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(continued from the previous page) February, 2008 which was unanimously approved to begin the process of forming this diocese. They also prepared a presentation to the provincial synod of the Province of Rupert's Land. Please keep the leadership of the Northern Ontario region in your prayers as they move towards the election of their own bishop and the setting up of their own diocese in the next few years.

Virtual Church School

Beginning with the first Sunday of Lent in 2008 the diocese began a new ministry project for remote and scattered parishes. Many of these parishes do not have the means to obtain Christian Education materials from publishing companies. The communications officer for the diocese, Ms. Fiona Brownlee, has a background in Christian Education and has written curriculum in the past. The bishop asked her to take on the project of devising Sunday School lessons that could be used by families and remote parishes and that would be available on the diocesan website. It can be found at www.dioceseofkeewatin.ca/virtual-church-school.

The program was immediately picked up by a number of parishes and a lay reader from the diocese of Montreal, Michel Gagnon offered to



Mishel Gagnon, lay reader from the diocese of Montreal and translator of the Virtual Church School program into French with the mitts that the diocese of Keewatin gave him as a thank you gift for his work.

translate the materials into French for free. Mrs. Bernadette Njegovan from the diocese of Brandon came

on board shortly after that with the offer of providing prayer ideas for children as a representative of the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer.

CONGRATULATIONS ARCHBISHOP DAVID



Archbishop David Ashdown was elected metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land in June, 2009!



Diocese of Keewatin Year End Report 2008

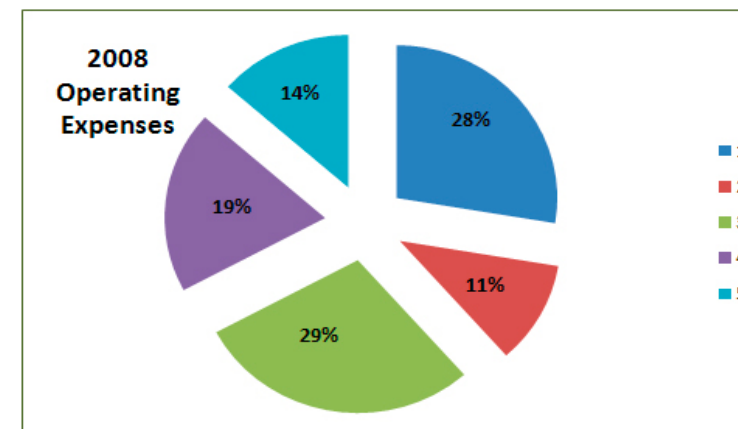
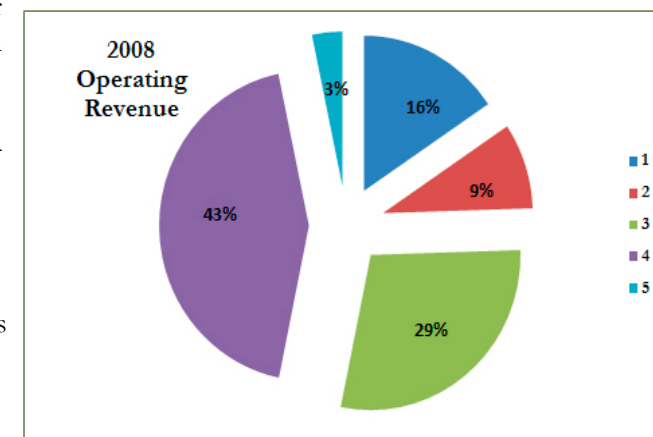
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Financial Status of the Diocese

The Diocese of Keewatin ended the 2008 financial year in a healthy position. The diocese has again reduced its overall deficit for another year. The bishop, the Most Rev. David Ashdown would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee, treasurer, Mr. Vic Gustafson and the Diocesan Bookkeeper, Mrs. Beverly Ollenberger for their competence and dedication to managing the finances of the church in this part of God's kingdom.

All members of the diocese want to *thank all of our donors* for their generosity even during these increasingly difficult financial times. 16% of the Operating Revenue (see table to the right) for 2008 came from donations and gifts to the diocese. *Megwetch! Ekosi! Thank you!*

The Operating Revenue for 2008, (please look at the chart to the right), was a healthy balance of parish gift, donations and the ongoing grant from the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada. The diocese of Keewatin has been a member of the Council of the North since its inception. 1. 16% Donations and Gifts; 2. 9% Administration Income; 3. 29% Parish Gift; 4. 43% General Synod Grant; 5. 3% Diocesan Programs.



Through the careful management by all who work for the diocese and the commitment of the treasurer and finance committee of the diocese the Operating Expenses for 2008 were carefully balanced with the revenue of the diocese. In the chart to the left the Operating Expenses for 2008 occur in the following areas: 1. Bishop 28%; 2. Synod Office 11%; 3. Stipends and Travel 29%; 4. Staff Wages 19%; 5. Governance 14%. This resulted in the diocese having a small operating surplus by the end of the year, which has enabled the overall deficit to be brought down for another year.

