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*A Message from
Archbishop Shane Janzen
Metropolitan and
Bishop Ordinary of the
Diocese of Canada West*

SYNOD 2016 is now a memory. In the midst of a rather wet July week in Calgary, the bishops, priests and laity of our Church gathered at the FCJ Centre for prayer, worship, fellowship, and a hope-filled discussion of the future. Some 40 of us from across our two Dioceses met as strong, vibrant, committed members of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. We renewed old friendships, made new ones, and rededicated ourselves to Christ and the Anglican expression of the Christian Faith. The Traditional Anglican Communion remains a viable, growing, active Christian Church within Canada; and indeed around the world.

In light of recent events, both in the larger Christian community and in the Anglican Church of Canada (Canterbury Communion), we are uniquely positioned to proclaim the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ as it has been received and passed down in the Anglican tradition. We are inheritors not only of an ancient tradition, with its majestic prayers, hymns and customs but also a much more precious treasure – the faith once delivered to the Saints. We do not seek to alter that faith nor to water it down for the sake of political correctness or just to attract people into our pews. No, we present the Christian faith in its wholeness, in Word and Sacrament. Yet in so doing we are not unmindful of the world in which we find ourselves. For the contemporary world, as in all times past, presents Christians with challenges and opportunities. Challenges in presenting Christ in love and truth to an increasingly atheistic, indifferent population; opportunities to speak His Word to those same people who only hear words of doom,

discouragement and despair from our political leaders, the news outlets, and social media.

As we proclaim the saving Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in and through His Church, we should be mindful of doing so not in a negative way but in a positive way. We maintain and celebrate the faith once received but in that proclaim of the Christian Faith we do not judge or reject those whose lifestyles and moral understanding differs. It is here that we are given opportunities for evangelization. It is precisely in such conditions that we are able to reach out with authentic Christian love and understanding. Condemnation, violence, ridicule, and hatred can have no place among Christians or in Christ's holy Church. The Anglican Catholic Church of Canada (TAC) is inclusive – for we welcome all into the Church. But we recognize too that we are sinners in need of redemption, and so call all to repentance and new life in Christ, even as He welcomed sinner and saint.

The Church is much larger than any one parish or faith community. The Church is much more than any one doctrinal or moral issue of the day. As traditional Anglicans we understand the nature of the Church and its doctrines, discipline and moral teachings in a holistic acceptance of all that God has revealed in His Son Jesus Christ. It is our responsibility to present Christ anew to each generation while maintaining the truth of Christ unimpaired for each generation.

Synod 2016 adopted a number of changes to our governing documents; approved the budget for the next three years; and heard about the growth and dynamism of our small but active parishes. The financial resources of the ACCC will continue to be focused upon the local church while enabling the larger ministry of our national Church and the world-wide Traditional Anglican Communion.

As we embark on the future, we continue to place all our confidence and faith in Him who is our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.



*Charge to Synod
Bishop Craig Botterill,
Bishop Ordinary of the
Diocese of Canada East
& Provincial Chancellor*

"Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Archbishop, Reverend Fathers, my brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome to the 2016 Synod of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. It is good to be with you again especially in this vibrant city of Calgary, where, as some of you may have noticed the Calgary Stampede is also taking place this week. I'm hoping that this venue will allow you to renew old acquaintances, make new friends, and enjoy the sights and sounds of southern Alberta.

Our Synods have always been a time for Christian fellowship, for common worship, and for a revival of the spirit which comes from the reassurance that isolated as we may sometimes feel in our personal walk with Christ, and in our scattered parishes and missions, we are not in fact alone. We are of one heart and one mind with other likeminded Christians who are equally determined to continue the historic Anglican expression of the Catholic Faith. What we share in common is the Faith once delivered to our Fathers, and together with the other Provinces of the Traditional Anglican Communion in England, Ireland, Southern African, Central Africa, India, Australia, Puerto Rico, Central and South America, and the United States, the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada – you and I – all of us together, will preserve and breath new life into this precious heritage ensuring future generations can learn of Christ, be taught the Faith, and worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness that our tradition offers the world.

You know, twenty years ago when we met in Synod it was a pleasant and pleasurable experience to worship together using a familiar liturgy taken from the Book of Common Prayer, without having to endure the insufferable tinkering with language and lectionary and

gender *neutrification* that plagued the Canterbury Communion parishes from which many of us fled. Our Synods, untroubled by the great controversies of political correctness of the day, were islands of peace and tranquility where the soul could be quieted and the mind focused on God.

