

JAMES WARRENER

In describing the nature of Jim's ministry, it is very hard to know where to begin. Stories of Jim's diocesan involvements are many and varied, and the actual dates are difficult to pinpoint. It just seems like he's always been involved in something "Diocesan".

The first association that comes to mind is the Diocesan Property Management Committee. Jim has either chaired or been a member of this committee for several decades. Colleague, and fellow Order of Rupert's Land recipient, Bill McKay, can attest to Jim's longstanding involvement with matters relating to property and buildings. Chances are if a parish in the past 30 years has undergone a renovation... they've met Jim! It is through Jim's ministry on behalf of this committee that he managed to create lasting relationships with what seems like the entire Diocese. Jim and one or more of the Property Committee, would frequently make 'road-trips' to the smaller remote rural parishes to provide advice and guidance to local parishes on matters concerning, roofing, basements, renovations, leaks, etc. Property matters are Jim's avenue for living out his ministry of servanthood. Jim has shared his experience and expertise willingly and freely. Jim has a gift for connecting with people. Jim's daughter notes: "I was barely able to utter my last name to any Anglican that I met, before they exclaimed "Are you related to Jim Warrener? It didn't seem to matter whether it was a retired Bishop or an A.C.W. ladies group from a remote country parish. They all seemed to know Jim."

Jim's involvement in the Diocese goes back to the "field games" at St. John's Ravenscourt in when Diocesan clergy, decked out in their cassocks, challenged lay members of the Diocese. Jim loves to share that story and will do so if anyone asked!

Jim's faithful dedication to everything that he commits himself to with such passion is truly amazing. To quote a passage from Matthew 25: *"Well done, good and faithful Servant"*.