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A letter from the Chair of the Board

Dear Associates,

By now, I am sure you have all heard that Barbara Andrews has been elected as Suffragan Bishop for the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior (known as APCI). The Sorrento Centre Board of Directors has accepted Barbara's resignation effective October 1, 2009. We did so with very mixed feelings. On the one hand we rejoiced that Barbara's great talents would be used in a wider sphere of the life of our church. On the other hand, we shuddered at the thought of replacing her in the life of Sorrento Centre.

During Barbara's time as Executive Director, the Centre has made great strides: our facilities have been upgraded; our program has been very creatively expanded; usage and income has increased; and we have been able to operate in a surplus position. Barbara combines business acumen, programming ingenuity and long-term vision in a way that one seldom sees in one person. When she came here there were some doubts about the survival of the Centre. Now we are confident not merely of survival but of growth and new and creative life. Our future is bright indeed.

The Board has decided to offer you the opportunity to contribute to a Thankoffering for Barbara's ministry. A portion of your gifts will be used to buy Barbara a cope, mitre and stoles (Bishop's robes) so that as she goes about her Episcopal duties she will be constantly reminded of how grateful we are for her ministry in and for Sorrento Centre. The remainder of your gifts will become the Barbara Andrews Fund, to be used for the Centre's purposes as Barbara designates.

Please send your contributions to the Barbara Andrews Fund (made out to Sorrento Centre but clearly marked as designated for the Andrews Fund) to the Sorrento Centre address. I am sure that you who love and so generously support the Centre will want to acknowledge and honour the enormous contributions that Barbara has made to it.

Elsewhere in this Scenario you will be invited to take part in a special Associates' Work Days from August 8 to 13. There will also be a "Farewell and Godspeed" party in Barbara's honour on October 11 (during the Associates' Thanksgiving Work/Study Weekend) to which you are all invited to attend. The date for Barbara's consecration as bishop has been set for October 18 and, again of course, you are all welcome to be a part of this special event.

The Search Committee to find a new Executive Director has already begun its work. You can find our advertisement on the webpage of the Anglican Church of Canada (<http://www.anglican.ca>). If you know of a person who you think might be a good candidate please refer them to this ad.

As always, I want very much to thank you for your care and generous support. Please pray for Barbara as she enters a new phase in her life and ministry. Please pray for the Search Committee and of course for all of the Centre staff.

David Crawley
Chair of the Board of Directors
President of the Society



August Work Days

Please join us for a special Associates' Work Week this August 8th to 14th. Traditionally, we hold Associate gatherings in the spring and fall, but this summer the Board has decided to hold a summer work gathering as well. It is longer than a week-end and shorter than a week, so we are calling it "August Work Days".

First of all, this year our Swing and Bluegrass Workshops (which take up the last three weeks of August) are starting slightly later than usual because of the way the 2009 calendar works out. This means that we have time for Associates to come and join us to help with completing some projects which are better done during summer weather.

In addition, since Barbara Andrews will be departing Sorrento Centre to take up her new duties as Bishop of APCI, her last day as Executive Director will be October 1. This means that an August Associates' gathering would also be the most appropriate time to meet to express our thanks to Barbara for her ministry at Sorrento Centre.

We hope that you can join us for this time together to work on some projects, plus enjoy all of the camaraderie, community and prayer together which always make Associates' Weeks such special times. We encourage families with young children to attend and will provide a full Child and Youth program for this week.

Because we have large groups departing and arriving just before and after this week, we are sorry that we cannot offer you the opportunity to arrive earlier or stay later than the August 8th to 13th window. We will be happy to welcome you any time after 5:00 pm and starting with supper on Saturday the eighth, until

The Board has planned a "Farewell and Godspeed" dinner for Barbara on the evening of October 10.



The tasks which need the most attention right now are the completion of the new "Barn" structure and re-painting Nova Vita.

"Hardiboard" siding will be installed on the "Barn" and we need skilled workers who have experience and expertise in building construction work. We need people who are not afraid of heights, skilled in the use of nail guns and skill saws to complete this project. Other workers with construction skills are needed to install insulation, do dry walling, mudding and taping. Some plumbing work is necessary.

The painting of Nova Vita requires willing workers to finish this project.

The help you can offer the Centre will be truly appreciated and will be a real blessing for this wonderful place and its future! Please register with the office as soon as you have finalized your plans, and we hope to see you here at Sorrento in early August!

Summer Courses

July 12-18

Sorrento Presents

...Jesus Christ Superstar!

with Marian Jordan Hamilton

It's time for Sorrento Centre's annual musical theatre production! This year, artistic director Marian Jordan Hamilton presents an adaptation of the rock opera Jesus Christ Superstar. Participants receive instruction in acting, singing and staging, and are invited to create costumes and sets as their creativity moves them!

