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Faith Tides

RENEWED HEARTS, RENEWED SPIRITS, RENEWED PEOPLE

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Instruments of love and compassion



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By *Anna Greenwood-Lee*

In April of 2024 Archbishop Linda, Archbishop Chris and I wrote a letter to the federal government asking that the day school settlement agreement be re-opened. Marvin Underwood, member of this diocese, has shared with me how traumatizing and unfair this process has been for him and for all the other claimants.

It was not until November 2024 that we received a response to our letter and it was, in short, disappointing. I shared the letter with Marvin and while all of it was frustrating to him, he was especially chagrined by the claims in the letter that mental health supports are available in communities across the country. This is not in fact the case. Marvin also shared with me how frustrating it is to him that the whole process, of compensating individuals for abuse suffered, fails to acknowledge the intergenerational trauma of abuse suffered at day schools.

Marvin's claim for abuse suffered at day school has been done through forms and letters exchanged with the government and with Deloitte (the accounting firm contracted to adjudicate claims). The process has lacked compassion, understanding and grace. The process has leaned heavily towards the transactional (this amount of money if you can check these boxes for types of abuse and frequency of abuse). No transaction can compensate for abuse and dehumanization. What is needed is transformation, of people, of systems, of institutions.

As we begin the year 2025, we mark the feast of Epiphany and we remember how we are called, like the wise men, to resist the empires of the world and to return home by another road. If the wise men had simply done what they were told by Herod, the Christ child would have been killed. Salvation would not have come. May we too discern those times that we might be called to resist the empires of the world so that God's love can break into the world, transforming us into instruments of love and compassion.

Bishop's Dinner to raise funds for ministry in the North Island



By Faith Tides

As you are able, please join Bishop Anna and others from across the diocese on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2025 at 6 p.m. for an evening of relationship building. The evening will also be an opportunity for Bishop Anna to speak about what she sees in her travels across the diocese, particularly in our vibrant churches in the North Island: Port Hardy, Port McNeil and 'Yalis (Alert Bay). All funds raised from the evening will be directed to ministry in the north of our diocese.

The Bishop's Dinner will be held in the Terrace Ballroom at the Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria. Tickets are \$200 per individual or \$1500 for a table of 8. Tax receipts will be issued for \$100 per ticket and for \$700 for a table. Menu options for the night include braised

beef short ribs and whipped potatoes, roasted chicken breast with roasted fingerlings, and steelhead trout and spiced cous cous, as well as a vegetarian option.

At this dinner, Bishop Anna will take some time to reflect on what she sees when she looks out at our diocese as a whole, faithfully serving God on these islands and inlets. In particular, she'll share some stories about our churches in the north of the island, which have a particular charisma for outreach and reconciliation. It will be an evening to celebrate the beauty of small churches focused on community connection and service, and that are incarnating a post-colonial church in a secular age.

A number of tickets and tables have already been sold so if you'd like to join us, please [buy your tickets soon](#). If you need to stay over in Victoria to attend the dinner, the Laurel Point also offers a favourable room rate in February. Call the front desk and ask for the Anglican Diocese corporate rate.

Event details

Date and time: Wednesday, Feb. 5th, 2025, 6 p.m.

Location: Terrace Ballroom, Inn at Laurel Point, Victoria, BC

Tickets: \$200 individual | \$1500 for a table of 8 (Tax receipts issued for \$100 per ticket and for \$700 for a table)

Registration link: www.eventbrite.ca/e/bishops-dinner-registration

Lynne McNaughton resigns as metropolitan



Image courtesy of the Diocese of Kootenay.

By Naomi Racz

At the provincial synod for the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, held on Sept. 22, Archbishop Lynne McNaughton made known her intention to step down as metropolitan.

Archbishop Lynne officially resigned in a letter dated Nov. 22, 2024 and addressed to David Lehmann, senior bishop in the ecclesiastical province. The letter has been [published on the ecclesiastical province website](#). She cites personal reasons and a desire to devote more time to her role as Bishop of Kootenay as the main reasons for her resignation.

“After prayerful consideration, for personal reasons I

am resigning from my position as the Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon, effective immediately. I wish now to let go of this responsibility to focus my work on the needs of the Diocese of Kootenay,” said Archbishop Lynne.

