

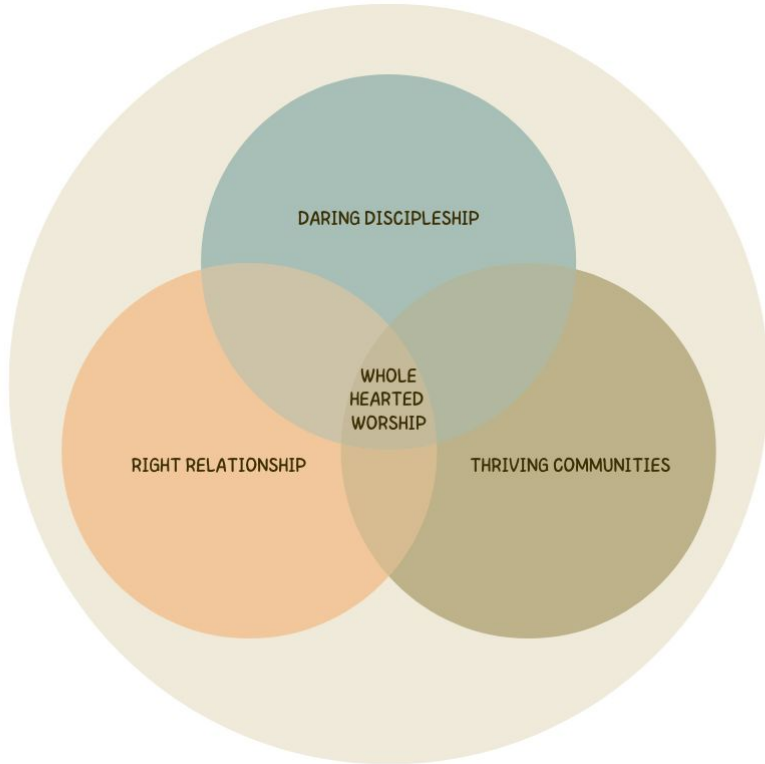
# God With Us



**Celebrating 120 Years of the Incorporation  
of the Diocese of Kootenay  
June 4, 1903 - June 4, 2023**

*Thanks be to God!*

# Provisional Values...



- **Wholehearted Worship in the Anglican Tradition**
- **Daring Discipleship**
- **Right Relationship (with God, Creation, and One Another)**
- **Thriving Communities**

While we read history, we make history.

“That is surely the spirit in which a Christian will read the history of his Diocese, or of his Church. He looks back, but even as he does so, he steps forward into God’s tomorrow.”

The Most Rev. Howard Clark, Primate of All Canada

Written in 1960 for the Jubilee issue of *The Highway*

# Thank you, God, for 120 (+) years of .....



2023, St. Andrew's,  
Kelowna



1913, First wedding at the Cathedral

**Wholehearted  
Worship  
in the  
Anglican  
Tradition**

# In the Face of CHANGE...

From St. James, Armstrong  
& St. George, Enderby

... the structure of the world has changed, the structure of our Diocese is changing. But this seems to be a continuum. It has always been subject to change.

We are still here. We are still worshipping weekly, in a hybrid manner. ... We still survive to give Glory to God, we still worship God's holy name. We still matter.



*Nelson choir, 1905*



*COVID choir*

# In the Face of COVID 19 ...

**From Windermere Valley Shared Ministry** In April of 2020, we began (as most churches did) to worship online because of Covid. This lasted for two years. What became called "Zoom church" increased both attendance and a feeling of community. It gave accessibility for people to attend that did not exist before.



*Worship during COVID, Okanagan Falls  
(2020)*

**From St. George's, West Kelowna :** Returning to worship in person, following the Covid outbreak, was a major celebration of **JOY!**

# In the Face of Fire



From Holy Trinity,  
Grand Forks  
(Boundary Parish)

“Let it be said that  
not all events appear  
to be good events, but  
our God has a way of  
turning things on  
their proverbial head  
...”

