

Prayer Cycle



The Council of the North began when the National Executive Council (in 1970) of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada appointed a taskforce to consider the challenges and opportunities for ministry in the northern parts of Canada. The following year this taskforce was replaced with the Primate's Taskforce on the Church in the North. In 1973 this taskforce became the Primate's Council on the North. By 1976 this body evolved into the present Council of the North.

The Council of the North meets twice a year to consider how to provide sacramental and pastoral ministry to isolated communities and enhance the mission of the Church in the north. It reports to both the Council of General Synod and to the meetings of General Synod.

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The Council of the North is made up of: 9 dioceses, 1 regional grouping of parishes and 1 Archdeaconry.

Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, Bishop Gordon Light,

Diocese of the Arctic, Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk,

Diocese of Athabasca, Archbishop John Clarke,

Diocese of Brandon, Bishop Jim Njegovan,

Diocese of Caledonia, Bishop William Anderson,

Archdeaconry of Labrador. Bishop Cy Pitman,

Diocese of Keewatin, Bishop David Ashdown,

Diocese of Moosonee, Archbishop Caleb Lawrence,

Diocese of Quebec, Archbishop Bruce Stavert,

Diocese of Saskatchewan, Bishop Anthony Burton,

Diocese of Yukon, Archbishop Terry Buckle,

The Bishops and other members of the Council would like everyone to pray for the all the people and clergy in the area of the Council of the North. Remember our challenges of travel, language, isolation, and training. Pray that God will be with each of us as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our communities.

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DIOCESE OF THE ARCTIC

January



The Diocese of the Arctic is the largest diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada. It covers an area of some 4 million square kilometers, one third the landmass of Canada. It stretches from the Yukon border on the west through the Northwest Territories, Nunavut Territory, Nunavik (northern Quebec) to the border of Labrador. The Diocese of the Arctic came into being in 1933 after almost a hundred years of missionary work in the north. The first bishop of the Arctic was Bishop Flemming. There are 31 parishes (covering 52 congregations) in the diocese, of these 9 are self-supporting, and in all but 6 the native language is used as the primary language during worship. There are numerous languages spoken within the diocese.

Pray for Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk and for Regional Bishops Larry Robertson and Ben Arreak. Pray for the people and clergy of the diocese. Pray for the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung, which trains locally raised up people for ordained ministry in the diocese. Pray for the parish in Iqaluit as it continues to work toward rebuilding St. Jude's cathedral. Pray for the Synod office staff in Yellowknife and for the translation team.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF LABRADOR IN THE DIOCESE OF EASTERN NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR

February



The Archdeaconry of Labrador is the largest geographical area of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador and the most sparsely populated part of the diocese. The Archdeaconry is overseen by Archdeacon Jennifer Gosse. There are 6 parishes in the archdeaconry and 8 clergy and layleaders who pastor and minister there. The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador was formed in 1976 when the three dioceses formed from the one Diocese of Newfoundland. Within the Archdeaconry is a multi-cultural society with 3 main aboriginal groups: Inuit, Innu and Labrador Metis.

Pray for Bishop Cy Pitman, for Archdeacon Jennifer Gosse and the clergy and people of the archdeaconry. Remember their ministry to those who are very isolated from each other. Pray for the new clergy who are settling into their parishes, for the Labrador Planning and Strategy Conference that meets each winter, and for the annual Labrador Anglican Youth Gathering which takes place in the early fall.

Pray also for the Winter Meeting of the Council which takes place this month. Pray for the Bishops and staff who gather to learn from each other, to pray together, and to plan for the future mission and ministry of the Council of the North.

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DIOCESE OF YUKON

March



The Diocese of Yukon was formed in 1891 under the name of Selkirk and was renamed Yukon in 1907. The diocese covers the Yukon Territory and parts of Northern British Columbia. It also covers some areas of Alaska when required. There are 15 congregations serving 24 communities. There are a total of 30 clergy and licensed lay workers who minister in the diocese. The diocese serves a multi cultural society which includes 15 First Nations with 10 different language groups.

Pray for Archbishop Terry Buckle (Archbishop of British Columbia and the Yukon), the synod office staff, the people and clergy of the diocese. Pray for the ongoing development of circle ministry and for the Bishop's Aboriginal Advisory Council.

