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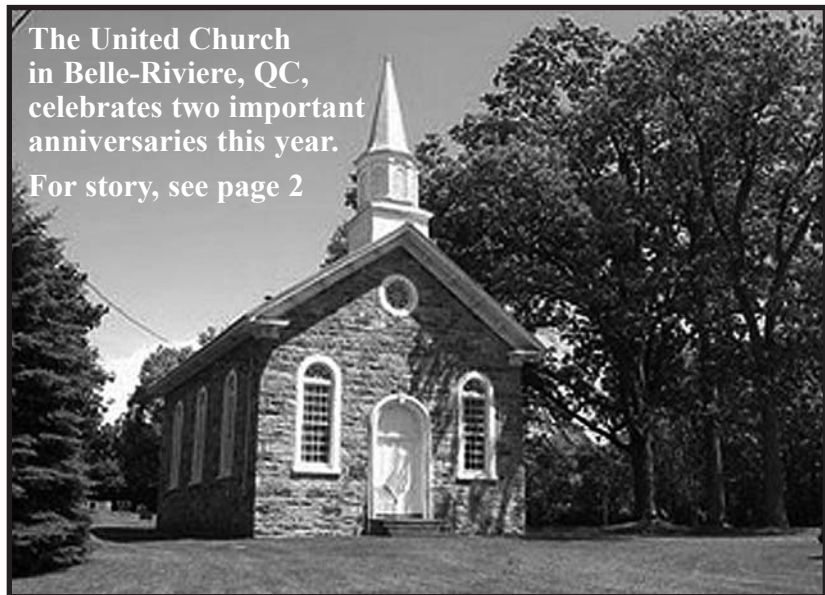
By Andrew Hyde

OTTAWA – In March, “The Open Table” hosted an evening with Shane Claiborne at Dominion-Chalmers United Church. He discussed engaging a social justice that is rooted in the biblical narrative and then sent listeners into the streets with chalk and a mission to write messages of love and hope in the places they walk

Writer/activist Claiborne is founder of the Simple Way community in Philadelphia. He wrote “The Irresistible Revolution” and co-authored “Jesus for President” – the book tour of which is featured in the documentary “The Ordinary Radicals”.

He was recently quoted in Christianity Today as saying: “I think there’s a lot of things happening right now within the church that should raise flags for us.

“I think that part of what we’ve done is we thought in order to stay relevant to a new generation we’ve got to have more drums and drama and high-tech entertainment. The truth is if we lose a generation in the church it won’t be because we didn’t entertain them but because we didn’t dare them and challenge them to really take Jesus seriously in light of the world we live in.



The United Church in Belle-Riviere, QC, celebrates two important anniversaries this year. For story, see page 2

“Paul talks about speaking truth in love. There’s a whole lot of talk of love without truth in it and there’s a whole lot of people speaking truth that doesn’t have any love or gentleness or compassion in it. So I think that’s one of the prayers I pray, that I speak truth in love.”

‘The Open Table’ is a network of different congregations and denominational bodies formed to connect young adults in Ottawa and make students aware of the various opportunities that exist in the context of mainline Protestant churches. It includes Anglican, Presbyterian, Evangelical Lutheran and United Church congregations near the University of Ottawa who have been working together since September 2009 to forge an ecumenical, mainline Protestant presence in student life near the campus.

The network operates a web page and Facebook group, where various

events and communities are featured. There is a free community meal on the last Sunday of every month, hosted by All Saints Anglican Church (on the corner of Chapel and Laurier just a couple of blocks east of the U of O campus).

Different congregations take turns providing the food, a pastoral presence and leading in some kind of program such as a drum circle, labyrinth walk or Christmas caroling.

‘The Open Table’ also organizes some core events including the evening with Claiborne and day retreats at the beginning of both Semester 1 and 2.

For more information, visit www.theopentable.ca.

With files from “The Open Table” website and Ottawa Presbytery’s The Sojourner

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L'Église unie de Belle-Rivière

By Rev. David Fines

Belle-Riviere, QC – The Consistoire Laurentien's lovely small stone church in this village west of Mirabel airport celebrates its 170th anniversary as a worshipping community and 150th anniversary in the same building this year.

