



**The Prayer Book Society of Canada – Toronto Branch**  
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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

First of all, please mark your calendars for our upcoming Lenten Quiet Day, which will be held on March 22, at St. Thomas's Church as usual. This year it is my pleasure to announce that our speaker will be the Revd. Dr. Walter Hannam, Associate Priest at St. James' Cathedral and Vicar of St. Bartholomew's Church in Regent Park. As I mentioned in a previous letter, Dr. Hannam moved to Toronto last fall from Saskatoon, where for several years he held the position of professor of theology at the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad. He is a thoughtful and articulate defender of the Prayer Book, and is actually a member of the PBSC National Council! I am confident that his talks will provide us with much food for the mind and the spirit.

My other main news item for this letter concerns the availability of new PBSC publicity brochures. Two full-colour, glossy brochures were produced for General Synod last year, and the national Society had a large number printed so that there would be ample amounts left over for PBSC branches to distribute to interested parishes. Here are some excerpts from each, to help you decide whether you would like to order some for your parish.

One brochure is designed to inform people about the Book of Common Prayer. It starts with our well-known slogan "Based on the Best-Seller" (the Bible). Inside, it lists five characteristics of the Prayer Book, and elaborates on each:

"The BCP is Biblical. The classical Book of Common Prayer ... is so thoroughly and pervasively Scriptural in its language and understanding ... that it has aptly been described as the Bible reordered for public worship ..."

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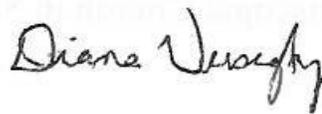
The other brochure is designed to provide people with information about the PBSC. The slogan on the front is “O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!” Inside is an explanation of the significance of the Prayer Book, and an outline of the work of the Society. It expands upon our mission statement – “To promote the understanding and use of the Book of Common Prayer as a scriptural system of nurture for life in Christ” – explains when and why the Society came into existence, and describes the Society’s overall mandate: “The PBSC seeks to foster a rediscovery of the classical Anglican way of worship, devotion and reading of Scripture.” In a sidebar the activities of the Society are listed.

So if you would like to order a couple of dozen of these brochures for your parish, please let me know. Since this is a promotional initiative on the part of the Society, we are providing them free of charge.

Finally, as always, please remember that we rely on your financial contributions to carry on our work of upholding the Prayer Book and classical Anglicanism! We hope that we can continue to count on your support and prayers.

With best wishes for a blessed Lent,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Versegby.

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*We welcome your comments!*

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