My dear friends, I’ve been asked lately why it is that we now give a territorial acknowledgement at the beginning of our Sunday church services, and before vestry meetings. I recognise that for some this is a welcome practice, and for some it is not. Acknowledging that the land we inhabit has been inhabited for much longer than colonial settlement is in itself an act of reconciliation. To begin to understand the deep need for reconciliation, we need to go back in time, perhaps further than we’ve thought necessary.

The Doctrine of Discovery was a Papal Bull used and expanded upon by European powers from 1493 onward in the age of European exploration. The cornerstone of this doctrine was the belief that the lands ‘discovered’ by Europeans were uninhabited and unsettled and given to the discovering nations by God to do with what they pleased. This included the land, resources, and any non-Christian life in those lands. ‘Non-Christian’ is an important distinction: As part of the Doctrine of Discovery, one had to be Christian to be considered human. Non-Christian indigenous people living in these places were therefore seen as sub-human commodities, to be exploited or forcibly removed in the name of European progress. North America was termed ‘Terra Nullius’, or ‘nobody’s land’. Over the following 500 years, actions stemming from the use of this doctrine led to the genocide of millions of indigenous people in what is now South, Central, and North America. Along the way, the Anglican Church here in Canada had its own involvement in a form of this doctrine, as we took part in the system of residential schools. Recognizing that participation in this doctrine was deeply flawed and theologically incorrect, the Anglican Church of Canada has acknowledged the devastating and long-ranging impact of such beliefs and practices.

The 39th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada has formally repudiated (denied the validity of) the Doctrine of Discovery, and formally committed our shared work to that of recognising and repairing the damage done by this doctrine in the places we live, work, and worship. In this vein you may have noticed an increase in the national church reporting on work and projects done around Truth and Reconciliation (TRC), and the Anglican Council of Indigenous People (ACIP).

The Anglican Cathedrals in every diocese have been asked to take the lead in committing to give territorial acknowledgements on Sunday mornings. All cathedrals across the country have made this commitment, as an ongoing and shared act of reconciliation. It is recognized that a healthy way to acknowledge the past and chart a different now and future is by acknowledging the fact that people have been here longer than the European footprint. It is the recognition that long before this place was called Regina, it was inhabited by many, including Cree people, Nakoda people, Saulteaux people, and later Metis people. This was the territory which had been their traditional homeland for thousands of years. We therefore name the territory set aside under Treaty 4, the treaty pertaining to this place, and the peoples who have called this place home. We do so as a way of actively repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery. It is also a way for us to begin claiming our sometimes troubled past, breaking with our past mistakes, while respectfully stating that indigenous people have always been here, are here now, and are a vital part of our shared future. Our own history in this place began in the midst of enormous change. St. Paul’s became a church because European expansion on the prairies was happening at a lightning pace. The result of that expansion meant prosperity for some, and further difficulty for the indigenous inhabitants of this land. As a place that has gained much from being among the first communities of faith in this place, it is important for us to understand and value both realities, and our faithful response in building a better shared tomorrow.

Peace,  

(The Very Reverend) Mike Sinclair  
Dean and Rector
Well, here we are, the other side of Pentecost, that great holy day of the Christian calendar. At this time, we commemorate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles that instilled in them, and us who follow, that spirit of mission. This coming Sunday we begin our summer schedule of holding one service per Sunday at 9:30 a.m. The Church School teachers and members of the Cathedral Choir have begun a well-deserved summer break. At some point Cathedral clergy, staff, wardens and vestry members will take a much-needed rest from their duties and responsibilities. And we, members of this community, will take time off, whether it be long or short, to enjoy the all too brief warm days of summer to recharge our batteries.

