



Dear friends,

January 2010

Grace be yours and peace.

This letter is written to invite laypersons of the Eastern Synod, ELCIC, and the Diocese of Niagara, Anglican Church of Canada, to attend a lay spiritual retreat.

This year our spiritual director will be The Rev. Fred Ludolph, Executive Director at Edgewood Camp and Conference Centre in Eden Mills, Ontario. He has also served parishes in Kitchener and Normanby Township. A recurring theme in many of Pastor Fred's life and ministry experiences has been our relationship to creation. The 2008 National Youth Gathering brought him the opportunity to talk about our relationship to creation through the theme "Travel Light". While our life experience, infancy through adulthood, can always be described as a journey, we spend a lot of time living in one or several places. Perhaps we need to think about "Living Light", considering how we can lighten our touch on creation. As much as that can be a challenge, it can also be a joyful discipleship as we celebrate and seek to follow our "Living Light" – Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

The retreat will be held:

Friday, April 9 to Sunday, April 11, 2010
Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre, Niagara Falls, Ontario

Along with this letter you will find a flyer and a registration form. If you have any questions about the retreat you are invited to contact the Retreat Director, Dorothy Froom, or the Registrar, Prijna Gingrich. Information and registration forms are also available on the Eastern Synod website at: www.easternsynod.org.

We look forward to welcoming you.

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Bishop Michael Pryse