



THE LAMP



"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119)

PBSC NIAGARA BRANCH ELECTIONS

Since their Annual General Meeting, held on February 14 at St. Barnabas' Church in St. Catharines, the PBSC Niagara Branch can boast of having the youngest executive committee in the country! Left to right: Alexander Urquhart, past president; Revd. Bill Steinman (guest speaker); Jeff Strikefoot, vice-president; David Nusko, incoming president; and Ian Mac, treasurer.



ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH CONFERENCE AUGUST 23-28, 2010 AT "NEW LIFE CAMP", DURHAM, ONTARIO

Now in its fifteenth year, the St. Michael's Youth Conference offers a relaxing week-long break where teens can meet with friendly, knowledgeable adults to explore aspects of their Christian faith, and how it relates to their daily lives. The programme of worship, discussion and relaxation is aimed at stimulating and enriching the spiritual growth of all the participants, and enhancing their knowledge and understanding of the faith. The staff includes both clergy and laymen and women, all of whom are experienced in relating to young people.



Activities include swimming, canoeing, on-site games, interactive courses on Christianity and Anglicanism, music instruction, and daily Prayer Book worship. The cost of registration, which includes all meals, activities and outings for the full week, is only \$200! Transportation can be arranged from points in southern Ontario. For registration forms or further information, contact Diana Versegby at diana.versegby@sympatico.ca, or visit the conference website at www.stmikesontario.com.

The Cranmer Conference 2010

“Heirs Through Hope”: *Anglican Identity and the Lambeth Quadrilateral*

**A weekend conference for young adults aged 19-29
June 25-27 at St. Paul’s Church, Dunnville, Ontario**

(The Lambeth Quadrilateral, adopted by the Lambeth Conference in 1888, set out the non-negotiable basis for Anglican faith and practice, upon which ecumenical conversations were to be grounded. The Quadrilateral is one of the basic documents referenced in the Anglican Covenant, which has been sent to all Anglican Provinces for their adoption. It is thus a timely topic for reflection by North American Anglicans.)

Friday, June 25

6:00 PM Informal dinner
7:00 PM Opening Choral Evensong with “Canticum Novum”
8:00 PM Lecture #1: **“The Scriptures”**
9:00 PM Wine and cheese reception
10:00 PM Compline by candlelight

Saturday, June 26

8:00 AM Breakfast
9:00 AM Sung Mattins
9:30 AM Lecture #2: **“The Apostles’ and Nicene Creeds”**
10:30 AM Coffee break and discussion
11:00 AM Address by Dr. William Renwick of “Canticum
Novum” on the music of the pre-Reformation Sarum Rite
12:00 PM Midday prayers and lunch
1:00 PM Lecture #3: **“The two dominical Sacraments”**
2:00PM Riverside excursion and optional swimming
5:00 PM Lecture #4: **“The historic episcopate”**
6:00 PM Sung Evensong
6:30 PM Pre-dinner drinks and discussion
7:00 PM Banquet
9:00 PM Compline by candlelight

Sunday, June 27

8:30 AM Holy Communion
9:00 AM Breakfast
10:00 AM Choral Mattins with the congregation of St. Paul’s
12:00 Lunch and depart



*Main Conference Speaker:
The Revd. Gordon Maitland
Director of Christian Studies,
Canterbury College, Windsor*

The cost of the weekend is only \$50! Accommodation is hostel-style on air mattresses in the parish hall. For more information, visit www.cranmer.ca, or contact the registrar, Dr. Diana Verseghy, at diana.verseghy@sympatico.ca.

An Excerpt from the Anglican Communion Covenant

Preamble

We, as Churches of the Anglican Communion, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, solemnly covenant together in these following affirmations and commitments. As people of God, drawn from “every nation, tribe, people and language” (Rev 7.9), we do this in order to proclaim more effectively in our different contexts the grace of God revealed in the gospel, to offer God’s love in responding to the needs of the world, to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, and together with all God’s people to attain the full stature of Christ (Eph 4.3,13).

Section One: Our Inheritance of Faith

1.1 Each Church affirms:

- (1.1.1) its communion in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- (1.1.2) the catholic and apostolic faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. The historic formularies of the Church of England (the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, and the Ordering of Bishops, Priests, and Deacons), forged in the context of the European Reformation and acknowledged and appropriated in various ways in the Anglican Communion, bear authentic witness to this faith.
- (1.1.3) the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as containing all things necessary for salvation and as being the rule and ultimate standard of faith.
- (1.1.4) the Apostles’ Creed, as the baptismal symbol; and the Nicene Creed, as the sufficient statement of the Christian faith.
- (1.1.5) the two sacraments ordained by Christ himself – Baptism and the Supper of the Lord – ministered with the unfailing use of Christ’s words of institution, and of the elements ordained by him.
- (1.1.6) the historic episcopate, locally adapted in the methods of its administration to the varying needs of the nations and peoples called of God into the unity of his Church.
- (1.1.7) the shared patterns of our common prayer and liturgy which form, sustain and nourish our worship of God and our faith and life together.
- (1.1.8) its participation in the apostolic mission of the whole people of God, and that this mission is shared with other Churches and traditions beyond this Covenant.

