

# CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

## Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

### Upcoming Diocesan Events

#### Prayers @ Mid-day

Monday - Saturday ~ 12:15 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral  
Facebook Page

#### Compline

Nightly

9:00 PT on the Diocesan  
Facebook page

#### Diocesan Service

Sundays

10:00 am PT on Facebook,  
YouTube, and Vimeo

#### Family Camp

July 14 -18

Camp Caledonia

## Trusting God in transition

by Bishop David Lehmann

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. *Proverbs 3:5-6*

Friends, I write this the day after the Primatial election at General Synod. It was a day of drama and the work of the Holy Spirit was very present. The clergy and laity of General Synod heard God calling the Right Reverend Shane Parker, Bishop of Ottawa, to be our next Primate. I have enjoyed working with Primate Shane over the past several years and I know he will serve Christ and His church well.

Throughout the election process I have experienced the best of the church. The kindness of friends and strangers offering care and encouragement. It is not often the Bishop of Caledonia nor the Council of the North is included on such a ballot. It was an honour to be nominated and to engage members of the Anglican Church of Canada through this process.

The youth delegates of General Synod asked for a dinner with the nominees. We were asked 5 direct questions and then given 5 minutes per table (4 total) to have more directed conversation. There was a sincerity of faith and a deep desire to be heard. They also listened very well. I



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## Bishop's Travels

July 6 Prince Rupert

July 13 Nass Valley

July 14-18 Camp Caledonia

July 20 Prince Rupert

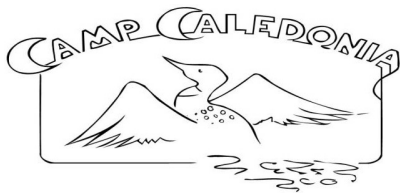
July 21 - 25 Healing Camp

July 27 Prince Rupert

Bishop David will be on Sabbatical from August 1 to November 30. Dean Emma will be the Commissary during this time. Prince Rupert will be covered by Dean (retired) Paul Williams.

## Camp Caledonia

Our 2025 Family Camp is set for July 14-18.



Families are invited to register and come out to Camp Cal for a week full of faith and fun!

have to say that I was totally impressed with them and grateful for the opportunity to engage with them.

I was pleased to make it to the second ballot. It truly was an honour to be nominated and to share in this election with some incredible bishops. The care given on the day by Archbishop Anne Germond was profound. My admiration for her continues to grow.

All this being said, Thursday, June 26th was a pivotal day for me. Not being elected Primate gives me permission to take my first sabbatical after 33 years of full-time ministry. This was something I was planning and hoping to do prior to my nomination. So, back to Plan A! Take some serious rest.

While the plan is not set, I am dreaming of ways in which I can rest and be renewed. This will be my first serious time off since the pandemic. I am most appreciative of Dean Emma's willingness to lead the diocese in my absence and former Dean Paul's return to Prince Rupert to tend to the Cathedral congregation.

*May we pray.*

O GOD, who willest that all men should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth: Prosper, we pray thee, all those who labour in the Gospel at home and in distant lands; protect them in all perils, and support them in loneliness and in the hour of trial; give them thy grace to bear faithful witness unto thee; endue them with burning zeal and love, that they may turn many to righteousness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BCP)

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake.. Amen.

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## General Synod Reflections

Where do I begin to speak about my experience of General Synod 2025? Do I speak of the whirlwind and the collective exhaustion or the privilege and encouragement I personally experienced? Maybe it would be better for me to share the overwhelming sense of prayer, grace and passion for the work of the church throughout the proceedings. Acting Primate Anne Germond led the General Synod with grace and gentleness recognizing weighting thoughts, feelings and experiences that may be painful and triggering. She took much time for prayer, silence, hymn singing in response to these, at times, evocative and divisive motions.

I was recently asked, “why are you an Anglican?” It is an important question for all of us to consider. For me, it is the fact that we are a ‘thinking’ church where things aren’t always black and white and we acknowledge the ‘grey’ of

## Wildfire/Flood Resilience Response Grants launched!

*The Rt Rev'd Clara Plamondon*

In partnership with Alongside Hope (formerly known as PWRDF), the Ecclesiastical Province of BC/Yukon have launched an initiative to provide funds for parishes or dioceses/Territory for the purposes of building resilience, supporting recovery and enabling creative ways to respond to potential wildfires or floods. The Alongside Hope grant is \$50,000 and will be dispersed by a committee for grants up to \$8000

A Provincial committee was established with representation from across the Province and is chaired by Bishop Clara Plamondon. The committee’s mandate is to accept applications, review, and recommend grants to the Metropolitan so that funds can be disbursed as needed.

This program is not to replace established funding avenues through Government agencies or not-for-profit emergency response organizations. Funds are to support the work of parishes and communities who are either dealing with the aftermath of a wildfire/flood event, or who are looking for ways to anticipate how their parish or diocese/Territory can engage with communities they serve in the event of a future wildfire or flood.

This pilot project came out of a similar response that Alongside Hope initiated with the Diocese of Halifax and PEI during Hurricane Fiona. It was such a success, that Alongside Hope reached out to our Province to create a similar model as we deal with reoccurring wildfires and floods.

Examples of funding might include things like: upgrading electrical outlets in a hall to accommodate charging stations; purchasing a generator to provide backup energy in a parish facility; child care programs while parents deal with the aftermath of an event; emergency preparedness

the human experience. In this, our gatherings can be difficult, but they are always filled with humour, brokenness and hope.

