



The Territory of the People

Territory Bulletin

December 10, 2019

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 the Territory arranged to celebrate my retirement with a marvelous party on November 15, 2019. You cannot imagine my joy at the many kind words spoken, the awesome and very touching gifts, the table centre pieces were a delight and a surprise that showed me how well you know me. Bears everywhere even on the magnificent cakes. The honour songs offered by the First Nations community and Dennis Saddleman's poem will long delight me. Thank you for your kindness to me and my family as I move into retirement.

My heart is **full of joy** for each of my parish visits this fall and the opportunity to visit with so many friends one last time officially as your Bishop. It is lovely for me to take away the memory of so many good friends and experiences from the past ten years. Your kind words and gifts have filled me with joy, and in time I will get all the thank you letters written to show my deep appreciation.

My heart is **full of joy** for the wonderful opportunity to serve with so many fine deacons and priests over the years. The Territory Staff have been more than a joy to serve with and we have so much to give thanks for as they minister among us. The Lay leaders throughout the Territory have been a joy to share in ministry with over the years. The Pastoral Elders have served us so well and it was with delight I announced three new elders and will look forward to gathering soon to install them. Thank you all for your faithful sharing in leadership in so many ways. I feel like the most blessed Bishop to have such a wonderful team to minister with these past ten years.

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

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Have a joyous Christmas!
Blessings,
+Barbara





Prayers...

- ❖ We continue to pray for Bishop Barbara's sister Linda, seriously ill in hospital in Edmonton and facing major surgery
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Sandra Sugden recovering from surgery
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Thelma Sharkey as she recovers from surgery and returns home to 100 Mile House from a lengthy hospital stay in Kamloops
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Keith Dobyms for continued healing and his wife the Rev Kris Dobyms for loving support
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery through dialysis and chemo treatments, giving thanks for all who support her.
- ❖ We pray for all who have experienced losses this year within their families and our church families, praying especially for the Rev Len Fraser
- ❖ We pray for all who travel this Christmas season
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Jo Ann Hinter and her family as she prepares to move to Williams Lake to serve the communities of Williams Lake, Alexis Creek and 100 Mile House
- ❖ We pray for new vocations for leadership in the church, especially for the Territory of the People
- ❖ We pray for the Lillooet Shared Ministry and the North Thompson Ecumenical Shared Ministry as they seek new leadership
- ❖ We pray for Bishop Barbara during this time of transition prior to her retirement at the end of this month
- ❖ We pray for the election process and all nominees for Bishop for the Territory of the People

Prayers for Advent:

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Week 1, Hope

Dear Jesus, you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas. Amen.

Week 2, Peace

Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the-best-version-of-ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen.

Week 3, Joy

Dear Jesus, help us focus on you during this busy season. May we stay aware of the joy you bring into our lives. We want to find you in the everyday moments and come with hearts of gratitude to your manger on Christmas. Amen.

Week 4, Love

Dear Jesus, may the light of your love always shine in our hearts. As Christmas draws closer, we marvel at your great love for us. Let your love transform every aspect of our lives and touch everyone we encounter. Our hearts are open to you, Jesus. Amen.



Electoral Committee News December 2019

Our Episcopal Electoral process is entering its final stages. The nominees have spent the past weeks preparing their Information Packages, which were due by midnight December 5, 2019. Following distribution of the Information packages to the Nominating Committee, the Committee will review the information provided and perform reference checks and other due diligence tasks.

The names of nominees whose submissions fulfil all the requirements will be submitted to the full Electoral Committee and the Provincial House of Bishops. Upon final vetting by the House of Bishops, the list of qualified candidates and their information packages will be shared with Delegates to Assembly and published on the Territory website on December 19, at the latest. The Electoral Assembly will take place on January 25, 2020, at the Cathedral Church of St. Paul's in Kamloops.

The Electoral Committee consists of Chair Melissa Green, Territory Lay Secretary Denise Boulanger, Territory Clergy Secretary TRC Len Fraser, Counsel to the Bishop Suzanne Jackson, Financial Officer Dwight Oatway, Members-at-large Brenda Munroe, Ken Ponsford, TVR Ken Gray, Amy Charlie, Marlena Anderson, and Liaison for Indigenous Members Angus Muir.

