

## Report of the Niagara Anglican

“There's a lot more in this paper than you think you would get in 12 pages.”

This observation from a professional journalist critiquing the Anglican diocesan papers for the Editors Conference illustrates our accomplishing our mission as “A Gathering Place and a Sounding Board for the People of the Diocese of Niagara.”

Here is a sampling of how we have fulfilled our mission ...

- January 2015 marked our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Beginning as a 4 page newsletter, produced by the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen, the Niagara Anglican has become our diocesan paper, partnering with over 20 other diocesan publications and is a supplement of our national paper –The Anglican Journal – which celebrates its 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In October we published a special edition highlighting the Niagara Anglican 60 year history.
- The 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Niagara Diocese was featured throughout the year, recalling past happenings in words and photos, as well as commenting on and updating major life changing milestones as we attempted to capture the past while setting the stage for future aspirations.
- Our “Spend Lent with Mark” - 38 lay people and clergy wrote 40 daily gospel meditations which appeared in 3 diocesan papers, was available online and was used as a resource for parishes and individual Bible study. A unique add-on was the “Epic” story telling of Mark’s gospel in the Cathedral on Palm Sunday.
- NEWS from parishes, groups and the diocese fulfilled our first goal to be a gathering place to share with each other.
- COLUMNS – our columnists tackled a variety of topics, such as racism, equality, physician assisted suicide, the role of youth and other faith issues.
- OTHER FEATURES included interviews, book and movie reviews, monthly Bible verse, Cuba, youth, letters from the Bishop, HOLLISTorials and many more.
- CIRCULATION – With approximately 9,000 subscribers, we encourage parishes to add newcomers and make other changes to keep our list up to date.
- FINANCES – See the audited statements for details but note our advertising revenue increased substantially and contributions through the Anglican Journal Appeal increased by about 10 %.

In 1955, the first Editors wrote, “We must rely on you, the readers, to supply us with the majority of news” to make the Niagara Anglican a success.

Sixty years later the same challenge faces us ... to continue what they started, and to expand into new areas and ways of communicating the good news of God's gospel.

In expressing our gratitude to you for your contributions in the past we also encourage you to continue with your good work and participation in the future.

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