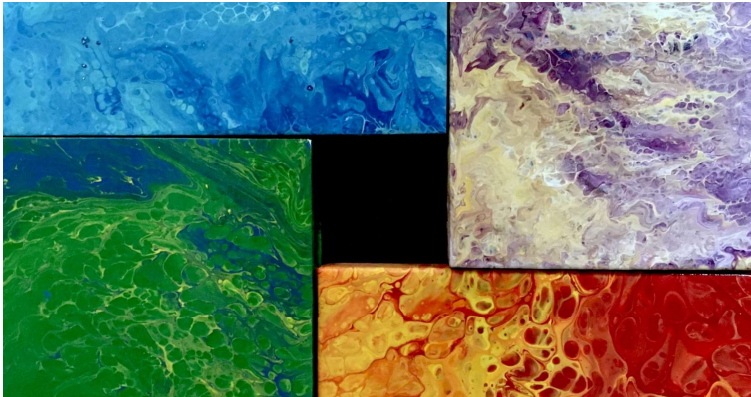
“It has been an honour to serve as Metropolitan as the province has embarked on finding new ways to work together, to begin restructuring to be more effective in our shared mission. I remain committed to take part in this ongoing work as the Bishop of Kootenay.”

In a letter from David Lehmann, dated Nov. 25, and also [published on the ecclesiastical province website](#), Bishop David states that Lynne has served with “grace, vision, and fortitude” and that she “gave sacrificially to her role.”

“I have much gratitude for her and her brilliant leadership. The grace that she had in care for the Territory of the People in a time of profound crisis. Her vision of a province working collaboratively and compassionately. The fortitude to serve through what [have] been difficult years has been a blessing to me and the province.”

Bishop David Lehmann will serve as acting-metropolitan, and provincial synod members have been asked to save the date for an election on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025. The election will be held on Zoom.

An artistic expression of liturgical colour



'The Spirit in Liturgical Life' by Andrea Fruhling

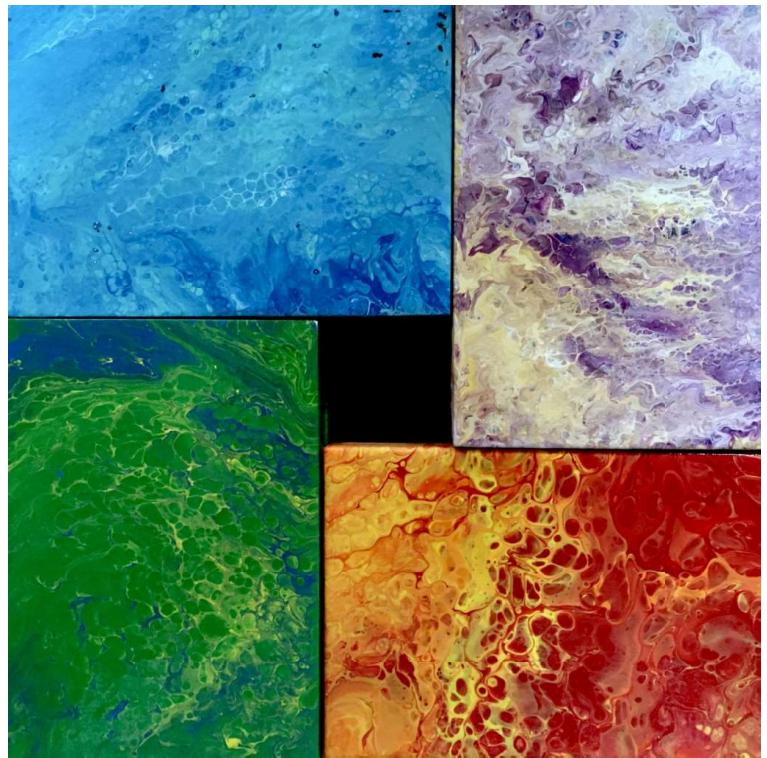
By Jeanette Amundson

*We the church are light
the light shining in darkness
the darkness vanquished*

The Christian calendar year, portrayed in colour blocks painted by my daughter, Andrea Fruhling, reminds me of the flow and the freedom of the spirit in all of the seasons of our Christian year. They bring light and life to all that we can and cannot see in our faith journey.

The haiku poem is my reflection on the call to the church to actively bear witness to the light which has come into the world and, no matter the challenges, will not be overcome by the darkness.

See the full art work below.



Lay leadership in worship course to run in spring 2025



Image courtesy of Ascend Anglican photo bundle

By Ingrid Andersen

Many of the parishes in the diocese are “in transition” and do not necessarily have a priest to celebrate the eucharist each Sunday. Additionally, parishes are rediscovering the daily office and considering ways to have lay-led weekday services. Lay-led services are an opportunity for renewal: to encourage lay people to live into the vows they made in their baptismal covenant, which reminds us that every one of us, lay or ordained, is called to participate in worship by virtue of our baptism.

