

**BERMUDA-NOVA SCOTIA
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

**MILESTONES IN MINISTRY
CELEBRATION**

Saturday, May 11, 2024

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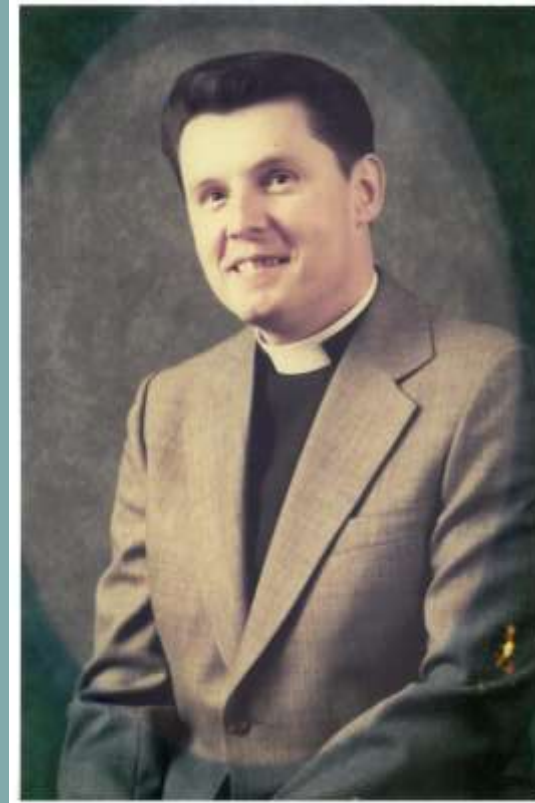
THE REVEREND
BLAKE C.CALDWELL

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Born in Wolfville Nova Scotia. Attended schools in Dartmouth NS, Gimli Manitoba and Winnipeg Manitoba. Worked for the Department of National Defence for 17 years.

Attended Saint Mary's Halifax. Received Diploma in Theology from Pine Hill Divinity Hall and Bachelor of Theology from Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax NS. Ordained by Maritime Conference May 1974.

Served Waterview Pastoral Charge Cape Breton, Harrisville-Steeves Memorial Pastoral Charge Moncton NB, founding minister of Forest Hills United Church Dartmouth NS. Retired end of June 2003. Served as Retired Supply at New Minas United Church Valley Presbytery, St. John's United Halifax, United Memorial Halifax and Stairs Memorial United Dartmouth.



Served as Secretary of the Hunter United Church building Fund for many years. Presently Minister Emeritus at Port Wallace United in Dartmouth NS.

Married Eunice Caldwell 1961. Father of Son Christopher and Daughter Kathy. Four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Member of Board of Directors, Oakwood Terrace Long Term Care Facility in Dartmouth NS.



**THE REVEREND
G. CURTIS MCDONALD**

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Celebrating Fifty Years of Ministry within the United Church of Canada.

Graduating from the Atlantic School of Theology ('74), I was settled in the North Highlands Pastoral Charge, Cape Breton. Married to Beverley McDonald, our two children were born in Neil's Harbour.

Many have been instrumental in preparing me for ministry. Grandson of Rev William McDonald and son of Gordon and Dorothy McDonald, I grew up in Christian communities.

Atlantic School of Theology, Pine Hill Foundation, Tatamagouche Centre Interfaith Pastoral Counselling Centre (Kitchener Ontario), as well as Acadia Divinity School of Theology afforded me opportunities to grow and broaden my understanding of ministry.



Each congregation became the crucible where the joy and passion for ministry grew. I served North Highlands, Beacon United Yarmouth, Pictou United, Valley -Greenfield- Kemptown and Hospital Chaplaincy for over 35 years and ten more years in intentional interim ministry. Every community I was called to serve I was active in supporting Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation. Youth Forum, MacLennan and Sherbrooke Lake Camps and local Youth Groups showed me the strength of young people, their creative potential.

