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# The Mustard Seed.

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# SUMMER CAMP AT AMC 2025

*By Mackenzie Kukurudz  
AMC Coordinator*

## A Great Season... And a Call for Help

This summer at camp was full of good moments and real growth. One of the best things to see was the younger kids starting to step up and lead the juniors. It's a great sign that the things we're teaching are taking root, and that kids are feeling confident and supported.

The pillows we gave out were a big hit! The kids loved them, took them home, and used them during chapel and around camp. We even saw a few pillows being carried around throughout the week like a favourite stuffed animal.

We were also blessed with amazing cooks and a great lifeguard this year. Their hard work

kept everything running smoothly and gave the campers a safe and welcoming environment to enjoy.

At teen camp, I only had one chance to attend chapel, but I'm glad I did. The teens were fully engaged, singing and acting like themselves — it was great to see them connecting with the song Fr. Jonathan Hoskin taught that week.

This summer came with its challenges, but even with everything going on, I still made time to say goodnight to each cabin. It was important to me to be there for the kids in those quiet moments at the end of each day.

I want to give a special thanks to Deb Clevett, Canon Rob Parker, and Rev. Jen Morgan. Their help was a huge support, and I couldn't have made it through

without them. Thanks also to our amazing camp staff. They were fun, committed, and great to work with. I hope many of them will be back next summer.

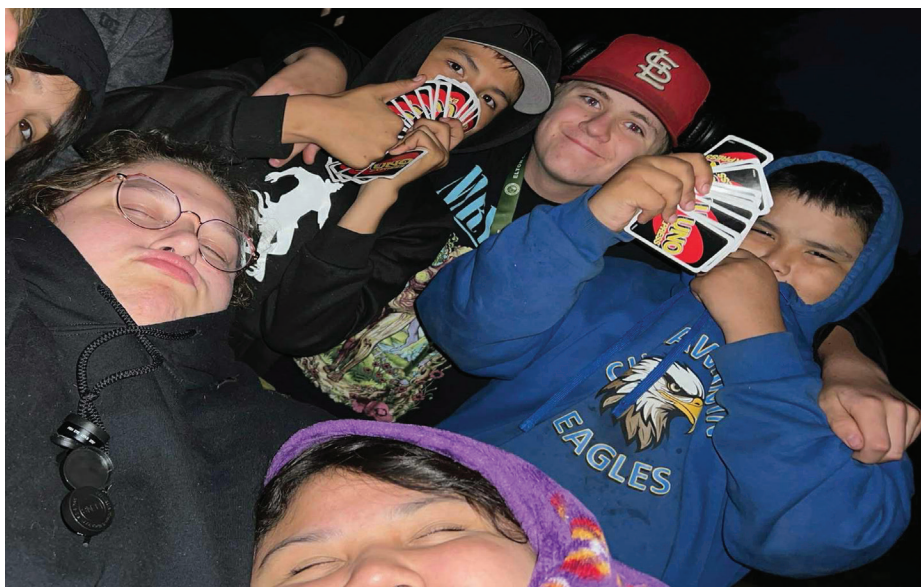
It was encouraging to see many returning campers and lots of new ones as well. The mix brought a good energy and sense of community that really made the camp feel full and alive.

That said, we need to be honest about something: if we want to keep running this camp, we need more adults to step up. We have teens who are eager to help — and they're doing a great job — but they still need space to be kids. We can't build a strong program on their energy alone. We need adults to help carry the load.

If you've ever thought

about getting involved — even in a small way — now is the time. Whether it's helping in the kitchen, running activities, being part of the leadership team, or just showing up to support, your presence can make a big difference.

Thanks again to everyone who supported the camp this summer — through prayer, time, or energy. God is doing good things here, and we're excited for what's ahead.





