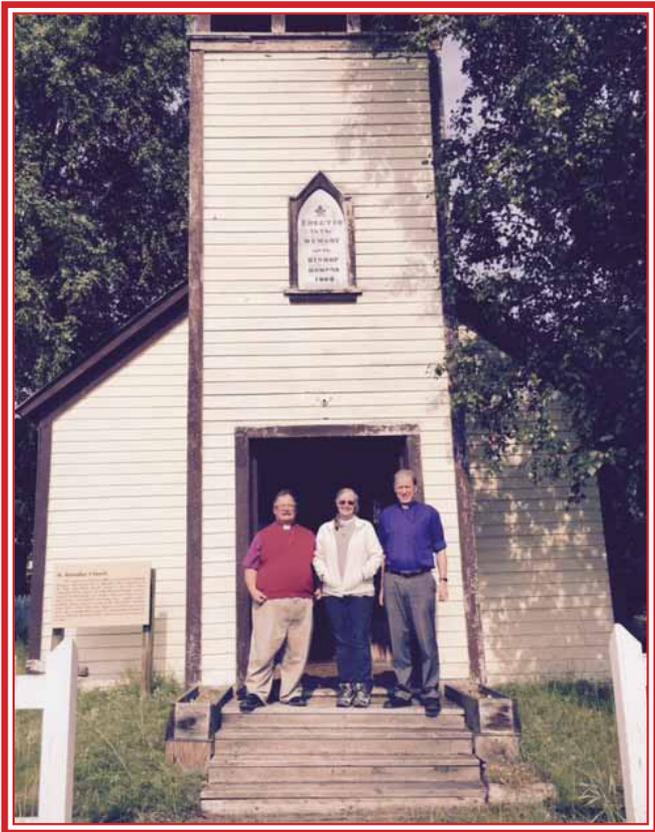


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Bishop Larry Robertson, Rev. Laurie Munro and Primate Fred Hiltz at St. Barnabas, Moosehide.

Thank you for Praying

Day 1 & 16

Whitehorse: Christ Church Cathedral.

The Very Rev. Sean Murphy; Rev. Martin Carroll, Ruth Carroll; Licensed Lay Ministers: Beverley Whitehouse, Gaya Tiedeman, David Robertson

Day 2 & 17

Fort Nelson: St. Mary Magdalene. Toad River, Alaska Highway, Mile 150-506

Licensed Lay Minister in Charge - Ford Hewlett, Aqiu Zhang, Glen Gough, Jeanie Arva & Mark Tudor.

Day 3 & 18

Watson Lake: St. John the Baptist; Lower Post, Swift River, Telegraph Creek: St.

Aidan; **Dease Lake; Glenora.** Licensed Lay Minister: Tim Liverton

Day 4 & 19

Carcross, Tagish & Johnson's Crossing

St. Saviour's.

Teslin: St. Philips. The Rev. Sarah Usher, Len Usher and the Ministry Team

Day 5 & 20: Communities of: **Carmacks & Keno.**

Day 6 & 21: Atlin: St. Martin. The Rev. Vera Kirkwood; The Rev. Dorothy Odian. Licensed Lay Minister: George Holman.

Day 7 & 22: Communities of Faro and Ross River

Day 8 & 23

Haines Junction: St. Christopher's. **Beaver Creek:** St. Columba; **Alaska Highway: Mile 918-1202:** The Rev. Lynn de Brabandere and the Ministry Team

Day 9 & 24

Whitehorse: Church of the Northern Apostles.

The Rev. Rob Langmaid, The Most Rev. Terry Buckle, Blanche Buckle, The Rev. Sarah Usher, Len Usher. Licensed Lay Ministers Eileen Carver, Monica Langmaid, Shelia Robertson

Day 10 and 25

Mayo: St. Mary with St. Mark. **Pelly Crossing:** St. James the Lord's Brother: the Lay Ministry Team;

Day 11 & 26

Dawson City: St. Paul's. **Moosehide:** St. Barnabas; **The Klondike Creeks; The Dempster Hwy.** The Rev. Laurie Munro, The Rev. Percy Henry. Licensed Lay Ministers: Mabel Henry; Shirley Pennell, Betty Davidson.

Day 12 & 27

Old Crow: St. Luke's.

The Rev. Laurie Munro, The Rev. Marion Schafer, Esau Schafer & Lay Ministry Team

Day 13 & 28

The Rev. Sarah Usher: Diocesan Administrative Officer; Members of the Diocesan Executive Committee; Diocesan Prayer Partner: Diocese of Fredericton.

Day 14 & 29

Patti Tetlich, Yukon Apostolate. Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries.

PWRDF Diocesan Representative: Betty Davidson

Diocesan ACW President, Blanche Buckle, and all ACW members.

Day 15 & 30

Those retired from Missionary Service:

The Rev. Canon David Pritchard

The Rev. Dorothy Thorpe.

The Rev. Bruce Aylard & Audrey Aylard.

The Rev. Don & Rev. Lee Sax.

The Rv. Canon Geoffrey & Rosalind Dixon.

The Rev. Canon David Kalles.

