

# The Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers during this wearisome time in the Central Interior of BC. At this time, all of our efforts are put into immediate response to those communities such as Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Williams Lake and 100 Mile and surrounding areas, which have been most directly impacted by the fires. Other communities like Prince George, Kamloops, Merritt and Lillooet are evacuation centers and our people are working hard to assist those of our neighbours who are displaced. There has been loss of property but until some of the major fires are out and the smoke clears we will not know the full extent of the loss and where we will need to help out. The Territory of the People greatly appreciate the response of the wider Anglican community and if you or your parish is looking to support us you may do so in the following ways:

1. Pray for us:

*Pray for the residents of Central Interior, those known to you and those unknown.*

*Pray for civic leaders, those in industry, those in emergency measures planning as they care for facilities and infrastructure.*

*Be mindful of those in local communities who have in the past experienced wildfires and the loss of homes. The images that we see on TV and online are triggering memories for some within our communities.*

*Pray for all who are fleeing the fires and living in temporary accommodation. Pray for those who receive them in emergency shelters.*

*Pray for those who, against all odds given the unusually high seasonal temperatures and high winds, are battling the blaze and attempting to curtail its reach. Pray for rain.*

*Pray for all firefighters, police and emergency service workers. These are exhausting days for them.*

*Pray for all who face the loss of their homes, businesses, and livelihoods.*

2. PWRDF has been in touch with us and we are awaiting information back from them.
3. Donate to the APCI Fire Fund. Monies that are donated to this fund will be allocated towards helping the parishes and individuals effected by the fires. If an individual or parish donates to this fund, they will receive an income tax receipt for their donation. Checks should be made payable to the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior and marked "Fire Fund".

Again, the Territory of the People is grateful for all of the wonderful ways parishes from across the country are responding to the fires affecting our communities. Please continue to correspond with us through the office email [apci@shaw.ca](mailto:apci@shaw.ca) .

Blessings,

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