# A Word from the Bishop

**“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.”**

*Ecclesiastes 3.1*



The seasons have been changing all around us. The school year began just over a month ago. The season of Autumn has invited us to appreciate the tremendous creativity of God in allowing us the gift of a gentle time to wrap things up and prepare for a season of rest and preparation for rejuvenation. As a Diocese we are entering the season of budgets and plans for the new year coming. This is a season of winding down liturgically as we prepare to begin a new Church year in just over a month. It is indeed true that for everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.

Each person who reads The Mustard Seed is living in their own particular season of life. That might be a season of starting a new job or maybe preparing to end one. It could be a season that allows for a good cuppa with the paper while sitting by the window and watching the world go by or it might be a season in which the paper is picked up and put down and picked up again as the busy tasks of life and living intervene.

For churches and congregations, this may be that mixed season of ramping up after the summer and preparing for Advent, Christmas and AGM season or it could simply be a gentle season of continuing to gather, pray, share coffee, and simply “be” in one another’s presence. (Please keep in mind though that AGM season still requires the efforts involved in preparing reports and sending them to the Diocesan office!)

For the Cathedral and the Diocese this is a season of profound change as renovations to the Bishop and Executive Archdeacon’s offices are wrapping up and as the Cathedral Congregation continues moving forward with the Spirit’s direction in their Restoring Hope Campaign. (If you haven’t seen the Cathedral lately, you really should stop in and see the progress. The Dean has been working extremely

hard with the congregants to envision the way God is calling them to move forward!)

For the Provincial and National Churches, with which we hold a strong and committed relationship, this is a season of profound change as well. The Province of Northern Lights has seen the introduction of five new bishops in four short months, the acknowledgement that the Province, with each Diocese, needs to do significant work on all our Safe Church (or Safeguarding) Policies for the sake of each of Creator’s children, and the very growing pains of sharing together in who God is calling us as a Provincial Church to be in the world of Northern Lights: Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, parts of western Ontario, and The Arctic: Northwest Territories, Nunavut, Northern Quebec, and parts of Labrador.

In the National Church we share in the challenge to acknowledge the need for change and the strength to pray for and participate in assisting our new Primate in moving forward in the difficult but beneficial work of leading us in transformation. More information will begin coming about the Pathways for Transformation as the Transformation Task Force begins their work later this month. This season is indeed a Season of Change and the most immediate change we can make as a Diocese is that of revisiting how we understand our relationship with the National Church. We serve the same God. We live into the same Gospel. We are called to be one in purpose and mission with them. This is an attitudinal shift that many dioceses – especially in the west – really do need to make. We are siblings in Christ and that is what matters the most.

All these seasons noted above are particularly important

and equally real. However, we are smack dab in the most powerful and uplifting season of this time of year: the Season of Thanksgiving. All around us we see the very handiwork of God in God’s creation. Crops are being harvested. Leaves are changing colour and falling. Animals are preparing for winter. Many of us are preparing for festive Thanksgiving meals with families and friends. Others may be preparing to serve a Thanksgiving feast to neighbours, seniors, or members of our communities who are without housing, or even just families with whom to break bread.

This season is a season of Thanksgiving, but it is not the “hooray and hallelujah” kind of giving thanks. This season needs to be one of acknowledgment for all God has given us: the joys and relationships, and the difficulties through which we learn and grow, and the challenges through which we continue to become the compassionate, loving, forgiving, expectant, and willing participants in life that God is calling us to become.

“For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven.” May this season of Thanksgiving be one which calls you to practice and live a life filled with giving thanks for every thing that God places in your path. Indeed, there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven. The truth is that the season of Giving Thanks is not one that ever ends. It is the never-ending season of loving and being loved in return.

May this Thanksgiving season be an eternal, challenging, rewarding, and beautiful season for you and yours.

