

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

Advent Quiet Day

December 12th

Online

Care and Compassion

by Bishop David Lehmann

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. *Ephesians 4:32*

We enter the month of October in the shadow of our recent Synod. I use the term shadow for the amount of work and not the content, though for some there is discomfort. I am most thankful for the incredible hard work of the members of Synod and the broader church. I am thankful for the tone with which the work was done and for the care and compassion for the members. And I am most thankful that Synod was able to conclude a half day earlier than planned!

October is marked primarily with Thanksgiving. A day when we are reminded that gratitude needs to be cultivated in our lives daily. Current research in neuroscience highlights this need, as it can pivot one from a negative mindset to a positive one. So, the world confirms what the church has taught for millennia.

Returning to Synod, there was an opportunity for all Synod members to participate in the new diocesan safe church training program. We completed the training on the first morning. The Bishop asked members to return home and discuss when he could bring this training to each parish. Safeguarding is an essential step in renewing our



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Bishop's Travels

October 1-9 House of Bishops

October 11 Prince Rupert

October 18 Prince Rupert

October 24 Nass Valley

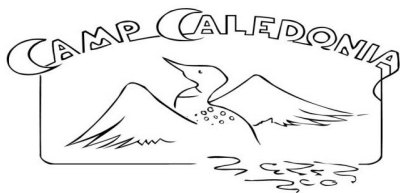
October 25 Prince Rupert

October 26 - 31 Nashotah, WI
and Council of the North

November 1 Prince Rupert

Camp Caledonia

2027 Camp for All Ages is
set for July 12 - 16



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

commitment to being a space where all are safe and cared for.

The primary work for this synod was to renew the governance of the diocese to reflect our current practices and reality. This was the culmination of three-years of work. The old Canons were rescinded and a new Constitution and Canons were passed individually. Thanks to the work of the Governance Committee, Executive and all Synod, we completed this task with care and compassion.

A motion was circulated prior to Synod that asked if we would repeal a 2015 synod motion and welcome all people into the diocese including those who identify as LGBTQ2S. This was a lengthy conversation with passion and much care for the implications of the motion. The motion passed and Caledonia is now an affirming diocese. This has been received with mixed responses and will take time to process as a diocese as to what this means for our common ministry. There was grace in the room during the debate and I pray that grace will continue throughout the diocese.

Sarah Bird from Alongside Hope gave an incredible presentation. The work and ministry of this national body is profound and changes lives across Canada and the world. We were blessed to have her passion with us throughout the Synod and to be reminded of how we all participate in this global ministry.

The renovations to the Cathedral received the support of the Synod. The members were able to see first hand the need and responded with compassion. Further updates will be shared as this work begins.

My take aways from Synod were the care and compassion expressed around our common life together. The Cathedral volunteers that were amazing with their hospitality deserve much recognition too. While there were points of friction, there remained conversation, care, and compassion. The joy of being Anglican is that we are not called to uniformity but unity in Christ. That was evident and gives me much hope.

A Thanksgiving

For summer rains, and winter's sun,
For autumn breezes crisp and sweet;
For labors doing, to be done,
And labors all complete;
For April, May, and lovely June,
For bud, and bird, and berried vine;
For joys of morning, night, and noon,
My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For loving friends on every side;
For children full of joyous glee;
For all the blessed Heavens wide,
And for the sounding sea;
For mountains, valleys, forests deep;
For maple, oak, and lofty pine;
For rivers on their seaward sweep,
My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

For light and air, for sun and shade,
For merry laughter and for cheer;
For music and the glad parade
Of blessings through the year;
For all the fruitful earth's increase,
For home and life, and love divine,
For hope, and faith, and perfect
peace,
My thanks, dear Lord, are Thine!

~~John Kendrick Bangs

The Bible is My Guide

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

~~Ralph Waldo Emerson
1803-1882

Thanks be to God for our faith, ministry, and common life together.

May we pray - Prayers of Thanksgiving

O LORD, we pray thee, sow the seed of thy word in our hearts, and send down upon us the showers of thy grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, and at the great day of harvest may be gathered by the holy angels into the heavenly. Amen. (BCP)

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen. (BAS)

From Around the Church

Images from Synod

Some photos from Synod taken by Camilla Lewis.



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 October. 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



Welcome Shailene Caparas

As of October 1st, Shailene Caparas is our new Finance
Manager. She was previously the Director of Finance for
the Diocese of New Westminster. She may be reached by
email at finance@caledoniaanglican.ca

Alongside Hope - Plant in faith, harvest in hope: the World of Gifts

A small seed is planted, and with care, light and water it
grows into something much bigger. The 2026 World of Gifts
celebrates this everyday miracle. Small gifts make a big
impact on communities in need. Not only are you helping
fund our partners' work, but you're also letting them know
that they're not alone.

Thanks to a generous donor, all gifts are matched 1:1 up to
\$100,000. Gifts supported by the Canadian Foodgrains
Bank are matched up to 4:1 by the Government of Canada.

Our eight-page guide includes 41 ways to support our
partner programs, from solar panels in Cuba and mushroom
huts in Zimbabwe to advocacy training in the Philippines
and clean water programs in Kenya. You can also support
Alongside Hope's ongoing work to partner with Indigenous-
led community groups across Canada, as well as support
emergency relief efforts, both in Canada and abroad.

For more information and to donate, please go to
alongsidehope.org

Gospel Based Discipleship – OCTOBER 2026

1	Thursday (Season of Creation)	Luke 10:1-12	Green
2	Friday (Season of Creation)	Luke 10:13-16	Green
3	Saturday (Season of Creation)	Luke 10:17-24	Green
4	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Season of Creation)	Matthew 21:33-46	Green
5	Monday	Luke 10:25-37	Green
6	Tuesday	Luke 10:38-42	Green
7	Wednesday	Luke 11:1-4	Green
8	Thursday	Luke 11:5-13	Green
9	Friday	Luke 11:14-26	Green
10	Saturday	Luke 11:27-28	Green
11	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 22:1-14	Green
12	Monday	Luke 11:29-32	Green
13	Tuesday	Luke 11:37-41	Green
14	Wednesday	Luke 11:42-46	Green
15	Thursday	Luke 11:47-54	Green
16	Friday	Luke 12:1-7	Green
17	Saturday	Luke 12:8-12	Green
18	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 22:15-22	Green
19	Saint Luke the Evangelist	Luke 4:14-21	Red
20	Tuesday	Luke 12:35-38	Green
21	Wednesday	Luke 12:39-48	Green
22	Thursday	Luke 12:49-53	Green
23	Friday	Luke 12:54-59	Red
24	Saturday	Luke 13:1-9	Green
25	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost	Matthew 22:34-46	Green
26	Monday	Luke 13:10-17	Green
27	Tuesday	Luke 13:18-21	Green
28	Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles	John 15:17-27	Red
29	Thursday	Luke 13:31-35	Green
30	Friday	Luke 14:1-6	Green
31	Saturday	Luke 14:1, 7-11	Green

Celebrating 50 Years

The Priesting of Women in the Anglican Church of Canada



The Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets (British Columbia) is excited to invite you to be part of a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Priesting of Women in the Anglican Church of Canada. Come and join us as we give thanks for the many ways women have contributed to the life of the Church as presbyters and look to the future to examine the challenges that lie ahead for women in the Church and Canadian society.

Dates: 23-26 November 2026 (travel dates inclusive)

Location: Victoria, British Columbia



Check in here for updates on registration, program, bursaries, and other information about the event as it becomes available.

Interested in helping with the event?
Contact The Rev'd Canon Jeannine Friesen at
jfriesen@bc.anglican.ca.

