

Muskoka Deanery Council

Tuesday, September 13th, 2022

7pm Via Zoom

AGENDA

1. Gathering Reflection
2. Discussion and Adoption of Agenda
3. Discussion and Adoption of May 31st, 2022 Meeting Minutes
4. Discussion and Adoption of Financial Report
5. Mission & Ministry: upcoming events
6. Mission & Ministry: Anglican Foundation with guest Ann Wilson
7. Mission & Ministry: 'Courageous Conversations'
8. New Business
9. Adjourn

May 31st Deanery Council Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held by zoom with 25 attending. Rev Heather Manuel called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm and opened with an excerpt from the video of the 49th Annual ACW Conference.

Adoption of Agenda: Moved by Rev Robert Clubbe, seconded by Pam Thornton that the agenda be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Moved by Rev Robert Clubbe, seconded by Ven Kelly Baetz that the Minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2022 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

The Archdeacon presented her report.

Archbishop Anne has been visiting the Deanery Councils around the Diocese. Archdeacon Debra Kraft and her husband have been in Spain where her husband had a stroke today. Archbishop Anne offered prayers. As we emerge from the time of pandemic, so many thoughts are swirling in our heads. It is so great to be back and able to sing again. She thanked us for caring for members of our community and for our faithfulness and willingness to try new things with ministry. She expressed thanks to Cary and the many others for assisting with online services.

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It is her hope that the online forum will continue to be offered where possible for those not able to return to in person worship. New COVID protocols are coming out June 1 - limitations on spacing have been lifted completely, masks will continue to be worn. The common cup will be re-introduced. June 24 masks will become optional. Archbishop Anne believes we need to be cautious in the fall and winter as she thinks we will see a resurgence.

There is lots of anxiety throughout the Diocese due to declining congregations. She suggests we enter into conversations about our concerns and present our thoughts and ideas. We should enter a time of discernment as a Deanery and referred to The Baby and the Bathwater by Robert Suderman. The New Testament has 96 images to describe vocation. We should look intentionally in small groups to these images and see what emerges. She will send a list and a written version of this invitation. We need to stay calm but start having intentional conversations about stewardship including money. Start with a vision (what does it mean to be the Church - the Church in Muskoka - in relationship with one another in another church). We need to discern a process for any new conversations at the Deanery level (i.e. the process for how decisions will be made at the Deanery level and then brought to the Diocese), similar to a concurrence committee. There is currently no plan to reorganize at the Deanery level by the Diocese. The Archbishop would like to see the formation of lay ministry teams for spiritual formation, education and training. She expressed her thanks to retired clergy for all they do. She will provide each Deanery with \$3,000 toward the 'Courageous Conversations' process.

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Social Justice Report: Connie Knighton and 5 other people were asked by Archbishop Anne to form a committee. The committee included a medical doctor, a doctor of divinity, ordained priests, minister from other denominations who became Anglican, a former mayor and an activist. They began with a period of prayer and spiritual reflections (both corporately and personally) and focused on the parable of the good Samaritan to start. They proceeded by conversation and storytelling with a focus on poverty in the north as the key issue, specifically - what does poverty look like in Muskoka/Algoma. The committee would like to hear what parishes are doing to address issues of poverty. Please send your comments to Connie at constanceknighton@live.ca.

Financial Report (as submitted by Shirley Burton).

March 31 opening balance \$ 1,069.24

INCOME of .21 Interest, DISBURSEMENTS of \$0.00 for a total of \$ 1,069.45 as of April 29th

Moved by Rev Margaret Morrison, Seconded by Rev Robert Clubbe that we resume the collection of Deanery dues in the amount of \$30 annually. Carried.

Moved by Rev. Robert Clubbe that we adjourn at 8:52 pm.

Financial Report, submitted by Treasurer Shirley Burton

Balance at Previous Meeting	\$1,069.45
Income	
Deanery Dues	\$30.00
Interest	\$0.00
Expenses	
None	\$0.00
Balance at September 1, 2022	\$1,099.45

Fall 2022 Course Schedule

THEO 1010: Introduction to the Bible (3cred) (Dr. GailMarie Henderson)

THEO 1150: Intro to Christian Worship (ZOOM Course; offered in conjunction at Huron College)(3cred) (Dr. John Gibaut)

THEO 1200: Introduction to Christian Theology (3cred) (Dr. Carolyn Sharp)

THEO 2216: Religion and Violence (Dr. Ron Srigley)

THEO 3400: Anglicanism (3cred) (Dr. Mark McDermott)

THEO 3600: Off-site pastoral reflection (Dr. GailMarie Henderson)

Requires permission from instructor

THEO 3700: Forms of Ministry (Professor Ryan Turnbull)

**Mission & Ministry:
Thorneloe Courses 2022-
2023**

Winter 2023 Course Schedule

THEO 1030: Introduction to the Old Testament (3 credits) (Dr. Justin Comber)

THEO 1070: Introduction to the New Testament (3cred) (Dr Justin Comber)

THEO 1440: Introduction to the Post-Apostolic Church (3 credits) (Dr. Mark McDermott)

THEO 2136: Christian Thought and Culture 1 (3 credits) (Dr. John Gibaut)

THEO 2710: Christian Ethics (3 credits) (Dr. Carolyn Sharp)

THEO 3500: Spirituality as Relationship (3 credits) (Dr. GailMarie Henderson)

THEO 2340: Science and Religion (3 credits) (Dr. Ron Srigley)

THEO 2150, 2151 and 2153: (tentative course code) NEW preaching/homiletics course (Dr. Gibaut) {will require the successful compilation of a Bible course as prerequisite} [3 micro-credit totalling 3 credits]

*THEO 3600: Off-site pastoral reflection (Dr. GailMarie Henderson) **Requires permission from instructor***

