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HENRY BUDD COLLEGE FOR MINISTRY

2022 Newsletter

I think a good descriptive word for 2022 was dormant. The activities of Henry Budd College definitely slowed down for the first time in the pandemic. In 2020 and 2021 we kept things going; we tried new endeavours online, producing a lot of at-home material and Cree Hymn sing YouTube content! But the on-going stresses of the pandemic caught up with us in 2022. Our usual activities were fewer and farther between. The omicron wave was a blow, the winter was so long and cold, and some of our folks had to deal with significant medical issues. Many of the seminars and gatherings we scheduled were cancelled due to COVID, community funerals, or bad weather. The loss of leadership affected our morale as well. In all honesty, it has been a challenging year, with local clergy and lay readers just trying to maintain regular services and provide pastoral care for our hurting communities.

As I write this, we are in the final days of the Advent season. The last few months have been filled with wakes, funerals, and a seemingly endless parade of tragedies. Never before has the Advent cry "Come, Lord Jesus" been so present on my lips. But I was reminded by the late priest & theologian, Fleming Rutledge, that Advent has the strange dynamic of both waiting and hastening the coming of the Lord (2 Peter 3:12) She writes: "Waiting and hastening! How can you wait and hasten at the same time? That is the secret of the Christian life, knowing how to keep those two modes in creative tension" (*Means of Grace* by Fleming Rutledge)

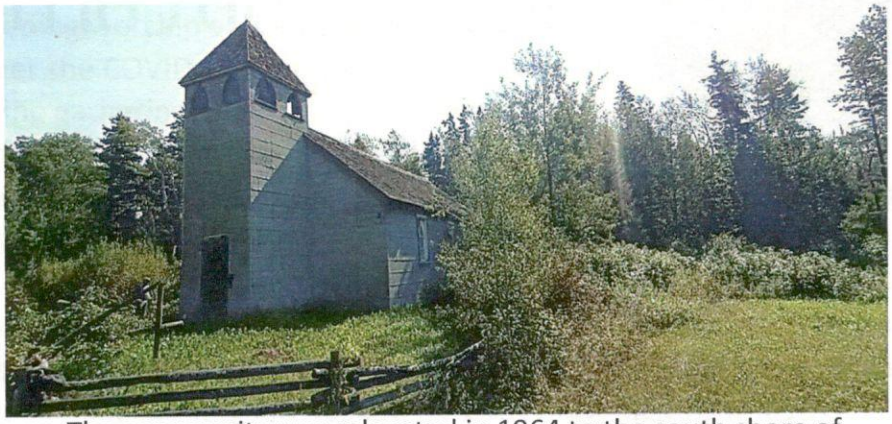
It feels like we have been waiting a lot this past year, waiting for things to be safe or to get better. And as many of you know, waiting can get pretty demoralizing sometimes. So I am encouraged by the reminder that we are also called to hasten – to hurry up – the kingdom of God by how we live and what we do. At Henry Budd College, we need to ask ourselves, what do we invest in that will hasten the kingdom of God in our midst? With that in mind, we look forward to 2023, because God is faithful to complete the work He began is us and because we have wonderful supporters like you!

As always, I thank God for the many opportunities to serve and learn as the College Coordinator. I am especially thankful for our College Elder, the Ven. Lydia Constant, our Board Chair, the Rev. Flora Young, and our Chancellor and Bishop, the Rt. Rev. William Cliff! We are also very grateful for the support of the Council of the North, the Anglican Foundation, and the many friends who assist us by giving, sharing, "liking and subscribing", and most importantly, praying. We give thanks to our Creator who meets all of our needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).

With gratitude, the Ven. Dr. Kara Mandryk
Henry Budd College Coordinator

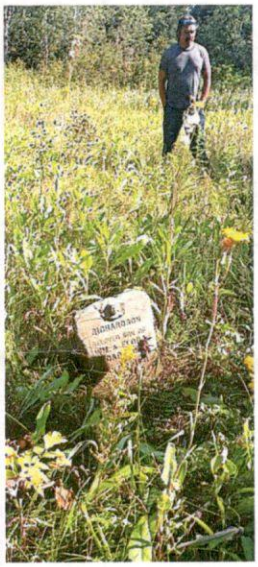
We acknowledge, with respect, the history, spirituality, and cultures of the people of Treaty 5 and that we gather in the traditional territory of the Ininnowuk (Cree), Dene, Saulteax, Oji-Cree, Anishinabe and Métis. We are all Treaty people and we seek to live and learn faithfully together on the lands.

