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So different, yet so close

Lutherans look at Anglicans...and vice versa

THEY'VE been in full communion since 2001; yet their identities remain. So how do the Lutherans and Anglicans view each other's idiosyncrasies?

The Rev. Lenise Francis, Lutheran pastor of St. Mary Anglican Church in Winnipeg, offers this view of Anglican quirks through Lutheran eyes:

"Mothering Sunday? Oh right, it's like Mother's Day, but in the middle of Lent! And what on earth is simnel cake? And why do Anglican church wardens need to carry such big tall sticks—just how rowdy do Anglican meetings get? And where are the musical notes for the liturgy?" (The Lutheran worship book includes the staves.) "And what exactly is a lych gate?" Francis continues.

Adds Pamela Harrington, a Lutheran deacon in the double-denomination parish of St. David's in Orillia, Ont.: "Confirmation class for Anglicans may be as short as six weeks, but for us Lutherans it may last two or three years!" She also points to abiding differences in vocabulary. The Anglican's verger or sexton is the Lutheran's custodian. A sidesperson is an usher. Vestry is annual meeting, and the eucharist is Holy Communion. Which leads to comments like this, she says: "Why can't Anglicans just call a thing what it is?"

The Rev. Ken Watts, rector of St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Saskatoon, makes these observations. "People say that Anglican hymns 'go up and down more.' And that Anglicans are less rigorous in their approach to authority."

Watts also notes that there's more eating in connection with An-

glican functions. And, not surprisingly, more attachment to the British monarchy and heritage, as opposed to the Nordic cultures. "For Canada Day, we close the service with 'God Save the Queen,' which surprises the Lutherans," he says.

In Regina, the Rev. Cheryl Toth, Anglican chaplain of Luther College, has this to say: "Anglicans express their belief more through their liturgy. Lutherans work harder at articulating their theology, so sometimes Anglicans are considered theology-light."

Toth continues: "At eucharist, Lutherans want to fill the chalice to overflowing as a sign of God's abundance, even if there are only 20 people. But the Anglican presider has to consume all the elements afterwards, so Anglicans don't want to fill the cup to the top."

In other differences, Harrington notes, Transfiguration Sunday occurs just before Lent for both Anglicans and Lutherans, and the Anglicans observe it again on Aug. 6. And as Anglicans gear up for Halloween and All Saints' Day, for Lutherans, the Sunday closest to October 31 is Reformation Sunday, which commemorates Luther's nailing of the 95 Theses. It's often preceded by a merry Oktoberfest with lots of traditional German food and even beer.

But ultimately the differences don't really matter. "We view our denominational affiliation as secondary to a unified submission to Jesus as Lord," says the Rev. Richard Bieber, Lutheran pastor of the joint parish of Our Saviour in Dartmouth, N.S. "We are convinced that his word is able to draw people who are seeking a life which the surrounding culture cannot provide." —Diana Swift, *Anglican Journal*

The spirit of Waterloo

A declaration in 2001—a joint assembly in 2013

ANGLICANS and Lutherans have been in dialogue since the dawn of the Reformation. But for Archbishop Michael Peers, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, 1986–2004, the connection dates back personally to 1969.

As rector of St. Bede's, a small parish in suburban Winnipeg, he helped implement joint ownership of the Anglican church with local Lutherans that led to the now thriving parish of St. Bede's Anglican and St. Stephen's Lutheran churches.

The fact that St. Stephen's was a daughter parish of an Icelandic Lutheran church helped smooth the amalgamation—Scandinavian Lutheranism is close in structure and worship to Anglicanism. "People on both sides quickly discovered that they recognized the other as church," Peers says. "The liturgy, the order, the bishops are all similar, whereas the German Lutheran tradition is quite different."

