

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 friends and colleagues in the Territory of the People.

OUR BELOVED SABBATICANT BISHOP

As I write Bishop Barbara is now half-way through her sabbatical study. While I have maintained proper distance, I have had opportunity to speak with her recently. She assures me she is working hard and is enjoying the stimulation of academic study and ecumenical conversation. She speaks with energy and liveliness, both characteristics of an inspiring project and environment. She is a dedicated student; we look forward to her sharing with us when she returns in January.

ONGOING HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

In line with Bishop Barbara’s request of me from Assembly I am pleased to direct you here for a listing of [Parish Resources for Healing and Reconciliation](#). A copy of the worksheet is also included with this Bulletin. In particular I suggest parish groups and individuals listen to some of the [lectures from St. James’ Cathedral, Toronto](#) (this is where former Dean Louise Peters now ministers). These will appeal to indigenous and non-indigenous folks in equal measure.

CONCERNING THE WILDFIRES

Many of our stories are well told in a two-part Anglican Church of Canada story featured [here](#). For those evacuated, it is good to be home again. For indigenous communities, for ranchers, for forestry workers and small business owners and tourism operators, the effects of crisis remain.

For the parishes of 100 Mile House with Alexis Creek, and of Williams Lake, fires were hugely disruptive. Other parishes were affected in other ways.

CONTRIBUTIONS



*Jim and Margaret Mitchell
loading prayer shawls for 100
Mile House.*

We continue to receive substantial contributions of money and numerous prayer shawls in relation to the wild fires. Concerning the shawls, we took them to 100 Mile House for distribution to the parishes by the Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament who gathered there for their Fall Study Day. All the prayer shawls are now or soon will be, in the hands and care of those afflicted.

Concerning financial gifts we have already received two separate grants from the Primate's Fund, one specifically targeted for ministry in 100 Mile House. Concerning other monies, we need your input. I am advised that many individuals, communities and economies are only just now feeling the effects of fire disruption (to livelihood, commerce, industry, community life etc.). So this is an ideal time to seek your input.

I welcome your suggestions for distribution of some of the funds received. We will gather and present these suggestions to a forthcoming meeting of the Territory Administration Committee meeting early in November. In your suggestion please indicate:

- The intended recipient
- The community involved
- The need
- A contact person

PLEASE NOTE: We are inviting suggestions only; any decision will be made by either the Administration Committee or Coordinating Council. Provide as much detail as you are able, and a photograph would be very helpful.

GETTING READY FOR ADVENT

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 for those who seek to attend are indeed able to attend.

AND IN THE END . . .

I wish you all grace, compassion, and peace as we move through Late Pentecost together.

Ken+

Prayer Requests:

- ❖ Please pray for Bishop Barbara on sabbatical
- ❖ Please pray for the Diocese of Caledonia and their new Bishop, the Rev David Lehmann from Fort Smith in the Diocese of the Arctic.
- ❖ Please pray for all who have been and continue to be affected by the wildfires which have so affected the Central Interior, Alberta, Montana and California.
- ❖ Please pray for those who live in the aftermath of hurricanes, earthquakes and other natural disasters



News from the Anglican Church

- Bible Readers can be both "lovers" and "brawlers" conference hears... [read more](#)
- [Anglican Planet](#) Michaelmas issue has the BC wildfires news story (under **Canadian news**) and the interview with Rev. Kristen Doby (under **Interviews**). Links are in the bar at the top.
- [From Alaska to Zululand, Anglicans act ecumenically in the Season of Creation](#)
Anglicans around the world have taken part in a wide variety of events to mark this year's Season of Creation...
- PWRDF is just one of a network of Anglican partners articulating the importance of faith based organizations in realizing the [Sustainable Development Goals and the 2030 Agenda](#).

- From the [Council of General Synod](#) the conclusion of a two-part story detailing the experience and aftermath of the B.C. summer wildfires from an Anglican perspective “**B C Parishes grapple with wildfire aftermath**” Read [Part 1](#).

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](#)

Pilgrim Paths: labyrinth prayer walks accompanying the church year of prayer, feasts and celebrations. Volumes One and Two in pdf format. For more information click [here](#)

Employee Assistance Program (Lifeworks). Click [here](#) to see the *Balance Sheet* monthly newsletters.

Upcoming Events:

“Soul Friends” (Peer helper training) November 9th - 10:00 am to 1pm with lunch included at St. Paul’s Cathedral... the first of 6 Thursday lunch time one hour training sessions. More information soon on the Territory website.

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

- 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 – in person – Kamloops – Ken Gray, Chair
- November 24 & 25 Coordinating Council – the Shrine, Cache Creek - Ken Gray, Chair

December 1 – Jan 9, 2018 Bishop on Annual Vacation

- 2018-February 16-17 February Faith Lectures, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kamloops
- 2018-May 25-27 Equip, Prince George... more information to come...
- 2018-October 25-30 National House of Bishops, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
- 2019-July 10-16 General Synod, Vancouver
- 2020-July 24-Aug 3 Lambeth Conference, England

Miscellaneous

The Territory office has an Acer monitor and 2 wireless keyboards with mouse(s)? (mice)? to give away... anyone interested, please contact Margaret at the office – apci@shaw.ca or 778-471-5573



“If you’re ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns.”