

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 hastest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent : Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES and EVENTS

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| Sunday, February 25 | <i>BCP</i> Choral Mattins at St James', Perth (<i>see notice on page 4</i>) |
| Sunday, March 11 | Choral Evensong, All Saints', Sandy Hill (<i>see notice on page 5</i>) |
| Sunday, March 18
7:00 p.m. | Evensong and Benediction for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets |
| Sunday, March 25
6:00 p.m. | Our Annual Chinese Dinner in the Parish Hall of St Luke's Church, 760 Somerset Street West <i>followed by</i> Concert in St Luke's Church (<i>see programme on p. 3</i>) |
| Saturday, March 31
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Lenten Quiet Day led by Bishop Donald Harvey at St Barnabas' Church (and Parish Hall), Kent and James Streets (<i>see notice on p. 3</i>) |
| Palm Sunday, April 1
10:30 a.m. | Bishop Harvey will preach at the Solemn High Mass at St Barnabas' Church, Kent and James Streets |
| Sunday, April 15
7:00 p.m. | Festal Solemn Evensong, Procession and Benediction for the Octave Day of Easter, followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church |
| Wednesday, April 25
7:30 p.m. | Annual General Meeting will be conducted in the Fred Allen Memorial Hall, St Barnabas' Church |
| Sunday, May 20
10:30 a.m. | Festal Evensong and Benediction for the Sunday after Ascension, followed by a reception at St Barnabas' Church |

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Chairman's Remarks

You all have received copies of the Christmas, 2006 issue of the National PBSC Newsletter outlining the possibility that the *Book of Common Prayer* will come under direct fire once again at the June, 2007 General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada with Motions for a combined Prayer Book.

I urge you to support the efforts of our National Chairman and Council with your prayers and donations as they seek to prevent this disintegration of the system of worship we in our Society are pledged to protect and pass on enriched and unimpaired to posterity known as the *Book of Common Prayer*.

I would remind you that National donations should be sent to **The Prayer Book Society of Canada, P.O. Box 38060, 1430 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K2C 3Y7** and Branch donations should be forwarded to **Miss Frances B. Macdonnell, 303-3099 Carling Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K2H 5A6**.

Suggested posters or other artwork for display at General Synod have been requested (contact Ronald Bentley at 613-822-1911).

Reaching Out

Frances Macdonnell and the Cathedral Singers continue to be active throughout the Diocese (and beyond) bringing Choral Evensong (*BCP*), at least three times a year, by invitation to parishes near and far. Many thanks, Frances, to you and the Choir members for this very valuable donation of your time and talents. (I have since learned that, following one such service, a *BCP* Eucharist was held in the Parish with a large congregation in attendance.)

Prayer Book Sunday at Nolan's Corners on October 29th has also produced a ripple effect. Thanks for the energy (in retirement) of the Rev. Dr Ron Hunt and all who assisted with the Parish's 120th Anniversary service of Choral Evensong, (which also recognized decades of faithful service by the late Eleanor Cornish); it was greeted with such enthusiasm by all that the Organist and Choir from St James', Perth will do it all again in their parish on February 25th. The event also provided an opportunity to bid farewell and Godspeed to our retiring Bishop Coffin who preached at the service.

Think of the words of the Rev. Dr Robert Crouse who has been known to caution about outcomes (e.g. General Synod) or our effectiveness, "We're only responsible for planting the seeds, ...".

Incidentally, the Branch is gathering a group of very knowledgeable clergy willing to counsel any *BCP* enquirers (call 613-749-5058). You may also consult Fr Roland Palmer's definitive book, "Readiness and Decency" which is still available through the same phone number or by sending an e-mail to robert@zeuter.com. (Note: I recall seeing Fr Palmer's name on the "Standing Committee of General Synod on Revision" (of the *BCP*). That was in the 1950s and he was a recognized authority then.)

Once again the Branch will be supporting the St Michael's Youth Conference for teens (11 - 19) to be held in Durham, Ontario at the end of August. The Branch would be glad to send a representative and funds to assist such as student are in the budget. For information, please call 613-749-5058 or check online at www.geocities.com/stmikesontario.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter you will find encouraging information on “Parish Alive” which, on your behalf, the Executive has once again supported.