Its first pastor was the legendary Daniel Amarond, called with his wife from Switzerland to serve the Protestant cause with the French Canadian Missionary Society in the 1830's.

The country school-house the couple built in Belle-Riviere eventually led to the creation of the Institut Français Évangélique, a primary base for non-Roman Catholic French-language education in the province that

endured until well into Quebec's Quiet Revolution.

The church community formed in 1840 built the present building in 1860 to meet the needs of a growing number of former Roman Catholics and was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church until 1925 when its members voted to join the United Church of Canada.

In 1938, it joined Bethanie United Church in Verdun on Montreal Island in a two-point charge with pastors that included Georges Peck, Claude de Mestral, Hervé Finès and Jacques Labadie.

Over the years, there have been some minor changes to the structures of the church – one of the three oldest French-language Protestant churches

on the continent -- and the old school house beside it. But the two buildings stand as monuments to franco-Protestant history in Quebec and to a community that survived decades of outright hostility and other major obstacles.

There will be a lot of anniversary celebrations at Belle Riviere this summer. Pastor Pierre-Paul Lafond and the congregation will welcome one and all at a special 3 pm service on August 22nd. Belle-Riviere is just off Quebec Highway 148 between Lachute and Montreal on the road to Ste. Scolastique.

For more information, check the congregation's web page. Google the Consistoire Laurentien and on their site click églises et paroisses to find the Église de Belle-Riviere.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

By Rev. Neil Wallace,

Ottawa -- – I am delighted to bring Spring greetings from Montreal and Ottawa Conference. I have truly enjoyed serving the church as President of the Conference over this past year.

We are living through very interesting times in our United Church of Canada. I can't help but think of the opening line of Charles Dickens' classic "A Tale of Two Cities". The tale begins, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times".

This "best-of-times"/ "worst-of-times" thing is really a matter of perspective isn't it? As I have travelled around our Conference visiting our five presbyteries, I have occasionally heard persons expressing the feeling that these are the "worst of times". Certainly there are lots of things that contribute to this perspective. Some congregations with long and rich histories of worship and witness to God have been forced to close their church buildings and perhaps amalgamate with another United Church congregation nearby. Church closures and amalgamations are painful and exciting at the same time. The birthing of a child comes to mind here. We forget that such amalgamations have always

been a part of our church's history and contribute to the continuing strength of our denomination.

Some people look at the financial condition of our national church and say that these are the "worst of times", but the optimistic visionaries in our midst view our situation as a "best-of-times" opportunity to rethink this enterprise known as "Church". Perhaps this is one of those holy watersheds in the church's history, a time for moving even further away from being a "cultural" entity or oddity in society towards being a transformational spiritual Movement for our society and present times. The cost of maintaining church buildings, and declining church membership has forced us to consider how we might be the church in new ways. Let's remember that the earliest Christians weren't as concerned about erecting buildings as they were about living out their experience of the Risen Christ and sharing that faith-experience with others.

I choose to follow the path that believes that the times in which we are living are the "best of times". I don't see myself as a naïve optimist as much as a realistic pragmatist. We are in the times that we are in, pure and simple. In Montreal and Ottawa

Conference I see so many positive things happening. Ottawa Presbytery has fostered several new church amalgamations over the last few years, and these hold the promise of new life. Montreal Presbytery and le Consistoire Laurentien have been collaborating to bring new Francophone ministries to birth in the Montreal area. Quebec-Sherbrooke Presbytery has felt the pain of declining numbers but they, too, are finding new ways to be a Christian presence in that region. In Seaway Valley Presbytery, a cluster of congregations are finding new ways of being church with the experienced help of Rev. Garth Mundle. Good things are happening.

Whether your place and voice in this Conference is in a small rural congregation, or a struggling downtown church, in a suburban program church or an inner-city mission, I hope you will find God's abiding, powerful presence in these wild and interesting times we are in. I like the words of God to the prophet Isaiah, "Watch for the new thing I am going to do. It is happening already-you can see it now" (Isaiah 43:19). I believe that. God's richest blessings and the "best-of-times" to you all.

