



"Some Mohr Jottings"

by Bishop Greg Mohr

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Word and Sacrament Ministry

In many ways, September feels more like “new year’s” than does January 1st. School (usually) starts, children are enrolled in a variety of activities, and church programs begin. As you plan your fall activities at church, please consider participating in the 4-session study on Word and Sacrament ministry. This study guide was commissioned by our church primarily to explore our theology and practice with respect to Holy Communion. In rural and outlying regions, the provision of sacramental ministry may be very limited. That has led some to call for a change in our practice and to question what roles laypeople, diaconal ministers and ordained ministers have. As a result, our national church asked the Faith, Order and Doctrine committee to solicit papers, prepare a study guide, and seek feedback from throughout our church. Your input is desired. Please take a moment following your study sessions to provide that feedback.

We will place the Study Guide as well as other related documents on the Synod website www.bcsynod.org, click on Documents. They even include a light-hearted “Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?” style game created by the chairperson of the committee.

New to our Synod

We welcome Pastor Jennifer Marlor and Pastor Benedicte Gormly to our BC Synod. Pastor Jennifer has been called to serve Gloria Dei, North Vancouver, while Pastor Benedicte and her husband are retired and now living in Port Clements on Haida Gwaii.

Farewell and Godspeed

Our Synod bade adieu to Pastor Stephan Wagner and his family this past August, as Pastor Stephan has accepted the call to serve as Chaplain for the Canadian Forces. They are currently stationed at Valcartier, Quebec.

Conference Conventions

Most of the synod’s Conferences will be holding their annual meetings this fall. In addition to the study opportunities, a compelling Bishop’s report, elections of delegates, and good food, there will be opportunity for people to be nominated to serve on one of the synod’s committees. Please give some thought as to who you might nominate to serve in this way. We rely on a host of rostered ministers and laypeople to attend to the work of the synod and this is a significant way by which people may help. A list of the positions available accompanies this communiqué.

May God bless your ministry in your churches and in your communities.

+Bishop Greg Mohr

Synod Committee Vacancies Fall 2014

(Overview of committee purpose can be found on synod website www.bcsynod.org, Documents, Synod Constitution, Bylaw 12)

Campus Ministry

- At Large Rostered or Lay
- At Large Rostered or Lay

Communications Committee

- Greater Vancouver Rostered
- Vancouver Island Lay
- At Large Rostered
- At Large Lay

Faith and Society Committee

- Lower Fraser Valley Lay (Jonquil Hallgate, Emmanuel Surrey, eligible for 2nd term)
- Vancouver Island Rostered (Rev. Brenda Nestegaard Paul eligible for 2nd term)
- At Large Lay (Kate Andersen, Chilliwack, eligible for 2nd term)
- Northwest/Peace River Lay or Rostered

Missions Committee

- Lower Fraser Valley Lay (Lin Yan, Emmanuel Surrey, eligible for 2nd term)
- At Large Lay (Daryl Hutchings, Spirit of Life Vanc, eligible for 2nd term)

Specialized Ministry Committee

- At Large Rostered or Lay
- At Large Rostered or Lay
- At Large Rostered or Lay

Stewardship Committee

- Lower Fraser Valley Lay (Mary Hanson, Mt. Olive Surrey, eligible for 2nd term)
- Greater Vancouver Rostered or Lay
- Northwest/Peace River Rostered or Lay
- At Large Rostered or Lay

Committee for Theological Education and Leadership

- Southern Interior Lay (Sue Palmer, Christ Kelowna, eligible for 2nd term)
- Greater Vancouver Lay
- Northwest/Peace Rostered (or lay?)
- Vancouver Island Rostered
- At Large Lay

Worship Committee

- Lower Fraser Valley Lay (Sylvia Duncan, Langley, eligible for 2nd term)
- Northwest/Peace River Lay (Karla Paciejewski, Prince George, eligible for 2nd term)
- At large Rostered (Rev. Vida Jaugelis, eligible for 2nd term)

Youth Ministry Committee

- Vancouver Island Lay (Bronwyn Nestegaard Paul, Grace Victoria, eligible 2nd term)
- At Large Lay (David Wills, Good Shepherd, Coquitlam, eligible for 2nd term)
- At Large Rostered (Rev. Kristen Steele, eligible for 2nd term)
- Southern Interior Rostered
- Lower Fraser Valley Rostered

Bishop's Schedule for Fall 2014

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| Sept | 2 | Return from holidays |
| | 3 | Travel day; Winnipeg |
| | 4 | Conference of Bishops meeting |
| | 4-6 | National Church Council meeting |
| | 10 | Seminary Recruitment sub-committee telephone conference meeting |
| | 11 | Ordination of Bishop-elect Sid Haugen, Saskatchewan Synod |
| | 12 | Missional Renewal event: clergy cohort #1 |
| | 13 | Missional Renewal event for Guiding Teams and Clergy Cohort |
| | 14 | Worship: King of Life, Coquitlam |
| | 15 | Anglican Bishops' meeting for BC region |
| | 18 | LWF Virtual Conference on Diakonia |
| | 19 | Luncheon with Retired pastors and spouses, Kelowna |
| | 19-20 | Southern Interior Conference Convention, Penticton |
| | 21 | Worship: Peace, Vernon |
| | 25 | Meeting, Emmanuel, Surrey; tentative |
| Oct | 4 | Joint Convention of Lower Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver Conferences, at King of Life, Coquitlam |
| | 5 | Worship: Christ, Chilliwack |
| | 14-17 | First Call Program, Winnipeg |
| | 24-25 | Vancouver Island Conference Convention, Nanaimo |
| | 26 | Worship: Hope, Nanaimo |
| Nov | 2-4 | Lutheran Theological Seminary Board of Governors |
| | 8 | Canadian Missions committee meeting |
| | 16 | Travel day: Toronto |
| | 17 | Conference of Bishops meeting, Toronto |
| | 18-19 | Joint meeting with bishops from Anglican Church of Canada |
| | 27-29 | Synod Council meeting |
| | 29 | AGM of the Synod |