

Report of the Niagara Anglican

2015 marked the 60th anniversary of the Niagara Anglican.

We featured the past six decades with a special anniversary edition in October, 2015. To mark the milestone we also reprinted from past editions, reflected on the changing church and sponsored a booth celebrating the 140th Synod of the Diocese of Niagara.

Our mission statements, adopted over the years, never waver from our vision ...

1955 – To inform and inspire;

2005 – News, perspective, reflection for a growing church;

2015 – A gathering place and sounding board.

Since 1955 the paper has been at the forefront of our communications media. In it we have shared each other's stories, reflected on differing ideas, attitudes or issues and through it all remained committed to the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The paper is strong because of the ownership felt by our contributors, who supply the paper with news and articles about their parishes, groups, diocese or special interests. For example, we asked people to report on their Prayer Shawl Ministry, hoping for three or four reports. We were overjoyed when over 15 parishes reported on the marvellous work and impact of this ministry in the lives of people.

Spending Lent with Mark – lay people and clergy contributed commentaries on daily readings to enrich the spirituality of individuals and groups who followed Mark through Lent 2015. Several other diocesan papers reprinted our meditations, and some parishes outside Niagara Diocese used them for their weekly Bible study.

Our advertising is stronger than ever and the annual appeal which we partner with the national paper – Anglican Journal - continues to increase, thanks to the commitment and generosity of our dedicated readers. (Details are in the audited statements).

Being online ensures the option for those who wish to read the paper digitally, while retaining our print presence for those who want the hard copy of the Niagara Anglican.

The future of all print media relies mainly on the quality of the products produced and the needs being fulfilled. It is a two way avenue. The Niagara Anglican and its "owners" have made it a busy thoroughfare, and hopefully this will continue in the years ahead.

Thank you for all you have done and will do to make the Niagara Anglican a fantastic means of communication.

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