



Warden's Message

Let your light shine before others that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16

This past year light shone. The Reverend Canon Dr. Jody Clarke gave a presentation at our annual meeting in Stellarton on “passion” and the need for it to shine through in our church communities. The Reverend Lynn Uzans talked to us at our Fall Conference in Antigonish about the “eyes of our heart”, knowing when to say “yes” and when to say “no.” She led us on a journey of discovery about who we are and what we’re becoming, in light of daily movement to and from the heart of God. The Association was blessed to have these two lights teach us through our continuing education venues. This year’s annual meeting is in Bedford and our fall conference is in Prince Edward Island. If you have never taken part in one or the other of these two events, I would strongly encourage you to do so. We have an opportunity to see

new things, to share our good work, and together give glory to God.

Good news! A new Lay Readers’ training syllabus is coming into the light of day. Many people have contributed to its production. The filming project was conducted and supervised by Julie Guy of In-Point Media. The Board of Standards was gen-



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erous with its coordination and feedback. Likewise, we were able to find various presenters brave enough to give their wit and wisdom to enlighten various areas of study. To everyone who helped out, a big thank you!

The Association has been blessed with the leadership of Shirley Williams who picked up the reins as President at last year's annual meeting. She comes with both vision and energy and I suspect we will see a great deal of good work – as already glimpsed - being accomplished under her watch. She is joined by David Harrison who was elected Vice President. Thanks are extended to Mr. Harrison for taking on this vital leadership. I would like to take time to especially express my deep appreciation to Marie (Ayotte) George for her faithful service as secretary. After seven years, she will be passing on the duties to someone else, but before she does, I would just like to say we couldn't have asked for a more accurate, concise and prompt keeper of the minutes. God bless you on the road ahead. Thanks are offered for Wayne Hamlin for handling the books, for Victoria Henrikson for her talents as Editor of the Diakonia, for Don Eldershaw for looking after our Webpage, and for our various region and board members for their counsel and support. Well done good and faithful servants.

Meanwhile, may the Good Lord continue to bless each of you as Lay Readers active in our churches. It is you, who in various and special ways, have dedicated yourselves to the glory of God in service to your Diocese and parishes. You, too, let your light shine before others. Your sundry good works do indeed lead others to give glory to God. Never underestimate the impact you are making. Thank you.



Now onward and upward!

Yours in Christ,
The Reverend Thomas W. Henderson

Thirsty hearts are those whose longings have been awakened
by the touch of God within them. A. W. Tozer

Bio of the Reverend Tom Henderson Warden



The Reverend Tom Henderson is a native son of Cape Breton and is currently Rector of the Parish of Avon Valley near Windsor, NS at the gateway to the Annapolis Valley Region.

He is a graduate (1982) of St. Francis Xavier University in Antigonish and later moved to Halifax where he worked for several years at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia and as an historian with the Department of National Defense. Owing to public austerity in the early 1990s, he went on to work for private-public partnerships specializing in technology. Actively involved as a Lay Reader in his adoptive parish of Holy Spirit in Dartmouth, Henderson discerned a call to ordained ministry and attended the Atlantic School of Theology in the early years of the new millennium.

He was ordained (Deacon and Priest) in 2003 and was appointed Warden of Diocesan Lay Readers in 2005. He is married to Thérèse and is the proud custodian of three cats and five churches.

President's Message

Hello everyone and belated New Year greetings to you all! I wish to extend a warm welcome to all of the recently licensed Lay Readers, and hope that we will see them at the Annual meeting on June 7th at St. Peter's, Birch Cove, and at the 3-day Fall Conference on PEI, September 19-21. These are wonderful opportunities to meet others who share your ministry, to exchange ideas and to broaden your outlook. We have interesting facilitators at these events, plus the Fall Conference is a lot of fun!

You will become more confident as you grow into your ministry and you will be astounded at what you accomplish. You have to, because as a Lay Reader, you are regarded as a leader in

your Parish. People look up to you as being a model, a good servant as well as an honourable and a prayerful follower of Christ.

