

Sudbury Manitoulin Deanery Digest

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Deanery News and Announcements

FAITH & PHYSICS: an intriguing presentation which will explore Christian faith in a scientific age, will be presented in Mindemoya by Dr. Robert Mann, professor of physics at the University of Waterloo. Science and technology play an increasingly important role in our society. From cosmology to cellphones, there is little in our lives that is not affected by some development in science. Alongside this we continue to see religion and faith exert major cultural influence around the world. Contrary to common perception, theology and science are not necessarily in conflict, but in fact have a number of common features. After reviewing these, modern examples from cosmology and quantum physics will show how science and theology can together lead to a deeper understanding of our place in the universe.

A summer resident of Mindemoya, Dr. Mann was chair of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Waterloo from 2001-2008. He is a past-President of the Canadian Association of Physicists and the Canadian Scientific and Christian Affiliation, and his research interests are in black holes, cosmology, particle physics, quantum foundations, quantum information, and the science/religion dialogue. He has received numerous *Excellence in Teaching* awards, and is committed to engaging and inspiring his audience. The presentation takes place on Tuesday, July 28th at 7:30 pm at St. Francis Anglican Church in Mindemoya. Everyone is welcome, freewill offering, further information call 705-859-3925

PWRDF Announces \$15,000 in relief funding after Saskatchewan Wildfires:

“As of last Friday [July 3, 2015] there were 5,588 evacuees due to forest fires,” said Bishop Michael Hawkins of the Diocese of Saskatchewan in a message to PWRDF. “On Friday night, fire penetrated the Montreal Lake Cree nation and nine houses were burned.”

The number of evacuees has grown to over 12,000, with people being sheltered as far away as Regina or Cold Lake, Alberta. PWRDF, in consultation with Bishop Hawkins, has announced an initial grant of \$15,000 to the Prince Albert Grand Council (PAGC), a tribal council representing 12 First Nations with about 30,000 members.

PAGC is providing meals, clothing, and shelter to supplement the Red Cross' efforts, as the needs have overwhelmed the Red Cross' capacity to respond. PAGC is also helping to transport evacuees and to provide medical care to evacuees as needed, and is supporting the firefighters who are battling the wild fires.

You can support PWRDF's relief efforts in northern Saskatchewan in various ways:

Online

You can designate your [online donation](#) for "Saskatchewan Wildfires".

By Phone

For credit card donations contact: Jennifer Brown at 416-924-9192 ext. 355; or 1-866-308-7973
Please *do not* send your credit card number by email or fax.

By Mail

Please make cheques payable to "PWRDF", mark them for "Saskatchewan Wildfires" and send them to: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
The Anglican Church of Canada
80 Hayden Street ~ Toronto, Ontario ~ M4Y 3G2

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: EVEREST: Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. August 10 – 15 at the Church of the Ascension. Click [here](#) for more information and online registration.

MORE PWRDF NEWS: The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) continues its partnership with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada (DFATD) in new multimillion-dollar joint venture focusing on maternal and child health in Africa.

With a DFATD grant of \$17.7 million, the PWRDF will contribute an anticipated \$2.6 million over five years toward a sweeping health-care project in 350 villages in Burundi, Mozambique, Rwanda and Tanzania.

"PWRDF is deeply satisfied that DFATD has approved an ambitious proposal to scale up the work we are presently doing with them in three countries—Burundi, Mozambique and Tanzania—and adding Rwanda," said Adele Finney, the PWRDF's executive director, in a media release.

The program will reach more than 3.5 million women of reproductive age, as well as newborns, children under age five, and men. It will include pre- and post-natal care for mothers, vaccinations, vitamin A supplementation and nutritious food for children. Its impact on men will be largely educational, according to Zaida Bastos, PWRDF manager for external funding programs such as the DFATD's. "In many countries a woman needs authorization from her husband to see a doctor, and if he is not aware of the need for prenatal care, he will not allow it," she said. Men also need to be educated about a woman's nutritional needs "because, again, in many countries women are the last to eat."

