

The Prayer Book Society of Canada

OTTAWA BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Trinity 2008

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

Pour down upon us, O God, the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that those who prepare for the Lambeth Conference may be filled with wisdom and understanding. May they know at work within them that creative energy and vision which belong to our humanity, made in your image and redeemed by your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lambeth Conference Prayer

FORTHCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

- Thursday, June 19 6:30 p.m. Evensong at St James', Carp, followed by our annual potluck supper in the Parish Hall
Sunday, October 5 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
Sunday, October 26 3:00 p.m. Prayer Book Sunday, Evensong at St James', Carleton Place
Sunday, November 16 Evensong at St Bede's, Nolan's Corners with Episcopal visit of Bishop Chapman. The time of the Service and other pertinent information will be provided in the next Newsletter.

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Branch Officers

Table with 4 columns: Role, Name, Address, Phone Number. Rows include Chairman (Joan Wilson), Vice-Chair (Wesley Warren), and Treasurer (Frances Macdonnell).

Chairman's Remarks

St Barnabas Church in Ottawa has for some time filled the Branch's need for a home base for monthly Executive meetings as well as many Branch meetings and events, in grateful thanks for which we have given the Parish a nominal annual donation. Thus it was with trepidation that we learned of Fr Kirby's transfer to Cornwall. There followed this news an anxious period until his replacement was announced. We are very grateful that Fr Stewart Murray was named and that he and Connie, his wife, have lost no time in acquainting themselves with the Parish. Fortunately, they are not strangers to Branch members who for over a dozen years have accepted their annual invitation to St James', Carp for a sung Evensong and Pub Night. In recent years the Pub dinner has changed into a pot-luck dinner in their Parish Hall. We hope that all the changes in personnel being made within the Diocese go as smoothly and wish them all well.

As foot-notes to the above, your Executive has mailed to Fr Frank on your behalf a card expressing our deep appreciation, best wishes and also congratulations on his appointment as Archdeacon of Stormont. Included with the card was a gift certificate because yet another book for packing would not have been kind.

The second foot-note concerns our next event, to be held in Carp. Fr Murray has arranged for Fr David Andrew, Rector of St James', Carleton Place, to take our Service on Thursday, June 19th. We hope to see as many of you as possible there. Directions are available by calling 613-749-5058.

Your Executive is planning a series of articles to be placed in CROSSTALK this Fall to raise our profile within the Diocese. This is expensive but proved to be effective in 1999 when Willa Rea prepared a series to celebrate the 450th Anniversary of the *BCP*. The length of the series depends on our resources so it is our hope that those of you unable to attend events will support this initiative.

Thank you.

Faint-hearted and discouraged about the future of the Anglican Communion? PBSC "lifers" should look up the pre-Lambeth 1988 National Circular (copies available by calling 613-749-5058) and pray for Lambeth 2008.

We are indebted to the Rev. Dr Peter Toon for the international scorecard of who's who currently within the Anglican Communion.

Financial Donations to the Ottawa Branch and to the National Society

Confusion often arises when donations are made. As you well know both parts of the Society have Ottawa addresses. Please ensure you mail your cheque to either
the Carling Avenue address for Branch donations
and / or
the P.O. Box address for National Society donations.

Evensong in the Parish of Huntley

at

St James', Carp

Remember our Annual Evensong at St James', Carp on **Thursday, June 19th**.

Please note that we have changed this event to a Thursday evening and not a Friday evening as in the past.

The Preacher for the service will be

The Rev. David Andrew, Rector of St James', Carleton Place.

As is our custom, 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 GODFREY HEWITT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Angela Hewitt, Canada's favourite concert pianist, recently gave two benefit recitals in Ottawa to raise funds for the scholarship fund which was created in her father's memory after his death in 2002. These two recitals raised over \$50,000! This wonderful increase to the capital of the scholarship fund, now standing at over \$120,000, will guarantee the availability of scholarships for many years ahead to help young organists study abroad and become teachers themselves, in order to supply future organists for the Church.

