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IF YOU WERE WONDERING?

Just what the Greater Niagara Branch has been up too these past months.....well.

We have been a busy bunch but not too organized. However, we did send our illustrious President, Alex Urquhart off to see the Archbishop of Canterbury, and we did manage a number of ad hoc meetings, but we really have not been too visible. Mind you we put up a brave front at Niagara Synod and were mobbed at times (see pictures) our membership drive has slipped. People do keep joining up though. (Mostly young people we are glad to see.)

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Prayer Book Society Meeting Held at St. Luke's Hamilton



Alex Urquhart addresses the Greater Niagara PBSC at the ad hoc dinner meeting in September. His tales of Lambeth were told with humour and were the hit of the get-together.



Cranmer Conference 2009 will return to Saint Paul's Dunnville May 22nd, 2009 weekend

Thanks to the determination of the Greater Niagara & Grand Valley executives and the good people of Saint Paul's, the Cranmer Conference (TCC2009) is back in Dunnville. At the time of writing, they have a wonderful line up of speakers and a great line up of events. It is aimed at the 19-29 year old set, but all are welcome to join in. See the web site www.cranmer.ca for more information.

Brochures will be available soon.

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Our younger set had a wonderful time at St Michael's Youth Conference and now we are after the slightly older set by feeding them real meat at the Cranmer Conference in Dunnville May 22nd. We do hope our members support us in this endeavour. Occasionally we think we must be mad to hold this as we are the youngest branch, and the poorest branch (we think) in Canada. But it is the youth of our members that makes us probably the most active and vibrant organization in the diocese. (That's our opinion and we dare anyone to think otherwise!)

So that brings us to asking for support to keep our newsletter publishing and our determination to keep Cranmer's little book a world favourite with all of us, young and old.

Thanking you and wishing you a Blessed Christmas.

Walter Raybould

*If you look for truth, you may
find comfort in the end;
if you look for comfort you will
not get either comfort or truth,
only soft soap and wishful
thinking to begin,
and in the end,
despair.*

C.S. Lewis

Requiem Mass At St George's in St. Catherine's Ontario

The combined choir's of Saint George's and Saint Barnabas churches gave praise with the setting of Gabriel Faure's Requiem Mass on Remembrance Sunday last. John Butler choirmaster of Saint George's conducted the Mass with Lesley Kingham director of Saint Barnabas choir playing the organ along with soloists Lois Marsh, Jody Wieler and Dr. Harris Loewen and a wonderful orchestra.

It was a fitting setting to be at Saint George's with its Lincoln and Welland Regimental connections on this special day. Col. Ian Purdie read out the roll call of the brave heroes of the past. Then Reveille and the Last Post echoed through the building. The whole service was a stunning memorial to our brave soldiers of Canada's current and past wars and all those present were moved. The choirs of Saint Barnabas and Saint George's and all those who were part of this Mass are to be congratulated for a magnificent offering to the Lord.



Pictured following the Requiem Mass are (left to right): Honourary Colonel Ian Purdie OSTJ, CD, Captain The Reverend Canon Rob Fead, Lieutenant Colonel Jeff Cairns OSTJ, CD, ADC and Lieutenant Colonel Matt Richardson CD (Commanding Officer, The Lincoln and Welland Regiment)

Results of Greater Niagara Wine Search 2008

Hindered by the fact that many of the executive are minors, our wine tours, whose objective is finding the "Perfect Communion Wine (or anything else that's drinkable)" has taken a turn for the worse. We just haven't gotten out there and done our bit this year.

So our older members have come up with a great solution to this problem. We are naming the runner up wine of last years' search as this year's winner! So that makes the Saint Luke's Parish wine called the "Soulful Soprano" as champion "chuggable" spirit of 2008.

The "Soulful Soprano" can be found at **Puddicombe Winery, 1468 Hwy #8 Winona, Ont.**, or go to www.parishwines.ca You will find the Soulful Soprano along with last year's winner "The Bloodied Ox" being sold in their store, and if you hurry you can stock up for Xmas!

Two famous leaders of Anglicanism at Lambeth 2008

Lambeth 2008 saw our illustrious young president hobnobbing with bishops from around the world.



Here Alex is with his nibs himself, Rowan, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Our Alex as a good Anglican, did the proper thing and genuflected and kissed his grace's ring. The Archbishop didn't bat an eye at these proceedings! Alex was there as part of the Prayer Book Society contingent and was probably the youngest official at Lambeth! His forte' was handing out the umbrellas with the Prayer Book Society logo and talking up the glories of the Book of Common Prayer.

A Week at St. Mike's Youth Conference, by Esther

The St. Michael's Youth Conference: not your typical scavenger hunting, hiking, forest-studying camp. It is a camp where we learn more about our roles as Christians, as well as values and answers when we are in times of doubt. Or, in Reverend David Burrows' words, "6 days of ramming religion down their throats."

But it's not just about the learning, Bible, and religion: it's the new friends you make every year, the friends you've spent previous years with, the fun times and laughter that you all share together, and the bonding, that make it an unforgettable experience that makes you wish it wouldn't happen only once every year.

For more information, visit www.stmikesontario.com



Picture of a class of the St. Michael's Youth Conference 2008, in deep study

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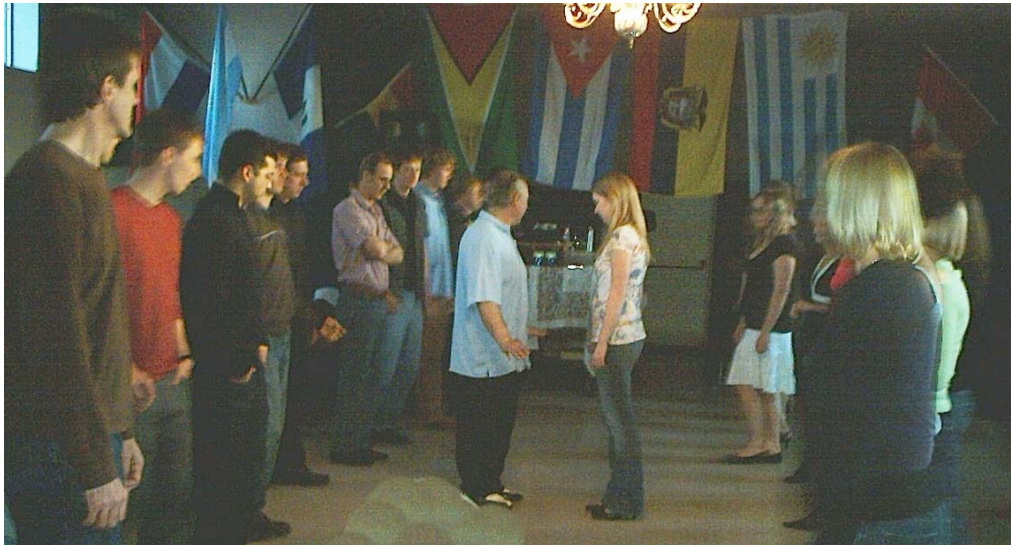
The Greater Niagara Prayer Book Society Branch at Niagara Synod 2008

The Greater Niagara Branch was out in force with its President Alex Urquhart, Treasurer Jeff Strikefoot, Alex Raybould and David Nusko staffing the booth at the Niagara Synod.



Seen here (at left) during a lull they are sharing their views with the Dean of Divinity of Trinity College, the Reverend David Neelands. The second picture (at right) is of the fellows in action.

Greater Niagara Taking it to the Streets



Due to the reorganization of things at Saint Luke's Hamilton, the monthly Salsa dance and dinner there has been cancelled. Into this fray are stepping the Greater Niagara PBSC Branch some of who's members had a lot to do with putting it on anyway. Yes, we are packing up the music and heading out into the diocese to spread the Word.

It is Evangelism Salsa style! Anyone wanting to give their young people a chance to learn one of the hottest dances and connect to their peers in the PBSC should contact us and we will put your church on the list for one of our Salsa PBSC meetings.

Want to learn more? Contact us by our email GreaterNiagara@Gmail.com or call 905-971-7863