The forging of bonds that eventually led to full communion in 2001 was facilitated by the winds of liturgical reform that swept churches from the Roman Catholic to the United in the 20th century. Nevertheless, there was no lack of stumbling blocks. A crucial issue was whether Lutheran bishops were bishops for life, as their Anglican counterparts are, or whether their episcopal status expired with their elected terms.

"Anglican bishops stand in historic succession going back to Gregory XII," says Peers. In the end, it was simply agreed that every bishop would be a bishop for life. "An-



Archbishop Michael Peers and Bishop Telmor Saritison celebrate the signing of the Declaration at the closing eucharist in 2001. PHOTO: VIANNEY (SAM) CARRIERE

glicans took the position that if we look at a church and agree that it is church across the broad spectrum of Christianity and it's episcopal in structure, then we say that its bishops and pastors are recognized as being what they say they are," says Peers.

And so to Waterloo 2001. Anglicans may be known for their liturgy and Lutherans for their preaching, but at the post-signing celebratory service in a hockey arena, the specialties were reversed. Bishop Telmor Sartison, national leader of the Lutheran church, presided, while Archbishop Michael Peers preached to about 1,000 people on the meaning of the eucharistic command, "Do this in remembrance of me."

He took up the theme of "re-membering," not in the sense of recalling but in the sense of putting sundered parts back together. "We were re-membering our members," says Peers.

Waiting at the door to shake hands as delegates left, the two bishops decided it was time for a concrete sign of the new common ground, so they both started dancing to "Siyahamba" ("We Are Marching in the Light of God"), the African hymn ending the service. "We danced pretty well," recalls Peers, "but of course, expert in this is Desmond Tutu." Adds Sartison: "I've danced all my life, but Michael was much better."

—Diana Swift, *Anglican Journal*



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First Joint Assembly is a milestone

“A meeting quite unlike any other meeting.”
—Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

THE Joint Assembly of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church is a watershed moment in the full communion relationship of the two churches. This is the first time the national governing bodies of the two churches are meeting together. While it is a time to celebrate 12 years in full communion, the gathering also aims to challenge both churches to do more, as the theme says, “together for the love of the world.”

There are 291 Anglican delegates and 274 Lutheran delegates. When they all gather in the Canada Hall of the Ottawa Convention Centre, they will sit at 84 tables. They will meet, eat and worship together, but they will separate into the Anglican General Synod and the ELCIC National Convention for matters that require votes by each legal body.

The gathering will officially begin with a eucharist service in the Canada Hall today at 1:30 p.m. Archbishop Fred Hiltz, primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, and Bishop Susan Johnson, national bishop of the ELCIC, will then deliver a joint report. A community building session next is intended to help people get to know each other while stimulating their creativity with some art projects. The evening sessions will include the keynote address from the Rev. Dr. Christopher Duraisingh and a presentation on homelessness and affordable housing.

In the following four days, Anglican and Lutheran members will spend their mornings together. After morning devotions on Thurs. and

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View from the Ottawa Convention Centre atrium

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Fri., July 4 and 5, there will be greetings from representatives of the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran World Federation, the Episcopal Church, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the World Council of Churches. Members will hear reports from the Joint Anglican Lutheran Commission, aboriginal groups, the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and Canadian Lutheran World Relief, as well as a presentation on responsible resource extraction. Finally, members will be asked to approve a joint assembly declaration on the issues of homelessness and responsible resource extraction.

On the morning of Sat. July 6, there will be a public witness event devoted to the issue of access to clean water, particularly in aboriginal communities. That evening all will come together for a banquet.

The event will close with a summation, reflections and a eucharist service on Sunday morning.

—Leigh Anne Williams, *Anglican Journal*



Christopher Duraisingh speaks at 7:15 pm tonight.

Keynote speaker

Christopher Duraisingh, Professor of Applied Theology, Episcopal Divinity School

A GRADUATE of the University of Madras and a Presbyter of the ecumenical Church of South India, the Rev. Dr. Duraisingh is an expert in Third World and ecumenical theologies. He is a strong advocate for rethinking Christian witness in dialogue with those of other faiths and cultures, and especially in commitment to the excluded people of the world. His recent book, *For the Life of the World*, is a congregational study guide on mission.