I deeply regret to announce that Ruth MacLean, our very talented Branch Artist-in- Residence for close to a decade died on November 15th 2006. For six successive years, Ruth created lovely Christmas cards for our use which also publicized the aims of the Society to all who received them. In 2005 Ruth integrated some beautiful *BCP* Collects appropriately into a set of greeting cards for all occasions. Donald, her graphic designer husband, assisted with both of these projects. Ruth’s creativity was apparent also in the food and decorations at special events. And underneath all was her zeal for the *BCP*. The Branch challenge now is, “Who follows in her train?”.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Wilson

Our Annual Chinese Dinner
will be held at St Luke’s Church on
Lent IV, Mothering Sunday - - - March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

As there is a minimum number of guests required by the parishioners of St Peter’s Chinese congregation, please plan to attend. Invite your friends or fellow parishioners. The cost is \$35.00 per person with a small portion of that amount being given to St Luke’s for the evening’s concert. The programme to be played by organist Nicholas Fairbank is shown below.

For information, please contact **Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058** or **Willa Rae at 613-526-4405**. Cheques for \$35.00 per person should be sent to Willa by March 20, at 1317 Chattaway Avenue, Ottawa, Ontario K1H 6S2. Willa will accept reservations by telephone until March 22.

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Sonata No. I	Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
Prière	Joseph Jongen (1873 - 1953)
Variations on Two Themes	Naji Hakim
Congregational Hymn:	“Abide with me”
Meditation on “Abide with me”	John Vandertuin (a Canadian composer)
The British African Gavotte	G. Jennings Burnett
Poem	Nicholas Fairbank (the artist himself)
Epilogue	Gilles Leclerc (an Ottawa composer)
Sweet Sixteenths	William Albright (an American composer)
Toccata	Théodore Dubois (1837 - 1924)

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Special Notice

We are pleased to welcome **The Right Rev. Donald F. Harvey** (retired Bishop of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador) who will lead a Lenten Quiet Day entitled “***Not weighing our merits but pardoning our offences***”. This Quiet Day, to be held on Saturday March 31st from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., is being co-sponsored by the Church of St Barnabas, Apostle and Martyr. Although it is being held rather late in Lent, we feel it will be a perfect way to prepare us for Holy Week and Easter. The Bishop will also preach at St Barnabas’ at the 10:30 a.m. Solemn High Mass on Palm Sunday.

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A NEW VIDEO FROM PARISH ALIVE!

Using filmed material from the 25th Atlantic Theological Conference, the newest PA! DVD features the topical theme of “Christian Friendship”. Papers by Dr Edith Humphrey (‘*Love and Friendship in Biblical Theology*’), the Rev. Dr Robert Crouse (‘*Love and Friendship in The Middle Ages*’), and the Rev. Dr Gary Thorne (‘*The Contemporary Response to the Notion of Christian Friendship*’), make up a six-part video that runs some 2 3/4 hours, ideal for weekly study groups or for private use. Also available are “The Trinity Today - God’s Mystery unveiled to Us”, a four-part video with Dr Edith Humphrey, and ‘Baptism Preparation - Making Disciples of all Nations’, with Dr Stephen Andrews (the latter two having been advertised in earlier Branch Newsletters). Cost for each DVD is \$30.00, shipping paid, from: St Peter Publications, Box 713, Charlottetown, PE, C1A 7L3, by email to stptepub@isn.net , or by phone (902) 368-8442

From the Parish Alive! website at www.parishalive.ca , you can download helpful devotional material such as “A Week at Prayer” - featuring the daily Anglican cycle of prayer, a daily Scripture reading, and a meditation from the writings of the early Church. There is also a listing of a more full schedule of daily Scripture lessons for the morning and the evening. Also included on each insert are some helpful suggestions for a healthy life of prayer. It is planned to add links to other Anglican material throughout the world during the coming year, and to produce additional videos as funds become available.

Donations to further the work of Parish Alive! will be gratefully received at Box 446, Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 3V3, and an official tax receipt issued.

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BCP Mattins . . .