A Trip to the "Old Post"



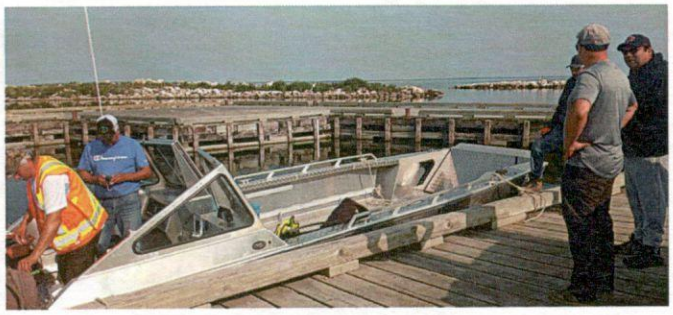
In late August, my husband Keith and I had the honour of visiting "The Old Post" on Cedar Lake. This was the traditional community site for the people of the Chemawawin Cree Nation. Their territory was flooded by Manitoba Hydro in the early 1960s to make way for the Grand Rapids generating station. About 202,343 hectares of land was flooded, changing the land, the waters, and the plant and animal habitat of Cedar Lake forever. The community was relocated in 1964 to the south shore of Cedar Lake – a completely inferior place for traditional and community living due to poor soil and lack of resources.

The Anglican Church established a mission on what is now called "The Old Post" in the early 20th century. The church contributed much to the life of the community – social and religious gatherings as well as education. A new church and mission house was built in Easterville – the new site for the Chemawawin community – along with a new graveyard. When the community was relocated, folks still travelled, when they could, to the Church at the Old Post for memorials and services for special occasions. As the church was on a high point, it can still be accessed on what is now an island in the midst of Cedar Lake. The Old Post church was decommissioned, but many still travel to the church to remember their ancestors and to place on the altar the funeral bulletins of their loved ones who have recently passed.



One of the many tragedies of the intentional flooding by Manitoba Hydro is that the community of the Chemawawin lost the burial place of their loved ones. To make matters even more painful, after the flood, many headstones, bones, and bodies surfaced along the newly expansive lake or washed up near the Grand Rapids dam. After losing their traditional home and way of life, the violation of the resting place of their ancestors was yet another heartbreak. The community members did what they could to treat the remains that were recovered with dignity, and eventually, a memorial was erected telling the story in the words of the community members and listing the names and dates of death of those whose burial place was destroyed by the flood.

There are still some inland places where you can find gravestones. We went to a clearing and saw 5 stone grave makers still standing – all children who had died. As in many communities, the final resting places of many were marked with wooden crosses which have long since disintegrated. The official memorial marker goes a long way to honour the burial place of so many, and it was powerful to stand and read the hundreds of names etched on the memorial with their descendants. However, it still takes a 45-minute boat ride to get there, with a skilled driver who knows the lake (of over 500 square miles) and can avoid the deadheads – ever present reminders that this used to be land.

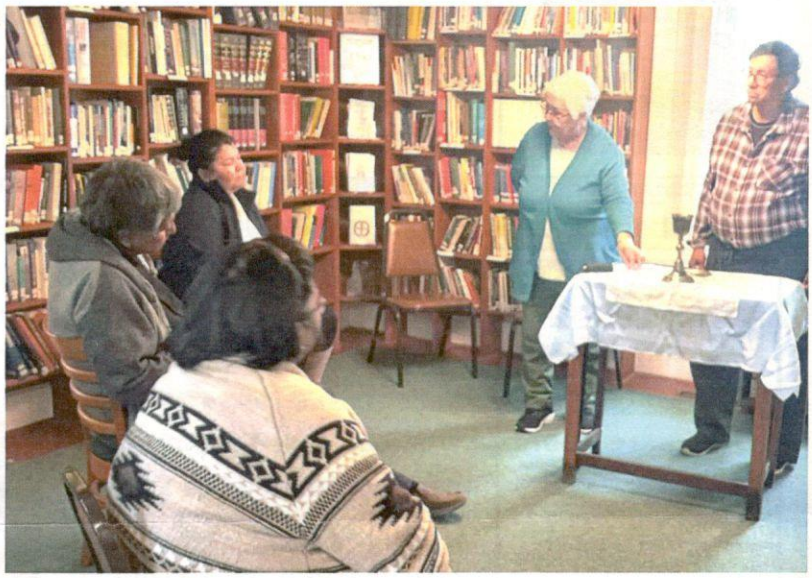


It was amazing to see the lands and the history, the Old Post church, as well as the memorial. But equally beautiful was to witness the resilience and love that the Walker family have for the land AND the waters and their generosity in sharing their story and connections with us.

Our Learning Community

Lay Minister and Clergy Training

We've hosted a number of Lay Ministry training seminars, as well as a few gatherings for clergy training. Lay readers/Lay ministers are extremely important in our Deanery. So many of our communities do not have resident clergy, and the communities that do have clergy still rely heavily on lay readers to assist in services and provide pastoral care.



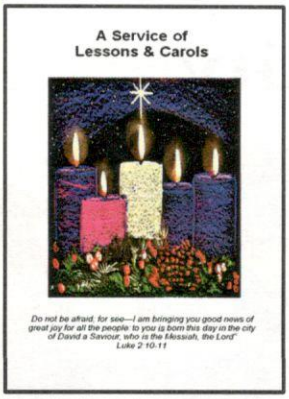
Indigenous Program Summer School at VST

For the first time since the pandemic, we had in-person summer school at Vancouver School of Theology! I really pushed to have some of our local clergy and lay ministers go the Vancouver for professional development. We had 5 students from HBCM attending summer school this year: Michael Chartrand, Lydia Constant, Flora Young, Gabby Umpherville and Maureen Umpherville. I also tutored for one week of summer school. This is an important connection for us to preserve and I will be looking for more students to join VST summer school next year.

