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Ordination start of new journey for Rev. David Timpson *still June 3/96 P.1*

Reverend fulfills dream

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David Timpson — now Rev. David Timpson — knows he faces several challenges following his ordination Sunday.

The Belleville man was one of four ministers ordained at Bridge Street United Church as the three day 72nd annual meeting of the Bay of Quinte United Church Conference concluded.

Timpson, 28, has been "settled" in Spiritwood, Sask., an area with a declining population and in need of energizing, he says.

Others ordained Sunday were Wayne Beamer, Beth Hawley and David LeGrand.

A native of Sydenham, a small community north of Kingston, Timpson came to Belleville in 1989 and married Brenda Harvey. Her parents, Roger and Pat Harvey, are active at Eastminster United

Church.

Timpson says while becoming a minister has been a "lifelong goal", his first practical step was meeting with a church discernment committee over a one-year period.

Last month, he completed a three-years Master of Divinity degree at Queen's University. Previously, Timpson earned his undergraduate degree from Laurentian University in Sudbury.

In succeeding years he's worked at Wellington, Eastminster and Bridge Street United churches and his "home charge" is Rednersville United Church, the church that recommended him for the ministry. He also spent three years as a counselor with the Hastings County Childrens Aid So-



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Over the weekend the Bay of Quinte conference voted to confer the ministry upon Timpson and his three colleagues.

Once ordained a minister can be "settled" anywhere in Canada for three years.

"I'm interested in working with people and in the context of the church, faith is an important part of my life. Faith holds a lot of the answers to the questions being asked today," says Timpson.

He will actually be responsible for three churches at his new "charge" in Saskatchewan.

"This is an exciting time in the church. There are a lot of issues and people are looking for a new vision. I'm looking forward to trying to cope with the demands society is putting on the church," says Timpson.

Sunday's ordinations were the culmination of a weekend of events for the Bay of Quinte Conference.

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