Rev. Wallace is President of Montreal and Ottawa Conference.

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PERSONAL AD

Hello,

I was part of the group from France who took part in the Bike Tour in 2008. I am a member of the Reformed Church in Saint-Étienne.

In order to improve my English, I would like to find a family who could welcome me in Montréal area. I am willing to look after young children as a babysitter or to provide an opportunity of an exchange with someone of my age who would like to come to France. Of course I will welcome this person to my home in France.

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Vélotour 2010

This will be an immersion experience like no other. This 14-day bicycle tour will explore the Outaouais (Ottawa) River valley, one of the most scenic in Canada. The route goes from Montreal to Ottawa on the south shore, then returns via the North shore through the Laurentians. You will spend three days in Ottawa visiting the National Capital Region.

The best way to improve your French is to speak it. The tour leaders are bilingual. This will be a cross-cultural experience as several riders will be from France. The Canadian participants will be from English-speaking United Church congregations, as well as French- and Spanish-speaking congregations.

As this is a United Church summer camp, it will include regular camp experiences like swimming and daily worship.

The cost is only \$150 for 10 days of great touring and a lifetime of memories. We are also looking for adult leaders to ride with us, and they ride for free. This is an amazing cross-cultural learning experi-

ence for you or your Youth Group. We only have thirty spaces available, so sign up soon!

The "Montréal & Ottawa Conference Biketour" is an annual "mobile" Summer camp founded in 2000. The principle is simple. Every day we bike from place to place staying overnight in different United Churches along the way. In nine years, youth from the French-speaking, English-speaking and Latin-American communities of the Montréal area have taken part.

In the summer of 2008 the Biketour welcomed 27 young people from the Église réformée de France, and in the following summer, 17 Canadian young people went to France with three adults. The participants came from all over M&O Conference, from le Consistoire Laurentien, and Montréal, Seaway Valley and Ottawa presbyteries.

This experience is unique. We are totally self-dependent. We have to travel, to go ahead, to cook, and clean up together. We have to look after each other. We are

responsible for each other. Success belongs to all of us together. Every day there is the spiritual and religious experience of a collective Bible Study. And every night we stop at a different United Church community. The welcome is always generous. For both the community and the young cyclists, the sharing experience is wonderful.

The 2010 Bike Tour will start on August 2nd and end on August 14th. The circuit will cover 580 kilometres from Montréal to Ottawa and back. We will spend a couple of days in Ottawa in mid-journey. The Biketour is supported by UMIF (Unité des ministères en français), Montréal & Ottawa Conference as well as by various presbyteries and congregations

The cost is 150.00\$ (transportation to Montréal not included).

For information and registration, please contact as soon as possible (places are limited) to David Fines : davidfines@egliseunie.org (514)284-1675, or fill up the form included.

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Le Premier Colloque des Églises vertes a rassemblé 150 personnes à Montréal

By Rév. David Fines

Montréal -- L'Église verte, une initiative de l'Église Unie du Canada dont lequel les Ministères en français son partenaires, est un projet œcuménique qui soutient les communautés chrétiennes - paroisses et ministères sociaux - dans l'adoption de meilleures pratiques environnementales, dans la sensibilisation écologique, ainsi que dans la réflexion sur une spiritualité chrétienne plus près de la création.

Le mardi 9 février, l'équipe de L'Église verte avait convié les croyants diverses dénominations dévoués à la cause environnementale au Premier Colloque des Églises vertes qui s'est tenu à l'église catholique Saint-Charles dans le quartier Pointe-Saint-Charles de Montréal. Environ 150 personnes enthousiastes, écologistes convaincus, des Églises catholique, anglicane, unie et orthodoxe, ont répondu à cette invitation.

