

The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

Anglican Church of Canada

BISHOP BARBARA'S BULLETIN

June 21, 2017

"APCI walk together with all God's people, journeying into a new creation, and trusting with faith and courage in the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We love as Jesus loves, living with integrity and openness, and are committed stewards of God's world"

Bishop's Message:

Early this morning, I wandered out on my patio to enjoy the early morning on this the longest day of the year. It was a marvellous morning with the sky clear, the rivers that run through Kamloops sparkling, the birds were singing and all seemed right with the world. What came to mind was the beautiful Creation prayer that Jimmy Toodlican prays for us at the beginning of gatherings. He gives thanks for all the blessings of our earth to us from the Creator. Jimmy's prayer always gives me a deep sense of appreciation for the wonderful gifts that Indigenous peoples share with us through their culture, traditions, songs, and prayers which connect us most deeply with the wonders of the land. On this national Indigenous Peoples Day, I give thanks to God for all the blessings that we so freely receive from the Indigenous Peoples of this land and the Creator God who provides us with all of our needs.

I am also aware of the contribution that was made by the Indigenous delegation at our recent Assembly. For the first time in our Assembly one third of the delegates were Indigenous Peoples. This fact alone is something to celebrate.

Pastoral Elders Amy Charlie and Jimmy Toodlican brought before the Assembly a motion that passed unanimously adopting the new constitution of the Territory of the People. In bringing the motion forward the Pastoral Elders helped us live into the commitment made back in 2000 that called us to first speak to Indigenous peoples of the church, then take it to parishes and finally the wider church. Once the Bishop's Task Force completes the final writing of the constitution it will be submitted to the BC Societies Act. As soon as we receive official recognition, we will begin the process of changing over all documents to reflect us as a new Anglican identity.

Major input was offered by the Indigenous delegates to the motion that came before us adopting a new vision for ministry leadership that will carry us into the future. The proposed vision statement offered to us by the Ministry Committee was greatly strengthened to reflect as culturally appropriate with regard to language, culture and spirituality of all the territory. This was a gift to all of us and will carry us into the future with sensitive and inclusion of all who walk together.

New initiatives coming from the Bishop's Address were adopted that directs the Administration Committee to find ways to encourage and promote in each parish ways to support Healing

Ministries throughout the territory. That, as a territory, we find ways to support the National Church's Anglican Healing Fund in each parish, and that we provide training opportunities for those who wish to give pastoral support around the issue of suicide and how it is affecting families within the territory in all parishes.

I hope you will take time to check out all the Assembly news on the website and watch for the videos of the closing Eucharist and other events that have been recorded and will appear on the website soon.

We have so much to be grateful for on this National Indigenous Peoples Day and I pray you will give thanks for the many contributions that First Nations people offer in your community.

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.

You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,

and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth by your Spirit in love,

and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.

Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership,

may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ,

who is our light and our life. Amen

Blessings,

+*Barbara*

Prayer Request

Please pray for Danny Whitehead as he mourns the death of his brother Bobby, and as he travels to be with family for the funeral on Thursday June 22.

Please pray for all who travel at this time of the year for work, holidays and family visits.

Please pray for with Thanksgiving for Craig Fairley on his retirement from his workplace.

APCI OFFICE NEWS:

The APCI office will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th and will reopen on Wednesday, July 5th at 10:00 a.m.

The APCI Resource Centre is now closed for the summer and will reopen in September.

Bishop's Schedule

June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day in Shulus
June 22	Administration Committee – WebEx meeting
June 25	St Mary's & St Paul's, Lytton Parish Visit for celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day
July 1	Canada Day Celebration – Healy-Morrow Residence
July 2	St Paul's Parish Visit
July 9	St Hilda's Savona Deconsecrating Service at 4 pm
July 16	All Saint's Shulus Parish Visit
July 17 – 19	Council of the North Grant Allocation Meeting – Toronto
July 20	Healing Gathering – Lytton Parish
July 23	Lytton Parishes Visit
July 30	Guest Presider Armstrong Anglican Church
August 3 – 6	Regional Gathering in Whitehorse Yukon
August 7 – 8	Days Off
August 13	St David's, Celista – Blanket Exercise
August 20	St Alban's, Ashcroft Parish Visit

September 1 – December 1 Bishop on Sabbatical Leave

September 14 – 17	Indigenous Consultation – Pinawa MB
September 21 -23	BCY House of Bishops/Prov. Synod Executive Council – Sorrento Centre
September 21	Administration Committee
September 25 – 29	Council of the North Meeting – Toronto
October 14	LMWS training day - LTBA
October 15	Deadline for APCI Parish Grant Applications
October 23 – 27	Joint Clergy Conference with Diocese of Kootenay – Sorrento Centre
October 23 – 27	National House of Bishops – Niagara Falls
November 4	Administration Committee Meeting – face to face (Budget) – Kamloops
November 24 & 25	Coordinating Council Meeting – the Shrine

December 1 – Jan 9, 2018 Bishop on Annual Vacation

