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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

This mailing, like the last, is coming to you quite soon after the previous one; but the reason, again, stems from the need to publicize an upcoming event – in this case our Annual General Meeting. St. Olave's Church (located at 360 Windermere Ave., Toronto) will be holding a service of Choral Evensong at 4:00 PM on Sunday, April 22 (the first Evensong of the commemoration of St. George the Martyr), and we will be holding our AGM prior to that, starting at 2:30 PM in the parish hall. There will be the usual annual president's and treasurer's reports, and election of branch officers (see the proposed slate on the reverse of this page). The speaker on this occasion will be our own Dr. William Cooke, a recognized authority on Anglican liturgy and history, who will be giving an address on "A Priceless Possession of our Church – The Book of Common Prayer". Light refreshments will be served. I hope that many of you will be able to attend.

A reminder that the St. Michael's Youth Conference will be taking place as usual this summer. We will be returning to our new home, Selah Camp (just north of Warton). The camp is a lovely spot, with large playing fields and spacious cabins. A highlight of last year was an excursion that we made to Tobermory, including a hike along the Bruce Trail to the shore of beautiful Georgian Bay. We are definitely planning to repeat that this year. If you know of any teens who might be interested, please do encourage them to come. Word of mouth is still our best advertising! Full details are provided on the conference website, www.stmikesontario.com.

Also, a note that the Cranmer Conference for 20-30 year-olds will be held again this year, in the late summer (August 24-26). This year there will be just the one conference for southern Ontario, in North Bay; that event was so successful last year that we have decided to throw all our weight behind it and encourage all interested young adults to go there, rather than splitting attendance between two venues. The conference website is cranmerconference.com; please encourage any young adults of your acquaintance to attend.

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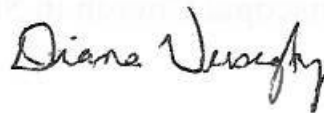
Now, an update on the plans for celebrating the 50th anniversary of our 1962 Canadian Prayer Book and the 350th anniversary of the 1662 English Prayer Book. I trust that you saw the excellent article on this topic by our national Chairman, the Revd. Gordon Maitland, that appeared in the March issue of the *Anglican Journal*. In addition, I have now sent out the special mailing that I mentioned in my last letter, to all five Toronto bishops and all 192 incumbents of the parishes in the diocese, encouraging them to celebrate this anniversary year and asking if the PBSC might be of assistance. I have only received a couple of responses so far, but it is early days yet, and I hope that this will be a means of making friendly connections with a wide variety of parishes in a way that has not been possible before.

Educational and liturgical resources for observing the anniversary year are being made available on our national website, www.prayerbook.ca. I would draw your attention in particular to two that have recently been posted. One is the booklet for the 1662 service of Holy Communion that was held at my parish of St. Thomas's in early February, which I mentioned in my last letter. Fr. Robert Mitchell has kindly provided us with a copy in digital format, which can be downloaded from the website and used as a resource by parishes wishing to do something similar. The other is a handsome, full-colour wall chart produced by the Prayer Book Society in England, showing in pictorial form the historical development of the Book of Common Prayer. It measures 39 ¼" wide by 26 ¾" high, and makes an excellent teaching tool. A colour photograph of it can be viewed on our website. The PBSC Toronto Branch has a good stock of these wall charts on hand, and we are making them available to parishes free of charge. If you would like one for your parish, please contact me and I will send it along.

As usual, a reminder that the PBSC Toronto Branch relies on your financial support to carry out all of these programs! With your help, we will be able to make a difference in raising the awareness and appreciation of the Book of Common Prayer in this anniversary year.

With best wishes for a blessed Eastertide,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Versegby.

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