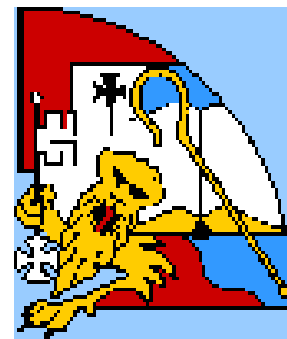
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DIOCESE OF QUEBEC

April



The Diocese of Quebec was founded in 1793 and makes up most of the geographical province of Quebec. The diocese has 39 parishes which serve 105 congregations. The issue of geography and language can contribute to much of the feeling of isolation that Anglicans in the diocese have to deal with. Many of the largest parishes of the diocese can be found on the Lower North Shore, on the Gaspé Peninsula, and on the Magdalen Islands. There is a large aboriginal parish in Kawawachikamach, which is a Naskapi village near the mining town of Schefferville. The diocese continues to work on how to engage both the francophone and anglophone populations in a culture which does not take the church as seriously as it used to.

Pray for Archbishop Bruce Stavert (Archbishop of Canada), for the people and clergy of the diocese as they continue to work on how to provide pastoral care and support with decreasing resources; Pray for the work of the new French speaking deanery of the diocese - ministry with French speaking people and Pierre Voyer, the Archdeacon of St. Laurent, Claude Lamarre, the Rural Dean and Michel Royer, a new Deacon in the Parish of Tous les Saints.

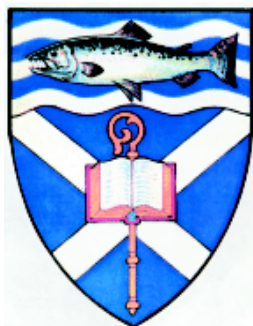
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DIOCESE OF CALEDONIA

May



The Diocese of Caledonia was founded in 1879 and takes up much of northwestern British Columbia. There are 19 parishes in the diocese which serve 30 congregations. There are 24 active clergy who serve the people of the diocese. The First Nations cultures of the diocese are rich in diversity; including Haid, Nisgaa, Tsimsian, and Gitsan.

Pray for Bishop William Anderson, the people and the clergy of the diocese as they seek to be faithful in living the Great Commission.

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DIOCESE OF MOOSONEE

June



The Diocese of Moosonee was founded in 1872 and as their website says, "occupies a special place within the mosaic of the Anglican Church of Canada." It is the second largest diocese in the country. The diocese straddles two provinces, northeastern Ontario, and northwestern Quebec. About half of the Anglicans living in the diocese are aboriginal; mainly Cree.

Pray for Archbishop Caleb Lawrence (Archbishop of Ontario), the people and clergy of the diocese as they strive to develop appropriate patterns of ministry in the face of reduced resources and profound demographic change among people of various languages, spiritualities and cultures.

Pray also for all the delegates of the Council of the North dioceses who will be members of General Synod 2007 at its meeting in Winnipeg.

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ANGLICAN PARISHES OF THE CENTRAL INTERIOR

July



The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior includes the parishes and communities that were formerly within the jurisdiction of the Diocese of Cariboo. As a result of the costs of litigation arising from the Residential Schools, Cariboo wound up its operations in 2001 and asked the Metropolitan of the Province of British Columbia and Yukon to give pastoral oversight. In 2003, the Assembly of the Central Interior asked the Provincial Synod for permission to elect a Suffragan to the Metropolitan with responsibility for pastoral care of the clergy and parishes. There are 17 parishes in this regional grouping which take care of 45 congregations. There are 11 full time clergy, 15 part time clergy and 62 Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament who serve the people of these parishes

Pray for Bishop Gordon Light, Suffragan Bishop responsible for the Central Interior. Pray for the people and clergy as they explore a different way to be church within the Anglican Church of Canada.

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DIOCESE OF KEEWATIN

August



The Diocese of Keewatin was founded in 1902 when it was ceded from the then large Diocese of Rupert's Land. Keewatin is the third largest diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada - taking up much of northwestern Ontario and northeastern Manitoba. The diocese is home to five language groups: Oji-Cree, Cree, Dene, Ojibway, and English. The diocese has 48 parishes with 91 clergy (most of whom are non-stipendiary) serving the people of these parishes.

