

## A Message from Archbishop Lynne...

Dear People of the Territory,

Greetings from the National House of Bishops. I am grateful this week to gather with colleagues from across the country, in person and online. It is good to be together to share our joys and woes of ministry in this time, and to learn from each other ways of nurturing our churches and dioceses through Covid and beyond. I will be sharing more of my learnings from this week with clergy at the upcoming Clergy Conference.

Today is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, a celebration of the Biblical witness and our own experience of God's messengers, "angels". In poetic imagination they are winged creatures, not tied to time and space as we are. St. Michael, the Archangel, has been experienced as the Protector, often portrayed slaying the dragons that plague us, reminding us that in God we are not ultimately overcome by those things that threaten us. In the Bible, the common greeting of Angels is "Fear Not". They seem to appear to God's people at times of fear, times of transition, uncertainty and change, with the powerful reminder that God is with us. And these messengers, as they reassure us of God's presence, also challenge us to live our lives in deeper response to God. As with the angels encountered by Abraham and Sarah, or Mary, there is a call to be a blessing to the world.

Where in your life do you hear an angel messenger reminding you of God's presence protecting you? Can you hear an angel messenger of God encouraging you to let go of fear in order to live more fully and freely? In this time of fear, we as people of faith can offer blessing to the world. In this time of shrill rudeness and impatience we can be kind and generous. In a time of anxiety and hopelessness, because we are assured of God's love and presence, we are freed for actions of courage: addressing climate change, addressing systemic racism, addressing poverty.

A few lines from "A blessing of Angels" from John O'Donohue's wonderful book *To Bless the Space Between Us*:

May the Angels of Awakening stir your heart  
To come alive to the eternal within you,  
To all the invitations that quietly surround you.

May the Angel of Healing turn your wounds  
into sources of refreshment.

May the Angels of Compassion turn your eyes  
To the unseen suffering around you....

May the Angels of Justice disturb you  
To take the side of the poor and the wronged.

May all the Angels be your sheltering  
and joyful guardians.

I pray you will find a concrete way to engage the September 30th National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Orange Shirt Day. In this year when we have been re-awakened to the horrors of Residential schools, I think it is very important for us as Anglicans to ponder anew the commitments the Anglican Church has made to the 94 Calls to Action of the TRC. I draw your attention to the resources available in this newsletter, and urge you to have conversations in your Bible studies, coffee hours, and with your spiritual friends, about how God is calling us to respond.

May God give you the courage needed for living fully today.

+Lynne

## Prayer Corner



- \* We pray for our parishes and congregations during this time of transition from restrictions with the Covid-19 Pandemic; we pray for those with anxiety and concern as we continue to find our way to our new normal
- \* We pray for all communities affected by wildfires; for loss of homes, livelihoods, communities, friends and families; we pray for strength, healing and God's grace
- \* We pray for Lincoln, his wife Tanya, and their family
- \* We pray for all Pastoral Elders: Ursula Drynock, Amy Charlie, Pauline and Ernie Michelle, and Dorothy Philips
- \* We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery, giving thanks for her ministry to St. Michael's Merritt, and all who support her
- \* We pray for Dwight Oatway, his wife Islay and their family
- \* We pray for new ministry leadership in the Territory: St. Paul's Cathedral Kamloops, the Lillooet Shared Ministry, the Three Rivers Ministry – Prince George and Quesnel
- \* We pray for all who are confined by illness, praying they may find peace and strength in the love and care they receive from others
- \* We pray for all those without the security, safety and comfort of a home, or economic stability
- \* We pray for those with anxiety and stress concerning personal economic situations

“You Will Be Found” – sung by the Voctave Virtual Choir  
When you're down and feeling lost ... click [here](#) for the music video

### **HANDY LINKS:**

Anglican Church of Canada  
Anglican Journal  
Anglican Foundation  
Anglican Renewal Ministries (ARM) Canada  
Book of Alternative Services

Common Praise online  
Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle: Jul - Sep  
Employee Assistance Program - Lifeworks  
Pastoral Visitor – July/August 2021  
PWRDF  
Territory of the People website

## **Territory News:**

- ∞ **Territory Administrator** – At the Administration Committee held on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton announced her appointment of the Rev Canon Len Fraser as Administrator for the Territory of the People. Len will work with the Bishop's Circle (Bishop Barbara, Bishop Gordon and Archbishop Lynne) providing oversight for all things episcopal, the Financial Committee and current administration, to provide leadership to the Territory during this transition time in the Territory.
- ∞ **COVID-19: Update** – as many of you are aware, BC Provincial guidelines dictate the changing nature of restrictions as the province sees waves of Covid resurging in some areas. The Territory Re-Opening Plan with suggested protocols for all Territory parishes has been published as a News item on the Territory website, found [here](#). Provincial guidelines supersede the Territory Plan and you are encouraged to be informed as to restrictions in your local area.
- ∞ **Annual General Meeting** – in place of an Annual Assembly this year the Territory will be having an Annual General Meeting on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm via Zoom, to conduct the business of the Territory as required by the BC Societies Act. Following the AGM will be a short Coordinating Council meeting to fulfil the requirements for the start of the process of an Electoral Assembly.