There have now been three national organ scholarships awarded through the Godfrey Hewitt Memorial Scholarship since 2005. This award, the largest organ scholarship in Canada, amounting to \$5,000 annually, was awarded in 2005 to Craig Humber from Newfoundland, in 2006 to Isabelle Demers from Québec, and in 2007 to Michael Unger from Toronto; the 2008 competition is presently under way. (The first scholarship winner, Craig Humber, gave a recital at Christ Church Cathedral last November.) The competition will continue each spring on an annual basis, and in this way we hope to increase the supply of highly-trained church musicians in Canada in order to train future generations of church musicians.

Full details of the rules and regulations for the competition may be found on the website of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Ottawa Centre (please see www.rcco-ottawa.ca).

Further tax-receiptable contributions are always welcome. If you are interested in helping, please make cheques payable to "RCCO - Ottawa Centre", and send them to:

Frances Macdonnell
303 - 3099 Carling Avenue
Ottawa, Ontario K2H 5A6

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Anglicanism in North America--polity and liturgy, especially written for folks abroad

Peter Toon

On the old Anglican map of the world, North America comprised two provinces, both in communion with the Church of England through the See of Canterbury, and both in the Global Anglican Communion. They were the Anglican Church of Canada and the Protestant Episcopal Church of the U.S.A.

In 2008, many Anglicans (Episcopalians) around the world both in the North and in the South still use this old map. However, a growing number uses a revised map, which is not yet stable for revisions continue monthly. The revised map indicates that the Anglican Way is no longer solely represented by two national provinces, but that five other provinces of the Global Anglican Family have entered the territory, and are seeking through missions to create their own outposts in North America. Their arrival may be traced to three sources: partly by invitation from dissident locals, partly by their distaste of the innovatory, religious agendas of the two provinces, and partly out of their own missionary spirit. In mid-2008 these provinces are: Nigeria, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, and the Southern Cone of South America. In their entry into North America, they treat the two resident provinces as no longer authentically Anglican in doctrine and morals, and thus they neither seek permission to enter or on entering seek to cooperate.

To understand the new map aright, we need also to be aware that before the arrival of these overseas provinces on North American soil, there were other, small Anglican groups usually known as "The Continuing Anglicans." They are found in several small jurisdictions in both Canada and the U.S.A. (e.g. the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada, and in the U.S.A., the Anglican Catholic Church, The United Episcopal Church and The Anglican Province of Christ the King). Their origins were in secession from the two provinces in 1977. However, since these traditionalists had nothing to do with the Global Anglican Communion, they were not normally included on the Anglican map of that Communion. Further, they have had very little if anything to do with the seceders from The Protestant Episcopal Church in the twenty-first century, that is with the Episcopal dissidents who have been embraced by the overseas provinces in the last few years.

When one asks what kind of liturgies are used in the varied churches found on this map, then one receives an answer which points to pluralism. Let us try to indicate the main content of this pluralism.

- (a) In Canada both in some parts of the Anglican Church of Canada and throughout the "Continuing churches" (from 1977 or before) the primary prayer book used is The Book of Common Prayer (1962) of the Anglican Church of Canada. This is a revision of the classic, English edition of 1662.
- (b) In Canada both in most parts of the Anglican Church of Canada and throughout the churches that have recently allied with overseas provinces, the primary prayer book used is known as The Book of Alternative Services (1985).
- (c) In the U.S.A. in the "Continuing churches" the primary prayer book is The Book of Common Prayer (1928) which is an edition of the American form of the Prayer Book, first issued in 1789. This is also used in a few parishes of The Protestant Episcopal Church.
- (d) In the U.S.A., in The Protestant Episcopal Church the primary prayer book is known as The Book of Common Prayer (1979). This represents a new kind of prayer book with multiple alternatives and varied theologies, very different from the traditional Book of Common Prayer. The Canadian Book of Alternative Services is based upon it. Also used in this Church are newer liturgies, approved locally by diocesan bishops, which incorporate basic concerns of modern, progressively liberal liberationism and feminism.
- (e) In the U.S.A., in the new Anglicanism, outside the Protestant Episcopal Church and usually in some relation to an overseas Anglican province or diocese, the primary Prayer Book is that of the Church that the seceders have left, The Book of Common Prayer (1979); and also there is some use of the prayer books of the overseas Anglican provinces working in the U.S.A. (e.g., the 1995 Prayer Book of Nigeria which is similar to the 1979 American one). A growing number are beginning to use An Anglican Prayer Book (2008) which is a contemporary language form of the classic "Book of Common Prayer" services as used in North America over the centuries, in the editions of 1662, 1928 and 1962.

