

# The Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada

## BISHOP BARBARA'S BULLETIN

August 31, 2017

*"The Territory of the People walk together with all God's people, journeying into a new creation, and trusting with faith and courage in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We love as Jesus loves, living with integrity and openness, and are committed stewards of God's world."*

### **Bishop's Message:**

This is the last day in the office for me before I leave on Sabbatical. I am so excited to be away for this sabbatical time of study in Chicago and trust that I will come back renewed and refreshed with a new body of knowledge to incorporate in my ministry. Thank you for the wonderful privilege you have given me to go away to study and refresh my spiritual well-being.

In consultation with Archbishop John, while I am away the following people will be overseeing the mission and ministry of the Territory of the People:

**The Very Rev. Ken Gray**, be authorized to be commissary for the Territory of the People and oversee matters related to parish, personnel, and act as Chair on the various committees the Bishop serves as Chair. I am asking that if there is a major decision to be made, he work with the Regional Deans, the Administration Committee and Archbishop John. This is in keeping with my own practice.

**Mr. Dwight Oatway**, Financial Officer will serve with the Dean to oversee the day to day operations of the office of the Territory of the People. He is prepared to supervise the staff, and deal with all the administration tasks. Dwight will also attend the Council of the North meeting on behalf of the Territory at its Fall meeting.

**Regional Deans the Rev Isabel Healy-Morrow (South) and the Rev Len Fraser (Cariboo)** will oversee the ministry of the two deaneries. They will serve in an advisory role with the Dean and Financial Officer, will oversee the pastoral needs of our faith communities, and ensure the deanery programs are carried out.

**The Rt Rev Gordon Light** (retired) at the request of Dean Ken Gray and/or the Archbishop has agreed to take on the role of "Bishop" should it come necessary for certain events.

I trust you will find this plan for commissary, and oversight of the Territory of the People is in order. I have every confidence in the Dean, Financial Officer, Regional Deans and Retired Bishop Gordon to oversee all that may arise in my absence.

Other changes which have taken place in the office this summer:

**Margaret Mitchell**, has been employed as interim Office Manager until the end of January 2018. She will oversee the day to day tasks of the office and will be available for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday - 10 am to 4 pm daily.

**Andy Prodaniuk**, will join the staff on Sept 5<sup>th</sup> and will oversee the accounting for the Territory of the People.

**Dale Drodza**, will be completing her summer project with us and she will be missed by all of us who had the privilege of working with her this second summer. We wish her well as she returns to university.

I know you will welcome the new staff and join me in saying a huge thank you to Dale as she leaves us.

Blessings,

+*Barbara*

### **Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for all who have been and continue to be affected by the wildfires. For firefighters and all who make daily decision regarding the ongoing fight against these wildfires that have so affected the Central Interior.

Please pray for Debbie and Clive Scheepers as they take up ministry at St Michael's, Prince George.

Please pray for Jo Ann Hinter and family as she mourns the death of her mother.

Please pray for the leadership team and new staff as they prepare to give leadership while the Bishop is away.

**Continue Education Opportunities** – Highly recommended for both laity and clergy.

### **P102 Ministry of Evangelism Today – Kootenay School of Ministry**

Sept. 15-18, 2017 at Christ Church Anglican, 46 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Cranbrook

Instructor: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu

### **PREACHING WORKSHOP** - Diocese of New Westminster

The Art and Craft of Preaching is a workshop offered by the Diocese of New Westminster, the Episcopal Preaching Foundation and the Vancouver School of Theology. It will be led by Bishop Melissa Skelton, the Reverend Nathan Kirkpatrick, and Ms Christine Parton-Burkett. The event will be held at the Synod Office from Thursday, September 28 to Saturday, September 30, 2017. The registration fee is \$95 and includes three meals (Dinner Thursday, Lunch Friday, Lunch Saturday).

More information and the registration link can be found at

<https://tinyurl.com/TheArtandCraftofPreaching>

## **Bishop's Schedule and Important Fall dates and deadlines**

### **September 1 – December 1      Bishop on Sabbatical Leave**

- September 14      Holy Cross Day – Eucharist at St. Paul's followed by Clericus meeting
- September 14–17      Indigenous Consultation – Pinawa MB – Bishop attending
- September 16      Safe Church Training Day at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops
- September 21-23      BCY House of Bishops/Prov. Synod Executive Council – Sorrento Centre
- September 21      Administration Committee – Ken Gray, Chair
- September 25–29      Council of the North Meeting – Toronto – Dwight Oatway attending
- September 28      Fall Regional Council Meeting at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops
- October 21      LMWS training day – Preaching with Peter Zimmer – 100 Mile House
- October 15      Deadline for APCI Parish Grant Applications**
- October 23 – 27      Joint Clergy Conference with Diocese of Kootenay – Sorrento Centre
- October 23 – 27      National House of Bishops – Niagara Falls
- November 4      Administration Committee Meeting – face to face – Kamloops – Ken Gray, Chair
- November 24 & 25      Coordinating Council Meeting – the Shrine (to be confirmed) – Ken Gray, Chair

### **December 1 – Jan 9, 2018      Bishop on Annual Vacation**