It sounds all too much as though the Church enters a period of dormancy, or at the very least, of lethargy from Pentecost until after Labour Day. Far from it! The mission and ministry of the Church - of this Cathedral - never rests, but goes on throughout the summer months. Sunday and other weekday services continue to be held, pastoral visits are constantly in demand as sickness and death take no time off, outreach ministry such as that of the Cathedral Lunch program and that of the Columbarium continue apace, and the oft unseen, but nonetheless important work of the Cathedral office, Altar Guild, sub-deacons and servers, greeters and organists, to name a few, goes on.

Given the demands placed upon this Cathedral and all who serve here day in and day out through the year, it is incumbent upon us to support this work through prayer, talent and financial support. When we have need of the Church’s ministry, we expect that someone will be there for us in our time of need. To ensure that ministry happens it is important that we not neglect our giving, but that we continue our support of this constant in our lives throughout the summer as well as the rest of the church year. Perhaps the words of the hymn, “The day thou gavest, Lord” best sums this mission up:

“We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
While earth rolls onward into light,
Through all the world her watch is keeping,
And rests not now by day or night.”

(Canon) Trevor Powell
On Sunday, May 19th, St. Paul’s Cathedral welcomed serving members of The Royal Regina Rifles and members of the veterans’ association, gathered in Regina for their annual D-Day reunion, to their regimental church. Normally the reunion takes place close to June 6th, but as the regiment was sending a delegation to the 75th anniversary commemorations in France, the 2019 event was advanced to the Victoria Day weekend.

On behalf of the Cathedral, Major (ret’d) Canon Michael Jackson greeted members of the Regiment and the Association, and asked Private Jaiden Hachey to light the Regimental Peace Candle. Honorary Lieutenant-Colonel Randy Brooks and Lieutenant Colonel Stacey Grubb read the first and second lessons respectively. Privates Andre Smith and Juliano Simenetti took part in the Offertory party along with other members of the Cathedral. The Reverend Anne Marie MacNeil presided and preached at the 10:30 Choral Eucharist for the first time.

Readers of The Epistle will recall that the “colours” of the 28th North West Battalion were returned to the Cathedral last November 11th having been loaned for display in the Legislative Building to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War. They are once again displayed above the choir in the south transept.

Canon Trevor Powell
The University of Emmanuel and St. Chad has awarded the degree of Doctor of Canon Law (honoris causa) to Trevor Powell of St. Paul’s Cathedral. The honorary degree is awarded to members of the laity who have served the Church with distinction. Along with other recipients from St. Andrew’s College and the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Trevor received his honorary doctorate at the 18th Joint Convocation of the Saskatoon Theological Union held in Saskatoon at Zion Lutheran Church on the evening of May 3rd.

Not only was Trevor recognized for his professional skills as an archivist in acquiring, preserving and making available records of the diocese and ecclesiastical province, but also for his work as an historian of the Church. In the words of the College Principal Dr. Iain Luke, his archival skills “are more than matched by his personal commitment to inspire the church to understand and remember its own history, In lectures and presentations, articles and books, Canon Powell has delivered insights in the Church of England’s role in agricultural settlement in the Prairies, and how it was shaped by the great transformations of world wars, immigration, and Depression.
Vestry Report

This has been a busy time for Vestry as ever. Activities have been dominated by two issues, both of which are reported on in greater detail elsewhere in this edition of the Epistle. The first matter has been dealing with the aftermath of the unfortunate flooding of our basement that occurred as the ice melted on the roof. Repairs are nearly done as I write and, thankfully, damage was well short of catastrophic albeit most unwelcome. Our insurance has covered most of the costs involved with this episode, but the deductible was $10,000, which has been accommodated within our various funds. The second item was the St. Cuthbert’s Deanery Wardens’ meetings that have finished its first phases and is now commencing the next stage, with directly affected congregations looking at how resources and capacities may be shared between parishes.

Outside these two questions, we have had a busy spring dealing with a variety of subjects. I am very happy to note the solid success of our Strawberry Fair, which represents an enormous amount of work by a large proportion of the congregation. Well done to all. As well, this fall we intend on holding a small fundraising campaign to buy an AED machine. We already have about half of it covered before even asking and will complete the effort in September/October.

