

November 2023

Greetings, friends! Enclosed please find information regarding our forthcoming study conference which is scheduled to take place at White Point Beach Lodge Resort & Conference Centre from 7:00 pm on Sunday, February 18th to Wednesday, February 21<sup>sth</sup>, 2024. I am looking forward to these special days together!

Our theme this time will be "Participating in the Christ Consciousness - a reprise!"

Our retreat presenter will be Rev. David Maginley. In 2018, David led us in an exploration of how we participate in the Christ Consciousness by examining the nature of consciousness, prayer, and near-death experiences. Seven years later, David returns to that theme by applying Non-Duality. This is the recognition that underlying the multiplicity and diversity of experience, there is a single, infinite and indivisible reality whose nature is pure consciousness, from which all objects and selves derive their apparently independent existence. It is, indeed, as St. Paul states: God is that through which we live and move and have our being.



From the wisdom of the Christian tradition and his experience being with thousands of people as they approach the edge of mortality, David will explore this Non-Dual nature of being in Christ, and how all experiences are met by God's grace... especially suffering and death!

Our gathering will begin with supper on February 18th, after which we will gather under the direction of our Dean, Rev Kimberlynn McNabb.

As has been the case in recent years, you are most welcome to invite a neighbouring Anglican colleague to join us! Please share a copy of this memo and attached registration information. Registration fees for our Anglican Colleagues are being arranged through the diocesan office so no payment will need to be sent. They do, however, still need to register.

To register, please visit: <u>https://form.jotform.com/233105999236261</u>

**Please register no later than January 31, 2024**. I do hope that all of you will be able to be in attendance at this year's gathering. I am very much looking forward to this time together!

Bishop Michael J. Pryse