



The Council of the North began in 1970 when the National Executive Council 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 had evolved into the present Council of the North.

The Council of the North is made up of all bishops of the assisted diocese. They administer the General Synod's grants for northern mission. The council meets twice a year to consider the needs of the mission and ministry of the Church in the north. It reports to both the Council of General Synod and to the meeting of General Synod.

The Bishops of the Council of the North believe that their purpose is, under God, to equip one another in their mission to enormous and thinly populated dioceses; to offer mutual encouragement and pastoral care, hope to the oppressed, and challenge to the complacent. In all they do, they strive to be a sign of the Kingdom of Christ, who makes all things new, and to keep faith with partners in the wider Church who uphold them by their prayers and substance.

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The Bishops and other members of the Council would like everyone to pray for 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.

We, who are many, are one body in Christ and
Individually members one of another.
Romans 12:5



Council of the North Prayer Cycle



The Council of the North is a grouping of financially assisted dioceses, which are supported through grants by General Synod. There are 9 dioceses, the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and the Archdeaconry of Labrador. They are in sparsely populated areas such as the Arctic, Yukon, Northern and Central Interior British Columbia, Alberta, northern Saskatchewan and Manitoba; northern Ontario, northern Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador.

In these parts of the country, costs, particularly of travel, are high but financial resources are scarce.

The council comprised of all bishops of the assisted diocese administers the General Synod's grants for northern mission; the council meets twice a year to share information about the unique challenges faced by smaller ministries in the north.

They work together to provide pastoral and sacramental ministry to all who are living in isolated communities in Canada's North.

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**A Ministry of the Whole Church
by the Whole Church**





Who We Are

The Council of the North is made up of 9 dioceses, 1 regional grouping of parishes and 1 archdeaconry. We go from sea to sea to sea and from the US border all the way to high Arctic islands.

Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior - Bishop Barbara Andrews

Diocese of the Arctic - Bishop Andrew Atagotaaluk, Bishop Ben Arreak, Bishop Larry Robertson

Diocese of Athabasca - Bishop Fraser Lawton

Diocese of Brandon - Bishop Jim Njegovan

Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop William Anderson

Archdeaconry of Labrador - Bishop Cy Pitman

Diocese of Keewatin - Archbishop David Ashdown

Diocese of Moosonee - bishop to be elected in April

Diocese of Quebec - Bishop Dennis Drainville

Diocese of Saskatchewan - Bishop Michael Hawkins

Diocese of Yukon - Archbishop Terry Buckle



Message from the Chair

“The Scriptures say “We, who are many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another.” - Romans 12:5

No where in the Canadian church is this interdependence in the Gospel more evident than in the way in which we work together to provide pastoral and sacramental ministry to the remote and isolated areas of our vast nation. The work of the Council of the North is truly the work of the whole church by the whole church.

We who minister in the communities of the Council of the North, are grateful to those who walk with us and rejoice in our partnership together.”

Archbishop David Ashdown
Chair, Council of the North
Diocese of Keewatin





Diocese of Keewatin

January, 2011



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 90 clergy (most of whom are non-stipendiary) serving the people of these parishes.

Pray for David Ashdown, Archbishop of Keewatin and his wife Penny, (Metropolitan of Rupert's Land) Hugh Matheson, Dean of Keewatin, Larry Beardy, Archdeacon of Keewatin, Gordon Swanson, Archdeacon of Northern Manitoba, Pat Cleghorn, Archdeacon of the Southern Region, Alex Fox, Archdeacon of Northern Ontario and Lydia Mamakwa, Administrative Archdeacon of Northern Ontario and for all the leadership of the diocese. As the people of the diocese begin 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.



Archdeaconry of Labrador

In the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador

February, 2010



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. There are 6 parishes in the archdeaconry and 8 clergy and lay leaders who pastor and minister there. The Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador was formed in 1976 when the three diocese 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 Charlene Taylor, for the clergy and people of the archdeaconry. Remember their ministry to those who are very isolated from each other. Pray for the Labrador Planning and Strategy Conference that meets each winter and for the annual Labrador Anglican Youth Gathering which takes place each fall and give thanks this year for our partnership ministry with the Moravian people of the Labrador North Coast.