« Un véritable succès, a déclaré Norman Lévesque, permanent à L'Église verte et instigateur de ce rassemblement. Nous voyons par cette réponse que le temps était venu de lancer cette invitation. Le désir est général de vouloir combiner réflexion théologique et actions pratiques dans le but de restaurer la planète. »

Plusieurs personnalités ont assisté à l'événement : deux évêques catholiques, un évêque anglican et plusieurs membres du clergé des diverses Églises. La modératrice du Canada Mardi Tindal qui avait tenu un blogue très couru durant toute la Conférence internationale sur les changements climatiques à Copenhague au début de décembre, avait envoyé un message de félicitations sur vidéo. La ministre québécoise du Développement durable, de l'Environnement et des Parcs, Line Beauchamp, qui n'a pu venir à cause d'un empêchement de dernière minute, avait elle aussi envoyé un message d'encouragements qui a été lu en ouverture du Colloque.

Le projet pilote de l'Église verte a commencé en 2006 au sein de l'Église Unie du Canada, en proposant à six paroisses, qui s'étaient portées volontaires et déjà conscientes des questions écologiques, à s'engager plus avant dans la protection de la planète en vivant un rapport plus sain avec leur environnement.

Puis en 2009, l'Église verte étendait son réseau aux autres dénominations chrétiennes. À partir de foires écologiques jusqu'aux programmes d'isolation et d'économie d'énergie, en passant par les jardins communautaires, les nouvelles activités que ces paroisses et ministères ont entrepris ont été

multiplés et impressionnantes. « Nous sentions que bien des communautés membres du réseau se sentaient parfois seules dans leur coin et qu'elles avaient envie et besoin autant de partager avec d'autres leurs expériences que d'apprendre sur ce qui se faisait ailleurs, continue Norman Lévesque. C'est ainsi qu'est née cette idée d'un colloque des Églises vertes qui, je l'avoue, avait l'air un peu folle au début. Mais ce colloque est un appel à notre imagination. »

Le Colloque s'est déroulé en français et en anglais. Après une conférence du théologien catholique et environnementaliste bien connu André Beauchamp, les participants se sont divisés pour assister à divers ateliers sur des thèmes aussi variés que : Recyclage et compostage en paroisse, « Ce monde immense et beau », Compostage et Jardins communautaires en église, Comment réduire son empreinte écologique, Bible et environnement, L'Écologie selon la tradition des icones orthodoxes.

Dans le désir commun de poursuivre cette exigence chrétienne de prendre soin de la Création de Dieu, ce Premier Colloque des Église vertes s'est terminé, par une célébration œcuménique dans laquelle les célébrants provenaient des Églises catholique, orthodoxe anglicane et unie.

Montréal's First Green Church Conference Gathers 150

By Rev. David Fines

Montréal -- The Green Church Project is an ecumenical effort to empower congregations and outreach ministries to adopt environmentally aware practices and foster a Christian spirituality that is closer to nature.

In February, the Project Team invited members of several denominations to a conference in Pointe-Saint-Charles. About 150 enthusiastic people from the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Orthodox and United Churches turned up at St. Charles Roman Catholic Church.

"It was a real success," said Project coordinator Norman Lévesque who initiated the gathering. "We see by this response that our common vision is to combine theological reflection and specific actions in order to mend this planet."

Among those who attended the event physically were two Roman Catholic bishops, an Anglican

bishop and several clergy from other churches. The Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Mardi Tindal, who ran a well-received blog during the Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change last December, was present electronically.

The Green Church Pilot Project began in the spring of 2008, helping United Church faith communities get involved in environmental protection issues, examine the energy efficiency of their religious buildings, raise the theme of the environment in worship, and build awareness of wider environmental campaigns.

Green teams in several churches began transforming the concept of the Stewardship of Creation into reality with Eco-Fairs, energy audits for their building and community gardens. Then last year, the focus moved into ecumenical outreach, as the Project extended its network to other Christian denominations.

"We saw that several congregational members felt isolated and they really wanted and needed to share their experiences with others," Mr. Lévesque said. "That's how the idea of a Green Church Conference came to mind."

The Conference was fully bilingual.

