



**AN ENTHUSIASTIC GROUP:** Youth, their leaders, the Bishop and clergy were in Thunder Bay for the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering which took place from Wednesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 19, 2018. The event was held at Lakehead University Campus.

## Canadian Anglican Lutheran Youth gather in Thunder Bay

**By Emma Hart**

The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth Gathering, or CLAY is held every two years in a different city in Canada. It is a joint youth gathering between the Lutheran and Anglican youth, who come from all across Canada. This year, the gathering was held between the dates of August 15 and August 19 on the Lakehead University Campus in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Signatory of the Robinson Treaty of

1850. In total there were 106 home teams, comprising of 845 registrants, along with 84 local volunteers, a six member worship band, a four member drama team and various others. The youth from the Diocese of Algoma attended CLAY this year instead of Youth Synod.

The theme for this year's CLAY gathering was "Threads," which focused on the weaving of stories. The youth learned about different aspects of story telling, story tend-

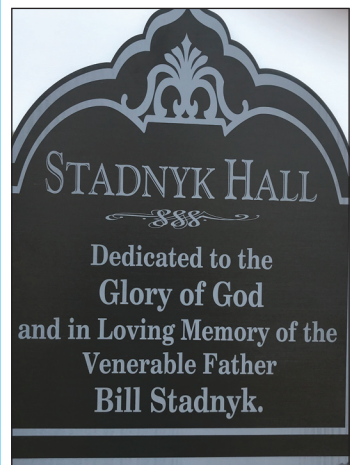
ing and listened to people tell their stories in various Large Group Gatherings, Educations Sessions and other activities. The youth also joined up with other home teams to form Story-Time Teams who worked together to participate in activities which further taught the youth about story telling and reflect on what they experienced.

At CLAY, the youth participated in the second largest KAIROS blanket exercise ever attempted.

Participants, representing the Indigenous Peoples of Canada started off either standing, or sitting on blankets which were laid out all over the floor. Other people, representing European colonists selected different participants and moved them off the blankets, or to different blankets. Often when the colonists walked by, they would push the blanket with their feet, making it so that there was less

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### Inside Algoma



#### Parish hall renamed in honour of beloved priest

The parish hall at St. James, Goulais River has been renamed Stadnyk Hall in honour of Ven. Bill Stadnyk who was fondly known as Fr. Bill.

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#### Women's Retreat held at Camp Temiskaming

From Thursday, August 23 to Sunday, August 28, a number of women gathered for a retreat at Camp Temiskaming. It was a time for learning and a little fun.

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## New organ coming to the Cathedral

*St. Luke's to acquire new high quality instrument*

**By The Very Rev. James McShane**

Since its earliest days, the congregation of St. Luke's Cathedral,

Sault Ste. Marie has enjoyed the rich blessing of music in its worship; in Sunday services, at baptisms, weddings and funerals, on high holy days, and in penitential seasons. As a cathedral, music has lifted up diocesan gatherings, clergy conferences, synods, ordinations and episcopal consecrations. So when the Cathedral's principal

organ fell silent earlier this year and was found to be, after nearly fifty years of stalwart service, beyond repair, the parish leadership knew what had to be done. They would seek the best instrument to continue this important ministry well into the future.

It was vital to determine what best means in this context. After

much prayer, research, and consultation, we came to understand that the best instrument would meet the following criteria: The organ would have the rich, broad, and deep tonal quality, range, and capacity to serve and uplift the breadth of the Cathedral's worship life. In this, the bar was set at least at the high standard of the

instrument the new organ is to replace.

The physical presence of the organ within the worship space must not in any way impede or interfere with the experience of worship. Better still, the instrument's placement and appearance

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**NEW REPRESENTATIVE:** Sandra Fox, pictured with Bishop Anne Germond, was elected to serve on the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP). Ms. Fox is an active member of St. Paul’s, Thunder Bay.

# Sandra Fox elected to Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

**By the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle**  
Algoma’s Sandra Fox was elected at this year’s Indigenous Anglican Sacred Circle to serve on the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP). An active member of St. Paul’s Church, Thunder Bay, Ms. Fox was one of two Algoma delegates to attend this year’s gathering in Prince George, BC, August 6-11, 2018.  
The Sacred Circle is the national gathering and decision-making body for Indigenous Anglicans in Canada. This year’s event was

held on the campus of the University of Northern British Columbia. Its theme was “Making and Strengthening Disciples: Reborn in Water and Spirit.” Members of ACIP come from the many First Nations across Canada, including the Inuit of the Arctic regions, and the Métis and others of mixed heritage. As a result of her election to this national body, Sandra Fox will also serve as a member of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Algoma.

# St. James, Goulais River honours Fr. Bill

**By Penny Elliott**  
On Sunday, August 5, 2018 as morning cloud gave way to sunny warmth, Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle and the people of St. James, Goulais River, in the welcoming company of brothers and sisters from St. Mark’s, Heyden, dedicated the parish hall to the memory the late Ven. William Stadnyk affectionately known as Father Bill. The hall is now Stadnyk Hall. As part of the ceremony of dedication, ashes were placed on the grounds by Doreen Stadnyk and family members.