Much, however, has changed during these past two decades. Today when we gather together in Synod, and in our local Anglican Catholic worship communities, we are under siege; we are under attack by a society and a world that has become hostile to our moral values and our beliefs. We are targeted. We are ridiculed. We are dismissed as irrelevant. We are labelled bigots to marginalize and silence us. I can measure the change in the world we find ourselves in by my own professional career. As a Queen's Counsel and Crown Attorney I once prosecuted Dr. Henry Morgentaler for performing abortions. Today, the killing of unborn babies (now euphemistically referred to as "products of conception") is held to be a matter of a woman's reproductive health rights. In fact, to show the change in societal values, Dr. Morgentaler was awarded the Order of Canada for his slaughter of innocents. One of the first things our new Liberal government in Canada did last year was to modify the Conservatives' overseas newborn health initiative, to provide Canadian tax dollars to fund abortions in developing countries.

I once prosecuted a medical doctor for killing a patient. At the time it was called murder, as in the commandment from Almighty God – thou shalt do no murder. But then our criminal law was once grounded in our Judaeo Christian heritage. Today the provisions of the Criminal Code that prevent doctors from killing the most vulnerable of their patients has been repealed and "right to death" advocates call for a longer list of those whom we should be able to drag off to the clinic for execution.

I once prosecuted a person for helping her friend commit suicide, because her friend suffered from recurring bouts of depression and coincidentally had a large life insurance policy, but today suicide is a right and assisting a suicide has become an encouraged public policy elevated to an inalienable right.

I once prosecuted men for having unnatural sexual relations with one another in public toilet cubicles, in a lifestyle that today the Prime Minister marches to celebrate in parades that

draw hundreds of thousands who have succumbed to embracing what they euphemistically call alternative lifestyles. The Bible calls it something else, but I don't want to complicate my visit here by quoting God's word on the subject and being arrested by the thought-police for committing a hate crime.

These attacks upon the moral foundation of our once Christian nation have isolated us as we continue to defend and teach values that are at variance with the secular views of our contemporary society. Not only do we now derive pleasure from gathering together in Synod to enjoy our liturgy and the worship of God unchanged by the political correctness and debates of the Canterbury churches, but we gather together in places of refuge like this Catholic retreat centre, much as isolated Celtic and Saxon villages did in the dark ages under siege and attack from violence of pagan Viking raids.



High Mass at the ACCC Synod, FCJ Centre, Calgary

And all of this pales with the brutal assault of the forces of darkness upon Christians around the world as bombings, burnings, and executions attempt to extinguish the word of God and silence the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the civilization it has created. To the victims of this genocidal hatred of our Faith, in Syria, in Egypt, in Sudan, in Kenya, in Iraq and Afghanistan, in Pakistan, India, and Bangladesh, in the Philippines, and in the cities of Western Europe, our hearts and prayers go out to them and their loved ones as we implore God to enfold them in His arms and receive them into heaven.

Our Synods are still a time of Christian fellowship, a time to quiet the soul and uplift the spirit, a time to enjoy a comfortable and familiar

form of worship, but they have become much more than that. They have become, to use a Star Wars analogy, the battle planet to which we retreat to regroup, rearm, and prepare to defend ourselves from and take on the evil empire that seeks to annihilate us.

Scary stuff, huh? But take heart. "For God hath not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, and of love, and of sound mind and discipline". Our enemy would have us whimper and give up, fold our tents and go away. But our God is an awesome God and He reigns with power and love. He has already won the victory. But hatred and death, which were defeated on the Cross, will continue to writhe and lash out like a wounded animal and we must be brave and we must be prepared. That preparation begins in our parishes and missions with teaching, with bible study, with Sunday school and catechism, with youth group activities, with fellowship, with reverent liturgy undertaken in readiness and decency. And those preparations are reinforced and confirmed here in General Synod.

So be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. Whom resist steadfast in the Faith, and in knowing that our brothers throughout the world do also. Amen.

*+Craig Botterill
Canada East*

PARISH REPORTS

Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist, Victoria BC

Since we last met at our Calgary Synod in 2013, we have continued the rebuilding of our Parish and have seen both stability and slight growth in our numbers.

We continue to celebrate special occasions within our Parish with social events at Christmas, summer BBQs and various ad-hoc dinners. We were most fortunate to celebrate the ordination of Fr. Jack Archbold and he has added greatly to our clerical support. Along with Fr. Jack, we have also been blessed to have Fr. Doug Ohs also support the Archbishop with regular guest sermon appearances. Finally, we have Fr. Rick Root who joins us from Powell River when we are down a priest or two!

