

## A Message from Archbishop Lynne...

Dear People of the Territory,

Last weekend I led a retreat at Sorrento Centre using Hildegard of Bingen as our guide for spiritual sustenance. The reason I chose this twelfth century mystic, a Benedictine Abbess and “Doctor of the Church,” is she embodies a life-giving spirituality and relationship with Creation and Creator that is inspiring for our time. Bold and feisty, an activist who wrote to popes and princes to address issues of peace, social justice and reform of the Church, an artist who composed symphonies, a botanist, herbalist and medical practitioner, she saw Creation and our Bodies as good gifts of God to be treasured and kept well.

Hildegard saw human beings as co-Creators with God, with a vocation to care for other creatures and the Earth. She calls us into a joyous relationship with the Earth, a falling in love with Earth that undergirds our call to care for this gift of God. Hildegard experienced the feminine nature of God. She spoke of Viriditas, the greening power or creative life force in all things.

A few quotes from Hildegard for your meditation:

- \* *Don't let yourself forget that God's grace rewards not only those who never slip, but also those who bend and fall. So sing! The song of rejoicing softens hard hearts. It makes tears of godly sorrow flow from them. Singing summons the Holy Spirit. Happy praises offered in simplicity and love lead the faithful to complete harmony, without discord. Don't stop singing.*
- \* *The mystery of God hugs you in its all-encompassing arms.*
- \* *Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars.  
Gaze at the beauty of earth's greenings.*
- \* *We shall awaken from our dullness and rise vigorously toward justice.  
If we fall in love with creation deeper and deeper, we will respond to its endangerment with passion.*
- \* *Even in a world that's being shipwrecked, remain brave and strong.*
- \* *The marvels of God are not brought forth from one's self. Rather, it is more like a chord, a sound that is played. The tone does not come out of the chord itself, but rather, through the touch of the musician. I am, of course, the lyre and harp of God's kindness.*
- \* *Every creature is a glittering, glistening mirror of Divinity*
- \* *God be praised in God's handiwork: Humankind*
- \* *And so, Humanity - full of all creative possibilities, is God's work.  
Humanity is called to assist God. Humanity is called to co-create.*

May Hildegard's words strengthen you in your high calling of assisting God in the care of Creation.

Yours in Christ,  
+Lynne

## Prayer Corner



- \* We pray for our parishes and congregations during this time of transition from restrictions in some places with the Covid-19 Pandemic, and for increased restrictions in other places; we pray for those with anxiety and concern as we continue to find our way through this pandemic
- \* 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 the Holy Spirit to call to the Territory a new bishop and office coordinator
- \* 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

"Room at the Table" - Carrie Newcomer  
Opening our hearts and hands ... 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:**

- ∞ **The Annual General Meeting** of the Territory of the People was held on Friday October 15<sup>th</sup> and the following Directors were elected: Bishop: Archbishop Lynne McNaughton; Financial Officer: The Rev Canon Len Fraser; Clergy Secretary: The Rev Jo Ann Hinter; Lay Secretary: Denise Boulanger; Director: Pastoral Elder Amy Charlie.
- ∞ An extraordinary meeting of **Coordinating Council** was held on October 15, 2021 where motions were carried regarding:
  - Clerical and Lay Secretaries gave notice to the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, the desire of the Territory of the People to hold an Episcopal Election, and requested the Metropolitan to determine an Episcopal Election may be held.
  - The Metropolitan in consultation with the Coordinating Council, strike a Provincial Validation Committee to evaluate the viability of the Territory of the People and make a recommendation whether to proceed with an Episcopal Election, or recommend an alternate method of episcopal oversight.
  - The Coordinating Council appoint an Electoral Committee consisting of members as outlined in Territory policy 1.11.(7)

## Territory News, continued...

- ∞ **Regional Gatherings** - On Saturday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 three Regional Gatherings were 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 Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Rev Canon Len Fraser. All elected Assembly delegates were invited to attend, as well as others from the parishes, either in person or from home. The Territory broadcast a live stream of the proceedings from St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops, as well as a Zoom video meeting to enable all participants to participate in small group discussions throughout the day. The theme of the day was: "*Come and Find a Quiet Centre*".

