

# The Territory of the People

Anglican Church of Canada

## FINAL BULLETIN of 2017!

21 December 2017

*“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.”*

### Bishop’s Message

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come,  
let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare him room  
and heaven and nature sing.*

I love this carol and never get tired of hearing its message at this time of the year. I feel the deep joy of the coming of the Christ Child and the message to prepare room for him in our hearts. This Advent I have daily used a small book of Advent devotions which have challenged me to look deeply at my life and what fills my heart with joy.

My heart is **full of joy** for the wonderful way our Territory lived through the wildfire season this past summer. We were all affected and it took a real team effort to respond to the challenges we faced as a community and church. I am grateful for the outstanding leadership both within the Territory and each parish community. People reached out to neighbour throughout the Territory and continue to give support to those who lost much and are still finding it hard to cope with the loss of life as we knew it within our communities.

My heart is **full of joy** for the awe inspiring support we received from the wider church community and PWRDF. Funds have gone to each parish in order for them to ensure we can continue to be a strong presence in the Territory communities. In the New Year we will continue to find ways to support the front line ministries to ensure people who were most affected by the wild fires of 2017 will continue to have pastoral care and resources to meet the challenges they face.

My heart is **full of joy** for the wonderful opportunity I was granted from the Territory to go away on sabbatical this past fall and the privilege of studying with a world renowned scholar, Father Robert Schreiter. I am grateful for the leadership team who gave outstanding leadership during my time away.

My heart is **full of joy** that we will gather throughout the Territory again this Christmas season and our voices will ring out with the joy we feel as we celebrate the coming again of the Christ Child.

*Joy to the world! The Lord is come,  
let earth receive her King!  
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and heaven and nature sing.*

Have a joyous Christmas!

Blessings,

+Barbara



## Message from Dean Ken, Episcopal Commissary

Merry Christmas to everyone...

I write these words immediately following the funeral for the Rev. Canon Tom Sugden on Wednesday December 13 here in Kamloops. What a glorious gathering it was. Thanks to many who were able to make the journey at this busy time of year and to those who sent messages of support and care for Sandra and family.

Tom was commended to God the Creator of all, in fine Anglican fashion, in a manner which befits one in orders and especially a deacon. As he served the church in so many different ways, and for so long, all this with the gift of someone else's heart (for twenty-eight years) is nothing short of miraculous.

From Bishop Gordon Light's sermon (which will be posted online shortly) I come away with a newfound respect for the practice of service and servanthood. Indeed, Christmas itself is imbued with the truth - that God dared to share Godself in the person of a human being, first encountered at Bethlehem, Divine Presence found and enjoyed (see bishops note above) amidst the duties and delights of daily living.

Christianity is not simply an ideal or concept; the faith which inspires and sustains us is a practice of serving those in need, including ourselves. Tom walked that particular walk; may we do likewise. May God, the Holy Spirit enliven us all this Christmas, and show us the way forward in 2018.

Dean Ken +

### PRAYER REQUESTS:

- ❖ Please pray for the Rev Canon Sandra Sugden and family as they mourn the death of The Rev Canon Tom Sugden
- ❖ Please pray for Archbishop John Privett and family as he makes the transition to retirement
- ❖ Please pray for Bishop Elect David Lehmann as he prepares to be consecrated as the Bishop of Caledonia on January 18, 2018 and for the Diocese of Caledonia as they welcome a new Bishop
- ❖ Please pray for all who have experienced losses this year within their families and our church families
- ❖ Please pray for the Rev Vic Kerr who is gravely ill – Vic has been an integral part of the Diocese of Cariboo.. as rector at St. Michael's Prince George, as an Archdeacon under Bishop Ralph Dean, and rector of the Church of Cleopas
- ❖ Please pray for all who travel this Christmas season

- ❖ Please pray for Jerusalem – a call for prayer from the Primate [here](#)

### CHRISTMAS GIVINGS:

#### PWRDF World of Gifts Promotion

Christmas World of Gifts (PWRDF section) guide is available in the October, November and December issues of the *Anglican Journal*. [The PWRDF section is online here.](#)

A bulletin insert is [available for downloading for printing and distribution here.](#)

[Stephen Lewis Foundation](#) - Christmas cards and Christmas givings... [click here](#)

[Sorrento Centre](#) – gifts of welcome... click [here](#)

#### Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - 2018

Please consider the resources from the World Council of Churches for the [Week of Prayer for Christian Unity](#). While it can be used at any time, the traditional dates are from the Confession of Peter (Jan 18) to the Conversion of Paul (Jan 25).

