

April 2nd, 2025

CHAIR'S CORNER:

Bishop Todd was unable to chair the Diocesan Council this month as he was attending the House of Bishops Meetings that were held at the Monastery of Mount Carmel Spiritual Retreat and Conference Centre in Niagara Fall. The Ven Dr. Stephen McClatchie chaired the meeting in Bishop Todd's absence.

Archdeacon Stephen encourage the council members to uphold the House of Bishops in prayer as they we gathering to select candidates to be elected as the next primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

It was announced by The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada, on April 3, 2025 that the following four bishops have been nominated by the Order of Bishops for the office of Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada:

- The Most Reverend Christopher Harper
- The Most Reverend Greg Kerr-Wilson •
- The Right Reverend David Lehmann •
- The Right Reverend Riscylla Walsh-Shaw

Click here for more info regarding the Primatial Election

A prayer at the time of election in the Church (Book of Alternative Services, page 676):

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Primate for this Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A prayer adapted from the prayer during the Vacancy of a See (Book of Common Prayer, p. 44):

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts: Grant thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, to the clergy, laity and bishops about to assemble for the election of a Primate; and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that a chief Pastor may be chosen who shall minister before thee to the glory of thy Name, the good government of the flock committed to his/her charge, and the welfare of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LEARNING CHURCH MOMENT:

Archdeacon Tanya Phibbs shared that as Holy Week & Easter is fast approaching we would have a moment of reflection using the resources available through the most recent event sponsored by the Doctrine & Worship Committee of the Diocese of Huron. and facilitated by The Rev'd Canon Dr. Lisa Wang.



Preaching the Paschal Mystery in Holy Week Diocese of Huron, Mar 22, 2025

An excerpt of "Preaching through Holy Week" was shared with the council members.

Full materials from the course are available at: https://diohuron.org/podcasts/media/2025-03-26preaching-the-paschal-mystery-in-holy-week

AN UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESAN BAC:

Francis Richardson was a guest at Diocesan Council this month to bring the council members an update from the Diocesan BAC. The BAC has been active since 1951 within the Diocese of Huron, over the years their numbers have declined at the Diocesan Level with interest progressively dwindling on the diocesan level (only 14 members attended the last Diocesan BAC Annual meeting). The DIOCESAN BAC has chosen that they will no longer be active.

BAC chapters at the local level will continue to meet and support initiatives on a local level.

In concluding their ministry the Diocesan BAC, in conjunction with the Director of Finance, have set up a "BAC Legacy" to primarily fund their financial commitments and the established trusts will remain to support the scholarships at Huron University College. (Primarily sponsoring the Old & New Testament Faculty of Theology Scholarships.)

Francis has offered to be a conduit of information for all BAC members throughout the diocese.