



KICK OFF WEEKEND SEPTEMBER 10—11, 2022

Instructions for Kick-off

IN RESPONSE TO FEEDBACK FROM THE PARISHES, THERE IS NO VIDEO FOR THIS YEAR'S APPEAL.

A copy of the initial Appeal Update is attached to the Wednesday Weekly and sets out the **parish goals** along with any donations received after July 1st.

1. Add the **bulletin** write-up in your bulletin—see below.
2. Put out posters and any envelopes for parishioners in foyer.
3. Add any of the universal prayers provided below to your regular set of prayers
4. Before the final blessing, please read Bishop Jensen's letter from the brochure
5. Ask parishioners to pick up their envelope. If they do not have a personalized envelope they are welcome to take a blank one provided.
6. **Please advise parishioners that those who donate by Interac eTransfer should include a message with the name of your 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.**

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 has been slightly increased to \$250,000 this year, far short of the usual \$400,000. Funds raised will continue to go to help those parishes, missions and ministries across the diocese who continue to face ongoing challenges and need our support. Part of the increased goal will go to programs and ministries that were suspended during the challenges of COVID and are now being restarted.

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.

After we began last year's Appeal, the Canadian Bishops agreed to support a national campaign to raise \$30 million dollars in support of healing and reconciliation efforts. The diocesan goal for our portion of that \$30 million is \$147,000 of which half has already been raised. **The monies raised in our diocese will be used to support healing and reconciliation efforts in our diocese.**

We look 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 Jensen from the brochure

Universal Prayer – please select one of the first two in addition to the third prayer.

- For our Diocesan family, as we begin our Annual Appeal: Called Together, that we will unite in supporting the needs of our Diocese. We pray to the Lord.
- For our Diocesan family, as we begin our Annual Appeal: Called Together, that our generosity will reflect God's generosity to us. 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.