held at 2:30 p.m.

Our volunteers are: Kathleen Davies, Joan Turpin, Leonora Brown, Madeleine Simpson, and Nancy Willison. I would like to say thank you for your help, also to our Incumbent, Pamela Yarrow.

God bless,
Bev. Jarvis

Servers' Guild Report

Over the last few years we have been very short of acolytes coming forward to serve. Now, with the Sunday School up and running again, it's one step forward that these kids might be able to come and serve at our services. I am very grateful for the dedication and commitment of Sabrina Hilton and Suiru Tunteng over the last years.

I am kindly asking parents and godparents to encourage young people to make some time on Sunday for our Lord—who gives us this life as a gift—to come forward and give back to Him, in return, some of their talents. If anyone feels this call, please contact Rev. Pamela or me. I can be reached at church on Sundays, or at home at the number below. Looking forward to your cooperation.

Thank you and God Bless.

Respectfully submitted,
Edward Dwarka
514-685-3525

Sunday School Report

These words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by that way, and when you lie down and when you rise.

(Deut. 6: 6, 7)



This last Sunday school year, we were happy to welcome nine children from ages 5 to 12. We are using Sunday School material called *Sermon 4 Kids* ©. Each Sunday we start with a prayer, followed by a scripture reading which follows the lectionary, and activities that we display on a board in the Hall.

Last year, the children participated in a number of activities that were integrated into the 10:30 am service. From the Christmas Pageant, to reading a poem for Mother's Day, and making an Easter ALLELUIA banner, which is still proudly displayed in the church, the Sunday School took an active role. The children also participated in placing the Lenten symbol each week on the Lenten banner, and filled boxes for *Operation Christmas Child*.

The Sunday School children also continue their outreach with *World Vision*: we sponsor a young girl called Marbeli Chavarria Pravia, from Nicaragua. We sent her a nice Christmas card.

Finally, thanks to the devotion of Debbie Shane, we are continuing to produce the Children's Newsletter, which displays the writing talents of our Sunday school children!

As stated in the passage from Deuteronomy, each of us is called to teach children about our Lord. We pray that our Sunday school will continue to grow in the love of Jesus Christ our Lord – Amen.

Thank you for your continuous support in this ministry.

Faithfully,
Debbie Shane and Marie-Claire Richer-Callender

Synod Delegates' Reports

THE BISHOP'S CHARGE

In lieu of a Sermon at the Synod Eucharist Service, the Bishop, the Right Reverend Barry Clarke gave his Charge.

He first welcomed our Ecumenical partners. He then reflected on one of the hallmarks of the recent ecumenical discussions: how do we effectively witness to God's mission in the world? He said that his joy as Bishop comes from his experience of moving around the Diocese, sharing in worship, leadership and conversation in our parishes and community ministries. Our focus should be to continue to live out our belief in and our understanding of the Five Marks of Mission. He gave his regrets on the departure of Executive Archdeacon Janet Griffith and he said that he was bestowing upon her the dignity of Archdeacon Emeritus and Vicar General as she leaves to follow a new call and challenge. He appointed the Venerable Bill Gray, effective November 1, to be the new Executive Archdeacon and Vicar General of the Diocese of Montreal.

On the matter of **God's Mission for the church**, he said that on this day of the feast of St. Luke, the physician, we ought to remember the mission given to Christ by God the Father as we seek to discern God's will for God's mission in our life as the people of God in the Diocese. It is God's mission that the church has to fulfill.

With respect to our **church properties**, the Bishop said that there are tough questions being asked about our real estate in the diocese. We have some 300 million dollars of insured real estate. Some of these church buildings are in disrepair and in some cases require millions of dollars to bring up to standard. He said that they too, at Cathedral Place, along with Christ Church Cathedral, are recognizing that the occupancy of Cathedral Place is increasing in terms of our financial support and cost of living. So they, too, are in the process of looking at how they can effectively steward our resources in keeping with the Gospel. With respect to maintaining or upgrading our church buildings, the focus should continue to be in maintaining our faithfulness in response to God's initiative and invitation to ministry.

Our ecological concerns for **good stewardship** of the earth, and to save guard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth should continue.

He touched on **education**, and mentioned the death of the Rev. Dr. Ellen Aitken, the Dean of the Faculty of Religious Studies. He also mentioned that this year is the final academic year of the Principal of the Montreal Diocesan Theological College, Canon Dr. John Simons. He also attended this past August, the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Conference, encountering scripture in meaningful ways, also experiencing ancient and modern ways of worshipping.