Our Sunday School continues under the eye of Ms. Sonia Nicholson and Ms. Peggy Kulmala, and although they are teaching to their own children, we occasionally have guests who join in this activity. Ms. Daisy Essery provides music instruction to the children. The children continue to learn and develop and we hope to see a confirmation or two in the next year.

We are also grateful for our choir who provide excellent music. Our organist and three choir members are very effective in leading our congregation and supporting our clergy in our worship services. We very much appreciate the commitment and efforts.

Thanks to our Rector, Archbishop Janzen, we continue to manage the affairs of the Cathedral Church and in seeking to follow God's Word and ways as in the past. There are many parishioners to be thanked, without whose contributions and support we could not carry on. We are always looking for new parishioners and we continue to see drop ins on a regular basis. We welcome them with open arms as we foster an atmosphere of prayer, devotion, fellowship and hospitality.

*Rory Kulmala, Rector's Warden
Gwen Fletcher, People's Warden*

Parish of the Resurrection, Edmonton AB

First let it be said that we have changed our name again, this time from *The Church of Our Lady and St. Michael* to the *Church of the Resurrection*. The latter more closely identifies with our Anglican heritage and our specific church history.



Archbishop Janzen celebrating Mass on July 10th

There have been significant changes in our parish since the last Synod. Father John Hilton, who had shared the ministry with Canon Trevor died on May 1, 2015. Bishop Shane, now Archbishop Janzen, who has maintained close contact and visited at least annually, came from Victoria to officiate at Father John's Requiem Mass, giving the honour due to "his" priest. Members David Parnell (October 15, 2013) and Dagny Walch (September 12, 2015), and long-time friend and supporter Father Lloyd Gedge (November 15, 2015) have also died, leaving hard-to-fill holes.

Our hopes were raised when Jeffery BeBeau, an ordained Catholic Deacon, returned to our parish in July 2014 and, after prayerful deliberation, asked to be licensed as a deacon in the A.C.C.C., a request granted by Archbishop Janzen. His relative youth, experience, knowledge and vitality were a boon to the parish. Unfortunately, for personal reasons, in May, 2015 he made the decision to leave.

Canon Trevor had been valiantly celebrating Mass each week although his health had worsened and, at 81, he would have liked to retire. The simultaneous death of Father John and Deacon Jeffery's leaving were heavy blows. In early summer of 2015 he hit his wall and asked the Archbishop for relief. As a result of Archbishop Janzen's recommendation, Canon Trevor remained as Rector, and Canon James Schovaneck, Father Glenn Galenkamp and Canon Richard Root agreed to share a visitation schedule so that one would celebrate Mass each month. This worked well in the fall of 2015 when Canon Jim made himself available for September and October, and Father Glenn filled in for both November and, wonderfully for us, for Christmas. As well as providing spiritual nourishment, these priests have also strengthened our "family" ties as members of the Canadian A.C.C.C. Although we discontinued the visitations temporarily due to unpredictable winter weather we look forward to their recommencement in the spring.

We conduct our services from the Book of Common Prayer of 1962. The new Missal of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada is also available for our visiting priests to use.

We continue to meet every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church where we share a very cordial relationship with the Lutheran congregation. Although his spirit is

willing, Canon Trevor's ill health continues to interfere with his officiating at church. Eugene Phoa was licensed as a Lay Reader and offers a sung Evensong once a month. He also serves as Cantor for the Propers and leads the hymns. In the sanctuary Tom Hilton acts as server, thurifer when needed, and general support. At home he prepares the service bulletins. Louise, a long-time friend to the parish and gifted organist, cheerfully volunteers to play about once a month. In December 2015, we also began to meet monthly for a Bible study on Prayer which leads to thoughtful discussion. We habitually take August off to give our priest and faithful workers a break.

Our parish, like many others, has a small but very faithful group of regular attendees. Of the now fifteen on the Membership list, three are shut in and two live out of province attending when they can. Recently we have averaged about seven on a Sunday but can swell to twelve or drop to five. We continue to experience all the positives of a small congregation. Under the leadership of Canon Trevor, we look to God's guidance and direction for us. We serve as a team, a church family; we respect each other's spiritual gifts, support each other, work towards harmony and consensus, share lively fellowship with refreshments after each service, and become stronger in our faith together. Because we are mainly an older congregation, there is an incredible wealth of experience and talent in the group.

Every Thursday, Silvia Roberts (at 95 years old) and James Stolee offer Mattins in Silvia's home. Where possible, thanks to Eugene Phoa who becomes the chauffeur, Canon Trevor celebrates Mass at Silvia's and then takes the reserved Sacrament to the other shut-ins. This is an important aspect of our ministry. Silvia Roberts with the support of Kay Hilton as People's Warden also coordinates the active prayer ministry which reaches far beyond our parish.

