

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Morning Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 8 MT

St. Mark's, Dawson Creek
Facebook Page

Mid-day Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 12:15 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Compline

Nightly

9:00 pm PT on Facebook

10 pm PT on Vimeo & YouTube

Diocesan Service

Sundays

10:00 am PT on Facebook,
YouTube, and Vimeo

Synod 2021

Is planned for April 30 and May 1 in Prince Rupert at St. Andrew's Cathedral. More details to follow.



Mission Action Planning

by Bishop David Lehmann

This past month, the Diocese embarked on a new program of Mission Action Plans. Four parishes have entered into the process of meeting monthly to walk together in building a plan for each of their parishes. These plans will look at the current ministries of each parish within its historical context, the community where the ministry is based, and discern what God is calling them to do. This may be an affirmation of current ministries, or a new ministry based on the leading of the Holy Spirit.

What is a Mission Action Plan?

According to the Diocese of London: "Mission Action Planning is a tried and tested way of putting flesh on to what we say of ourselves as a Church and Parish, exploring



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Bishop's Travels

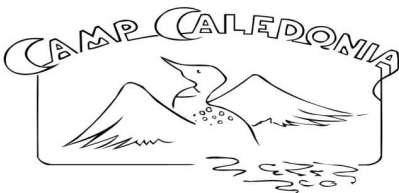
Due to CoVid-19 restrictions, the Bishop has no planned travels in February.

Welcome!

Welcome to Teresa Kennedy, our Finance Manager. Teresa is working remotely from Kelowna and holds the same position for the Diocese of Kootenay. She may be reached at finance@caledoniaanglican.ca

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our strengths and the challenges that face us, and putting together a realistic plan for the way forward that God is calling us to.” And “The aim is for this to be an organic document, expressing your church’s DNA. As a working tool it should also grow and change as your work for the Kingdom in your particular locale develops. Mission Action Plans vary widely from parish to parish depending on whether it is the first or fourth Mission Action Plan for a church; the size of the church, its location and church tradition.”

The process - Desire, Review, Choose, Plan, and Act

Surrounded in prayer and passion to serve Christ in his Church, the true starting point is a Desire to see the parish thrive in the Spirit. The first step is to review the ministry and mission of the parish. This involves looking at the history of the congregation as represented in the recent Parish Profile, AGM reports, statistics, and conversations with members. Added to this is a review of the community. Once this is gathered, the discernment begins and a vision takes shape. As the priorities of the ministry are determined, a plan is formed. The plan is based on tangible goals that can be accomplished in one to three years. The plan is shared and celebrated with the congregation. Acting on the plan and keeping it alive is the final step. That is, until it all repeats on an annual cycle!

Mission and Vision Statements

What is our guiding principle? It usually is found in our Mission and Vision statements. These, though sometimes appearing trite, are crucial to focusing our ministry. Every congregation is different, and each has its own call. How we share that vision and mission is important as it sets boundaries and frees us. Boundaries do limit the area of ministry, but the freedom is that we can settle on specific tasks. We can’t do everything, but by doing one or two things, we can do them well, and bring glory to God.

Zoom AGMs

Parishes planning AGMs are encouraged to use Zoom. While secret ballots are not possible, the rest of the meeting can take place.

Ruby's Thoughts

Some thoughts on love

“Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him. “Tend my sheep.” *John 21: 16*

When we wake up in the morning it is quite normal for my husband to say: “I love you.” And give me a big hug. Then it is also normal for him to say: “Scratch my back, right in the middle.” If we didn't love each other we would not be close enough for me to scratch his back!

Our Lord said to Peter: “Do you love me?” Then he said: “feed my sheep.” I can't help but notice that Jesus

Be intentional

One thing I shared with the parishes embarking on this journey is the importance of being intentional. When the first restrictions of CoVid happened last spring, I decided to support local restaurants by eating out. In no time, I found it hard to wear my glasses, and I wondered just how much weight I had put on. Over the past 9 months, I have lost 60 pounds. This has taken intentionality, being mindful of what I eat and walking at least 30 minutes every day. While I still have more to lose, I am keenly aware that change and growth require thoughtfulness, daily effort, and God's good graces. This applies to the mission of the parish too.

Conclusion

Mission Action Plans affirm our mission and ministry as a congregation. They free us from trying to do it all, and to be focused and intentional in ministry. They are organic, community, and time specific. While they are not the cure-all for what ails the church, they do give us traction and direction in a time when that it needed. Please pray for the parishes who have engaged in this work and for all the ministry across the Diocese.

Prayers for the mission of the church

Book of Common Prayer

O GOD of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favourably upon thy whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; and by the tranquil operation of thy perpetual providence carry out the work of salvation; that things which were cast down may be raised up, and that all things may return into unity through him by whom all things were made, even thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

needed to know where Peter stood before he could give him a job to do. And he did have a job for Peter – a specific job. I think it is important for us as Christians to get this right. Our Lord can use us but we need to be right with Him first. Then we need to listen for our job. It is not good enough for us to go madly off in all directions to serve God. We need, in humility, to take time to discern what God's will is for us. We are important to God as individuals. Also we need to remember that we are not the only person who God has a job for. Once we get this through our (thick) heads we will have less stress. It is not that our road will be easy, but we will know that the Holy Spirit will guide us on our way. We will not be working alone. And we will certainly not need to experience success or praise in order to keep going.

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Book of Alternative Services

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. We ask this in his name and for his sake. Amen.

Good News in difficult days

some hope

Stories wanted

If you have a Good News story to share, please email it to admin@caledoniaanglican.ca Please include pictures, if possible!

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*

A special Ash Wednesday Service will be shared on all social media platforms on February 17th at 10:00 am.

Tithing Options

One of the concerns expressed is how we can continue to support the mission and ministry of the local congregations. Easy! Either arrange to mail in or drop off post-dated cheques, complete the forms on the Diocesan website for direct debit, or go to CanadaHelps.org or PayPal Charities and donate to your parish or the Diocese. For more information, please contact your parish treasurer.