## Territory News, continued...

- ⌘ **Regional Gatherings** - On Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup>, from 10am to 4 pm there will be three Regional Gatherings held in the Regional Deaneries: South Rivers – Ashcroft, led by the Rev Angus Muir; Cariboo – Quesnel, led by the Rev Jo Ann Hinter; Kamloops at St. Paul’s Cathedral led by the Rev Canon Len Fraser. All elected Assembly delegates are strongly encouraged to attend and to invite others from your parish to participate in one of these three gatherings. The Territory will be broadcasting from St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kamloops a live stream, Delegates and others are being asked to gather in a single location in each area to receive this live broadcast and to participate in small group discussions throughout the day. It is recommended Covid-19 protocols are followed for these regional gatherings.

The theme of the day is: *“Come and Find a Quiet Centre”*. The message comes from scripture, Isaiah 30:15 - *“In quietness and in trust shall be your strength”*.

The theme is also inspired from the vision statement that was adopted at our Assembly in 2011. *“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.”*

Guest speakers will include Archbishop Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Bishop; Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson from our companion Diocese of Montreal; and Archbishop Lynne McNaughton, our Metropolitan and presiding bishop.

Further information will be sent to the Delegates by email.

- ⌘ **Lytton Fire Fund** – donations are still being received providing financial aid to the community which was devastated by fire on June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Donations can be made through PWRDF, (see article below), through the “Donate Now” button on the St. Paul’s Cathedral Kamloops website – click [here](#) for the link, or through CanadaHelps.org. An official tax receipt will be issued for donations from individuals and non charitable organizations.

Funds received will be disbursed by the Lytton Fire Fund Committee whose mandate was approved by Administration Committee on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. For more information please contact the Territory office: [office@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:office@territory.anglican.ca) or by phone: 778-471-5573

- ⌘ **Anglican Fellowship of Prayer** - **“Come Pray with Us”** You are invited to join the Anglican Fellowship of Prayer for one-hour of prayer and reflection on Zoom. Click [here](#) for recurring Computer login. (Telephone: 1-438-809-7799 Meeting ID: 820 0140 8803 Passcode: 359803) After taking a break in the summer, this monthly prayer session will resume in the fall on **Mondays: Sep 20, Oct 18, and Nov 5. All sessions start at 1pm.** For more info, please contact [Stacey Neale](#) or [Valerie Bennett](#).

- ⌘ **Clergy Conference** – October 25-29<sup>th</sup>, at Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre Keynote Presenter: The Rev. Canon Dr. Herbert O’Driscoll. The clergy conference is being held jointly with the Diocese of Kootenay, with Thursday October 28<sup>th</sup> a dedicated day for the Kootenay Clericus and Territory Clericus to meet separately, each with apportioned time with Archbishop Lynne McNaughton. All licensed clergy are expected to attend. If you have not received information about registration, please email the Territory office: [office@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:office@territory.anglican.ca)



- ⌘ **Calendar of Intercessions** – the new calendar for October to December can be found on the Territory website under Resources. Click [here](#).

## Other News:

- ☞ **Primates World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)** – for the latest newsletter click [here](#)

PWRDF is still accepting donations to the Territory of the People as it supports recovery from the fire. Give online to [Emergency Response](#) and type “Lytton Fire Emergency Fund” in the comments field. You may also donate by phoning Donor Relations Officer Mike Ziemerink at 416-822-9083, or leave a voicemail toll-free at 1-866-308-7973 and your call will be returned. You may also send a cheque to PWRDF at 80 Hayden St., Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 3G2 and mark “Lytton Fire Emergency Fund” in the memo field.

In other news.... PWRDF has raised \$100,000 toward the Light for Every Birth project which will be matched dollar for dollar by a generous anonymous donor. The project provides moms and new babies in Mozambique the safest birth possible. More information [here](#).

- ☞ **Surprised by the Spirit** - this Canada-wide initiative seeks to connect Anglicans across the country in conversation, prayer and discovery. Archbishop Linda Nicholls invites us to gather again, as we did in early 2019, in ‘Conversation Circles’ to explore our discoveries and surprises, and to listen for the voice of the Spirit in our midst. Click [here](#) for more information.
- ☞ **Anglican Foundation** – lots of interesting articles: Great Canadian Road Trip Diary; Legacy Spotlight; Brought to our Knees-Prayers during Covid-19, and much more can be found [here](#).

- ☞ **Season of Creation** - September 1<sup>st</sup> to October 4<sup>th</sup> is winding down... there have been lots of activities taking place in our Territory parishes, take a look at some activities and resources from around the world: [Anglican Communion Environmental Network](#)



- ☞ **Diocese of Montreal** – Companion Diocese to the Territory of the People – [e-news](#)
- ☞ **Ribbons from My Skirt** – Phyllis Sinclair, a Cree Singer-songwriter and performer is heavily focused on Social Justice/Truth and Reconciliation. Phyllis has put together a 20/21 Concert Series called Ribbons from my Skirt: Stories of Resilience, Sacredness and Survival, which will be shown across Canada and is giving Anglican Churches the opportunity to host a concert.

