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New Indigenous Bishop welcomed by Yukon First Nations



Indigenous Bishop The Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald with Teslin Elder Sam Johnson



Youth Dancers of the Tagish First Nation



Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.

The Very Rev. Peter Williams and Barbara Williams. The Rev. Mary Battaja, (Associate Priest, on leave). Lino Battaja & family. Licensed Lay Minister: Ellen Zimmerman

Day 2 & 17

Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene.

Toad River, Alaska Highway, mile 150.506

The Rev. Dawn McDonald and The Rev. Neville Crichlow.

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Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist Lower Post, Swift River. Telegraph Creek: St. Aidan. Dease Lake; Glenora.

The Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame, Eric Dame & family.

Day 4 & 19

Carcross: St. Saviours. The Rev. David Pritchard **Tagish, Johnson's Crossing**

Teslin: St. Philips

The Most Rev. Terry Buckle and the Ministry Team

Day 5 & 20

Communities of: Carmacks, Keno, Faro and Ross River.

Day 6 & 21 Atlin: St. Martin.

The Rev. Dn. Vera Kirkwood & family. Licensed Lay Minister: Dorothy Odian.

Day 7 & 22

Clergy in secular employment holding Bishop's License for ministry in the Diocese of Yukon:

The Rev. Martin Carroll..

Day 8 & 23

Haines Junction: St. Christopher's. Beaver Creek: St. Columba. Alaska Highway: mile 918-1202 The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy & Lay Ministry Team.

Day 9 & 24 Whitehorse:

Church of the Northern Apostles.
The Ven. Dr. Sean Murphy (Archdeacon of Liard)
The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher, Len Usher & family

Day 10 and 25

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark.

The Rev. Susan Titterington. and the Lay Ministry $\,$

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Pelly Crossing: St. James the Lord's Brother. Licensed Lay Minister: Betty Joe.

Day 11 & 26

Dawson City: St. Paul's. **Moosehide:** St. Barnabas. **The Klondike Creeks; The Dempster Hwy.**

The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Percy Henry. The Ven. Ken Snider (Honorary Assistant) and Aldene Snider. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry; Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

Day 12 & 27

Old Crow: St. Luke's.

The Rev. Susan Titterington, The Rev. Dn. Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & family. and Lay Ministry Team.

Day 13 & 28

The Rev. Dn. Sarah Usher: Diocesan Administrative Officer.

Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee.. Diocesan Prayer Partner: Diocese of Fredericton.

Day 14 & 29

Pattie Tetlichi, Yukon Apostolate:

Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.

PWRDF Diocesan Representative: Megan Perry. Diocesan ACW President: Dorothy Odian and all ACW members.

Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:

The Rev. Ben Hall & Nancy Hall.

The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.

The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.

The Rev. Don Sax & The Rev. Dn. Lee Sax.

The Rev. Dr. Ellen Bruce OM.

The Ven. Ken and Aldene Snider.

The Rev. Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon

The Ven. Arthur Privett

The Rev. Canon David & Alice Kalles

The Ven. John & The Rev. Dn. Carol Tyrrell

The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.

Rev. Deacon Walter and Olga Majola.

Marion Carroll.

Licensed Lay Minister: Edith Josie.

Day 31 and daily

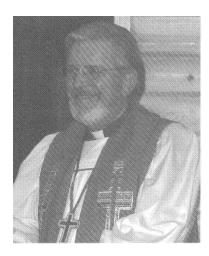
The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle & family.

Archbishop Terry Writes.....

write to you recognizing that this little publication of Northern Lights is distributed far and wide connecting with many people and so I write to share with all of you my thoughts on what I consider to be of primary importance for the Church in the Diocese of Yukon and beyond.

Canon Harold Percy in his book "Good News People" writes. "Evangelism was the heartbeat of the New Testament Church." This is true. What would our church be like if evangelism was truly the heartbeat of who we are and what we do? We struggle with maintaining our structures but what if we found by the grace of God a higher purpose for our existence? If that higher purpose gave us a heart beat for evangelism, the sharing of the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. the matter of mission would be our primary concern. Maintenance of our structures would still be of importance to us but would not matter more than the mission purpose of our existence.

