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Dear Clergy of the Territory of the People,

Attached you will find a pastoral letter from the Primate about very difficult news that is just breaking this morning, about the resignation and relinquishment of orders from an acknowledged sexual misconduct complaint against the Most Rev. Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Archbishop. This is devastating news for the whole Church, but particularly for Indigenous Anglicans. Please hold in your prayers the victim, the Primate and the Sacred Circle of Indigenous Peoples, as well as Mark, his family, and all involved. I am very aware that this may re-traumatize the Territory of the People.

Once again we face into the frailty of human beings and leaders. The church, we know, is a human institution, and therefore full of sin and betrayal; may we also still hold onto the vision of Christ that we serve God's love and kingdom of shalom.

You may share this and the Primate's announcement and letter with members of your congregation as needed.

If the press contacts you, I would advise you to have them contact me, through Kate admin@kootenay.info or the Synod office phone number 778 478 8310. Thank you.

With prayers for each of you in your own leadership in this trying time, for wisdom, grace and compassion, as we deal with pastoral issues that will arise from this.

Yours in Christ,



Archbishop of The Ecclesiastical Province of B.C. Yukon