

Area Council News  
June 1, 2010

We heard some great things about the ministry and mission that are happening here at **Christ Church**, including a connection with a school in Uganda, community connection through Messy Church, and other relationships with the local elementary school.

We have plans for the **Episcopal Area Bonspiel** which will be held in Beaverton. Ted McCollum will secure a date later this month and arrange for the meal for that day.

Some other good news is that the **Rice Lake Youth Ministry Initiative** is that they have hired someone for that position. Michael Vyn is from Peterborough and active in one of the local churches. Bill Gray and Christian Harvey made the announcement to Council and there seems to be a considerable amount of renewed energy about this new part of their life. Because this has been funded by the Council, we will be hearing more about the progress for this ministry.

Heather gave a good report about our **Area Day** held in March. There is more information about this in the Anglican.

Bishop Linda Nicholls shared some of her experience at the "**Bishop's School**" in the United States. She is now finished her three-year program! She has enjoyed her time there, sharing relationships with many of her colleagues both in Canada and in the United States. Linda has shared some of the new and emerging notions of leadership in the Church.

The Bishop also talked about the up-coming **General Synod** where she will give presentations on the Role of the Primate in the Anglican Church and another about Human Sexuality. There are two lay delegates from Trent-Durham going to General Synod this year. Many of the proceedings of General Synod will be live-streamed over the internet and probably available on podcast.

Christian Harvey shared some of his activities through the **Youth and Social Justice Position**. He shared his experience of the "One Church, One Tree" event and he preached at St John's in Bowmanville. He was also excited about the possibilities of the Rice Lake Initiative with Michael Vyn. Christian also went to the Justice Camp held in the Diocese of Niagara and it was an excellent event that we may be able to host here in Toronto.

We also had good and fruitful discussions about the various **funding opportunities** in the Area, especially around the new Mission Shaped Course offered in the fall, the work of the Rural Ministry Advocates, the support around the Mexican workers coming to Beaverton, and the Arena Church Program in Bewdley.

The Bishop also reminded us about the importance of **Back to Church Sunday** at the end of September. There are kits available and while you do not need the kits to be involved, we need to encourage our parishioners to invite friends and co-workers to church.