## Handy Links:

**Resources for Advent** are available on the Anglican Church of Canada website [here](#)

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

Common Praise online: click [here](#)

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

2018 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. More information [here](#)

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

## News from the Anglican Church

- Anglican-Catholic diaconate conference set for May 2018 – click [here](#)
- The Report of the Commission on the Marriage Canon available online [here](#)
- Anglican Journal online [here](#)

## I Have Called You Friends

- The Society of Saint John the Evangelist is offering a 2018 Lenten video series – “Meeting Jesus in the Gospel of John” which some parishes may consider accessing. Through this resource, specific passages will be explored from John’s gospel, and this very personal account of the life of Jesus will be considered through meditation, questions and reflections from the brothers of SSJE. For more information [click here](#).

## New News:

- The Territory of the People office will be closed from Friday December 22<sup>nd</sup> through Christmas and New Year and will reopen January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

## Important dates and deadlines – Bishop’s Schedule

### **December 1 – Jan 9, 2018- Bishop on Annual Vacation**

December 19 Deadline for Bulletin contributions  
December 22 Territory Office closed until Jan 2nd

### **2018**

January 2 Territory Office re-opens  
January 11 Bishop returns from vacation  
January 18-25 Week of prayer for Christian unity  
January 21 Scw’exmx Parish – Future Directions  
January 25 Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm  
January 28 Lytton Parish / Boothroyd Parish visit – Future directions meeting with Bishop  
February 16-17 February Faith Lectures, St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kamloops more [here](#)  
March 15 Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant applications  
March 15 Deadline: Annual Reports to Territory Office  
March 22 Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm  
April 9-13 National House of Bishops – Niagara Falls, Ontario  
April 21-24 National Urban Indigenous Ministry Gathering – Winnipeg Manitoba  
April 27-28 Coordinating Council – The Shrine, Cache Creek  
April 30 Deadline: Capital Fund applications  
May 25-27 Equip, Prince George  
June 28 Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm  
September 20 Administration Committee: WebEx 7pm  
October 15 Deadline: Parish Grant applications  
October 15 Deadline: Ministry Fund Grant applications  
October 25-30 National House of Bishops, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
November 3 Administration Committee  
In person meeting: Budget 2019  
Nov 23-24 Coordinating Council – The Shrine, Cache Creek

**2019**-July 10-16 General Synod, Vancouver

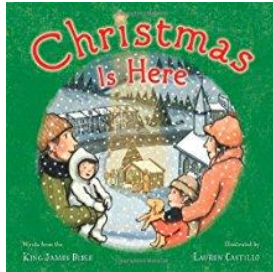
**2020**-July 24-Aug 3 Lambeth Conference, England



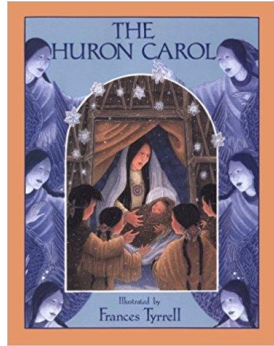
## Book Corner

Good reads for Christmas...

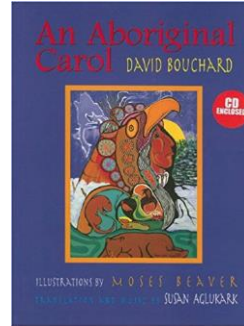
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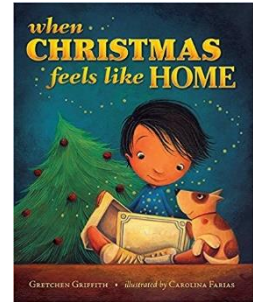
### The Huron Carol



### An Aboriginal Carol



### When Christmas Feels Like Home



Merry Christmas, and blessings for the coming year from the Territory office and St. Paul staff and spouses, some of whom gathered in the church hall for a Christmas luncheon...

*Standing left to right:* Bishop Barbara Andrews; Jim Waldie, Maintenance; Pat King, St. Paul's office staff; Trish Waldie, Envelope Secretary; Rev. Dan Hines, Honorary Assistant; Chris Prodaniuk, Andrew Prodaniuk, Territory bookkeeper; Norris Berg, Music Director; Jim Mitchell; Canon Dwight Oatway, Finance Officer; Islay Oatway, Gordon Dove, Resource Centre;

*Seated:* Canon Mary Dove, Resource Centre; Melissa Green, Children Family Youth Coordinator; Claire Tosoff, St. Paul's Administrative Assistant; Heather Berg, Music Director; Canon Margaret Mitchell, Territory Office Coordinator; Kathie Gray.

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