+ Rachael



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# A Public Service Announcement: Banking Changes

Submitted by A Concerned Child

## Know Your Customer and Know Your Congregation

While it may seem unusual to see a Public Service Announcement in The Mustard Seed, there are indeed times when as many forms and forums of communication as possible may be needed. One of the secular items of interest which may pertain to a lot of our parishioners is that of the “KYC Rule,” which was created by the federal government several years ago and which some banking institutions are now enforcing. The “KYC” or “Know Your Customer” Rule states that financial establishments are responsible for keeping identity and contact information for all customers up to date. It’s a great rule, isn’t it? The need for this PSA has arisen because banks are now becoming more compliant with this regulation and customers are getting caught in the middle.

Based on the information provided to the author, customers are responsible for coming in person to their physical bank branch annually and asking to ensure that their contact and banking information are up to date. In at least one banking institution this is currently being exercised

specifically with customers who have accounts they don’t use frequently and with account holders who do not often use those accounts. Indeed, this may have a significant impact on our older parishioners who have asked a relative or friend to share an account simply for the purposes of ensuring that if something were to happen, the co-account holder would be able to attend to their banking needs.

Recently I received a panicked phone call from a parent with whom I have shared bank accounts in name only for decades. I had forgotten that I was even a signer on the accounts. One day this parent was informed by their church that their Sunday offering cheque had been returned due to insufficient funds. When checking their account balance, they saw that they did indeed have the funds and that their government pension cheque had not yet been deposited. Upon checking with the bank, they were told that their accounts had been frozen – no monies able to be deposited or withdrawn – as the second account holder had not updated their information in years. Had we realized that my information needed updating we

would have taken care of it quickly. However, the accounts were simply frozen with no efforts to inform the customers or give time to fix the problem. You can imagine the greater concerns this could have created: rent cheques bounced, income not received, insufficient funds fees for cheques returned, and so on.

While at the bank updating my information on those accounts and having them unfrozen, I asked how the institution was informing customers ahead of simply freezing accounts. The response was simply that customers are responsible for this, and the bank is only enforcing a government regulation. When I suggested that employees might call impacted customers and inform them of next steps prior to simply freezing accounts, I was informed that it is the computer system which generates both the accounts impacted and the action taken.

The lesson we all need to be made aware of this: if you or someone you help take care of has (1) accounts which are used infrequently, or (2) have co-signers who do not actively use the accounts, you need to have all

account holders go to their branch and ask to update their information and identification on file to ensure that more of our vulnerable peoples do not find themselves with their own financial resources unavailable due to a banking regulation.

From our Churches’ perspectives we too should be reaching out to parishioners and folks on our Parish Lists to see if we have up to date information. How often have people moved, changed phone numbers or email addresses, and simply forgotten to let the church office know? I have! Please make sure your church has your current contact information. It’s hard to reach out to you if they can’t find you!

So, maybe we all need to be aware of the “KYC” rule and add in a “KYP” rule: Know Your Customer for our banks and Know Your Parishioner for your church.



## Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

### Let us Pray

Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

Bishop Rachael will discuss small congregations and lead us in prayer on MONDAY NOVEMBER 16 AT 12:00 NOON. Be sure to circle this date on your calendar and invite friends over to attend this AFP ZOOM session. Join us at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83536726542?pwd=r1Aj0fdW20FDkLjz4dLazF4UqA08jz.1>

‘For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.’

MATTHEW 18:20

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# News From the Diocese and Cathedral

The Very Chris Evetts  
Dean of St Matthew's Cathedral

## October Update

Greetings and blessings to everyone in the Diocese of Brandon. It's time to share an update on the exciting changes and challenges within and around the Anglican Centre, which encompasses the entire St. Matthew's Cathedral property, including Westman Immigrant Services and the Diocese of Brandon's Synod offices.

Since my last update, we have made significant progress in transforming our worship space at St. Matthew's into a versatile multi-use area. The most noticeable change has been in the nave, where pews have been removed and replaced with chairs that offer greater flexibility and comfort. This update allows us to

create a welcoming and accessible environment for gatherings, while still honouring the sacredness and rich history of those who came before us.

