



The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft
Bishop of Rupert's Land

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To the attending members of Rupert's Land Annual Meetings

Dear Friends in Christ,

I bid you rich blessings in the name of Jesus Christ for the Body which bears his name. May you receive wisdom, patience, and discernment as you work toward the ministry and mission within which you have been called.

As your community reflects on the work of the past year, I hope that you will offer thanks to God through one another for the gifts given for ministry. I hope that you will heed Jesus' call for us to give thanks for one another, and loving one another as Christ loves us.

As your community sets the course for the new year, I pray that you will invite every disciple into sharing hope, offering gifts of all manner of things, and dreaming out-loud the myriad of possibilities that God continually places before us in all parts of our neighbourhood. I pray that your invitations are embraced by all as God's call to holy activity. The kingdom has come near, and we are here to draw attention to its beauty and activity.

As you prepare to venture into a new time, I ask that you genuinely inspire one another. Mirror for one another the beauty and value you perceive in the other. Build-up one another for the ministry disciples do in the world, greeting one another in peace, and committed in daily prayer, study and reflection. Get to know one another better, deeply listen to the message God brings to you through one another, and remember that in Christ we are never alone.

I, along with Rupert's Land staff, are committed to doing our best to help you maintain a healthy community of disciples, to the end that ministry and mission flourish as a result of your activity, imagination and creativity.

Yours, in Faith,

The Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft
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