



KICK OFF WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 18—19, 2021

Instructions for Kick-off

1. Add the **bulletin** write-up in your bulletin—see below.
2. Put out posters and any envelopes for parishioners in foyer. If you have not yet received the addressed envelopes for your parish, advise parishioners that they will be arriving late.
3. Add any of the universal prayers provided below to your regular set of prayers
4. Before the final blessing:
 - ✓ read Bishop Stephen Jensen’s message from the brochure
 - ✓ **IF IT HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU**, show the *Called Together* video (It is also an option to show the video after a brief homily about the readings.)
5. If you have received your addressed envelopes, ask parishioners to pick up theirs. If they do not have a personalized envelope they are welcome to take a blank one provided.
6. **Interac eTransfer donors should include a message with the name of the parish that should be credited with the donation, any instructions regarding allocation of funds to Called Together and Healing and Reconciliation, as well as an email address in case we have any questions about the donation. Donors can also include their donor number, which is found on the outside of their envelope.**

ADDITIONAL NOTE: The video for the Appeal will be sent via OneDrive. Please let us know if you require it to be sent on USB.

Bulletin Write-Up *(please adapt as needed)*

Along with all other parishes and missions throughout the diocese, today we kick-off the Annual Diocesan Appeal: ***“Called Together – Giving, Sharing, Serving.”***

Called Together supports the mission of the local Church across our diocese. Your gift to ***Called Together*** is one way that you can practice stewardship and participate in the mission of the Church.

The diocesan goal continues to be \$200,000, half of the usual amount. Funds raised will continue to go to help those parishes, missions and ministries across the diocese who have faced additional challenges in the past year.

Our Parish Goal is: \$_____

This year, the diocese is also collecting funds for the **BC Bishops’ appeal in support of Healing and Reconciliation**. This appeal is separate from Called Together and aims to provide funds for projects that support healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples. In prior years, the diocese has tried to meet this need through programs such as Returning to Spirit, the Rose Prince Pilgrimage and through the work of our priests and religious involved in indigenous ministry.

There is no set target for this appeal, but looks to the generosity of everyone to make a meaningful contribution to promote this important work.

The form in the Called Together package allows you to designate how much you would like to direct to the Diocesan Annual Appeal and how much to the Healing and Reconciliation appeal.

We thank you for your continued generous support.

For the pulpit announcement *(please read)*

Letter from Bishop Stephen Jensen from the brochure

Universal Prayer

- For our Diocesan family, as we begin our Annual Appeal: Called Together; that we will respond to the call to serve others by supporting the needs of our Diocese. **We pray to the Lord.**
- For the BC Bishops' campaign in support of healing and reconciliation; that the words of Jesus to us today will inspire us to live the humility of Christ through our support of the Indigenous communities in our province. **We pray to the Lord.**