The diocese continues to use the budgeting process that was set up a few years ago. This method is helping each of the three regions of the diocese to work more fully towards self-sufficiency and fulfill one of our working principles of self-determination but working together for strength.

For any who are interested the Audited Financial Statement of the diocese is available by email. Please contact us and we will be happy to send it to you.

Let the Journey Continue!

Yes, I want to be a partner on the journey with the Diocese of Keewatin

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Amount: \$500 \$250 \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25

Mission & Ministry Stories for 2008

Mission and ministry is the backbone of all that is done within the diocese of Keewatin. As the archbishop says, "Working towards the kingdom of God and creating Christ-like communities is what the church should be about." In these next couple of pages we will present a few of the stories that have been the highlights for the last year: Outreach Program work of the Southern Region, Northern Manitoba Working Group, Dr. William Winter School of Ministry, Synod 2008, Northern Ontario Working Group and Virtual Church School.

Outreach Program - Southern Region



People from around the Southern Region listening to Michael Kurek present the results of the 'Cause to Effect' program in the spring of 2008.

and hire Michael to do this work. If you would like to learn more about this project please go to our website: www.dioceseofkeewatin.ca/ministry-outreach. If you are interested in supporting this project funds are still being raised for the work and donations are more than welcome.

Northern Manitoba Working Group

Throughout 2008 members from both the dioceses of Brandon and Keewatin, whose parishes are in the northern Manitoba region of each diocese, met regularly to explore the possibility of developing an area mission for the parishes there. This area mission is based on the concept presented by Bishop Mark MacDonald (National Indigenous Anglican Bishop) called 'Pitching our Tent'. At the 2008 diocesan synod members of this working group presented a motion stating that they wanted to pursue an Area Mission with their partners from Brandon that was passed overwhelmingly by the synod. As a result the working group is moving on with this work and will be doing a presentation at the Province of Rupert's Land provincial synod in June of 2009. It is hoped that within a year a bishop (who will report to both the bishop of Brandon and Keewatin) will be elected by a Sacred Circle for Northern Manitoba.

Dr. William Winter School of Ministry

2008 was a very successful year for the school. The first 19 graduates from the school received their Diplomas in Indigenous Anglican Theology from the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in the spring of 2008. The summer session that followed this welcomed a new batch of students into the program. The staff and administration of the school

For the first 6 months of 2008 the Southern Region, through the support of the Hutchison Fund, was able to hire Mr. Michael Kurek as an Outreach Coordinator for the region. His primary work focussed on a program called "Cause and Effect" which helped the parishes in the Southern Region identify what their strengths are and what needs to be worked on more closely. For example, the Cathedral of St. Alban parish identified that they need to work more on communications and have since developed a communications strategy that works more effectively. Michael travelled to almost all the parishes in the region during this contract. As a result of this good work the Southern Region decided in the fall to develop a follow-up project called 'Congregational Development'



National Indigenous Anglican Bishop, Mark MacDonald, listening to Archdeacon Adam Halkett of the diocese of Saskatchewan during the January 2009 consultation. Taking notes was Mrs. Freda Lapine of the diocese of Brandon. People from the diocese of Saskatchewan have been regular participants at the consultations in hopes of working towards similar objectives for their people.



to travel to Kingfisher Lake this summer.

Synod 2008

One hundred delegates and guests gathered in Pinawa, MB. for the diocesan synod in February, 2008. The theme for the synod was 'New Challenges, New Adventures'. This theme allowed the members of the synod to begin to think beyond what has been in the diocese to what plans God has in mind for the diocese. A significant part of this synod was the passing of the motions supporting the work being done in the Northern Manitoba and Northern Ontario regions of the diocese (please see the stories about them in this article). The synod also welcomed the National Indigenous Anglican Bishop - Bishop Mark MacDonald and were happy



Members of the head table sitting in front of the banner made especially for the diocesan synod with the theme of New Challenges, New Adventures. From left to right are Mrs. Cathy Hare, Secretary of Synod, Ms. Heather Dixon, Chancellor, Bishop David Ashdown, Bishop Mark MacDonald, Dean Hugh Matheson and Archdeacon Larry Beardy.

to hear from him about his work. The next synod for this diocese may look significantly different given the work that is going on in all of the regions of the diocese. Please continue to keep the diocesan leadership in your prayers as they discern where God is leading us.

Northern Ontario Working Group

For the past two years the Northern Ontario Working Group has been meeting to discern the path that God is calling them to walk on. As a result of this discernment process, in which they have been ably assisted by Bishop Mark MacDonald and supported by Bishop David Ashdown, they have come to the conclusion that forming an indigenous diocese in the region is the way to move God's mission forward in their area. As a result they brought forward a motion to the diocesan synod in (story continued on the back page)



Bishop Mark MacDonald (on left) conferring with Archdeacon Alex Fox before worship at a meeting of the Northern Ontario Working Group in Sioux Lookout, ON.