



WORKING TOGETHER AS SOJOURNING ANGLICANS:

Archdeacon Ros Elm, Archdeacon for Reconciliation and Indigenous Ministry, shared with Diocesan Council the video "Sacred Circle 2023" produce by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP) in partnership with Anglican Video.

Archdeacon Ros shared with the council members information regarding the video and her work as the Director of Indigenous Ministries in the Anglican Church of Canada:

2 documents from Sacred Circle 2023 that were referenced in the video were:

- Our Way of Life
- The Covenant

These documents trace the journey that ACIP is embarking on.

Archdeacon Ros also shared with Diocesan Council that:

- Archbishop Chris Harper has been with us for the past 2 years.
- Archdeacon Ros described the process as: Dreamers working together on a covenant since 1994 with many types of people coming together.

Archdeacon Ros shared the main areas of current work are:

- Governance (how do we function in the wider church How relate to each other and across the nation – responsibility
- Resources and finances and stewardship, what are our mission and ministries (job descriptions, program budgets, objectives, etc.) Gospel based discipleship.
- Integrating us as indigenous peoples and with sojourning Anglicans and seeing self-determination as a coming together with our own faith as agency.

Archdeacon Ros noted that other dioceses in Canada do not have the same relationship with their indigenous peoples as we do in Huron (with 70 years of LAIC relationship) – Archdeacon Ros stated that this is a feather in the cap of our relationships that we have built.

Resources that are available to us to learn more about the relationships and ministries we share with our Indigenous Anglican Partners:



[Anglican Church of Canada Website](#)

[Archived Sacred Circle Videos 1998 - 2021 – \(Anglican Video\)](#)

[Direct Link to PDF of "The Covenant & Our Way of Life"](#)

BISHOP'S CORNER:

Bishop Todd shared...

⇒ That he will be travelling to New Zealand and Polynesia February 17- March 2. 2025 as part of a Compass Rose Society Pilgrimage. This pilgrimage will be hosted by Archbishop Justin Duckworth (senior primate of the Church of NZ) . Bishop Todd shared that he is Grateful to the generous benefactor that is helping to fund this trip.

You can follow the link to find out more about the [Compass Rose Society](#).

⇒ That a letter was sent out today regarding the finances of the diocese (as promised) in earlier council meetings . Bishop Todd assured the council members that:

- We are going to keep communicating like this
- Next update will involve how the diocesan budget is spent – how/ what does your apportionment go to?
- Please let us know how the communication is working – is it helpful?

[Link to the Letter](#)

LEARNING CHURCH MOMENT:

Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs shared that as part of the direction of the Diocesan Plan, "Turning to Grace", verbal reports will be given monthly by the Secretary – Treasure sharing where we are in the process to the members of Diocesan Council and a written report will be prepared annually for the June meeting of Diocesan Council.

Council was reminded that all "Turning to Grace" documents are up on the diocesan website under the "Our Future" tab:

[Link to Website](#)

- Emails are beginning to go out to those who have responsibilities for reporting on the plan
- Some dates have been revised and updated on the website to ensure realistic timelines & planning
- There are now sections available for parishes, deaneries and diocesan council (direct links below):

[Parishes](#)

[Deaneries](#)

[Synod & Diocesan Council](#)

Note: Regional deans and lay co-chairs will focus on the deanery work in Turning to Grace at their next meeting in April.