The new program grew out of the Muskoka Initiative on Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, at which G-8 countries meeting in Canada in June 2010 and their non-G-8 partners committed a total of US \$7.3 billion in global funding over the five years 2010–2015.

The substantial new funding will train health workers and birth attendants to dispense accurate advice on ante- and post-natal care, promote healthy habits, provide basic health care, identify high-risk pregnancies and refer women to government-run medical facilities. "We are very happy that the DFATD grant is so large—it's a recognition the quality of the work we are doing," said Bastos.

The DFATD-PWRDF funds will supply local health centres with essential equipment, dispensaries and nurses' housing. Expectant mothers' houses will be built so that women can come in before labour sets in and recuperate after delivery. They will provide mothers with rapid, affordable

transportation to medical facilities, including bicycle and motorcycle ambulances. “Now, a pregnant woman may have to walk 10 to 20 kilometres in pain and she will be exhausted when she gets to the health facility,” said Bastos.

The project will also improve access to clean water and will mobilize village leadership and local communities carry out the work and, importantly, ensure gender equity. The latter concerns a woman’s reproductive rights and the need to protect her own body. “A wife shouldn’t have one child after another. She needs space,” said Bastos. “But for that to happen there have to be community and family discussions where men understand that it is to their advantage, that a healthier woman will be a healthier mum with healthier babies and will survive to care for them.”

As soon as the details are finalized and the contract with the DFATD signed, Bastos will be visiting the program’s on-the-ground partners in Africa, and the PWRDF will start releasing funds, possibly as soon as September. African partners include Village Health Works (Partners in Health) in Burundi, the Anglican Diocese of Masasi in Tanzania, the Association of Community Health (EHALE) in Mozambique and Inshuti Mu Buzima (Partners in Health) in Rwanda.

Each country will have a target for reducing maternal, newborn and child mortality based on its current rates and indicators. “As we accompany partners, and they accompany vulnerable people making lasting changes in their communities, we see more mothers and babies living and thriving through pregnancy, childbirth and the first years of life,” said Finney.

Thanks in part to such interventions, global maternal mortality dropped by almost 50% over the period 1990–2013, from 523,000 deaths in 1990 to 289,000 in 2013, according to the World Health Organization. And deaths for children under age five also dropped by about 50% .

“We’ve made a lot of progress, but we still have a lot of work to do,” Bastos said.

See more [by clicking here](#)

LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FALL:

There are many events scheduled for September in our Deanery...

1) Have you wondered what Messy Church is about? Come experience it at **MESSY FIESTA** *a day to experience and learn about Messy Church*. To find out more about Messy Church, visit www.messychurch.ca and look for the video!

Messy Fiesta takes place on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 10 am – 3:00 pm at the Church of the Ascension, 1476 Sparks St. The cost (includes lunch, crafts, handouts and a fun day) is \$25/person.

2) Fr. Tim Perry is leading a teaching series at the Epiphany on Wednesday evenings starting September. **CREDO: The Apostles’ Creed and why we have it. An exploration of “Mere Christianity”** September 9 – October 28th. The talk will be at 7:00 and the evening will end with Compline at 8:15. A poster has been sent to all clergy.

FROM THE DIOCESE OF ALGOMA FACEBOOK PAGE: Seven Key Reasons Your Church Attendance May Be Dwindling.

Read the article by Thom S. Rainer; [here](#)

READINGS FOR THIS COMING WEEK:

Taken from <http://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>

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[Proper 11 \(16\) \(July 19, 2015\)](#)

- First reading and Psalm
 - 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
 - Psalm 89:20-37

- Alternate First reading and Psalm
 - Jeremiah 23:1-6
 - Psalm 23
- Second reading
 - Ephesians 2:11-22
- Gospel
 - Mark 6:30-34, 53-56