After the opening address by André Beauchamp, a well-know Roman Catholic theologian, environmentalist and author, the participants were invited to join in various workshops under themes such as : Recycling and energy efficiency, Geothermal energy, Composting and community gardens, Eco-Crafts Fairs, the Covenant with Creation and the Stewardship of the Environment. It ended with an ecumenical celebration led by clergy from Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and United Churches and a better appreciation of the demanding yet rewarding Christian journey before us.

M & O Conference Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Conference will be held May 28-30, 2010 at John Abbott College in Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, QC.

The theme of the annual meeting is Living in Right Relationships – Vivre des relations justes – Non kwe shon ha which will be a time for reflection, reconciliation and healing. Emphasis will be on the relationship with the people of the First Nations.

Theme speakers will include: Rev. Maggie McLeod, Coordinator of the Aboriginal Ministries Circle of the United Church of Canada; Jeff Copernace from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs of the Government of Ontario, and Francine LeMay, the sister of Corporal Marcel LeMay who was killed in the 1990 Oka crisis. The business of the annual meeting includes receiving reports and learning of the important work of its committees and networks. There will be some discussion about the future direction of the United Church as we face significant budget restrictions. We will install a

new president of Conference and on Saturday evening we will hold the Celebration of ministry service to ordain, commission and receive new ministry personnel, honor those recently deceased and celebrate those who are newly retired.

We welcome to her first annual meeting, the new Conference office administrator (Montreal), Stéphanie Côté as well as Denis Marcoux who is in charge of the Stewardship campaign.

All members of the Order of Ministry in M&O Conference may be delegates, and each congregation is entitled to one lay representative for each 100 members, to a maximum of four. In addition, anyone who would like to attend, but who is not eligible to be a voting delegate, may be present as an observer. Delegates may also choose to attend a number of workshops – some in English, some in French and some bilingual.

You may register on-line at the conference website: www.montrealandottawaconference.ca by clicking on the

AGM 2010 menu, then on E-Registration and following instructions in the self-guided registration form. On the same site, you may also choose to look at photos of previous Conference events. If the electronic world is not for you, regular paper registration forms should be available at your local church.

Children of attendees are welcome at conference. A well-experienced team is in place with a children's program throughout the weekend. If you need information about this program, contact Amy Cunningham at or the registrar. We are also planning a Youth (ages 13-17) program led by Andrew Johnson and a program for young adults ages 18-25 coordinated by Ryan Fea

Please join us

Rosemary Lambie, Larry Richardson and David Fines

Assemblée annuelle du Synode

L'Assemblée annuelle du Synode aura lieu cette année les 28, 29 et 30 mai au Collège John-Abbott à Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue.

Chaque paroisse a le droit de déléguer une personne pour chaque tranches de 100 membres en plus des pasteur-es. Mais tout le monde qui désire y participer peut y venir : l'Assemblée du Synode n'est certes pas un club privé ! Inscrivez-vous en ligne sur le site du synode <http://www.synodemontrealottawa.ca/site> et cliquez sur l'onglet AGA-inscription et suivez les directives (et profitez-en pour aller voir notre album de photos) ; ou alors en remplissant le formulaire envoyé à votre église. Vous pouvez aussi venir comme simple

observateur avec droit de parole mais sans droit de vote.

N'hésitez pas à venir avec vos enfants. Il y aura une équipe en place menée par pour s'occuper d'eux durant toute la fin de semaine. La personne à contacter est Amy Cunningham

Il y a aussi une inscription et un programme spécial pour les jeunes de 13 à 17 ans de même que pour les jeunes adultes (de 18 à 25). Le responsable du premier groupe est Andrew Johnson ; Ryan Fea coordonnera le deuxième.

Nous en profiterons aussi pour souhaiter la bienvenue à notre nouvelle

adjoite administrative aux bureaux de Montréal Stéphanie Côté ainsi qu'à Denis Marcoux, responsable de la campagne sur l'Intendance.