Where more work is done at our synods during breaks and meals as we discuss, debate, and share our diverse and rich backgrounds. It is a place where we can come together with grace, diversity and make connections with people from coast to, to coast, to coast.

*The Very Rev'd Emma Vickery,  
Dean of Caledonia and Incumbent  
of Terrace & Kitimat*

## Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on  
Facebook @dioCaledonia

Vimeo by searching for the  
Diocese of Caledonia or  
[vimeo.com/user110118524](https://vimeo.com/user110118524)

YouTube Channel - *Diocese of  
Caledonia*

## Council of the North

For more information on the  
Council of the North, visit  
[www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca)

workshops, psychosocial and spiritual support teams; musical concerts for community rebuilding and healing. There are many possibilities! It is hoped that this funding will provide seed money to strengthen our capacity to support our communities, to raise awareness and preparedness planning, and to provide a meaningful response in the event of a wildfire or flood.

Applications are now being accepted. Forms are available through the Provincial website: [www.province-bcyukon.anglican.ca](http://www.province-bcyukon.anglican.ca), or through your own diocesan or Territory office. For more information or to send completed applications: [office@territory.anglican.ca](mailto:office@territory.anglican.ca).

*Contributed by the Rt Rev'd Clara Plamondon, Bishop of the Territory of the People and Chair, Wildfire/Flood Resilience Response Committee of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC/Yukon*

## ACW Annual - Smithers

Three parishes were able to attend this year's ACW Annual.

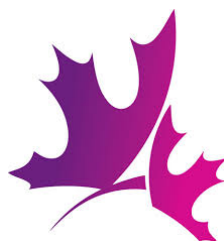
The congregation and Soup Kitchen

welcomed women from Smithers, Terrace-Kitimat, and Prince Rupert. Mixed along with business, future planning, and deep conversations, there was much laughter and love.



## Anglican Foundation - 2025 AGM

On Wednesday, May 21, the Anglican Foundation of Canada (AFC) held its 2025 Annual General Meeting at Church of the Redeemer, Toronto. The gathering welcomed AFC members in the Diocese of Toronto, and Board Directors from across the country, including Archbishop



Anne Germond, Acting Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. For more information please see [anglicanfoundation.org](http://anglicanfoundation.org)

### *Alongside Hope - Indigenous Partnerships*

Indigenous peoples in Canada have faced centuries of colonization, dispossession of land, cultural assimilation, and systemic discrimination. Supporting Indigenous programs is a way to acknowledge these historical injustices and work towards meaningful reconciliation between Indigenous peoples and settlers. Alongside Hope supports and accompanies Indigenous communities and organizations through our Indigenous Partnership Program.

The Alongside Hope Indigenous Partnership Program promotes partnerships based on recognition, respect and support for the rights and wellbeing of the Indigenous partners.

For more information and to donate, please go to [pwrdf.org](http://pwrdf.org)



### **Gospel Based Discipleship**

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Attached are the Gospel readings for July. Read the Gospel three times asking 1. what words jump out, 2. what is Jesus saying to me, and 3. what is Jesus calling me to do? The Gospel Based Discipleship book may be found at [www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca)



### *New Diocesan Cycle of Prayer*

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Please be watching for a new Diocesan Cycle of Prayer coming soon. You will find it on the diocesan website at [www.caledoniaanglican.ca](http://www.caledoniaanglican.ca)

## Gospel Based Discipleship—July 2025

1	Tuesday	Matthew 8:23-27	Green
2	Wednesday	Matthew 8:28-34	Green
3	<b>Saint Thomas the Apostle</b>	<b>John 20:24-29</b>	<b>Red</b>
4	Friday	Matthew 9:9-13	Green
5	Saturday	Matthew 9:14-17	Green
6	<b>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Luke 10:1-11</b>	<b>Green</b>
7	Monday	Matthew 9:18-26	Green
8	Tuesday	Matthew 9:32-38	Green
9	Wednesday	Matthew 10:1-7	Green
10	Thursday	Matthew 10:7-15	Green
11	Friday	Matthew 10:16-23	White
12	Saturday	Matthew 10:24-33	Green
13	<b>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Luke 10:25-37</b>	<b>Green</b>
14	Monday	Matthew 10:34-11:1	Green
15	Tuesday	Matthew 11:20-24	Green
16	Wednesday	Matthew 11:25-27	Green
17	Thursday	Matthew 11:28-30	Green
18	Friday	Matthew 12:1-8	Green
19	Saturday	Matthew 12:14-21	Green
20	<b>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Luke 10:38-42</b>	<b>Green</b>
21	Monday	Matthew 12:38-42	Green
22	<b>Saint Mary Magdalene</b>	<b>John 20:1-3, 11-18</b>	<b>White</b>
23	Wednesday	Matthew 13:1-9	Green
24	Thursday	Matthew 13:10-17	Green
25	<b>Saint James the Apostle</b>	<b>Matthew 20:20-28</b>	<b>Red</b>
26	Saturday	Matthew 13:24-30	Green
27	<b>Seventh Sunday after Pentecost</b>	<b>Luke 11:1-13</b>	<b>Green</b>
28	Monday	Matthew 13:31-35	Green
29	Tuesday	Matthew 13:36-43	Green
30	Wednesday	Matthew 13:44-46	Green
31	Thursday	Matthew 13:47-53	Green