# More Fire!

## From All Saints, Vernon

**Ironically, in 1931 the bell [also used by the community as a fire bell ] tolled for the last time in that role when an arsonist set fire to to our building. Once again the community, both Anglican & “other” -- in spite of the devastating economic conditions of that time -- rallied to the funding & building of the iconic home we occupy to this day.**

**Wisely constructed of masonry materials, not wood, the All Saints property has been through several iterations since, paralleling the on again/off again growth in the Church across Canada.**

### DID YOU KNOW?

**The following churches have also had to rebuild...**

**1904 Fire - Fernie**

**1908 Fire - Fernie**

**1928 Fire - Nelson**

**1997 Fire - Grand Forks**

**2017 Flood - Peachland**



## From the Values, Vision and Mission Statement

**“[Worship] is as much about how we live  
as what we profess to believe.**

**That is to say, our whole-hearted worship is a way of life  
not confined to Sunday services or intellectual propositions,  
but an embodied response to God’s grace and mercy”**

## From Christ Church, Cranbrook

We have a parish culture that is rooted in tradition but is also open to learning, growing and evolving as inspired by the Holy Spirit to be more inclusive in responding to the needs of the world.



*Honouring Loved Ones Who Died from Drug Overdoses over the Last 7 years, April 2023*

## Welcoming All...



From St. Michael and All Angels,  
Kelowna

“Growing inclusiveness” is an area where we see God working in our parish.

# Welcoming Those Who Are Suffering ...

## From St. Stephen's, New Denver

Giving thanks for “those who are brave, courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity” brings to mind the 100s of Japanese people who were interned in our community for several years, losing so much from their previous lives. Quite a few stayed on here and were valued members of our Church.



*Funeral for Daniel Oka, 1949.*

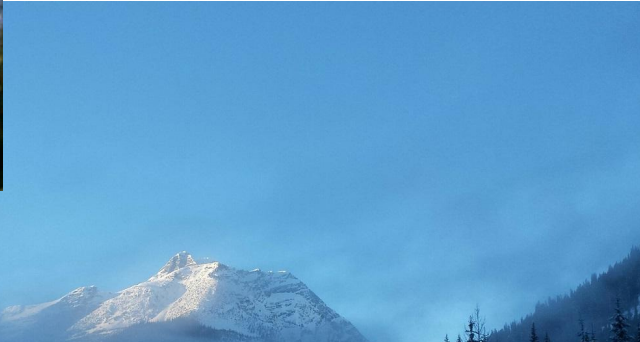
# Welcoming Those Who Are Seeking...

## From Christ Church, Falkland



Very few of our congregation have Anglican roots. At our coffee time after church, we asked the group to tell us why they chose to come to us and why they stay. The new people in our congregation said that they were searching for something but they did not know what it was – until they walked through our doors. They found a welcoming, not pushy, intimate, open-hearted sincerity from all of us. They felt like they had found a place they “belonged.” And they found insights of faith to live day to day in this world of many twists and turns.

# Thank you, God, for 120 (+) years of .....



**Right  
Relationship**

With  
the  
Land...



and now to do better!

# Right Relationship ... with Community



## From St. John the Evangelist, Salmon Arm

Our “100 blankets for 100 years” (1905 - 2005) project grew to 195 blankets by the end, and we learned that “God not only guides and encourages but fills to overflowing a project that will help people.” Twelve local agencies helped to distribute the bed covers to people in need or who were victims of fire, violence or abuse.

# Right Relationship ...with Others

## From Christ Church, Creston

We are happy

- that we are able to gather for Sunday Worship,
- that our space is being used for community outreach programs,
- that the former churches in our parish are being used by community groups
- That our rectory is being rented (for an affordable rate) to a refugee family.



*Creston is not the only Diocesan community to welcome refugees. In 2003 the Diocese of Kootenay became a Sponsorship Agreement Holder (SAH) for refugees and in 2021 was working with 7 constituent groups across BC. Photo / Nelson Friends of Refugees.*

# Right Relationship .... with Those in Need

## From St. Margaret's (Peachland)

In or about 1970 we saw the need of a community hall for people to gather for meetings and children and adult groups to gather. The dream of building a hall on the church property took shape....

## From St. Saviour's, Penticton



*The Soupateria, est. 1986, now in its 37th year, serving lunches, free of charge, 365 days a year!*





## Right Relationship ... with Indigenous Peoples

### DID YOU KNOW?

The Diocese of Kootenay has...

- upheld its obligation to the TRC, raising \$275,000 for the Residential School Settlement Fund
- scanned all relevant documents for the new National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation
- donated \$30,000 to support an undergraduate course on Cultural Safety in Health: Indigenous Perspectives.

**From Naramata Community Church**  
God has been leading us on the path of reconciliation with our First Nation neighbours. Here Indigenous Elder Joanne Lafferty is speaking to us at the Blanket Exercise.