So we have the situation both in Canada and the U.S.A. where most of the recent seceders continue to use without hesitation, and as part of their "orthodoxy," the very prayer book of the Church they have left behind, and also the very prayer books that certainly gave the context and support for many of the innovations pursued by these

Churches from the 1970s to the present.

There is, however, some recognition that a sound theological basis is needed by the new Anglicanism. To this end the Common Cause Partners (dissident and seceding groups in relations with overseas provinces) have drawn up such a basis which includes the classic Anglican formularies, those of the Church of England of 1662, and the very formularies written into the constitution of many provinces of the Global Anglican Communion. There is little evidence as yet that this is seriously guiding the forms of liturgy used in the new Anglicanism.

[The Prayer Book Societies in both the U.S.A. and Canada seek both to make Anglicans of all kinds aware of their strong tradition of Common Prayer, and also to encourage them to use it both for personal devotion and public worship, via one or other of the three editions of the classic Common Prayer Tradition known and used in North America—the editions of 1662, 1928 and 1962. These three belong to one distinct family of Anglican liturgy, whereas the American 1979 and the Canadian 1985 books represent a new and unstable form of modern liturgy with ecumenical roots and constantly open to revision to accommodate evolving concerns.]

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13th Annual St Michael's Youth Conference, Ontario

The Conference will be held in southwestern Ontario between August 18th and 23rd near the town of Durham (northwest of Toronto). The Conference, emphasizing teaching that is faithful to the Anglican tradition is led by clergy and lay adult leaders.

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

If you, your Rector, or fellow parishioners know of any teenager(s) who would be interested in attending the Conference, and would appreciate financial assistance, please contact Joan Wilson at 613-749-5058 as soon as possible. There is still time to register for the Conference and to request assistance from the Branch.

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The 28th Annual Atlantic Theological Conference

“Christian Psychology: The Formation of Souls”

This year's conference will be held at King's College, Halifax. It will begin with the Conference Eucharist at St. George's (Round) Church at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24th and will end at noon on Friday, June 27th.

As always, the Conference promises to be a time filled with the presentation of fine papers delivered by eminent speakers. Especially for those living outside of the Atlantic provinces, friendships will be renewed, and for many the pace of life will be slowed. At time of printing, we know of 5 members from the Branch who plan to attend this year's Conference.

*The following list of names was read out at the beginning of the Annual General Meeting
of the Ottawa Branch which convened on Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008.*

*In the absence of Clergy, Ronald Bentley led the assembled in this Act of Remembrance
for those known to have departed this life during the past year.*

MEMORIAL ROLL

In silence, let us stand and remember the souls of members of the Ottawa Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada who have departed this life since the last Annual General Meeting.

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| Nelson Alquire | Cornwall |
| Douglas and Shirley Baker | Ottawa |
| Doris Clarkson | Ottawa |
| Claire E. (Grace) Kelso | Ottawa |
| Rita Franklin | Pointe-Claire, Quebec |
| Mabel Kathleen Leach | Ottawa |
| Jocelyn Mader-Heroux | Ottawa |
| Paul Martinson | Ottawa |
| Lewis Miskell, Jr. | Ottawa |
| Joseph Montgomery | Ottawa |
| Stanley Mott | Ottawa |
| Marianne S. Neily | Ottawa |
| Ian Phillips | Ottawa |
| Donald Puttick | Ottawa |
| Margaret Rubinczak | Ottawa |
| James and Vicki Tassie | Ottawa |
| John D. Webb | Westhill, Ontario |

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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.*



LAMBETH CONFERENCE 2008

Representatives of The Prayer Book Society of Canada, will join with members of The Prayer Book Society (U.K.), and The Prayer Book Society of the USA, at the Lambeth Conference, which will be held at the University of Kent from mid-July to early August. During the first week, the Bishops from around the world will meet in “Retreat”.

