



REGIONAL COUNCIL 15

MILESTONES IN MINISTRY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 10, 2023

JUBILARIANS

THE REVEREND
J. ROBERT K. HANKINSON

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Rob Hankinson served three pastoral charges, six chaplaincies, held eight teaching appointments, assisted notable congregational, interchurch and interfaith work, engaged in numerous committees, task forces, and assignments for Presbyteries, Conference and General Council, during the 46 years of his “two-year stay” in Alberta. When time permitted, he pursued his love of bicycling. He returned home in the summer of 2019. Further details available upon request.



THE REVEREND DR.
DAVID MACLACHLAN

50th Anniversary of Ordination

S. MARLYNE M. MYLES

50 Years of Commissioning

Started Ministry at First United Truro...working with a very active youth programming. Introduced while at First "Children at Conference" which widened the participation of Children in worship and church activities.

Then to O'Leary West Cape Pastoral Charge in a team ministry. In 1986 took up the position of Christian Development Coordinator with Halifax Presbytery offering worships and support to leaders in Christian Development. Coordinated bringing Bill Easum to the presbytery for a seminar which changed many pastoral charges.

My next style of ministry I became a trained in was Interim Ministry. I served Douglastown Pastoral Charge, Great Village Pastoral Charge, St Croix Pastoral charge, Trinity St Stephens, Amherst and Bridgetown Pastoral where I retired from after 35 years of Ministry. I was pleased to represent the United Church of Canada at the 5th Assembly of the World council of Churches in 1975 in Nairobi, Kenya, then visited Zambia. I also visited Japan as part the Japanese Maritime conference exchange. I served many General Council committees and attended Diakonia Conferences in Switzerland and Australia.

THE REVEREND
ROBERT ZINCK

50th Anniversary of Ordination

THE REVEREND
H. ALLEN DARBY

55th Anniversary of Ordination

THE REVEREND
A. GEORGE DEMMONS

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THE REVEREND DR.
HALLETT LLEWELLYN

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THE REVEREND
GLENN MACLEAN

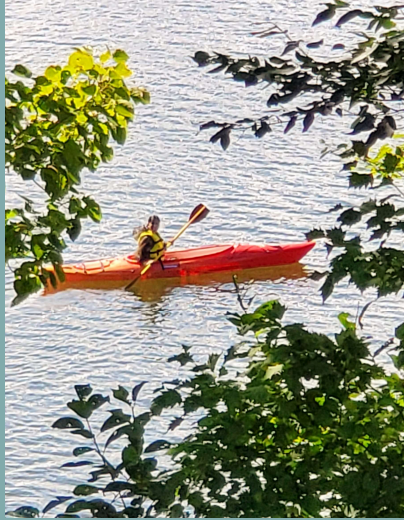
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Glenn and Margaret were married and Glenn Ordained in May 1968 by Maritime Conference. Over 55 Years they have served charges in Sheet Harbour, NS 68-72, Central Circuit Bermuda, 72-75, Lunenburg NS 75-82, St Matthew-Wesley North Sydney 82-89, St. James Dartmouth, NS 89-2012, brief retirement then Retired Supply At Trinity Onslow NS 2013 to present. Each location was different and an honor to serve. Active at all levels of church, Congregation, Presbytery, Conference, General Council (3), Conference President 98-99.

Glenn and Margie have raised 2 families, Shawn, Shannon and Shelagh and later Meghan, Joseph, and Hannah.

Pastoral Ministry has and continues to be our first Love.

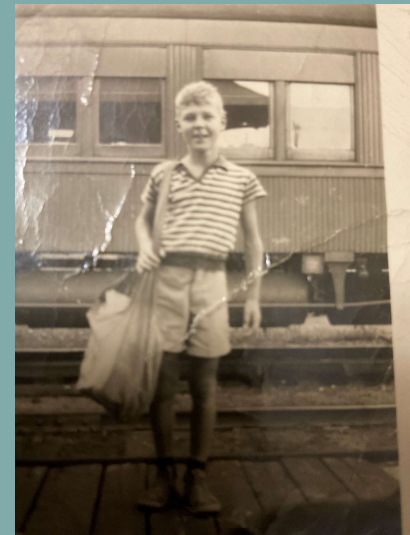
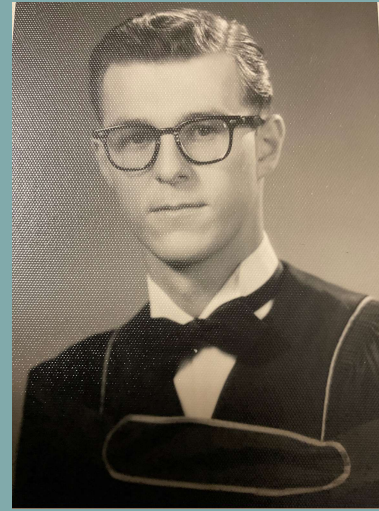




