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THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE *Anglican Church of Canada*

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Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
May the Spirit of the Lord be upon us and fill us with grace and peace.

News from the Diocese:

Anglican Order of Merit: It gives me great pleasure to announce that both Canon Trevor J.D. Powell our Archivist and Registrar and former Chancellor, the Hon. Mr. Justice Peter A. Whitmore, have been awarded the Anglican Award of Merit. This is a national and meritorious award given to lay members of the Anglican Church of Canada. Five individuals across Canada will receive this triannual award this year. I am sure you will join me in congratulating Trevor and Peter, two wonderful and outstanding members of our church. The Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz will present these awards at a service at the Cathedral later this year with a tentative date of September 11. More details will be provided when they become available.

Archdeacon Malcolm French has announced to the parish of St James, Regina that he and Jan will be moving to New Zealand. Malcolm has been appointed priest of the parish of St Andrew, Cambridge in the diocese of Waikato and Taranaki, Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. We pray God's blessing for them as they make their preparations for a possible leaving date in August. Malcolm has been a most faithful and much loved priest and Archdeacon, not only for the parish of St James but also in the diocese of Qu'Appelle and the province of Rupert's Land. His excellent leadership, teaching, preaching and pastoral gifts; his wisdom and counsel; and dedication to his calling as a priest in the Church of God; have been much appreciated. We pray that he will continue to help mentor the lives of others as he has mentored so many here.

At the end of May, **the Revd Blair Dixon**, part of the team at St Matthew's Regina, though ending his formal responsibility as associate priest, will continue as a member of the congregation and be available for pulpit supply in the diocese. We thank Blair for his faithful and continued leadership and contribution to the parish of St Matthew's and in the diocese. Ms. Mae Boa (lay incumbent) and the Revd Anne Marie MacNeil (Associate Priest) will continue in their leadership roles at St Matthew's, Regina.

Living the Mission update: It gives me great pleasure to announce that we have now raised over \$1,000,000 and are half way to our target. My sincere thanks to all who have pledged so far, your financial gifts will make, and are already making, an incredible difference to the effectiveness of our mission and ministry across the diocese. Please continue to pray that funds will continue to be generated and pray for the parishes who are about to, or yet to begin their campaigns. If you would like further information on 'Living the Mission' campaigns please contact your Archdeacon or the Revd Cheryl Toth cherylrose@accesscomm.ca

Bishop's Cycle Ride:

During the week of 23rd July – 1st August, 2016 I will embark on a 'Pedalling Pilgrimage of Prayer'.

You will be most welcome to join me on this pilgrimage across the diocese – for all or part of the journey, or to join me at the churches mentioned below. The idea is that this be a week of prayer and worship accentuated by exercise. The first part of our diocesan Mission Action Plan is a call to healthy leadership in the diocese. Now 86lbs lighter, and considerably fitter, I have been preparing for this pilgrimage since July 2013 and now feel ready to embark on this journey across our great and beautiful diocese. Pray that it will inspire many to be disciplined in mind, body and spirit as we heed the words of Hebrews 12:12 and of St Paul in 1 Cor 9:24-27. The ride along highway 1 will include all 4 Archdeaconries - 17 parishes - 19 churches – 1 camp – and 1 province. It will be approximately 760k with an average cycling time of 40 hours.

My hope is that this pilgrimage will be repeated in 2017 (Northern route of the diocese) and 2018 (Southern route) so that by 2018 I will have cycled to every congregation in the diocese.

So the challenge is set. Please spend the time prayerfully pedalling or join me in prayer at the many services, meals and jamborees.

During the ride I also hope to raise funds for Living the Mission and the bishop's discretionary fund. All of you should be aware that monies raised through Living the Mission goes to support mission initiatives across the diocese while the bishop's discretionary helps clergy and lay leaders in times of need, emergency situations, hospitalization as well as educational and vocational bursaries. Generally \$7,000 - 8,000 is allocated every year from this fund and I have no other way of generating an income for this fund except through a regular gift from the diocesan ACW. I hope you or your parish would consider a generous donation that I might continue, through you, help others.

My hope is that, at the following dates and times (yet to be confirmed with the parishes and, weather permitting) the pilgrimage will include and be as follows:

Day/date	Journey from/to	distance	Time cycle
Saturday 23 rd July	Ride from Alberta border to Maple Creek <i>Overnight then drive to Cypress Hills</i>	(48k) 48k	2 hours
Sunday 24 th July	8am Camp Harding Cypress Hills. Breakfast and Prayers. Ride to St Mary's Maple Creek for HC @ 11am From #1 ride to Tompkins - Supper & Gospel Jamboree	(36k) (59k) 95k	5 hours
Monday 25 th	8am to Gull lake - Morning Prayer at 9.30am (brunch) Ride to Swift Current – evening Gospel Jamboree	(26k) (55k) 81k	4 hours
Tuesday 26 th	8am morning prayer and breakfast Ride to Chaplain	(87k) 87k	5 hours
Wednesday 27 th	7am ride to Moose Jaw Supper and Evening praise Moose Jaw	(85k) 85k	5 hours
Thursday 28 th	8am Morning prayer and breakfast Moose Jaw Lunch, prayers <i>and massage</i> at All Saints, Pense Prayer St Cuthbert's House Regina	(39k) (32k) 71k	4 hours

Friday 29 th	DAY OFF			
Saturday 30 th	8am morning prayer and snacks at St Philip, Regina			
	9.30 – Sharing and Prayers St Matthew, Regina	6.0K		22mins
	10.15 – Sharing and Prayers Cathedral	2.5K		9 mins
	11.15 – Sharing, Prayers and refreshment St James	6.5K		25 mins
	12 noon – Sharing and Prayers at St Mary’s	3.5K		15 mins
	12.40 – lunch, sharing and Prayers at St Luke’s	2.0K		8 mins
	1.30 - Sharing and Prayers at All Saints, Regina	3.0K		12 mins
	2.30 – Refreshments	6.5k		25 mins
		30k		
	Ride continues	46k	76k	4 hours
Sunday 31 st	Ride to Qu’Appelle			
	10am Eucharist & lunch (inc Mclean/Vernon congregations (18k)			
	6pm Supper and Evening Praise Grenfell	(75k)	93k	5 hours
Monday 1 st Aug	11am prayer & brunch St Mary’s Whitewood	(50k)		
	Ride to Manitoba border via Fleming	(76k)		
	6pm Celebration Eucharist and Supper Moosomin		126k	6 hours
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