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EVENTS

Niagara North Annual General Meeting

Feb 8, 2003 – 10:00 AM

St. Luke's Parish Hall, 454 John St. N,
Hamilton, Ont.

Service, BCP of course, lunch and
speaker to follow the general meeting
Guest speaker - Fr. Haynes Hubbard
from St. Paul's, Dunnville.

Youth Outreach Resources Info Night

Essentials Niagara is presenting another
of their wonderful dinner with speakers
and marketplace forums with speakers
from various youth programs such as St
Michael's Youth Conference etc. at:

St Matthew's-on-the-Plain

126 Plains Rd East, Burlington, Ont.

Feb 21, 2003, 6:00-9:30 PM

\$10.00 dinner & speeches \$4.00 for speeches only.

Call 905-312-2433 and leave a message
if you plan to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Alas we have been having hiccups in our
financial arrangements with the over
busy T. O. Branch. We are going to use
the help of **Grand Valley's** treasurer to
keep straight the **charitable donations**
you have been sending to us. We
apologize to anyone who has suffered
any of these hiccups and pray ask your
indulgence as we try to get the thing
fixed. Do let us know if there is a
problem so that we can attend to it. It is
always great to have things like this
happen to our new little branch as it
helps keep the humble executive even
more humble.

So please, make your donations payable
to: **PBSC-Grand Valley Branch.**

WINE TOUR - A MASSIVE FAILURE



The 12 souls (plus 1) who braved the cold November weather in search of the perfect communion wine.

Much more
work still to
do,
Many more
wineries still
to explore,
Must do a
repeat,
AGAIN!

NIAGARA SYNOD AND THE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY



David, Jacqueline, Katherine, and Mark at the Display

The Niagara North PBSC made
their first sally into the deepest
darkest depths of the 2002 Niagara
Synod. Up at six to get there and set
up for the eight o'clock registration.
The display and booths were off to a
side room and not too apparent but we
consider that we were given the best
possible spot in it and felt very
blessed. People must realize that it is
our mandate to support our beliefs
and we got nothing but praise and
support for our branch activities. We
were told by some that now there is a
feeling in some Niagara North BCP
Churches that they aren't alone. They

feel that they have a place in the diocese. This not only surprised us it sure made us feel
happy that our efforts must mean something to people.

Young David Nusko was up front and centre at the PBSC booth for the first long
day and did an admirable job of getting out our literature and message. Katherine Raybould
came for the Saturday morning to help too. Having only a teenager in view kept our booth
unthreatening and many people came up to it for information. The booth was well stocked
with brochures as Billie Farmer of Grand Valley had made a special stop to deliver the last
of old ones and we had a good number of the new trial ones. Nearly everything else ran out!
Bill Philips took twenty membership forms alone! David found that his "clients" were
pleased to have all that we could supply to take home and review and perhaps share.

By the way "they" of Niagara Synod 2002 were mulling over all sorts of things in
the next room from the mundane to the most divisive subjects Anglicans discuss these days.
It was no place for us and we kept right out of it!

NIAGARA NORTH BRANCH NEWSLETTER

REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT . . .

OK so this is one of my pet agendas. Essentials Niagara has been putting on great dinner and speaker, evenings. They have upgraded this venue to new heights and now are presenting a marketplace of speakers and sources on these evenings. The last one on missions was wonderful. The main speaker was from the "Church Army", remember them? Well we do now. What a terrific outreach for the Anglican Church. I dare say its "what would Jesus do" as the kids say. Now we have an opportunity to delve into the youth side of outreach and hear from some of our unsung hero's that are trying to guide our youth in the way that our Lord has commanded us to follow. The evening includes a dinner (cost \$10.00) starting at 6:00 PM, followed by the speakers. See EVENTS for more details.

For those of you who missed the wonderful Grand Valley Branch's AGM, Canon Charlie Masters National Director of Essentials, gave a wonderful talk, which left us all wonderfully empowered to continue with our work. If you can possibly get to hear this man, do so.

"Well, perhaps I'm unfair. Things were easier for us. We were brought up on stories with happy endings and on the Prayer Book."

Mother Dimble observes in "That Hideous Strength" by C.S. Lewis.

OF INTEREST

Great reports of the series of Evensong's at the cathedral. Lots of choirs coming in to help, and the services are basically sticking to the BCP although there are some deviations reported. We have to say "good show" to the cathedral for trying to uphold the standards that a Mother Church should have.

FR. HAYNES HUBBARD GUEST SPEAKER AT THE FEB 8, 2003 NIAGARA NORTH AGM

Fr. Haynes is rector of St Paul's Dunnville (the church that grew) and director of the "Camp Revive" youth camp. He leads his active church with spirit and energy and is a beacon for those who support the idea that the BCP is not "out of date" but one of the wonderful assets of the Anglican Church. Check out what's happening at St. Paul's at: www.stpaulsdunnville.ca



PRAISE ALL WAYS

Report on "Praise All (Their) Ways" service at Dundurn Sept 15, 2002 from Walter Raybould (in small print – if you missed reading it as published in the Niagara Anglican)

Just to keep us all humble about how wonderful we all are in attending these things, we found that the service started at two o'clock rather than at one o'clock. The silver lining to this meant that we got the pleasure to hear the music practice by the singers and meet some of the people whom had come. The junior choir started up at half past so it was all and all very pleasant. Sadly, we lost a party of our people who could not find the service in the park, making us feel a bit like Gideon and his three hundred. Interestingly many people from last year were not there. The best part of the service we saw was the junior choir from St John the Evangelist, Hamilton, who gave the service a great start. They were a treat. Congratulations to "The Flock on Locke" on their music program. Our youngest were well entertained by the crafts group during the service. Father Brereton conducted the service very capably and everyone seemed to be happy to have come. The service you could see had taken a lot of work and effort to put on.

We were let know we could pray to God the Father, or to some god the mother, whatever we were comfortable with. We were using excerpts from the New Zealand Prayer Book in the leaflet we had. We got to sing Alleluia to mother earth in one hymn, and Bishop Bothwell, told us that we should be considering blessing "same sex unions" and the ordination of non-heterosexuals in his "reflections" and made quite a point of it.

This was all very new to us as we are not used to hearing what we consider is "New-Age-Religion Speak". The pontification from the bishop made us all wonder what credence was given to "Lambeth 98", and the latest from the Bishop of Canterbury, never mind our own House of Bishops? (The Bible comes in there somewhere). Never the less, Bishop Bothwell seemed to be very determined to get across to us the need for us to accept his views on the latest trendy bandwagon he is on.

It is inappropriate that such a subject should have been put forward in such a manner and venue and suggest the committee should be wary of whom they invite to speak next.

We, at this point in the service, (3 o'clock) decided to flee with the five young charges in our care. (Our group had the only teen's there by the way, each a well-grounded second year grad of St Michael's Youth Conference.) The critique by the teenagers, expressed on the way home, would be an eye opener to those who think one could only attract young people with this style of service.

There was going to be an American based litany with candle lighting in memory of Sept 11, 2001 and refreshments following. There was what seemed a very appropriate line in the litany "Let us not confuse leadership within the global community as the voice for the whole community."

Our group seemed to have the only young people there, when you exclude the very young children's choir, of which most had disappeared right after the beginning. Exclude the worship team and us, it left only thirty-four people in the congregation. Maybe this poor attendance should tell the committee that something is being done wrong? Maybe they should try another style of service?

Perhaps it should be something orthodox?

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