Soulistry:

Artistry of the Soul with June Maffin

Re-awaken your creativity through an exploration into a variety of artistic expressions intended to help release your playful nature and enrich your spirituality in new ways! No previous art training is required for this course, only an open heart and mind and a willingness to explore, play, create and discover new depths of spirituality.

There Are Tides

to Every Sea

with The Common Cup

Tidal currents change things. In every day, every year, every age, there are currents that, however we might resist them, change us, cause us to look or act differently. What are the tides in our church, our faith, our world that are causing us to be transformed?

Go Up on the Mountain!

Five Reflective Day Hikes for the More Rigorously Inclined with Phil McIntyre-Paul

Five day-long hikes climb the highlands surrounding the Shuswap. A simple form of contemplative prayer, reflection, and sharing along the trail guide us in the most ordinary act of walking this earth. Ideal for folks who like to maintain a steady pace and gain altitude.

July 19-25

The Anglican Imagination with Patricia Bays

Through the centuries some of the greatest Anglican theologians have been poets, hymn writers, and novelists. They have used their creative gifts to explain the mystery that is God. Through reading and conversations we will deepen our understanding of Anglican history and spirituality.

Behold the Beauty of the Lord: with Brother James Koester, SSJ

This workshop is designed to introduce people to the art of creating icons. Participants will be guided through a series of steps to create an icon. In addition, It will introduce participants to the theology and spirituality of icons and the technique of icon painting. This workshop is limited to 24 participants.

A Little Watercolour with Karin Huehold

This is a fun, fast-paced class geared to beginner and experienced painters alike. If you have never painted before, you will have loads of fun learning many new watercolour techniques in a no pressure setting. If you have painted before, this class will help generate lots of ideas and inspire you to try things you hadn't tried before.

21st Century Pilgrims:

Just Walking

with Phil McIntyre-Paul

A gentle exploration into contemplative walking as a passage of prayer and attention to the natural world around us. This year, we change things up a little, with five short morning and 3 short evening sessions that include a gentle exploration of the Labyrinth, Centering Prayer, Silence, and Pilgrimage.



Summer Courses (continued)

July 26 - August 1

Empire: Then and Now
with Herbert O'Driscoll,
Logan McMenamie
and Kirsten McMenamie-Horncastle

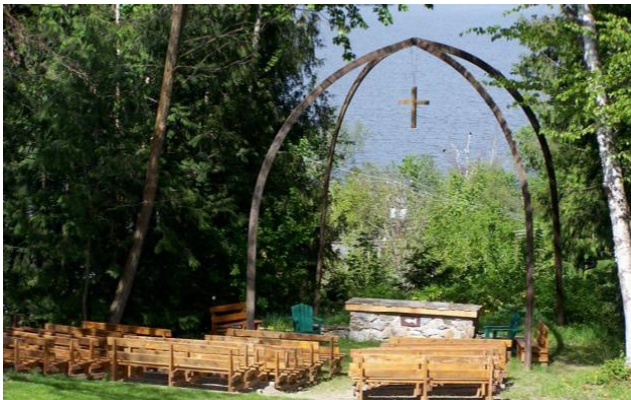
In contemporary Bible study much work is appearing around the theme of empire in both the Old and New Testaments. For most of its history Israel was surrounded by empires rising and falling. This course will look at the world of empire in the Old and New Testaments.

Encountering
the Gospels Again
with Ann Tottenham

A classic Anglican prayer asks that we may "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the Holy Scriptures. Here is an opportunity to study the Gospels with particular attention to their original context in the first century Christian community and how they can speak to us in the twenty-first century.

Creative Journaling:
A Potpourri
with Kathie MacDuff

Using a variety of media, we will explore a different topic each day that safely takes us deep into ourselves where our Creator awaits us. Taking the time to delve below the surface of our busy lives will result in unexpected and valued treasures. Creative journaling is a mix of introspection and exploration using powerful writing and revelatory art exercises.



Associates' Thanksgiving Work/Study

Weekend

October 9-11

With a Prophet's Voice
with Louise Peters
and Bruce Chalmers

This is a time when Associates of the Centre gather to work, pray and celebrate life together as we ready the Centre for winter. There is plenty of fun work for children and families too, including the chance to enjoy our traditional pig roast. Throughout the course of history, voices have arisen calling God's people to a radical reorientation in their understanding of God's will and purpose. These are the voices of the prophets. Come and explore this theme in a gentle yet provocative manner with Louise Peters and Bruce Chalmers. We encourage families, singles and groups of all kinds. See you there!



