

# The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

Anglican Church of Canada

## BISHOP BARBARA'S BULLETIN

October 6, 2016

*"APCI 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**

Just after my 6<sup>th</sup> birthday, on January 31, 1957, Parliament announced the second Monday in the month of October as the official 'Thanksgiving Day'. It was declared as "a day of general Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed." Through all my years Thanksgiving has been celebrated in my family as a day to name the things that God has blessed us with throughout the year. This year I give thanks for the 95 years that my mother was with us and for the many blessings that came from our relationship as mother and daughter and for my daughter, who was born on a Thanksgiving Sunday morning and the blessing she is in my life.

What are you thankful for this Thanksgiving week-end and how will you thank God for the bountiful blessings of your life?

Happy Thanksgiving,

**+Barbara**

### **APCI OFFICE NEWS**

Barb will be on vacation from October 11<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> inclusive. Voice mail and emails will be monitored. If your call is urgent, please send an email to [apcibishop@shaw.ca](mailto:apcibishop@shaw.ca)

### **Prayer Requests:**

Please continue to pray for The Rev Alan McLeod and his family as they mourn the death of Joan.

### **Territory Website:**

The Dean still welcomes information for the APCI website. Check it out at [territoryofthepeople.ca](http://territoryofthepeople.ca)

### **Educating For Ministry Mentor**

Mentor Training is available this fall for all who might be interesting in taking it. Please be in touch with the Bishop if you are interested at [apcibishop@shaw.ca](mailto:apcibishop@shaw.ca), indicating the time that you are available for this event.

## CANADA PRAYS

This fall, the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer has joined with the Society of St. John the Evangelist in CANADA PRAYS, a project encouraging us all to delve deeper into the shared mystery of that prayerful experience.

Using the seven models of prayer (thanksgiving, petition, penitence, oblation, intercession, praise, and adoration), we are all being invited to participate in the daily exercise of prayer.

For the seven weeks starting at Thanksgiving and leading up to Advent, we will focus on one model of prayer each week.

We encourage Canadians to share their prayers through words and images on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram by use of a double-hash tag (i.e. prayersof #thanksgiving).

Please consider writing and posting on your parish or personal social media (Facebook, Twitter and Instagram) your own prayers in words and images each week and encourage others to pray on social media.

These prayers will remain on the prayersofthepeople.org website, and we encourage intercessors to consider including them for use in common worship.

Pray with us at: <http://prayersofthepeople.org> and use #prayersof on social media

Like us on Facebook and write on our page: <http://www.facebook.com/prayersof/>

Visit the AFP website: [anglicanprayer.org](http://anglicanprayer.org)

### CANADA PRAYS

October 9 <sup>th</sup>	#prayersof	#Thanksgiving	God of grace, I give thanks
October 16 <sup>th</sup>	#prayersof	#Petition	God of ages, I ask your help
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	#prayersof	#Penitence	God of forgiveness, I am sorry
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	#prayersof	#Oblation	God of vision, I offer you
Nov. 6 <sup>th</sup>	#prayersof	#Intercession	God of compassion, I pray for
Nov. 13 <sup>th</sup>	#prayersof	#Praise	God of glory, I praise you
Nov. 20 <sup>th</sup>	#prayersof	#Adoration	God of love, I adore you

## New Westminster DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR PARISH DEVELOPMENT 2017 -

Registration is now open for the 2017 sessions of the Diocesan School for Parish Development.

The week long session will be located at the Vancouver School of Theology from Sunday, **June 11 through to Saturday June 17.**

The non-residential program for the school includes: January 27-28, May 13-14, September 8-9 and November 17-18 and will be held at the Synod Office, 1410 Nanton Avenue in Vancouver.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact the Rev. Marnie Peterson by email or call 604.684.6306 ext 221.

Check with the Bishop Barbara for available funds to assist those registered from APCI.

### **Bishop's Schedule**

October 14	Deadline for APCI grant applications to be submitted to APCI office
October 15	Fraser Basin Property Society Annual Meeting – William Lake, BC
October 16	St Paul's Cathedral Parish Visit
October 17 – 21	Council of North Meeting – Toronto
October 22	LMWS Annual Fall Training Day – 100 Mile House, BC
October 26 – 29	National ACW Conference - Vancouver
November 4	BC House of Bishop's – teleconference
November 5	Administration Committee – all day meeting for Budget
November 8	RVSM Joint Board Meeting
November 18 – 19	Coordinating Council Meeting – the Shrine in Cache Creek
November 20	St Alban's 125 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of the Parish
November 25 – Dec 1	The Seating of Bishop Linda Nicolls as Bishop of Huron/the 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood Gathering.