

## **SAFE CHURCH REPORT TO ASSEMBLY 2017**

I am pleased to report that a Provincial Safe Church Work Group consisting of Archbishop John Privett, Marcia McMenamie from the Diocese of British Columbia, Cathy Wozlowski from APCI and myself have been formed and making significant progress. We met by video conference 13 December, 2016 and 24 January of this year, and had a face to face meeting on 7 March. Our primary focus has been on insuring that the BCYAYM (British Columbia Yukon Anglican Youth Movement) and the Ecclesiastical Province have consistent Safe Church policies in place; yet also hope to be able to make recommendations that might improve everyone's approach to this vitally important ministry. We have reviewed all relevant policies from Diocese and the Territory in the Province, as well as Anglican Church of Canada policies.

Using the Diocese of British Columbia as a starting template we have established essential criteria to insure Safe Church practices. We are cognizant that small yet geographically large and economically challenged Dioceses and our Territory present unique opportunities. For example, we are hoping that online training opportunities might be made available to parishioners in remote areas to better insure compliance.

I think we are fortunate to have two representatives from the Territory on the SCWG and that Cathy and I will be able to share our learnings to enhance our Safe Church policies.

Respectfully submitted,

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