



The Prayer Book Society of Canada
National Chairman - The Rev'd Dr. Gordon R. Maitland

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Dear friends and supporters of the Book of Common Prayer,

The PBSC had a very successful Annual General Meeting at the end of May, using for the first time an experimental “hybrid” format. A small group of participants met in person in a classroom at Wycliffe College in Toronto which was wired for videoconferencing, while the majority joined the meeting via Zoom. Although I look back with some regret to the old days when in-person participation was the norm, I am grateful that the internet has made it possible for people from across the country to attend the AGM virtually. The documents from the Annual General Meeting, such as the various reports and the financial statements, are posted on our website at prayerbook.ca/agm-2022, where they will be available for viewing until the next AGM. Our proceedings and business affairs are open and transparent, and we encourage our supporters to review this material and explore the interesting projects and endeavours that we have undertaken.

In my view, one of our most important projects over the past year and going forward has been the translation of our already successful Prayer Book app into Inuktitut, the language of the Inuit people, so that they can pray the Daily Office in their own native tongue. Much of this work has already been done, but there is also much more to do. As I wrote in my chairman’s report: “Having the Prayer Book available in an indigenous language is more than a practical necessity for those who speak the language. I would also like to believe that it is our Society’s contribution to the Church’s larger imperative of reconciliation with First Nations people. That we can be a part of this healing process increases our relevance as a Society to both the Church and the wider community of Christian believers.” We are hoping at some point to begin work on a Cree language translation of the BCP for use in the app as well.

None of our ongoing endeavours would be possible without your prayers and support. In addition to interceding on our behalf, we would be most grateful if you could assist us with a donation, however modest, in the envelope which is provided. It is also possible to make an online donation through our website. Your support is always greatly appreciated.

Wishing you every blessing in Christ,

The Rev'd Dr. Gordon R. Maitland