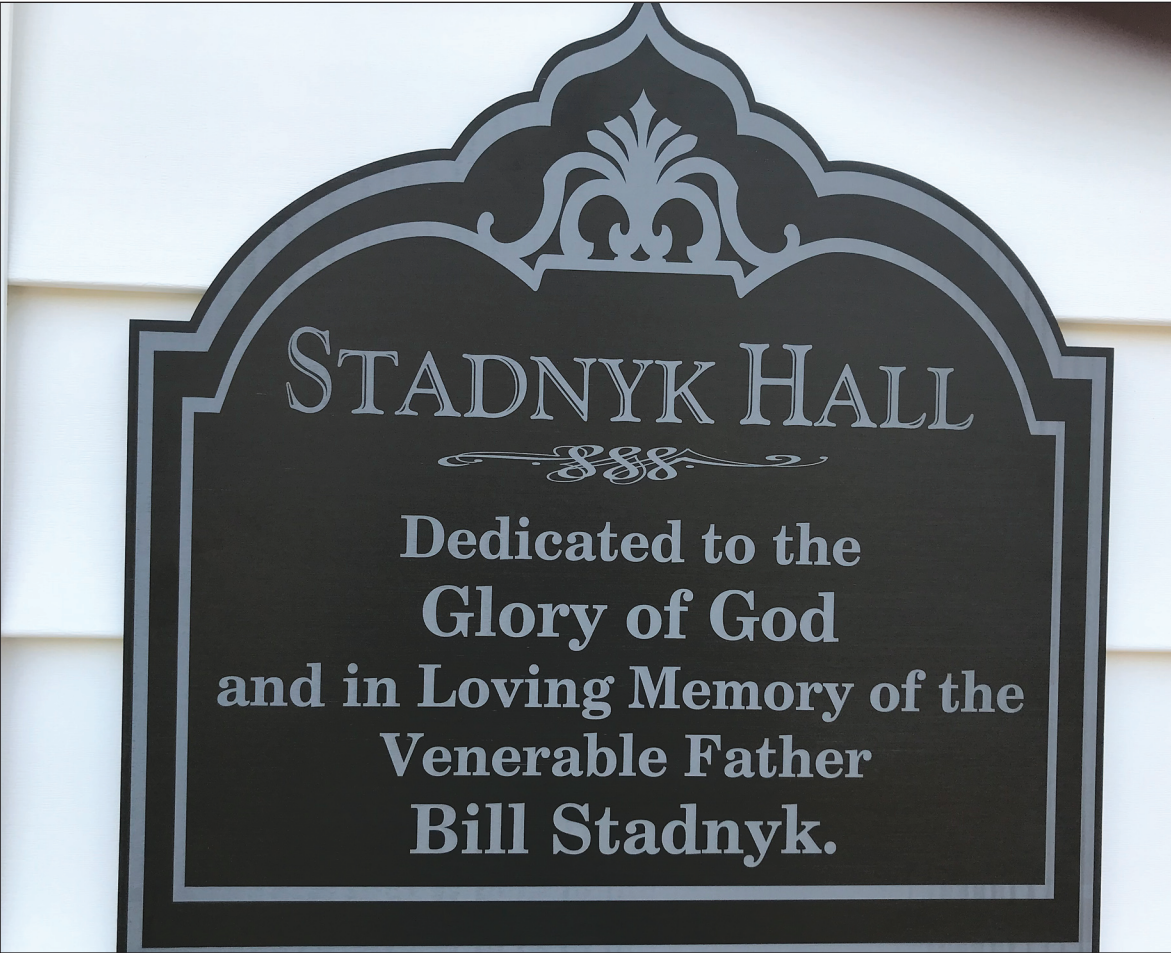
As surely as love engenders grief on the passing of loved ones, the Spirit of a loving Creator brings forth a new chapter in the life of St. James as Rev. Bill Steadman has agreed to take services at St. James beginning this September. Rev. Bill Steadman knew Fr. Bill from their friendship in Manitouddge. It is fitting that the Spirit of continuity prospers and offers the prospect of a developing relationship between St. James and Goulais River United Church where Rev. Steadman will also begin ministry in September.

# October book review

**By Charlotte Haldenby**  
Early July: the World Religions Day committee is having our annual pot luck at a member’s camp overlooking Lake Superior, backed by original forest, hearing the birds and lapping of the water. How good is that! Members were checking up on what everyone is doing over the summer! Yes, our young Moslem couple is going to Saudi Arabia for the hajj! I pray they keep safe!  
Then the Buddhist counsellor/activist says, “How are you all coping when the world is falling apart this summer?” Everyone has something to say! Then the leader of our international synagogue says, “It’s awful, but it’s the money!” OUCH!  
Within the week, I receive my *Christian Century*, that just fits our discussion so well. It’s not money, it’s people learning about each other, sharing viewpoints, listening deeply, without jumping in when someone doesn’t quite agree with you, but thinking quietly “What can I learn from that?”  
So I order their keynote reference, Parker Palmer’s *Healing the Heart of Democracy*. It’s not as political as that sounds, just looking at the health of the people (“demos”). Palmer brings up Rabbi Hillel’s three questions:  
1. If I am not for myself, who is for me? Yes, I acknowledge that I have aspirations for my life, my

family, my job and most of my friends feel the same. So take time each day to think of what is really important about your life, in your deepest heart.  
2. If I am only for myself, who am I? Then take some time to think about how those aspirations fit in the whole picture. Doesn’t every person want that security and freedom? Listen to conversation at coffee break at work, or at after church coffee-tea discussions. You can’t stop with just what you personally want, so you build your connections out to the world by neighbourhood pot-lucks, or community gardens, or maybe circles of trust, similar to traditional Indigenous discussions, of 20 people or so representing many viewpoints, sitting face to face, listening to each other, with no criticism, just the desire to learn. Maybe our own hearts will change a bit when we hear other people’s feelings on our pet issues. These chats, or dedicated discussions give us such broader understandings.  
3. If not now when? Just look at the news; forest fires, climate change, even sex education. Times keep changing. Our world is changing and we can’t just sit and watch. Your heart may be broken by what you see, but Palmer encourages us to break our hearts open to see the big issues as they affect all of us and figure out what

