

## Pastoral Letter #56 - April 10, 2008

Dear Friends:

Thank you to all who contributed in many ways to our April 4, 5, and 6 Synod. It was, I believe, a productive and inspiring time. It was good to connect with our Primate, and to share with our visitors from Guyana. Barbara and Zandra are having busy days as the Anglican Church Women host their visit to our Diocese.

1. The Very Rev. Jane Alexander, Rector of All Saints Cathedral and Dean of Edmonton, was elected Bishop of Edmonton on March 8<sup>th</sup>. Bishop Elect Alexander's consecration will be on Pentecost Sunday, May 11 at 4:00 p.m. at All Saints Cathedral, Edmonton. Of course, she will be our neighbouring bishop to the west and we welcome her.
2. The Right Rev. Victoria Matthews, former Bishop of Edmonton, has been elected Bishop of Christ Church, New Zealand. Bishop Matthews will attend the Lambeth Conference on behalf of her new diocese. She will move to New Zealand in September. Congratulations and best wishes to Bishop Victoria.
3. Mrs. Peggy Wootton, spouse of the Ven. Don Wootton, died on March 10<sup>th</sup> at Kelowna, B.C. of lung cancer. Peggy was known in the Diocese, particularly in Macklin and North Battleford where Don served as Rector.

Don and Peggy also lived in Prince Albert where Don served as Executive Secretary of the Diocese of Saskatchewan. Bishop Burton writes: "Peggy was a woman of great faith and an enthusiastic partner in ministry with Don for 54 years. Following a memorial service in Salmon Arm, BC on Saturday, her remains will be cremated. Her ashes will be interred in the grave of their son in North Battleford in the Spring."

Condolences can be sent to [megdon@jetstream.net](mailto:megdon@jetstream.net)

4. Mr. Don Coomber of St. John's Minster and Ms. Wilma Miller of Christ Church, Saskatoon have been appointed to Diocesan Council.
5. The Grants Allocation Panel has been elected and appointed. Diocesan Council elected Ken Bos, Mary McKay and Lillian Fleck. The Rev. Dr. Henry Comerford and the Very Rev. Terry Wiebe have been appointed. The committee will be meeting on Tuesday April 22, 2008.
6. There is an error in the Convening Circular for Synod. The status of the Rev. Shawn Sanford Beck is incorrectly listed. When his license expired, Shawn was placed On Leave

Without Permission to Officiate. He did not relinquish his priesthood. Apologies to Shawn for this oversight.

7. The Very Rev. Terry Wiebe has been appointed Commissary of the Diocese from April 14 to 18 inclusive. I will be attending meetings of the House of Bishops in Niagara Falls Ontario.
  
8. The Rev. Dr. William R. Adamson, formerly of St. Andrew's College, Saskatoon writes about New Testament house churches: "These gatherings included women and men, various nationalities, people from different crafts and businesses, slaves, freedwomen and freedmen. There are references which indicate that sometimes these groups of believers put up a bond or ransom to free one of its members from slavery. No wonder there were conflicts and squabbles as such diverse peoples learned to live together as followers of Jesus under the reign of God."

p. 14 Adamson, William R. Small Churches Understanding and Encouraging Them Adam Enterprises, Saskatoon SK, 1993.

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection, may we live in the spirit and life of the Resurrected One.

Yours sincerely,

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