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Events

PBSC Annual General Meeting

May 13, 2006, 2 – 4 pm
Trinity Church, Halifax, NS
Guest speaker
The Rev'd Dr. Ranall Ingalls

“Christianity and Islam”

Saturday May 6th

9:00 am to noon

By The Most Rev.

Dr. Josiah Idowu-Fearon

Archbishop of Kaduna, Nigeria

Sponsored by Essentials Niagara

Join us at St. Peter's Church

705 Main St. East, Hamilton

An open offering will be received

Cranmer Conference

June 9 – 11, 2006

A weekend conference,
an evening banquet and speakers
(see enclosed brochure)

St. Paul's Church, Dunnville

www.cranmer.ca

St. Mike's Preparatory

June 24, 2006 - 9:00 am

Have a look at the preliminary
schedule for the 2006 Prep Day to
be held at Saint George's, Hamilton
www.geocities.com/stmikesontario

2006 St. Mike's Conference Ontario
date is Aug 21 - 26



Cranmer Conference

Dear members, our latest shenanigan in spending this money which you entrust to us, is the new Cranmer Conference which is aimed at the 'twenties' set of young people. It has been an area that has not been tapped well in Canada and we here in Niagara thought it needed addressing.

So after scouting the field last fall and finding a wonderful venue, leader and support group, we partnered up with the **Grand Valley Branch** and approached the **Reverend Haynes Hubbard of St. Paul's Dunnville**, to take on the challenge. He accepted and is in the thick of it and from the sounds of it having a great time! The whole Cranmer Conference idea has caught the imagination of people across the

country and we are now seeing the Conference becoming more than ever we could have asked or imagined.

How many will come and how we will afford it, has become a challenge to say the least. Also, the heat has been turned on as to bringing in speakers from afar that will have the right spark for that age group. The Rev'd Canon Gary W.A. Thorne, Ph.D., D.D., Priest-in-Charge of the Chapel at King's College, Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, is the main conference speaker. The Rev'd Dr. Ranall Ingalls is the conference chaplain. Dr. William Renwick, Professor of Music Theory in the School of the Arts, McMaster University, and a Director of the Gregorian Institute of Canada, is our conference music director. The Rev. David Harris, our own inimitable National Chairman, and The Rev. Haynes Hubbard S.S.C. (of course) are just some of the people we have lined up. More are yet to be confirmed !!!!!!! What to do?

So we ask for your support. Yes, we always want money! After all we are dealing with champagne ideas on a beer budget. (See the brochure) If you are of a mind and want to support it, you may send donations for the Cranmer Conference to us, and through the Grand Valley Branch we are able to issue charitable donation receipts, **AND please, please use the brochure to make sure someone YOU know goes to the conference!**

Greater Niagara President's Report

Can you imagine it? We are still here, having a great time forwarding the Great Commission in our own small way. We have been through so much and have grown and learned so much. I think perhaps our biggest effort was in supporting the Saint Michael's Youth Conference. Making Anglicans is a difficult task. The refining process is complicated, especially these days when most young people have such a poor grounding in what Anglicanism really is. Since the sixties ideas of "dumbing-down" everything to attract people to what ever it is that you are promoting came through, most young Anglicans have never even heard of terms like Quinquagesima or sung Saint Patrick's Breastplate. So it takes a lot more effort to make an Anglican these days. We have seen the results of the Saint Michael's Youth Conference and that is why we have been helping it with promotion, brochures and putting on the Prep day.

What with the newsletters and that we are spending every cent we get. That is what we are supposed to do. That is why people have been so generous.

So after pleading poverty last Christmas we have been delighted by our members response and now are going on to bigger and better adventures.

The Cranmer Conference is our latest mad endeavour.

We will keep you posted and we ask for your prayers.

Walter Raybould

Greater Niagara AGM Report



Our branch AGM was held at Grace Church, Milton on February 12th. All of your executive was re-elected, and all business taken care of in time to listen to a talk by John Deadman about **"How the Political Tactics of the Gothic Romance Divided the Anglican Church"**. An abstract is printed below. Following the talk, we were all invited to join the evening prayer, followed by a scrumptious pot luck supper at the church.

An Abstract of Dr. John Deadman's Speech

The Anglican Church of Canada and the Episcopal Church in the United States are facing a crisis such as they have seldom, if ever encountered before. They face an internal and external divide which could seriously damage them, if not destroy them entirely.

The worldwide Anglican Communion has requested that the ACC and the ECUSA draw back from their present positions to restore communion with other world Anglicans. Yet the present rhetoric suggests that certain segments within our Churches would prefer possible destruction rather than give up their cherished positions.

How did we arrive at this sorry state of affairs? Accusations have become so acrimonious that many parishes are not even allowing discussion on these very important topics. Before it is too late, we must draw back from the brink and re-examine our situation. There must be dialogue, yet none exists at the moment—the issues have become too polarized.