we can do personally to make a difference, maybe small at first, maybe just in the neighbourhood, but, as we stretch our community further, bigger and more inclusive.  
Palmer’s chapter on “Classrooms and Congregations” encourages us to go from teaching ideals to getting involved; to discuss with open hearts, with values not just our personal interests; to form communities for discussion and action, beginning with small steps to bring changes such as the community dinner highlighted in *Christian Century*.  
Today, late August, in the mail, the newsletter for Citizens for Public Justice, ([www.cpj.ca](http://www.cpj.ca)) on its final page has an article by Rev. David Bowen, Canon of Society and Justice for the Anglican diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, writing as coordinator of the Religious Social Action Coalition of Newfoundland and Labrador, about how their multi-faith group works on the goal of eliminating poverty in their area. Once again, “Three simple promises for working together”: listen to God in your heart of hearts in silence; include all voices and perspectives; start your work and stick to it on and on until it is achieved. Almost a parallel. May we go, beyond our selves, to consider the whole world, with hearts broken open to love and serve our neighbour and thus, our Lord.



**IN MEMORY OF FR. BILL:** On Sunday, August 5, 2018, parishioners of St. James, Goulais River welcomed their brothers and sisters from St. Mark’s, Hayden for the dedication of the parish hall to God’s glory and in loving memory of Ven. Bill Stadnyk. Also celebrated was the beginning of a new chapter in the life of James.

Rev. William Steadman holds a B.A. (University of Toronto), Master of Divinity and Master of Theology (University of Victoria) and Doctorate of Ministry (McMaster University). Rev. Bill Steadman is a widely published author, including *Wake Up Church* which he co-authored in 2014. He has also written for the *United Church Observer* and weekly columns for the *Sudbury Star*, among many cred-

its.  
In addition to Rev. Stedman’s services, Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle will celebrate Holy Eucharist at St. James on a monthly basis, while Charles Johnson will take on morning service each month. St. James is blessed with robust and very able leaders in the faith.  
*In Passing*  
As surely as clouds part

Before the warmth of the sun  
As surely as dawning light  
Breaks the hold of sullen night;  
love, held in precious memory  
assuages the pain of parting grief.  
Holding this in heart and hand,  
we pursue the course  
so long began.  
Should we but choose to believe,  
it is ours in life eternal achieved.  
Gregory John Saxby

# EDITORIAL

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## Letter from the Bishop

### Learning what they live

Dear friends in Christ,

“Children Learn What They Live” is a poem that describes how children acquire their values in later life. For years we had a copy of it hanging up in a place where our children could see it every day. If a child lives with criticism, the poem says, they learn to condemn. If a child lives with shame, they learn to be guilty; if a child lives with hostility, they learn to fight.

The flip side is also true, says the writer: “If a child lives with tolerance they learn patience; if they live with encouragement they learn confidence, and if they live with praise they learn to appreciate.”

In one way or another, we all learn what we live.

I share this with you because of what I witnessed at the CLAY 2018 in Thunder Bay this August when I spent four days with 800 plus youth and their leaders. For those of you unsure of what CLAY stands for, it’s “Canadian Lutheran and Anglican Youth”, and is a biennial gathering of young people from right across the country. Algoma was very well represented by youth, leaders, and volunteers. Thank you Algoma, for all the ways in which you enabled 30 members of our diocese to attend CLAY, by fundraising or by making donations in your congregations. In addition to the financial contributions, a number of lay and clerical volunteers gave up significant amounts of their personal time to help make CLAY such a rich and positive experience for our youth.

So what did I see at CLAY 2018, beforehand and afterwards, that made me realise that children and youth, “Learn what they Live?”

- Because every youth’s registration fee and travel was covered by members of the Diocese of Algoma, they learned that they are worth spending money on.

- As the youth prepared for CLAY 2018 through get togethers and fundraisers, they learned that ministry with youth is important to us and we want to get to know them.

- As the youth were welcomed on their journey to CLAY 2018 by congregations and to the Archdeacon of Thunder Bay’s home, who opened their doors to them, and prepared yummy meals for them, they learned that we value hospitality and love hanging out with them.

- As the youth listened to the words of Psalm 139 about how God “knit us together in our mothers’ wombs” and that we were “intricately woven in the depths of the earth,” they learned that they were in God’s mind long before they were even born.

- As the youth worshipped together in large group gatherings they learned that



‘whenever 800 or more are gathered in His name, that He is there with them’ in music, the Word, Bread and Wine. When they go home and there are only ‘two or three gathered in His name’, I pray they will learn that God is still with them.

- Through the teaching of elders and the Blanket Exercise, the youth learned that in order for reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters to take place, that stories of hurt and pain need to be shared.

- In small group gatherings and personal stories shared, the youth learned that no one’s life is perfect, that we’re all different, and have had times when the ‘Threads’ that weave our lives together come unravelled and can take a while to be put back in place. And that God is with us in those moments of unravelling and being put together anew.

- In an afternoon focussed on homelessness, through activities and role playing, the youth discovered for themselves that everyone deserves a place to call home.

- As the youth spent time together listening to each other’s stories of brokenness and addiction, redemption and healing, they learned that there are no superfluous people in this world; that each of them is special, valued, and made in the image and likeness of God.

- When the youth saw that the Primate of Canada, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, and the National Bishop of the Lutheran Church of Canada, Bishop Susan Johnson were present at CLAY and shared their stories, they learned that our national church leaders want to be learners like them, and learn from them too.

“Church” took on a completely different look for our youth during that one energetic, God breathed time. My hope and prayer is that when they return to their deaneries and congregations that you will take a moment and ask them to share with you what they lived and what they learned in Thunder Bay, at CLAY.