You are reminded that Sung Mattins is held the first Sunday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral. The Service lasts about 30 minutes.

There will be a *BCP* Choral Mattins at St James’, Perth on Sunday February 25th at 10:00 a.m. PBSC members are encouraged to attend.

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Parishes having Prayer Book services:

Please remember that we hope to be able to publish a complete list of all parishes in the Diocese of Ottawa that offer *Book of Common Prayer* services on a regular basis. In the last Newsletter we included a chart listing times of *BCP* services in 5 Ottawa parishes (the Cathedral, St Aidan’s, St Bartholomew’s, St Barnabas’, and St Matthew’s). We are certain there are more. If you are able to provide information about regular Prayer Book services in other parishes, please call Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. Based on our findings, it is the intention of Parish Alive! to include this information on the national website of the Society so that members and visitors alike will be made aware of which parishes hold Prayer Book services.

St Michael's Youth Conference

For information, see the Ontario Conference website at www.geocities.com/stmikesontario or make contact at stmichaels@canada.com . If you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners know of any teenagers who would be interested in attending this year's Conference and would appreciate financial assistance, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. This year's Conference will be held from August 20th to 25th, near the town of Durham (northwest of Toronto).

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The 2007 National Cranmer Conference "Anglicanism, Stirred Not Shaken"

The 2nd Cranmer Conference, planned by the Grand Valley Branch and the Greater Niagara Branch of the PBSC, will run from Friday June 1st through to Sunday June 3rd (Trinity Sunday) at St Paul's, Dunnville.

Speakers and Leaders this year include: Fr Haynes Hubbard, Chaplain to the Conference and Rector of the host parish of St Paul's, Dunnville; the award-winning author Sue Careless, who visited us this past fall; Dr William Renwick, professor at McMaster University, parish organist in Hamilton, and music director of the Conference; and Bishop Anthony Burton who will be the principal speaker.

For information, please call Walter Raybould at (905) 971-7863. Some information is available on the web at www.geocities.com/cranmerconference . Although the Conference is planned as a follow-up for those who may have attended earlier St Michael's Conferences, it is aimed at all people between the ages of 19 and 29. Registration remains at \$50.00 per person again this year. The cost for 'others' who would like to attend the Banquet and hear Bishop Burton is \$20.00.

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The 27th Atlantic Theological Conference "Justification and Sanctification"

This year's conference will be held at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton beginning in the evening of Tuesday May 29th and ending at noon on Friday June 1st. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We will provide more information in the next Newsletter. Information as it becomes finalized may be found on the St Peter's Cathedral website at www.stpeter.org/ .

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Advance Notices

The Cathedral Singers, under the direction of Frances Macdonnell, will sing Choral Evensong in **All Saints', Sandy Hill, on Sunday, March 11 (Lent III)** at 4.30 p.m.

We hope to have our Annual Evensong and dinner in the Parish of Carp in late June. Detailed information will follow in the next Newsletter.

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NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Here is a summary of the financial situation of the Branch at the end of 2006:

Carried forward:	\$7,360.02
Total income:	\$9,170.24
Total expenses:	\$10,935.86
Balance:	\$5,594.40

As you can see, we are spending more than we are taking in. Many of our expenses are in the form of donations to the activities of other parts of the Prayer Book Society of Canada. For instance, during 2006 we gave the following grants:

To support the publication of National Newsletters @ \$500 each:	\$1,000
To support two theological students @\$500 each:	\$1,000
To assist an Ottawa priest to attend the Atlantic Theological Conference:	\$350
To support the national "Parish Alive!" program:	\$500
To support the Cranmer Conference for young adults:	\$500
To support the publication of Sue Careless's Volume II:	\$500
To support the cost of the National Scholarship program:	\$200
 Total:	 \$4,050

The members of your Executive have felt that all of these grants are worthwhile, and represent significant ways in which our Branch is able to support activities which fulfil the mandate of the Prayer Book Society of Canada. In previous years, we have also given a grant of \$500 to support the cost of the St. Michael's Camp for teenagers, and as well, we use the income from the Lorna D. Young Memorial Bequest (approximately \$280 per annum) to support the cost of providing copies of the *Book of Common Prayer* to the students at Augustine College. From the Bequest, at times we have also provided newly ordained clergy with larger print Prayer Books.

