

## **PROPHETIC SOCIAL JUSTICE MAKING**

With support from our team and after significant discernment, Bishop Michael was pleased to announce the appointment of the Reverend Bill Mous as Coordinator of Social Justice for our diocese, effective November 1, 2011. This position was reviewed by Synod last year and has been a key objective of our vision area. With the appointment we're hopeful momentum will only build for achieving the other objectives. As Bill moved into the staff position, Carolyn Vanderlip has assumed the role of Petal Team Leader.

'Faith to End Poverty' was a multi-faith initiative supported by our diocese and coordinated, in part, by our vision team. This included non partisan election lawn signs that read "Let's Vote to End Poverty" that were utilized by many individuals and parishes.

We organized an afternoon workshop for participants in the October vision day and explored questions including: 'Why Do Justice?' 'What is charity and justice and how do they complement one another?' and 'I'm passionate about justice ministry, what's next?'

Social justice remains a priority at the diocesan level. Bishop Michael would like our diocese to have a special focus on prophetic social justice making in 2012, and our group is actively planning to support this desire. Bishop Michael and Archdeacon Michael Patterson have and continue to participate in various social justice initiatives, such as the Halton and Hamilton Social Audits, Do the Math, Eat the Math, 25 in 5, and Put Food in the Budget. Three diocesan staff members, Archdeacon Michael Patterson, Christyn Perkons and Joanna Beck volunteered at the spring Canadian Council for Refugees consultation in Hamilton.

At the parish level, approximately 25 parishes passed Vestry motions to recommend that the Ontario Government implement a \$100 per month Health Food Supplement for all adults on Social Assistance. We know that many parishes are involved in social justice initiatives, and we hope to do a "mapping" of these activities to present a clearer picture of where Anglicans are making a difference in our communities and in our world.

Petal team members in 2011:

The Reverend Canon Paddy Doran

Mrs. Judy Worsley

Mrs. Carolyn Vanderlip (Team Leader)

The Reverend Bill Mous (Social Justice Coordinator)

Respectfully submitted,

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