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NEWS



PBSC Display Has Caught On in Ontario!

Muriel Pitt, the "keeper" of the Prayer Book Society of Canada's travelling display can't keep up with the PBSC display's travels as it has become such a hot item in Southern Ontario. The local branches are hauling it hither and yon and the demand is only now really heating up. One particular weekend it is on show in Toronto on Saturday and then to go on show in Sarnia on Sunday. Shown above, it was at the Niagara North AGM. Will it stand up to wear and tear of Ontario's finest Anglicans? Will there be friction amongst the branch presidents for "right of having the display"? What happens when the rest of the country wants a turn? Will Ontario give it back? Stay tuned for next months issue. The same PBSC newsletter, the same PBSC time!

EVENTS

Special Speaker

Our newly re-elected President, Walter Raybould, is the guest speaker at St John's in Campbellville, on Sunday March 30th.

ESSENTIALS YOUTH RESOURCES SEMINAR



For those who missed it the Niagara Essentials put on a wonderful Youth Resources Seminar at St Matthews on the Plains last month. The four enthusiastic speakers who travelled some distances were rewarded by the fact that they all knew each other and most had worked with each other on each others youth outreach. The fact that Fr Haynes Hubbard, Chris Jones, Gethin Edward and Jennifer Neal were all so connected and that Essentials Niagara had had no idea of this fact before inviting them to speak showed to us there a glimpse of the wonderful complex working of the Spirit.

Gethin Edward, who spoke on the St Michael's Youth Conference, was happy to make connections with some of the young people he had taught at St Mike's as seen in the very un-posed picture.

Fr Haynes of St Paul's Dunnville spoke on the wonderful Camp Revive that is so successful it has even acquired its own bus. (In BCP purple no less!) This huge youth outreach which is run by so called "small town churches" gives us all such a lesson on how God works and that all we have to do is pitch in to let Him make it happen.

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NIAGARA NORTH BRANCH NEWSLETTER

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .



On Feb 2, 2003, a group from the Niagara North Branch of the PBSC attended the service at St. Georges in Hamilton. They took the opportunity to promote Youth activities in the Ontario region and extend invitations to our AGM.

We were warmly greeted and treated to a generous spread of fine food and treats after the service.

...cont'd from Essentials Youth

Chris Jones the youth leader from another so called "small town church" of St George's Lowville brought a slew of young people with him which swelled our numbers nicely thank you!

He spoke not so much of what his unbelievably large youth group is doing but on how we need to reach out to the youth and how.

Jennifer Neal wowed us with the absolutely terrific outreach St Hilda's does in reaching out to local high school kids by simply feeding them in their parish hall every Friday. The food is of both kinds that Christians allude too. This very basic activity is lead by no other than the Holy Spirit claims Jennifer and what he wants to do next is up to him. If this isn't sowing seeds for God, what is? Only others will see the harvest that out Lord brings in from this.

We have to applaud Essentials Niagara for their hard work in getting this seminar going. They sure have a lot of courage to put on these things and we say "Kudos to you" !

THE NIAGARA NORTH AGM REPORT*



*A.K.A. "How we kept out the riff raff"

With much scrambling and last minute changes your Prayer Book Branch of Niagara North managed to bring off its second AGM. We didn't look like the nuts we sometimes think we are and we actually did a great job of it. Most of the credit has to go to our speaker Fr Haynes Hubbard who gave us a great talk that inspired us and taught us. He made us sit up and think and he gave the proceedings a reflective tone

Although we were not a huge crowd we had representation from Toronto, Campbellville, Brantford, and of course Hamilton and our intrepid Billie Farmer of Grand Valley came all the way from Port Dover to find the front door of the hall stuck. No, we did not lock her out. We would have let her in if we had known she was out there. Really!

The same crowd of people got all re-elected (funny how that happened), but we actually had a knock down, take no prisoners fight for the job of secretary. When the dust settled we had a tie and so both David Nusko and Katherine Raybould were deemed to be both secretary and split the position. With David being out of the country for a while this year it seemed a reasonable idea.

The rector of St Luke's, the Rev Robert Hudson, gave us a service in his own immutable style after the meeting. The two teenage cantors (Alex and David) and the young servers gave the service much added flavour.

We all retired to the parish hall for a pizza lunch and conversation. Our thanks to all that helped pull it off. The "Ladies Conroy" (Doris & Gwen) and all the other willing hands were especially appreciated.

Next year we might even do it better.

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