

Diocese of Huron Diocesan Council Highlights

March 12th, 2025

AN OVERVIEW OF THE VERSCHOYLE PHILLIP CRONYN **MEMORIAL ARCHIVES:**

Archdeacon Stephen McClatchie shared a presentation on behalf of the Diocesan Archivist, Dez Nacario.

Archives provide:

- Security
- Environmental control
- Knowledge on how to best preserve historical records

What the Diocesan Archivist is responsible for:

Collection management

- Accessioning
- Preservation
- Arrangement
- Description

Reference and research services

- •Sacramental extracts
- •Academic research
- •Diocesan research
- Genealogy
- Local/church history

Outreach

- •Heritage fairs
- •Guest speaking/lecturing for historical organizations or academic settings

Volunteer coordination

Grant applications

Link to Archives Information

Future of the Diocesan Archives:

- \Rightarrow Since 1994 the Archives have been housed at Huron University College (at essentially no cost to the diocese) - Nominal rent payment of \$1/year
- \Rightarrow The college now needs the space due to space constraints and in July 2024 the Diocese signed a 2-year lease renewal that expires end of August 2026 (this is a hard deadline)

In the fall of 2024, a committee was struck to research

a move. Members of the committee are: Tom Adam (Committee Chair); Dez Nacario (Diocesan Archivist); The Ven. Stephen McClatchie; Helen Booth (Project management Officer) & Rick McCarty (Property Management Officer).

The committee has been tasked with:

- \Rightarrow Search for potential new archives site
- \Rightarrow Execute task and engage in seeking out local partners
- \Rightarrow Execute final move plan including those parts of the collection that are in remote storage

Archdeacon Stephen shared that he is very grateful for the excellent leadership Tom Adam has provided throughout this process.

BISHOP'S CORNER:

Bishop Todd shared his reflections on his recent pilgrimage to New Zealand and Polynesia with the Compass Rose Society hosted by Archbishop Don Tamihere.

- Lots to reflect on and look for more to be shared in the Huron Church News
- Very hospitable and fruitful journey with many immersive experiences throughout the trip
- noted that they have organized the Anglican Church in that area into three cultural streams in where they are able to closely collaborate but are also able to develop church in their own cultural ways
- For more information about the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia:

Link to Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand & Polynesia

Bishop Todd also recommended the following book as a good resource:

"TeHahi Mihinare/The Maori Anglican Church" by Hirini Kaa (2020)

LEARNING CHURCH MOMENT:

Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs shared a brief primer on what makes up Diocesan Council and what we do.

What do we do on Diocesan Council?

* Diocesan Council meets as the "Synod between synods"

What is diocesan Sub-Council:

* Sub council – acts on behalf of the council between Diocesan Council meetings (elected at first Diocesan Council meeting after synod)

Term limit for elected Deanery Delegates to Diocesan Council:

* Following 5 consecutive years an elected deanery member must rotate off of Diocesan Council for a minimum of 1 year

For More information regarding the constitutional composition of the Diocesan Council please click the link below: **Link to Constitution**