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EVENTS

Wine Tour

Sat. Nov. 23, 2002, 10:00 AM
Starting at Kittling Ridge Winery



The brave executive on the first quest!

"Christ Our Life"

Renewal Conference

Sat Nov 2, 2002 8:00 AM
Park Bible Church (Crossroads)
Burlington, Ont.

Dr Tony Campolo - Speaker
Dr George Summer - Principle and
Prof, Wycliffe College, Toronto
(416) 233-1743 cbbrown@rogers.com

Praise All Ways Service

Sept. 15, 2002, 2:00 PM
at Dundurn Castle.

Evensong

Sept. 29, 2002, 7:00PM
St John's, Ancaster
Choir with organ recital postlude by
Richard Hansen

Following Jesus into Our Society

Sept. 20, 2002, 6:00 PM
At St. Luke's, Burlington
Dinner, Speakers, Church Army, and
other outreach program information
To pre-register, (\$7.50) call
Mary Krucker (905) 529-6094

GRAINS OF SAND REPORT

REGIONAL SERVICE IS TO BE CHANGED!

We have been informed, by the Rev. Daniel Brereton, (see response letter on Page 3) that our request to have a full BCP service for the annual Under-mount Regional Service, has been noted by the "Praise All Ways" Committee. He assures us that the service will be using elements from the BCP "such as the traditional language Lord's Prayer, collects, a canticle and prayers". In addition, the hymns are to be balanced between "traditional" and "contemporary".

It is a step in the right direction. A small grain of sand moved. (Please refer to our previous newsletter) This very "Contemporary" service seems to have been brought back from the fringe of one type Anglican worship, to where some of us are more comfortable. We give the committee thanks for considering our views.

Unfortunately, the committee feels that a service, conducted exclusively according the BCP, would not be conducive to the less formal tone of "Praise All Ways". It seems that in the mindset of the committee, the "Praise All Ways" services are to be exclusively informal. Therefore the use of the BCP is not to be, because, we assume, that they, think that the BCP can only be used in some grand edifice by some grand personages.

We think the committee needs to see the formal shenanigans at a St Mike's Youth Conference BCP service out in the woods in Durham! The BCP was used in battlefields, on beaches, and in the great cathedrals of the forest in Canada and this committee needs to remember this. Praise All Ways does not need to think that they needed to dumb down the liturgy to suit the venue; rather they will ennobl the venue with their liturgy.

Do we "Prayer Book Folks" need to attend this service en mass? The second largest congregation in attendance last year was from St Luke's Hamilton, a stanch BCP church. We, BCP devotees, are probably in the majority at this service. Where does this leave us? C.S. Lewis would probably have seen the committee's argument as an example of "Chronological snobbery". Again we have been fobbed off, with a watered down "oh they will come anyway" service. Well come as you will, but if you do, please wear your pin! If you do not, please let the committee know of your views. Please address all letters to "Praise All Ways" Committe, c/o The Reverend Daniel Brereton, (see page 3)...and send a copy of your letter to us. Thank you. Who knows? Maybe next year, there will be a service using the "official" liturgy of the Anglican Church of Canada!

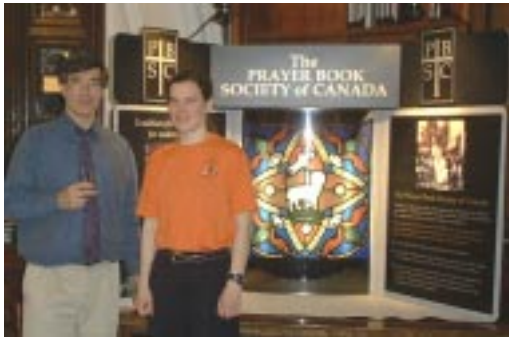
Signed The Niagara North Executive

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, A REPORT FROM THE NEW BOY

I have to report to you all that I, Walter Raybould, was off to the AGM in Montreal, and in all, it was such a revelation.

