

Fall 2014

CELEBRATING THE WORK OF THE CCS COMMUNITY

WHAT'S NEW
AT CCS?

- > **19 people in the Pastoral Care Learning Circle**
- > **6 people joined the middle of the Learning Circle for a 5 day continuing education program exploring care in times of transition**
- > **2 students in their Integrating Year**
- > **3 Leadership Development courses (LDM) are planned for 2015**
 - **January 12-24 in Peterborough**
 - **June 8-20 in Montreal**
 - **August 10-22 in Winnipeg**
- > **9 people in their Reflection Year**
- > **Kathy Douglas and Gwen McAllister co-lead LDMs with Ted Dodd**

Principal Maylanne Maybee Reflects on Generosity

I wonder what is the opposite of “generosity”? There’s a sense that it gives rise to more generosity – it literally “generates” a response of giving. So the opposite of generosity might be stinginess, holding tight to what we think is ours by right. But the opposite of generosity is not poverty or limited resources...the fact is, that people with any level of income can be generous!

Last year, as part of our strategic planning, the Central Council created a list of six core values that the Centre for Christian Studies chooses to live by. One of these is “**living out of a spirit of abundance and gratitude.**” CCS would not exist if it hadn’t been for generous benefactors 122 years ago. These people believed in a vision of a school that prepared women to lead with courage and adventure in a church that wasn’t ready to use them in more traditional ways.

This generosity and founding vision was contagious – it still generates a response of giving. We continue to prepare women and men to lead with courage and adventure, and we continue to be blessed by the generosity of benefactors – students and ministers, young people and retirees, people who have known us for a long time and people who only just discovered us, people of large and small means alike.

May you find joy and generosity wherever you are in your life and ministry. And may you share it widely with those around you.



The Pastoral Care Learning Circle met in Winnipeg in October

WHAT ARE OUR NEWEST GRADUATES UP TO?

Ellen Baynton-Walker

The circle experience continues to be close to my heart, challenges and all! The pastoral year grounded me for my chaplaincy ministry path in ways I could never have imagined and it continues to enrich, inform, and stretch how I live out a pastoral presence with those I walk with at a particularly special time of their life. I am blessed beyond measure by those I am serving.

Jamie Bradshaw

Jamie is halftime at Shoal Lake and has a quarter time position at Strathclair, with a contract to walk with the congregation at Binscarth as they disband. She has been reflecting on her leadership role in preparing small rural churches for a future when they may be without ministry personnel. What model of church leadership would be life giving for them? Does the secret lie in nurturing spirituality as a source of strength?

Barbara Hansen

My position as minister of Pastoral Care, Children and Families at Oak Bay United Church ended mid-August. I am grateful for a network that both informs me and encourages me to explore other opportunities to be in ministry. In nature transitions are also growing times. The fall plants, their leaves brown and wilted, seem ready for the compost. But there are blossoms on plants I thought would never bloom! The garden reminds me to be attentive to possibility in unexpected times.

gwen McAllister

Life is in transition: gwen is living in a new neighbourhood, has a new job, and is part of a new church community as a result of her ordination as a transitional deacon in September. Her placement at St. Saviour's Anglican Church is for a year, after which she hopes to be in a parish as a priest. gwen's wonderful experience co-leading the Winnipeg LDM with Ted Dodd affirmed that she'd like to do more of this kind of work.

Kelley Warner

I continue to work at a social service agency that facilitates groups of men, women, and couples, who

have been court ordered to attend as a result of domestic violence or child neglect. It has been rewarding work giving people tools to improve their communication and parenting skills while helping them find hope in creating new narratives for their lives. I started an academic writing course as part of the MTS in Diaconal Ministry and have begun the search for an appointment in a United Church in Calgary.



Kristin Wood

I'm serving in a three point charge that's going through some transition as one church prepares to close and the other two have to figure out how to make a twosome work. Walking with them through the process has been good as people do some soul searching about what the church has meant and what it will mean in the future. There are lots of things going on with children and youth, including a vibrant yearlong project promoting acting out their faith. Another group has become passionate about supporting a family in the community where a child has leukemia.