“yɥayɥat ala? i? tr̥xʷula?xʷ sqilxʷula?xʷ

All this land is the land of the Okanagan people



**From St. Andrew's, Kelowna**

**When a 'historical feature' was installed in a new development next door that did not include the voice of Indigenous Peoples, we invited representatives of the Syilx People to write what they would wish said and we created and installed the signage....**

# Right Relationship ... with Others Around the World

From St. Mary's, East Kelowna

The Diocese of Kootenay was in a “companionship relationship” with the Diocese of Northern Mexico for nearly three years. During that time several of our parishes established “sister parishes” in that Diocese.

*Children from Northern Mexico tie-dyeing shirts at the Sorrento Centre, 2000*



*Display about PWRDF, which “works in countries around the world where needs are greatest.”*

# Right Relationship... with Each Other

## From St. Mark's, Kaslo

Our tradition of fundraising is a highlight for us. These events achieve much more than the generating of funds to help meet our financial commitments. Personal bonding and a sense of achievement has come from the congregation working together toward a common goal.

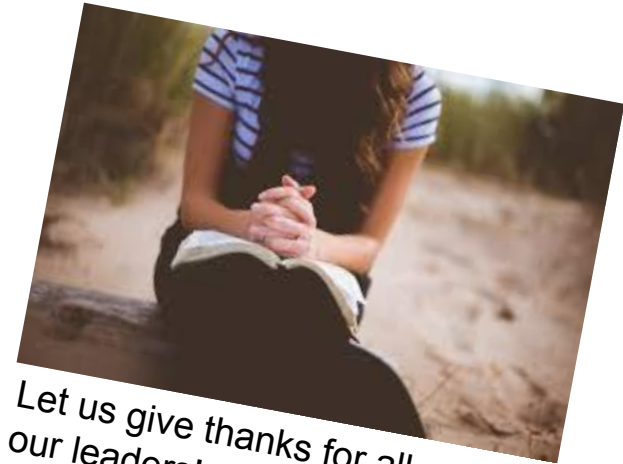


*LARC Fundraising Dinner for  
Refugees, West Kelowna, 2023*

# Right Relationship ... with Our Leaders

**From The Ven. Archdeacon D.S. Catchpole,  
Diocesan Secretary-Treasurer, 1960**

In the late 1920s no one cared whether a parson starved or not. He was supposed to have a car but no one took any trouble to find out how he got one or how it was paid for. No one cared about parsonage houses. If there had to be economies, the first thing to do was to cut the stipend.... [In 1960] stipends are reasonably good & clergy no longer have to buy cars out of their own pocket.



*Let us give thanks for all  
our leaders!*

# Thank you, God, for 120 (+) years of .....



*Travelling Sunday School [Est. 1920]. In 1926 two vans were purchased for the Diocese of Kootenay.*

**Daring  
Discipleship**

Daring = Experimenting with Liturgy

## The Christian Eucharist The Holy Communion



A new form of the Eucharistic Liturgy

In the mid-1960s, just a few short years after the 1959/62 revision of the Canadian BCP, the Trail Liturgy was produced. Along with the Qu'Appelle Rite and the New Zealand Liturgy, it was among the very first modern language liturgies. These majorly affected modern liturgical renewal.

# Daring = Experimenting with Ministry

## From St. Saviour's, Nelson

We would like to highlight that the seeds of Mutual Ministry in the diocese were planted in this corner of the diocese and grew to be a support ministry with Locally Trained Priests, Deacons, and Licensed Lay Ministers. Locally commissioned and ordained disciples offer much valued comfort, faithful leadership, and spiritual guidance.



*Messy Church, anyone?*



# Daring = Education for Ministry



**From Annette Cowan / Education for Ministry (EfM)**

**EfM had its beginnings in 1977, and in 1985 the Diocese was asked to promote & manage the program in *all of Canada*. “The lay people became more articulate about their faith. They were more willing to take leadership roles in their churches and wider communities. Ministry was understood in a different way...”**

**DID YOU  
KNOW?**

The Sorrento Centre was originally called the Sorrento Lay Training Centre back in the 1950s. Up to that point, all official “ministry” was carried out by ordained men!

*EfM Grads, 2014*

# Daring = Kootenay School of Ministry (KSM)

KSM was established in 2009 with the purpose of training of locally-raised priests and deacons in the Diocese, and the first course was held in 2010. In 2017, KSM joined with representatives from 10 dioceses to form the Western Educational Collaborative Anglican Network (WECAN) to design a core curriculum for training locally-raised clergy. As of 2022, WECAN offers a degree, all online, through different schools and dioceses, with local mentors. The KSM is in the process of



morphing  
into the  
Kootenay  
Ministry  
Formation  
Programme...  
Stay tuned!