Tom Hilton as Webmaster has struggled to resurrect our website under the new name www.churchoftheresurrection-acc.ca which gives us a presence that is worldwide and communicates with both far flung members and seekers. In the past we have had visitors to our Mass and enquiries by phone (using contacts from the Web) from men or couples who were looking for a traditional expression of the

Christian faith. We see this as a tremendous challenge to "get the word out" about where we are positioned, and another opportunity for growth. Thanks to e-mail, we maintain connections with each other and with the Diocesan Office, and much appreciate the whole hearted support we receive.

Archbishop Janzen continues to search for a more long term solution for our need for a priest. We are currently in the enviable position that our income meets or exceeds our expenses each month in part because Canon Trevor charges for some expenses but does not draw a stipend. Our rent per week is also low. We have a reserve in the bank made up of a "Building Fund" and a general fund invested by Vera, our Treasurer. We believe we could pay a priest each month with either a small stipend or a combination including housing costs – whichever is most practical and advantageous tax-wise. This would be discussed with any candidate to reach a mutually satisfactory arrangement.

As we all know, God's time is not necessarily our time. Although we can become impatient, we at the Church of the Resurrection prefer to remain steadfast, looking to God's Spirit who is working faithfully in our lives and in our parish. Thanks be to God!

Kay Hilton, People's Warden and Secretary

Parish of St. Barnabas, Moose Jaw SK

The following report is for the period from January 2013 to December 2015 inclusive.

St. Barnabas has seen the death of six members during the past three years. We remember the following in our prayers: Judi West Fall, Leith Knight, Earl Bush, Ron Andrews, Gladys Uncles, and Val Andrews. May they rest in peace and rise again in glory!

We completed a 20 week series in our bulletin of C.B. Moss' "A Summary of the Faith". Subsequent to this, a Study Group was begun to look at the scriptural references that Moss makes in his book. We have good attendance at the group which meets Sundays (generally on a monthly basis) after the service and fellowship time

with people bringing a bag lunch that day. In 2014 we began a new series in the bulletin titled "Walking Through the Book of Common Prayer" which is primarily based upon Sue Careless' three volume set "Discovering the Book of Common Prayer".

In 2013 St. Barnabas celebrated its 100th anniversary of Christian ministry in the City of Moose Jaw. We held an open house and banquet at which Archbishop Janzen was in attendance as well as the then Rural Dean, Fr. Jim Schovanek. There were various local dignitaries including the Mayor and the MLAs for Moose Jaw. Official greetings were sent to us by the Premier. We also produced promotional items which included: custom stamps from Canada Post, bags, pens, bookmarks, a video showing 100 years of pictures, a 100 year history of the Parish, a booklet on St Barnabas, and coffee mugs.

In 2014 we celebrated 10 years as a Parish of the Anglican Catholic Church of Canada. We are thankful for being able to continue our Christian ministry in the community as a traditional Anglican church.

We set up a booth three years running at the "Side Walk Days" which is a three day event held annually in Moose Jaw. It was estimated that about 30,000 people attended, and it was great exposure for the parish in the community. We handed out free cold bottles of water with a label on it indicating that it was from the parish. We also handed out candies, balloons, water soluble tattoos, religious tracts and had a display of various items from the parish.

The Sunday School continues to use the St. George's curriculum with good results. In 2015 two people received the sacrament of Confirmation. Catechesis was done using the St. George's material as well as an updated and modified version of Fr. Roland Palmer's "The Catechist's Handbook".

We continue to make donations of monies to various charities that are selected by the Vestry every year. These charities are both local, national, and international. We

have also "adopted" a single father and his 5 children as their mother died of cancer at the age of 34. We have provided them with food hampers, Christmas gifts, and financial aid. We have also provided assistance to a parish in our Diocese.

Newsletters are produced on a seasonal basis to help keep parishioners and those in the local community apprised of our ministry in Moose Jaw. We had a parishioner create a new website to reach out to people on the internet. We also have an active Facebook page and use it to promote the parish and its ministry in the community.

A bequest was made to the parish with the hopes of aiding the elderly. To that end, we entered into an agreement with a local taxi company to provide transportation to those who are not able to make it to church by their own means. The parish pays for the services of the company and we find that it is working quite well.

The parish saw some milestone birthdays and anniversaries of its parishioners and we were honoured to be a part of those celebrations.

In 2015 Mr. Brian Allen was admitted to the Office of Lay Reader with the additional episcopal permission to administer the Chalice at Holy Communion.