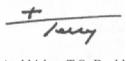
On the topic of evangelism Harold Percy says: "It's about a broken world and a loving God. It's about a God who immerses himself in our situation in order to heal our pain and rescue us from evil. It's about a God who invites those who have heard and responded to this news to share it with others



until the whole world knows." If this is not the heartbeat of our Church then what is? And if it is not the heartbeat of our Church why is it not?

Allowing willingly and prayerfully the vision-giving Holy Spirit to so move in us that we are set free from attitudes and mindsets that bind us to distorted visions of what it means to be the Church, will result in a new heartbeat of hope, the hope that the Gospel gives, a hope that we will want to share with others.

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Archbishop T.O. Buckl



A Church Presence.....

The Rev. David Pritchard

he 2007 Canada Winter Games were awarded to Whitehorse. A large recreational complex was built adjacent to the swimming pool with funding from three levels of government. These games were considered to be a shoe case for the three northerterritories of Yukon, Northwest Territory and Nunavut. Each government worked out their own strategy to make their presence felt during the games. In the same way the

First Nations people and organizations mobilized themselves so that their presence was there.

It was felt that the church — the dioceses of Yukon and Arctic, should take part and make our case known as a dynamic part of the norther mosaic. Ken Snider, a retired Archedeacon of the Klondike asked the Diocesan Executive and Christ Church Cathedral for authority to initiate a program at Christ Church Cathedral called "Church Place". With a committee of willing workers working over several months prior to the games, the program took shape.

An illuminated sign of five feet high letters drew the attention of night-time visitors on Fourth Avenue. In the cathedral, several videos were shown on a large screen, depicting the work of the church over the years in the north. Our special visitor was the retired Rt. Rev. Jack Sperry of Yellowknife.He had made a video 'Warm Hearts in a 'Warm Hearts in a' Hay River in 1955 of how the pupils of the residential school had been enabled to contribute to their communities on the MacKenzie River and Delta. The video was made by Bishop Marsh and shows Aldene Snider when she was a nurse at Hay River. The film also shows several of the Gwitchin leaders in the church as well as Rev. Thomas Umouk,



Church Place Volunteers: Rev. David Pritchard; Georgianna Low; Archdeacon Ken Snider, Rev. Martin Carroll; Michael Braver. Seated: L to R: Aldene Snider, Ruth Carroll.

Cold Land' with the assistance of the Canadian Forces in Yellowknife. This video tells the story of Bishop Sperry's work in the Diocese of the Arctic going back to 1958. Also shown was 'A New **Spring in Coppermine',** made by the Canadian Bible Society when the translation by Bishop Sperry of the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles was delivered to the people of the Katingmiuit. 'An Old Man's Tale' was shown showing Canon Vale's visit to Hay River in 1955 of how the pupils of the residential school had been enabled to contribute to their communities on the MacKenzie River and Delta. The shows Aldene Snider when she was a nurse at Hay River. The film also shows several of the Gwitchin leaders in the church as well as Rev. Thomas Umouk.

the first Inuit man to be made a deacon in our church.

Every morning a sourdough pancake breakfast was served with Aldene Snider as chief cook and ably supported by several volunteers. During the lunch hour there was a variety of soups, buffalo and elk, hot dogs, bannock, as well as tea and coffee. The lunches were ably overseen by Olga Majola from Pelly Crossing and other support staff. Videos were available for the children in the Sunday School room of the cathedral. Pat Ellis arranged for a showing of special Gwitchin beadwork and articles for display.

A highlight of the events was a tent in Stringer Park, with a wood stove (a nice touch when the temperatures went down to minus 35c), like the Gwitchin

people used to use at their hunting camps away from the main towns. This was a way for them to continue to worship God and feel His presence in their lives. Joanne Snowshoe from Fort McPherson provided the leadership for these noon-hour tent services. Gwitchin was sung, read and used in prayers

Pat Ellis designed a logo for buttons and T-Shirts for sale. The Old Log Church Museum hosted a special showing of Bishop Stringer — The Bishop Who Ate His Boots'. This is a nationally funded display piece that is now on a Canadian tour of museums, presently at the Prince of

Wales Museum in Yellowknife for the summer months. Barbara Forsyth did a daily presentation and impersonation of Sadie Stringer, the Bishop's wife.