“O Great Weaver of this grand tapestry, weave our stories together in you. O Great Weaver you stitch us up when we’re torn and worn through. You take our threads and you mend us anew. And when we feel like we’re just hanging on by a thread, you promise us grace in the wine and the bread.” (Theme song for CLAY 2018)

Anne Germond  
Bishop of Algoma

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# Celebratory weekend in Windermere

By Joey Brown.

Rt. Rev. Anne Germond, the 11th Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma, was the guest speaker and celebrant at the Service of Holy Eucharist at Christ Church, Windermere's Heritage Sunday, held on August 12, 2018.

Heritage Sunday at Christ Church, Windermere is a long-standing tradition held on the second Sunday in August. This year marks the church's 114th anniversary. Parishioners who have family roots in the area speak about how important the church community has been in their lives over the years. There is a long history of music in the parish as one of its members Shirley Elliott, is a descendant of the hymn writer and English poet Charlotte Elliott who composed *Just As I Am* and *Thy Will Be Done*. This piece of discovered history, together with the very special visit of Bishop Germond set the stage for a full-to-capacity church and beautiful music, thanks to Wayne Strongman, Director of Music-in-Residence.

Bishop Germond's message paid tribute to the past by referencing other historical parishes she had visited recently, and provided optimism about the future of Anglican ministry as demonstrated by

the community outreach programs Christ Church undertook this summer. Reflecting on her visit, Bishop Germond wrote: "What I appreciated was seeing how much you value your rich heritage, and how much you realize that today the church (and as members of the body of Christ) must reach beyond its walls. The church building used to be at the centre of the community and now we must go to the centre of the community and be the church there. This is what I see you doing."

The celebratory service was followed by lunch in the church garden and the third in a series of Gazebo concerts with guest artists Catherine Morrow and her composer/pianist/baritone husband, Norman Nurmi. This was the final concert in the Gazebo Series, arranged by Wayne Strongman.

Bishop Germond sent special thanks to Rev. Robert Clubbe, Christ Church's priest. Rev. Clubbe presented Bishop Germond with a stunning kneeler which had once belonged to Ted Scott, former Anglican Primate of Canada. Bishop Germond said that the kneeler will find a home in the Bishophurst chapel.

# Diocese addresses addictions

By Erma Howe

At the last Diocesan Synod in May 2017, the following motion was passed:

That the Diocese of Algoma consider Drug and Alcohol Addiction an area of missional action and encourage parishes within the Diocese to engage in discussions and training of clergy and laity volunteers in providing pastoral care to individuals and families affected by addictions and drug and alcohol abuse and to call upon parishes to support preventative drug education at the parish and community level.

For the past year, representatives from the five deaneries have met regularly through teleconference. Rev. Gail Clifton (committee chair, Thunder Bay-North Shore), Erica Speer (current acting chair, Algoma), Barb Gladden (Temiskaming), Carrie Birtch (Temiskaming), Rev. Dr. Derek Neal (Temiskaming), Rev. Barbara Graham (Muskoka), and Erma Howe (Sudbury-Manitoulin).

It is very likely that everyone has been impacted by addiction directly and, or indirectly, yet this topic is rarely discussed despite its prevalence. In developing a response to the motion, the committee is collecting information and resources related to addiction. Members are preparing information and resources in an accessible form for clergy and laity to use by compiling a list of resources for each Deanery. In addition, the committee is preparing information sheets on addiction, and theological and pastoral

care considerations. The hope is to make this package available online on the Diocesan website by Spring 2019.

From the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, one simple way of describing addiction is the presence of the 4 Cs: Craving, loss of Control of amount or frequency of use, Compulsion to use, and use despite Consequences. A person can be addicted to different substances such as drugs, alcohol, gambling, pornography, sex, videogames, spending, and food.

A significant feature of addiction is that it separates the individual from relationships with God, themselves, and each other as the mind and energy are consumed by the addictive behaviour. It affects the mental, emotional, spiritual and physical well being. As it affects relationships with others, it significantly affects the health of parishes and community.

Committee members are pleased that the Diocese has agreed to sponsor committee member Rev. Dr. Derek Neal to attend the annual Addiction and Faith Conference in Minnesota from September 28 to September 30, 2018. The conference explores the devastation of addiction and the remarkable healing process of faith through the sharing of stories of learning and hope, and by providing knowledge about addiction recovery. Members look forward to hearing about it.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members if you have questions. The committee will stay in touch.



**SINGING AROUND THE CAMPFIRE:** Menfolk, choristers with the Men of Song choir, donated their time to play at the Campfire Sing-along in the garden of Christ Church, Windermere. Pictured from left to right are, Lyle Steep, Roger Pinney, Jim Webb and Denis Noonan, The group's honorarium supports scholarships for young musicians in the Muskoka area.



**SHARING CONVERSATION AND FOOD:** Rt. Rev. Anne Germond is pictured with Wayne Strongman, to her right and Al Quinton as they get their lunch. Speaking with the Bishop are Roz Mackenzie and, in front, Sonya Tucker in the garden of Christ Church, Windermere following the service celebrating Heritage Sunday held on August 12, 2018.



**NEW TEAM MINISTRY:** Greg Saxby, pictured on the left and Penny Elliott, wardens at St. James, Goulais River welcome Rev. Dr. Bill Steadman and Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle to Goulais River. Dr. Steadman, Dr. Koyle and Mr. Charlie Johnson have been providing ministry to the congregation since September 1. This is being carried out on a rotational basis.

# “Threads” was the title for CLAY 2018



COMING TOGETHER: Pictured waiting for worship to begin are a number of those who attended the Canadian Anglican Youth gathering held in Thunder Bay from Wednesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 19, 2018.