If you've visited the Cathedral or Synod offices recently, you may have noticed an array of renovations underway. This includes a new washroom in the crypt, the restoration of a decommissioned washroom, and plans for future offices of the Diocese of Brandon. Although this work is ongoing, we are filled with anticipation for its completion. Many talented professionals have joined us, offering their insights and proposals for vibrant new ministries that will hopefully find a home within the Anglican Centre. Exciting possibilities lie ahead.

With all these new initiatives, we are mindful of the need for funding. We are actively negotiating the WIS lease and hope to finalize this matter soon. While we have not yet secured new grants, we remain optimistic, as it is still early in the grant season. We are eager to utilize a previous accessibility grant, as earlier plans became challenging to plan for. Moreover, we have obtained a small loan from the Diocese to cover the costs associated with the crypt washroom.

Future work quotes for resurfacing and repairing the nave floor, as well as ensuring the safety of our future music studio, previously known as the Youth Room or Yellow Room, are also in hand. Our roof, which is overdue

for repair and currently leaking, requires necessary work in the next one to two years. We are grateful for the permission to use modern materials, given our building's heritage status—a heartfelt thank you to our partners for their invaluable support in maintaining our physical space.

As we forge ahead with hope, we humbly ask for your prayers as we plan for the future and extend our support to those in need in the greater Brandon area. Inspiring work is unfolding here, and we eagerly look forward to welcoming you to witness it firsthand.



The Rev'd Canon Robert Parker  
Project Manager, Anglican Centre

## Diocesan Center Update

A quick update of what is happening with the new Diocesan offices that are being relocated to the upstairs rooms at the Cathedral. Back in the early summer, new air conditioning/heat pumps were installed in the office currently occupied by Archdeacon Cheryl, the Cathedral reception office, the Sacristy/Breakroom and the Dean's office. The new HVAC is in and

working very well.

New flooring has been installed in half of the Sacristy/Breakroom and into the hallway outside that room. It will be installed up the stairs and into the new Diocesan Centre.

Upstairs, the old music room wall has been removed and relocated to create a new office for Bishop Rachael. A new

electrical service has been installed to accommodate the new HVAC system that will soon be installed. The drywall has been hung and the sanding and painting been completed. As of this writing, we are awaiting two new energy efficient windows, new suspended ceiling, completion of the electrical work, and the flooring installed.

Once completed, Bishop Rachael and Archdeacon Cheryl

will move in and Greig Scott will move up to Archdeacons Cheryl's old office.

I would like to say thank you to JCJ Residential Services for their construction expertise. Wheat City Electrical and Four Seasons Mechanical for all they do.





# News From Around the Diocese

The Ven Cheryl Kukurudz  
Executive Archdeacon

## Fire Talk 2025

We're incredibly proud of a remarkable group of Indigenous youth who have just completed the "Young People and Mental Health" course, taking important steps in understanding mental wellness, managing challenges, and supporting one another. Following weekly Zoom gatherings, in which the youth focused on different

aspects of mental wellness, as well as strategies for peer support and leadership, an in-person gathering took place at Camp Harding in the Cypress Hills Inter-provincial Park in Saskatchewan. Here, the emphasis on having a safe space to share, while growing in knowledge and confidence was evident. Just look at those smiling faces on the zipline! Do you see anyone you know?

Now, their journey continues as they explore traditional spiritual practices alongside Anglican practices — walking a beautiful path of cultural strength, faith, and healing.

This powerful initiative wouldn't be possible without the generous support and guidance

of the Anglican Foundation, Alongside Hope, Indigenous Ministries, the Diocese of Qu'appelle and our own diocese.

Together, we're lifting up this generation, grounded in tradition, surrounded by community, and supported in spirit.



