



In the 2006 edition of Compass, the QLF Newsmagazine, Bob Bryan wrote about his lifelong commitment to the people and communities of the Coast where he served as Archdeacon of the Anglican Church, Bush Pilot, and where he first flew hundreds of Volunteers to work in the communities along the Quebec North Shore.



Bob Bryan featured in Compass, 2006 PHOTOGRAPH BY DR. CANDACE COCHRANE

My years of service with QLF are rich with memories. The Coast is home to me, and I will always return in flight to a place I know well, and a place where many QLF Volunteers and *Interns have formed friendships that last a lifetime and span generations. There are many that* I feel are as close as my kin and they have been by my side from the very start.

For decades, I have followed my heart, and I am fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with people through the ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada and the people and communities on the Coast.



An impromptu landing on the Atlantic Ocean, six miles off Harrington Harbour en route to St. Mary's Island, Québec. Bob Bryan climbs from the cockpit and steps onto the floats to greet QLF friends traveling by boat on the Gulf of St. Lawrence. PHOTOGRAPH BY DR. KATHLEEN BLANCHARD

Lower Right: First light, Wolf Bay, Quebec North Shore. PHOTOGRAPH BY DR CANDACE COCHRANE

When I think back on the 46 years I have been flying in the North, there were many long days, but I would never give that up for anything. In my mid-30's, I thought nothing of flying 12 hours a day. Daylight in July in Harrington Harbour is 3:30 A.M. and sundown is 10:00 P.M. I'd fly from dawn to dusk, stopping in communities on the Coast to visit with Grenfell and QLF summer Volunteers before arriving at final destinations. I'd fly at first light from Harrington Harbour on the Lower North Shore of Québec to Nain, Labrador - the northernmost community on the Labrador Coast, and then return to Harrington via Hopedale, Makkovik, and Northwest River, Labrador, at dusk.

The Quebec-Labrador Foundation has evolved since its inception in ways I could never have imagined, and over the years, I have watched the impact that QLF Volunteers, Interns, and Staff had on the organization, and I saw QLF grow and become the unique organization it is today. I have seen the scope of QLF programs expand across our home region and beyond bring positive change in conservation in rural communities worldwide, while maintaining the spirit of our early years.



## THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND AN OPERATING FUND OF THE QUEBEC-LABRADOR FOUNDATION GOAL: \$1 MILLION

At QLF, we believe the organization's six-decade record of achievement is derived from the vision and service of our Founder, expressed over decades, through the collective efforts of Alumni - thousands of Volunteers, Interns, Interns, International Fellows, and Staff - who have served with continual distinction, demonstrating a deep commitment to community, conservation, and the stewardship of natural resources and cultural heritage, inspired in our home region and now shared worldwide.

Only once in a very great while do organizations benefit from a singularly important leader who boldly steps forward, offering their unique brand of inspiration and impact that is both transformative and enduring. In QLF's 58-year history, The Ven. Robert A. Bryan is quintessentially that remarkable individual.

The Quebec-Labrador Foundation is pleased to announce **THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND**, an operating fund to honor the life and service of QLF Founder, The Ven. Robert A. Bryan, who died on December 12, 2018 at the age of 87. Robert A. Bryan founded the Quebec-Labrador Foundation in 1961 and worked on behalf of QLF his entire life.

THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND is enthusiastically endorsed by QLF's Governing Boards in the U.S. and Canada, and the Bryan family who share our desire to recognize our Founder, his extraordinary life and accomplishments, pioneering vision and purpose. The Fund is a heartfelt Tribute to Bob Bryan and his conviction in the merits of *service* defined by his lifelong commitment to people, community, and conservation. *Service* guided his life's work and guides QLF's today.

THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND provides ongoing support for QLF's operations with emphasis on established, flagship conservation programs that Bob Bryan loved. He knew that philanthropic investment in QLF's programs stretches far beyond the program duration, and represents a proven and high-impact investment in the next generation of conservation leaders.

Our goal for THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND is \$1 million. Your support helps build an enduring platform for our future.

QLF invites you to join us in honoring the legacy of our Founder with a tax deductible gift to the Quebec-Labrador Foundation for **THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND**. Thank you for your consideration of support. With gratitude to you -

For more information on THE ROBERT A. BRYAN LEGACY FUND, please contact: Elizabeth Alling, President, Quebec-Labrador Foundation Ealling@QLF.org ~ 978.356.0038 (Office) ~ 978.886.0408 (Mobile)

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## ON THE EVE OF QLF'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY: BUILDING ON THE LEGACY OF OUR FOUNDER, ROBERT A. BRYAN

Over six decades, QLF has evolved from a working extension of Bob Bryan values and commitment to service. The organization is now recognized for its pioneering work in community-based conservation and for its Network of 5,000 Alumni - former Volunteers and Interns who have served with the organization in our home region – and International Fellows who have participated in our Conservation Exchange Programs and who represent 75 countries beyond North America.

On the eve of our 60th Anniversary, we will reach for the standards of excellence *inspired* by our Founder and *set forth* by Larry Morris, President *Emeritus*. My vision is to invest in programs that meet mission and address adaptation to climate change through community-based conservation efforts in-region and worldwide.

Through **Conservation Internships** for university undergraduates and graduates, we will provide experiential learning, and train new generations of conservation leaders in a changing world;

Through our regional Community-based Conservation Programs, we will meet the needs of communities to adapt to climate change;

Through region-to-region Conservation Exchange Programs, we invest in leaders, bridging cultures and communities through collaborative conservation initiatives that address critical environmental challenges shared among regions; and

Through the QLF Global Program, we will send staff on assignment with conservation organizations and government agencies to meet environmental challenges with innovative strategies for a renewable environment.



Bob Bryan (lower right), transports Volunteers to communities along the Gulf of St. Lawrence and beyond, mid-1960s OLF ARCHIVES

Bob Bryan greets Harrington Harbour participants of the Marine Bird Program, St. Mary's Island, Quebec North Shore, early 1980's PHOTOGRAPH BY DR. CANDACE COCHRANE





Next Generation Conservation Leaders, QLF Interns conduct a survey of endangered shorebirds along Newfoundland's southwest coast, 2017 PHOTOGRAPH BY RUSSELL WALL