



## **The Prayer Book Society of Canada**

*National Chairman - The Rev'd Canon Dr. Gordon R. Maitland*

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Dear friends and supporters of the Book of Common Prayer,

As I write this, in mid-December, the Canada Post strike is still ongoing. There are signs that it may be lifted within the next few days, but much uncertainty remains. I am hoping that this letter will reach you in a timely manner, because I have a special year-end appeal to you regarding an important ongoing ministry of the PBSC.

Every year in the late fall, the Society offers bursaries of up to \$1000 to theological students who are committed to supporting and promoting the use of the Book of Common Prayer. We believe that these young folk are key to the future of the Anglican Church in Canada, and that it is important to provide them with this tangible encouragement. This year we received a record number of 20 bursary applicants from theological colleges across the country, who as usual were interviewed by a sub-committee of the PBSC National Council. The committee found nearly all of the candidates to be very impressive, and is recommending full bursaries for a great many of them. The total sum is substantially higher than the amount usually allocated for bursaries in our budget, and so I am asking if you can find it in your heart to give a special donation in support of this important initiative.

Please continue to check our website frequently ([www.prayerbook.ca](http://www.prayerbook.ca)), as fresh material and articles are being added all the time. Our Facebook page is also constantly being updated with inspirational content, and you can read about some of our new and ongoing projects there as well.

I wish all of you God's blessings during the Advent and Christmas celebrations this month, and hope and pray that the good Lord will grant you a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ,