

## THE DEAN

Father John Tyrrell retired back in 2005 as Archdeacon of the Klondike in the Diocese of Yukon, Canada, where he was also a Canon of the Diocese, and the Director of the Bishop's School of Yukon Ministries and Clerical Secretary of Diocesan Synod and the longest serving member of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC & Yukon's Social Concerns Committee.

He and Deacon Carol Tyrrell, his wife of then 38 years, decided to go around the world as passengers on a freighter. That was five months and 26 ports of wonderful travelling and he highly recommends it.

On returning he undertook some inter-regnum: first as acting Dean of the cathedral in Iqaluit, Nunavut, on Baffin island, and then as rector for Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on Victoria Island in the Arctic above the Arctic Circle.

Deciding then to spend time in warmer climes, he did an interim ministry in Heidelberg, Germany, and an inter-regnum in Torrevieja, Spain, and in Alhaurin el Grande, Spain.

About that time they felt God was calling them back to full time ministry and the opportunity came to come to Cyprus as Dean of the Cathedral. Arriving in November of 2009 they have settled into the Deanery and the life of a vibrant Christian community in Nicosia.

Back in Canada, Fr. John, who for 22 years was a secondary school teacher and also a Naval Reserve officer (retiring with the earned rank of Lieutenant-Commander), was also a paramedic and a Presiding Justice of the Peace. In 2002 he was awarded the Queen's Golden Jubilee medal for service to the two communities of Watson Lake and Dawson City, both in Yukon. Using his paramedical skills, he went to Sri Lanka after the tsunami in 2005 to give care in the refugee camps. While there he taught over 75 people first aid skills as well as did primary care.

Fr. John and Carol have a lovely log home 800 feet above the town across the river in West Dawson on 5 acres of lightly treed wilderness land. Moose and bears and fox and lynx regularly walk through the property and it looks out over the Klondike River valley, the site of the great Gold Rush of 1898. That home is currently for sale.

Father John trained in two seminaries, Nashotah House in Wisconsin, part of the Episcopal Church of the USA, and at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. He served his curacy with Father Russ Jacobus (now Bishop Jacobus of the Diocese of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin) at St. Matthias Church, Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA.

Father John is a specialist in Liturgy (likely the only Anglican priest who has written the service order for a papal mass and served as hosts to the Vatican party) and has a particular interest in Cults and warning people about and away from their false teachings.

In Nicosia he hopes to help the church grow in its walk with the Lord and to reach out to those English-speaking peoples who have not yet come to know the saving power of Jesus Christ. He hopes to increase the ministry team at St. Paul's and further the music for worship.

In addition to St. Paul's Cathedral, a traditional English style church originally built in 1885, he has oversight for St. George in the Forest, Troodos, where services are held Sunday afternoons in the summer months. He also chairs the British Cemeteries Committee for the island.

Always a teacher at heart, he loves to answer questions and to see people grow in their knowledge of the Church and our Christian faith.