A TEACHING MOMENT: Presenters prepare attendees at CLAY for the Blanket Exercise with an examination of the various treaties between Indigenous Peoples and the government in Canada.



PARTICIPATORY STORY TELLING: Youth attending CLAY in Thunder Bay took part in the Blanket Exercise. The exercise explores the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada.

By the Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle

A popular national youth conference landed in the Diocese of Algoma this summer. The biennial Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering (CLAY) erupted with enthusiasm at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay from August 15-19.

Entitled “Threads,” the gathering was themed around the power of story, the importance of each of our stories and their valued place within the tapestry of God’s story in Christ. The gathering involved over 800 Lutheran and Anglican youth and leaders from across the country, as well as many local and national volunteers. Algoma sent forty youth participants and leaders, and provided many more volunteers. As in past years, CLAY featured plenary sessions and small group gatherings, worship, live entertainment, experiential learning exercises, and opportunities to socialise with friends old and new.

Rather than one keynote speaker, this year’s gathering featured three storytellers from diverse backgrounds, sharing something of their life experiences and testifying to the ways their stories embodied God’s story. Rev. Steve Greene, a presbyter serving in the Diocese of Huron, acted as “storyweaver” for CLAY. He threaded together the narratives of each storyteller with Scripture and the other highlights of the four-day conference.

One of the first highlights of the gathering was the KAIROS blanket exercise, a unique experiential lesson in the history of Indigenous Peoples of this land now known as Canada and the colonization that took place here over recent centuries. Organised and developed as a collaborative effort between KAIROS and Indigenous elders, educators, and knowledge keepers, the blanket exercise is a participatory storytelling event that explores the relationship between Indigenous and non-indigenous people in Canada. KAIROS is a coalition of ten national churches and religious organisations, including The Anglican Church of Canada, The Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund, and The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

In order to accommodate such a large group, the exercise took place in “The Hangar,” Lakehead’s 50,000 square foot athletic facility. With over 800 participants, this was the second largest mass blanket exercise to date, and the world’s largest involving primarily youth. It began with hundreds of teens standing on a field covered in blankets representing the land as it first was before settlers arrived. Participants responded to cues in the script read by a number of narrators. The exercise went through many important historical moments from first contact to the era of residential schools and the

present day.

The impact of colonization became evident as most participants vacated the floor while blankets were folded and carried away, and a floor once covered in blankets became almost completely bare. KAIROS organizers, indigenous speakers, and conference volunteers facilitated the exercise at CLAY. Indigenous elders worked with small group sharing circles following the exercise to facilitate respectful listening and reflection as participants processed their experiences.

Another powerful exercise at CLAY addressed the problem of homelessness. A simulation activity charged teenagers with finding a “temporary shelter” in an undisclosed location on the university campus. A few groups made it into the shelter. The majority of people, including the group from Algoma, were turned away because of lack of space or because they could not locate the shelter at all for lack of information. The activity was planned to coincide with the launch of “Welcome...Home,” the current Anglican and Lutheran National Youth Project. The initiative, focused around issues of homelessness and affordable housing, will run from 2018 to 2020.

At one point in the exercise as they were sitting reading the instructions for the activity, the people of the Algoma group were approached by a CLAY volunteer, accused of loitering, and ordered to move. It later became obvious that the disruption was part of the simulation. Its impact was palpable nonetheless. Speaking to Joelle Kid of the *Anglican Journal* afterward, Jesslyn Emms, Bishop Anne Germond’s appointee as youth representative on Algoma’s Youth Ministry Committee, observed, “Actually having to leave certain places was super unsettling. It’s like, ‘I was just sitting there minding my own business! I didn’t do anything!’” Overall, Ms. Emms added, the interactive element of the activity left a strong impression. “You got to feel what it was like,” she explained.

Alongside the simulation exercise, participants learned that an estimated 235,000 Canadians experience homelessness every year, with 20% in the 16-24 years of age range. It also stated that more than 50,000 Canadians experience “hidden homelessness,” such as “couch-surfing” or having to sleep in a car. As part of this CLAY activity, youth also provided donations of socks and encouraging letters for distribution at Grace Place, a street ministry in Thunder Bay that is supported by local Anglican congregations.

Youth participants also signed postcards to send to their local members of Parliament and the Prime Minister, urging support for

policies designed to address homelessness and under-housing in Canada. The “Welcome...Home” project aims to inspire youth to engage in local initiatives in their communities, like volunteering with local shelters, educating their family members and peers, and serving as leaven for fostering congregational and diocesan initiatives.

On the last full day of the conference, CLAY participants and other Anglican youth and leaders from Thunder Bay gathered at Marina Park. This was for a public witness event emphasising the healing power of story. The public witness event featured several storytellers stationed around the park, including Bishop Germond, Primate Fred Hiltz, the other bishops at CLAY, and members of local Indigenous communities.

After travelling in groups between the different storyteller stations, participants moved in procession to the Gathering Circle, an outdoor pavilion in the park’s Spirit Garden. There they heard the story of the “Seven Fallen Feathers,” the Indigenous teenagers whose bodies were found in Thunder Bay’s McIntyre River system between 2000 and 2011. The story of these teens and their untimely deaths is told in Tanya Talaga’s 2017 book, *Seven Fallen Feathers: Racism, Death, and Hard Truths in a Northern City*.

At the pavilion, CLAY Elder-in-Residence Esther Diabo spoke to the gathering and performed a smudging ceremony. Local singer-songwriter Shy-Anne Hovorka, performed her moving song, “Only the River Knows,” a tribute to the teenagers who drowned in the river system. On the final day of gathering, it was revealed that Calgary, Alberta would be home to the next CLAY gathering. This year’s participants from Algoma are already discussing possibilities and plans for a strong representation from our Diocese.

