

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC



Upcoming Events

Camp Cal Work Day

January 18th, 2020

Council of Elders

Monday, May 4th - Terrace

Diocesan Synod

May 8th & 9th - Terrace

Youth Gathering

May 22 - 23 - Camp Cal

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Week 1 - July 6 -11

Week 2 - July 13 - 18



Annual Reports ~ Why?

Welcome to 2020! Part of New Year's is looking back over the past year. Reflecting on the blessing that God has given us, and the challenges that called us to lean more on God too. The church does this by sending out annual report forms that the congregations are required to complete. It seems a tedious task with little or no purpose to it. Or is there?!

How do we look?

There are several reasons we do a head count. The first is to know how many people we are ministering to throughout the week. This is why we do an average weekly attendance (excluding funerals and weddings), as opposed to a Sunday service count. Some congregations may have their largest service at another





Bishop's Travels

January 1	Prince Rupert
January 5	Terrace & Kitimat
Jan 10 - 23	Study Leave
January 26	Prince Rupert
February 2	Laxgalts'ap
February 9	Hazelton
February 23	Port Edward
March 1	Laxgalts'ap
March 8	Bulkley Valley
March 15	Terrace & Kitimat
March 29	Gingolx
April 3	Vanderhoof
April 5	Dawson Creek
April 9	Mackenzie
April 10	Chetwynd
April 11	Hudson's Hope
April 12	North Peace
Apr 19 - 28	House of Bishops
May 10	Gitlaxt'aamiks
May 17	Laxgalts'ap

point in the week. And this way shut-ins and fresh expressions are included as well.

Second, this outlines where time is being spent by the clergy and lay leadership. If there are lots of funerals, then pastoral care is central at that time. If there are lots of baptisms and confirmations, growing disciples is where the energy is being spent. Both are totally valid, the numbers help paint a picture.

Third, there are governance issues. How many people are sent to Diocesan Synod and General Synod for example. As there are a number of congregations with less than 10 for a weekly average, this means that they are not entitled to a Synod Delegate. While we are looking at changing the Canon, without the completed forms it is difficult to say if the congregation is active.

More than knees and nickels

The most important aspect is these numbers tell us about the health of a congregation. From this information the correct resources can be found for each congregations needs. While it may seem minor, these forms are important!