Apart from all this, the costs of operating our own Branch's program amount to approximately \$3,000 per annum. This includes the cost of publishing and mailing our own Newsletter three times a year, and the cost of arranging programs such as the upcoming Quiet Day to be led by Bishop Donald Harvey.

The rest of the money spent in 2006 represents the cost of acquiring calendars, Christmas cards, Hasti-notes, and copies of Sue Careless's books. We then sell these products to our members at essentially cost-recovery levels; that is, we make very little profit on these products.

I am inviting your opinions on how we can solve this imbalance between our income and our expenditures. We can **(a)** lower the expenditures by giving fewer grants, or **(b)** increase our income, primarily by charging higher prices for our products. And of course, as always, we appreciate the financial donations made by our members, which are all completely tax-receiptable. If you have comments to make on this topic, please call me at 613-726-7984 or call Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058. Thank you very much!

Frances Macdonnell, Treasurer

A Request from St Peter Publications

Each year St Peter Publications produces *An Anglican Church Calendar* which follows the *BCP* liturgical year and features pictures of Anglican churches across Canada. Each picture is painted by the noted Canadian Artist, Peter Bresnen, then reproduced in the Calendar. If you would like to have your church included in a future Calendar, please submit pictures (interior and exterior preferred) including the name of your parish church, its location, and a very short description of its history to St Peter Publications Inc., P.O. Box 713, Charlottetown, PEI C1A 7L3.

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Over the years, many of our members have enjoyed subscribing to and reading issues of the *Anglican Free Press : A Voice for the Renewal of Traditional Christianity in the Canadian Church*. It is with both sadness and expectation for the future that your Editor has reproduced, with permission, the following notice which is included in the most recent issue of the *AFP*:

Handing Over the Torch. . .

A Message From the Chairman of the Board of St. Peter Publications

Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, A.D. 2006

We regret to announce to our readers that this will be the last issue of the Anglican Free Press. At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of St. Peter Publications held on November 22, 2006, in Charlottetown, P.E.I., the decision was made to discontinue publishing the AFP. A declining number of subscribers and rising costs of producing the AFP had been a concern for the last few years. Recently when Father Gavin Dunbar, our AFP Editor, decided that the time had come for him to step down as Editor, this gave added impetus to the Board to make a decision.

We hope that the *Anglican Free Press* has served a useful purpose for these last twenty-two years, in its witness to traditional Anglicanism, and as a voice for the renewal of the church in the present day. The masthead page reads "A Faithful Watchman, Messenger, and Steward of the Lord for 22 years" and we hope that this has been true. The *Anglican Free Press* first began publication in 1984, under the editorship of The Rev'd Canon Robert Tuck. We wish to express our gratitude to Canon Tuck for founding the AFP and serving as its first Editor. In 1995, Father Gavin Dunbar took over as Editor. We also express our thanks and appreciation to him.

St. Peter Publications, the publisher of the *Anglican Free Press*, continues to be "alive and well". We continue to publish annually our "Anglican Church Calendar" which is purchased by many parishes across the country in every province. Each year we publish a book containing the proceedings of the annual Atlantic Theological Conference. Our "Common Prayer Commentaries" continue to sell, as well as the "St. George's Christian Education Curriculum". Numerous other books, booklets, tracts, and pamphlets that we have published over the years continue to be available.

In Spring of 2005, St. Peter Publications partnered with the "Anglican Planet Project" to begin a new publication *The Anglican Planet*. It is appropriate now that St. Peter Publications put its energy and resources into this new publication, instead of the AFP.

We wish to thank our readers over the years for their encouragement and support.

*The Rev'd Canon Peter W Harris
Chairman of the Board of St. Peter Publications*

A Final Note From our Editor

Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle, A.D. 2006

Being editor of the Anglican Free Press is something I fell into. Canon Tuck had asked me to be assistant editor, so I was

on the spot when a successor was needed; and with the help of Fr Peter Harris as publisher, and the loyal support of our readership, we have trundled along merrily ever since. Perhaps I should say "buzzed" rather than "trundled": like its namesake, the *Winnipeg Free Press* under the editorial leadership of John Wesley Dafoe, the AFP's most characteristic mode has been that of a gadfly or wasp, trying to sting the dozing cow of Canadian Anglicanism into wakefulness. I am not sure the cow has been grateful, but we have persisted, for what now seems like an astonishingly long time.