THE REVEREND
G. PAUL CUMMING

60th Anniversary of Ordination

I entered the ministry at a very unusual and interesting time in history. My first student field in 1957 was in Saskatchewan when the railway trains were often loaded with fresh immigrants from large cities in Europe who were encouraged to settle in the open Canadian prairie and try their hand at tilling the soil (not an easy task) in this vast new land and learn a new language at the same time... and in the open country where they were often hundreds of miles away from communities that weren't even cities. Then there were the War Brides who had been told by their eager beaux that our streets were paved with gold, in order to entice them to oft-times a barren and depleted land. Children were born to these young women (often girls) and they felt trapped from ever seeing their parents and families again. This demanded a sensitive listening ear of a student minister along with a heart-felt prayer. A student minister was required to grow up fast.



In one Ukrainian rural church I found the women sitting on the left side of the church isle and the men on the right. They were taught to stand in prayer and sit during singing a hymn. One needed to introduce them to our Canadian ways in the most sensitive and timely manner as well as to preach the gospel set forth by Jesus. At funeral services I would have a Ukrainian minister assist me in the service when the older people couldn't speak English and this was often. All this demanded a specific kind of ministry.

In my ordained ministry there were the good times and the difficult ones, and as my minister father once said: "No matter how devoted to ministry you are, and how good a person you are -- there will always be those who don't like you;" (and I will add) and give you problems to deal with.



In my time I served churches within towns and cities in the Maritimes and Ontario. Also, in the 1970's I served in the United Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis Indiana -the Speedway city. In every church the message was "the Christian -God centred one" of Christ's saving grace and of reconciliation and Christian love. I must say that for the most part I have loved being a minister and would do it all over again but allow more time off for myself to recover and heal and more time for my family. Today, I am also ever more open to hear the truths of our Christians who deliver a message somewhat different than my own and also to hear the truths of other religions --and I pray that in the future by the grace of God :we may all be one."



THE REVEREND
ALEXANDER (SANDY) MACLEAN

60th Anniversary of Ordination

Sandy was born in Fredericton, NB, the son of Rev. Frank and Margaret MacLean. He grew up in Fredericton, Sydney and Charlottetown. He graduated from Dalhousie University and Pine Hill Divinity Hall. He was ordained at Sackville United Church in June of 1963.

In 1962 Sandy married Lila Allen of Wolfville, NS and they have two sons, Stephen and Greg.

The MacLeans had the privilege of serving the following pastoral charges: Redbank, NB, Nashwaaksis, NB, Woodlawn, Dartmouth, NS, Gower Street, St. Johns, NF, Bridgewater, NS, and Central United, Moncton, NB. He also served as retired supply in Trenton, NS, and Bermuda.



Worship Enhanced by Drama

As in the case with most seasoned ministers, Sandy served as chair of most of the various divisions and committees of Presbytery. He was elected chair of Miramichi, Woolastook and South Shore Presbyteries.

At Conference, Sandy served as chair of the Halifax and later Newfoundland Chaplaincy Committees, Maritime Conference Stewardship Committee, and Faith and Theology Committee.

Sandy had the privilege of being a Commissioner to General Council in 1966 and 1992 and considers the latter a spiritual highlight of his ministry.



Fiddler on the “NEW” Roof

Although actively involved in various Courts of the Church, the heart of Sandy's ministry has been the local congregation, preaching the Word and serving the pastoral and spiritual needs of the people.

No profile would be complete without mention of his love of and commitment to Berwick Camp Association, having served in various capacities and attending encampment for over sixty years.



Joyful in the Holy!