Our last meeting before the summer was on 18 June, with the next scheduled for 17 September. As ever, do not hesitate to contact any member of Vestry or myself should you have a concern or would like to bring something up for Vestry to consider.

For the meantime, Vestry wishes all a very pleasant summer. Do take care with any travel you may have planned, watch the weather and your fellow motorists – especially, I might note bicycles and motorbikes.

Ian Yeates, Chair of Vestry

Wardens’ Report

At the Annual Meeting on February 2019, Ian Yeates was appointed as the Rector’s Warden. In March, Jim Melville resigned from his position as People’s Warden because of ill health. Pamela Kendel-Goodale was elected People’s Warden to succeed him in April. Consequently, both Wardens have spent these past few months learning about their roles, attending meetings and assisting the Dean.

The Cathedral has had make an insurance claim because of water damage caused to the lower levels of the Cathedral proper. The flooding was caused by ice build-up on the roof. On a more positive note, we are pleased to report that the renovation work is almost complete allowing the ministries such as the Columbarium, Church School and Choir to return to function as normal. Thank you to Jim Melville for his work with the insurance claim and the restoration company with the clean-up.

Thank you to the Stewardship Committee of Doug Turnbull, Mary Wallace, Joe Jozsa and Susan Gorges for their ongoing work in support of voluntary giving. Managing our finances is an ongoing task for the Dean, Wardens and Vestry.

Pamela Kendel-Goodale, People’s Warden
Katepwa Summer Services

A seasonal ministry to which the Cathedral contributes is the provision of worship to the resort church of All Saints’, Katepwa. Services are held every Sunday from Victoria Day through Labour Day. Service time is 9:30 a.m. Cathedral clergy - Dean Mike Sinclair, the Reverend Ed Dunfield and Canon Michael Jackson take their turn along with other diocesan clergy in bringing the sacraments to those from the resort community and surrounding district.

Summer is a wonderful time of the year to get out of the city and explore nearby places. If you are planning a weekend trip to the beautiful Qu’Appelle Valley, you are very welcome to attend historic All Saints’ situated at the east end of the lake on Highway 56.

Canon Trevor Powell

The Summer Service Schedule ~ One Service at 9:30 a.m. ~ runs from June 16th—Sept. 1st.

The regular Service Schedule resumes Sunday, Sept. 8th
Meetings of the wardens from the various Regina parishes have been underway for the past 18 months or so, with a view to landing on some options or ideas to strengthen the local Anglican community. The immediate occasion for this initiative was the declining membership in some parishes, combined with financial stress and a number of rector vacancies. There have been periodic updates provided to our congregation in the weekly bulletins.

The process is entering a new phase. Recent months saw the identification of three potential options or scenarios that might be presented to Bishop Rob Hardwick for consideration as a go forward strategy. In some ways the three scenarios are on a continuum, with the first (Modified Status Quo) involving the identification of a number of churches for amalgamation on a top-down basis, and the second (Rebirth) involving parishes coming together to see if agreement on amalgamation might be achieved from a bottom-up perspective. The final option (One Church) would see all the Regina parishes fold into one congregation, with perhaps one or two satellite sites. By and large, the wardens collectively supported the Rebirth model, largely on the grounds that this provided the best chance of having all concerned participate more willingly in any future amalgamation effort with some degree of local control. The Modified Status Quo, largely endorsed by our Vestry, has the benefit of providing central direction on a subject that is emotional and difficult to move on in the absence of an identified end state. The One Church notion was identified as perhaps an end state in the future, but not necessary at this point.

The next step with this process will be the facilitation of an amalgamation process, or some version of sharing resources, between appropriate congregations. At present, St. Paul’s (and St. Mary’s) will provide support to such discussions as might be needed. In the future, there may well be an initiative to encourage the movement of individual congregants from a closing church to move to another, such as St. Paul’s, but it is premature to speculate at this point. In such circumstances, we will of course welcome any and all to St. Paul’s.

