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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

I hope you all had a pleasant and restful Christmas holiday. First of all, a quick reminder that we are now able to send out the quarterly branch mailings electronically, so if you would prefer to receive them in that format, please reply to my e-mail address on the letterhead above. If you do choose this format, please also remember that we are set up to receive on-line donations via the CanadaHelps website.

Our next upcoming event is our annual Lenten Quiet Day, scheduled for March 2. It will be held at my home church, St. Thomas's, as usual; see fuller details in the current issue of *The Lamp*. We are fortunate to have as our speaker this year the Revd. Jonathan Eayrs. Fr. Eayrs led a study series at St. Thomas's last fall on Plato's dialogues of Socrates, and his talks were very stimulating and accessible, and enthusiastically received by the participants. Fr. Eayrs will be speaking at our Quiet Day on the Epistle to the Hebrews, and sent me a paragraph outlining his planned approach, which I was unfortunately unable to fit into *The Lamp*. Here it is:

“Through meditative, reflective reading of this Epistle we shall seek to attune ourselves to this distinctive New Testament writing. We shall also attend to affinities between its ethos and teaching and the Anglican Prayer Book tradition. Our aim is to fortify our devotion through a deepened understanding, and to realize more fully the inheritance that is ours through hope in Christ.”

Certainly a thought-provoking paragraph! I hope to see many of you at the event.

Another interesting event coming up this spring is the week-long Cranmer Theological Conference, to be held in North Bay in May (see the announcement in *The Lamp*). This initiative is building on the earlier success of the weekend Cranmer Conferences that have taken place in

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previous years at various locations in southern Ontario, and that were aimed at young people aged 20 to 30. The organizers are now planning this ambitious expansion to attract Anglicans of all ages. Many of you may be familiar with the Atlantic Theological Conference that has been held for many years at different venues in the Maritimes, and now at last it seems that Ontario is catching up! Please contact the organizers for further details.

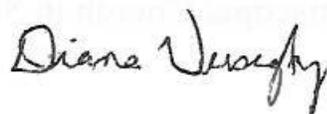
On the subject of young people, we are gearing up for the annual St. Michael's Youth Conference this summer. It will be held at our new home of Selah Camp just north of Wiarton, during the last week of August. If you know of any teens who might be interested, please direct them to the conference website, www.stmikesontario.com. The management of the website has been taken over by one of our "graduate" Michaelites, and has been given a fresh new look – do visit it and see for yourself.

Our main challenge in the coming months, as I mentioned in my last letter, will be preparing for General Synod which is to be held in Ottawa in July. I have been asked to join a committee that has been set up by the PBSC National Council to work on preparing publicity material about the Society and educational material about the Book of Common Prayer. One of the resources that we will be producing is a reprint of the three winning entries of last year's essay competition sponsored by the Ottawa Branch. You can read about the three winners in this issue of *The Lamp*. At the moment there do not seem to be any motions or initiatives being planned at Synod that might constitute a threat to the Prayer Book, but it is still a matter of prudence that we should maintain the profile and visibility of the Society so as to remind people that we are a going concern. I will provide an update in my next letter.

I close with my usual financial appeal. The Toronto Branch continues to rely on your prayers and your financial support. Please give as you are able!

With warm wishes for a blessed Lent,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Verseghy.

We welcome your comments!
