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Dear members and friends of the PBSC Toronto Branch,

I hope you have all been getting through the current deep freeze in the weather without too much discomfort! We have our annual Lenten Quiet Day to look forward to, which fortunately has been scheduled late in March, so hopefully by that point we will be seeing warmer temperatures. The date is Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, and the location as usual will be St. Thomas's Church. Full details are on the front page of the accompanying issue of *The Lamp*. This year I am pleased to announce that the Revd. David Burrows, the rector of St. Olave's Church and a long-standing member of the Toronto Branch executive, will be leading the event. The theme will be "The Scriptural Roots of the Prayer Book", a topic which is close to David's heart and on which he has expert knowledge. He will demonstrate how the prayers and services in the BCP are grounded in and saturated with biblical teaching and allusions. This will probably be our last opportunity to hear David speak, as he will be retiring at the end of this year and moving with his wife Penny to Barrie to be near their married daughter and her family. So I hope as many of you as possible will make a point of attending and wishing him well.

Also, a reminder that since we have now moved from four mailings per year to three (in March, September and December), our Annual General Meeting will be combined with the Quiet Day from now on. The business of the AGM will be brief, and will be conducted during the Quiet Day lunch break. The annual president's report will be given, the financial statement for 2014 will be reviewed and election of branch officers will take place. A slate of proposed officers is listed at the bottom of the reverse of this page. You may notice that it has not changed very much over the last several years! If you are interested in contributing your energy and your talents to the PBSC, you are very welcome to stand for election. We have room for several members at large, in addition to the regular branch officers. You need only be a PBSC member, nominated and seconded by two other PBSC members. If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me.

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Since we will now be holding just one event in the spring (the combined Quiet Day and Annual General Meeting), your branch executive has committed to organizing a regular additional event for the branch membership in the fall. We welcome your suggestions for a topic or format for this event. Currently the executive is considering an event connecting the Prayer Book and World War I, the centenary of which, as you know, is being observed from 2014 to 2018. If you have any ideas as to how we might put on such an event, or any alternative ideas, please let me know.

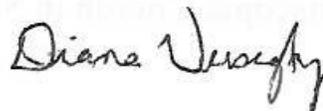
Also, a quick reminder that the St. Michael's Youth Conference will be taking place as usual this summer. Details are provided on the conference website, [www.stmikesontario.com](http://www.stmikesontario.com). If you know of any teens who might be interested, please do encourage them to come. Word of mouth is still our best advertising!

In my last letter, I mentioned a new project that has been undertaken by the national PBSC: the commissioning of a Sunday school curriculum for teens, called "622" (named for the page in the Prayer Book where the "Service for Young People" begins.) I am happy to report that the project is progressing well: Kerry Dickson, the developer of the curriculum, has been working hard assembling the lessons and trying them out on the youth group that she leads at St. Thomas's Church. We have also identified volunteers to test the lessons in three parishes in B.C., Kingston and Delhi, Ontario, and they have been providing valuable feedback. A review of the project appears in the current issue of the *Anglican Planet*, which may elicit further volunteers to try out the curriculum. The hope is to launch the curriculum in the fall of this year.

Finally, as ever, 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 through 2015.

With best wishes for a holy Lent and a blessed Easter,

Yours faithfully,



Diana Versegby.

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***PROPOSED BRANCH EXECUTIVE OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016:***

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