

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

Camp for All Ages

July 13 -17

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*

Confession time: I wrote an article last year and had finalized a Summer 2025 edition but couldn't publish it. Then I went off on sabbatical, a rest I desperately needed, and was embarrassed about not having had a plan for those months. Time stretched on, and now it's been a year. While I know communication is important, I failed in producing our newsletter.

I want to pick up where I left off, reflecting on transitions. This is a topic of discomfort for me. Transitions are painful. The longing for stability is strong for me. My concern is that stability becomes complacency. I have come to learn that stability is vastly different from complacency. There can be stability within transition; I have learned that it is about my focal point.

Throughout Scripture, the story of God's people reminds me that my focus must be on God, the still point. Many distractions can draw me from God. But if I truly long for stability, I can find it in Him. I don't have to be a Jonah, who ran from God! Nor a Martha, who was busy with life.



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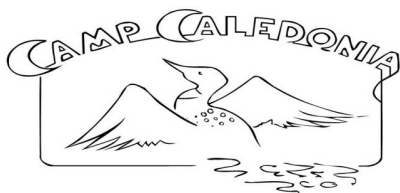
Bishop's Travels

- July 5 Prince Rupert
 July 12 Prince Rupert
 July 13-17 Camp Caledonia
 July 19 Prince Rupert
 July 25. Nass Valley
 July 26. Prince Rupert
 August 2 Prince Rupert
 August 9 Bulkley Valley

Camp Caledonia

2026 Camp for All Ages is set for July 13-17

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



As I reflected on my sabbatical, there were moments of rest within a full schedule. Society tells me that I must be productive at all times. This is not a Gospel truth and a message that I struggle with. The old Protestant work ethic is a driving force in my life. Since Advent, I have ended all my ministry beyond the diocese. Alas, this has not meant an increase in time off, yet!

As I prepare for our upcoming Diocesan Synod, I am reflecting on the transition that the diocese is experiencing and where God is in it. There are taglines from podcasts that challenge my perspective; one recently was that the “church doesn’t have a financial problem but a discipleship problem.” Yes, the church has lost its prominence in local communities, but we’ve lost our drive in making followers of Jesus Christ. Yes, this is harsh, and I feel my failure in this realm too.

The mission of the church is to bring into fellowship those who do not know Christ. We do this through worship, outreach, and intentional disciple-making. Our current societal changes may require a transition in approach but not mission. This is a relief, a burden, and our call.

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. (BAS)

Diocesan Synod

Plans are underway for a Fall Diocesan Synod. We will gather in Prince Rupert on September 16 - 19. The bulk of this Synod's work is with regard to Governance.

Our governing documents lack a Constitution, and the Canons have not been updated to reflect our current life. They presuppose that every congregation has clergy and a large Church Committee. We will realign these documents with our current reality.

Diocesan Synod is a moment when we can come together from across the diocese, hear each other's stories and celebrate them together. We can listen to Scripture and meditate on God's call to serve here. Plus, get practical on how we can do that as a diocese and congregations!

Please pray for our Synod and the members from across the diocese as we embark on the work of the church and pause to listen deeply to God.

Details to follow!

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

Social Media

Please look for the Diocese on

Facebook @dioCaledonia

Vimeo by searching for the Diocese of Caledonia or 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

Gospel Based Discipleship

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

New Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Please be watching for a new Diocesan Cycle of Prayer coming soon. You will find it on the diocesan website at www.caledoniaanglican.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, or through your own diocesan or Territory office. For more information or to send completed applications: 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

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 alongsidehope.org



Alongside Hope

Anglicans and partners working for change in Canada and around the world

Gospel Based Discipleship – July 2026

1	Canada Day	Matthew 8:28-34	Green
2	Thursday	Matthew 9:1-8	Green
3	Saint Thomas the Apostle	John 20:24-29	Red
4	Saturday	Matthew 9:14-17	Green
5	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 11:16-19,25-30	Green
6	Monday	Matthew 9:18-26	Green
7	Tuesday	Matthew 9:32-38	Green
8	Wednesday	Matthew 10:1-7	Green
9	Thursday	Matthew 10:7-15	Green
10	Friday	Matthew 10:16-23	Green
11	Saturday	Matthew 10:24-33	Green
12	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 13:1-9,18-23	Green
13	Monday	Matthew 10:34-11:1	Green
14	Tuesday	Matthew 11:20-24	Green
15	Wednesday	Matthew 11:25-27	Green
16	Thursday	Matthew 11:28-30	Green
17	Friday	Matthew 12:1-8	Green
18	Saturday	Matthew 12:14-21	Green
19	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 13:24-30,36-43	Green
20	Monday	Matthew 12:38-42	Green
21	Tuesday	Matthew 12:46-50	Green
22	Saint Mary Magdalene	John 20:1-3,11-18	White
23	Thursday	Matthew 13:10-17	Green
24	Friday	Matthew 13:18-23	Green
25	Saint James the Apostle	Matthew 20:20-28	Red
26	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 13:31-33,44-52	Green
27	Monday	Matthew 13:31-35	Green
28	Tuesday	Matthew 13:36-43	Green
29	Wednesday	Matthew 13:44-46	Green
30	Thursday	Matthew 13:47-53	Green
31	Friday	Matthew 13:54-58	Green