The following links are from Phyllis’ Album “Ghost Bones” as well as other songs.

- Run Brother Run <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4qgiu4XyLpA>
- Wawatay Eh Nimihitocik [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbXfHHa-V\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbXfHHa-V_0)
- Harmonize Concert, O Land, introduction and show end <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HuMGbFZaA28>

More information can be found at: <https://www.phyllissinclair.com>



Thousands of Indigenous women around the world are sharing photos on social media in solidarity with a 10-year-old Canadian girl who was ridiculed for wearing a traditional ribbon skirt to school last month. (Hafsa Arif/CTV News published Friday, January 15, 2021)

## Wear Orange...



### **Wear Orange this Thursday on September 30, the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation—Orange Shirt Day!**

The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day honouring the children who survived Indian Residential Schools and remembering those who did not. This day relates to the experience of Phyllis Webstad, a Northern Secwepemc (Shuswap) from the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation, near Williams Lake, on her first day of school, where she arrived dressed in a new orange shirt, which was taken from her. It is now a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem, experienced by Indigenous children over generations. Read Phyllis' story in her own words through this [link](#).

On September 30, we encourage all in the Territory to wear orange to raise awareness of the very tragic legacy of residential schools, and to honour the thousands of Survivors. We encourage all to take time to learn more of the Indigenous History by reading stories, books, watching videos and to pray for all who are affected by this tragic time in the life of Indigenous peoples of Canada.

On this very first Canadian–National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc is calling upon people around the world to gather –safely– to drum and sing for the missing children of Indian Residential Schools. They write, *“it's time to honour the children, and the unrelenting spirit of these Ancestors.*

*It's time:*

- *to drum for the healing of the Indian Residential Schools Survivors who carried the burden of knowing where the children were buried.*
- *to drum for the healing of the families and communities whose children did not come home”*

*Help us shine a light on truth – the pursuit of justice and peace – and healing for all affected by these beloved missing children.”*

**On this first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, let us find ways to reflect and mark this important day in the life of Indigenous peoples in ways that will promote a new awareness in the history of Canada.**

A new resource to use: The Anglican Church of Canada has produced *Every Child Matters: Grace Will Lead Them Home*, a video service of reflection and prayer. This service was designed by a group of Indigenous Anglican Elders; including Archbishop Mark MacDonald, Bishop Sidney Black, the Rev Canon Laverne Jacobs, and Canon Donna G'yogwenace Bomberry. We are invited to walk with them on a journey of grief and sorrow for the hurt and injustices of the past and present. They share teachings about forgiveness, and help us to understand what must be done to be able to move toward Reconciliation.

The Elders invite you to share this video with your friends, families, congregations and communities. It can be downloaded for use in a service of worship, some might use it as the Homily, or for Bible study. All will be blessed by the teachings here.

It can be viewed above, on [Vimeo](#) and [YouTube](#), and downloaded for local use via the links

- [High definition 1080 \(1920 x1080\)](#) – 635 MB
- [Standard definition \(960x540\)](#) – 176 MB

**Important Dates:**

- Sep 27-Oct 2 National House of Bishops
- Oct 15**      **Deadline – Parish Grant Applications**
- Oct 15      Territory AGM 7pm-9pm via Zoom
- Oct 16      Regional Gatherings: “Come and Find a Quiet Centre”
- Oct 17      Live Stream Worship from St. Paul’s Cathedral, Kamloops
- Oct 23**      **Deadline – Ministry Fund Grant Applications**
- Oct 31**      **Deadline for Rufus Gibbs Grant Applications**
- Nov 6      Administration Committee Budget Meeting – in person @ St. Paul’s, Kamloops
- Nov 19-20      Coordinating Council – location to be determined
- Nov 28**      **First Sunday of Advent – Year C**

**Notice of the Fourth  
Annual General Meeting of  
The Territory of the People Anglican Church**

Dear Members,

This is to advise you of the upcoming Assembly/Annual General Meeting of the members of the Territory of the People. The details of this meeting are as follows:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Friday October 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>7pm – 9pm</b>
<b>Place:</b>	<b>Zoom video conference</b>

The Agenda is:

- Adoption of the Rules of Order
- Adoption of the minutes of the last Assembly – 18 April 2020 - attached
- Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for 2020 by KPMG
- Appointment of Auditor for 2022

At the meeting, members will have the opportunity to:

- find out about the Territory of the People operations and finances
- ask questions about the operations and finances
- speak about any items on the agenda
- vote on any resolutions proposed.

At the meeting, members will be asked to vote to:

- accept the minutes of the last annual general meeting
- accept the auditor’s report
- accept the annual financial statements
- appoint and pay an auditor.
- appoint Directors
- extend the term of office, until a further election for Coordinating Council members