Prior to CLAY 2018, Algoma’s participants gathered for a barbecue at the camp/cottage of Archdeacon Deborah and Dr. Jouni Kraft. They held a mini-youth Synod at St. Paul’s Church, Thunder Bay. In summer 2019, a full Youth Synod will descend once again upon Camp Manitou.

Thank you to every individual and church that made possible such wide participation of Algoma youth in this year’s CLAY! You are encouraged to invite youth and leaders from your deanery who attended CLAY to speak to your congregation or Deanery Council. Encourage them in their ongoing ministry and their follow-up efforts to CLAY. Please consider working to make possible participation in the 2020 event in Calgary!

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# For always roaming with a hungry heart

By the Rev. Canon Bob Elkin

Did you ever notice that as you get older you get kind of jaded? You know how life will unfold because you've seen it all before. Here comes Christmas. Another birthday around the corner. Time to put the patio chairs away and do the stuff you always do before winter sets in. Same old same old. But then something new comes along. You're involved in things you've never done before. You're way out of your comfort zone and half of you is so excited you can't sleep at night and the other half of you is so terrified that you can't sleep at night. I always know when I'm in this state because I don't get any sleep at night and didn't I do without much sleep this past June!

Off to British Columbia on a motorcycle with two buddies! Roaring over the prairies, charging up and down the Rockies, swimming in the Pacific; the possibilities were endless and I felt like a ten year old kid again three days before schools out. I couldn't wait.

Departure day dawned cold and wet. It rained off and on all that night and the morning saw me all packed, motorcycle loaded dressed in jeans, boots and a warm coat champing at the bit to get away. My wife sensibly suggested that I wait awhile to see if the sun would shine but of course I couldn't do that. I'm the bull of the north and besides, it was lightening up beautifully in the west where I was headed so I gave her a hearty kiss, said something memorable, "one small step for man, one giant leap for idiots", and I was off!

I felt like Scott leaving for the South Pole, Franklin shipping out for the North, Mallory beginning his ascent of Everest. Then I remembered that none of those guys ever came back and the panic half set in again but was soon forgotten as the heavens opened and I got drenched about ten clicks from my house! Sometimes I'm not sure that God likes me much.

Well after my spectacular departure I couldn't show up at home again but Bruce Mines was coming up and I remembered that the library has a big overhang that me and my bike could hide under and maybe I could change into something dry. Usually the library is full of kids and parents but since it was Sunday nobody was around so I pulled the bike up to the doors, fished around in my pack for dry pants and making sure I was alone I pulled off my boots and pants and reached for the dry

clothes. At this point I happened to notice some movement on the street and looked over to see a police cruiser nosing down the road checking to see that all was well in the town. "Oh great" I thought. "The big bad biker is going to get arrested for running around in his undershorts at the door of the library where lots of children go! I'll get ten years in the can!" But then I thought, "Don't be ridiculous! Just explain that you're not



a big bad biker but an Anglican priest" but then I thought "Do that and you'll get twenty years in the can." I got ready to try and explain the unexplainable but the cop just looked over, did a double take, shook his head and took off. He probably didn't want to spend the rest of his day writing up the paperwork but I never question good fortune and I put on my pants and blew town.

Well the sun came out, the world dried up, I connected with my buddies and we did it! I've rode beside trains on the prairies that were three kilometers long and had the engineer blow the whistle when I passed the engine and pumped my arm in the air. I've passed through fields of pumps in Alberta that pull the crude up from the ground. I've walked amongst the cedars of BC that have never been cut and are as big around as our cathedral lengthways. I've sat by the ocean's shore at Tofino on Vancouver Island and had it dawn on me that the next landfall west of where I sat was probably Japan. I paid my dime and I smelled the elephant and it was awesome!

Going to be mighty hard to top that trip. The next one might be pretty anticlimactic, same old same old, done it all before, except! The next one happens this January. My brother in law, my son and me, on motorcycles and going from south to north in Vietnam! I'll be way out of my comfort zone. I probably won't get any sleep at night for all of December. I'm already getting scared to death and you know what? I can't wait!



**TIME WITH POOH BEAR:** A number of Algoma's attendees at CLAY 2018 held in Thundaer Bay, took some time to be photographed with Pooh Bear. Pictured from left are, James Mesich, Jesslyn Emms, Logan Rayment, Catherine Mesich, Joy Stott, Alexis Martin-Smith, Matthew Lacroix, Paige MacLachlan, Annie Loder and Johanna Kristolaitis. The Canadian Lutheran Anglican gathering was held in the city of Thunder Bay from Wednesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 19, 2018.

## Youth learned about issues contributing to homelessness and poverty

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room for the remaining participants to stand on. The blankets represented the land that was available for the Indigenous peoples. This activity taught the youth about colonization, and the impacts on the Indigenous populations, as well as the displacement of the Indigenous populations of Canada.

The youth also got to participate in an off-site event at Marina Park in Thunder Bay. Participants roamed around Marina Park, listening to various stories told by various people. This was followed by a procession to the Spirit Garden at Marina Park in which participants sang. At the Spirit Garden, participants learned about the "seven fallen feathers," who are the Indig-

enous teens who were found in the McIntyre River System between the years of 2000 and 2011. Local singer and song-writer, Shy-Anne Hovorka also performed a song that she wrote about the "seven fallen feathers."

Participants learned about the issues contributing to homelessness and poverty during an activity. They were split up into groups and talked about homelessness and the programs that help the homeless. Participants visited a mock homeless shelter, donated socks to Grace Place in Thunder Bay and sent postcards to the Federal Government and local members of Parliament to raise awareness and advocate for a greater responsibility in addressing the factors of

homelessness in Canada.