Jacqueline Samson

Life on the prairies (at the Hudson's Bay Pastoral Charge in Saskatchewan) continues to be an adventure and we have been blessed. I think of CCS often and I continue to be grateful for the challenging years of study and practice that I received there, allowing me to get through the myriad of ministry tasks with greater ease and understanding. (Jacqueline's son was in a car accident recently but his injuries are non-life threatening and he is on the mend.)

ALL ABOUT YOU: ELIZABETH MCCAFFREY



I work as the Congregational Development Coordinator at the Anglican Diocese of Toronto, where I am responsible for co-managing and recruiting 45 volunteers who work with 241 churches coaching transition, congregational health, and mission processes. In order to

build capacity in our department our Director, Dave Robinson, a CCS graduate himself, suggested I attend the Leadership Development course (LDM) in London, Ontario.

The LDM left me much more confident in my theology. During the People Bingo Icebreaker I was one of the few there who could sign “Know the creeds and can recite them” so I happily autographed several people’s sheets. When another participant asked me to sign the “holds an unorthodox theology” I was taken aback. “What do you mean? I see myself as a fairly conventional Anglo-Catholic”, I countered defensively. Aldo mischievously responded: “If you believe the Creed then you must be unorthodox”.

Having lived in many multi-confessional milieus I accept that we don’t all believe the same stuff. Throughout the course, I wrestled with many challenges to what I believe. The LDM exercised my theological muscle and I came out much stronger for that wrestling. I now recite the Apostle’s Creed with even more conviction. And I better understand how incarnational theology underpins how I live my life and do my job.

Co-workers told me that I came back glowing and much more confident. I did my first adult group facilitation and theological reflection while I was at the LDM. Since returning, I led a segment on “Understanding Demographics” with 12 of our volunteers. None of them could believe it was my first professional gig. The idea of leading the Sexual Misconduct Policy training in November doesn’t spook me.

Having travelled the world I consider myself to be an international Anglican. I love the diversity of language, culture and theology that our Communion affords. I believe that an important part of my role is to promote diversity. While, we have succeeded in building a gender and orientation balance in our volunteer corps, visible minorities are underrepresented. Having taken the LDM I feel better equipped to seek greater racial diversity on that team. I have learned about white privilege and found courage to wrestle with the issues.

I would recommend the LDM to any Anglican and especially to people discerning their call to the vocational diaconate or those whose work involves group facilitation and theological reflection. It was fun and intense but the camaraderie generated there has given me deep connections with some wonderful co-learners. But it was so much more than that and I am very grateful for the experience.

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\$400 is our contribution to the library partnership with the University of Winnipeg

\$550 makes available our Website for a year
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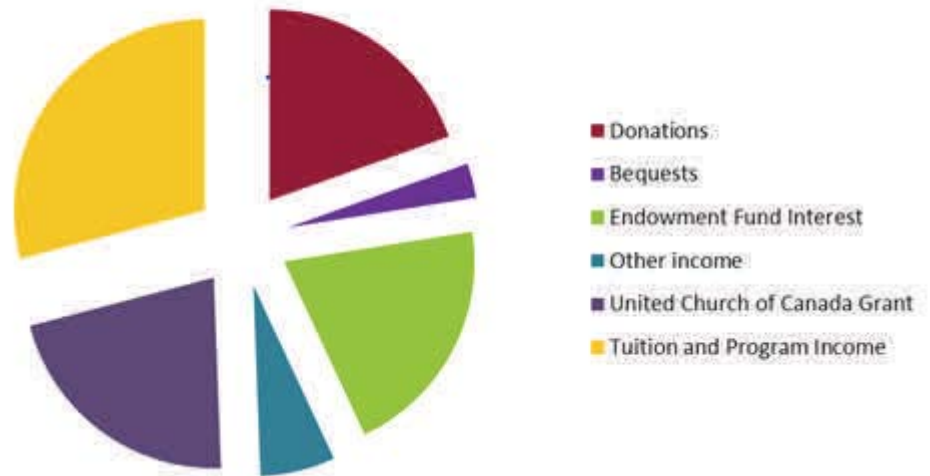
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