To begin with, I hitched a ride with two other branch presidents, Billie Farmer of the Grand Valley and Naomi Luth of the Lambton County Branches. Billie kept us fed with the most amazing picnic hamper and its contents that one could ever imagine. Arriving in Montreal and only slightly lost, the first person we see, lighting out of a taxi in front of the impressive Victoria College residence, is none other than Michael Edwards, the head honcho from PEI. There was great joyous greetings from all and sundry. What am I in for, I ask myself. These people are all so open and caring; Christians perhaps?

Well if we were impressed with the residence, our socks nearly came off at the sight of the Divinity College. We entered through a splendid arched gateway, up into a marvellous building that would surly not look out of place in any old University in Europe. The reception was in the grand library, with its' inglenook, books and magnificent windows. The Montreal Branch did us proud. We were wined, dinned, and given such a warm welcome that I just went fuzzy all over or I wonder was that the wine?



Display for the PBSC with Michael Edwards and Naomi Luth

Well never mind the wine, but one went weak at the knees when one saw the new display for the PBSC. It is a wonderful achievement and will be more than a tool, it will be a weapon! Its' professionalism declares us as a group that is not to be denied. Billie Farmer and Naomi Luth carted it off to the London Synod for it's first skirmish where it gave a good account of itself from all reports.

The next day was the eye opener. Morning Prayer was in the Divinity College chapel. What a jewel of a place that was. To give you an idea of what it was like just picture if you will, a small church with the rood screen just inside the door. The rest was the choir etc. The carpenter in me was just drooling. Now imagine that wonderful pleasure of using the BCP in such a place!

The executive meeting was gruelling to say the least. We covered so much and made so many decisions. Did I tell you that I am very impressed by President Edwards. We have a gem in this man and that we are wonderfully served by him. In fact I sat in awe of all the members of the executive as I saw them in action. Their intellect, their ideas, and their perseverance left me wondering what was I doing there? Dear reader I really don't think most of us in the membership have any idea of the commitment and hard work these volunteers put forth in the pursuit of our goals and ideas.

In the afternoon was the main act, with the AGM itself. After a great introduction preamble by Michael Edwards, Bishop Tony Burton gave a wonderful in-depth talk on where we stand and where we are headed. It was very inspiring and very proactive. This guy is a bishop?

We finished off with a presentation by the committee for "Parish Alive" which is the new direction the BPSC is exploring. Now, I am not going into an in-depth discussion of what was said, and what "Parish Alive" actually is, because it goes from a Sunday school curriculum, up to the most profound topics one would find in running an Anglican parish in this day and age.

What I got from the whole AGM is that we are the future of the Anglican Church in Canada. We need to be very visible so our views will not be ignored.

Following evening prayer there were more meetings till seven. A very tired but satisfied group then retired to a fabulous Montreal restaurant to unwind and partake of wonderful food that only Montreal can provide which such élan.

Our Lord watched over us as we three drove back our homes the next day. He even kept our beast of burden on the road as it miraculously kept running with an unknown burst head gasket.

Now my thanks to the Montreal Branch for the wonderful venue, and the great hospitality they provided. Their organization and decorum are to be admired by one such as myself. Any branch that takes on the hosting of the AGM would be well advised to take notes from this great branch.

Walter Raybould



Bishop Tony Burton and Dr. Diana Versegby

We sent a letter to the *Praise All Ways* committee requesting that they consider the use of the BCP for the next service, which would be in keeping with their name, as they have always used a contemporary alternative service.

This is the e-mail response with the attached letter:

Dear Mr. Raybould

I am sending this via email (re: attachment) as it seems the speediest way to mail my already overdo response to your letter of June 15th regarding *Praise All Ways*. I hope you are able to share this with members of your society and that you will be able to join us on the 15th of September for the service.

