

Greetings all!

We are delighted with how many people are expressing an interest in coming to Victoria for the event 23-26 November 2026 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the priesting of women in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Here is some more key information to help you with your planning:

Registration will open on 1 June 2026. Initial registration will be offered to priests and bishops in the Anglican Church of Canada who identify as women. We welcome registration for everyone else beginning on 1 July.

There are 100 spaces available. Those interested should register early to secure a spot. Registration is limited due to fire code regulations for the venue.

The venue for the event is the Baumann Centre (BC) which is next to St John the Divine Anglican Church at 1611 Quadra St, Victoria.

The event will officially begin at 8:30am on 24 November at the BC. It will officially end with the celebratory Eucharist at Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, on 25 November. The service will start at 4pm and be livestreamed so that it can be viewed by those unable to be with us in person. ***More details about program and the service will be shared in a later post.*** We aim to reflect Canada from coast to coast to coast.

There is money for bursaries that has generously been made available through grants from the Anglican Church of Canada and The Anglican Foundation of Canada. An application for bursaries will be posted when registration opens. Successful bursary applicants will be notified by 1 Aug 2026.

Please note that we aim to have participation from across Canada which means travel costs will vary considerably. We respectfully ask that you take advantage of any Continuing Education funds or other sources of financial assistance so that we can use bursary funds to assist people coming from further afield as much as possible.

We expect the registration fee to be approximately \$200.00. Participants are responsible for making all their own travel and hotel arrangements. This includes transportation into Victoria from the airport. We will create a Facebook page where people can connect to arrange carpooling.

We have negotiated corporate rates with three hotels in the city. **Please note that these rates may change before the event.** Please call and let the hotel know that you want the corporate rate negotiated by the Diocese of British Columbia for the nights associated with the event (23, 24, 25 November 2026). The hotels are:

- Inn at Laurel Point: \$199/night+tax. The Inn is on Victoria's beautiful Inner Harbour. It is approx. a half hour walk to the conference venue.  
(<https://www.laurelpoint.com>)
- Best Western Plus Carlton Plaza Hotel: \$168/night+tax. The BW is in downtown Victoria. Approx. 10-minute walk to the venue.  
(<https://www.bestwesterncarltonplazahotel.com>)
- Quality Inn Downtown Inner Harbour: \$140/night+tax. The Quality Inn is in downtown Victoria and approx. a 15-minute walk to the venue.  
(<https://www.choicehotels.com/en-uk/british-columbia/victoria/quality-inn-hotels/cn376>)

There is an information page about the event on our diocesan website - <https://bc.anglican.ca/events/50-years-of-the-priesting-of-women/2026-11-23>. As details about the event become available, they will be posted here as well as on the event Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1074868884652927>

More info will follow in the weeks to come.