L'Assemblée annuelle qui est l'instance décisionnelle souveraine du synode reçoit et discute des rapports des divers comités qui s'occupent de son bon fonctionnement. C'est aussi l'occasion de discuter des grandes orientations que nous voulons lui faire prendre surtout en ces temps d'importantes réductions budgétaires. L'Assemblée annuelle installe aussi son nouveau président et durant la Célébration des ministères procède à la consécration des candidats pasteur-es et rend hommage aux pasteurs retraités ainsi qu'à ceux qui sont décédés durant l'année.

Le thème de cette année est : Living in Right Relationships – Vivre des relations justes – Non kwe shon ha, qui nous fera réfléchir sur les lieux où la réconciliation et le rapprochement sont nécessaires. Et l'accent sera mis tout particulièrement en ce qui a trait aux relations avec les peuples des Premières Nations. Les trois orateurs invités sont :

la pasteur Maggie MacLeod, coordinatrice du cercle des ministères autochtones de l'Église unie ; Jeff Copernance, du Ministère des Affaires autochtones du Gouvernement de l'Ontario et Francine LeMay, la sœur du caporal Marcel LeMay tué durant la crise d'Oka de 1990.

Donc, pensez déjà à vous inscrire ; et profitez-en à choisir l'un ou l'autre des ateliers qui sont offerts en anglais, en français ou encore bilingues.

Rosemary Lambie, Larry Richardson et David Fines



All my relations, A Lament

By Rev. Maggie McLeod

We remember the children of the Indian Residential Schools.

We remember how they were plucked up from their homes by a system of arrogance that denied a good way of life.

Their tears, their hunger, their loneliness and their fear is not forgotten. The shame that was taught, lingers yet. The pain that was inflicted upon their bodies remains.

We remember the parents, the aunties; the uncles; the grandmas and grandpas. Mothers were left with tear-stained aprons; fathers suffered in unyielding silence; left to grieve the empty places in their homes and their communities. How was it they were expected to carry on, having lost their joy, their purpose? And how was it that their community could continue to come together to celebrate life and move together toward a bright future, when their future is gone?

How long will it take to strengthen family, homes and spirits? How long will it take to heal the memories?

Who must we be and what must we do to restore integrity and dignity to your world?

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Our copy deadline for the September 2010 issue is Friday, August 20th, 2010.

The next meeting of the Editorial Board will be at 10:30 am on Monday, August 23rd, 2010 in Montreal at St. James United Church.

God of all great transformation,
in our lament we cry out to you.
God of all healing power,
in our pain we call your name.
God of all life,
in our hope we come before you in
humble prayer.

We pray that all your children may once again sing and dance the songs planted in their hearts since time immemorial.

We pray that in their play and in their learning they be strengthened in wisdom and truth.

May they carry the knowledge of their ancestors — those ways of life that brought abundance and joy to this pilgrimage on earth.

We pray for the childrens’ health and wholeness; may they reconnect with your unending love that they may once again know who they are; their giftedness; and their value.

We remember those children who have found their home in you. We acknowledge those who left this earth having heard no words of apology or lament. We are grateful that you hold these ones close and have granted to them eternal peace.

As we move ahead into a time of truth telling and reconciliation:

- We pray for parents and extended family. Release them from their

feeling of guilt and burden. Lift them from their grief. May their homes once again ring out with laughter and hope.

- May their communities reflect the joy of their presence? May they come together to work toward reclaiming and renewing minds, bodies, emotions and spirits.
- And finally, we pray that one day this world, your world, will be a place where children are no longer harmed and will never again be removed from a mother’s embrace, or a father’s helping hand.

We pray in the name of Jesus, your Son, who showed us a way to your Kingdom come on earth.

This lament was published by The Canadian Council of Churches.

Currently serving with the General Council Office as Executive Minister, Aboriginal Ministries Circle. Rev. McLeod served 14 years in congregational life in two First Nation (Ojibwa) communities on the Bruce Peninsula. Her late father, the Rev. Wilfred Dieter, was a student at the File Hills Indian Residential School. As theme speaker for the Montreal & Ottawa Annual Meeting, She will invite participants to consider how they will engage in their call to authentic relationship with God, with one another, and with the world.

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