All in all it was lots of hard work and long hours over sixteen days, but our presence was felt in terms of God's work in the north since 1858.

Special mention goes to the training of food handlers through the 'Food Safe' program, the apron makers, the sign makers, St. Paul's thrift shop, the tent erectors, the many people who helped in the kitchen of Hellaby Hall and the many food preparers along with the Bishop's Descretionary Fund for an advance to get Bishop Sperry to Whitehorse from Yellowknife and home again.



Help in the Kitchen:
Aldene Snider with the Yukon Mascot

Transformations Archdeacon Sean Murphy

his past spring, Christ Church Cathedral and Northern Apostles put on a five week DVD series entitled "Transformations." The theme of the series was an exploration of what God is doing to transform Churches and entire communities in many parts of the world through the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A small group of us met to be encouraged, to grow together in our discipleship during the season of Lent, and to learn to be agents of transformation ourselves. Dean Peter Williams and I took turns leading the sessions, which alternated between the Churches.

The DVDs are produced by The Sentinel Group, from Lynwood, Washington. This ministry, under the leadership of George Otis, is at the forefront of teaching and equipping the Body of Christ for the purposes of thorough-going Gospel transformation in our communities. Many readers will have seen the "Transformations", DVD. which explores the stories of transformations on three different continents, in Columbia, California, Kenya and Guatemala. The second DVD, "Transformations 11: The Glory Spreads", carries the story further with more accounts of

including the Canadian North. I found this DVD very compelling because it recounts the ministry of Canon John Turner, an Anglican missionary, and of how God honored his faithfulness and sacrifice with revival in the Canadian North many years later.

Church and community transformation,

The other three DVDs are less well

worth seeing.
"Let the Sea
Resound"
recounts
the amazing
revival and
transformation in
the Island nation
of Fiji. "An
Unconventional
War" is a story
of great courage

known, but well



and forgiveness which looks at the abduction of thousands of children by rebel armies in northern Uganda, and how God worked powerfully in this situation. The fifth DVD, "The Quickening", is a largely instructional/teaching DVD, and also very inspiring.

Each example of transformation we saw is clearly unique and an absolutely sovereign work of God. We cannot simply copy what other communities do. But what spoke to me were the common threads I saw running through these amazing stories of restoration and revival: earnest prayer, especially corporate; personal repentance, humility and holiness; Christian unity, especially among leaders; passion for souls; discerning demonic evil and spiritual warfare. As St. Paul warns us, "our struggle is not against flesh and blood" (Eph 6:12 NIV). No wonder Otis likes to say that certain things attract God's presence - these features of transformation certainly do that...

We would do well to take notice as we seek to

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Travelling with the Archbishop

..... Blanche Buckle

uring this past winter
have been able to travel with my husband to several communities it the Yukon. It really is a privilege to drive through this marvelous territory

of Yukon, and to visit with very special people living throughout this land. After praying that our travel may be safe, off we go. I have been to Fort Nelson, two days drive south of Whitehorse, for a retreat with the parishioners, a drive filled with majestic snow covered mountains, then later to Watson Lake, a 5 hour drive south from Whitehorse. We

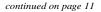
went just before Christmas last year, when it turned so cold that by Monday when we wanted to return home the temperature was -50 degrees so we were not going anywhere. When we did leave the next day at -47 degrees it took one hour to warm the truck up and starting down the highway we certainly had square tires, not to mention the very poor visibility, so bumping along and not seeing the road very clearly made quite an experience. I've traveled to Teslin, 2 hours south of Whitehorse for the second Sunday of each month as ++Terry led the service and I was able to help by playing the hymns on the organ. Another time to Atlin which is in Northern BC about 2 hours drive where the beauty is constantly before us with Atlin Lake beside the road for part of the drive. When driving beside this very huge mostly frozen white

lake, with very huge snow covered mountains hugging the shore of the lake, silhouetting against the brilliant glue sky it was another beautiful scene Another trip was to Haines Junction, hour 45 minutes west of Whitehorse

another incredible drive seeing mountains with such sharp pointed tops, they seemed to be trying to pierce the sky above them. Often, as a passenger in our big red truck I will notice a scene before me that makes me think "beautiful just like a picture on a calendar". Sometimes we get so tired of saying "Look at that, isn't that beautiful" we end up

ust sitting, driving and being in awe of our Lords landscape before us. We have seen so many different animals along the side of the road which is very exciting as long as they are able :0 move to the side of the road and not ;tay on the road. Some of the buffalo are as tall as the truck window so we are often looking into their eyes.

