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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

I know that this mailing follows quite soon after the last one, but it has been necessary to move up the mailing date in order to publicize our upcoming **Annual General Meeting**. We will be repeating the arrangement that we had last year, and holding the meeting in conjunction with a sung Evensong and dinner at St. Olave's Church (located at 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto). Evensong will begin at 6 PM, followed by supper at 7 PM, and the meeting will start at 7:45. We should be done by about 8:30 PM. As usual there will be the annual president's and treasurer's reports, and election of officers for the coming year. A proposed slate is printed on the back of this page, and nominations will also be taken from the floor. Note that this meeting is an important one, since we are electing a new treasurer to succeed Nancy Gall, who is stepping down this year. I am delighted to announce that we have identified a candidate for this position, Marilyn Ramsingh. Marilyn has been a PBSC member for a number of years, and is a parishioner at St. Thomas's Church (my own parish). I can vouch for her as an energetic, efficient and organized person. She has served as a churchwarden at St. Thomas's in the past, and thus is experienced in dealing with financial matters. Please do come out and meet her if you can. If you are planning to attend, I would appreciate it if you could give me a call at 416-739-4422 and let me know, so that I can inform the cooks at St. Olave's how many to expect for supper. There will not be a charge for the supper, but donations will be gladly accepted.

You will see in this issue of *The Lamp* two advertisements for our summer activities: one for the St. Michael's Youth Conference, now in its fifteenth year, and the other for the Cranmer Conference, which is aimed at young adults in their 20's. This is the first year that the Toronto Branch has gotten directly involved in the running of the Cranmer Conference, and it promises to be a very exciting event. If you know of any young people who may be interested in either one, do please direct them to the respective websites (addresses are provided in *The Lamp*) and encourage them to take a look and consider attending.

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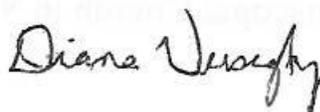
On the global Anglican scene, important events continue to unfold. In the U.S., as expected, the election of a partnered lesbian as a bishop in California has been ratified by a majority of American bishops and diocesan standing committees, and the Presiding Bishop, Katherine Jefferts Schori, has declared that this represents the mind of the majority of leaders in the American Church and announced that she herself will be acting as chief consecrator in May. Thus we see an unequivocal end to the period of “gracious restraint” called for by the instruments of unity of the Anglican Communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, has stated publicly that “in this decision and action, the Episcopal Church has deepened the divide between itself and the rest of the Anglican family”, and said that he is now “in discussion with a number of people around the world about what consequences might follow from that decision, and how we express the sense that most Anglicans will want to express, that this decision cannot speak for our common mind”. Leaders of the Global South, meeting in Singapore this past week, have made it clear that they themselves are firmly committed to the Anglican Communion and are studying how best to make the Anglican Covenant work, but that they would have to consider how effectively to distance themselves from the American church, which they now see as having broken away decisively from the rest of the Communion.

Here in Canada, as I said in my last letter, much depends on what happens at the upcoming General Synod, which is being held in early June in Halifax. The issue of same-sex blessings will once again be debated, and the Anglican Covenant is also scheduled to be discussed. It is impossible to foresee what the outcome will be, but we must hope and pray that our church will not take actions to cut itself off from global Anglicanism as the American church has now done. I will be at the Synod for the first half of the event to help staff the PBSC booth, and we will all deeply appreciate your prayers.

To end on a more cheerful note, I am looking forward to being energized by our two upcoming youth events. As always, the PBSC Toronto Branch will be relying on your financial assistance to make these a success, and we hope that you will support them generously.

With best wishes for a blessed Eastertide,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Versegby.

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***PROPOSED BRANCH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2010-2011:***

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