

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

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The Prayer Book Society of Canada promotes the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer as a scriptural system of nurture for life in Christ.

Society Mission Statement

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee, that this holy faith may evermore be our defence against all adversities; who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Collect for Trinity Sunday, *BCP*, page 214

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the General Synod soon to be assembled in thy Name. Save its members from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit, that through thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of thy Church maintained, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour enlarged and extended. Grant this, we beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for General, Provincial, or Diocesan Synods, *BCP*, page 42

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Sunday, June 17
7:00 p.m.

Choral Evensong for Trinity II will be sung by Cathedral Singers at St Columba's Church, Manor Park. Our Diocesan, The Right Rev. Peter Coffin will be present for his pastoral visit to the parish.

Friday, June 22
6:30 p.m.

Evensong at St James', Carp, followed by our annual potluck supper in the Parish Hall

Sunday, September 30
5:30 p.m. *for* 6:00 p.m.

Our Annual Chinese Dinner in the Parish Hall of St Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Avenue West *followed by* Concert in St Luke's Church

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Advance Notices

Remember our Annual Evensong in the Parish of Carp on **Friday, June 22nd**. The service will be followed by a potluck supper. Your contributions to the supper may be left in the Parish Hall prior to the service. Do come and enjoy our last Branch event prior to the summer.

The Annual Summer Evensong Series at Holy Trinity, Lascelles, in the Gatineau Hills will continue this year. Services are held each Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m., beginning this year on Sunday, July 8th and ending on Sunday, September 2nd. Each service includes a guest preacher and musicians from the Diocese of Ottawa.

We hope that Mr Nicholas Hatt will be able to visit Ottawa in the fall. He is a postulant for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island and for this summer is serving an Internship in a Parish in Belize. He is a staunch supporter of the *BCP* and has been an executive member of the NS / PEI Branch of the PBSC for almost 5 years. Nicholas hopes to have a ‘traveling road show’ following his return to Canada in August. We will provide more information in our next Newsletter. In the meantime, excerpts from a letter received by your Editor on Tuesday, June 5th are included elsewhere in this Newsletter.

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General Synod 2007 and the PBSC

In recent Newsletters, we have been reminding you that **General Synod (“Draw the Circle Wide. Draw it Wider Still!”)** will be held in Winnipeg from June 19th to 25th, 2007. In your continuing prayers, up to and during General Synod, please remember Clergy and Laity alike, especially those who will be representing our Diocese.

As you probably have read in the most recent issue of the National Newsletter, arrangements are in place for the PBSC to have a very visible presence at General Synod. A new display has been made, consisting of “roll-up” banners. Our display will be well stocked with literature, copies of Sue Careless’ books, etc. Giveaways will include an attractive tote-bag decorated with the Society’s logo. Our presence will include a contingent of young people to operate the display and to interact with Synod delegates countering the myth that the Prayer Book fails to attract all ages.

If you haven’t done so, and are able to assist financially this most important endeavour in the life of the Canadian Church and the PBSC in particular, please forward your cheque to the National Society at the following address:

**The Prayer Book Society of Canada
P.O. Box 38060
1430 Prince of Wales Drive
Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3Y7**

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In the next issue of our next Newsletter, we will endeavour to provide a synopsis of the Society's National Annual General Meeting which was held on Saturday, May 12th, in London, Ontario .

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11th Annual St Michael's Youth Conference, Ontario

For information, you may check the website for the Ontario Conference which is located at www.geocities.com/stmikesontario or contact stmichaels@canada.com .

If you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners know of any teenager(s) who would be interested in attending this year's Conference and would appreciate financial assistance, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058 as soon as possible. The Conference this year will be held between **August 21st and 26th**, near the town of Durham (northwest of Toronto). There is still time to register for the Conference and to request assistance from the Branch.

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The 2007 National Cranmer Conference ***"Anglicanism ... stirred, not shaken"***

We wish to advise you that the 2nd Cranmer Conference, planned by the Grand Valley Branch and the Greater Niagara Branch of the PBSC, and to have run from Friday June 1st through to Sunday, June 3rd (Trinity Sunday) at St Paul's, Dunnville was cancelled.