At the end of each drive I meet wonderful people: caring, kind, happy,





what people call a cradle Anglican; born into and raised in the faith. I have not always attended an Anglican church, but more about that later. As a young person, about fourteen or fifteen, I began to feel called to serve in a vocational role in the Church. This was very interesting in that I was not part of a congregation the time. I was surrounded by family and friends who attended different churches. I have family on both sides who have served in vocational roles. On my father's side as Anglican clergy and missionaries to Canada and India and on my mother's side as priests and nuns in the Roman tradition.

At the time, the only role or vocation that I knew about was as a Roman Catholic nun and I did not feel called to serve in that way. Women priests would not be for several years to come, so I put the feelings away. I still did not attend a congregation regularly and went along on my journey. There were a few bumps along the way. I struggled with a personal sense of what I thought the church should be about and not really seeing that reflected in the churches that I visited.

But I still wanted to know Jesus more and felt so drawn to Him. I just couldn't seem to find anyone who would help me get closer. Looking back now, I feel that God wanted me to travel this journey.

I learned much from my personal exploration.

I remembergoing to a movie called,

Christ Superstar. I was overwhelmed with emotion for several days following this. I did not know the person of Christ that was portrayed in the film. I had not been introduced to this wonderful



Rev. Susan Titterington
St. Luke's, Old Crow and St. Mary with St. Mark, Mayo

teacher and healer through the various faith traditions and congregations that I explored. I understand that the play and film were created by human writers and portrayed by actors but it was the essence of the story totally influenced by Scripture that I wanted to know more about. It was the message of love and acceptance and of standing up for what was right based on Scripture that I wanted to hear more about.

As my faith grew over the next many years, I was often challenged. I also went through some personal crisis and some health challenges. I was still not part of a congregation on a regular basis, because I had yet to find a parish home. Not knowing exactly what I was looking for, only what I did not like or what did not feel right, I eventually stopped trying.

I focused my sense of helping and serving by pursuing a career in health sciences and eventually health administration. I moved into community health and eventually not-for-profit organizations. I also returned to university to complete an MBA and eventually established my own management consulting firm serving primarily government and non

government organizations; most of whom focused on education, health or social concerns.

Lee has shared with you our experience of a wonderful, open and welcoming parish that functioned as a mutual ministry. At the time, I didn't know this phrase, I only knew that we had found a parish where all seemed to feel not only welcomed but supported in doing what they felt God was calling them to do through their baptismal covenant. The result was a strong and dynamic congregation. The congregation included many Anglicans but also others from different faith traditions. It was also an ethnically diverse congregation.

I continued to work with youth, something I had been doing in communities and in one parish many years past. My ministry was fully enabled with resources, facilities, space and support from the parish council. I also began to again explore this sense of call to ordained ministry but now in a climate of fully supportive leadership and strong pastoral support.

Lee and I then decided that we would begin to discuss the next steps in answering our respective senses of call with the Diocese. For what ever reason, I can only say the hand of God, we did not hear back from our resident Diocese for several months and

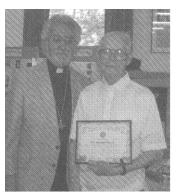


in the meantime met Archbishop Terry. We have now been in Yukon for four years. At times it feels longer, only because it feels so comfortable. I enjoy traveling to the two parishes I serve and am blessed with wonderful lay teams in each

There are challenges. Our buildings need a lot of work and there are many pastoral challenges in each community. Youth ministry is challenged by the need for many youth to leave their home communities to complete their education. All this calls for different approaches to ministry; approaches that challenge us to grow and learn, and I welcome them.