In Christ,
Daniel Brereton+
Cathedral Vicar, Christ's Church Cathedral

Walter Raybould
Niagara North Branch PBSC
380 Cottingham Cres
Hamilton, ON

Dear Mr. Raybould,

Due to conflicts with her personal schedule, the Reverend Anne MacDonald is unable to serve as priest in charge of liturgy for the upcoming *Praise All Ways*. I will be filling this role in her place. I apologize for the lateness of my reply to your letter of June 15th. I received it at our July meeting just prior to beginning my summer holidays and am just now able to respond. I assure you that the *Praise All Ways* committee has discussed the liturgy at length, including your request for a service using the Book of Common Prayer.

I will say unapologetically that my own liturgical preference is of a "traditional" bent. However I also accept that I belong to a community which draws on many rich resources for worship. Consequently a service which pulls together Anglicans from such diverse liturgical traditions must reflect this diversity in its liturgy. For many Anglicans, "contemporary" hymns and prayers have become part of their "tradition" and I believe that there is much in the theology and language of modern liturgy to commend it. Upon reflection, the committee did not feel that a service conducted exclusively according the Book of Common Prayer would be conducive to the less formal tone of *Praise All Ways*.

Having said this, I noted (as you did) that the liturgy of previous years has completely excluded traditional liturgy, while the music has been heavily weighted towards contemporary hymns. I feel that this contradicts our mandate to praise "all ways" since it excludes those brother and sister Anglicans for whom the "old favourites" have much meaning. While *Praise All Ways* will not be, strictly speaking, a Prayer Book service, I assure you that elements from the B.C.P. (such as the traditional language Lord's Prayer, collects, a canticle and prayers) will be incorporated into the liturgy. While I do not have exclusive jurisdiction over the music, I will see that hymns are equally balanced between "traditional" and "contemporary".

I hope this will address the needs of those who love the Prayer Book tradition as I do and seek its elements in the Church's liturgy. Thank you for your interest and continued support of *Praise All Ways*. I would be most pleased to meet you and members of your Society at the service and grateful for any advertising of it you might do.

Yours in Christ,

The Reverend Daniel Brereton
Cathedral Vicar, Christ Church Cathedral
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An executive wine tour

Your hard working executive, having braved the wilds of the Niagara Wine region in search of that elusive commodity, "The Perfect Communion Wine", have failed! Yes, fellow Prayer Book Society Members, we have let you all down!

How were we to know that the recent proliferation of wineries in the area has made a one-day event impossible. We tried our best, we struggled to pick out some interesting wineries and we drank a lot of wine . . . but could not visit them all.

The results so far:

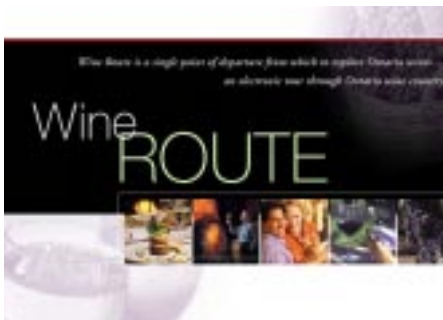
We did find a suitable restaurant, Butterballs in Jordan, a little off the beaten track. It comes highly recommended as a truly Canadian style restaurant and with prices to match. We think it will be within our struggling budgets.

As for wineries, there are just too many! Therefore, we decided that the tour would visit just four this year! Yes, we will struggle on finding the region's best wineries, and it will take us a few years. The struggle is worth it! Those of you up to the challenge and want to come on the tour Nov 23rd, please give us a call and for more details, and so we can estimate numbers.



Paul Mansfield, Boris Nusko, Gwen Conroy, Marietta Raybould, and Shannon Nusko in front of Peninsula Ridge's dining room.

WEB LINKS OF INTEREST



www.winewroute.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

For the wine tour . . . those who want to catch up with us, after Kittling Ridge, 297 South Service Rd., Grimsby (10:00 AM), we will be at Peninsula Ridge Estates, 5600 King St. W., Beamsville (11:30 AM), and lunch at Butterballs, 2980 King St., Jordan Hollow (1:00 PM). Cave Spring Cellar after lunch, and we will keep the last one a surprise!

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