

## NMS Bio for John Peters

Born and raised in Ottawa and educated at Carleton and Queen's Universities, John was ordained as a minister of the United Church of Canada in May of 1968 before that he had spent one summer as an assistant minister in Calgary, Alta and another summer as assistant minister in Shawville, PQ. He also had a student weekend parish during his last two years in seminary.

He subsequently served 5 churches of a multi point parish in Newfoundland and other parishes in Marmora, Bowmanville and a rural parish between Peterborough and Rice Lake. Retired in 2002 and moved to Almonte in 2006, he discovered Shedding in 2016 with the Hackberry Shed in Carleton Place and in 2018 joined the Naismith Shed and remains an active member of both Sheds.

On a personal note it is often said that we remember best our first place of permanent employment. For me that was Newfoundland where two stories particularly stand out for me.

First was the Friday morning a parishioner called to tell me her three year old was in the local hospital with a fever and the doctors could not tell what was causing it. Thinking she wanted me to visit her daughter I explained that I was in the final stages of preparing for Sunday and wouldn't likely have time for a visit. To which she said, "Oh no, I just want you to pray for her!" And so I did. Sunday morning after the church service I met the mother at the church door and asked her how her daughter was. "Oh," she said, "Didn't you know? The fever broke Friday evening and she came home yesterday!" Make of that what you will, but 50 years ago in Newfoundland many a person, as well as that mother, would say the child got well as a result of prayer. I consider it more of a coincidence, but, you never know for sure . . .