

The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

Diocesan Report

Diocese : [Fredericton](#)

Year: 2010

DESCRIPTION OF THE DIOCESE

Clergy and Parishes

Number of “incorporated” parishes: 84 + Christ Church Cathedral

Current "open" incumbencies: 20 (11 would require part-time appointment)

Full-time “parish” clergy: 48

Vocational deacons: 5 (18 at various stages of discernment process)

Parishes with part-time clergy arrangements: 36 (supply, part-time or shared)

Parishes in the Diocese are approximately: 40% rural 30% town/suburban 30% urban

Number of building deconsecrated (last five years): 8

Statistical

Number of churches (congregations): 159

Area of Diocese: 28,354 sq miles

Population (Province of NB April 2007): 677,200 (approx 35% French-speaking)

Anglican Census Population (2001): 69,250

Anglican Population reported by parishes (2009): 15,700

Clergy on leave / no parish: 9

Retired clergy: 54

Clergy in special ministries and chaplaincies: 2 (+2 part-time)

Postulants: 1 (4 students)

Diocesan Staff

Diocesan Bishop:	The Most Rev'd Claude Miller
Executive Assistant to the Bishop:	The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
Bishop's Secretary:	Mrs. Phyllis Cathcart
Diocesan Treasurer:	Canon Fred Scott
Administrative Officer:	Mrs. Maureen Vail
Communications Officer:	Mrs. Ana Watts
Youth Action Director:	The Rev'd Canon George Porter, DPhil
Camp Medley Director (Part-time):	Mrs. Elizabeth Harding
Administration (Casual):	Mrs. Carolyn Turney

GOOD NEWS STORIES /HIGHLIGHTS /INITIATIVES

1. [The Nicodemus Project](#). “Project” resulting from [Synod 2009](#) action items: 1) Re-learn Anglicanism; 2) Prepare our leaders; 3) Support our struggling parishes; 4) Assess ourselves; 5) Commitment to transformation. Progress being monitored. Resulting action (events for Fall 2010): Natural Church Development leader training workshop [archdeaconry sponsored]; Congregational Development workshop with Chuck Owens from S. Carolina [parish sponsored]; Back to Church Sunday workshop with Michael Harvey [diocesan sponsored]; Clergy Conference with Gary Nicolosi - “Re-imagining Church”; Parish Visitation Program and training [Diocesan Council Stewardship Team]; [Diocesan Formation Programme](#) designed to provide units of formation supplementing study for the (vocational) diaconate or M.Div. by distance education.

2. Administration. [Diocesan Information System \(DIMS\)](#) for diocesan-wide information sharing and reporting upgraded to Release 1.2 on 06 April 2010 adding minor updates and parish list management features.

3. Summer Youth Camps. \$750,000 administration facility at [Camp Medley](#) completed with grand opening in June 2010. Approximately 1000 youth involved in summer camping programs including [Camp Medley](#), [Camp Brookwood](#), [St. Michael's Conference](#) and [Choir School](#).

CHALLENGES /ISSUES

1. Diocesan Evaluation. Synod 2009 call to “evaluate structures and processes.” Described as a daunting and complex task. Task Force at work under the leadership of the Archbishop Miller. Progress is slow.

2. Stewardship. On-going challenge of changing stewardship attitudes. Diocesan Council recently requested research and a proposal for a staff position on congregation development. Ministry needed in parishes without the necessary financial resource for stipendiary appointments.

3. Leadership training. Challenges of equipping leaders both lay and ordained for the church of the future in a post-Christian era.

4. ACC Vision 2019. How do we build engagement with General Synod vision bringing awareness of the broader vision and the wider Church?

OPPORTUNITIES/SUGGESTIONS FOR SHARING WITH OTHER DIOCESES

1. Communication. Opportunities to prevent dioceses in the Province re-inventing the wheel abound. Inter-diocesan communication is critical. There is need for the that central and active point of intersection.

2. Reporting and awareness. Emphasis on reporting from province to diocese to parish. What is the potential, if any, for province- initiated / maintained communication?

SOME WAYS YOUR DIOCESE CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE PROVINCIAL STRUCTURE AND HOW THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE CAN SUPPORT YOUR DIOCESE.

1. Executive Officer sharing. The Archbishop's diocese might serve to initiate regular sharing between diocesan executive officers. The question of how that might be accomplished with little or no time or financial resource for doing so needs to be addressed.

2. Information Management. Continue to offer consult regarding our locally built information management system ([DIMS](#)) for use in other dioceses, province or national for contact management, group management and the collection of statistics.

3. Diocesan programming for the (vocational) diaconate. More than willing to share resources being developed for the training of deacons, consultations with Atlantic School of Theology re study options and format of discernment processes. Would appreciate and welcome dialogue regarding this and standards / requirements for ordination.

Respectfully submitted,
The Ven. Geoffrey Hall
Secretary of Synod and Assistant to the Bishop of Fredericton
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