Following the publication of our last Newsletter, it was announced that the conference could not be held. From the Cranmer Conference website comes the following statement:

"Because of circumstances beyond our control, we have had to change our plans. We will not be holding this year's conference as scheduled, and we do not, as yet, have information about an alternate time and place."

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The 27th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference ***"Justification and Sanctification"***

This year's conference was held at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton from the evening of Tuesday, May 29th through to noon on Friday, June 1st. Speakers included Fr Robert Crouse and Dr Peter Toon, both of whom have spoken to members of the Ottawa Branch. Six members from the Ottawa Branch attended this year's Conference. With the ending of the Conference just prior to the publication of this Newsletter, it has allowed us to include comments and recollections from The Rev. Dr Ronald Hunt.

The following list of names was read out at the beginning of the Annual General Meeting of the Ottawa Branch which convened on Wednesday, April 25th 2007. Fr Frank Kirby, Rector of the Church of St Barnabas led the assembled in this Act of Remembrance for those known to have departed this life during the past year.

MEMORIAL ROLL

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| Henry Collie | Almonte |
| Mr and Mrs Lawrence Hartwell | Perth |
| Mr and Mrs Joseph Hawkes | Ashton |
| Nelson Hodgson | Port Hope |
| Phyllis J. Hunter | Ottawa |
| Valerie Judge | Kanata |
| Ruth MacLean | Ottawa |
| Adelaide Morgan | Ottawa |
| Mrs D.M. Paul | Kars |
| Jean Porter | Ottawa |
| The Ven. M.K. Roberts | Ottawa |
| G.A. (Bill) Stiles | Cornwall |
| Ralph Tross | Ottawa |

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Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants, with Thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting life. *Amen.*

V. Rest Eternal, grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And may light perpetual shine upon them.

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*

The following reflections and comments are provided by The Rev. Dr Ron. Hunt, one of this year's Conference delegates from the Ottawa area.

The 27th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference
“Justification and Sanctification”

This year's 27th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference held in Fredericton, NB from May 29 to June 1, was one of those "you had to be there to see it!" experiences. However, I will attempt to give the reader a taste, and whet your appetite for next year in Halifax.

In the Latimer Studies series, D.A.Ousley, in his article "The Way of Holiness 1-Principle" (1993) defines Justification as "what God does to make us righteous ... it is the imputation of righteousness undeserved" (p. 10). He further defines Sanctification as "the growth of holiness within the Christian (when) God acts in our lives to make us holy" (p. 12) through gifts and virtues received in the humility of our response in Christian service.

The Rev. Dr Robert Crouse, the first of five speakers, and a founder of the Conference, suggested that "Justification and Sanctification" were part of a single idea in the early Fathers up to the 4th Century and it was not until the Reformers in the 16th Century, that the two concepts were separated for a variety of reasons. The Rev. Dr David Smith, in his response, likened Dr Crouse, not to the wise old owl as he has been described, but rather to a hedgehog, who wraps his ideas in complex argument thus requiring us to struggle to unwrap and understand! Following Dr Smith's response, a lively discussion followed.

Dr Anthony Esolen offered a dramatic presentation of Dante's *Divine Comedy* which was well responded to by Michelle Wilband. The pictures of persons travelling up a mountainside in allegorical discussions was very revealing.

On Thursday morning we heard The Rev. Dr Roger Beckwith's description of the Reformation account of our topic. Luther's personal consciousness of sin and the reformation's struggle with understanding what is required of mankind's acceptance of God's free gift of Justification led to a debate around the nature and understanding of mankind's response. Quoting from Scripture and the Reformers, Dr Beckwith took us through the arguments of "good works." He suggested there was consensus in the words "faith alone" when it is understood as "saving faith" which is active and trusting in God's free gift of Justification.

In response, The Rev. Capt. David Edwards asked the question of how we faithfully apply doctrines today. He went on to suggest that "90% of the Christian message is about Sanctification" and how we should live holy lives of service. The gift of the Holy Spirit is for "regeneration" of the human soul and an invitation to grow in Hope, Grace and Love. He suggested that the Epistle to the Ephesians is "the pocket guide for Christian living".