CLAY 2018 was a wonderful experience for all who attended and all the youth learned so much about telling stories and listening. It was a long time coming, and the youth spent the year before CLAY raising funds so that they could attend. The young people would have not been able to attend CLAY if it were not for all the support that they got from across the diocese. A big thank you goes out to anyone and everyone who supported and prayed for the youth as they raised funds for and attended CLAY. The next CLAY gathering will be held in Calgary, at the Alberta Institute of Technology in 2020.



**SYNOD OFFICE STAFF SUPPORT:** A number of the Synod office staff made their way to Thunder Bay to provide leadership, or volunteer as support personnel during the the Canadian Lutheran Anglican gathering held from Wednesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 19, 2018. Pictured from left are, Jane Mesich, Diocesan Treasurer, Rev. Dr. Jay Koyle, Diocesan Congregational Development Officer, Liz Hamel, Administrative Assistant and Rt. Rev. Anne Germond, Bishop of the Diocese of Algoma.

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**NEW ORGAN FOR THE CATHEDRAL:** St. Luke's Cathedral, Sault Ste. Marie will soon have a new organ similar to the instrument pictured above. This will replace the previous organ which after nearly fifty years of stalwart service fell silent earlier this year.

## Firm from Germany will produce organ

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might be expected to be an enhancement to the liturgical environment. The instrument must meet the test of good stewardship. By this we mean that the organ must be of a high standard of manufacture, and be cost-effective over its projected life. Further, the cost of the instrument must not become a burden or impediment to the ongoing mission and ministry of the church.

To address the final point, it was determined that the new organ should be paid for with monies generated from various fund raising activities and projects, and from gifts freely given, such as memorials and thank-offerings. The congregation will not enter into debt for the instrument, nor encumber the general operating budget of the church.

To meet the other criteria it was necessary to survey the full range of available instruments. This led to consultations with preeminent organ builders in Canada, the United States, and Europe. The rigorous survey came to the determination that the best instrument was a robust and innovative custom design to be produced by the firm Rudolf von Beckerath of Hamburg, Germany.

The organ will have a console with three manuals, or keyboards, and a full pedal board, allowing the organist elegant control of 23 musical stops, with a total of 834 pipes. Each pipe is individually made of either fine solid wood or a special metal compound, and range in size from as small as a finger to approximately 16 feet in length.

The design is particularly innovative in that it places these pipes in three groupings within the Cathedral's chancel; one group behind the existing and beloved pipe facade from the church's first memorial pipe organ, and the other two in uniquely designed clusters on the raised platforms on either side of the choir stalls. In doing so, the pipes are configured for optimal sound quality, using the fine acoustics of the church building to best advantage. This also allows the pipes to be installed without traditional casework, reducing material and manufacturing costs while presenting the pipes as a beautiful visual enhancement in the worship space. This exciting design results in an instrument that best meets our established criteria, at a cost of \$258,000, with a projected service life of 100 years. The closest competitor could offer an instrument of similar musical capacity only at a cost of approximately an additional \$100,000.

The Cathedral Vestry has strongly endorsed the Beckerath proposal and has approved a campaign to secure the necessary funding. A wide range of fund-raising activities and projects are underway, and generous financial gifts are being received. With an estimated time of six months from contracting to final installation, St. Luke's is hoping to enjoy the rich blessings of this new instrument sometime in the coming year. If you would like to learn more or perhaps support this project, please visit [www.stlukesalgoma.com](http://www.stlukesalgoma.com) or call the Cathedral office at 705.254.7144.



**CLAY HERE WE COME:** Youth from Manitoba and North Western Ontario made their way to the city of Thunder Bay for the Canadian Anglican Youth held from Wednesday, August 15 to Sunday, August 19, 2028.

## Thunder Bay welcomes group from Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for CLAY

By Gail Johnson

A group of teenagers on their way to a Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) event in Thunder Bay stopped in Terrace Bay at the Tourist Information Centre to have their lunch outdoors. It was a beautiful sunny day and they had a half hour to relax and enjoy their time there. The 80 youth, ages 13-19 and 17 leaders together represented nine congregations from Winnipeg and surrounding area. This group is part of Manitoba and N.W. Ontario Synod of Evangelical Lutheran Church Canada. Over 800 youth were expected to gather from across Canada at Lakehead

University for this event.

Their time was to involve music, ancient and modern means of worship, social events, forums, National Youth project for fundraising and much more. This group passing through fund raised for two years to cover the cost of travel, registration fees and other expenses for CLAY. They had enough left over to fly to Toronto and take in the sites and travel to Niagara Falls before heading to Thunder Bay. They met up with others who were also heading to the event that happens every two years in different locations across Canada. Travelling on two buses,

they stopped overnight at Lutheran churches along the way.

One of the leaders Lisa Van Dijk said "One hundred and sixty just from the area of Manitoba and N.W. Ontario alone, were to be involved in the gathering." The youth and leaders really appreciated and enjoyed their lunch in Terrace Bay made up by the last church they stayed at, in Sault Ste. Marie. They stopped in the small community of Terrace Bay to eat and unwind before doing the last two and a half hours of their journey to Thunder Bay.



**A FULL HOUSE:** As this photograph shows, the venue for the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering held in the Thunder Bay was packed for the opening evening event.



**GOOD TO BE TOGETHER:** Pictured are those who attended the Women’s Retreat held at Camp Temiskaming from Thursday, August 23 to Sunday, August 26, 2018.

