



mission CONFERENCE

2026

Moving in Mission, Guided by Spirit

MAY 29 – 31, 2026 · VANCOUVER, BC

Diocese of New Westminster · Anglican Church of Canada

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

A Time of Prayer, Learning & Imagination

In the years following the pandemic, many churches have found themselves asking new and important questions. The disruption of those years changed how we gather, how we connect with our communities, and how we understand our calling as the Church. Across the Diocese of New Westminster, clergy and lay leaders are sensing this moment invites us not simply to return to what was, but to listen carefully for where the Holy Spirit may be leading us now.

The Mission Conference Weekend, May 29–31, 2026, invites Anglicans from across the diocese to gather around that discernment. Centred on the theme **“Moved by Mission, Guided by Spirit,”** the weekend will be a time of prayer, learning, and imagination as we explore how the Church is being called to live more deeply into God’s mission in this moment.

“This weekend will bring our diocesan family together. It is an opportunity to deepen our shared sense of purpose and to imagine the future of ministry in our communities.”

— Archbishop John Stephens, Diocese of New Westminster

Participants can expect a rich and varied program shaped by voices both from within the diocese and from the wider church. Through workshops and shared conversations, the conference will explore some of the most pressing questions: from proclaiming the Gospel in fresh ways, to the Church’s journey of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, to what it means to be truly missional in our neighbourhoods and among new generations.

The conference will also include Open Space gatherings, offering opportunities for reflection and creative engagement. Underlying the entire weekend is a shared recognition that the Church is living through a time of change — but also a time of great possibility.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Three Days Together

FRIDAY

29

MAY 2026

Sing Without Ceasing

7:30 PM**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

690 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Open the weekend with a joyful Choir Festival. Bishop Michael Curry speaks.

SATURDAY

30

MAY 2026

Mission Conference

8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**DIOCESAN SYNOD OFFICE**

1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver

A full day of keynotes, workshops, open space conversations, and panel dialogue.

SUNDAY

31

MAY 2026

Choral Eucharist

10:30 AM**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL**

690 Burrard Street, Vancouver

Close the weekend at the Eucharistic table, sent into God's mission.

FEATURED KEYNOTE

Bishop Michael *Curry*

27th Presiding Bishop & Primate · The Episcopal Church



The Rt. Rev. Michael Bruce Curry served as the 27th Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church. Elected at the 78th General Convention in June 2015, he served a nine-year term before retiring in 2024 following more than forty years of ordained ministry.

Throughout his ministry, Bishop Curry has been a prophetic leader in racial reconciliation, climate change, evangelism, and immigration — animated always by Jesus of Nazareth and his way of radical, sacrificial love. He regularly reminds Episcopalians they are “the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement.”

Widely regarded as one of the most dynamic preachers of our time, Bishop Curry was ordained a priest in 1978 and holds an MDiv from Yale Divinity School, with honorary doctorates from Yale, Virginia Theological Seminary, and others. He is the author of five books.

Bishop Curry joins us to help guide the diocese through the conference theme: how the Church can live more faithfully into God’s mission in the world today.

SATURDAY, MAY 30 — FULL PROGRAMME

Conference Day Agenda

**SAT
MAY 30****Mission Conference — Full Day**
Diocesan Synod Office · 1410 Nanton Avenue · 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**ARRIVAL & OPENING****8:30 – 9:00 AM** **Registration & Breakfast****9:00 – 9:20** **Indigenous Opening Ceremony**
Elder Rikki Kooy**9:25 – 9:50** **State of the Diocese**
Archbishop John Stephens**9:55 – 10:40** **Keynote Address #1**
Bishop Michael Curry**FORMATION BLOCK I — BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS****10:50 – 11:40** **Breakout Session Block #1**
Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred · Dr. Mark Glanville · Dr. Ross Lockhart**OPEN SPACE & LUNCH****11:45 – 12:35** **Open Space Session****12:35 – 1:20** **Lunch****FORMATION BLOCK II — BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS****1:25 – 2:15** **Breakout Session Block #2**
Rev. Jessica Schaap · Lauren Odile Pinkney · Elder Rikki Kooy**CLOSING****2:25 – 3:05** **Closing Keynote**
Bishop Michael Curry**3:05 – 3:25** **Panel Conversation**
Archbishop John Stephens · Bishop Michael Curry**3:25 – 3:30** **Closing Liturgy & Blessing**

WORKSHOP LEADERS

Voices Shaping the Conversation



WORKSHOP LEADER

Dr. Ross Lockhart

Dean, St. Andrew's Hall · University of British Columbia

“West Coast Mission: A Study on the Changing Nature of Christianity in Vancouver”

What are the unique characteristics of Christian faith on the West Coast? Dr. Lockhart shares his recent research on Christianity across fourteen ministries in the city, examining how communities are responding to God's invitation to share and show the gospel here and now.



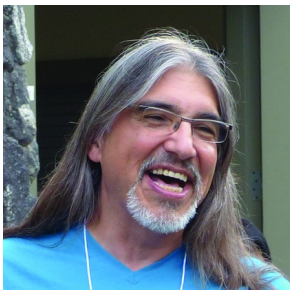
WORKSHOP LEADER

Dr. Mark Glanville

Director, Centre for Missional Leadership · UBC · Old Testament Scholar & Jazz Pianist

“Preaching the Bible when Faith is Often Mixed with Doubt”

This session unpacks concrete strategies for preaching that nourishes faith today — the core of which is an approach known as “reversing the flow.” Related to Mark's book *Preaching in a New Key* (IVP Academic). His podcast Blue Note Theology is “the only podcast in the world hosted from the grand piano.”



WORKSHOP LEADER

Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred

Director, Indigenous Studies Program · Vancouver School of Theology · Cree, Treaty 8

“The Truth About Reconciliation”

This workshop will explore the ongoing work of reconciliation — what has worked, what continues, and how to become part of a community of reconciliation that remains a healing presence in Canadian society.



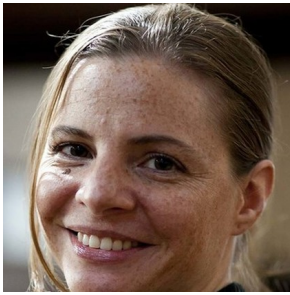
WORKSHOP LEADER

Elder Rikki Kooy

Diocesan Indigenous Elder-in-Residence · Secwepemc & St'at'imc Nations

“Reconciliation: Embrace the Journey”

Elder Rikki Kooy invites you to consider Reconciliation as an ongoing journey of transformation and deepening relationship — with God, self, and others. An intergenerational residential school survivor, Rikki is a renowned textile artist and designer of the Feather Dance project at St. Hildegard's Sanctuary.



WORKSHOP LEADER

Rev. Jessica Schaap

Diocese of New Westminster

“New Expressions of Lay Ministry”

Jessica Schaap brings grounded wisdom to questions of lay ministry and new expressions of church life in the Diocese of New Westminster. Her workshop explores how laypeople are discovering fresh ways of living into God's mission in their parishes and communities.



WORKSHOP LEADER

Lauren Odile Pinkney

Missioner for Youth · Diocese of New Westminster

“Youth Ministry: Small to Big — Creating Meaningful Connections for Young People”

This workshop empowers you in the youth ministry at your church right now — even if you only have one youth. Lauren holds a BA in Christian Youth Work (JNC) and an MA in Public and Pastoral Leadership from VST, with nearly 16 years of experience.

invited — not simply to discuss the future of the Church,
move into that future together, guided by the Spirit.



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