Following the Solemn Eucharist with full choir and organ in Christ Church Cathedral, at which The Rev. Canon John Matheson, having just returned from officiating at two funerals in his parish, gave the sermon, we adjourned to the hall for the fourth paper given by Dr Paul Epstein. This was another dramatic presentation of the theological discussion which emerges from the events in Anthony Trollope's book, *The Warden*. The interplay of character development, the dialogue and turns of plot raises from us the issues of Justification and Sanctification in human experience. The hero struggles with the decision to give up a lucrative honorarium while others with various investments in the system argue and persuade alternative courses of action. A good debate followed the presentation.

The closing paper by The Rev. Dr Peter Toon, President of the Prayer Book Society of the U.S.A., responded to contemporary issues for the Church in grappling with current difficulties. This paper, when it is produced in the official publication of the Conference, will be well worth reading. It is highly recommended for that purpose.

This is far too brief an overview of the 27th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference. However it does speak to many of the theological issues underlying the critical issues of the Church today. It will also help us to understand and see our way forward as we plan and prepare for the General Synod in Winnipeg from June 19 to 25. It is hoped that Atlantic Theological Conferences, past and future, will help us to better understand God's free gift of salvation and His gracious invitation to be participants by obedience to his Will by a lively faith and living holy lives in his service.

I wish to thank the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society for their support and encouragement so that I could attend this year's conference.

The Rev. Dr Ron Hunt

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Over the years our Branch has provided a copy of the Book of Common Prayer to each student at Augustine College. In addition, this year we contributed copies for the College's library. We have received the following letter from Fr Douglas Hayman, the College's Chaplain.

PBSC Ottawa Branch Chairman,
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Ottawa, Ontario K1K 3Y3

March 20th, 2007

Dear Joan,

I must apologize for being so slow to write this note, but there seemed to be some confusion as to who was taking responsibility for acknowledging your gift, so the matter had fallen, temporarily, between the cracks. Sorry.

On behalf of the community of Augustine College, I wish to express our gratitude for the Ottawa Branch's gracious gift of numerous copies of the *Book of Common Prayer*. We have appreciated your yearly gift of personal copies to each of the students, but this year we are also grateful for the extra copies donated to the College library for use on various occasions. They are a welcome resource. Thank-you.

As you know, in my role as College Chaplain I lead the students in Chapel each week (Thursday afternoons, 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. this year). Our normal format is Compline, preceded by hymns, Scripture readings and a reflection/homily. For some of the students, this is their first exposure to any kind of a "fixed" liturgy (notwithstanding the "forms" invariably developed by those churches who claim to follow no formal, fixed order), and, while some do not take it, others are quite intrigued (including some modern Anglicans who have known only the BAS!) and become keen to learn how to use the rest of the book.

One student from the 2004/2005 class, whose background was in one of the Protestant Evangelical churches, was back at the College to visit a few months ago. His sister is in this year's class, and he sat in on our Scriptures lecture, then joined us for Chapel. Before the latter, he scooted up to retrieve his BCP from his luggage; it appears to be a resource which he carries with him now. More recently, their parents, along with a younger brother who hopes to attend Augustine College next year, were with us, and the mother informed me that her daughter had presented her with a copy of the BCP at Christmastime. She said that she was looking forward to learning more about it. She joined us for our "Reading the Scriptures" class that day and was thrilled to discover that we were focusing on the BCP and the approach to Scripture reflected in Collects authored by Archbishop Cranmer.

My sense is that faithful, Bible-believing Christians continue to find the Prayer Book to be an effective resource in living out their faith. I know that I and my family most certainly do. Thank-you for you support of the Lord's ministry through Augustine College.

All blessings in Christ's Name,

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This past academic year, our Branch provided a bursary to Mr Nicholas Hatt, a postulant for the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island who will be beginning his final year of studies at the Atlantic School of Theology this fall. Your Editor, having known Mr Hatt for a number of years, received a lengthy electronic letter which was transmitted to friends and relatives. The following represents excerpts from his letter.

San Ignacio, Belize
Central America

Feast of the Holy Trinity, A.D. 2007

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Name of our Risen and Ascended LORD!