The Conference *Marketplace* filled with stalls and shops, will be open all day, every day, during the main conference. It will open on July 21 and close on August 2. As of Saturday, May 31, the three Societies remain in third place on the Waiting List for a stall. By the time the Conference begins, if a stall or booth is still unavailable, it is hoped that they may share a booth with another ‘vendor’.

During the first week, our own PBSC will be represented by three members: Toronto Branch President, **Diana Verseghy**, Greater Niagara Branch President, **Alex Urquhart**, and the Rector of St. George’s (Round) Church in Halifax, **Fr George Westhaver**. During the second week our representatives will be our National Chairman, and Assistant Priest at St Peter’s Cathedral, Charlottetown, **Fr David A. Harris**, **Fr Gordon Maitland** from Windsor, Ontario, and **Sharon Dewey Hetke** from Saskatchewan.

At General Synod 2007, the PBSC provided tote bags to the delegates. Many people, even those unsympathetic to our cause, were seen to be carrying them during the course of GS 2007.

For Lambeth, our “Canadian gimmick” will be to supply delegates with umbrellas duly inscribed with “PBSC” markings. Imagine the sight of many, many bishops on a rainy British day being shielded by Canadian-designed umbrellas! Watch your televisions for newscasts of Lambeth.

Two rather high-profile events will be co-sponsored by the three Societies. The first will be a Reception, at which the Bishop of London will be the Special Speaker. It will be held on Wednesday, July 23rd. The second Reception will be held the following week, on Wednesday, July 30th, during which the Baroness (P.D.) James of Holland Park will be the Special Speaker.

Another initiative, sponsored by the three Societies will be a website Newsheet that will be produced on a daily basis.



Your earnest prayers, up to and during the Lambeth Conference are asked
for all those who will be attending from around the world,
and in particular our own Diocesan, The Right Rev. John H. Chapman.



If you are able to assist financially with the PBSC presence at Lambeth this summer, 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

NOTES FROM THE TREASURER

Here are the figures for the Branch's present financial situation so far in 2008:

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| Carried forward: | \$6,063.98 |
| Income: | \$402.71 |
| Expenditures: | \$1,057.02 |
| Present balance: | \$5,409.67 |

As you can see from the figures above, the Branch is falling somewhat behind in its financial situation, leaving us in a quandary as to how much money we can safely spend this year on the projects we would normally undertake, which include assisting two members of the clergy to attend the Atlantic Theological Conference in June, as well as supporting one or more of the "Parish Alive!" program, the St. Michael's Camp for teenagers, the cost of BCP's for Augustine College, providing bursaries to theological students, and so on. In addition, as well as the cost of our regular programs, we plan to publish another newsletter this year and to give a grant towards the cost of the next National Newsletter as we always do.

Your Executive would also like to publish a series of occasional articles in *Crosstalk*, the Diocesan newspaper, extolling the value of the *Book of Common Prayer* in our prayer life, advertising the two books by Sue Careless about the *BCP* (a third is expected next year), and inviting *Crosstalk's* readers to support the Society. Such articles, however, are very expensive, but at this moment in the life of the Anglican Church of Canada, we cannot stand still; we must either move forward, or retreat.

Therefore, your Executive very much hope that our members will 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.

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

The Treasurer
Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch
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Ottawa, Ontario K2H 5A6

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(Please make cheques payable to "The Prayer Book Society of Canada, Ottawa Branch".)

Name: _____

Address: _____