I have recently received inquiries about an Installation Service for Lay Readers. As far as I know, there isn't an "Official" version but thumbing through an old issue of the Diakonia (circa 1995), I found a suggested Form of Service, plus other information taken from Canon 17, which concerns Lay Readers. These items can be found on Pages 14-15 of this issue of the Diakonia.

This Canon reminds us that we are part of a "team ministry" and that we should take our position seriously; it is not something that you "hop in and out of". If you feel this is not the ministry for you, then you may request to be released. I hope the information will be useful to both Clergy and Lay Readers alike. If you would like a member of the Board of Standards or Executive to attend a special function, please let us know; we haven't tried this before, but it might make us seem less distant!

I am writing this letter during the first week of March. The calendar says it is two weeks to Spring, but a look out of the window doesn't look very promising. We have entered the season of Lent, a time to soberly examine ourselves, a time of personal discipline, and perhaps contemplation, leading to change.

My Parish is using another book to guides us through



Lent, "Our Iceberg is Melting" by John Kotter & Holger Rathgeber, a story about a colony of penguins whose iceberg home is melting and they have serious decisions to make! Eventually they realize that if the colony is to survive, some are going to have to move to another iceberg (or two). It is not an easy decision, but the other option is not very pleasant either. So, the Adventure begins!!!

I'll let you know what happens!

I think that some of us are like the penguins on the iceberg. We are content or at least accustomed to our life style. Sure it's not 100% but we make adjustments and often settle for less and less and that is not what God intends for us. He constantly challenges us to grow; to explore; to learn to step onto another

“iceberg” and start a new stage in our life journey. It won’t be easy; there will be difficulties and maybe even hardships as well as joys but God does not desert us. He rejoices in our victories and supports us when we stumble and God is persistent; He wants us to live up to our potential. Are you ready to move to another iceberg???

I pray that you have a Holy Lent; that your “quiet times” with God strengthens your ministry; and, that you can celebrate the glorious Festival of Easter knowing that you are on a journey of a life time. I hope you find a steady and large iceberg to share!!!

Blessings,
Shirley Williams



Bio of David Harrison Vice President

I first became a Lay Reader about 30 years ago while I was a teacher in Cabri, Saskatchewan. My wife, son and I attended St John the Baptist Anglican Church in Pennant, a neighboring town. St John’s was one congregation in a five point parish. One priest was responsible for the entire parish. Obviously there was no way that he could lead worship in every church every Sunday, so Licensed Lay Assistants (what Lay Readers were called) were appointed by Archbishop Michael Peers on the recommendation of the Rector. My duties involved leading Morning Prayer at St. John’s on Sundays when the Rector was not present.

While living in Saskatchewan, I was very involved in church government. At various times I was People’s Warden, Rector’s Warden and then Treasurer. At the Diocesan level, I was a member of the Committee on Ordained Ministry; this was a committee, appointed by the Bishop, which screened potential postulants on his behalf. We also followed and supported postulants through their education at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad and for the first two years of their priesthood, by holding

seminars for them and visiting them while they were attending college.

Ten years ago, I retired from teaching (I was at the time a curriculum and technology consultant working out of the School Board Office) and we moved to Lorne, Nova Scotia, my wife's home. We became members of Christ Church in Stellarton. After attending for a couple of years, I approached the rector about becoming a Lay Reader again as this is a ministry I missed being involved in. I believed it was time to become re-involved.

I am also a member of the Christ Church choir, as well as the Anglican Churches of Pictou County Men's Choir.

I have been an EFM student/mentor for the past four years, this is a challenging course that I highly encourage all Lay Readers to take. I hope to continue as a mentor following my completion of the program in June.

I again became involved in church government - having been elected Junior Warden and then Senior Warden, a position I still hold. I am also a member of the Healthy Parishes VSST and chair of the Parish Relations Task Group. I am also the chair of the council of the Anglican Churches of Pictou County.

I am a past member of Diocesan Councils, both in the Diocese of Qu'Appelle and with our own diocese.

Outside of church, I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Bergengren Credit Union. While we lived in Saskatchewan, I was a member of the board of a small credit union, when we moved to Nova Scotia the CEO of the New Glasgow Credit Union asked me to run for that board. A few years later, the New Glasgow Credit Union amalgamated with Bergengren and I remained on the board.



