

The Territory of the People

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE:

Happy Thanksgiving! As we approach this thanksgiving week-end I am aware of the abundant blessings we have been gifted with as we move into the fall. I pray we can all take time to stop in the busyness of our life and give thanks for all the blessings in our life. I am especially grateful for.....

- The electoral committee who despite a setback are working hard along with our Coordinating Council to set a new timeline for the election of our first bishop for the Territory. I am so grateful for Melissa Green and this fine team who are giving outstanding leadership.
- I am deeply aware of the ten years I have been privileged to be your Bishop and have been reflecting on my own election. What helped me most to make the decision to be nominated was the number of phone calls from clergy and laity who encouraged me to allow myself to be nominated. For me this was the most important part of my discernment. As you discern clergy to be nominated for your next bishop I want to really encourage you to not hesitate to call individuals and tell them why you feel they are a good candidate. More calls will help any individual as they discern this important ministry. I am grateful for the honour of serving with you.
- Archbishop Melissa Skelton and the BCY House of Bishops are working hard on your behalf to encourage other Bishops to identify and encourage those with leadership skills who may be good candidates to be nominated as your next Bishop. I am grateful we have others who share with us in this time of transition for all the Territory.
- Archbishop Melissa and I are working on a plan to ensure that the work of a Bishop will continue after the end of the year. Dwight Oatway, Margaret Mitchell and I are working on a plan now to ensure the administrative work, pastoral oversight and pulpit supply will continue into the New Year. I am grateful for those who are working hard to ensure we will not be without leadership.
- The Council of the North at its recent meeting approved our block grant of \$168,000 for 2020. Along with our Christian Sharing, this will ensure we can meet most of the requests for parish support from the Territory. The Council approved a 2.4% Cost of Living increase for our clergy stipends. I am grateful for Anglicans across our church nationally who share generously with us through their apportionment to General Synod.
- I am grateful for the faithful weekly prayers in each congregation for new vocations and for the Territory during this time of transition.
- I am grateful for the clergy and laity who each week ensure we have good worship and for all who give outstanding leadership in our parish churches.
- For God's healing grace in the life of many who are sick and suffering within our communities.
- For the many ways the Territory Family gathered continues to do God's mission and ministry throughout the Territory.

Thanksgiving Blessings!

Your grateful Bishop

+Barbara



Prayers...

- ❖ We pray for the Rev Keith Dobyms for continued healing and his wife the Rev Kris Dobyms for loving support.
- ❖ We pray for the Rev Canon Isabel Healy Morrow as she continues her journey of recovery through dialysis and chemo treatments, giving thanks for all who support her.
- ❖ We pray for the people of St. Timothy's 100 Mile House, St. Peter's Williams Lake and St. Luke's Alexis Creek, as they continue their search for ordained leadership.
- ❖ We continue to pray for the Rev Canon Len Fraser grieving his wife Sheila, we pray for Len and Sheila's families.
- ❖ We pray for new vocations for leadership in the church, especially for the Territory of the People.
- ❖ We pray for Bishop Barbara during this time of transition prior to her retirement in December.

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Monday September 30 – For the Children Who Didn't Return Home

You are invited to attend, a gathering at Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux School, near Lytton, at 3:30 pm for a time of prayer and remembrance for the children who died while in Residential school. Bishop Barbara will be in attendance.

Those who cannot attend may wish to remember those children with prayer which is posted to our website [here](#) along with a message from Archbishop Mark McDonald, National Indigenous Bishop.

Directions to the Nlaka'pamux School:

Highway #1 to Lytton via Cache Creek

From Lytton take highway 12 toward Lillooet.

At about 2 kms the health center is on the left.

Take the first left past the health center turning onto St. George's road and follow it to the end. Stein Valley Nlaka'pamux School is on the left.



Monday September 30 - is Orange Shirt Day- A day on which we commemorate the thousands of First Nations, Métis and Inuit children who were removed from their homes at this time of the year and forced to attend residential schools.

Wearing an orange shirt and promoting the slogan, Every Child Matters, is an affirmation of our commitment to raise awareness of the residential school experience and to ensure every child matters as we focus on our hope for a better future in which children are empowered to help each other. For more information check out our website post [here](#).

