

# The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

Anglican Church of Canada

## BISHOP BARBARA'S BULLETIN

August 15, 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

This past Sunday's gospel speaks of the disciples in a boat when a storm comes up and how Jesus meet them in the midst of their fear and concern for their personal safety. Jesus reassures them, and us, that with faith despite the storms of life, the God of love is with us all the time. Sometime we find it hard to hear the voice of God in the storms of our lives. In the Central Interior we can take great comfort in the fact that God is with us as we deal with the effects of the wildfires that are causing storms in our lives this summer. The voice of God is often heard through the actions of others.... As we requested prayer and assistance the wider church has responded with a loud message ... That they stand with us in the midst of this storm for us. I want to share with you some of the many messages I have received from around the world.

When information was first shared on my Facebook page with the church, it was shared around the world more than 600 times; hundreds took the time to write a message of support and encouragement to us on Facebook or messaged me.

Almost immediately the PWRDF fund was in touch with us and we have received an initial donation of \$5,000.00 which we immediately gave to our clergy and parishes to response directly to the needs of those who were evacuated. We helped with meals, provided funds for personal needs, bought bus tickets, filled tanks of gas, provided food and clothing to those who left home without anything, and many more actions of kindness which have not yet been reported as I write to you.

Along with the pouring out of prayers for us, many have sent funds to assist us and I want to share with you some of the messages the Territory office has received.

### Messages from the wider church that came along with donations...

*"I pray daily for you and for all who are at risk or at work in the face of the fires in the Central Interior." from the General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada.*

*"It is hard for us to imagine the challenges that you and your people are facing with the wild forest fires in the B.C. Interior. However, we do know that we are part of your Anglican family and want to assist the diocese in maintaining the ministry of your clergy and congregations as they care for one another and their communities in the midst of this crisis." From the Diocese of Huron.*

Along with the funds from the Diocese of Huron, the Rt. Rev Linda Nicolls, many parishioners in Brantford, and London, Ontario have made numerous contributions.

*"I've been praying for you and your people daily. What you've been doing and the way you have been handling the crisis is so impressive!" from Diocese of Toronto.*

*"This cheque comes with love and prayers from the people of the Diocese of Niagara."*

*"I was saddened to read the article in the Church Times about the wildfires in your Diocese. The photograph of St John by the Latin Gate prompted a connection which I will explain. I was an undergraduate at St John's College, Cambridge. The feast day of St John the Evangelist was in the Christmas vacation when no one was around to celebrate. The college, therefore, transferred celebrations to St John by the Latin Gate in May when we were treated to smoked salmon at dinner. I therefore, feel a kinship with your church and would like you to accept the enclosed (70 pounds to mark my 70<sup>th</sup> birthday this month) as a small contribution towards your relief efforts. From Preston UK.*

*"For the last five years I have been hosting the Bathurst Hospitality Day Breakfast. I turn over \$1000.00 per year over to our St George's Anglican Church. This year with all the forest fires in BC, I decided to send some funds your way." From loyal volunteers who make this project what it is in Bathurst, NB.*

Donations have come from others in Bathurst and Fredericton, NB.

Donations have also come from St Mary's Anglican Church, Whitewood SK, Estevan SK, St David's by the Lake, Celista, BC, through the Diocese of BC and many from our own people within the Territory.

One of the first letters of support came from our brother and sisters in Christ of All Saints' Fort along with a generous donation. The Bishop of the Diocese of Athabasca and his staff have called us almost weekly to offer guidance and support to our office.

We are grateful for the outpouring of prayers and support we have received. These are just some samples of the voice of God to us, in this storm of wildfires, that have come through the kindness of others. May we be the voice of God to those whom we serve within our communities.