*KSM Ethics course, 2016*

# Daring = Firsts in the Diocese!

**1983** Jane Bourcet ... First female priest

**1984** Eric Jacks, Richard Fletcher, Elizabeth Fussell, Reginald Hillson, Christine Ross  
Our very own Famous Five ... The First Ordained Deacons!

**2010** Richard Simpson... First Locally Trained Deacon

**2013** Cathy Straume and Keith Will ... First Locally Trained Priests

**2022** Andrew Stephens-Rennie ... (first-in-memory) Lay Missioner

# Thank you, God, for 120 (+) years of ...



## Thriving Communities

“Thriving Christian communities are the heartbeat of a healthy diocese.”

# Thriving .... Through Joining Together

## From Christ Church, Fernie

For a time, we shared an incumbent with St. Luke's , Blairmore...

For a while we had a sister-church in Sparwood -- St. Barbara's ...

In 2019, we joined with Fernie Knox United in a fledgling shared ministry...

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Diocese has had 10 Shared Ministries over the years, the oldest one from 1966 (Windermere).

We currently have 6.



# Thriving... through Letting Go

## From Kimberley Shared Ministry

All Saints was sold in Summer 2022 with 3 final services being held: Grieving service with Bishop Lynne (Apr 25), Final Eucharist (July 17), Deconsecration by Bishop Lynne (Oct 5), followed by a Covenanting Service in our new home (the old United Church) to officially welcome Rev Alwin Maben as our minister for our new shared ministry .

Sponsored by another church nearby, a *Worshipping Community* maintains its presence and community but gives up its parish structure, wardens, etc. There have been three such relationships in the Diocese; **St. Paul's, Golden** and **St Stephen's, New Denver** remain.

## Thriving ... “Outside the Walls”

The Very Rev. Jack Greenhalgh held church services at Big White Ski Resort from 2000 - 2020. He held over 321 services which over 13,000 people attended.



*Blessing of the Animals, on the back lawn  
at the Fernie City Hall, 2017*



### DID YOU KNOW?

The Diocese had 2 other camps: Camp Beattie on Edwards Lake near Fernie from 1959-1976 (sold 1985), and Camp Galilee first on Slocan Lake 1950-62 and then on Rosebud Lake south of Salmo from 1962-1970 (sold 1978).

## Thriving ... at CAMP, 73 years & counting!

Camp OAC was established in 1948, and the current location was purchased in 1950. They even operated during COVID, switching to day camps and following all precautions. Camp Director Ian Dixon writes, "The staff team plays a crucial role in the success of camp...and many of the staff [in 2019] were returning to camp having worked there in previous years. The reason they return is to be a part of the amazing experience of seeing kids find themselves and learning to love the outdoors."



# Thriving... Through Staying Connected



Morning Worship | May 21, 2023 | from St. Michael's Cathedral, Kelowna

ZOOM, YouTube, etc. allow the Diocese (which is, as Bishop Dart wrote in the late 1800s, “bigger than England and Wales combined”) to worship together and carry on much of its business without travel and accommodation expenses.



Founded in 1956, *The Highway* is “a means of greater Diocesan solidarity and a means by which all can be linked into true Christian fellowship.” (Editorial, Jubilee issue, 1960)

# Thriving ... Through Supporting Each Other (1)

*“We [as Deacons] have prayed together, we have prayed for each other’s ministries, and we have shared our spiritual journeys and struggles together in our gatherings.”*



Deacons Day, 2016



*Justina Duke, LLM, St Mary’s, Kettle Valley.*  
Justina is one of 48 Licensed Lay Ministers across the Diocese who support their communities and ministers by leading services as needed, visiting in care homes, etc.

REGIONS are nothing new! In 1891 St. George, Enderby was founded, becoming a center for mission oversight in Grindrod, Mara, Sicamous, Salmon Arm, Westwold, Falkland, Vernon, and Armstrong.

## Thriving...through Supporting Each Other (2)

**From St. John's Fruitvale** [Having had to sell our building] “here we are five years later, still active, as a home church.... Last year Bishop Lynne asked us to support Christ Church Creston as they face the future with declining numbers. So, 6 of our 8 members travelled to Creston for their Easter service as our priest, Douglas Lewis, presided. Members have continued to make the monthly trip to Creston and have forged a strong bond with their congregation. In August of last year we had a joint service at the summit of the Kootenay Pass!”



