

The Territory of the People

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"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."

Dean's Message: From the Very Rev. Ken Gray, Episcopal Commissary

Greetings to all in the name and power of Jesus Christ, who nourishes and leads us all in our various vocations and ministries.

I am pleased to greet you in this the first of four monthly Territory Bulletins. Given the loss of THE LINK Newspaper, these bulletins are our best way of sharing news and reports apart from our webpages at www.territoryofthepeople.ca I hope you find them helpful.

I write as Episcopal Commissary while Bishop Barbara is on sabbatical at the University of Chicago. While our contact is intentionally limited, I do know she has settled in well and has commenced her work in telling the story of reconciliation between Indigenous persons and communities and those of us who are the descendants of settlers. It will be so interesting to hear her thoughts, hopes and dreams when she returns to episcopal ministry in early January 2018. Please continue to remember her in your personal and public prayers.

It has been interesting for me to assume the duties of commissary in her absence. Approximately thirty minutes of my time each day is now directed to Territory business, and believe me, each day is unique and varied. I am joined in this work by the very capable Dwight Oatway, Financial Officer, Andy Prodaniuk, Bookkeeper, Margaret Mitchell, Office Coordinator and from a distance Regional Deans Len Fraser and Isabel Healy-Morrow. One person described this mix as "the dream team" and I agree with that appraisal. Each of these persons are gifts to me and to our territory.



Speaking of gifts, there are two I should highlight. Just this past Sunday we at St. Paul's received on behalf of the Territory a large number of prayer shawls from the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia (Vancouver and surrounding Islands). These will be distributed to those in the wildfire-affected areas as soon as this weekend. I will also take shawls to the forthcoming meeting of Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament and to the October Clergy Conference.

Another lovely gift was made to the Rev. Angus Muir by Doreen Chutter, a long-time friend of Angus. The stole is a bright blue Ecuadorian style vestment for use in Advent Season. It was blessed by Pastoral Elder Jimmy Toodlican during a meeting of the Post-Ordination training group. Thank you Doreen and thank you Jimmy.



Thanks to Isabel Healy-Morrow for the recent Safe Church presentation in Kamloops. Together we can and are ensuring that our communities and buildings are safe for all, including vulnerable persons.

For those who may seek a retreat option between now and Christmas I encourage you consider attending Slow Faith – An Advent Retreat with Archbishop John Privett, Friday, November 24 – Sunday, November 26, 2017, at the Sorrento Centre. Full details are [here](#). The time to register is NOW. Cost should never prohibit attendance. Please contact the Territory office if you require financial assistance. The most important thing is that those who seek to attend are indeed able to attend.

While on sabbatical Bishop Barbara was able to attend *The National Consultation on Indigenous Self-Determination - A Call from Warm Springs*. This event is well described on our Territory webpage [here](#). The deliberations will likely lead to a new relationship between indigenous and non-indigenous Anglicans. Stay tuned.

Territory clergy will gather for our annual conference, Monday, Oct 23 through Thursday, Oct 26, 2017 at the Sorrento Centre. The guest speaker is George J. Brooke, Rylands Professor of Biblical Criticism and Exegesis Emeritus at the University of Manchester where he taught Biblical Studies and Early Judaism from 1984 until 2016. Since 1992 he has been a member of the Israel Antiquities Authority's international team of editors of the Dead Sea Scrolls and is currently working on a revised edition of a series of manuscripts from Qumran's Cave 4. He is currently putting together a book provisionally entitled *The Dead Sea Scrolls for Christians Today*.

Clergy will take part in seven sessions, which will help us learn their historical significance and how they have shaped our understanding of the Bible.

Finally, please take a moment to study the list of dates and forthcoming events. Most important is that Equip 2019 will be held in Prince George May 25-27; theme and other details will appear soon.

Grace, justice, and compassion to all,

Ken+

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ Please pray for Bishop Barbara on sabbatical
- ❖ Please pray for all who have been and continue to be affected by the wildfires which have so affected the Central Interior
- ❖ Please pray for those who live in the aftermath of hurricanes Harvey and Irma
- ❖ Please pray for those affected by the earthquakes in Mexico
- ❖ Please pray for farmers and agricultural workers at this time of harvest

News from General Synod

2018 Church Calendar finds balance, beauty in meeting the Holy....
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Books

Powered by Love: A Grandmothers' Movement to End Aids in Africa
<http://grandmotherspoweredbylove.com/>

Handy Links:

Book of Alternative Services: Click [here](#)

Common Praise online: Click [here](#)

Territory of the People website: click [here](#)

Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle: click [here](#)

Upcoming Events:

Retreat at Sorrento Centre: `Slow Faith` an Advent Retreat with Archbishop John Privett, **November 24-26, 2017.** Click [here](#) for more information.

Important Fall dates and deadlines

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, Cache Creek
Ken Gray, Chair

December 1 – Jan 9, 2018 Bishop on Annual Vacation