Blessings,

**+Barbara**

### **Territory News**

**Congratulations to Dale Drozda**, our Archive Clerk for winning the TRU Faculty of Arts Co-operative Educational Award. Dale is the first recipient of this award which recognizes a co-op student in the Faculty of Arts who is in good standing with the Co-operative Education program and has demonstrated qualities valued by the Co-op program, TRU and Co-op employers. This award recognizes Dale's commitment to Co-op, and her willingness to persevere, take initiative

and work hard to go above and beyond the expectations of her work term employer. Her willingness to learn and contribute, not only during the work term, but also with the program and her fellow Co-op students made Dale an excellent candidate for this award.

This is the second summer Dale has worked with us in the Territory office doing the archival work, research for the Diocese of Cariboo Remembered project and in this time of crisis within the Central Interior making herself available to jump in where needed. We are proud of Dale as she receives this award and appreciate all she has done for us. Well done, Dale!

**St Hilda's Savona** has now been closed and various items must be removed by August 25, as the new owner takes over at the end of August. We have a large number of BAS, Common Praises and other worship books, along with some vestments, altar linens and holy hardware. A number of wooden chairs are available from the parish hall, along with pews, altar, chairs and many other items. Please be in touch with the Bishop if you wish to have any of these items - [apcibishop@shaw.ca](mailto:apcibishop@shaw.ca)

### **Prayer Requests:**

Please pray for all who have been and continue to be affected by the wildfires. For the firefighters and all who make daily decision regarding the ongoing fight against these wildfires that have so effected the Central Interior.

Please pray for Alexis Saunders as she retires from St Michael's, Prince George.

Please pray for Debbie and Clive Scheepers as they take up ministry at St Michael's, Prince George and inducted into this ministry on August 27<sup>th</sup> 7 pm.

Please pray for Danny Whitehead as he prepare to leave the Territory and take up ministry in Alabama.

Please pray for Jo Ann Hinter as she care for her mother in Victoria and for her mother who is gravely ill.

Please pray for Alida Privett, Barbara Frame, Archbishop John Privett, Anne Privett and member of their family, as they mourn the death of Alida's father, The Right Rev John Frame, retired Bishop of the Diocese of Yukon.

**Continue Education Opportunities** – Highly recommended for both laity and clergy.

### **P102 Ministry of Evangelism Today – Kootenay School of Ministry**

Sept. 15-18, 2017 at Christ Church Anglican, 46 – 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue S., Cranbrook

Instructor: The Rt. Rev. Patrick Yu

## **PREACHING WORKSHOP - Diocese of New Westminster**

The Art and Craft of Preaching is a workshop offered by the Diocese of New Westminster, the Episcopal Preaching Foundation and the Vancouver School of Theology. It will be led by Bishop Skelton, the Reverend Nathan Kirkpatrick, and Ms Christine Parton-Burkett. The event will be held at the Synod Office from Thursday, September 28 to Saturday, September 30, 2017. The registration fee is \$95 and includes three meals (Dinner Thursday, Lunch Friday, Lunch Saturday). More information and the registration link can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/TheArtandCraftofPreaching>

### **Bishop's Schedule and Important Fall dates and deadlines**

August 13	St Timothy 100 Mile House – Parish Visit
August 20	St Alban's Ashcroft Parish Visit – Installation of Canon Molly Platz
August 25	St Saviour's Barkerville
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter's Williams Lake Parish Visit
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	Induction of Debbie Scheepers – St Michael's and All Angels, Prince George

### **September 1 – December 1 Bishop on Sabbatical Leave**

September 14 – 17	Indigenous Consultation – Pinawa MB – Bishop attending
September 21 -23	BCY House of Bishops/Prov. Synod Executive Council – Sorrento Centre
September 21	Administration Committee – Ken Gray Chair
September 25 – 29	Council of the North Meeting – Toronto – Dwight Oatway attending
October 21	LMWS training day – Preaching with Peter Zimmer – 100 Mile House

### **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 – Kamloops – Ken Gray Chair
November 24 & 25	Coordinating Council Meeting – the Shrine – Ken Gray Chair

### **December 1 – Jan 9, 2018 Bishop on Annual Vacation**