

Memo from the Bishop

March 14, 2013

Dear Fellow-servants of Christ Jesus,

There are a number of important things to be aware of as we look to the coming of Easter and spring weather. I encourage each of you to prayerfully observe Holy Week as we prepare to celebrate again our Lord Jesus' triumph and resurrection. We also pray at this time for Archbishop Justin Welby, who is to be installed in Canterbury next week, and for Pope Francis as he begins his new ministry.

As has already been publicized, we have set dates and times for General Synod consultations, with two planned for each deanery. These offer an opportunity for you to hear something of the issues we anticipate to deal with in Ottawa, to discuss them, and to help our delegates prepare for Synod. Your thoughts and discernment are important, and you are encouraged to be present at one of these.

There are two developments with regard to the ongoing life of Relearning Christian Community.

There is going to be a Mission Team Training workshop in Peace River on June 14-16. We will spend some time looking at the purpose and vision of this group, discuss the workings of a mission, consider the various ministries that will be a part of them, and work at preparing for that. This will be an event open to those who are interested. Registration information will be available shortly. Team members will share in the leadership of mission events in parishes throughout the diocese, and will include music leadership, prayer ministry, sharing of stories/teaching, and technical support.

We are anticipating advertising the position for mission training coordination in the near future. This person will have a focus on team training, supporting parish leadership and community education, and in assisting the Bishop in administration and parish support in the diocese. This is an exciting opportunity for us to help bring our diocesan vision into fuller reality across the diocese, and I ask your prayers as we develop the position description and search for the right person.