

Incarnation and Journey

On a hillside and in a manger,
With the poor and by the prophet,
In the traveller and the resident,
A voice of heaven and humanity,
The silence of eternity and the city.

Weary legs and tired minds,
Sleepy eyes and troubled souls,
Eager and reluctant,
Expectant and surprised,
On the edge and at the core.

Through the pain and celebration
By the memory and in the story
With the old and through the young,
In the song and by the poet,
At the dance and with the feast,

God comes to us
in the heart and through the journey.

December 7, 2017

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I write to you to say thank you for your ongoing ministry and mission in your region. As a diocesan family we travel together on our sacred journey and fulfil the gospel mandate given to us in Jesus Christ.

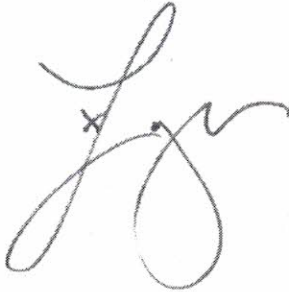
As we move through this season of Advent and season of Christmas, I give thanks for all you have accomplished in the past year. As we continue on the journey to become a Renewed People with Renewed Hearts and Spirits know that I am very thankful for you and the ministry we share in the life of this diocese.

I understand the challenges that are faced in the life of our parishes. It is hard work to keep the lights on as well as ministering to those around us. I thank you for all you do to make sure the parish continues to operate and has significant effect in your region and in the community around you.

In this season of Love, Peace, Joy and Hope we celebrate that God knows our needs and the needs of those people we serve. God has acted and is at work in our world. We therefore can face each new day and each new year with a sense of hope and anticipation as to what God will do in and through us.

My blessing be upon you and may you feel and know beyond any doubt the joy that God takes in you as individuals and as a parish.

Yours in Christ's Love,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Logan', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

The Right Reverend Dr. Logan McMenamie
Bishop, Diocese of British Columbia