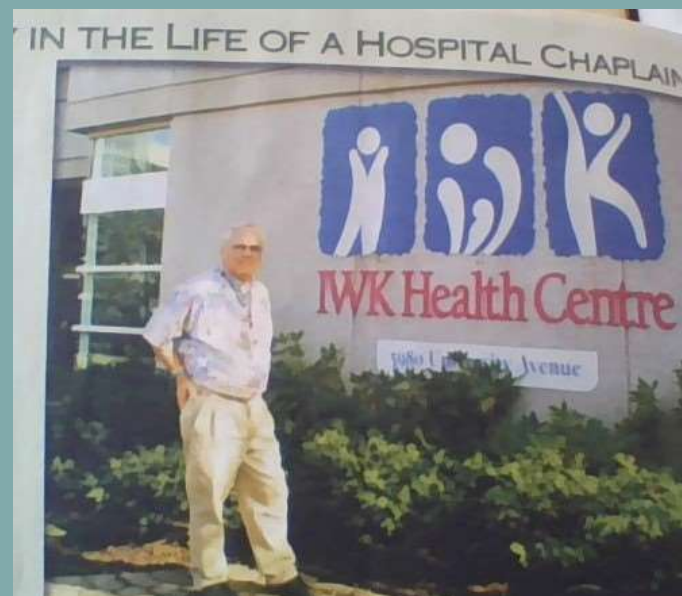
My wife has been both an inspiration and companion in ministry as she devoted her time and energy in teaching Sunday School, Explorers, United Church Women and as Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator.



We do not live alone. We live in God's World.

I am grateful for the opportunity given me to serve within the Christian Community. I am grateful for all in these communities who patiently have shown me the way, the truth, and the life. Ordinary souls who helped to bring the extraordinary into being. Fifty years is a lot of time to live and work with others in various settings. Thanks be to God!

Reverend G Curtis Mc Donald BA, MDiv ('74),
M.Th. ('94)



THE REVEREND
WAYNE G. SCHURMAN

50th Anniversary of Ordination

Ordained in 1974 and served the Middle Musquodoboit Pastoral Charge from 1974-1977. Joined the Canadian Forces Chaplaincy (P) and posted to CFB Petawawa, Special Service Force. from 1977-1979. Basic training in Chiliwack BC for 13 weeks ; parachuting course in Edmonton; and UN Peacekeeping Force to Cyprus for 7 months.

Upon returning to Canada, our family was posted to CFB London from 1979-1982 as Base Chaplain (P), serving the men / women / families of IRCCR and the Base. Posted to CFB Cornwallis from 1982- 1984 as the spiritual guidance counsellor and then posted to CFB Lahr, Germany, from 1984-1987.

Returning to Canada in 1987 , we were posted to CFB Greenwood from where we stayed until 1994, when I was off to CFB Cold Lake from where I retired in 1997, after serving 20 years in the Canadian Forces.

THE REVEREND
DONALD M.A. MACQUEEN

55th Anniversary of Ordination

Born in North Framboise, Richmond County, Cape Breton, NS. Eldest son of Angus F. and Margaret C. (MacDiarmid) MacQueen. Attended North Framboise, Framboise Consolidated and St. Peters High Schools. Was a Candidate from St. Peters united Church, B.A. from Mt. A. and Mdiv. From Pine Hill. Ordained by Maritime Conference in 1969, served on Clyde Carleton PC, South Shore Presbytery, Mindemoya PC Sudbury Presbytery, Upper Musquodoboit PC Truro Presbytery, Hunter River PC PEI Presbytery and Upper Londonderry PC Truro Presbytery. Retiring in 2011 to reside in Truro NS.

Married Jean Etter of Shubenacadie NS.

We have daughters Elizabeth (Jason Miller, Fall River NS and Roberta MacQueen, New Dominion PEI and granddaughters Nicole and Emily Miller.



