

CALEDONIA CONNECTOR

Serving Anglicans in Northern BC

Upcoming Diocesan Events

Mid-day Prayer

Monday - Saturday ~ 12:15 PT

St. Andrew's Cathedral
Facebook Page

Compline

Nightly

9:00 PT on Facebook

10:00 PT on Vimeo & YouTube

Diocesan Service

Sundays

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

Synod 2021

Will be on September 10 & 11 in Prince Rupert at St. Andrew's Cathedral or online if required. More details to follow.

Razing and Reconciliation

by Bishop David Lehmann

Canada Day 2021 was different not because of CoVid-19, but because of the public acknowledgement of unmarked and undocumented graves of children at Residential Schools. The deep and generational wounds of the Residential Schools and the church's participation in them was thrust to the forefront this year. While the TRC shared many stories, the graves give voice to the deep pain anew.

Seeing churches razed in response to the growing list of schools and graves is not easy. St. Paul's in Gitwangak was a place of spiritual significance for the Indigenous people there. Members of the congregation spoke of how their elders had built the church and generations worshipped there. This adds to the wounds and divides a fractured community further.

The work of reconciliation is not academic or clean. It is messy and difficult work. Primates Peers and Hiltz both knew this when they offered apologies for the harms done by the church through colonization. These apologies are part of the process of healing. The whole church is in need of healing as we address systemic racism. Please pray for Christ's peace for all affected by the trauma of the Residential Schools and the razing of the churches.



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Bishop's Travels

July 4 Gitlaxt'aamiks & Laxgalts'ap

July 10 Chetwynd & North Peace

July 11 Dawson Creek

July 25 Vanderhoof

Aug 1 Gitlaxt'aamiks & Laxgalts'ap

Aug 8 Prince Rupert

Aug 15 Prince Rupert

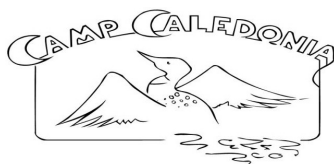
Aug 22 Terrace & Kitimat

Aug 29 Prince Rupert

Sept 5 Gitlaxt'aamiks & Laxgalts'ap

Camp Caledonia

Due to CoVid-19 pandemic, Camp Cal is closed for 2021 for all rentals and programs.



Summer Relaxation

by Bishop David Lehmann

There is Good News. God loves you. All of you. Even these bits you don't like about yourself. God loves all of you.

There is good news. The Public Health Orders limiting worship have been lifted as of July 1st! Thanks be to God!

It has been a long journey through this pandemic. God has blessed us with patience and compassion. God has blessed us with brilliant medical minds and strong leaders who have seen us through this times. Yes, things could have been better, but they could have been much worse. Thankfully people have taken the opportunity to receive the vaccines and we are in a healthier place. But what does this mean for worship in Caledonia?

Return of singing and masks stay

We are singing, though we are remaining masked for worship, as new variants, that are more contagious, are present in the Diocese. As such, caution is in order. Fellowship hour is treated like a restaurant, masks on while moving about and off whilst seated. It is great to hear congregation gathering and enjoying time together. Please pray for those who are not able to join yet, and find tangible ways to include them.

Ruby's Thoughts

“And God saw that it was good.” *Genesis 1: 12b*

The North Peace, where I live, is a beautiful part of the world. I enjoy the changing seasons: in the winter the snow lets me ski and the long summer days let me garden. During COVID times Lorne and I go for drives on Sunday afternoons and I get to know the country better. There are lovely farm fields out back of the main roads – undiscovered beauty.

It is easy for me to love flowers, baby goats, and fields with crops growing. It is a challenge to love my own prickly self and my prickly neighbours. But God made us good and loves us - warts and all. I pray that God will not give up on us but teach us to love each other. Perhaps if I stick with it asking God's help it will be like those lovely fields hidden away off the main roads. I will find in people (and in myself) beauty just waiting to be discovered,

Planning for the fall

With summer activities comes the awareness that fall is around the corner. (I know, I'm a buzz kill talking about fall in early July.) Soon the Staples commercials for school supplies will be running and we need to be planning too. The Seasons of Creation resources are available on the national website. Elsewhere on the net, materials may be found for Back to Church Sunday and the Blessing of the Backpacks.

Council of Elders

Another part of our fall planning is to have a Council of Elders on September 9th in Prince Rupert. This will be the first meeting since the fall of 2019. Every parish is invited to name an Indigenous Elder who will represent them at these meetings. Please forward names to the Diocese by August 15.

Synod 2021

St. Andrew's Cathedral is preparing to welcome our Synod delegates on September 10th and 11th. Delegate packages will be mailed out by August 15th.

Mission Action Plans

Completed Mission Action Plans will be shared at Synod! It is exciting to see how mission and ministry are being lived out across the Diocese. The Holy Spirit is active and working in the lives of our all parishioners in remarkable way.

Conclusion

We are called to be people of hope. We hope for Christ's kingdom to come on earth, as it is in heaven. We hope for Christ's peace in all the world. We hope to move through CoVid and find a new normalcy. We hope as we gather and praise God from whom all blessings flow. As we enjoy our ability to gather and sing, may we also be mindful of those who are not with us and those we are called to reach out to.

gifts waiting to be encouraged. I pray that I may see people with the eyes of Christ or as the BCP puts it “awake I may watch with Christ.”

Ruby McBeth is a Lay Reader in the North Peace Parish

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*

Council of Elders

A meeting is planned for Thursday, September 9th, ahead of Synod. Details will follow.

Good News in difficult days

some hope

Final Diocesan Award presented

Willard Martin was the third person to receive a Diocesan Award. It was given in recognition for his ministry in Laxgalts’ap, the Nisga’a Nation, the Diocese, and ACIP.