THEO 3700: Forms of Ministry (6 credits) (Professor Ryan Turnbull) CONTINUED

Mission & Ministry: Thorneloe Courses 2022- 2023

Spring 2023 Course Schedule

THEO 2137: Christian Thought and Culture II (3 credits) (Dr. John Gibaut)

THEO 2410: Christianity in Canada (3 credits) (Dr. Mark McDermott)

*THEO 3250: Apocalyptic Theology in the Later New Testament (3 credits)
(Dr. Justin Comber)*

THEO 3600: Off-site pastoral reflection (Dr. GailMarie Henderson)

Requires permission from instructor

THEO 3440: The Church in the Modern Era (3 credits) (Dr. Mark McDermott)

For more information please contact

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**Mission & Ministry:
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2023**

Mission & Ministry: Father Michael Lapsley

Sept 15@ 7pm St. John's North Bay OR 18@ 10:30am Epiphany Sudbury

In 1982, following a police raid in Maseru during which 42 people were killed, he was exiled to Zimbabwe. There in 1990, three months after Nelson Mandela was released from prison, Fr. Michael was sent a letter bomb by the apartheid regime. He lost both hands and the sight in one eye in the blast, and experienced severe burns. This happened shortly after he had visited an elementary school in North Bay, and he remembers the comfort and hope he felt when cards and pictures created by children at the school arrived in his hospital room.

During his visit to Algoma, there will be two public events for people to gather for worship and hear Fr. Michael speak:

Thursday, September 15, 7:00PM – an ecumenical prayer service at St. John the Divine Church, North Bay.

Sunday, September 18, 10:30AM – a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, followed by a Q&A session, at Church of the Epiphany in Sudbury. This event will also be livestreamed, and a link will be posted during the week before the event.

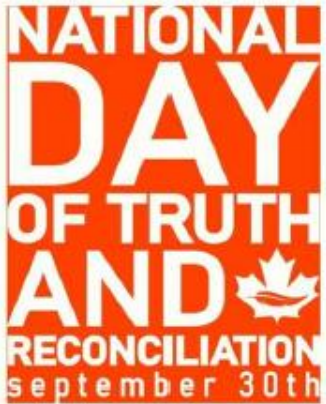
In addition Fr. Michael will be meeting with clergy in the east deaneries of the Diocese, visiting schools in North Bay and the teen lunch program hosted by St. Brice's Church, and sharing in a gathering with people preparing for ordination, pastoral visitors, and chaplains.

For more on Fr. Michael's story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tef2AwcIZsw&t=634s>

His book *Redeeming the Past: My Journey from Freedom Fighter to Healer* is available here:

<https://en.novalis.ca/products/redeeming-the-past>

Mission & Ministry: September 30th, 6:30pm Truth & Reconciliation Day Gathering via Zoom



In love and peace, let us walk together in God's Kingdom

Time: Sep 30, 2022 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84949753623?pwd=QVFZbU56MndVckloQjhabVhHRmp1Zz09>

Meeting ID: 849 4975 3623

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Mission & Ministry: Oct 1st Diocesan Lay Readers Conference

Mystagogy that Transforms and Prepares: The Rev. Dr. Juan Oliver, author of the book, *A House of Meanings: Christian Worship in Plain Language*, has served in a variety of ministerial positions as vicar, interim rector, acting canon to the ordinary, and as an academic and professor. Dr. Oliver has published widely on worship and Latino ministry. He will be joining us from Santa Fe, New Mexico. Dr. Oliver will be facilitating our reflection on the worship we have experienced together and will help us to better understand how we are formed and equipped by the Anglican liturgies in which we regularly participate.

We Gather to Be Sent: Weekly communal worship is much more than a spiritual battery recharge. Bishop Todd Townshend will enrich our understanding of The Holy Eucharist and how this liturgy prepares us for a life of baptismal ministry as disciples of Christ beyond the perimeters of our gathering spaces. Bishop Todd has served as incumbent in parish ministry and as the Dean of Theology at Huron University College. He is the bishop of the Diocese of Huron and will be joining us from London, ON.

How to Register: Please send an email to The Rev. Susan Koyle at susan.montague2@gmail.com **no later than Friday, September 16th**. Please indicate your need for a Zoom link or your intention to attend in person. People attending in person are asked to contribute \$10 to the food expenses (snacks, tea, coffee, lunch). This can be given to Susan on the day of the conference. Thanks.

Annual Lay Readers'/Church Leaders' Conference

Saturday, October 1st, 2022

Living the Gospel We Proclaim

This conference is offered via Zoom as well as a limited (30 person) in person gathering at Emmaus Anglican Church in Sault Ste Marie.

9am – 9:30am *Gathering Time*

9:30am – 10:30am *Archbishop Anne*

10:30am – 12 or 12:30pm *Worship followed by Presentation by The Rev'd Dr. Juan Oliver*

LUNCH and Social Time until 2pm

2pm – 3:30pm *Presentation by The Right Rev'd Dr. Todd Townshend*

3:30pm until about 4:30pm *Closing remarks and Sending Rite*

Mission & Ministry: Remembering Queen Elizabeth II



We join with Anglicans around the world in praying for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and her family.

The Queen is Head of State of 17 countries; and has been Head of State of others during her life. She is also Head of the Commonwealth.

All of these areas are served by one or more of the 42 Churches of the Anglican Communion.

Sept 8-18th: 10 days of mourning.

Sept 19th Funeral

Between Sept 19th and Oct 1st: commemorations at the National level in Canada, including an Anglican Church of Canada event.

October 2nd: The Service of Evening Prayer at St. Luke's Cathedral will take place at 7pm.



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Let's Welcome Ann Wilson,
Diocesan Representative of the Anglican Foundation