I am also the tuba player with the New Glasgow New Horizons Band - I had played the tuba off and on since I was twelve years old; now that I am retired, I have time to do it again!

You are loved more than you will ever know by someone who died to know you. Romans 5:8

Archdeaconry Area Reports

CHIGNECTO

The Lay Readers of the region have had a busy Advent, Christmas and Lenten season with many extra services and duties completed with care, despite the winter weather causing many service cancellations.



Snowy conditions caused cancellation in December of the service at St. James in Shubenacadie for the presentation of purple ribbons and medallions to Brenda Norwich of St. James and Margaret Matheson of Holy Trinity. They have fulfilled the qualifications and their positions for many years. Congratulations to both of them!



The ministries of our Lay Readers cover many areas of our church life, both within the services in the Sanctuary and beyond. They often go unnoticed but are appreciated by those who receive their ministrations in their place of residence, or hospital or during fellowship sessions, be it at a seniors' luncheon or Vacation Bible School, etc. Lay Readers wear many hats.

If I can be of assistance to the Lay Readers in this area, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted
Anne Sheck

NORTHUMBRIA

Nothing really to report. The new Rector at Three Harbours has licensed me, Nancy & Marie. Other than that, we are going on as usual.

Pauline Liengme

DARTMOUTH

The following is a brief look at the activities and ministries of the many Lay Readers in eight of the nine Parishes which make up the Dartmouth Region.

Church of the Holy Spirit, Dartmouth – At the Church of the Holy Spirit, there are seven active Lay Readers, Betty Pitt, Gerry Nelson, Ethel Nelson, David Spencer, Rita Colbert, Bev Woodward and Marie George. Two of our Lay Readers have had to step back for the time being because of illness.

One Lay Reader sets-up for Eucharist on Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons and assists The Reverend Edwin at the 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist service on Sunday mornings. All Lay Readers assist at the 10 a.m. Family Eucharist on Sundays. In teams of two, Home Communion is taken twice a month to the residents of the Berkeley.

Church of Saint Andrew, Cole Harbour – The Lay Readers of this Parish have had a busy Christmas after a prayerful Advent and now are into Lenten activities!

There are currently seven full-time Lay Readers with two on leave and one "on call" if needed. Some Lay Readers participated in a Pastoral Care training course at Oakwood Terrace in Dartmouth helping to understand and minister to those with dementia and other cognitive problems. Three of our Lay Readers are pastoral visitors, each having a specialty in visiting Homes, Hospitals or Nursing Homes. Many of the Lay Readers are involved in a number of other leadership roles within the Parish.

Monthly worship non-denominational services are still being lead at Parkland on the Lake, The Rector, The Rev. Katherine Bourbonniere serves Communion to all, three or four times a year. Lay Readers (along with some Choir members) provide a service twice a year at Oakwood Terrace in Dartmouth.

St. Luke's, Dartmouth – The five active Lay Readers in the Parish continue to carry out their regular ministries under the current Priest in Charge, The Rev. Debra Burleson. Their full-time Rector, The Rev. Carolyn Tomlin, retired at the end of December 2013. They look forward to what the future holds in terms of new ministry in their Parish.

St. Alban's, Dartmouth – It is with grateful thanks that the Parish continues to be served by three very active Lay Readers. These Lay Readers carry out their usual ministries under the direction of their Rector, The Rev. Frances Drolet-Smith.

Christ Church, Dartmouth – The Parish has three fully Licensed Lay Readers and two new “Lay Readers-in-Training”. These five continue to carry out their tasks, including leading a service of Evening Prayer, under the direction of their Rector, the Rev. Steve Laskey, who will be leaving the Parish in July. This year the Parish is offering a Lenten Program entitled, “Touch the Earth Lightly”.

St. Peter's, Eastern Passage – At the Parish Church of St. Peter in Eastern Passage the Lay Readers organize the 10:30 am family service, two are assigned each Sunday and oversee the readers and Eucharistic ministers, lead the prayers of the people and administer Holy Communion. Five are used at the family service with three at the communion rail and two at a standing station. Starting in Lent, the Lay Readers take turns with a second person who is comfortable praying with others, to offer a prayer station in the sanctuary after the Family service for individuals who wish to receive this ministry.

Two Lay Readers take turns assisting at the 9 am BCP communion.

Lay Readers are also committed to taking the reserved sacrament to shut-ins who wish to receive every week at home. This ministry has helped in building strong ministry relationships. Wednesday nights in Lent and the week nights of Holy Week, the Lay Readers preach and every second week they lead Mattins and preach in Christ Church, Cow Bay.

St. John's, Westphal – This year at St. John's, Westphal, the Lay Readers seem to find they are less active than in other years, at least in taking on additional ministries or projects. There remain just three active Lay Readers: Dennis Eisan, Lewis Hillier and Billie Myers. Dennis serves almost every Sunday and is assisting in instructing the young regular server, Corey, in being a Eucharistic server and Eucharistic minister. Dennis also began his second year as Parish Warden and continues to co-ordinate the prison ministry team. He's also the organizational force behind

preparing delicious meals for St. George's Soup Kitchen when the Parish's turn comes round. Lewie and Billie are part of the Prison Ministry team as well, and have been for about 20 years. Lewie partici-



pates as Eucharistic Minister and serves occasionally but is most often part of our contemporary choir. He and his wife Vinie have been hosting the Monday night Bible Study for many years. Billie leads Monday night Bible study and steps in to lead Wednesday Morning Prayer, when required. Dennis and Billie still take turns preparing prayers of the people, as do other members of the congregation, but find they are doing this less often than in the past. Billie serves as part of the contemporary music worship team and a member of the Prayer Chain. And she share duties as an Administrator of St. John's Facebook page, so if you pay attention to such things, she hope you'll 'like' their Facebook Page.

EASTERN SHORE

As usual all the Lay Readers are kept busy by their Parish and Rectors.

The Parish of Seaforth is very busy and under Rev. Kyle Wagner's leadership, the Lay Readers Peter Morgan and Doug Bethune help in any way they can, assisting with services and doing services of Morning and Evening Prayer as needed and other tasks required of them.

The Lay Readers of the combined **Parishes of Musquodoboit and Ship Harbour** continue to co-operate with each other and enjoy working together. There are many combined committees where they have an opportunity to work together, including Spirituality, Ministry and Pastoral Care. Some changes are being made surrounding the Pastoral Care Committee. It is hoped that in the near future, workshops will be available to assist them in education in this area. Our



vision for this Committee is that we be the roots of compassion, hospitality and gentle companionship.

On occasions recently, some of our Lay Readers have visited the Parish of Seaforth to help with services.

The Parish of Tangier has one Lay Reader which is me. I help our Rector Rev. Kevin Frankland in any way I can. Assisting in services, doing the prayers of the people, administering the chalice, doing Morning and Evening Prayer and other duties required from time to time. I enjoy every minute of the work that I do and am so blessed to have such a great leader in Fr. Kevin. I also attended the Lay Readers' Annual Meeting in Stellarton in June and the Fall Conference in Antigonish in October. It is so good for Lay Readers to get together and discover what journey they are on as Lay Readers. All Lay Readers should attend the Fall Conference if they can. What an uplifting experience.

In the **Parish of Port Dufferin**, with the Rev. Kay Knott on sick leave, the Lay Readers under the leadership of the Rev. Melissa Frankland are busy assisting her in services and anything else required of them. Port Dufferin has two active Lay Readers, Molly Gammon and Aaron Verge. Molly is looking after the Liturgical Schedule while Rev. Kay is out on sick leave. Both are active doing readings, administering Holy Communion, and leading Morning Prayer.

In the **Parish of Ecum Secum** the only Lay Reader, Faye Levy, is kept very busy. As this Parish is without its own Clergy, once a month they bring in visiting Clergy to do a Eucharist and Faye herself does at least one service of Morning or Evening Prayer a month. She also assists visiting Clergy in any way she can. Faye also attended the Fall Conference.



As you see the Lay Readers in this Archdeaconry provide lots of help to the Parishes they live in.

I am hoping that all my Parishes will keep me informed of what they are doing so I can pass it on. It is always interesting to see what other Lay Readers are doing. God be with us all as we do his work.