As I have reflected on my ministry to write this profile I can only say that I feel I have now finally answered God's call to serve fully. I enjoy what I do and where I do it. I have learned much and anticipate that I will have much more to learn. Each day is a welcomed challenge. I feel that I am using my time and many talents that have come from my life's journey thus far to serve our Lord as I feel I have been called to do.

Around The diocese



Archdeacon Arthur Privett at the celebration of his fifty years in the Yukon Diocese. With him is the present Dean of Yukon, the Very Rev. Peter Williams.

50 Years in the Diocese of Yukon for the Ven. Arthur L. Privett

t Christ Church Cathedral. AWhitehorse, on the 8th July 2007, the parishioners celebrated the 50th Anniversary of the Venerable Arthur Privett's ministry in Yukon. He was installed as the 19th Rector of the Christ Church Cathedral by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Greenwood at a special service on 7th July 1957 and continued as rector until 28th June 1970, when he resigned. He served as the Rector for 12 years, 11 months and 21 days and was the Archdeacon of the Klondike on his retirement.

Archdeacon Arthur Privett returned to clerical duty only after six months, For the rest of the decade, he briefly looked after northern British Columbia parishes in Cassiar and region. He then proceeded to look after the parishes north of Whitehorse along the Alaska Highway to the border. He was stationed in Whitehorse during this time, travelling many kilometres

along the highways. He retired in 1979 and by the following year, Ven. Privett became the Honourary Assistant at Christ Church Cathedral and actively continued in this capacity until the last year or so, serving for about 25 years. Archdeacon Privett is the second longest serving Rector of the cathedral, serving in both the Old Log Church and the new cathedral building, built not long after his arrival. Only the Very Rev. Desmond Carroll served longer at the Cathedral as the 24th Rector. Taking into account his Honourary status at the cathedral, he has the longest serving connection as a member of the clergy at Christ Church Cathedral.

Those in attendance after the service all wished Ven. Privett their many happy congratulations. He was accompanied by three of four of his surviving children and a few of his grandchildren. A photo display had been created to show off his 50 years of service, as well as the photos of all the Rectors in the parish.

The present and 25th rector of the cathedral, the Very Rev. J. Peter Williams, B.A., M.Div., presented the retired Archdeacon a certificate on behalf of the parishioners in the parish and those of the diocese for all his long and faithful service to the diocese. "Thank-you Archdeacon Privett for a job well done!", from all your many friends and parishioners throughout the Territory.

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A round the Diocese

Dorothy Odian Elected as Diocesan ACW President

At the Bi-annual Diocesan ACW conference in April 2007, Dorothy Odian, who has been a member of the ACW Executive for many years, was elected as the new President.

Dorothy lives in Atlin with her husband and is the daughter of the Rev. Deacon Vera Kirkwood. Dorothy is also a Lay Minister at her home church, St. Martin's, Atlin

National Indigenous Bishop meets with First Nations in Whitehorse

On Wednesday the 2nd of May, 2007 the National Indigenous Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada was officially welcomed to the Diocese of

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and struggling, just like one would find anywhere in any town or city.

Each community has church leaders who we visit and we join in the church service on Sunday, sometimes with a warm church, sometimes hot and sometimes rather chilly depending on the church stove and the weather, but most times the church feels cozy and the pews are warm. There are very devoted parishioners who, where needed, start the wood stove the night before and those who bring water from home for coffee and goodies to share at coffee time. The church leaders are amazing, always giving, always there for their people. In the communities it's often difficult with the struggles that go on, and in some places one cannot go

Yukon at a reception held in Hellaby Hall, Christ Church Cathedral, Whitehorse..

The Welcoming Delegates were led into the hall by Youth Dancers of Tagish Nation Dancers. Master of Ceremonies/Teslin Tlingit Elder Sam Johnson, the Chief of the Ta'an First Nation's representative, Deputy Chief Gail Anderson, and two delegates of the First Nations Advisory Committee to the Archbishop, Joanne MacDonald and Georgianna Low welcomed Bishop MacDonald to the Yukon in a First Nations traditional ceremony.