In recent years, due to residence in the United States, my knowledge of the Canadian church has become more remote, and it seemed like a good time to move on. At the same time, the astonishing rise and success of *The Anglican Planet* has suggested a different approach to a journal that serves historic Anglican orthodoxy in Canada. So with gratitude to St. Peter Publications, and all those who have been part of the *Anglican Free Press* over the years, and with the heartiest of best wishes to the editors of the Planet, I hand over the torch. And may God continue to bless those who hold loyally to the faith of Jesus Christ, as this has been received by historic Anglicanism in Canada.

The Rev' d Fr. Gavin Dunbar
Editor of the Anglican Free Press

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The Episcopal Church and The Anglican Communion

By Gavin Dunbar

After the summer hiatus, September saw a flurry of meetings and announcements bearing upon the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. Overall, they present some grounds for cautious optimism. At the center of these discussions is Lambeth 1.10 (on human sexuality); the Windsor Report and its recommendations for the healing of the Communion; the response of the General Convention to it in 2006; and the Anglican Covenant it proposes, together with the Archbishop of Canterbury's suggestions for that in last summer's *Challenge and Hope*. On top of this comes the appeal I for Alternative Primatial Oversight provoked by the election of Jefferts Schori as presiding bishop.

Eleven American bishops met in New York 11th-13th September to consider the appeal for Alternative Primatial Oversight by seven Network dioceses (later that month increased to eight). They included Presiding Bishop Griswold and Presiding Bishop-elect Schori, and four Network bishops. Reportedly, in the course of "honest and

frank conversations that confronted the depth of the conflicts that we face", they "recognized the need to provide sufficient space, but were unable to come to common agreement on the way forward." It is hard to gauge how seriously Griswold and Schori are pursuing a negotiated settlement - but that they should feel the need to start talking about is interesting.

On Sept. 15th, Archbishop Williams released a letter to the primates, phrased with the usual diplomacy, but delivering a number of unmistakable messages, mostly bad news for the liberals: "It is clear that the Communion as a whole remains committed to the teaching on human sexuality expressed in Resolution 1.10 of the 1998 Lambeth Conference, and also that the recommendations of the Windsor Report have been widely accepted as a basis for any progress in resolving the tensions that trouble us. As a Communion, we need to move forward on the basis of this twofold recognition." Moreover, "the resolutions of General Convention still represent

what can only be called a mixed response to the Dromantine requests [of the Primates]. ... although some of the requests have been fully dealt with, there remain some that have not. This obviously poses some very challenging questions for our February meeting and its discernment of the best way forward." He did caution conservatives against assuming "that there is a rapid short-term solution that will remove our problems... without the essential element of personal, probing conversation." Yet along with that caution, came the appointment of a Global South primate, Archbishop Drexel Gomez of the West Indies, to chair a committee to design the proposed Anglican Covenant. "We pray that we may seek" he said, "not an empty external unity but a deep common commitment to the crucified Jesus which will unite us as forgiven sinners".

On the same day, one of the largest churches in the Episcopal Church, Christ Church, Plano, announced its intention to sever ties with the Episcopal Church, upon payment of \$1.2 million to the Diocese of Dallas to secure title to their property. They will remain within the Communion through the oversight of the Bishop of Peru. Of course such amicable dissolution is only possible because of the goodwill of the diocese of Dallas, and the National Church may yet mount a legal challenge to it. A new twist was the meeting (Sept 19-22) at Camp Allen, Texas, of twenty-one "Windsor bishops" (one of them the lady bishop of Rhode Island who had voted *for* Gene Robinson and now regrets it) committed to compliance with the Windsor Report, and desiring "to continuing in full constituent Communion membership" - a phrase that stands in significant counterpoint to the unilateralist views of General Convention. In a letter to the House of Bishops, they affirmed faith in Jesus Christ "uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures, set forth in the Catholic Creeds, and to which the historic Anglican formularies bear witness"; and committed themselves "to the conciliar character of our Communion." They said the General Convention of 2006 "did not adequately respond to the request made of The Episcopal Church by the Communion through the Windsor Report and the Primates", endorsed the development of an Anglican Covenant as supported by Archbishop of Canterbury, and accepted both the Windsor Report and Lambeth 1.10 as expressing "the mind of the Communion for teaching and discipline".