OTHER NEWS

BCYAYM will be holding their fall conference at Camp Owaissi October 11-14. Click [here](#) for more information

HANDY LINKS:

- How to Pray – a meditation by St. Seraphim of Sarov b.1754. Click [here](#) to view
- Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – **July to September**: click [here](#)
- Calendar of Intercessions Prayer Cycle – **October to December**: click [here](#)
- Pilgrim Paths: labyrinth prayer walks accompanying the church year of prayer, feasts and celebrations. Volumes One and Two in pdf format. More information [here](#)
- Book of Alternative Services: click [here](#)
- Common Praise online: click [here](#)
- Territory of the People website: click [here](#)
- Employee Assistance Program (Lifeworks). Click [here](#)

Electoral Committee News September 2019

The Electoral Committee met via Zoom during the evening of September 25 to address Coordinating Council's call for a new timeline for the Episcopal Election. Coordinating Council directed the Committee to draft a new timeline following the decision to rescind the call for the previously scheduled Electoral Assembly.

The Electoral Committee consists of Chair Melissa Green, Territory Lay Secretary Denise Boulanger, Territory Clergy Secretary the Rev Canon Len Fraser, Counsel to the Bishop Suzanne Jackson, Financial Officer Dwight Oatway, Members-at-large Brenda Munroe, Ken Ponsford, the Very Rev Ken Gray, Amy Charlie, Marlena Anderson, and Liaison for Indigenous Members the Rev Angus Muir.

The Committee was able to draft a tentative new timeline with a back-up timeline should the need arise. The proposed timeline takes into consideration the two major upcoming seasons of the church year: Advent/Christmas and Lent/Easter. The timeline allows more time for nominees to pray over and consider a call, and for candidates to prepare their response packages. It also provides time for members of the Territory to consider prayerfully potential nominees who represent the future of our church, both in changing demographics and changing fiscal resources.

The drafted timeline will be reviewed with Archbishop Melissa Skelton to ensure the proposed date of the Electoral Assembly can be accommodated and then will be submitted to Coordinating Council for ratification. Upon ratification by Coordinating Council, the timeline and call for nominations will be announced in parishes, to Assembly Delegates and publicly via the Territory website.

People of the Territory are reminded that anyone who identifies as a member of the Territory of the People Anglican Church may suggest a nominee, but actual nomination papers must be signed by two delegates of the Territory Assembly or two members of a Parish Council within the Territory. Nominees must be at least 30 years of age, must be a priest or bishop in holy orders in the Anglican Church of Canada or a church in full communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.

Please keep the work of the Electoral Committee in your prayers as we continue the search for a new bishop for the Territory of the People, and keep Bishop Barbara in your prayers during this time of transition in her life.

Questions about the work of the Electoral Committee can be forwarded to Melissa Green at territoryelection@gmail.com

Submitted by Ken Ponsford
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BISHOP'S SCHEDULE AND IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Sept 26	Administration Committee, Zoom 7pm	Nov 3	Scw'exmx Parish visit
Sept 29	Robson Valley Parish Visit	Nov 10	Lytton Parish visit
Sep 27-Oct 7	Margaret on vacation	Nov 17	St. Paul's, Kamloops Parish visit with Archbishop Linda Nicholls
Sep 30	Orange Shirt Day	Nov 22-23	Coordinating Council – The Shrine, Cache Creek
Sep 30	Remembering the Children Stein Valley/Lytton Events	Nov 24	St. Michael's Merritt Parish visit
Oct 6	St. Peter's Williams Lake/St. Luke's Alexis Creek	Dec 1-21	Vacation time
Oct 13	St. Paul's Cathedral Parish Visit - Thanksgiving Sunday	Dec 15	St. Peter's Monte Creek
Oct 15	Grants Deadlines: Territory Parish Grants, Rufus Gibbs	Dec 22	St. Michael's Merritt Parish visit
Oct 17-21	Cariboo Deanery visit	Dec 24	4pm & 7pm St. Paul's Christmas services
Oct 19	Cariboo Deanery Regional Meeting	Dec 24	10 pm St. George's Kamloops Christmas Service
Oct 21-24	Clergy Conference, Sorrento Centre	Dec 31	Happy New Year!
Oct 23	Deadline Ministry Fund Grant	2020	
Oct 27	St. Michael's Merritt Parish visit	July 24 – Aug 3	Lambeth Conference, UK

2020 Holidays and Observances			
Jan 1	New Year's Day	Jun 21	Father's Day
Jan 6	Epiphany	Jun 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day
Feb 2	Groundhog Day	July 1	Canada Day
Feb 14	Valentine's Day	Aug 3	Civic Holiday
Feb 17	Family Day	Sep 7	Labour Day
Mar 9	Commonwealth Day	Oct 12	Thanksgiving Day
Mar 17	St. Patrick's Day	Oct 31	Hallowe'en
Apr 10	Good Friday	Nov 11	Remembrance Day
Apr 12	Easter Sunday	Dec 24	Christmas Eve
Apr 13	Easter Monday	Dec 25	Christmas Day
May 10	Mother's Day	Dec 26	Boxing Day
May 18	Victoria Day	Dec 31	New Year's Eve