Pray for Bishop David Ashdown, Dean Hugh Matheson, Dean of Keewatin and Archdeacon Larry Beardy, Archdeacon of Keewatin and for all in leadership in the diocese. As the diocese begins to discern where the Spirit is leading them in changing structures to fit the needs of mission and ministry pray for the people in the parishes who are doing this work. Pray also for the students and staff of the Dr. William Winter School of Ministry in Kingfisher Lake, ON.

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FALL MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE NORTH September



Bishops of the Council of the North with Archbishop Andrew Hutchison, Primate after receiving gifts from the Tataskweyak Cree Nation in September of 2005. The First Nation hosted the full meeting of the Council of the North in its community.

The Bishops and one other diocesan representative meet in the fall of each year; usually late September or early October. At this meeting they discuss compensation for the clergy and lay workers of the Council dioceses, decide upon grant applications for special programs, and work together in planning for presentations and the future direction of the Council. The Council of the North reports to both the Council of General Synod and to the General Synod.

Pray for Bishop Anthony Burton, Chair of the Council of the North, Archbishop Caleb Lawrence, Vice-Chair, and Fiona Brownlee, Secretary of the Council. As the Council works to increase the awareness of its mission and ministry across the whole of the Anglican Church of Canada pray that support for its work may be made visible and that people living and working in isolated communities to provide pastoral and sacramental care may be fully supported in the work that they do.

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DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA October



The Diocese of Athabasca was founded in 1874 when it was ceded by then large Diocese of Rupert's Land. The diocese covers the upper third of the province of Alberta. There are 18 parishes and 2 shared ministries within the diocese that take care of 32 congregations. There are 18 clergy who serve the various parishes of the diocese.

Pray for their Bishop, Archbishop John Clarke (Archbishop of Rupert's Land) and Donna Meeres, the secretary treasurer for the Diocese. Pray for the vision of the Diocese of Athabasca as they move from being a Mission Diocese to a Diocese of Mission. The paternalism of the past is being rejected in favour of spiritual and ecclesial maturity and in this way they seek to meet the challenges of one of the fastest growing areas in Canada.

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DIOCESE OF BRANDON November



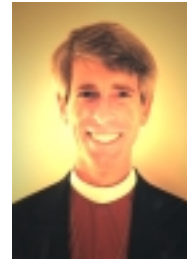
The Diocese of Brandon was founded in 1913 and incorporated in 1925. It takes up the western half of the province of Manitoba. The parishes in the south are primarily in farming communities and the parishes in the north are primarily resource based and mostly Cree people. There are 28 parishes in the diocese who care for 56 congregations. There are 32 clergy in the diocese of which a third are non-stipendiary. The diocese is home to the Henry Budd College for Ministry in The Pas; a place where people come to be trained for lay and ordained ministry.

Pray for Bishop Jim Njegovan and for the Synod office staff. Pray for the co-coordinators of Henry Budd College; Marion Jenkins and Paul Sodtke. Pray for the diocese as it works towards a more intentional relationship between its non-aboriginal and aboriginal parishes.

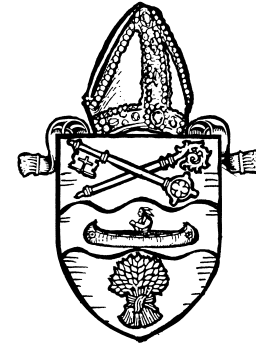


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DIOCESE OF SASKATCHEWAN December



*Bishop Anthony Burton,
Bishop of Saskatchewan
Chair of the Council of the North*



The Diocese of Saskatchewan was founded in 1874. It takes up the upper two-thirds of the province of Saskatchewan. There are 68 congregations organized into 32 parishes. The majority of parishioners are Cree and speak one of three dialects of that language. Almost all the Cree parishes are served by Cree clergy. There are also many non-Cree people in the southern parishes. The diocese hosts the James Settee College, which trains people for lay and ordained ministry, and a youth ministry camp at Emma Lake. The Suffragan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Charles Arthurson, was in 1989 the first aboriginal person to be ordained a bishop in Canada. The Diocesan Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Anthony Burton, was the youngest bishop in the Anglican Communion when he was consecrated in 1993.

Pray for Bishop Anthony Burton and for Bishop Charles Arthurson. Please pray for the diocese's vigorous youth ministries and for an increase in aboriginal vocations.