The message from scripture, Isaiah 30:15 - "*In quietness and in trust shall be your strength*". Guest speakers included National Indigenous Archbishop Mark MacDonald and Bishop Mary Irwin Gibson from our companion Diocese of Montreal. During the day, Archbishop Lynne posed questions for the small groups to discuss and record their responses:

- Who are we?
- What have we learned from this experience?
- What reshaping or changing do we need to work on as the Territory because of what we have learned?
- What are our next steps? What does God call us to do now?

The responses from these questions have been collated and will shortly be posted on the Territory website. The information will be invaluable to us all as we move ahead.

On Sunday morning, all parishes and people of the Territory were invited to attend in person or virtually, a Territory worship service which was also live-streamed, with Archbishop Mark presiding and Archbishop Lynne preaching.

Bishop Mary came with gifts from the Diocese of Montreal which she presented during the worship service...

- \* A beautiful Mohawk Blanket presented to The Rev Canon Captain Isabel Healy Morrow for Isabel's work as Chair of the Territory Companion Relationship Committee since its inception in 2008, and her untiring work with the Montreal Partnership Committee.
- \* An exquisite silver engraved pyx to the Rev Linda LaGroix, Deacon as the newest and recently ordained clergy person in the Territory.

The live streams of the Regional Gatherings and the Sunday Morning Worship service are available to view on the St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops FaceBook page, and videos will shortly be available on the Territory website, including the video of Archbishop Mark's presentation at the Gathering. Gatherings [link](#) - Worship Service [link](#)

Heartfelt thanks to all participants, leaders and behind the scenes technicians and helpers who made the weekend such a success.



LtoR: Rev Canon Len Fraser, Interim Dean, St. Paul's Cathedral and Administrator, Territory of the People  
Archbishop Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan of BC & Yukon, and presiding Bishop, Territory of the People  
Archbishop Mark MacDonald, National Indigenous Archbishop  
Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Diocese of Montreal, and companion diocese to the Territory of the People.

## Territory News, continued...

- ⌘ **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, through CanadaHelps.org, or by cheque made payable to the Territory of the People. All donations are to be earmarked “Lytton Fire Fund.” 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

- ⌘ **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.
- ⌘ **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) This monthly prayer session continue on **Mondays: Nov 15<sup>th</sup> and December 20<sup>th</sup>** . All sessions **start at 1pm**. For more info, please contact [Stacey Neale](#) or [Valerie Bennett](#).
- ⌘ **Calendar of Intercessions** – the 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](#)

Time to think about Christmas... it’s coming!!! Take a peek at the World of Gifts from PWRDF [here](#) and the lovely PWRDF Christmas Cards [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](#).
- ⌘ **Diocese of Montreal** – Companion Diocese to the Territory of the People since 2008 – on October 17<sup>th</sup> at the Territory Worship Service Archbishop Lynne McNaughton and the Rev Canon Captain Isabel Healy Morrow on behalf of the Territory of the People, and Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, Diocese of Montreal renewed and signed the Companion Partnership Covenant for a further 5 years until 2026... click [here](#) for the latest e-news from the Diocese of Montreal.

## Other News, continued...

- ∞ **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)

### Important Dates:

Oct 31	Deadline for Rufus Gibbs Grant Applications
Nov 1	All Saints Day
Nov 6	Administration Committee Budget Meeting - in person @ St. Paul's, Kamloops
Nov 20	Coordinating Council via Zoom - 9:00am - 2:00 pm
Nov 28	First Sunday of Advent - Year C

British Humour: (it's different!)

Classified Ad in UK newspaper...

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Complete set of Encyclopaedia Britannica, 45 volumes.  
Excellent condition, £200 or best offer.  
No longer needed, got married, wife knows everything.

Teacher: why are you late?  
Student: Class started before I got here.

Teacher: John, why are you doing your math multiplication on the floor?

John: You told me to do it without using tables....