



DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

900 Vancouver Street
Victoria BC V8V 3V7

St. John the Divine, Victoria, BC

The Bishop of British Columbia seeks to appoint an Incumbent to the Parish of St. John the Divine, in Victoria, BC.

By average Sunday attendance St. John's is the one of the largest parish in the Diocese of British Columbia, and in terms of annual income it comes second only to the Cathedral. It is located in the downtown core, surrounded by a mixture of office buildings, residences, and other churches. Founded in 1860 and initially housed in the prefabricated "Iron Church," the parish moved to its current location in a brick church in 1912, suffered a devastating fire in 1960 and rebuilt the following year. Since that time it has developed a national reputation for a strong commitment to justice, especially with regard to First Nations issues, same-sex couples, and homelessness in Victoria.

There are approximately 500 parishioners on the parish roll. The average combined Sunday attendance at the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Sunday services is 150. The former uses the BCP and the latter uses the BAS, enriched with liturgical resources from Iona and other traditions. Both services use the RCL. There is a Sunday School with twenty students, two youth groups, and many groups for adults. In 2010, 250 identifiable donors contributed \$410,000 towards an annual budget of \$575,000. The staff includes one full-time priest, one part time clergy, a part-time director of music, one parish administrator, one receptionist/booking co-ordinator, a part-time youth leader and a custodian.

A Parish Profile is available. Persons considering applying should identify themselves to the Bishop's Office, and the profile, along with information concerning Diocesan levels of remuneration and benefits, will be sent. Please contact the Bishop:

- 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. 121, or
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The deadline for applications is Wednesday, February 29, 2012.