The Ven. John & Rev. Carol Tyrrell.

The Rev. Fred & Marcia Carson.

The Very Rev. Peter & Barbara Williams.

The Rev. Mary & Lino Battaja.

The Most Rev. Terry and Blanche Buckle;

Marion Carroll, Aldene Snider.

Day 31 and daily:

The Rt. Rev. Larry and Sheila Robertson



A Message from the Bishop



Greetings from the Yukon where, at the time of writing, Summer is well on its way and Fall can be seen in the distance. Already there are tinges of yellow that can be seen on trees in some locations. We greet you in Christ's name and may the light of Christ shine in your lives like the sun shines in the Yukon on a long summer day

As in the rest of the Yukon, summers are busy in the Church. Summer is the time when many want to come and visit. It is a time of Vacation Bible Schools, Youth retreats, Summer Camps, vacations and tourism. As the winter and spring activities come to a close, summer activities come into full swing. Some of our clergy say that summer is the busiest time of the year for them.

As Bishop of Yukon, it has certainly not been slack. We began with having the Rt. Rev. Mark MacDonald and Rev Canon Ginny Doctor of the Anglican Council of Indigenous People come to do some leadership training at Christ Church Cathedral in Whitehorse. There were fifteen people who attended and for four days we learned and grew together.

At the end of June we were honoured with a visit from our Primate, the Most Rev Fred Hiltz. We spent nine days together, traveling from community to community covering over 3000 kilometres. More will be said in another article but for now I will say our Primate loves to drive and is a good traveling companion.

In a few days (at this writing), we begin the Vacation Bible School at the Cathedral. This is a joint effort of the Cathedral and Church of the Northern Apostles. I am in charge of crafts. Looking forward to it. We are preparing for forty children.

Then in mid-August I am looking forward to the Sacred Circle of the Anglican Council of Indigenous People in Port Elgin in Ontario for five days. Six from our diocese will be in attendance. There goes my summer. It is good, as I had a break in February and March.

When I get back from Sacred Circle, I begin again the fall activities of visiting and teaching. Besides all this, at our Diocesan Synod it was requested that the Bishop take a parish to spread a little more pastoral care in the Yukon. I have no idea yet where that will be, but a decision should be made in the fall.

Life goes on in the Yukon, where the Midnight Sun gives you lots of time to think, pray, and get close to our Creator.

Many Blessings to all.

Bishop Larry Robertson

With the Primate in the

By Bishop Larry Robertson

I had the privilege and joy of escorting the Most Reverend Fred Hiltz around the Yukon on his visit to the Diocese this summer. I was wondering what to expect, as I have had little contact with him outside of the House of Bishops, which is not always an ideal setting to get to know someone on a personal basis.

I picked him up at the Whitehorse airport at 10:30 pm and took him to my home where we were up at 6 am to be on the road at 7 a.m. to have a service at 10 a.m. in Atlin,



converted rectory, now a respite home, the church hall converted to a thrift shop, and talked to much of the community on the old Paddle Wheeler during lunch. This is one parish that shows its love of Jesus through its service to the community. Atlin was the first of many places where the Primate remarked about the awesome beauty of God's creation in the Diocese of Yukon.

After Atlin we had a short 2 1/2 hour drive to Teslin, Yukon, where we had lunch with the parish and learned that our Primate was a dog lover. We were greeted by the Rev. Sarah and Len Usher, their grown children, and 3 black labs that occupied much of the Primate's time. From there we returned to



BC. The Primate said he wanted to see the ministry and people of the Diocese and you have to be ready to travel for that.

In Atlin, he preached and celebrated at the 115th anniversary of St. Martin's Parish. The ministry team consisted of the Rev. Vera Kirkwood, her daughter, the Rev. Dorothy Odian, and Lay Minister George Holman. All three are a product of the Bishop's School of Yukon Ministry and all are non-stipendiary. He saw the



Land of the Midnight Sun

Whitehorse staying at our house.

The next day we were off to Haines Junction, where we met the Rev. Lynn De Brabandere and had lunch with the Parish of St Christopher's. We were taken on a tour of the Art Gallery in the Church that displays art of local artists that can be purchased. We observed the construction in progress of an elevator which will make the whole building handicap accessible. Touring the town we stopped and sampled the lemonade of a local 12 year old entrepreneur on the side of the road. This is one of four parishes filled by volunteers of the Ministry of Presence program.

The next day was Canada Day and we saw the annual parade in Whitehorse and spent a delightful afternoon at the Cathedral where the ACW put on a Tea. It was a time to visit and share and get to know our Primate and visa versa.

Next day we were off to Carcross where we visited St Saviour's parish. This was the home of the first Bishop of Yukon, the Rt. Rev. William Bompas. We were able to visit his gravesite and the first house of Bishop Bompas, which is a far cry from some to the Bishop's homes nowadays. In the evening we had supper with the local clergy and their families.

Early the next morning it was off to Mayo, a five hour jaunt to the northern part of the Diocese. We stayed in the rectory that is under renovation. We were met there by Charles Maier, who was up helping to get the rectory in living condition so he and his wife would come and live there in September through the Ministry of Presence program. Archbishop Hiltz experienced a little taste of the living conditions of many northern clergy and learned the value of the rectory in these communities.

