

Diocesan Synod Highlights
Friday, May 31st, 2013-05-31

The day began at 9 a.m. with worship on a theme of “Seeking Refreshment – Remembering the Gift of Water”. A memorable comment during worship was, “how often do we miss the presence of God standing right in front of us?”

Following the morning worship it was announced that Rose McFadden and Tyler Nieforth had been elected as Youth Members of Diocesan Council.

A presentation by guest speaker Ryan Sim on church planting was very well received. Rev’d Ryan said that AS Christians we have much to share with others, especially hope and Jesus Christ. He also said that at times we must work around the fact that people will not attend church on Sunday for a variety of reasons. We must meet them in a mutual location.

Synod warmly welcomed the Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz who led us in meditation. In his reflection Archbishop Fred stated that he often tells people he meets that he ‘lives in Toronto’ but is ‘from’ Nova Scotia and that he looks forward to returning there to live someday.

A number of resolutions were passed after short debate. However, one resolution of permitting raffles as a revenue source generated long debates and was eventually defeated in a vote by Orders. One resolution was withdrawn.

Bishop Sue presented long service certificates to a number of clergy who have been ordained between 25-60 years. A special certificate for 35 years of ordained ministry was presented to Archbishop Hiltz. Bishop Sue also honoured two lay people from the Diocese with the Diocesan Faithful Service Award, Mr. Bill Pigeon and Mr. Charles O’Neil.

Archbishop Hiltz presented Mrs. Carolyn Chenhall with the Anglican Award of Merit.

Bishop Cutler gave a presentation of Abuse Prevention Response” and Care to Screen and steps which each parish must take to create a “Parish Abuse Prevention and Response Plan”.

The second day ended with Compline.