I have been in the Diocese of Belize, in Central America, for three weeks now. As part of the Anglican Church of Canada's International Internship Program for Theological Students, I will serve in the Parish of St Andrew in the town of San Ignacio until early August. The parish has been without a resident priest for almost one year. I arrived in Belize on May 14. I spent my first few days in Belize City, the former capital, which still remains the social and commercial centre of the country.

After some time in Belize City at the Diocesan Offices, I was fortunate to visit St John the Baptist Cathedral, which is a charming, 19th century colonial building. I was able to spend some time with the Cathedral Dean, Lloyd Neal. Fr Neal was kind enough to not only give me a tour of the Cathedral, but also took me around Belize City for a good part of the day. Our first stop was Queen's Square Anglican Primary School, to which the Dean is chaplain. The schools in Belize are mostly church-run, ...

On Ascension Day I was able to attend Divine Worship at the Cathedral, with over 300 children who attend one of the local Anglican primary (elementary-level) schools. The Cathedral was full of 5 to 9 year olds, belting out hymns from *Hymns Ancient and Modern* at the top of their lungs. Alleluia!

After these first initial days in the country, Bishop Wright drove me 100 kms west to St Andrew's parish in San Ignacio where I will serve much of my time in the Diocese. St Andrew's Church and Rectory are located in downtown San Ignacio, and has both English and Spanish-speaking congregations. The Spanish-speaking congregation is served by a local Spanish priest, Olivia Vasquez, while I will serve the English congregation. The parish also has two satellite points in the rural areas: St. Hilda's in Georgeville, and St. Barnabas' in Central Farm. Unfortunately, the parish has never had a priest stay for more than six years, the latest incumbent having left about one year ago. They celebrated their centennial only 2 years ago, ...

I couldn't ask for more friendly or gracious hosts here in San Ignacio. The Rectory where I stay even had a fridge full of milk and juice and water when I arrived!

Over the past few days, as I have met parishioners and townsfolk, I have also made myself busy at the three local Anglican schools. As the pastor at St Andrew's, I also serve as chaplain to the more than 600 children and teachers at these schools. On a regular basis the children come to the parish church where I lead them in worship. With graduation fast approaching at the end of June, it will soon be a very busy time at the schools.

As I settle in to the parish, please pray for the people of Belize, and for me, as I come to know them as the "people of his pasture, and the sheep of His hand."

In Christ, Nicholas Hatt

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

As I have pointed out before, the Ottawa Branch is running into a financial position of some danger, as we consistently give out more money in grants to worthy *BCP*-related programs and education in Canada than we take in each year in donations. Our grants go to such projects as the National Newsletter, the "Parish Alive!" program, the Cranmer Conference for young adults, the St. Michael's Conference for teenagers, the cost of *BCP*'s for Augustine College students, providing bursaries to theological students, assistance to Ottawa priests in attending the Atlantic Theological Conference, and so on. In addition, we operate our own Branch program with its expenses. Expenses for the Quiet Day, held on March 31, 2007, with Bishop Donald Harvey, amounted to over \$643 but we received only \$155 through the open offering. There is also the cost of providing three Newsletters a year to our membership.

Here are some figures for your information:

| | 2006 | 2007 (budget figures) |
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| Carried forward: | \$7,360.02 | \$5,594.40 |
| Income: | \$9,241.04 | \$8,470.00 (expected) |
| Expenditures: | \$11,006.66 | \$13,600.00 (expected) |
| Year-end balance: | \$5,594.40 | \$564.40 (expected) |

As you can see, if we give all the grants we have budgeted, and if we fail to increase our income, the Branch will have essentially no money left in the bank by the end of the year. What would you, our members, like your Executive to do? We can decrease the number of grants we give out - but how would that help the Society and its work? We can increase the cost of the products we offer for sale, such as the "Anglican Church Calendars" and Christmas cards. We can hope that our members continue to support the work of the Branch through financial donations. To that end, a tear-off is printed below and an envelope is provided for your use. Your help is always appreciated, and all contributions are fully tax-receiptable.

Please return this form in the self-addressed envelope provided to:

The Treasurer
 Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch
 303 - 3099 Carling Avenue
 Ottawa, Ontario K2H 5A6

I wish to make a donation to the Ottawa Branch and am enclosing a cheque for \$ _____.
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