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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

It's that time of year again ... time to gear up for our Annual General Meeting. In response to your feedback from previous years, we are going back to our earlier practice of holding it on a Saturday afternoon – this year, May 14th, at 3:00 PM. The location, as ever, will be St. Olave's Church (360 Windermere Ave., Toronto). There will be the usual president's and treasurer's reports, and election of branch officers (see the proposed slate on the reverse of this page). In addition, we have the exciting prospect of listening to an address by Dr. Stephen Blackwood, an authority on church history and a visiting fellow at Trinity College. Stephen gave an outstanding series of lectures on the early church father Boethius during Lent at my home parish of St. Thomas's, and I can attest to the fact that he is an engaging and thought-provoking speaker. He will be giving us a talk on the King James Bible, to mark the 400th anniversary of its publication this year. The event will conclude with a service of Evening Prayer with hymns. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Also coming up are the Cranmer Conferences, annual weekend events for 20- to 30-year-olds. As noted in the last issue of *The Lamp*, there will be not one but two of these events taking place this year: the first in June in London, Ontario, led by the Revd. Gordon Maitland, and the second at the end of August in North Bay, led by the Rt. Revd. Stephen Andrews. These events have been much appreciated by young people who have attended them in past years, providing as they do a great deal of spiritual "meat", as well as a chance to connect with other young Anglicans and share their concerns. If you know of any young person who might be interested in attending, please do direct him or her to the conference website: www.cranmer.ca.

The St. Michael's Youth Conference will also take place as usual this summer. Now in its sixteenth year, it continues to attract teens from across southern Ontario. This year, we are exploring a new location for the conference: Selah Camp, just north of Warton. New Life

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Camp, our former location, has expanded its own programmes to the point that it no longer has a free week during the summer to rent to us, so we have had to scout around for a new venue. I have visited Selah Camp, and it promises to be an excellent spot for our new home; it is well-appointed and well-maintained, and is situated right on a lake. Please encourage any teens that you know to check out the conference website for more details: www.stmikesontario.com.

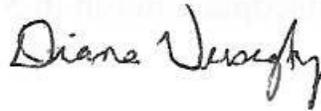
A quick preliminary note that plans have been begun at the national level of the PBSC to celebrate the 50th anniversary of our Canadian 1962 Book of Common Prayer next year, together with the 350th anniversary of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, the international standard for the global Anglican Communion and the version that is still the official prayer book in England. Promoting the use of Sue Careless' three-volume set, *Discovering the Book of Common Prayer – A Hands-On Approach*, will be an integral part of this effort. We are also planning to encourage parishes across the country to mark the first Sunday in Advent next year as “Prayer Book Sunday”, since this was the date in 1962 when the book officially came into use. More details will be forthcoming in the fall.

One short housekeeping note before I close. We have occasionally received inquiries about making donations to the PBSC via the Internet. I am happy to state that the PBSC Toronto Branch is now set up to receive such donations under CanadaHelps.org, so if that is your preferred donation method, do feel free to use it. Please bear in mind, though, that CanadaHelps levies a 4% service charge, which is deducted from each donation; so sending us a cheque will make your donation go farther.

On the same note - as ever, we could accomplish little without your financial support, together with your prayers. I hope that we can rely on your generosity in the coming months as we forge ahead with the branch programmes.

With best wishes for a blessed Eastertide,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Verseghy.

PROPOSED BRANCH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2011-2012:

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