Denominational News
Reported to the Trinity Shared Ministry Board Conversation
on November 18, 2025

All Three Denominations

- All three denominations were involved with the Sixth World Conference on Faith and Order held from October 24th to 28th. Organized by the Commission on Faith and Order of the World Council of Churches (WCC), the conference gathered about 400 participants at the Logos Papal Center of the Coptic Orthodox Church at Wadi El Natrun in Egypt around the theme "Where Now for Visible Unity?" This conference was one of the activities of the WCC to commemorate the 1700th anniversary of the first Ecumenical Council at Nicaea in 325. These two WCC web pages provide more information:
    - https://www.oikoumene.org/news/sixth-world-conference-on-faith-and-order-issues-call-to-all-christians
    - https://www.oikoumene.org/events/nicaea-2025

- All three denominations post statements and prayers when major natural disasters and trauma-filled events occur. They also recognize major celebrations in other denominations and religions.

- All three denominations are involved in initiatives surrounding the COP30 conference, the annual United Nations climate meeting. It is being held in Brazil from November 10th to 21st. They are encouraging individuals and communities of faith to be involved in candlelight vigils for climate justice as well as walks for debt justice as part of Jubilee 2025 on the weekend of November 14th to 16th.

- The Shared Ministry Network meets via zoom. Leslie Ross attended the October 28th meeting. The focus was on managing all of the information coming from our denominations and their development and relief organizations.

Anglican

- His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office. She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral on March 26, 2026.

- The Council of the General Synod met on October 7th via zoom. At this meeting, the Council of the General Synod appointed Dr. Andrea Mann as General Secretary of the Anglican Church of Canada as of October 13, 2025. Highlights of the meeting will be found in a post on the Parish's website.

- On October 18th, the Primate and the Metropolitans issued a pastoral statement in response to the announcement from the primates of the Global Anglican Future Conference indicating their decision to leave the Anglican Communion. In the letter, they reaffirmed the Solemn Declaration of 1893 found in the (Canadian) Book of Common Prayer and the four Instruments of Communion: the Lambeth Conference, the Anglican Consultative Council, the Primates' Meeting, and the primatial See of Canterbury with its people, clergy, and its Archbishop. The complete pastoral statement will be found in a post on the Parish's website.

- The National House of Bishops met from November 3rd to 6th in Niagara Falls.

- On November 12th, Will Postma, Executive Director of Alongside Hope, will be speaking at St. Paul's Cathedral in Kamloops from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

- On Mondays from November 24th to December 15th, Bishop Clara Plamondon will be hosting an Advent Bible Study – Season of Spiritual Renewal – from 3 to 5 pm via zoom. The Advent lectionary readings for year A will be explored and basic bible Exegesis (tools to learn how to interpret scripture) will be shared. Register by emailing the Territory Office (office@territory.anglican.ca).

- Anglican parishes are being encouraged to display the Survivors' flag.

- This year's Alongside Hope's Advent resource has the theme "The Advent of Healing". The Rev. Dr. Ray Aldred (Cree, Swan River Band, Treaty 8) will invite individuals to consider what it means to heal yourself, to heal others, and to heal God's creation so we might live into right relationships. Throughout Advent, a daily message with a scripture reading, a reflection from Dr. Aldred, a prayer, and an Alongside Hope story will be emailed to participants. For more information, see the post on the Parish's website.

- The Territory of the People publishes a Monthly Bulletin that includes a message from the Bishop, her upcoming schedule, events in the territory, and many pictures. It is available for download from the Anglican page on the Parish website and the Territory of the People's website.

Evangelical Lutheran

- The BC Synod has monthly online meetings for lay leaders. In October, past ELCIC Mission Grant recipients shared their stories. For the November meeting, the lay leaders had the opportunity to join the webinar of BC Synod's Climate Justice Action Group (CJAG), "Moving Towards a Waste-free World."

- The National Church Council met from September 25th to 27th in Winnipeg. To read the highlights of the meeting, there is a download link on a post on the Parish's website.

