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Where is our Church Going?

Niagara Essentials Invites All Anglicans to Attend a Special Evening with Guest Speakers

The Rev. Canon Charlie Masters,
National Director Essentials
And Mr. Michael Edward,
(past pres. Nat'l PBSC)
General Secretary
Anglican Essentials Canada

Friday, April 15 / 05 at 7:00 p.m.

St. Peter's Anglican Church
705 Main Street East, Hamilton
Church Telephone: (905) 544-7710

Niagara North's AGM -see story on Page 2



Evening Prayer Outreach

Niagara North has started on a new round of outreach to the churches and people in the branch's territory. There was no epiphany about this idea but a general awaking that we were doing it anyway! We are trying to have a visit by invitation to as many churches we can this year. Mostly we have been invited to Evening Prayer's as it makes it easier for everyone.

We are off to a terrific start for the year, beginning at St Luke's Hamilton (the little place with all the smells and bells) having us to their incredible Candlemas E.P. after our AGM on Jan 30th. Then it was off to our friends at St George's (Reformed Episcopalian) in west Hamilton in the worst blizzard conditions of the winter on Feb 20th. Nevertheless there was a great turnout and a wonderful welcome by all and a great reception laid on afterwards. Buoyed by this marvelous show of support we were off to Grace Anglican Church in Milton on March 6th at 5:00 PM for E.P. with a potluck dinner afterwards, where we were treated like royalty!. Next, we are heading to **St Peter's Anglican Church in Hamilton** on Main Street to hear a talk from our **Past National President Michael Edward and Canon Charlie Masters on Friday April 15th at 7:00 pm.** Please try to make it as it will be very informative and au courant re the happenings in the "Anglican Crisis". Then we are invited in **June, to St John's Nassagaweya for E.P. with a BBQ**, where we always have a great time. There will be more on the date and time later. As for the fall we are invited to **St Paul's Dunnville on Sept 25th for EP at 7:00 pm.** We have more invitations as this is written (including from the Independent Anglican Church) and will let you know more about times and dates in the next news letter, or please keep checking the web site for details, www.geocities.com/niagaranorthbcp.

We do hope you can attend one of these Evening Prayers in your area so we can get to know each other.

NIAGARA NORTH BRANCH NEWSLETTER

North Meets South

The Prayer Book Society in the Diocese of Niagara has entered a new phase as the two older branches are melding into one stronger unit in order to display a solid front.

Mrs. Laura Dodson, President of St. Catherine's / Niagara will become the "new" Past President of the Niagara North Branch and is also reorganizing the intrepid band in Niagara-on-the-Lake into an "Institute"* under the umbrella of the new branch. Meanwhile Niagara North and St. Catherine's / Niagara will be holding General Meetings to amend their constitutions and names. In the wake of the recent hullabaloo going on in the Anglican world it is felt that there being strength in numbers we will need all the strength we can muster to keep our beloved Prayer Book in the forefront.

***Institutes** have been the new thing in the PBSC and mean that a handful of people can come together and do activities under the banner of the PBSC with out the hassles of maintaining a full branch status. In fact it can be a very simple affair. It is hoped that there will be another "Institute" formed in another part of the diocese soon. Let us know if you would like to start one in your parish or area.

Niagara North Holds AGM in Typical Style

Really, one wonders how a bunch of staid, conservative, boring, old fashioned, out of touch, Neanderthals like the members of Niagara North can have so much fun ? It's because we aren't staid, conservative, boring, old fashioned, out of touch, Neanderthals! We are nothing like! We have to have fun because what ever we do seems to have a hitch. Our wine tours are hilarious failures. Winter storms have dogged our Evening Prayer outings. Our Annual General Meetings have become stages for the most untoward hiccups any group can have. Remember the "Frozen Chosen" and now our speaker Gethin Edward was hit with influenza. We carried on in our own highhanded style nevertheless and in spite of the chairman and re-elected president Walter Raybould having senior moments at times; the meeting was all it could have been and more. We had a wonderful talk by Dr Robert Crouse brought to us by the wonders of video thanks to Brian Munro and his adventurous Grand Valley "storm troopers". We then feasted on a "Pot Luck" dinner gone slightly to "pot" as we ended up with a fabulous over abundance of deserts. (Which came in very handy as the surplus was put out for the reception that came later after the service at St. Luke's)

In all it was typically wonderful, and we'd like to thank all the helpers and the Parish of St. Luke's for the use of their hall and everyone who turned out. The only question now is what will go wrong next year?

CANADIAN ANGLICANS TO GATHER IN TORONTO

Starting **Thursday June 16, 2005**, this historic meeting of Canadian Anglicans concerned for the recovery of orthodoxy within their church will gather in unprecedented numbers at **Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto** to speak to the world with a powerful and united voice. Mark the date on your calendar – more information visit www.anglicanessentials.org

Letter to the Editor

The Prayer Book Society
Niagara North

Thank you for all your efforts!

It is in my opinion that young people are quite capable of understanding and appreciating the beautiful symbols and poetic language of the Prayer Book Service and are also capable of appreciating its emphasis on worship.

As a retired teacher of English, I have been aware of the practically wholesale elimination of poetry and the classics from the high school curriculum. The "excuse" was a.....need to reduce the number of English periods per week and to switch the emphasis from knowledge of literature to sociological ideas. The result was the disappearance of poetry and classical literature from the curriculum and a descent into virtual navel gazing.

Perhaps a re-emphasis on poetry and classical literature in the educational system would lead to an appreciation of the Prayer Book Service in the next generation.

Let us hope

B.T. - Burlington