At Joint Assembly, his keynote address will be

Pentecost-themed. “Birthing a People in Love of the World: The Pentecost Paradigm” will explore being together as an expression of the mind of God for the life of the world, and being caught up in the mission of God for the wholeness of creation.

Of the significance of the July Ottawa meeting, the Cambridge, Mass.-based professor says: “Every ecumenical coming together is what the God intends church to be. To be open to each other as churches is the dream of God.” —Diana Swift, *Anglican Journal*

Bird's-eye view of General Synod

"...You become a member of this national body, with deep roots in the gospel and the land"
—The Ven. Dr. Michael Thompson, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada.

WHEN they meet July 3 to 7, about 300 General Synod delegates will have a packed business agenda that will address internal, Anglican Communion-wide and ecumenical issues.

The triennial meeting of General Synod, the governing body of the Anglican Church of Canada, will take place at the Ottawa Convention Centre. (The gathering has been shortened to four days from the usual nine days—for the first time since entering full communion in 2001, Anglicans will spend some time with Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada delegates in joint assembly.)

At their General Synod, Anglicans will be asked to act on various motions dealing with church governance, including a proposal that could reduce the size of the body, as well as amendments to Canon 22, on national indigenous ministry.

They will also consider a constitutional amendment that would alter the nature of all but two of the Council of General Synod (CoGS) standing committees, as part of initial changes being recommended to the national church's structures.

General Synod's concurrence will be sought for the proposed dissolution of the diocese of Keewatin and the creation of a new one that will serve First Nations communities in northern Ontario.

On the international front, delegates will consider a motion that continues the conversation and delays a final decision on the proposed Anglican Covenant. They will not be asked to either accept or reject the covenant, a set of principles recommended in 2004 by a Lambeth-appointed body as a way of healing relationships among member provinces of the Anglican Communion, which were damaged by theological divisions over the issue of human sexuality.

A resolution focusing on the conflict in the Middle East and educating Canadian Anglicans about the "life and witness" of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem will also be presented to delegates.

The resolution will urge General Synod to "commit to act together" with the ELCIC and the United Church of Canada (UCC) in pursuing "peace with justice for all in Palestine and Israel."

Joint actions could be in such areas as educating members about



As the 39th General Synod closes in Halifax in 2010, delegates share the peace as they say goodbye. PHOTO: ART BABYCH

"the impact of illegal settlements on the lives of both Palestinians and Israelis, and about imported products identified as produced in or related to the illegal settlements and misleadingly labeled as produced in Israel, and about the complexities of economic advocacy measures."

The resolution does not call for a boycott of such products from Israeli settlements on the West Bank and in East Jerusalem, a measure the UCC adopted at its General Council in 2012.

Despite the abbreviated schedule, the General Synod planning committee has expressed confidence that delegates will have enough time to deal with its business agenda.

"Reports and presentations will be both shorter in length and fewer in number than in the past...speeches will be kept to a minimum," said Dean Peter Wall, committee chair.

The meeting will also use clickers, which will allow people to cast their votes on resolutions electronically, with results counted in a matter of seconds.

—Marites N. Sison, *Anglican Journal*



THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION (AFC) invites you to answer a daily question for some nifty prizes. Get a ballot from **Booth 205**, fill in the answer and place in the basket at the AFC display table.

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THE ANGLICAN FOUNDATION QUESTION FOR JULY 3:

Name the lay member at the 1954 Anglican Congress in Minneapolis whose speech was the catalyst for the creation of The Anglican Foundation of Canada.

(Answer in tomorrow's **JOINT ASSEMBLY Daily**.)