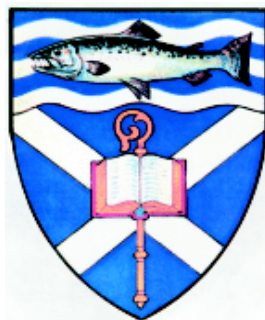
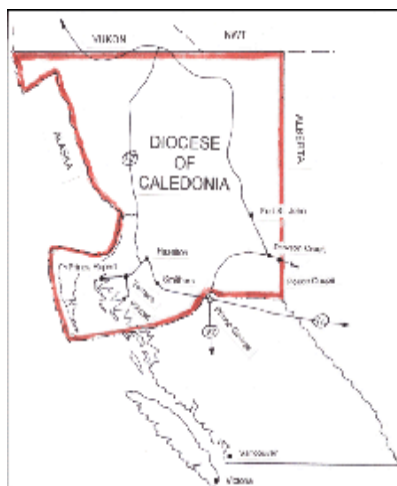
Pray also for the Winter Meeting of the Council which takes place this month in Saskatoon.





Diocese of Caledonia

March, 2010



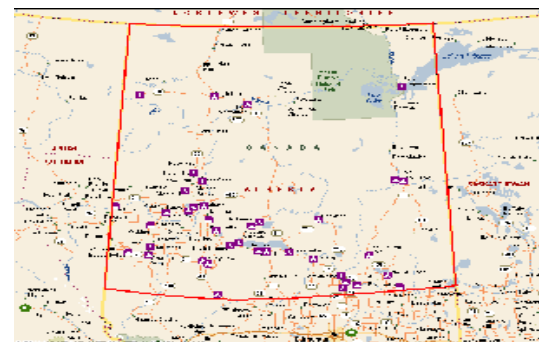
The Diocese of Caledonia was founded in 1879 and takes up much of Northwestern British Columbia. There are 19 parishes in the diocese which serves 30 congregations. There are 24 active clergy in the diocese who serve the people of the diocese. The First Nations cultures of the diocese are rich in diversity;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

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



Diocese of Athabasca

December, 2010



Founded in 1874 the Diocese of Athabasca covered a large, sparsely populated area, comprising the northern third of the land mass of Alberta. This area has moved from one that was initially settled to take advantage of access to a lucrative fur trade, to become one of the most economically diverse areas in Canada. The Diocese of Athabasca has had to adapt from reaching out to small scattered communities, to meeting the spiritual needs of a population involved in the development of huge oil and gas reserves, mixed farming and ranching, the lumber industry and communities experiencing tremendous pressure from boom time expansion. To meet these challenges the diocese has 37 congregations served by 21 clergy. Included in this ministry are four congregations that are in shared ministry relationships with our fellow followers of Christ in the United Church and ELCIC traditions. In addition, an Anglican Priest is involved in full time ministry with the On Eagles Wings Ecumenical Fly In Ministry program.

We give thanks to God for providing for our needs in ministry over the past year. We ask your prayers for us as we address the new needs of the diocese as we seek to open up new areas in which we can proclaim the gospel message. We also seek your prayers of support as we continue to develop our mission of becoming a "Diocese of Mission" rather than being a "Mission Diocese". Finally we ask you to pray for the diocesan administration as they seek to continue to make the Anglican Presence in Northern Alberta a vibrant and living one in these challenging times: The Rt. Rev'd. Fraser Lawton, his wife Veronica and their children James, Rebecca, Leah, Robert, and Donna Meeres Diocesan Secretary Treasurer, The Very Rev'd. Dr. Iain Luke, Diocesan Dean, and The Ven. Daryle L. Kerr, Diocesan Executive Archdeacon.





Diocese of Brandon

November, 2010



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. 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 his wife Bernadette, Archdeacon Noah Njegovan and for the Synod office staff. Pray for the co-coordinators of Henry Budd College; Marion Jenkins and Paul Sodtke and for the College Board as it continues to discern the College's future. Pray for the congregations and clergy of the diocese as they seek to provide a faithful Anglican witness in small, rural and remote communities.



Diocese of Quebec

April, 2010



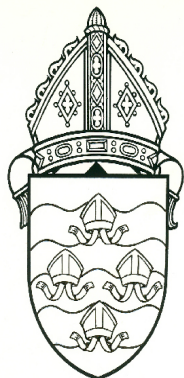
The Diocese of Quebec was founded in 1793 and makes up most of the geographical province of Quebec. The diocese has 39 parishes which serve 105 congregations. The issue of geography and language can contribute to much of the feeling of isolation that Anglicans in the diocese have to deal with. Many of the largest parishes in 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 former 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 Bishop Dennis Drainville, his wife Cynthia Patterson and their daughter Aurora Patterson-Drainville, 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 French speaking deanery of the diocese - ministry with French speaking people and Pierre Voyer, the Archdeacon of St. Laurent, Fr. Michel Royer, the Rural Dean, the Rev. Joanne Brosseau and all the clergy and people of the deanery.





Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior May, 2010



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 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

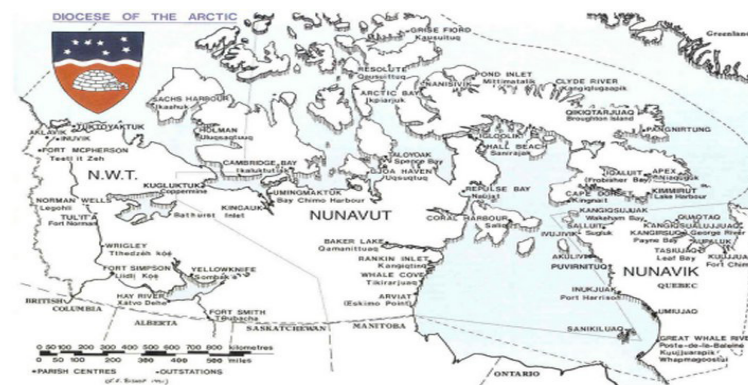
for permission to elect a Suffragan Bishop to the Metropolitan with responsibility for pastoral care of the clergy and parishes. There are 16 parishes in this regional grouping which take care of 24 congregations. There are 11 full time clergy, 15 part time clergy and 62 Lay Ministers of Word and Sacrament who serve the people of these parishes.

Pray for Bishop Barbara Andrews and the clergy and people of the region. Pray for the people and clergy as they engage in a year of discernment as to the way forward, exploring a different way to be church within the Anglican Church of Canada. Pray for the vision weekend, "Rivers of Living Waters- Stories from Believer's Hearts" **from** April 30- May 2nd.

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Diocese of the Arctic October, 2010



The Diocese of the Arctic is the largest geographic diocese in the Anglican Church of Canada. It covers an area of some 4 million square kilometres, one third of 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 Atogotaaluk and his wife Mary and son Darrell and for Regional Bishops Larry Robertson, his wife Sheila and Ben Arreak and his wife Susan and their children and grandchildren, Stephen, Matthew, Anne & William. Pray for the people and clergy of the diocese. Pray for the future of the Arthur Turner Training School in Pangnirtung, which trains locally raised up people for ordained ministry in the diocese. Pray for the Cathedral parish of St. Jude, Iqaluit as it continues to work toward rebuilding of the cathedral. Pray for the Synod Office staff in Yellowknife and for the translation team.

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Fall Meeting of the Council of the North September, 2010



*Members of the Council of the North at the fall meeting of 2009
at the Sorrento Centre.*

The Bishops, General Synod Treasurer and one other diocesan representatives meet in the fall of each year; usually in 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 Archbishop David Ashdown, Chair of the Council of the North, Bishop Jim Njegovan, Vice-Chair and for Bishop Mark McDonald, Secretary.. Pray for Cynthia Patterson the coordinator of the Suicide Prevention Project and Fiona Brownlee, Communications Officer for the Council. Pray for the Council of the North as it works to strengthen the support made visible throughout the church and those striving to provide pastoral and sacramental care in isolated communities in Canada's north may be fully supported in the work that they do.



Diocese of Moosonee June, 2010



*Members of the Diocesan Council of Indigenous People of
the diocese of Moosonee at one of their regular meetings.*

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 is situated in two provinces, northeastern Ontario and northwestern Quebec. More than half of the Anglicans living in the diocese are First Nations people; mainly Cree.

Pray for the bishop elect of the diocese, and for committed, confident, and flexible leadership, both lay and clergy, in filling ministry vacancies, and as ministry is realigned and consolidated in order to provide the full ministry of the Anglican Church throughout this scattered northern area.

Pray for all the members of the Council of the North who will be at General Synod in Halifax, NS this month.





Diocese of Yukon

July, 2010



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 Bishop Terry Buckle, his wife Blanche and their family, retiring in August. Pray for the synod office staff, the people and clergy of the diocese and for the Diocesan Executive Committee. Pray that the vision for future direction of ministry in the diocese will be prayerfully established.



Diocese of Saskatchewan

August, 2010



Open Minds Open Hearts Open Hands

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. More than half of our parishioners are Cree and speak one of three dialects of that language. The Diocese has the James Settee College, which trains people for lay and ordained ministry, and a youth ministry camp at Emma Lake.

Please pray:

For our Bishop, Michael Hawkins, his wife Kathy, their children Matthew and Allie, for the Synod, Executive Committee and Diocesan Indigenous Council as we discern how to walk together as equals For our summer Vacation Bible School programmes For wisdom and patience as we address the issues and challenges of non-stipendiary ordained ministry For a renewed sense of our God given mission For the ministry of Camp Okema For renewed lay leadership.