With prayers and blessings,
Judy Beaver

From the Editor's Desk



Here we are with another edition of the Diakonia – trying our best to keep you in touch with what is happening around our Diocese with Lay Readers. There are currently four vacancies for Area Representatives – Chebucto, Valley, PEI and Fort Sackville. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please let the Warden of our Association, The Reverend

Tom Henderson know of your interest. His contact information can be found in this issue of the Diakonia. If you attend the upcoming Annual Meeting at St. Peter's Anglican Church in Halifax, you can speak with him at that gathering.

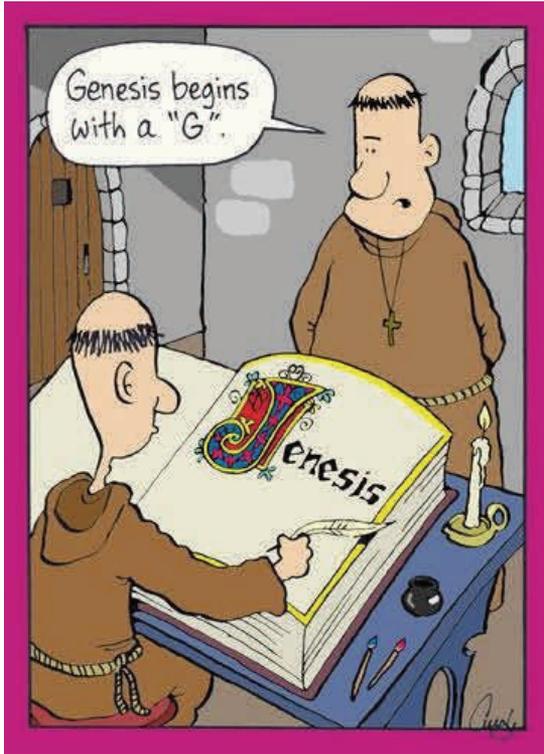
Each Spring's edition of this Newsletter, with its reports from the various Archdeaconries in the Diocese, reminds us of the important and significant ministries that the Lay Readers are carrying out in their various Parishes. We see from the reports how you give generously of your time and your gifts to support your Parishes. It is your service and your dedication that is so remarkable, especially as many of you have been serving in this capacity for a number of years. You are among the unsung heroes of our churches.

I would like to remind those Area Representatives out there, who have not submitted a report for this issue, to plan to do so in the Spring of next year. This is the one time of the year that we get to hear about your ministries and to learn from each other about what each one of us is doing in our various Parishes around the Dioceses. When we don't hear from you, we miss your insights and input.

Over the next several months, we will be working on the Fall issue of the Diakonia which is always the teaching issue and it will also contain information about the speaker and program for the 2014 Fall Conference. Plan to put the date, which you will find in this issue, on your calendar and attend for a great opportunity to learn and enjoy fellowship with your fellow Lay Readers.

Until the next issue, I wish you God's peace and a good measure of the Holy Spirit as you carry out your Lay Reader ministry.

With every blessing,
Victoria Henrikson



Upcoming Dates to Place on your Calendar

2014 Fall Conference	September 19—21	Belcourt Centre South Rustico, PEI
2015 Fall Conference	September 11—13	Bethany House Antigonish, NS

CANON 27 LAY READERS'

1. The Bishop may appoint and license qualified persons as lay readers.
2. A license granted by the Bishop may be removed by the Bishop at any time with or without cause or at the request of the incumbent.
3. The ministry of the Lay Reader is exercised under the direction and supervision of the incumbent or the priest in charge. Subsequent to the appointment of a new incumbent, the license becomes renewable upon the application of the succeeding incumbent.
4. The qualifications for the licensing of, the duties of, and other policies and procedures relating to lay readers and their office shall be as established from time to time by the Bishop with the advice of the Ministries Committee and set forth in a Lay Readers' Handbook of Standards and Regulations.

Diocese of Nova Scotia

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Note: *(This service was used by a Parish during the Induction of a Parish Priest and the presentation of renewed Licenses to Lay Readers. It visibly showed, first, a “team ministry” approach within the Parish and secondly, affirmed the Lay Readers’ ministry within the Parish community.)*

Order of Service for the Presentation of a Lay Reader’s License and/or the Renewal of a Lay Reader’s License

The presiding minister says in these or similar words:

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into the body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good.