This has been a lengthy and challenging process as can be imagined. St. Paul’s, thankfully, has not been one of the congregations that have experienced serious financial difficulties in recent years, and are one of the stronger parishes on a number of measures. There is no room for complacency on this score by any means and it is incumbent upon all of us to reach out and help fellow Anglicans elsewhere in Regina as needs arise. Importantly, coming out of the St. Cuthbert’s Archdeanery meetings is a renewed commitment to work better together in support of one another. Working groups will be struck in coming weeks and months with the congregations directly involved in tackling specific issues within their parish. St. Paul’s role in this process is to be determined in the future.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to speak with a warden or with Dean Mike.

Ian Yeates,
Rector’s Warden
Church School News

We’ve had a good year! We are particularly pleased at the number of young Anglicans in our junior class and at the joy they exhibit every Sunday as they bound downstairs to the orange room after Kids’ Time with the Dean. Our teachers bring many gifts to their classes – their faith, their creativity and their enthusiasm – to name but three. We are blessed by their presence.

We struggle with numbers in the senior class. When the young people are in class they are involved and their contributions to discussions are always worthwhile. I know how difficult it is to convince twelve and thirteen year olds to come to church, but please do what you can to encourage them to continue building their faith life.

Finally we are in DESPERATE need of more teachers. All volunteers will be welcomed with open arms and great enthusiasm.

On behalf of all the parents/grandparents/loving caregivers who bring their young Anglicans to St. Paul’s, I want to express gratitude to our teachers for their skills, their commitment, their flexibility and their willingness to be part of this important ministry. So, a dirigible of thanks to Val Harding, Marieka Andrew, Robin Sinclair, Liz Turnbull, Heather McKerracher, Hildy Bowen and her mother. A special thanks to Margaret Ball for her skill and warmth in capturing our Church School’s moments big and small.

Gail Bowen

Building in Faith News

We have now occupied our new facilities for five years. An Open House to celebrate the Official Opening was held on June 19, 2014. This was the culmination of much planning and praying for many people on many committees dating back as far as 2002. For newer members of the congregation, this will be a history lesson and for others, a “trip down memory lane”.

Our old hall was dedicated on January 19, 1958. It was not excavated and was built in the style of the day with a few stairs down to the lower level meeting rooms and a full flight up to the second floor with no elevator. It did not do well on the shifting soil of Regina and developed many cracks which allowed the cold wind to blow through. The washrooms were dreadful and proper heating was a constant challenge. (Ask the Dean about his first winter in his office. We are so fortunate that he did not flee immediately!)

Thus by 2011, a congregational meeting voted to proceed with the building project. The identifying phrase Building in Faith emerged and has proven to be appropriate so many times. As of September 2014, the completed project cost was $4,499,163, of which $3,413,657 had been paid. The remaining $1,085,506 became our mortgage and as shown on the accompanying financial statement, we have paid off 44.42% of that amount.

There are many demands on our personal financial resources, but we can’t forget BIF. Individual BIF offering envelopes are available in the pews and monthly Pre-Authorized Debit (PAD) is available. Please contact Margaret Hammond for information. Bequests can be made to BIF, as can memorial donations. Also you might consider donations for occasions such as special birthdays and anniversaries. Tax receipts are issued for all donations.

Margaret Hammond
# Building in Faith Jan to May 2019 - finances

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**Revenue Less Expenses**: **-$12,835**

**BIF Bank Balance May 31, 2019**: $49,393

**Loan Balances As Of May 31, 2019**
- Memorial Endowment Fund (Internal): $128,259
- Columbarium (Internal): $32,726
- CIIBC: $603,311

**Year To Date Number Of Different Donors To BIF**: 50

For Jan to May 2019, donations exceeded regular bank payments by $7,155 (excluding the principal lump sum payment of $20,000 made on Feb 4, 2019).