THE REVEREND
WAYNE MCCARTHER

60th Anniversary of Ordination

The Reverend Wayne McCarther was born on 14 March 1939 in Maccan, Cumberland Co., N.S., the eldest son of the late Henry and Laura (Mattatall) McCarther. He graduated from the River Herbert Rural High School in 1957, Mount Allison University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1961, and Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax in 1963 with the Master of Divinity degree. He was Ordained to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care by the Maritime Conference of The United Church of Canada on 9 June 1963 and was placed on the St. Ann's Pastoral Charge in Cape Breton. On 18 July 1964 he married the love of his life Carolyn Janet Morse R.N. He then served at St. Andrew's United Church in Sydney, Knox United Church in Glace Bay, St. Paul's United Church in Riverview and Sackville United Church in New Brunswick.



In 1994 he was called as the District Director and C.E.O. of the Nova Scotia District of the Canadian Bible Society which he served until 2009 when he retired after forty-six years of very active Ministry. He often described himself as one of the most successful failures at retirement and in just twenty months was called as Minister of St. Andrew's Wesley United Church in Springhill which he served until 2020. In 2008 Wayne and Carolyn built their new home in Amherst. He served the Church at every level of Church government and was very involved in every community in which he was privileged to serve.



Wayne and Carolyn have two daughters, Angela (Steven Locke), Alison (Scott Richardson), grandchildren Shannon, Matthew and Lauren Locke, David, Noah and Grace Richardson, and a great-grandson Lachlan. He wishes to remember his Boxer dogs, Tammy, Heidi, Penny, Daisy and Brindy who were his faithful companions for more than forty years.

On the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary of his Ordination he wrote a book entitled, "One Glorious Ministry", and looking back on that ministry says there is not one thing he would have changed.



His number one hobby is his cars which he loves to wash and wax, and when asked on buying his fourth black car if he ever owned a black one and if he realized how hard they were to keep clean replied, "a black car is not hard to keep clean, all you have to do is wash it once a day and wax it once a month."

As with many others called to this high calling he was never called to be successful but to be faithful.

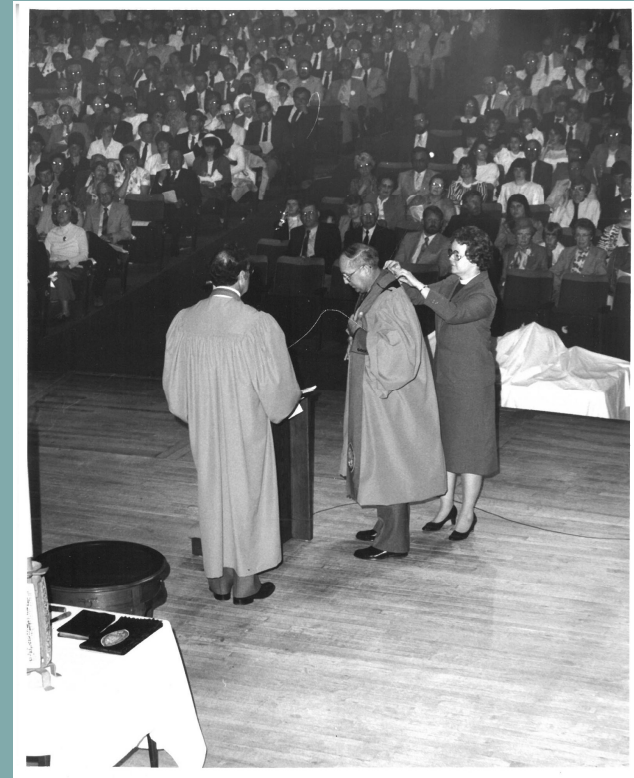


THE REVEREND
VINCENT IHASZ

65th Anniversary of Ordination

Vince Ihasz was born on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1934 - also April Fool's Day. He is the third of five children born to Rose and Louis Ihasz. Vince's parents and two older brothers, Alec and Frank, immigrated to Canada from Hungary in the late twenties, settling in Whitney Pier, Cape Breton. Vince was the first of the Ihasz clan born in Canada. He was followed by his brother, Louis, and sister, Mary.

Growing up in Whitney Pier, Vince attended Sydney Academy. After high school, he headed to Mount Allison University, graduating in 1956 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. Pine Hill Divinity Hall in Halifax was the next stop for Vince. He graduated with his Masters of Divinity and was ordained by the Maritime Conference into The United Church of Canada in 1958. It was during his year as "Pope" at Pine Hill that Vince was also the recipient of the Graham Fraser Residence Award.



