

**A word from Bishop Jane regarding prayer for resolutions that point to how we are living out the marks of mission in our public life and witness, to be voted on at General Synod 2019. As examples:**

- The adoption of the **Season of Creation:**  
The Season of Creation is an annual season of prayer, education and action to protect the gift of God's creation, observed and celebrated by Christians around the world from September 1 - October 4. The Season of Creation has become a global movement with strong local connections, and has increasingly been celebrated by member churches of the Anglican Communion, including many parishes and dioceses within the Anglican Church of Canada. In June of 2018 the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Rev. Justin Welby, joined several other Christian leaders to invite greater participation in the Season of Creation and subsequently added his own specific encouragement:  
  
*“Creation is God's intricate work of art, and human beings are privileged to be placed within it. In this Season of Creation, we celebrate God the Creator, we thank God for the extraordinary riches of his grace. But we also come in sorrow for the way we have defaced creation and misused it for our own ends. In this Season, let's find again a true vision of what being made in the image of God, caring for creation can mean, and commit ourselves to action.”*
- The adoption of the **Sustainable Development Goals** which aim to end poverty, protect the planet, and pursue the common good; by encouraging theological engagement with the goals, and missional commitment to their achievement in concert with the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion. This adoption of the goals would be not only at national but also diocesan and parish levels, too.
- To make a statement regarding **Human trafficking and modern slavery:**  
Canada is a source, transfer and destination country in the trafficking of human beings where the two main forms of trafficking are for sexual exploitation and enforced labour. The average age of female victims for sexual exploitation is 13.5 years. Poor urban children and teens, especially girls, and Indigenous women and girls are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking. The overwhelming majority of people trafficked in Canada are born in Canada. Since June 2017 the Global Relations and Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice have actively engaged Anglicans across Canada in order to enhance local capacity to take action on the issue of human trafficking and modern slavery. Four regional events have been held. These gatherings have brought together the expertise of people with lived experience, service providers, and advocacy organizations to offer in- depth learning on these issues and how local communities can respond. Participants in these gatherings have, in turn, developed local educational events, submitted articles to their diocesan papers, established relationships with local agencies working in this area, and brought motions to diocesan and provincial synods. Seeds continue to be planted for ongoing work in this area.

- To delve more deeply into Muslim/Christian Dialogue and under the direction of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee, and in partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, jointly support a program of ecumenical Christian-Muslim engagement in receptive communities across Canada, based on the model of the *A Common Word* initiative in its various local expressions. We are blessed in this initiative with the work of our own Scott Sharman.

We ask God's blessing on the Anglican Church of Canada and we recognize the great willingness to serve of all our delegates to Synod from across the county.

I especially ask your prayers for our own delegates:

Ven. Alan Perry  
Rev. Heather Liddell  
Dr. Steven Martin  
Mrs. Dorothy Marshall  
Mr. Benjamin Goetze  
And myself, Jane

I also ask your prayers for our own David Jones, the Chancellor of General Synod.

Thank you so much.

In Christ

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