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EVENTS

NIAGARA NORTH AGM

The next Annual General Meeting date has been set. It will be held on February 14th, 2004, at St. John's Nassagaweya,. Starting with a Morning Prayer Service at 10:30, we will then move to the Mohawk Inn for the actual meeting and lunch.

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SUMMER BBQ AGAIN!

Just had a note from Bill Phipps at St John's Nassagaweya. He is offering another BBQ in June for the PBSC. Stay tuned for a final date!

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WINE TOUR

Another attempt to find the perfect communion wine will be in April, 2004. Watch for details in the next issue

St Paul's Dunnville and its BCP Coloured Bus



Fr. Haynes Hubbard, the rector of St Paul's Dunnville Ontario has sent us this picture of St Paul's Youth Group's bus. Great graphics and if you see this picture in colour you see it's in Prayer Book "Red". St Paul's' is a staunch user of the Book of Common Prayer, the whole thing! Not just a print out in a bulletin. Although the BAS is used, the BCP is the liturgy of preference. It is very heartening to see this obvious colour choice by the huge and very active youth group of St Paul's. If you want to see what a small town church can do, check out their web site stpauls@mountaincable.net This great looking bus, this great and active youth ministry and this great and active church are more than proof that the "sixties" mind set "that the BCP is old and stodgy and needs to be squashed out of existence or we will never hold our young people" is a complete fallacy.

Niagara North Membership Growing!

Looking over the latest Niagara North PBSC membership and newsletter mailings lists we see we have lost a lot of members who have gone on to better things. We are saddened by these losses but know that "**they shall be known by their prayer book**". There may be one loss due to two members marrying each other. Naturally love of the BCP is high on the list of their mutual likes! Actually we are not sure if they will retain separate memberships or what!

Meanwhile we have the great joy to also tell you that our membership is growing by triple the amount we have lost to attrition. Not bad at all for a bunch of supposed out of date dinosaurs who are supposed to fade away because we are not "with it".

John Lennerton, Niagara North Membership Secretary

NIAGARA NORTH BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Our Youth, a Cause for Concern

The cosy dining room of Miss Billie Farmer, Chairperson of the Grand Valley Branch of the Prayer Book Society of Canada, on Saturday, October the eleventh, 2003, was scene of great concern to Biblical revisionists* and liturgical revisionists (*not always necessarily the same people but certainly not mutually exclusive!).

There sat Miss Farmer, that incredibly spry octogenarian defender of Classical Anglicanism, who battles with unrelenting vigour the subversive revisionist agenda that has wormed itself into our denomination, our own undisputed champion of our Society's ideals and defender of the faith! There also sat two acolyte teenagers with her, learning the ropes of the defence against the revisionist propaganda. Both are secretaries of the Niagara North Branch for Publicity and Webmaster respectively and were both guests at the Port Dover home of the Grand Valley Branch's Chairperson. They were there for two purposes, one to seek direction and guidance from the master tactician, the other to be a part of and listen in to the Prayer Book Society of Canada's National Conference Call Meeting.

Hearing the opinions and the latest news updates and ideas from the very heart of the Society's cross country leadership at such a turbulent time in our history was an eye opening experience to two young people. They certainly expressed appreciation for the opportunity to be part of this history in the making. This is just not an Anglican history, nor even a Canadian history being made, but world history being influenced and made right there over the speakerphone, as the Society dealt with its policies and politics.

More than "a cause for concern" could only be the result of a meeting like this to those in the revisionist camp as were not the Prayer Book Society members just supposed to drink tea, smile at the clergy and disappear? What is this? This is new young blood arising to take up the cause and to continue the battle for their ideals and wants.

We know what we are defending and our young people are beginning to know it too. The pair who had the privilege to attend Miss Farmer's introduction to the machinations of church politics are only two of the rapidly swelling ranks of young people who desire and demand the "faith" of their forbearers. They can be found seeking prayer book services and sound doctrine throughout the Anglican Communion, in Canada and the world.

*They and we will not smile and disappear; we will meet in dining rooms, church basements, on the electronic medium, and even in back alleys. We will struggle on in the councils and synods of our church. We will continue to gather strength as we do even now. *With apologies to Winnie

We ask for your prayers and support for our efforts so that the next generation and those that come after it may learn from their mentors like Miss Farmer and may become strong true disciples of our Lord and advocates for our way of worship and theology.

. . . and finally, From the President

From myself and the Executive of the Niagara North Branch, we would like to thank all of you for your generous support over the past year, and wish you a **very blessed Christmas Season, and all the best in the New Year.**