Joan Nadolny  
St. Paul's, Dauphin

## Poitreous Family

On June 29 we were so pleased to have the Poitreous family play wonderful gospel songs for us at our 10:30 service at St. Paul's Dauphin. The service was followed by a dedication service honouring long time parishioner and ACW member, Crystal Zurba, who has passed away. The ACW have put an engraved bench in her name on the south side of the church. Her husband and daughter were there to make the occasion even more special.

a relaxing, musical day filled with the peace that Jesus gave us.



## Women's Getaway 2025

On June 7 we held our annual Women's Getaway at St James Rivers this year. The topic was peace, led by Rev. Barry Nadolny. We all shared ideas. It was



# News From Around the Diocese

Karen Webb  
St Matthew's Cathedral

## Cathedral Happenings

As many in the Diocese of Brandon know, St. Matthew's Cathedral is undergoing a significant change. (To be clear, it's on the inside. We don't want the provincial historical building police thinking we have dared touch even a broken brick on the outside.)

Inside, when you walk in, you'll notice the pews are gone. In their place are chairs, comfortable chairs. Their gift is that they can be moved and removed to allow and encourage other groups to use the worship space in ways they could

not before.

We saw a great example of that on August 23, when Glenn and Lorna Ball celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. They held a cupcake come-and-go, with coffee or tea.

All who attended saw a room full of tables and chairs, enabling everyone to sit and chat for a while, move around a bit, get up and get coffee or just sit and enjoy the camaraderie of friends and colleagues.

Glenn Ball had been a minister with the Presbyterian Church in Brandon, but since

retirement he has also attended the weekly Wednesday eucharist at the Cathedral and has also attended on Sundays. Their friends came from all over the city, from several denominations. It wasn't unusual for someone to come in the door and say, "Oh, it's beautiful! I've never been here before."

Glenn and Lorna greeted everyone at the door and then, as everyone knew they would, mingled throughout the group, thanking everyone and telling stories about the time they had spent together. When asked (jokingly) whether the last forty years had been worth it, they both

laughed and affirmed they would do it all over again.

Dean Chris as not able to attend, as he was attending the celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Henry Budd College in The Pas, but he said afterwards he hoped there would be more celebrations like the one Glenn and Lorna had.

Congratulations, Glenn and Lorna Ball, who were also thankful there was a comfortable, Christian space where they could celebrate.



Karen Webb  
St Matthew's Cathedral

## Tent Service

On Sunday, August 31, 2025, the last Sunday before the end of summer, the Parish of the Epiphany had a joint service in a tent outside St. Mary's Anglican Church in Brandon.

The Parish of the Epiphany is a three point parish – St. Matthew's Cathedral, St. Mary's and St. Paul's, Wawanesa. The idea came from and was put together by St. Mary's, who set it up and then asked the other two parishes to come.

They did. Dean Chris Evetts said the original plan was to hope forty-five people came, which was

revised to fifty, which was short of the sixty-plus who actually attended. In addition to the service, St. Mary's held a hot dog barbecue for everyone who came. There were so many that at least two rows worth had to sit in the sunshine behind the tent. Dean Chris confirmed that congregants from all three churches came.

The service was both traditional and non-traditional. Wording: BAS, all the way? Music? As original as anyone might have heard within an Anglican church. The first hymn was sung to music provided by a ukelele! Sandy Jasper and Deanna Ginn,

two very proficient singers from Brandon, led the next two and the last, was Christmas Hallelujah – a version of Leonard Cohen's legacy song. Bruce wasn't surprized when no-one sang the verses, but almost stopped in amazement when the congregation began wholeheartedly to sing the chorus.

Dean Chris said the idea started in the spring when he began working on his doctoral thesis, "Restoring Hope", reinventing the Anglican presence in a secular world. "We need to change" he said, "to explore new ways to be publicly ourselves." It was also important that there be no

suggestion that there was any kind of cost to anyone who came, even if that person came only for the barbecue. There was a collection plate, but not even a hint of an expectation for a donation.