THE REVEREND
ROLAND R. MURRAY

55th Anniversary of Ordination

**THE REVEREND
ALFRED F. WOODWORTH**

55th Anniversary of Ordination

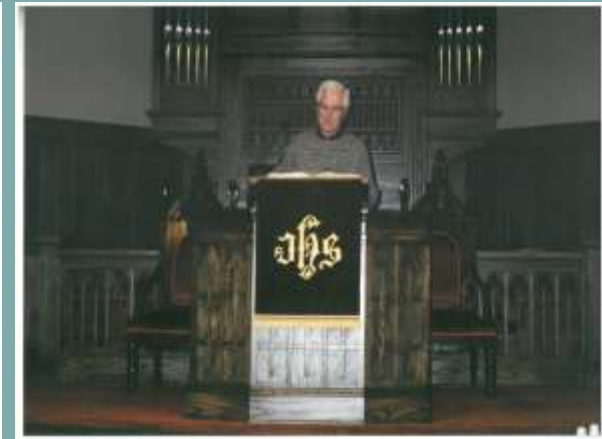
I grew up on a farm at Hopewell Hill, New Brunswick. After high school I worked for the Dept of Highways, worked at the construction of the Irving oil refinery in Saint John, worked on building the "hump" Yard for the CNR in Moncton, and worked for the T. Eaton Company in Moncton before attending Mount Allison University.

I served the Glen Margaret Pastoral Charge with points Glen Margaret, Ingramport, Tantallon and Timberlea. I served at Baddeck in Cape Breton with points Baddeck, Baddeck Forks, and Middle River . I served at Trenton and at Annapolis Royal. Over my ordained ministry of 37 years I took my responsibilities regarding Maritime Conference and Presbytery seriously, chairing two Presbyteries and serving on various committees. I officiated at 267 weddings, 398 baptisms, 145 confirmations and 498 funerals.



I have one serious regret. With so many people now dying of drug overdose I regret not trying to influence the children through the Sunday morning children's story and the Sunday School to avoid trying drugs involving the danger of becoming addicted and the possibility of early death.

I preached well over 1500 sermons as well as many other talks, but I note that the world is still not completely evangelized, and that God's will is still not being completely done on earth as it is in heaven.

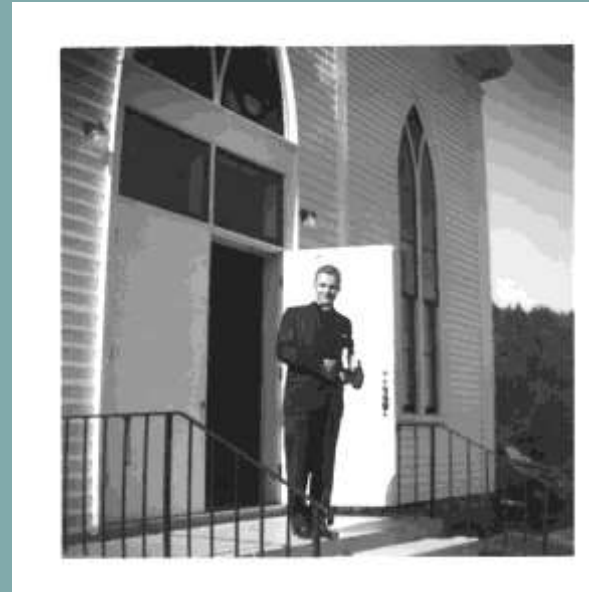


**THE REVEREND
FOSTER B. JENKINS**

60th Anniversary of Ordination

I grew up in Trenton, NS, where I attended grade schools and had the benefit of the influence of so many very good people that eventually lead me toward the Christian ministry. I attended Mount Allison and Pine Hill and later AST.

Ordained by Maritime Conference on June 7, 1964, I was sent to Forbes Memorial Pastoral Charge, Goshen, NS. During this three year ministry, I met and married Dorothy L. MacKay of Pictou Landing, NS. We had a son, Andrew, and I went on to serve in the Canadian Forces Chaplaincy. Our family lived and served at CFB Gagetown and UN Cyprus and we had our daughter, Heather. We then went to CFB Edmonton to serve with the Canadian Airborne Regiment; CFB Esquimalt with 3 PPCLI; Royal Roads Military College for three years; CFB Cornwallis for five years; then up the highway to CFB Greenwood for another five years; and then up the highway a little further to CFB Halifax for my final posting of five years at Maritime Command Headquarters as a Command Chaplain. I retired with 26 years service.



