

Denominational News

Reported to the Parish Council Meeting on April 5, 2022

All Three Denominations

- have responded to the situation in Ukraine with prayers, pastoral letters, statements, and/or ways to support humanitarian relief
- have a variety of studies and devotions for Lent
- continue to provide information and advice about COVID-19 guidelines and protocols

Anglican

- In a letter written January 25th, the Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, announced her appointment of Bishop Jane Alexander to be the Assisting Bishop of the Territory of the People beginning February 1, 2022.
- The Council of the General Synod met from March 10th to 13th.
- Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, attended the annual Primates' Meeting at Lambeth Palace in London, England from March 28th to 31st.
- The Territory of the People Assembly will be held in at St. Paul's Cathedral in Kamloops from May 27th to 29th.
- The Territory of the People is still accepting donations for the Lytton Fire Fund and the Nicola Valley Flood Fund.

Evangelical Lutheran

- The Southern Interior Region of the BC Synod produced a joint online worship service for Transfiguration Sunday. Both our congregations and the Rev. Bruce Chalmers participated in the service.
- The BC Synod will be holding its third follow-up session to the Learning Day portion of the 2021 BC Synod Convention in the morning of Saturday, April 23rd.
- The 2022 National Convention will be held online from July 15th to 16th with the theme "Let There Be Greening".
- The BC Synod is hosting a short Prayer Vigil for Peace for Ukraine and the World via zoom on Friday evenings at 7 pm.
- The BC Synod is continuing to hold online meetings for lay leaders as well as the more regular online gatherings for rostered ministers.
- For the third summer in the row, ELCIC Bishops and Assistants to the Bishops are providing a series of sermons available for congregational use from June to September, 2022.

Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran

- The Primate and National Bishop wrote an open letter to the churches about the United Nations World Interfaith Harmony Week held from February 1st to 7th.
- The Assembly Planning Committee has decided to postpone the joint Assembly of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada that was to be held in July.

United Church

- The Pacific Mountain Regional Council will hold its Annual Meeting at the Prince George Conference Centre from June 9th to 12th. The theme is “Rooted and Grounded in Love” from Ephesians 3: 14-21. The keynote presenter is Jeff Chu. Although it is an in-person gathering, there will be online options for those who require them.
- The Anti-Racism Common Table of The United Church of Canada posted an open letter to the church about opposing symbols of hate in protests. Other leaders and groups within the church also made statements regarding the protests across Canada in February.
- The 44th General Council opened on February 14th. It is being held virtually with a number of sessions between then and when it closes on August 7, 2022. To date, there is one nomination for Moderator. The Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne has been nominated by the Pacific Mountain Regional Council. Nominations close on June 16th. Information is being continually updated on the website: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/>
- The United Church of Canada is participating in a worldwide petition calling for an end to the Korean War. It is a response to an urgent invitation of the National Council of Churches in Korea (NCCK), a long-time Mission & Service partner.
- The Pacific Mountain Regional Council continues to hold online Town Hall meetings.