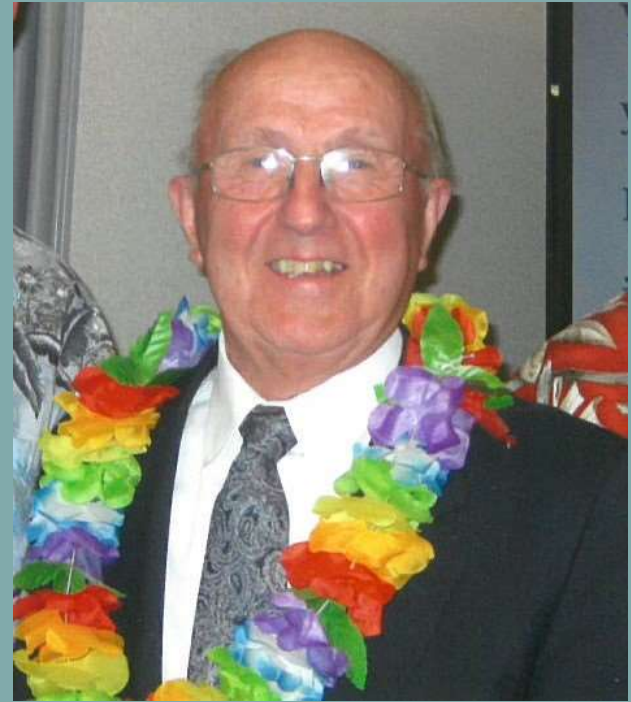
Those were busy years! In 1959, Vince married Anne Swindells, and together they are the proud parents of two daughters, Janet and Anne Louise. After 58 years of marriage, Anne passed away on October 31, 2017.

It's hard to say if it was one particular calling that led Vince to the ministry; it was probably many. Since childhood, religion had always been a strong influence in Vince's life, whether it was through his church growing up, his community, his teachers and professors, or his family and friends.

Vince has served pastoral charges in Millerton, N.B., Bethany United in Halifax, Brookfield-Middle Stewiacke, Stairs Memorial in Dartmouth, and Central United, Lunenburg, all in Nova Scotia. Throughout his ministry he has been very active in Presbytery, Conference and General Council. Vince is known as a good debater - one to speak his mind and never to shy away from controversy.

He served two years as Chair of the Pine Hill Board of Governors and was president of Maritime Conference 1986-1987 and was commissioner to four General Councils. Vince has also served in the Primary Reserve of Canada (Navy) as a chaplain, attaining the rank of Lt. Commander.

Over the years, Vince enjoyed many outside activities such as, his love of reading, playing the trumpet, the cottage at Brule Point, the Masons, Shriners, and Rotary. He is the proud grandfather of Logan, Kennedy, Anna, and Luc.



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**THE REVEREND
JOHN ‘PETER’ ANTHONY**