Our purpose today is to recognize and affirm the *ministry* for which *this person* has offered *himself/herself*.

The presiding minister describes the ministry and then continues:

Minister: Is it your will that N (or NN) fulfil this ministry?

People: **It is.**

The presiding minister addresses those to be commissioned:

Minister: N (NN), you have been called to this ministry.

Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with care, to the honour of God and the benefit of the Church?

Answer: **I will.**

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

Minister: Will you uphold him/her in this service?

People: **We will.**

The presiding minister continues:

Blessed are you, gracious God,
our creator and redeemer.

In every age you call people
to minister in your name.

may the work of this your servant
so build up your Church,
that we may faithfully serve you
and show your love in all the world.

Blessed are you, O God,
now and for ever. Amen

WHEN *life* GETS
TOO HARD TO STAND *kneel*

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DIOCESAN LAY READERS' ASSOCIATION
of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
ANNUAL MEETING – June 8, 2013

The Diocesan Lay Readers' Association Annual Meeting was held in Christ Church, Stellarton on June 8, 2013. Wade Seymour, President was in the chair.

We began the morning with Holy Eucharist held in Christ Church. The Reverend Tom Henderson preached the sermon. Following the service we then proceeded to the hall for the Registration of Lay Readers and the Annual Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Wade Seymour who welcomed everyone. We opened with the Lay Readers' Prayer. Wade asked everyone to introduce themselves.

PRESENT – were Wade Seymour, President; The Reverend Tom Henderson, Warden; Shirley Williams, Vice-President; Dennis Eisan, Past President; Wayne Hamlin, Treasurer; and Marie Ayotte, Secretary and 25 members of the Lay Readers' Association.

REGRETS – Gail Lightfoot, Louis Hillier, Peggy Hamlin, Alan Turner, Joan Halsey, Marilyn Massey Clark.

MINUTES – In the second last line of page 2 of the minutes delete the word “association.”

Vicki Henrikson moved and Dennis Eisan seconded that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of May 26, 2012 be accepted as circulated and corrected. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE – None.

BUSINESS ARISING – Diakonia - If you do not receive a copy of the Diakonia, please see Vicki before you leave. We are doing well with the mailings. If you have any changes, please let Vicki know. She mentioned a couple of names she has lost contact with and received information from members. She hopes you are enjoying the Diakonia and would love to hear any ideas people may have. You might “gently” ask to see if your parish has sent in the Parochial Returns including the names of Lay Readers. The Reverend Tom says the Diocesan office has gone to a digital format and it is taking longer than usual to get the information in

to the Diocese.

BOARD OF STANDARDS – The Reverend Tom says that The Reverend Tricia Ingram has been appointed to the Board of Standards. Warren Tay has resigned as the Ministries Committee no longer exists. Tom will be discussing the replacement of this position with the Bishop. To whom do the Lay Readers now report any changes?

LAY READERS' SYLLABUS – The person doing the course last spring had to withdraw because of other commitments. We will be continuing using other resources. In the spring a student did an introductory video as a prototype and it was well done. We are hoping to have him back to do more of this work. We are also looking at someone else if he can't work with us. We hope to have it finished this year. Lay Readers training is still going on, but it is sporadic. The Diocese of Edmonton has a course on line. This is an interim measure. Ask anyone interested in doing the course to please contact Tom. Anyone wishing to run a course must get permission from the Warden, Tom Henderson before doing the course. Anne Sheck had a concern about receiving licenses. Tom addressed her concerns.

REPORTS – The Warden's and the President's reports are printed in the last issue of the Diakonia. Judy Beaver moved and Barbara Duncan seconded that these two reports be accepted as circulated. Carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Wayne Hamlin moved the acceptance of his report included in the Annual Meeting booklet. It was audited by Cecil Verge for the year April 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013. Seconded by David Harrison. Carried.

Budget - Wayne Hamlin asked members to add the beginning balance of \$8,977.69 to the income and under expenses add Education, \$4,000 and surplus \$4,977.69. There are plans to subsidize some of our conferences and also pay for the video tapes for the Lay Readers' course.