Bishop Susan Johnson speaking at the closing worship at the 2011 national convention in Saskatoon. PHOTO: TRINA GALLOP/ELCIC COMMUNICATIONS

'Structural renewal' tops Lutheran business agenda

"God is calling us to a deeper and more spirited discipleship"
—ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson.

WHEN members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) gather for their business sessions at the Joint Assembly, the way their denomination is structured and governed will dominate the agenda.

Lutheran delegates will be presented with a new five-year strategic plan for the ELCIC, intended to make their church more nimble, lighter on governance and focused on its vision of being "in mission for others."

"The challenges of decreasing resources in both membership and finances remain before us," ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson said in a written report to delegates. "So it is time for us to roll up our sleeves and work to find a new way forward."

Part of that new direction includes proposed changes to the size and frequency of the National Convention, the ELCIC's version of the General Synod.

One proposal would see the National Convention meet every three years instead of every two. How many people attend the gathering would also be reduced. Currently each of the ELCIC's 502 parishes is entitled to send at least one lay delegate to the National Convention. Regionally selected pastors, diaconal ministers and youth representatives make up another 212 possible delegates.

A new system would see a smaller number of delegates—the majority of whom would be laity—chosen by each of the ELCIC's five regional synods, much like how Anglican dioceses elect delegates to the General Synod.

There are also proposals to reduce the size of the National Church Council, the ELCIC's equivalent to the Council of General Synod, and to simplify the church's constitution.

"These changes are driven by both governance principles and by the need for cost savings," Bishop Johnson wrote. "I hope that they will allow us to direct more resources toward mission and ministry!"

So far the national leadership's call to "structural renewal" has had mixed results. Last year the ELCIC's four western Canadian synods rejected a proposal to merge into two.

Not all of the National Convention's business will be taken up with constitutional and structural change, however.

ELCIC delegates will also be asked to endorse a resolution addressing sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The motion includes a call to "congregations, rostered leaders and synods to provide leadership in preaching, teaching and other forms of public witness against the commercial exploitation of human beings."

—Bruce Myers, *Anglican Journal*



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*Display zone offers info
and prize fun*

IN between meeting sessions, delegates will be able to view displays from about 40 organizations in the Parliament foyer on the third level of the Ottawa Convention Centre.

As well as displays by Lutheran or Anglican ministries, many external groups and businesses are represented. Delegates can learn about the work of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund, Canadian Lutheran World Relief and the ecumenical group Kairos; indigenous ministries and programs, the Canadian Forces chaplain branch, the Anglican Foundation, the Anglican Resources for Mission department, the Anglican Journal, schools, theological colleges and youth initiatives. Businesses displaying include several insurance and financial companies, and an insurance broker. Clergy can check out the latest fashions from Roderick McAvoy Vestment Arts.

Lisa Barry, senior producer for Anglican Video and part of the display team for Joint Assembly 2013, says the experience has been enriched by joining with the Lutheran church. There are more displays for delegates to see, and it is a unique opportunity for displayers. "It's a bigger audience because they are able to reach Anglicans and Lutherans," she says. "We've worked hard together to make it the success that it is."

A map is printed on page 8 of the guide to Displays at Joint Assembly. To make it more fun, the display team came up with the idea of creating passports. Delegates who collect passport stamps from all the display booths are eligible to win prizes.

—Leigh Anne Williams, *Anglican Journal*



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Quote

of the Day

"This [Joint Assembly] is a significant step toward trying to put God's world back together."

—Rev. Dr. Michael Pryse,
bishop of the ELCIC's Eastern Synod
and co-chair of the ACC-ELCIC joint commission



Poll of the Day

If a Lutheran: have you ever attended Sunday worship in an Anglican church?



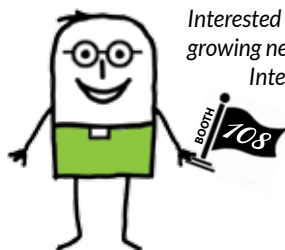
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