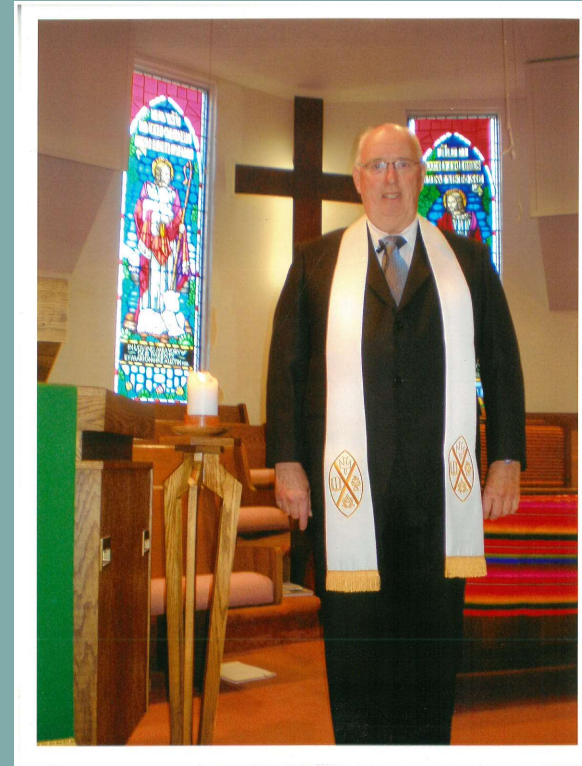
**THE REVEREND
HELENE BURNS**

**THE REVEREND
DONNA LOVELACE**

WAYNE JARVIS, DLM

I was born in Lyn, Ontario 17 June 1943. I was the eldest son son of Howard and Dorothy Worden (Jarvis). I have two brothers, my youngest brother passed away in 2006 and my middle brother lives in Brockville, Ontario and is an avid sailor. I married my wife, Doreen, in 1968. We have two daughters, Laurie and Angela. We have four grandchildren, three girls and one boy, and one great granddaughter. I worked for various companies until 2000.

I always had a feeling that I wanted to be in ministry and in 2000 I started the process to be a Licensed Lay Worship Leaders through AST. I did services at various churches throughout Cumberland County for the next seven years.



Following this time I took a one year discernment with a committee appointed by Presbytery and representatives from my own church. In 2010 I was accepted on the Baie Verte/Port Elgin/Tidnish Bridge Pastoral Charge. I served that Pastoral Charge for nine years. On this Pastoral Charge I was well received, made a lot of good friends through the church. One of the highlights that stands out for me was my first baptism of a little girl, Claire. When she was able to walk she would come up the aisle for me to pick her up and I did many sermons with her in my arms. In 2019 I applied for a position on Northumberland Pastoral Charge and was accepted. My ministry in both pastoral charges has been very fulfilling for me with lots of fond memories.



**THE REVEREND
SARAH REABURN**

Sarah began her ministry in 1989 in Kelwood-McCreary Pastoral Charge in Manitoba, then moved down the road to Neepawa and Area for a two year appointment. She learned so much about life and ministry in those early years and will always be grateful to the wonderful people who mentored and guided her there.

In 1996, after unsuccessfully exploring the possibility of being overseas personnel with the church, Sarah left formal ministry and moved to Taiwan to work in an international school with her partner, Paul Ingram. She preached regularly in an English speaking congregation both there, and in Lebanon where her teaching career took her next.



Sarah was displaced from Lebanon in 2006, and while visiting family in Dartmouth discovered she couldn't return home. She began a 10 month appointment at Woodlawn United, working along side Rev. Ray Francis before answering the call to Stairs Memorial United Church. Sarah served 12 years at Stairs and absolutely loved it there. When the time came that both Sarah and Stairs needed a new direction, she was called to Rockingham United, where she has served with joy until her retirement. She has loved ministry, and is grateful for all of the meaning, love and connection to God that she has found through the congregations she has served.



**THE REVEREND
MARTIN A. REID**

**THE REVEREND DR.
WAYNE G. SMITH**

Wayne's faith was first formed in a one-room former Methodist church located in a corner ("Huff's Corners") of his parents' pig and cattle farm in the former Lambton County, ON. He holds a diploma in Communications from Lambton College, Sarnia, ON. At the age of 35, after a journalism career, he engaged in studies at the University of Windsor, ON; University of St. Andrews, Scotland and at McGill. He is an alumnus of both Presbyterian and United Theological colleges, Montreal.

In 2004 he was honourably discharged from the Canadian Forces after 11 years as a part-time and full-time contract Chaplain and Staff Officer based in Truro, Montreal, Halifax, Hamilton, ON; and CFB Borden, ON.

He has served the UCC as Intentional Interim, Transitional Specialist and Called ministry leadership in the Presbyterian Presbytery of Pictou and former UCC Presbyteries of Simcoe, Toronto South, Montreal, Valley and Moncton, where he formally joined the ministry of the UCC in 2009. While serving a full-time two-point charge in Moncton, at the age of 65 he successfully defended his PhD dissertation entitled: "Intersubjectivity: a cosmology, theodicy and narratology of Ubuntu in conversation with the Philosophy of Organism of A.N. Whitehead," through the University of Pretoria. His final active ministry was with William Black Memorial United, Glen Margaret.

Wayne's retirement projects include Secretary of the Association of United Church Clergy, Program Director at the community radio/online broadcaster in Liverpool, and as Assistant Chaplain with his wife, the Rev Carol Smith, with the North Queens Fire Association, Caledonia. Carol and Wayne have four children, seven grandchildren. This year they celebrated 23 years of calling Port Mouton home.

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