*Weekly worship includes a Eucharist and detailed discussion of the readings. “Our spiritual lives have become stronger, richer, and deeper as we discuss scripture and its meaning for our own lives.”*

## In Conclusion

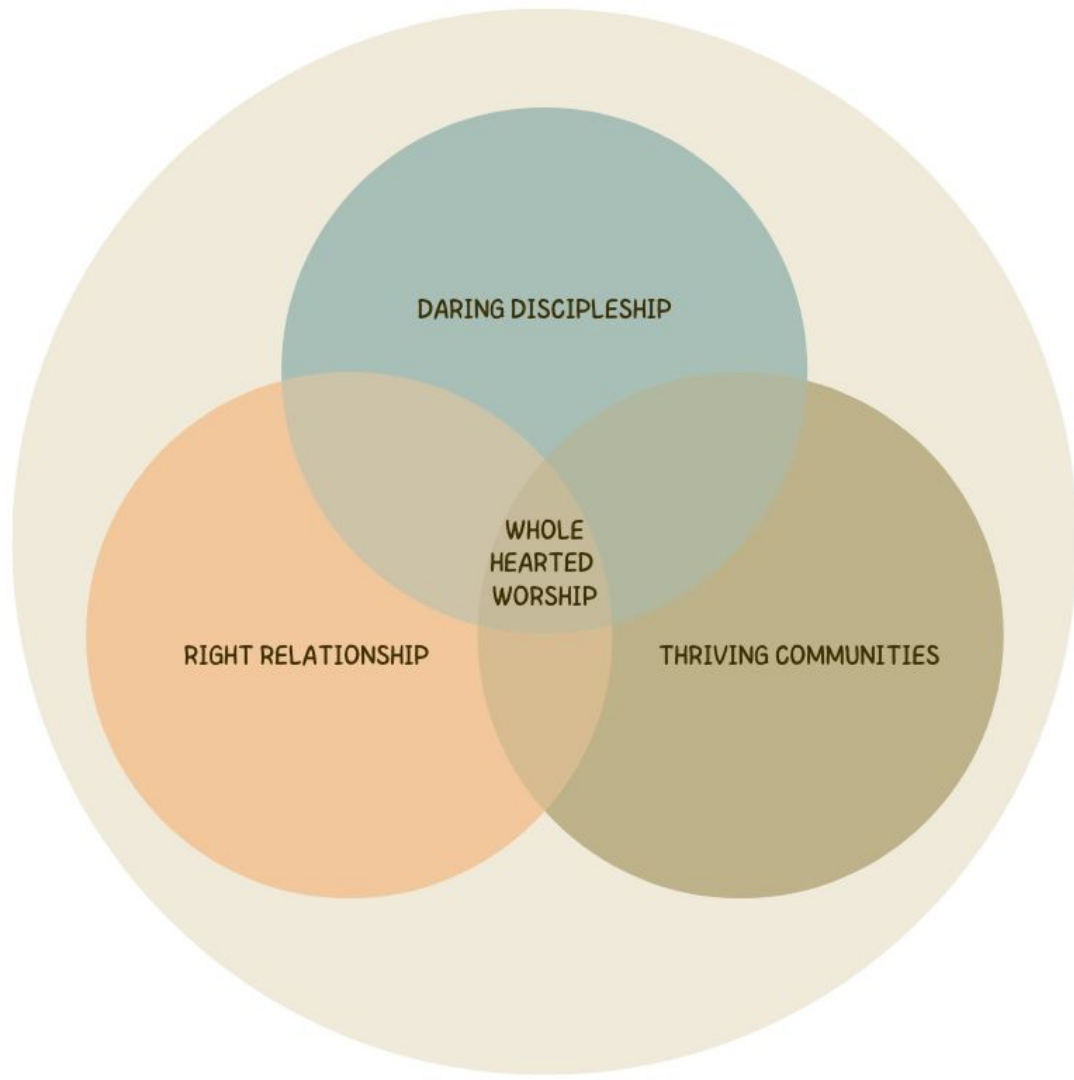
**“So you read your history. You rejoice on your anniversary. May it all give you fresh encouragement and renewed determination to go forward as a diocese, in that great witness to Christ. Every moment lived in Christ and for Christ becomes one more stone for God to use as He builds the Eternal City, the New Jerusalem.”**

The Most Rev. Howard Clark, Primate of All Canada, 1960

Question of the (Half) Hour!

**“How might you see yourself and your  
community living into the  
values/vision/mission statement?”**

# Values



# Vision

Co-creating a world  
where all experience and share  
the transforming power  
of God's love

# Mission





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