Two sponsoring Elders from Alaska escorted Bishop Mark MacDonald to the Ta'an First Nation Acting Chief, a symbolic ceremony of Bishop MacDonald being handed over officially to the Yukon.

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out for dinner or go to a show as there is no place like that to go, so one has a difficult time getting away for a break and must deal with what is happening in their life without having diversions away from their parish.

These devoted leaders are so very committed to the Lords call and daily continue to be there to share our Lords love with the community. To share the strength that He faithfully gives in difficult times and in good times.

It truly is a privilege to ride along in the big red truck. It would be wonderful if you could experience this with us.

I thank you for your prayers for our diocese of Yukon as we keep traveling on the road He places before us.

Diocesan Synod - God is Good All The Time!

They came from as far north as Old Crow and as far south as Fort Nelson and all points in between to attend the 37th Synod of the Diocese of Yukon held at the beginning of May 2007. The theme



was: God is Good all the time!

Faithful in the past; Faithful in the present; Faithful in the future. Coming together in a Diocese such as this is always an occasion of meeting old friends and making new ones. The rich times of fellowship and worship, sharing and praying were an inspiration to all who attended. On Friday evening clergy, delegates and visitors gathered in Christ Church Cathedral for the opening service and Archbishop Terry Buckle's challenging charge to the Diocese.

Saturday morning before the business proceedings began, there was a time of praise and worship. During this time the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington gave a very moving testimony of his journey to faith in Christ.

Then it was down to business with the various reports, both parochial and finanical: discussion and debate and resolutions to be passed. It was heartening to hear that the traditional and Biblical understanding of marriage and human sexuality was affirmed. Georgianna Low and the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington were elected to be delegates to the General Synod in Winnipeg. (Please see article on oppositie page)

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The Sunday morning service in Christ Church Cathedral was attended by a large number of people gathering to praise and worship the risen Lord.

The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson from the Diocese of the Arctic was the guest preacher at this service. Blanche Buckle, Betty Davidson, Maggie Leary Peter Braver and Rosalind Dixon provided the music for the singing of praise songs and traditional hymns with the congregation seeing the words on screen through the media of Power Point.

When Synod was over, these are some of the comments heard from delegates:

"A time of great uncertainty and challenges that came with the assurance that God is leading us into the future".

"A rich time of being ministered to".

"I really enjoyed the wonderful Christian fellowship".

Synod continued

"Coming together as a Diocese from the small communities is always so refreshing".

Georgianna [Low] McDiarmid

La.00s – Tlingit name was elected at the Yukon Diocese Synod to attend the National General Synod. She was raised Anglican: the history of her paternal grand parents from Telegraph Creek BC and maternal grand parents from Tagish Yukon have included the Anglican Faith over several generations. Born in Whitehorse, Yukon, Georgianna belonged to the Little Helpers Group - assisted Mother Ida delivering W.A. Newsletters and got to know all the W.A. Members. She was a consistent Jr. Choir Member and was in the Choir participating in the congregational procession from the Old Log Church to the First Service of the newly built Christ Church Cathedral. Since her marriage in the Cathedral, Georgianna has resided in communities throughout the Yukon and Northern B.C. and has taken part in regular Anglican Church and A.C.W. activities in Mayo, Dawson and especially Fort Nelson. While residing on Vancouver Island, Georgianna remained an active Congregational Member at Nanaimo, Chemainus and Duncan. Since returning to the Cathedral in 1997, Georgianna has enjoyed participating



Music Team. to R: Rosalind Dixon, Blanche Buckle, Maggie Leary Seated: Betty Davison, Peter Braver

in the Cathedral Vestry, the Diocesan A.C.W. and the First Nations Advisory Committee to the Archbishop. She enjoys visiting other Parishes in the Diocese such as Carcross, Tagish, Telegraph Creek, Fort Nelson and Teslin and has taken part in Diocesan Children's activities including Halo Youth Group, Braeburn Camp, Northern

Apostles Camp and Tagish Weekend Camp. She is a willing volunteer for fund-raising, evangelical and worship events



alter and Olga Majola (Pelly Crossing) V retired from active ministry in the Diocese this summer. They will make their home in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. We wish them God's blessing and give thanks for their ministry amongst us.