On structural remedies, they were more

cautious but did agree "that many congregations ... need a safe space within which to live out the integrity of their faith in compliance with the Windsor Report", and recognized "the need of some among us for an alternative primatial relationship". They plan to meet again early in the new year. If their modest numbers should grow, this group could have a constructive influence.

The heavyweight meeting of the month was in Kigali, Rwanda, where the African primates met under the chairmanship of Peter Akinola, the formidable Primate of Nigeria. Their communique welcomed the development of an Anglican Covenant that "will demonstrate to the world that it is possible to be a truly global communion where differences are not affirmed at the expense of faith and truth but within the framework of a common confession of faith and mutual accountability". They expressed "deep regret that, at its most recent General Convention, the Episcopal church gave no clear embrace of the minimal recommendations of the Windsor Report. We observe that a number of the resolutions adopted... were actually contrary to the Windsor Report. We are...dismayed to note that their newly elected Presiding bishop also holds to a position on human sexuality... in direct contradiction of Lambeth 1.10 and the historic teaching of the Church".

In consequence, they called for a plan to implement the Alternative Primatial Oversight requested by the Network dioceses. Pointing out that Ms Schori would not be recognized as Primate by some, and, as a representative of the Episcopal Church, is in impaired communion with others, they called for another bishop chosen by the Network dioceses to take part in the Primates' Meeting in February 2007. Third, they said, "we are convinced that the time has now come to take initial steps towards the formation of what will be recognized as a separate ecclesiastical structure of the Anglican communion in the USA", and authorized the development of a proposal. "in consultation with the appropriate instruments of unity of the Communion. We understand the serious implications of this determination. We believe that we would be failing in our apostolic witness if we do not make this provision for those who hold firmly to a commitment to historic Anglican faith." Finally, they received a report that called for no participation in next summer's Lambeth Conference unless the crisis in Anglican

identity was addressed.

At the end of what must have been a bad month for Bishop Griswold, he lashed out against the Windsor bishops for being "divisive", and sniffed "that the assessment of the responses of the Episcopal Church to the Windsor process is not the responsibility of self-chosen groups within the Communion" - an absurd claim from someone who has boasted about the democratic openness of debate in the American church. (By the same logic, the decisions of the Supreme Court should not be discussed by the general public.) He also claimed the structural realignment called for by the Kigali statement would "bring about the disintegration of the Anglican Communion" - which is a bit rich, coming from the chief consecrator in the act which he himself had agreed would "tear the fabric of the Communion at the deepest level". If he sounds a mite embattled, it is because he is. As convergent pressures mount from various quarters, Canterbury, the Global South Primates, the Network, and the Windsor Bishops, the Presiding Bishop's freedom to flout the fundamental responsibilities of his office is diminishing. And - with all appropriate cautions - that is encouraging news. +

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(Please note that due to transmission problems, photographs included in the original are omitted here.)

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General Synod 2007 and the PBSC

As noted in the Michaelmas 2006 Newsletter, you are reminded that **General Synod (“*Draw the Circle Wide. Draw it Wider Still!*”)** will be held in Winnipeg from June 19th to 25th, 2007. In your prayers, please remember Clergy and Laity alike, especially those who will be representing our Diocese. During the National Council teleconference meeting held in late January, Council Members were advised that arrangements are in place for the PBSC to have a table in a secure (i.e. locked at night) and prominent location. Still pending are arrangements for a suite in the hotel whereby delegates (and PBSC volunteers) can relax and where the Daily Offices (*BCP*) will be said. Still under discussion are a few loose ends such as ‘give-aways’, pamphlets, literature, etc. If you 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 address indicated in the Chairman’s Remarks.

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