



## **DIocese OF BRITISH COLUMBIA**

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### Shared Ministries of Port Hardy & Port McNeill, British Columbia:

The Bishop of British Columbia, along with the Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery of the United Church of Canada, seeks to appoint an incumbent to the shared ministries of St. Columba's, Port Hardy (with St. John, Port Alice) and St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill. This is a full-time position.

Port Hardy and Port McNeill are located at the top end of Vancouver Island, about five hours north of Victoria and three hours north of Nanaimo. Port Hardy (pop. 3822) is 43 km north of Port McNeill (pop. 2623). Both are on the east coast of the island. Port Alice (pop. 821) is on Quatsino Sound on the West Coast, on a road that leads west off of the main highway about halfway between the other two communities. Port Hardy is the terminus for the BC Ferries northern routes. The population of the three communities are younger than the average for Vancouver Island, and oriented towards the industries of forestry, pulp and paper, mining, fishing, and tourism. The shared ministries are located on the traditional lands of the Kwakwaka'wakw peoples.

The parish consists of two shared ministries meeting in three church buildings; the two shared ministries have their own organizational structures, and the buildings are owned by ecumenical societies. St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill has 25 households and an average Sunday attendance of 14; St. Columba has 26 households and an average Sunday attendance of 21. In 2010 \$64,485 were contributed by envelope holders towards a budget of \$88,427; three-quarters of the support comes from Port Hardy, where the minister usually resides. There is a women's group at St. Columba. St. John Gualbert is known for housing a second-hand book shop which contributes to the congregation's income. Both shared ministries focus on outreach in the community and beyond.

A Joint Needs Assessment Committee has created a Parish Profile. It, along with information concerning Diocesan levels of remuneration and benefits, may be obtained from:

- The Rt. Rev. James Cowan, Bishop of the Diocese of British Columbia  
900 Vancouver Street, Victoria, British Columbia, V8V 3V7, or
- by calling Imelda Secker at (250) 386-7781, ext. 250, or
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The deadline for applications is February 29, 2012.