Please keep the work of the Electoral Committee in your prayers as we continue the search for a new bishop for the Territory of the People, and keep Bishop Barbara in your prayers as she transitions to her new private life.

Questions about the work of the Electoral Committee can be forwarded to Melissa Green at territoryelection@gmail.com

Submitted by Ken Ponsford
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OTHER NEWS

The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund flyer - *PWRDF World of Gifts* was included in the December issue of the Anglican Journal. Give a gift this Christmas which has the promise of transforming lives and communities and makes our world a better place for all. You can also order on-line [here](#).

Wednesday December 18th - All are invited to a *Christmas Open House and Farewell to Bonnie Bailey* at the Diocese of Kootenay Diocesan Centre, 201-380 Leathead Road, Kelowna, from 2:00–4:00pm. Please RSVP to Kathryn Lockhart by December 13th... admin@kootenay.info

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins January 18th, 2020 – look [here](#) for more information

“Imagine!” The Anglican Foundation is requesting grant applications for 20 grants of up to \$2,500 each, to be awarded to parishes or dioceses for projects which foster sustainability, reduce the carbon footprint, and plant the seeds for change for a greener Canada. Click [here](#) for details. Application deadline is **April 1, 2020**.

Indigenous Languages - The United Nations passed a resolution proclaiming 2019 the Year of Indigenous Languages. Click [here](#) to read about how Indigenous languages are being revived and supported in Canada.

HOPE AIR – announced a new partnership with Airbnb, offering free accommodations to patients far from home. The partnership will provide Canadians with greater access to medical care through their Open Homes – Medical Stays program. More information [here](#).

“**More than Welcome**” - a very useful “Livability” resource from the Church of England. It has received high praise from those within our communities who have physical disabilities and seeks to ensure that not only can all people enter our Church buildings, but “ensures their gifts, talents and experiences are expressed.” [Read more.](#)



HANDY LINKS:

- [Anglican Church of Canada](#)
- [Anglican Journal](#)
- [Anglican Foundation](#)
- [The Anglican Diocese of Montreal](#)
- [Book of Alternative Services](#)
- [Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – **October to December** 2019](#)
- [Common Praise online](#)
- [Employee Assistance Program - Lifeworks](#)
- [How to Pray – a meditation by St. Seraphim of Sarov b.1754](#)
- [Pilgrim Paths: labyrinth prayer walks accompanying the church year of prayer, feasts and celebrations. Volumes One and Two in pdf format](#)
- [PWRDF](#)
- [Territory of the People website](#)

BISHOP’S SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Dec 1-21	Vacation time for Bishop Barbara		April 1	Deadline: Anglican Foundation Grants
Dec 15	St. Peter’s Monte Creek, Lessons & Carols Service		April 15	Deadline: Capital Fund Grants
Dec 22	St. Michael’s Merritt Parish visit		April 16	Administration Committee – Zoom 7pm
Dec 24	4pm & 7pm St. Paul’s Christmas services		May 1-2	AGM/Coordinating Council – The Shrine
Dec 24	10 pm St. George’s Kamloops Christmas Service		May 29-31	Equip - Kamloops
Dec 31	Happy New Year!		June 25	Administration Committee – Zoom 7pm
	★ 2020 ★		<i>July 24 – Aug 3 Lambeth Conference, UK</i>	
Jan 18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity		Sep 1	Deadline: Anglican Foundation Grants
Jan 25	Electoral Assembly, Kamloops		Sep 24	Administration Committee – Zoom 7pm
Jan 30	Administration Committee – Zoom 7pm		Oct 15	Deadline: Parish Grants
March 15	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grants		Oct 15	Deadline: Rufus Gibbs Grants
March 26	Administration Committee – Zoom 7pm		Oct 23	Deadline: Ministry Fund Grants
			Nov 7	Administration Committee – Budget
			Nov 20-21	Coordinating Council – The Shrine

