

## The Diocese of Rupert's Land

The Right Reverend Geoffrey Woodcroft Bishop of Rupert's Land

We acknowledge that Treaties 1, 2 and 3 territories, on which we stand, is the ancestral traditional land of the Indigenous peoples, and is common home to everyone in virtue of God, our Creator's, gracious gift.

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Disciples,

In the name of Jesus Christ I speak to you this day.

Today, news of the resignation and relinquishment of ministry were received by the National Church from Archbishop Mark MacDonald. I have attached a statement released at 1pm EST today, a Pastoral Letter from our Primate Archbishop Linda Nichols.

I ask that our diocese enter a prayerful vigil, praying for Indigenous Anglicans, the Sacred Circle and Rule of Life, and Indigenous leaders. Great hurt and betrayal are certain to be present within the Church and in wider communities, let us be a ministry of presence and gentleness.

Yours in Christ,

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