Interest payments to CIIBC through construction were $17,731. Since inception of the CIIBC bank loans on Sept 1, 2014, interest payments have totalled $159,256. The CIIBC loan is now 44.42% paid off — and the sooner it is paid off, the sooner revenue lost to interest expenses is eliminated.
Cathedral Lunch

Some Implications of Lunch Program Growth

The Cathedral Lunch Program has grown significantly. In 2016 we averaged 155 people each lunch, with a high of 197 and a low of 97. In 2017 the average was 178, with a high of 223 (twice) and a low of 131. In 2018 we averaged 177, with a high of 237 and a low of 135. So far this year, the average is 218, with the high 307 and the low 150. Our lowest numbers this year equal the averages of earlier years.

As Marilyn Hedland said in the last Epistle, our guests are disproportionately elderly and/or people with disabilities. Our guests are from all ethnic groups, but First Nations are disproportionately represented. It is difficult to find patterns in attendance. Almost always, the second lunch in a month has greater numbers than the first lunch. A significant variable here is when cheques are issued. This would indicate that people are reluctant to accept charity unless it is necessary. By the end of the month people’s money runs out.

As an overall pattern, about 1/3 of our guests are regulars, about 1/3 are occasional attenders, and about 1/3 first timers, although there is significant variation in this from week to week. An example of an occasional attender was a woman who had to go to Saskatoon for a medical procedure. Health Care covered the cost of the treatment but not the trip to Saskatoon. When she had paid for that, she had no money left for food.

As Marilyn mentioned, there seems to be a growing sense of community among our guests, with socialization almost as important as the lunch itself. This was one of our aims for the program from its inception, and it seems to be working. The program is strongly supported by the congregation, both in terms of volunteers and in financial support. A significant number of volunteers come from other churches and youth from schools and churches as far away as Whitewater and Balgonie. The Sherwood Co-op has generously donated bread. We should note that the lunch program is more strongly supported both financially and with volunteers than many other activities in the church, which would indicate that the church has no need to fear engagement with the Gospel imperatives of justice and service to the poor and oppressed. Indeed, one could argue that one of the reasons St. Paul’s is relatively strong is that we at least try to put the gospel into practice.

The growth of the program has created problems, however. We don’t have space for the numbers we are seeing, and volunteers are often exhausted by the end of the morning. The kitchen was not designed to handle these kinds of numbers. We have about reached the limit of what we can handle.

To determine why the program is growing requires more data than our numbers give us. To some extent it is a case of "the word getting out," but given the knowledge many of our guests have of where meals are available, we should not assume that is the only, or even the main, reason. On one hand, the word on the street is that St. Paul’s is a place where people are treated with respect which creates a good atmosphere. On the other hand, other churches that provide meals are reportedly also seeing an increase in numbers.

I think that the growth in the number of our guests also indicates a growing problem of poverty and homelessness in the city. Poverty reduction and low-cost housing certainly have not been priorities of either the provincial or municipal governments. What the church can do remains to be seen. Perhaps the property of one or more of the Anglican churches which will be closed in the proposed reorganization for Regina could be used to build low-cost housing. Such a project would entail risks, but Jesus never instructed his disciples to “play it safe and protect what you have.”

William Stahl
St. Paul’s 31st Annual Strawberry Fair was once again a huge success. Although Strawberry sales were down somewhat, the cost of the berries was down by $6 per flat over last year. We moved the date back to the first Saturday in May and that seemed to be very well accepted….the weather was a bit cool but we have persevered through worse.

A huge thank you goes out to all the convenors and their helpers who did such an awesome job with the sale booths!!! Without them, and all who come out to Strawberry Fair, - Strawberry Fair would just not happen. Again, my heartfelt THANK YOU TO ALL!!!!!

Elvira Beday

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**STRAWBERRY FAIR 2019**

*Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way - THAT is the real key to our success.*

These are the final figures: ** denotes expenses have been subtracted & no returns/leftovers were dispersed to Cathedral Lunch &/or Catering

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2019 Coordinator: Elvira Beday