ISABEL DUNHAM (GILBERT) GREENWOOD, 1908-2007

Isabel D. Greenwood came to Canada in 1930, after graduating with a B.Sc. in Chemistry from Connecticut College. She graduated from McGill University with an M.D. in 1935, the only woman in her class. She married the Rev. Tom Greenwood in 1934 (Anglican Bishop of Yukon, 1952-61), and in 1935 went North to work as a Missionary Clergy couple in Fort MacPherson, N.W.T. Isabel worked there for the Federal Government as a medical doctor to the Dene native community, possibly the first woman doctor working north of the Arctic Circle in Canada. They relocated several times to Cheshire, England, Whitehorse, YT, Kamloops, BC, and Ottawa, ON. Isabel always found ways to help build bridges between the work and mission of the Church and the needs of the community. She earned the love, admiration and respect of all who knew her. She is predeceased by her husband, Tom, and her second son, Michael. She is survived by her son, David (Carolyn), and her daughters, Sally (Bob), Meg



(Ian) and Anne (Bruce); and by 11 grandchildren: Judy (Don), Christine (Dan), Catherine (Matt), Stephen, Graham, Eric, Marcus, Nicholas, Samuel, Drake, and Jessica; and 2 great-grandsons, Quinton and Evan.

This shortened obituary was prepared by Isobel Greenwood's family and printed with permission. Editor

The burial Service for the late Isabel Greenwood was conducted on 10th May 2007 by the Most Rev. Terrence 0. Buckle, A rchbishop of Yukon, Metropolitan of British Columbia and Yukon. A small group attended the graveside service, including the Ven. A rthur L. Privett.



"Not Alone" Youth Conference Rev. Susan Titterington

This spring, the weekend of May 11-13th to be precise, a group of youth gathered at Marsh Lake Bible Camp to be part of an exciting youth conference. The event, Not Alone 2 was the second of its kind, but the first with Anglican involvement. Sid Koop of Truth Matters Ministries out of Lethbridge, Alberta provided relevant teachings aimed at real youth issues with his

signature style of skater humor and youth culture savvy. The teachings focused on life choices and the solutions to the many challenges faced by youth that can be found in Scripture. Not Alone 2.5, a scaled down version of the event is planned for Dawson City this fall and planning for Not Alone 3 in the spring of 2008 will begin right after the fall event.

The Not Alone Conferences are the result of ecumenical outreach and partnerships with Dawson City Community Chapel, Riverdale Baptist Church Whitehorse and the Diocesan



The music team at the "Not Alone" youth conference

youth ministry Coordinator, Reverend Susan Titterington. Youth from Dawson, Mayo, and the greater Whitehorse area attended. An amazing group of youth

worship leaders provided lively Gospel music and led games and activities for the 40 youth who attended.

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make a difference for Christ
wherever God has called us to serve.
I would highly recommend these
DVDs, which can be purchased

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Words of Welcome and Prayers were expressed from each person and gifts were presented to Bishop MacDonald from the First Nations Advisory Committee to the Archbishop - on behalf of First Nations people of the Diocese of Yukon, and a wonderful hand carved cross made by Elder Sam Johnson. Bishop Mark Macdonald spent some time thanking the group for their presence and their thoughtfulness and spoke of the significance of this historical ceremony. He promised to visit often.

Witnessing the ceremony were eight guests from Alaska, two from

from The Sentinel Group, P.O. Box 6334, Lynwood, WA 98036, USA. Ph: 425-672-2989; E-mail: [sentinelgroup.org.

Navajoland, Bishop Larry Robertson from the Diocese of the Arctic, Archbishop Terrance Buckle and several representatives from northern Yukon.

As a closing to the ceremony, the Tagish Nation Dancers performed several dance exhibits for the gathering.

Over a wonderful assortment of food and refreshments, people were able to meet the new Bishop individually and spend some time with him. Many thanks to Sarah Usher and Diocese of Yukon office for the wonderful refreshments. And special thanks to Lee and Susan Titterington for preparing the refreshments table.

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