In 2014 the "Father Dennis Dickson Memorial Bursary" was established by St. Bede's Anglican Catholic Theological College at the request of the Parish. Most recently however, administration of the Bursary has been transferred to St. Barnabas. The purpose of the Bursary is to aid clergy, or those reading for holy Orders, on an annual basis. Anyone may make a donation to the Bursary by sending it to 'St. Barnabas: c/o Mr. Larry Hellings, 219 Oxford Street East, Moose Jaw, SK S6H 0S8'. As a registered charity, all donors will be issued with a tax receipt.

The normal life in the parish and our larger community continues with the Rector: visiting to the sick and shut-in, Holy Communion for them, house blessings,

parish visitation, spiritual counselling, corporal acts of mercy, burial of the dead, involvement in the Local and Provincial Pro-life organisations, attendance at public events (Annual Prayer Breakfast hosted by the Lt. Gov., Remembrance Day services, attending meetings with the MP for the area at their invitation to discuss concerns of their constituents, opening of the new hospital). We continue to keep the parishes and missions across the country in our prayers and assist them where possible by various means. I have also been working with a few individuals who are “seeking something bigger than themselves”.

The Reverend Glenn Galenkamp, Rector

Parish of St. Athanasius, Montreal PQ

Your Grace, Archbishop Shane, my Lord, Bishop Craig, fellow clergy, delegates and guests, I bring you best wishes and fraternal greetings from myself, from the parish of St. Athanasius in Montreal and from the parish council.

The parish which our Lord, Jesus, Archbishop Shane and Bishop Craig have given me to look after has not had an easy time of it over the last three years. Over a period of a year and a half, following Synod 2013, 6 of our parish family went home to be with the Lord. Being,

- Dr. Hereward Senior – Veteran and longest serving member
- Mrs. Violet McCollins – Oldest member. (Her funeral was on her 99th birthday)
- Fr. Oswald Slattery – Former incumbent
- Fr. Reid Croft – Associate member and former assistant to Fr. Slattery
- Mrs. Christobel Bendall/Ottiwell – Deaconess and former organist
- Mr. Edward Brown – People’s Warden and last organist

That was hard for us because they were prominent members of the church and they left very large shoes to fill. From a small congregation, that’s a lot of people to lose in a short time. In a sermon I gave to comfort my congregation, I explained that it wasn’t important who came through our doors at church, as long as they came and we made them feel welcome.

Happily, I’m able to say that the parish has seen growth in our numbers from between 8 and 12 to 14 and 18. We have services every Sunday morning being Matins or the Litany at 10:30 and Solemn Mass at 11.

Unfortunately, it isn’t possible for us to hold services during the week because of the activities in the common room of the Senior’s residence where our church is set up with the exception of Christmass Eve. We have Evening Prayer, the First Mass of Christmas and the entire church stays to share Christmass dinner together and we usually have between 35 to 40 people.

After Mass, we always “put the church back in the box” and spend time together as a parish family over a meal either in the common room or we go to brunch at a local restaurant.

We’ve been very pleased and it’s been a privilege to host Archbishop Shane and Bishop Craig to church on separate occasions and we look forward to “version 2.1”.

On occasion, we’ve made visits to other parts of Quebec, as a parish, to visit some of our associate brethren such as Naomi Jervis-Read (wife of the late Fr. Robert Jervis-Read) and Fr. Harold Brazzell. We have a standing invitation from Naomi and another visit to that part of Quebec is planned for next month. Usually, we say Evensong and share a bite to eat.

As a parish, we’ve also visited Fr. And Mrs. Slattery’s grave in Farnham, Quebec to say Matins and to an old, Benedictine monastery in Oka, Quebec, where a small,

monastic presence still exists and we say Evensong and visit the little store to support the community there and enjoy the best cheese, cider, jams, chocolate and honey I've had for a while. They also sell souvenirs of the monastery including candles, medals of the Saints and other things.

As Regional Dean of Central and, more recently, Atlantic Canada, I haven't yet had the pleasure of enjoying a deanery meeting with my brethren there but I'm happy to learn that myself am looking into this situation by our Archbishop, Bishop as well as myself.

It made me very happy to hear the word "family" several times during our afternoon session yesterday because I believe that, on our journey through life, together with our Bishops, fellow clergy, laity and our Lord Jesus, it's much easier to take that journey as a family. It's important that we do what we can for each other, even if it's just to be an ear, no matter who the other person is.

In closing, I pray God's blessings on each and every one of us and, with all due respect and admiration to those who are more learned than I, I offer these words of encouragement.

*"The day we no longer burn with love,
Many others will die of the cold."*

Fr. Doug Nicholson