Indigenising Worship

We hosted 3 evening seminars on Decolonising/Indigenising Worship with the Rev. Vince Solomon – September 14-16, 2022. Between 15-20 people attended each night and we had some excellent round table, practical discussions on moving forward with Indigenising worship in our local congregations. The Rev. Vince led us in an Epiphany Indigenous Anglican-style service on Thursday which led to some very important discussions on adaptations of the liturgy that will both honour our Anglican traditions while embracing a Cree worldview and ceremonies.

Resources For All


A Service of
Lessons & Carols

Do not be afraid, for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord
Luke 2:10-11

A Memorial Service

this service is compiled from the ***Disciple's Prayer Book*** *and the* ***Book of Alternative Services.*** *You can adapt this service to include and honour your community's traditions and practices for burials*

The leaders say the words in regular print, the people say the words in ***bold***

The Gathering
In the Name of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen

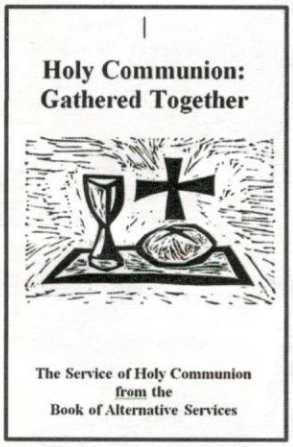
God is with us; God's love unites us, God's purpose steadies us, God's Spirit comforts us.
Blessed be God forever

Merciful and compassionate God, we bring you our grief in the loss of *N.* and ask for courage to bear it. We bring you our thanks for all you give us in those we love; and we bring you our prayers for peace of heart in the knowledge of your mercy and love, in Christ Jesus. **Amen**

A hymn may be sung

The Scripture Readings/The Gospel

Psalm 23
The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures *


Holy Communion:
Gathered Together

The Service of Holy Communion
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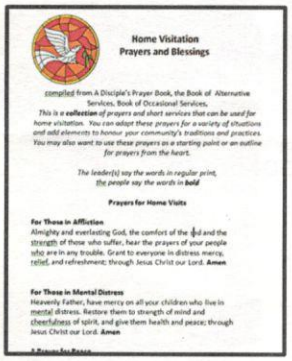
Book of Alternative Services


Home Visitation
Prayers and Blessings

compiled from A Disciple's Prayer Book, the Book of Alternative Services, Book of Occasional Services.
This is a ***collection*** *of prayers and short services that can be used for home visitation. You can adopt these prayers for a variety of situations and add elements to honour your community's traditions and practices. You may also want to use these prayers as a starting point or an outline for prayers from the heart.*

The leader(s) say the words in regular print, the people say the words in ***bold***

Prayers for Home Visits

For Those in Affliction
Almighty and everlasting God, the comfort of the sad and the strength of those who suffer, hear the prayers of your people who are in any trouble. Grant to everyone in distress mercy, relief, and refreshment; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

For Those in Mental Distress
Heavenly Father, have mercy on all your children who live in mental distress. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit, and give them health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Diocese of Brandon

Lay Reader Manual

Levels One, Two

Over the past 6 years that I have been the Coordinator at HBCM (!), I have been creating and developing worship and teaching resources for folks in our Deanery to use. Over the COVID years, I was involved in an online Indigenous Lay Minster's training gathering and continued to work on resources that people might need in their communities. After I was appointed the Archdeacon for Ministry and Training for the Diocese of Brandon in late 2021, I have been working on a comprehensive Lay Reader Manual, which includes an eight-page glossary of terms!

Resource development has been a significant part of my work here at the College, and folks from beyond our immediate deanery have been able to use what we have developed here. I attended the Synod for the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land in April as a delegate from the Diocese of Brandon, one of our Board members and fellow delegate, Freda Lepine, suggested that we bring some of the resources that have been developed at Henry Budd College over the years. The few materials we brought were quickly snatched up with people asking for more. Embarrassingly, I did not plan at all, so I didn't even have business cards with me. Clearly, PR is not my one of my strengths!

When I got home, I was thinking about how I could enable people to access our materials. Wanting to make sure I was not caught empty-handed again, I ended up creating a sharable Sync folder so that anyone with the link could download, print, and edit the materials that we have created. This is important to me - that we not only share our resources, but make them available to edit according to context and need. We all do our ministry training and liturgy a little bit differently, especially within Indigenous communities that have incorporated traditional teachings or ceremony in local liturgical practices.

I created a QR code so anyone with a smart phone can access the materials. Of course, you can always contact me at Henry Budd College for the link. I am so pleased that people from across our Diocese and Ecclesiastical Province are finding the material we have created useful in their contexts. We'll continue working on resources as a way to serve our communities and the ministers, lay and ordained, that serve tirelessly and selflessly.

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