

Denominational News
Reported to the Trinity Shared Ministry Board Meeting on December 8, 2022

All Three Denominations

- Along with the Presbyterian Church in Canada, our three denominations have prepared Advent meditations involving the four leaders of the denominations having conversations on the Advent themes of hope, peace, joy, and love. They introduce the theme in a meditation on the Monday via YouTube, and on Thursdays two of them have further conversation via zoom with registrants being able to ask questions and make comments.
- All three denominations have made available their Christmas on-line gift catalogues.

Anglican

- The Primate Linda Nicholls published a reflection for Remembrance Day in which she also highlighted Indigenous Veterans Day held on November 8th.
- The Territory of the People will be holding the election for a new Bishop from March 10th to 12th, 2023.
- The Rt. Rev. Christopher A. Harper, Diocesan Bishop of Saskatoon has been named National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop and Presiding Elder of the Sacred Circle with pastoral oversight over all Indigenous Anglicans.
- The Territory of the People is still accepting donations for the Lytton Fire Fund and the Nicola Valley Flood Fund.

Evangelical Lutheran

- The BC Synod Council has begun to publish a newsletter providing highlights of its meetings with its Fall 2022 meeting.
- Bishop Kathy Martin will be taking a sabbatical.
- At the BC Synod lay leaders' zoom gathering on Thursday, November 3rd, the BC Synod Treasurer, Jerry Nieman, provided information about compensation and benefits.
- Lutherans Connect's on-line Advent devotions has the theme "A Joyful Noise".
- At the BC Synod lay leaders' zoom gathering on Thursday, December 1st, a presentation was made about the Welcome Angels project which is a new initiative sponsored by ELCIC to help congregations connect with those planning to come to Canada or are newer to Canada. Information can be found at <https://welcomeangels.org/>.

Anglican and Evangelical Lutheran

- The Primate and National Bishop released a statement for Transgender Day of Remembrance, which was held on November 20th.
- The Primate and National Bishop released a letter for National Housing Day, which was held on November 22nd.

United Church

- The Moderator has released a Christmas message video.
- The Very Rev. Peter Short, 38th Moderator (2003-2006), was the guest at Pacific Mountain Regional Council's December 7th Town Hall meeting.
- Treena Duncan, Executive Minister of the PMRC will be taking a sabbatical in early 2023.