We suggest that the Anglican Church has become a victim of a standard and time-worn tactic of politics. The 19th century Gothic romance is a classic example of this tactic in action. It raises the question as to whether the Anglican Church has entered the Theatre of the Absurd. If it weren't so serious it would be funny.

This time-worn political technique has been so over-used lately that it has resulted in people being turned off the whole political process. In retrospect, we must ask if perhaps this kind of attitude has something to do with the serious decline in church attendance in Canada over the last forty or fifty years.

We must restore dialogue. To do this we must be able to laugh at some of the extreme positions that have been taken on both sides of the debate. We think that the only way out of this dilemma is a re-examination of the teachings of our Lord and of the essentials of the Christian faith.

A full transcript of the paper is available on our web site.

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coming to the Cranmer
Conference 2006...

1. The worship.
2. The speakers.
3. The food.
4. The fun.



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The Cranmer Conference 2006

The *Eros* of Liturgy

An exploration into the place
of *desire* in Christian Worship



A weekend conference
For ages 19-29, June 9-11, 2006

An evening banquet & speaker
For all ages, Sat, June 10, 6pm

St Paul's Church,
Dunnville, Ontario

Schedule

Friday, June 9th

12:00-4:00 PM Arrivals and Registration
 5:00 PM Dinner
 6:30 PM Choral Evensong
 7:30 PM Break
 8:00 PM Feature Lecture #1
 9:00 PM Debate and discussion of topic
 9:30 PM Director's Wine & Cheese reception
 10:00 PM Candlelit Choral Compline
 11:00 PM Bedtime

Saturday June 10th

8:00 AM Breakfast
 9:00 AM Mattins
 10:30 AM Feature lecture #2
 11:30 AM Debate and discussion of topic
 12 NOON Mid-day Prayers
 12:15 PM Lunch
 1:00 PM Recreation (swimming etc)
 3:00 PM Introduction to Cranmer's 'Evensong'
 4:30 PM Evensong in Port Maitland Chapel
 5:30 PM Return to Saint Paul's

6:00 PM Evening Banquet with guest speaker
 The Rev'd Canon Dr. George Sumner

8:30 PM Activities and workshops
 10:45 PM Compline
 11:15 PM Bedtime

Sunday, June 11th

9:15 AM Breakfast with people of St Paul's
 10:30 AM Choral Eucharist
 12:30 PM Lunch & Closing



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Desire (*eros* in Greek) is the common and recurring theme in the ancient liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer. Love and desire are at the root of classical Anglican Worship - its way of life encourages a love affair with God which is a joyful, constant and deepening repentance and conversion. The BCP Liturgy embodies this theme of 'holy desire' as a striving for God, with God, into God.

Speakers & Leaders



Dr. Gary Thorne

Dr Thorne is chaplain at King's College University in Halifax, Nova Scotia. As a military chaplain he has served Canadian peacekeepers in Syria & Israel. Dr. Thorne is our feature speaker for the conference.



Dr. Ranall Ingalls

Dr Ingalls is rector of the parish of Stanley, NB, and a professor of Philosophy at St Thomas University in Fredericton, and has done advanced studies in Richard Hooker. Dr Ingalls is our chaplain & preacher.



Dr. William Renwick

Dr. Renwick is professor of Music at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He is also the director of the Gregorian Institute of Canada. Dr Renwick is in charge of music for the conference.



Ms. Sue Careless

Sue Careless is author of the award-winning book, "Discovering the Book of Common Prayer." She is also newseditor of a national Anglican newspaper. Sue will lead a workshop on prayer (and sign copies of her book!).

Banquet Speaker



Dr. George Sumner

Dr Sumner is Principal and Helliwell Professor of World Mission at Wycliffe College in Toronto. Dr. Sumner has a background in Systematic Theology as well as world missions. He will be our guest speaker at the main banquet on Saturday evening.

TCC2006Register

The full weekend conference

Applications must be received before May 27th 2006.

name: _____

address _____

city/town _____ prov _____

postal code _____ phone _____

date of birth **Y** / **M** / **D** m/f: _____

email _____

If you have any medical conditions and/food allergies that we should be aware of, please explain (or include a letter of explanation with this registration form):

If you wish to apply for a travel bursary please enclose an itinerary and costs of same and we will submit it to the travel fund director.

You will be sent a copy of the 2006 Code of Conduct which you must read, sign and bring to the Conference.

Mail this form, and \$50 to: The Registrar, TCC2006
 320 Hamilton Dr.#29
 Ancaster, ON
 L9G 4W6

The evening banquet (only)

If you would like to attend just the final banquet, with guest speaker, Dr George Sumner, please fill out the name and address information in the above form, and send it, with a cheque for \$20 to the registrar (address above).

Where is Dunnville, Ontario? Right here:
 (the little star)