# Women hold Retreat at Camp Temiskaming in August

**By Dawn Clarke**  
*Editor’s note: In the following, Dawn Clarke writes about the Women’s Retreat held at Camp Temiskaming in late August.*

It was a beautiful sunny afternoon in the latter part of August and I was on my way to Women’s Retreat at Camp Temiskaming. The retreat was held from Thursday, August 23 to Sunday, August 26, 2018. I turned the radio up as I drove to Faery Lake and wondered about the upcoming few days that I had looked forward to for several months. Questions raced through my mind. What cabin would I be in and who would be my cabin mates? Would anybody like the craft I had prepared, would the programs be as good as last year and would any of my fellow campers from last summer remember me?

I arrived on schedule and was greeted by Shirley, who it turned out was one of my cabin mates. She gave me a big smile and waved me to a spot in front of Cabin two. As I got out of my car and prepared to unload there were shouts of greetings from a number of other campers. I breathed a sigh of relief. I was among friends. However, just as I was settling in to chat the bell went for dinner. Good food and good friends are such an important part of the Anglican tradition that it certainly wasn’t strange that a meal fit for a king was ready and waiting in the kitchen.

Once grace was sung we settled in to a feast of food, friends and laughter. I have to admit that while some others enjoy spending their recreational time canoeing, swimming or hiking I am drawn to the archery range. Ven. Linda White made her announcements, interrupted as usual, by campers teasing with songs such as Announcements and Our Cow Died.

I could feel the anticipation growing inside me and I made gestures to Ven. Joan Locke that I would help her take the archery equipment out to the range. Just as I was ready to finish my cup of tea and head out the door Rev. Linda

announced that Cabin two would be responsible for doing the dishes. That was my cabin. I slumped back down on the bench. Dishes, the bane of my life.

However, it quickly became clear that even though there were thirty plus people for supper the dishes weren’t going to take long to do at all. Others opted to lend a helping hand to the four of us from Cabin two while several of us cleared while some looked after putting napkins and such in the garbage. One washed and a number of others dried and put dishes away. Within fifteen minutes the kitchen looked as if there wasn’t a crumb out of place and off I went to the range.

Much to my surprise many others in the group had the same idea. I was working on my “Sharpshooter” level. Others had completed more levels and still others had never shot a bow and arrow before. Bishop Anne Germond was one of them and I quickly realized she was to be a formidable participant. All too quickly it was time for devotions and the bows and arrows had to be put away for the evening.

When I got into the pavilion where the service was going to take place I noticed four chairs sitting in front of the huge open fireplace that takes up the greater portion of one of the walls. There was a sign mounted on each of the chairs. The sign on the first chair said Come and See. John 1:39. The sign on the second chair said Follow Me. John 1:43. The sign on the third chair said Become a Fisher of Men. Matthew 4:19, and the sign on the fourth chair said Go and Bear Fruit. John 15:16.

Bishop Germond explained it was part of a disciple-making process of moving people through four chairs, from someone seeking to know more about Christ to someone who makes disciples themselves. This premise became the basis for all of the Bishop’s talks. It was interesting to say the least and at first I was puzzled. “Wasn’t it enough that I believed

in the presence and power of God,” I thought to myself.

As one talk blended into another I realised it was definitely not enough and in fact somewhere along the line I had moved from the first chair into the second chair and perhaps even the third chair. How did that happen? I wasn’t sure, but I realised it had.

One of the devotions, the Vigil of the Resurrection and the Renewal of Baptismal Vows, actually took place outside in the waters of Faery Lake. It was definitely an experience. At one point we walked into the lake and were blessed as Ven. Linda White and Ven. Joan Locke sprinkled water on us using branches of a cedar tree. Apparently, this is called asperges and is an ancient rite of blessing. I felt very blessed.

I was to show everyone my craft on the Friday afternoon. I was very nervous that nobody would want to make a Camp T Light for their garden or deck. Like true friends everywhere, many of the group turned out and made the lamp which was to be a memory of our camp days together.

Saturday afternoon Barb showed us all how to create beautiful pillows without sewing a stitch. Again, there was a good turnout as everyone wanted to know how you could possibly make a pillow without a needle and thread. The camaraderie at the craft classes was extremely evident as some broke out in song as they worked and others talked about who they would give their pillow to.

Each evening after devotions which included the continuation of Bishop Germond’s presentation of four-chair discipleship and the singing of some joyful, some spiritual and some just funny songs we would gather in the dining hall for tuck, a few stories and many laughs. One evening a buzz went around the hall.

Apparently, the rumour went, there was a skunk in front of one of the cabins and not only was there a skunk but one of us, Nancy, was



**COMPLETELY HARMLESS:** Nancy Armstrong made friends with a skunk at the Women’ Retreat held at Camp Temiskaming from Thursday, August 23 to Sunday, August 26, 2018. Turns out this frightful was a stuffed animal which belonged to Mrs. Armstrong.

going to try to make friends with it and was last seen going to pick it up. So, our predicament was; in order to get to the washrooms we had to walk by all the cabins, including the one with the skunk.

Tuck lasted longer that evening, but eventually we all made our way to the washrooms and our cabins. While some found out that evening it wasn’t until the next day that everyone became aware that the “skunk” was, in fact, a stuffed animal that belonged to Nancy. The skunk incident brought a smile to everyone’s face and a sense of relief that we didn’t have to worry about Sammy the Skunk anymore.

All too soon, Sunday afternoon arrived and after the Holy Eucharist, celebrated by the Bishop, some

stayed for healing prayers, some stayed to sing many of the songs in the Camp songbook, some headed for the kitchen to make lunch and still others started to pack up.


The Women’s Retreat was almost over for another year. I hung around as long as I could, but eventually I knew I had to get on the road and head for home.

I didn’t want to say goodbye to the sense of peace and belonging that stayed with all of us all during our few days together. I wasn’t sure I would be able to pack it up with my clothes, my bedding, my crafts and my Bible. Here it is several weeks later and that peace is still with me, hanging on like a faithful puppy.

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