

## DESTINATION INFORMATION

Victoria is a world famous vacation destination. You can walk from the hotel to the Inner Harbour, Government Street, excellent restaurants, Royal BC Museum, and whale watching. Butchart Gardens, fishing, and much more is within an hour of the hotel by bus or car. At the conference, expect sunshine and an afternoon high of 23°C.

If you have time, Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands have famous beaches, forests and hiking trails, First Nation cultural attractions, golfing, surfing, wine tasting and beautiful views.

There are ferries to Vancouver and Seattle, and the Gulf Islands.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

*We will gather strength and peace  
from the Holy Spirit and each other*

**Cost: \$275 for conference and meals**

**Register: [www.anglicandeacons.ca](http://www.anglicandeacons.ca)**

Accommodations for the AADC Conference are at Harbour Towers Hotel, which is accessible to all and has a special AADC room rate of \$180 plus taxes. Call **250-385-2405** for more information.

Spouses and companions are welcome.

Accommodations are located downtown near Christ Church Cathedral and the Inner Harbour

Questions?

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## 2017 CONFERENCE



**July 27 to 30, 2017 Victoria, B.C.**

“there’s a crack in everything....that’s how the light gets in”

—Leonard Cohen

The true light, who shines upon the heart  
of everyone, was coming into the cosmos

[John 1:9]



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# THE LIGHT OF CHRIST SHINES

*Each hour throughout the conference, we will have a silent minute for prayer.*

## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Theme A: Poverty and Homelessness

In the park between Christ Church Cathedral and Victoria's Court House, over 100 people formed a community, Super InTent City, for a year. How would Christ engage people living in and around Tent City? What would He say to poor, homeless people? to addicts? to neighbours finding drug paraphernalia littered around their homes? to parents and children at a nearby school? To parishioners of Christ Church Cathedral? to activists for social housing and for safe drug injection sites?

What would Christ say to deacons?

### Theme B: Deacons' Experience

The Iona Report on the ministry of deacons was accepted by National Synod in 2016, and returns to the next National Synod. How does the Report enrich our training and development? challenge current realities across Canada? What should we do before the next Synod?

### AADC Annual General Meeting:

Reports to members, and election of officers.



### Theme C: Reconciliation with First Nations

**Reconciliation 1:** Christian reconciliation becomes incarnate locally. There are over 40 First Nations on Vancouver Island. On the territory of the Songhees Nation, an elder will share their history and culture with us.

**Reconciliation 2:** The foundation of reconciliation include the Primates' calls, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The Bishop of B.C. made a 500 kilometer walk of repentance, the Sacred Journey, in Lent 2016.

What can deacons do for a deep, meaningful reconciliation in Canada?

### Theme D: Diaconal Ministries

Using the model of scientific and medical conferences, over 20 deacons will each summarize their ministry on a 'poster'. Delegates will circulate among them, reading the posters, asking questions, exchanging information, and inspiring richer and new ministries throughout Canada.

### Thursday, July 27

- Registration at Harbour Towers Hotel from 12:00 to 5:15 p.m.
- Welcome at Christ Church Cathedral
- Keynote address: Elizabeth May, M.P. and Leader of the Green Party.

### Friday, July 28

- Poverty and Homelessness through the experience of Victoria's Tent City.
- The Iona Report of the Diaconate: where do we go now?
- AADC Triannual General Meeting.
- Reconciliation 1: Dinner and cultural learning with Songhees Nation

### Saturday, July 29

- Reconciliation 2: the Anglican experience and responsibility
- Diaconal Ministries across Canada
- Gala Dinner and M. Maybee Award Sunday, July 30
- Closing morning Eucharist and group photo at Christ Church Cathedral