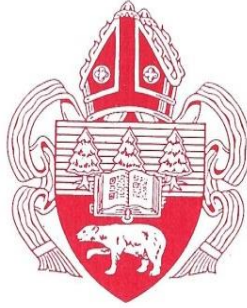


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ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

To be read at the main service on Sunday, Jan. 26/14

January 21, 2014

Dear Friends:

I greet you in the name of our Risen Lord.

Many of you are well aware that the Diocese of Yukon is struggling with how to minister to all the people of the Diocese with less and less financial resources. These decreasing resources mean fewer ministers working in the Diocese. At the same time the population is growing and the need for ministry is growing.

At our last Executive meeting, it was decided to form a committee to look at "The Shape of Our Future". This committee will look at our needs, our resources, our current structure and ask how we can best minister to the people of Yukon and Northern BC. Some of the questions they will look at are:

- should we remain a diocese?
- the role of the Bishop - does he need to be in the diocese or should he have a parish?
- the role of the Diocesan Office
- joining with other dioceses
- the structure of the diocese

If we remain as we are, we could be in a bankruptcy position in not too many years. We are looking for a variety of people with a concern for the diocese and willingness to work together over the next year to ask the difficult questions. As Bishop, I will not be on that committee because I want to hear other thoughts and opinions which may be different from my own. The terms of references are attached. If you feel you can help on this committee please let your minister know or contact the Diocesan Office. It is hoped that the committee will have a report for the next Synod held in May of 2015.

Thank you for considering to be part of this very important committee.

In Christ,

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