

Featured Speaker Biography

The Right Reverend William Cliff, Bishop of Brandon

The Right Reverend William Cliff was born and educated in Wyoming and Petrolia, Ontario before University. Ordained Deacon and Priest in 1992, and Bishop in 2016, Bishop William is a pastor, musician and liturgist who has served in the Dioceses of Huron and Brandon.

As a member of the group "The Three Cantors", Bishop William is one of four musicians who have traveled internationally singing concerts for development and the relief of hunger. This and 4 CD's have raised over a million dollars.



Published nationally on a variety of subjects, and a regular columnist in his Church paper, Bishop William writes regularly, as well as having been a commentator for CBC NewsWorld and CanadaAM on stories with a religious subject. Gifted in interpreting the Bible to young people, Bishop William has been a keynote speaker at conferences on Stewardship, as well as holding sessions of inquiry for youth: a session of questions about faith, sex, commitment, scripture, theology and growing up a Christian in today's world.

In 2010 the National conference for youth in the Anglican and Lutheran Churches featured him as their keynote speaker and his addresses to over 1000 youth gathered in bible study together have garnered serious interest. Invited back to the next two conferences in 2012 and 2014, he led "Bull with Bill" sessions in rooms filled to bursting with young people eager to hear straight talk on faith and growing up. Bishop William continues to work enrich the worship life of the Church and spends time supporting youth programming.

Bishop William is committed to an open dialogue which respects all people and an inviting spirituality firmly planted in the Anglican tradition. He is the Chair of the Council of the North, the General Synod body responsible for ministry across Canada's north in assisted Dioceses. He is also past Chair of the Anglican Journal Co-Ordinating Committee, current member of the Communications Committee and acts as Secretary to the House of Bishops of Canada.