We are asked, “Will you continue in the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?” We answer, “I will, with God’s help.” If your parish is often or occasionally without clergy and you are a lay leader who would be able and willing to lead in services, you are invited to apply online to be considered by the bishop for a nomination to attend the upcoming eight-week Lay Leadership in Worship course. Upon successful completion of the course, a conversation will be held about how and when you might help lead services of the word in your parish.

The Diocese of Islands and Inlets is presenting its fifth offering of the Lay Leadership in Worship course from early March to the beginning of June 2025. The course will provide the skills and resources for laity to lead worship services, morning and evening prayer, and the liturgy of the word (a church service without the eucharist).

To date, more than 80 lay leaders have been successfully trained in the diocese. 54 licensed lay ministers serve regularly in parishes throughout the diocese. Regardless of their knowledge and experience, all participants go on to deepen their understanding of liturgy and the offices, and gain confidence to become more effective leaders of worship.

Course description

The eight sessions will equip lay leaders to:

- Understand the purpose of liturgy
- Follow the liturgical year and the lectionary, and examine their purpose in worship and liturgical formation
- Understand our Anglican, geographical, social and historical context
- Become familiar with the broad principles and structure of the offices in the BCP and the BAS, as well as the liturgy of the word
- Learn to plan worship collaboratively in your parish
- Access the available liturgical, lectionary, prayer and sermon resources needed to plan and lead a worship service
- Reflect on lessons learned from the practical implementation of course content

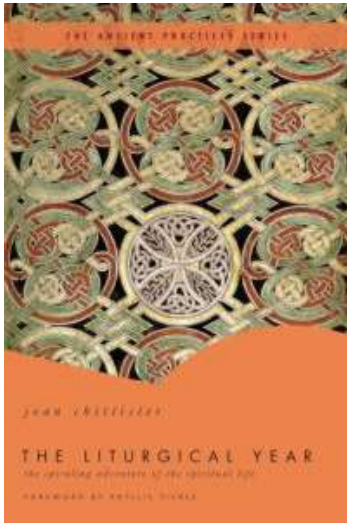
Dates and location

- Via Zoom, on Thursdays from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- March 6, 13, 20 and 27; April 3, 10 and 24; and June 5
- Three mentored services during a month of mentored practical experience in your parish/region, followed by a final Zoom class on Thursday, June 5

Cost

Free; however participants must purchase (or borrow) their own copy of the required reading well in advance of the course.

Required reading



[The Liturgical Year: the spiraling adventure of the spiritual life](#) by Joan Chittister, Ancient Practices Series, 2009

Qualifications

All those wishing to lead the liturgy of the word must provide proof of the following before applying

for the course:

1. a valid Police Information Check (with Vulnerable Persons Sector check)
2. completed [Safe Church](#) training within the last five years
3. read the [diocesan policies](#) and signed the policy acknowledgement form
4. approval of your parish incumbent (or, in the absence of an incumbent, your warden or regional archdeacon) to lead the liturgy of the word in your parish

How to apply

Those interested should complete the [online form](#). Applications will be accepted from Dec. 1, 2024 to Jan. 17, 2025.

In partnership with Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee, this course is brought to you by Ingrid Andersen, incumbent at Church of the Advent, Colwood, and other teachers and facilitators from throughout the diocese and beyond.

A retreat for turbulent times

By Faith Tides

Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee and Christine Conkin, incumbent at St George's, Codboro Bay, will be hosting a week of intentional reflection at the Sorrento Centre this summer (July 27 – August 2), as part of the centre's 2025 summer program, which is themed around "enchantment." The retreat is titled The Turbulent 2020s: A Midterm Review and will explore and incarnate life-giving theology and practice in this turbulent decade.

What is the turbulent 2020s? Climate crisis. Racial reckonings. Institutional church decline. Trump is back. The future is uncertain. How, then, does our theology help or hinder us as we navigate the turbulence of our times? How do we hold fast in these chaotic and changing times?

Retreat participants will look at some of the theological voices of our time, including John Thatamanil, Ilia Delia, Tripp Fuller, Grace Ji-Sun Kim, Brian McLaren, Catherine Keller and Tom Oord. Their insights will help participants dig into some of the issues of our day, including what we do with our buildings in light of institutional church decline and growing awareness of our colonial legacy, while continuing to embrace Jesus' call to justice and peace.

The cost of the retreat is \$325 and the Sorrento Centre offers a range of accommodation options and meal packages. Young adults (19–39) will receive \$325 to be

applied to their registration. Funding is distributed on a first come, first serve basis and is limited. Funding is also available from the [Educational Trusts Board](#).

For more information and to register, visit the [Sorrento Centre website](#).

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