

Denominational News
Reported to the Trinity Shared Ministry Board Meeting on November 28, 2023

All Three Denominations

- The three denominations have written letters to the Prime Minister Trudeau urging the Canadian government to advocate for a ceasefire in the Israel-Hamas war. The letter, dated November 17th, from The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada and The Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, included references to United Nations General Assembly resolutions to which Canada voted against. In a letter dated November 18, 2023, the General Council Executive, its corresponding members, and the members of the National Indigenous Council cited the view of United Nations legal experts that genocide is currently taking place. Both letters are available on the Parish's website.
- All three denominations have their new gift catalogues available.
- All three denominations made statements for Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20th.
- All three denominations are involved in a variety of ways with COP28.

Anglican

- The Council of the General Synod met from November 23rd to 26th in Mississauga, Ontario. Summaries of each day of the meeting are available on the Anglican Church of Canada website.
- Bishop-elect Clara Plamondon of the Territory of the People will arrive in Kamloops around December 7th. The Consecration Service is set for Thursday, January 25, 2024 at 2 pm. If attending, one should RSVP the Territory office by January 11, 2024.

Evangelical Lutheran

- BC Synod continues to have monthly online meetings for lay leaders.
- The BC Synod has updated its website.

Anglican and Lutheran

- On November 16th, Archbishop Linda Nicholls of the Anglican Church of Canada, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry of The Episcopal Church, National Bishop Susan Johnson of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America met virtually with Archbishop Hosam Naoum

of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East and Bishop Doctor Sani Ibrahim Azar of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land for a time of solidarity and prayer.

United Church

- The Pacific Mountain Regional Council continues to hold monthly online Town Hall meetings. In November, Adele Hallday, Anti-Racism Equity Lead, and Sara Stratton, Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator, both from General Council provided information about Remit 1.
- Through the fall, the United Church ran a programme titled “40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism”. The events were available on-line and were recorded. They will be found on the United Church’s YouTube channel.
- The United Church of Canada, working with Mission and Service partner, the National Council of Churches of Kenya, are part of a new innovative programme to address the impacts of climate change. Through the new Nature+ programme with support from Canada’s International Development – Global Affairs Canada, the Canadian Foodgrains Bank will be working with twelve locally-based partners to help revitalize food systems and build more resilient communities in a set of natural landscapes in Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique, and Zimbabwe.
- The General Council Executive (GCE) met in person in Mississauga, Ontario from November 16th to 18th. A summary of the meeting can be accessed from a post on the Parish’s website.