All the feedback he received was positive. "Everyone needs to have something bigger than themselves. History has shown us humanity can't be trusted so the church must show how it can be part of the bigger presence. It takes a village, and we're part of that village."

It is almost certain there will be another celebration next summer.





# News from General Synod 2025 cont.

The Rt Rev'd Rachael Parker  
Bishop of Brandon

## General Synod 2025 Creating Pathways: Organizational Structure

At General Synod in late June, the Gathering approved the reception of the Primate's Commission. The Commission identified three core areas of work as foundational to the ministry of the General Synod as it seeks to support dioceses and communities across the country. These three core areas are a commitment to communicate, connect, and convene so that all Anglicans in Canada (individuals, parishes, and dioceses) are assisted in their ability to proclaim the Gospel.

Considering those commitments to the 3 C's, the Primate's Commission discerned from the feedback gathered nationally that there were 6 Pathways to consider for the future of the Anglican Church of Canada. Those Pathways are:

- 1. Organizational Structure
- 2. Management Overview & Restructuring
- 3. Inclusion & Diversity In Decision-Making

- 4. Communications
- 5. Walking Together In Partnership: Indigenous Church (Sacred Circle) with the Historic Settler Church (General Synod, Provinces, Dioceses, and Territories)
- 6. Ministry In Remote Northern Communities

With the approval of these Pathways, the Primate commissioned a group of people from across the nation to do the work of the Transformation Task Force: discerning steps forward on each Pathway and working toward realizing them as a National Church. There is representation from across the Church and Bishop Rachael has been appointed as a representative for the Council of the North.

Over the next few months, The Mustard Seed will be sharing the "Creating Pathways" goals which have been tasked to the Transformation Task Force. Should you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions, please reach out to the Bishop and share your thoughts.

The following information is taken from the document "Creating Pathways for the Transformational

Change of the General Synod: An Offering from the Primate's Commission on Proclaiming the Gospel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

### Pathway #1: Organizational Structure

"In a church one-quarter the size and shrinking (since 1967), this pathway describes how the convening power of the institution of General Synod can initiate a process to address the question: How can the size of church governance structures in the Anglican Church of Canada be reduced by 75%?"

Two structural priorities must be held in tension, considering the large geography and regional diversity of the National Church. First, we must focus resources on proclaiming the gospel in local communities through a shift to smaller national, provincial, and diocesan structures. Second, we must work to establish a strong centre focused on a shared commitment to proclaiming the gospel to foster relationships and collaboration across expansive diversity.

To accomplish these two priorities, we must build relationships and trust across distance and differences which will

require decision-making processes that are accessible, transparent, and accountable.

Practically speaking this will mean that the Officers of the Council of General Synod (Primate, General Secretary, Treasurer, Prolocutor, and Deputy Prolocutor, two Officers at Large, Chancellor, and Vice Chancellor) will be given the mandate and resources to propose a major revision to organizational structures. To accomplish this, they will create a working group to develop a proposal for a new organizational structure. That group will be tasked with answering several specific questions. (The Bishop can provide more specific information upon request.) Upon the completion of the Task Group's work, a Constitutional Convention would then be called to allow for specific changes to the Constitution and Canons to be made and then implemented.



# News from the National Church

The Rt Rev'd Rachael Parker  
Bishop of Brandon

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report and the 94 Calls to Action. Over the years, the Anglican Church of Canada, each Diocese, and many individual congregations across the country have committed to working with the Report and Calls to Action. In some places, much work has been done. In others, struggles are still occurring to discover how best groups can live into both the apologies made by Primates Peers and Hiltz, and their own commitments to figuring out what their response to the TRC Report and 94 Calls should be.

Having had the privilege and the humble gift of being

present at Sacred Circle in Calgary in early August, and then being present for the 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Henry Budd College for Ministry in later August, the Bishop had several conversations with members of different communities who either attended Residential Schools or who have lived with/are continuing to live with the Intergenerational Trauma caused by the schools and their tragic legacies.