In July 1992, I accepted a call to Sharon St. John United Church in Stellarton, NS, where I served for seven years. In 1999, I officially retired from The United Church and built a home in Pictou Landing, NS. I later accepted an offer to do some retired supply for two Presbyterian congregations at Merigomish and then at Pictou for a total of four years. For the past 20 years, Dot and I have been enjoying our home overlooking Pictou Harbour and having a wonderful time sharing with family and friends. We have received far more blessings than we deserve and we are very grateful.



EMILY F. KIERSTEAD

60 Years of Commissioning

Having taught school for two years in Saint John, N.B. I attended the Centre for Christian Studies, Toronto and then began serving in Wilmot United Church in Fredericton. During that time I married, and we moved to Rothesay. I then served in Silver Falls United Church, with colleague Rev. Jim Forbes.

During the time of raising my children I went back to teaching Music in Lakefield Elementary School, then as they grew old enough, continued working in the United Church in Rothesay.

After seeing my three children graduate and move on to university, I divorced and moved to Nova Scotia, where I had been called to serve in the town of Middle Musquodoboit. Meeting the Rev. Don Murray in Tatamagouche Centre was life enhancing, and we married in 1994. After eight years in Middle Musquodoboit, I retired.



Music has always been a part of my life and ministry: directing choirs, writing hymns, being Music leader at Maritime Conference and the Decade for Women gathering in Guelph.. I continue even in my 82nd. year to direct a choir of 17 people in our Retirement residence. As Nietzsche wrote, "Without Music, life would be a mistake."

Don and I share many experiences and tales of life in the United Church.



**THE REVEREND
VICTOR A. MACLEOD**

60th Anniversary of Ordination

I was born on an Island, Boularderie, in the Island of Cape Breton. I carried out ministry on the Island of Nfld, in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Carolyn, my wife, who was ordained in 1990 served with me in Team ministry in Cape Breton, Bermuda (an Island) and Prince Edward Island. During these years I was Chairperson of a number of Presbyteries and served on a number of committees, locally and nationally. The highlight for me was to be President of Maritime Conference in 1994-95. It was a great privilege and honor to meet with people from across the Conference. Carolyn and I have been blessed with three children, Rev. Karen, Alexander and Rev. Christine, along with seven grandchildren. We have enjoyed retirement (2004) with our base at Tidnish Bridge, N. S.





THE REVEREND
A. FRED ARCHIBALD

65th Anniversary of Ordination

**THE REVEREND
LOUIS IHASZ**

65th Anniversary of Ordination

RETIREES

**THE REVEREND
KAREN A. RALPH**

MR. HUBERT DEN DRAAK

After working as a journalist, photographer/filmmaker and environmentalist, paid and accountable Ministry turned out to be the place where I could apply many of the skills learned in those prior vocations. Ministry is all about sharing this powerful and counter-cultural story of ours in ways that connect with where the people are at.

For me, being in ministry also means never being able to accept the status quo, to go against what's considered "normal", and to build radically inclusive community. It's never-ending work, often frustrating, sometimes heartbreaking, but always worthwhile. Along the way I've witnessed many miracles happen, both large and small, and am deeply grateful for that.



Whether re-energizing a tired rural congregation, marching for justice, relocating an urban congregation (during a pandemic!) or just shovelling snow, I've never felt alone. Together with my spouse Jacomyn I have experienced the Sacred in ways I never expected and learned things I never thought I needed to.

It's been one amazing ride. But now I'm tired; time to slow down.



**THE REVEREND
DANA E. FELTMATE**

I was ordained in 1986 from Maritime Conference and served in Gainsborough, SK, Milestone, SK, Blackville, NB, Woodstock, NB, St. John's in Halifax, NS and the United Protestant Church of Sydney River in Sydney, NS.

I served the church, throughout my ministry on a variety of Presbytery and Conference committees and was involved in a variety of community projects, committees and boards, throughout my ministry.



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