- The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) gathered at Faith Lutheran Church in Winnipeg on Saturday, September 27th in worship and celebration for the installation of Rev. Dr. Larry Kochendorfer as the church's fifth National Bishop. For more information see a post on the Parish's website.

- On October 7th, the second anniversary of the war between Israel and Hamas, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and Canadian Lutheran World Relief Interim Executive Director Michael Pryse wrote to the church with heavy hearts. Then, on October 9th, they wrote to the church again asking for prayers, as a possible peace deal seemed imminent. Both letters can be found in posts on the Parish's website.

- On October 23rd, National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer released his first video in what he hopes to be a regular feature providing a glimpse into his ministry as National Bishop and that of the work of the National Office. Watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L7xVrN5_C24

- The Annual General Meeting of the BC Synod for 2025 will be held on **November 24, 2025, at 7:30 pm** on the Zoom online platform. Anyone who holds membership in a congregation of the BC Synod may vote. More information can be found at https://bcsynod.org/events/bc-synod-agm-2025/2025-11-24.

- On November 30th, the ELCIC plans to hold a church-wide "town hall" event from 3 to 5 pm PT currently titled, "Rooted in Faith, Conversations from Across the Church." It is an opportunity to join the National Bishop for an hour of devotion, reflection, and conversation. Register here: bit.ly/4otMfZB

Anglican and Lutheran

- The Lutheran-Anglican-Moravian Commission is holding two workshops via zoom for ecumenical shared ministries. They were to be held in November but have been postponed to early 2026.
    - The "Learning Session" will be for those newly exploring the possibility of local congregational partnerships and looking for introductory information.
    - The "Networking Session" will be for those already worshipping and serving in local congregational partnerships and looking to connect with one another to form supportive community and share ideas and resources.

United Church

- The Pacific Mountain Region is developing a new format for its Town Hall Meetings and will now meet in the fall, winter, and spring. The fall meeting was on October 21st. Leslie Ross and Leslie Stirling attended. The Rev. Dr. Simon LeSieur, President, led a brief devotional time to begin the meeting. Reports on the work of the Executive, the First Third Team, Justice Ministry, and LeaderSHIFT were given.

- On the four Wednesdays of October, Right Rev. Moderator Kimberly Heath led a thirty minute session of prayer, fasting, and advocacy for Palestinians in Gaza via zoom.

- On October 9th, The Right Rev. Dr. Kimberly Heath, 45th Moderator of the United Church of Canada, shares her call for Deep Spirituality, Bold Discipleship, and Daring Justice in a video message. There is a post on the Parish's website with more information along with the link to the video. Watch it here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vTDDlw7_jhg

- On October 10th, Treena Duncan, Executive Minister of the Pacific Mountain Region sent out a Thanksgiving message via email. The text can be found in a post on the Parish's website.

- The United Church of Canada's 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism began on October 14, 2025. This annual campaign features study and worship resources and live webinars to engage churches and communities in anti-racism activities and is an important part of the ongoing work toward becoming an anti-racist church.

- The PMRC Executive Council met from October 22nd to 24th.

- The Rev. Victoria Andrews who has been our Parish's Regional Minister has left this position at the end of October to become the Pastoral Relations Minister for the Eastern Ontario Outaouais Regional Council. Kathy Davies is one of the facilitators of the Shared Ministry Network and is the Regional Minister who supports communities of faith in the Southern Interior. Our Parish will now be included in the communities of faith, which she supports.

- On November 4th, the United Church of Canada released a statement urging the Federal Government to release a budget that reflects justice, equity, and love. Read the statement in a post on the Parish's website.

- On November 7th, the Rev. Dr. Simon LeSieur, President of the PMR Executive Council, published an email letter providing an update on the work of the Executive Council. It can be found as a post on the Parish's website.

- On November 18th from 3 to 4:30 pm PT, The United Church will hold a cross-country check-in via zoom. This town hall will be an opportunity to put faces to names and engage directly with the General Council Executive soon after their meeting.