While also attending Sacred Circle, our new Primate, The Most Reverend Shane Parker, also had a conversation which gave him a new perspective on both what had happened and what he is called to do as Primate. He has asked

that the whole Church in Canada continue to do this challenging work in general and to do something symbolic in particular. His hope is that a symbolic gesture might lead us all into actionable efforts as well, while we strive to lead the next generations into the call for reconciliation and healing that previous generations caused through the horrors and atrocities of previous generational decisions of both the government and the Church.

Please read this excerpt of what Primate Shane Parker has shared with the Bishops and Deans of the Canadian Church:

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

When I was at Sacred Circle in early August, I was approached by a respected intergenerational residential school Survivor. She felt called to share with me a vision that was given to her concerning the Survivors' flag (for a complete description see <https://nctr.ca/exhibits/survivors-flag/>).

She described how she had been invited to a ceremony organized by a large national company that had chosen to raise a Survivors' flag in its headquarters. She was the Elder asked to open with prayer, drumming, singing, and smudging of the Survivor who was raising the flag and of the flag itself. She described feeling the Holy Spirit and was overwhelmed



by the honour and respect shown by non-Indigenous participants. The question came to her, “If a large corporation can do this, why can’t our churches?” and the vision of a Survivors’ flag in every Anglican church was born.

... In this 10th anniversary year of the release of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and its 94 Calls to Action, and with the strong support of ACIP, I will invite all Anglican churches in Canada to consider displaying a Survivors’ flag to demonstrate awareness, acknowledgement, respect and reconciliation toward residential school Survivors and their families. Like other symbols of inclusion

and welcome, the presence of a Survivors’ flag announces that a church is a place of safety, healing and understanding. I write to you in advance to say that I was given funds to provide a Survivors’ flag to every cathedral of the Anglican Church of Canada. One will be delivered to you ... with the hope that you will find an appropriate way to display it in your cathedral (or diocesan office). When you do, please take a photo and send it to [hpaukov@national.anglican.ca](mailto:hpaukov@national.anglican.ca) for posting on our national church social media platforms as an encouragement to others.

Yours in the reconciling love of Christ, Archbishop Shane Parker (Primate of All Canada)

Our Primate has begun his tenure as the Primate of All Canada with the commitment to doing the hardest of all work: walking in a Good Way while recognizing that the Anglican Church has not always done so. Our Bishop pledged to do the same as she listened to, prayed with, and committed to Christ and her Indigenous siblings that she, and our Diocese, will indeed do that work of walking in a Good Way, with God’s help and with the help of those who have survived.

The Diocese of Brandon has much work to do. We must be open to learning to follow a New Path – one which the Spirit will lead us on as we come alongside those

who have been walking that Path for Time Immemorial. One way that we can continue beginning is to join our Primate, ACIP (Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples), and all those who have survived. The Cathedral will display this flag and as a members of this Diocese, we will work toward ensuring that every congregation will do the same.

We will participate in bringing the Elder’s vision to its purpose.



At Home with The Bishop

Starting in September, Bishop Rachael has begun hosting a monthly Zoom chat on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month until June. Sessions will be held from 7-8 pm via Zoom. She will be sharing with you about such topics as:

- The Church: Who We Are and How We Are Structured
- Synods: From Your Local Parish to the National Church
- Prayer
- Worship
- Called to Serve? Talking About Discernment

Each month a notice will be sent out on Facebook and the website with the Zoom link. If you need help with this, please reach out to the Diocesan Office and we will help you get connected. People are welcome to join from their own living rooms or – better yet – gather together for a watch party and have some fun! The format will be some teaching/talking and lots of opportunity for questions and conversation.

Bishop Rachael is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bishop Chat

Time: Sep 15, 2025 07:00 PM Winnipeg

Every month on the Third Mon, until Jun 15, 2026, 10 occurrence(s)

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