FALL CONFERENCE – will be held at Bethany Centre, Antigonish from October 25 to 27, 2013 and the speaker will be The Reverend Lynn Uzans. We will be going to Belcourt Centre in Rustico, PEI in 2014.

SURVEY – Shirley Williams said that out of 400 surveys printed in the Diakonia, she only received 20 replies. She gave the statistics from those 20 reports.

NAME – There was discussion of the use of the name “Lay Readers” and the duties of Lay Readers.

RATIFICATION OF CURRENT EXECUTIVE – David Harrison was nominated to the position of Vice-President. He accepted. Elected.

EXECUTIVE

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President	Shirley Williams
Vice President	David Harrison
Secretary	Marie Ayotte
Treasurer	Wayne Hamlin
Diakonia Editor	Vicki Henrikson

BOARD OF STANDARDS

The Reverend Tom Henderson
The Reverend Tricia Ingram
Shirley Williams
Gerald Nelson
Dennis Eisan
Anne Sheck

Each member of the Executive is appointed for two years except the Warden of the Lay Readers’ which is appointed by the Bishop, and the immediate past president. Each member can re-offer for election after they have served their term.

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Prince Edward Island	vacant
Cape Breton	Bill Boutilier
Northern Nova Scotia	Pauline Liengme
Chignecto	Anne Sheck
Eastern Shore	Judy Beaver

Dartmouth	Billie Myers
Halifax	Vacant
Fort Sackville	Vacant
Annapolis Valley	Jo-Anne Macdonald
South Shore	Roger Demone

These volunteers as area representatives were thanked for their commitment and declared elected.

Wayne Hamlin moved that Cecil Verge be appointed as auditor. Ethel Nelson seconded Carried.

David Harrison moved that the offering be donated to the Pictou County Food Bank. Barbara Duncan seconded. It was suggested that the offering of \$97.50 be increased to \$100.00. Agreed.

MEMBERS' CONCERNS – It was suggested that the web page be updated. Tom will speak with Don Eldershaw and discuss our concerns with him.

What is the purpose of the association? Education mainly, fellowship, information as to what is happening in other churches. We need to remember we are licensed to serve under the Rector of our church.

THANK YOU – Wade Seymour wished to thank everyone for their support over the last two years and hope we support the incoming members of the executive.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING – St. Peter's, Birch Cove, Halifax on June 7, 2014.

Wade Seymour moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Marie Ayotte, Secretary

After lunch our program facilitator, The Reverend Canon Dr. Jody Clarke, Dean of Academic Studies at A.S.T. spoke about “A Spirituality Based on Passion.”

Lay Readers' Prayer

Loving and eternal God, who through your Son, Jesus Christ, calls your people and sends them forth to witness and serve in your name, bless each member of the Lay Readers' Association of this Diocese. Give us grace that we, walking in the footsteps of your Son, and being filled and strengthened by your Holy Spirit, may serve you and your Church as faithful stewards in the ministry to which we are called and, by our example, enable others to know and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*



The law of the *LORD* is perfect,
reviving the soul.
The statutes of the *LORD* are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.
The precepts of the *LORD* are right,
giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the *LORD* are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.
The fear of the *LORD* is pure,
enduring forever.
The ordinances of the *LORD* are sure
and altogether righteous.
They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
They are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.
By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

PSALM 19:7-11



DIOCESAN LAY READERS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Meeting Registration Form

Date: Saturday, June 7, 2014

Time: 9:00am—3:00pm

9:00am Worship

10:15am Registration/Greetings

10:45am Annual Meeting

LUNCH

1:00pm Previewing the “New”
Lay Readers’ Syllabus

Cost: \$15/person

Location: St. Peter’s Anglican Church

3 Dakin Drive

Halifax, NS B3M 2C9

(Corner of Kearney Lake Road and
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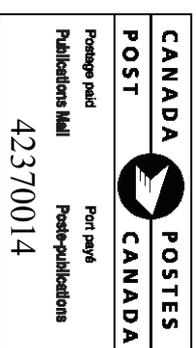
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