1.2 In living out this inheritance of faith together in varying contexts, each Church, reliant on the Holy Spirit, commits itself:

- (1.2.1) to teach and act in continuity and consonance with Scripture and the catholic and apostolic faith, order and tradition, as received by the Churches of the Anglican Communion, mindful of the common councils of the Communion and our ecumenical agreements.
- (1.2.2) to uphold and proclaim a pattern of Christian theological and moral reasoning and discipline that is rooted in and answerable to the teaching of Holy Scripture and the catholic tradition.
- (1.2.3) to witness, in this reasoning, to the renewal of humanity and the whole created order through the death and resurrection of Christ, and to reflect the holiness that in consequence God gives to, and requires from, his people.
- (1.2.4) to hear, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest the Scriptures in our different contexts, informed by the attentive and communal reading of – and costly witness to – the Scriptures by all the faithful, by the teaching of bishops and synods, and by the results of rigorous study by lay and ordained scholars.
- (1.2.5) to ensure that biblical texts are received, read and interpreted faithfully, respectfully, comprehensively and coherently, with the expectation that Scripture continues to illuminate and transform the Church and its members, and through them, individuals, cultures and societies.
- (1.2.6) to encourage and be open to prophetic and faithful leadership in ministry and mission so as to enable God’s people to respond in courageous witness to the power of the gospel in the world.
- (1.2.7) to seek in all things to uphold the solemn obligation to nurture and sustain eucharistic communion, in accordance with existing canonical disciplines, as we strive under God for the fuller realisation of the communion of all Christians.
- (1.2.8) to pursue a common pilgrimage with the whole Body of Christ continually to discern the fullness of truth into which the Spirit leads us, that peoples from all nations may be set free to receive new and abundant life in the Lord Jesus Christ.

(The full Covenant text may be found at: <http://www.anglicancommunion.org/commission/covenant/final/text.cfm>.)

ONTARIO REGIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER, JULY-SEPTEMBER

(Over the coming months, please remember the following parishes in your prayers. You might consider using for this purpose one of Prayer #8 or #9, found on pages 43 and 44 of the Book of Common Prayer, or the prayer "For the Parish" found on page 736.)

JULY	4	<i>Trinity V</i>	St. Aidan's Church, Toronto
	11	<i>Trinity VI</i>	St. John's Church, York Mills (Toronto)
	18	<i>Trinity VII</i>	Trinity Church, Cambridge
	25	<i>St. James</i>	St. James' Church, Guelph
AUG.	1	<i>Trinity IX</i>	St. Peter's Church, Erindale (Mississauga)
	8	<i>Trinity X</i>	St. Simon the Apostle, Toronto
	15	<i>Trinity XI</i>	Christ Church, North Bay
	22	<i>Trinity XII</i>	St. Clement's Church, Toronto
SEPT.	29	<i>Trinity XIII</i>	St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto
	5	<i>Trinity XIV</i>	St. Peter's Church, Scarborough (Toronto)
	12	<i>Trinity XV</i>	St. John's in the Wilderness, Sarnia
	19	<i>Trinity XVI</i>	St. Matthias' Church, Toronto
	26	<i>Trinity XVII</i>	St. Paul's-on-the-Hill, Pickering

The Prayer Book Society of Canada was founded in 1986 by Anglicans who were alarmed at the erosion of classical Anglican doctrine, worship and spirituality that was proceeding alongside the adoption of new liturgies. The Society's aim is briefly to support the continuing use of the Prayer Book for all who value it as their preferred medium of worship, preserving as it does faithfulness to Holy Scripture and adherence to the orthodox Anglican doctrine of the Christian faith. The Mission Statement of the Society, adopted in 1995, is: "To promote the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer as a scriptural system of nurture for life in Christ".

The Society operates on two levels: the national level and the branch level. The National Council is responsible for setting policy and direction for the Society, and for overseeing activities with a national scope. All branch presidents are *ex officio* members of the National Council. The branches are individually responsible for organizing local activities and initiatives in their own geographical areas, in support of the aims and objectives of the Society.

The Ontario Council of PBSC Branches is an informal coalition of branches in southern Ontario, formed in 1994. It serves as a forum for the planning of joint activities, and provides a network of support for the branches. It publishes this newsmagazine, "**The Lamp**", which appears quarterly in the months of March, June, September and December. Opinions expressed in these pages are not necessarily those of the Society as a whole. Contributions of articles and news items are welcome, and should be sent to the editor (see opposite).

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