No rectory means no minister.

The following day we were off to the final stop at historic Dawson City and St. Paul's Anglican Church, where we



stayed at Stringer Rectory as guests of the Rev. Laurie Munro. We toured the Dānojà Zho Cultural Center and then took boats to see Moosehide, a sacred meeting place among the First Nation people. At Moosehide he saw St. Barnabas Anglican Church and visited the many people there, having lunch with them. We are currently looking at how we can repair the church so it can be used again for worship. The next morning the Primate celebrated and preached at St Paul's Church. He saw again the renovations going on – the new roof and painting.

After service and lunch it was on the road for the 6 hour journey to Whitehorse, stopping at Braeburn Lodge for their famous cinnamon buns. After a night at Bishop Larry and Sheila's home, it was off to the airport for a 6 a.m. flight back to Toronto.

As Bishop of Yukon I got to see our Primate in a more personal way. I saw him as a dog lover and a man who has a love for the people who make up our church. I do not envy his job and I pray that in the Yukon he found rest, friendship and was drawn a little closer to the wonder of our land and the infinite love of God that many of us have found here.

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News from Dawson City

For a combination fund raising event and community service, St. Paul's holds an annual Canada Day Pancake Breakfast.

Since St. Mary's has a much larger hall, we hold it there. While we missed Aldene Snider's Sourdough recipe this year, we still had an excellent turnout just before the parade.



Bishop Larry joined us for a triple confirmation service in June. Back row: Sonja Aeschlimann, Rev Laurie Munro, Alyhea Soliguen, Rt Rev. Larry Robertson, Paulette Michaud, Devin Forester, Peter Hart
Front row: Sheila Soliguen, Arlene Panaligan, Alysha Soliguen

Some repairs are planned and some come upon us by surprise,

When the old oil tank at the Stringer House rectory gave out a few months ago, we had to replace the tank, remediate the ground where the oil had soaked in and repair the damage to the lawn.





We have been raising funds for church building repairs for what seems like many years. This year we received several grants which paid for the replacement of the tin roof (under which there was quite a bit of rot, so it was a good thing we were able to act now) and a new paint job which can be seen under way in this picture. The roof was completed before the painting began.



Deacon Percy Henry celebrated his 88th birthday in May.



Each summer all the churches, with the help of local businesses, put on a month's worth of Tuesday night Transient's Dinners in the month of May, to welcome summer workers to the community and help those who won't have had a pay cheque yet. The Dawson Community Chapel hosted the meals.

Sarah Usher's Ordination



The assembled clergy, deacons and lay ministers of the Diocese.



The Reverend Sarah Usher and Bishop Larry Robertson



The Usher family



Rev Lesley Wheeler-Dame joins in for a group portrait.

News from Northern Apostles

Baptisms at Northern Apostles

June 21st was a wonderful day for the Church of the Northern Apostles. Two baptisms. Emily Grace Berntsen, daughter of Nicole and Darryl, granddaughter of Brenda and Barry Enders. Also Treyton Gregory Leonard 'Kashdax' Komaromi, son of Justine and Ryan, grandson of Sarah and Len Usher. It's



always an exciting time when we bring our little ones into God's family and know that they have the support of the congregation. A special time for Sarah to be able to officiate the service for her grandson, I'm sure her parents are looking down with big smiles on their faces.

Garage Sale

Church of the Northern Apostles held their annual Garage Sale on May 30th. We always think we are not going to have enough to sell, but by the time we did our set up on the Friday night, there was plenty. A few members got to the church early on Saturday and by 9 am we were ready to go with hot dogs, coffee and rice Krispy squares. Amazing how many people enjoy a hot dog, that time of the morning, and we never have enough Rice Krispy squares. We had a good turnout in spite of the rain. It's always a good social time for those who can help out, as you can see by the photographs.



Jane and Teresa man their station!



Blanche and Nancy set up.



Sheila and Jan test some items.

News from Northern Apostles

Church Picnic

Wolf Creek Campground was the perfect place for Northern Apostles to have their church picnic on Sunday May 31. Works well for us to have Garage Sale and Picnic on the same weekend. It was great to see so many people were able to make it and was good to see lots of children. CNA provided the meat and buns and the rest was pot luck, always plenty of food. Thanks to the men who did the cooking for us. Time to go home came all too quickly. We'll look forward to our next social get together.



News from Watson Lake



The Kalles family as they installed the headstone on Alice's gravesite.

Ford and Aqiu Hewlett's vehicle as it got ready to leave Watson Lake for his new posting in Fort Nelson.



News from Fort Nelson



This is a picture of the children at our Mother's Day service. Here they are singing "Jesus Loves Me".



Quilts made by the Comfort Quilters and brought to church for prayers before sending them to recipients



Mark Tudor & Ford Hewett



Vanessa's Baptism with Bishop Robertson.



Ida & Terry Reid



Bishop Larry reaching for his puppet, Wally.



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