Stories wanted

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

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.

Gospel Based Discipleship

Attached are the Gospel readings for July. Read the Gospel three times asking 1. what words jump out, 2. what is Jesus saying to me, and 3. what is Jesus calling me to do? The Gospel Based Discipleship book may be found at www.anglican.ca



Gospel Based Discipleship — July 2021

Date	Day	Gospel	Colour
1	Thursday	Mt 9:1-8	Green
2	Friday	Mt 9:9-13	Green
3	St Thomas the Apostle	Jn 20:24-29	Red
4	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Mk 6:1-13	Green
5	Monday	Mt 9:18-26	Green
6	Thomas More, Lawyer	Mt 9:32-38	Green
7	Wednesday	Mt 10:1-7	Green
8	Thursday	Mt 10:8-15	Green
9	Friday	Mt 10:16-23	Green
10	Saturday	Mt 10:24-33	Green
11	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	Mk 6:14-29	Green
12	Monday	Mt 10:34—11:1	Green
13	Henry, Missionary Bishop in Finland	Mt 11:20-24	Green
14	Wednesday	Mt 11:25-27	Green
15	Thursday	Mt 11:28-30	Green
16	Friday	Mt 12:1-8	Green
17	Saturday	Mt 12:14-21	Green
18	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost	Mk 6:30-34, 53-56	Green
19	Monday	Mt 12:38-42	Green
20	Tuesday	Mt 12:46-50	Green
21	Wednesday	Mt 13:1-9	Green
22	St Mary Magdalene	Jn 20:1-3, 11-18	White
23	Friday	Mt 13:18-23	Green
24	Saturday	Mt 13:24-30	Green
25	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Jn 6:1-21	Green
26	St James the Apostle	Mt 20:20-28	Red
27	Tuesday	Mt 13:36-43	Green
28	Wednesday	Mt 13:44-46	Green
29	William Wilberforce, Social Reformer	Mt 13:47-53	Green
30	Friday	Mt 13:54-58	Green
31	Saturday	Mt 14:1-12	Green

Continuing Education

Certificate in Theological Studies

Overview of Program

The Certificate in Theological Studies is for all who are interested in deepening their understanding of contemporary theological thought through active engagement with the topics and theological disciplines explored in VST workshops and courses. An undergraduate degree is not required.

The program as outlined below is specially designed to support the continuing education of lay leaders in the Anglican Diocese of Caledonia, but is open to all who are interested.

Length of Program

The Certificate is granted at VST's Convocation ceremony to students who successfully complete 18 Continuing Education Credits of study. The Certificate program is generally undertaken part-time, although the program can be completed full-time in one year of study. All course work must be completed within 8 years of beginning in the Certificate program.

Courses: Certificate courses are taught by VST faculty and visiting scholars from around the world, and most are courses in which Diploma and Degree students are also participating. Course requirements for this **18-credit Certificate program** include:

- ❖ **TH500 – Introduction to Christian Theology (3 credits)**
- ❖ **NT500 – Synoptic Gospels (3)**
- ❖ **One course in Practical Theology from among:**
 - PT500 – Spiritual and Theological Foundations for Public and Pastoral Leadership (3)
 - PT551 – Pastoral/Spiritual Care and Practice (3)
 - HOM500 – Homiletics (3)
 - ED500 – Catechesis and Community (3)
 - LS500 – Introduction to Christian Worship (3)
 - DS501 – Anglican Liturgy (2)
- ❖ **One course in Indigenous Studies from among:**
 - SP513 – Indigenous Spirituality and the Christian Faith (3)
 - TH514 – Indigenous Theologies and Epistemologies (3)
 - Indigenous Studies Program (ISP) Summer School (courses are 1.5 credits each)*
- ❖ **Additional credits of a student's choice to make up the required 18 credits**

Some restrictions may apply as to which courses may be taken for the Certificate program. Normally, any course numbered in the 100's or 500's can be taken to fulfill requirements in the Certificate program.

***Indigenous Studies Program Summer School** registration is completed through the ISP office, under the purview of the Director of Indigenous Studies. Non-indigenous student are initially waitlisted. Non-indigenous students are also required to attend an orientation for non-indigenous students in ISP summer school, as well as VST's Module J: Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Research Methods, offered every Fall term.

Transfer into a VST Diploma or Degree Program: Certificate Credits may not be transferred directly into VST's Diploma or Degree programs.

Transfer of external coursework: The Continuing Education Certificate program assume that all credits are taken at VST or through the Indigenous Studies Program summer program. No continuing education courses or workshops from other institutions can be used in this program.

Application and tuition fees:

Persons interested in pursuing a Continuing Education Certificate should submit the following to the Admissions Office:

1. Certificate Application Form
2. 200-400 word reflection on goals for study
3. 2 letters of reference attesting to readiness for study, including one from Bishop Lehman indicating support for your participation in this specialized program
4. A \$25 application fee

Application into the Certificate in Theological Studies can take place at any time throughout the year, as long as both the application form and reference letters are received no later than the student's actual registration into a specific course. Application and reference forms are available on line or from the Admissions office. Admission is confirmed through the Registrar.

Certificate tuition is \$192/credit hour. Registration and student fees also apply.

Certificate course work expectations:

- All reading as assigned by instructor
- Class participation and group work (at least 80% attendance for 12-week classes; 100% attendance for intensives and workshops)
- 9-12 pages of reflection-based writing per 3-credit course, or the equivalent in oral presentation

Written and oral assignments should:

- Demonstrate the ability to thoughtfully engage the material and reading for the class
- Give a personal reflection on the reading and material covered

Due dates for papers and assignments are the same as those for degree students. Certificate courses will be evaluated on an Approved (APP) /Not Approved (NAPP) system. No letter grades will be given for the completion of Certificate courses.