Touching on **leadership in the church**, he said that there is a need to look at change management with all of its complexities, restlessness, disagreements and conflict. At our Synod office, they will continue to strive to create a Synod office structure that will help parishes face these changes by providing practical support.

On the **matter of discipleship**, he said that to be a disciple of Christ we must embrace the awe, the mystery, and the wonder of God's transformative work. That is to say that we must be in relationship with His Presence through prayer.

He commissioned the co-chairs of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer in the Diocese of Montreal. He mentioned the work of St. Peter's, Town of Mount Royal church in providing hospitality and sanctuary for someone under a deportation order. We must continue to give support and our voice for the voiceless in our community.

In conclusion, the Bishop reiterated that this Synod theme is *Called to Grow*. We must step out of the boat with Peter, to reach out our hand to Jesus and follow, lead and grow in our faith and in our love of God's people. We are God's people and we are a pilgrim people. Just as Jesus forged a New Way, we are being called to serve God and God's people--to be light in this world for all.

Report submitted by
St.Clair Codrington
Synod Delegate

Synod 2014 Report

The 155th Annual Synod of the Diocese of Montreal was held on October 18, 2014. The theme for the convention was *Called to Grow*.

The convention started as usual with the Synod Eucharist and the Bishop's Charge, followed by the opening session, which began with the New Delegates orientation.

There was a video presentation by St. Peter's Church TMR, showing how they transformed their church, and how strong the youth ministry is in their church. More than 25 percent of their congregation is 30 years old or younger. (I wish we had even half that number in our church).

Our ecumenical partners from the Lutheran Church of Canada and the United Church of Canada were present.

A report from the Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania was presented by Bill Gray and Michael Johnson. They were in Masasi when the new Bishop was consecrated and enthroned, a service that lasted for about seven hours. Bishop Patrick Mwachiko is the eighth Bishop of the Diocese of Masasi.

Youth Report

Since last year's Synod, three youth ministers have been hired in the Diocese of Montreal. Youth set up a weekly meeting of downtown youth ministers that allows them to share experiences and ideas. It is called the Breakfast Club.

A video about refugees was shown. In it we saw an R.C.M.P officer who came here when he was a baby as a refugee; he and his family were sponsored by the church. They were among the group of refugees who were called the *Boat People*.

Presentations

A farewell presentation was given for Janet Griffith, Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese, who is leaving after serving in that position for seven years.

There was also a celebration for Bishop Barry. This is the tenth anniversary of his consecration and enthronement as Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal.

There were reports and video presentations on the Council of the North and Montreal Diocesan Theological College.

There was an Anti-Spam Legislation presentation and discussion.

Motions

The Diocesan Council meets within 30 days of its election and thereafter meets monthly, except in July and August. A motion was presented to allow the Council to meet within 45 days of its election, and thereafter meet at least every three months. The motion was voted on and it was defeated.

MOTION D: The marginalized and vulnerable

Be it RESOLVED, that this Synod asks the Council of General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Lutheran Church to affirm ministry with the marginalized and vulnerable as normal church activity. The motion was voted on and accepted. There are some activities in the church that the insurance company does not accept as normal church activities, but the Diocese does, so there is a gray area that needs clarification. That is the reason for this motion.

MOTION from the Floor:

This Synod asks the Bishop of this Diocese to advise in writing the Prime Minister of Canada and his Minister of Citizenship and Immigration that action be taken to speed up the acceptance of sponsored refugees into Canada within one year of application, as a time frame similar to government sponsored refugees. The motion was voted on and accepted.

The Financial Statement for the year 2013 was presented, voted on, and accepted.

The Budget for the year 2015 was presented, voted on, and accepted.

There was a closing prayer and the meeting ended about 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Winston Griffith

Worship Committee

The Worship Committee meets once a month to select hymns for the 8 and 10:30 a.m. Sunday services.



Members come to meetings with their prepared lists of hymns to discuss. We select these hymns with the help of the church calendar, Bible readings, and by referring to the *McCausland's Order of Divine Service*, which suggests hymns for all occasions.

Our meetings are chaired by the Music Director. If you have any special requests, please speak to a member of the committee.

Committee members are:

Matthew Lane (Music Director)
Marcia Clarke (Secretary)
Audrey Clarke
Wendy Pingree
George Thomas
Debbie Shane
Kathleen Davies
(Rev.) Pamela Yarrow (ex officio)

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Davies

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

(BAS p. 676: ***For all Christians in their vocation***, adapted)



R. Haines 2013