

Dear CLC friends,

*CHRIST IS RISEN. HE IS RISEN INDEED ALLELUIA!*

It has been a while since I wrote for the UPDATE. So, it is good to have this occasion to write you as we are celebrating these days, and for the next 50 days, the great events of our faith - *We proclaim your death O Lord, we profess your holy resurrection, until you come again!* We have come out of a long difficult winter in many parts of Canada. We have seen and we are still experiencing the violence and conflict, and the sadness of lost lives in many parts of the world, even in the city of Calgary where I am living. As we try to understand and respond to these events, our faith in the victory of love of Christ Jesus' self gift to the Father for all of us, is centred on the One who has been raised up from the dead and has begun the new creation and given us all a part in the building of this new creation through love.



The preparations for the National Assembly at the end of May in Saint John are promising a full and exciting schedule. We continue to keep this important event in the life of CLC Canada in our prayers. May all the delegates to this Assembly be given the graces of this event to bring back to their regions. We look forward to the next 5 years and the frontiers to which CLC Canada is being called.

This will be my last contribution to Update as National EA. As you know, TREVOR SCOTT, SJ will be succeeding me as National EA, as well as being the Atlantic regional EA. I hope you will support him as you have me in these past years. The delegates to the Assembly will have a chance to meet him there. And hopefully, he will have a chance to visit each of the regions during his mandate as NEA.

For my part, I give thanks to God for all of you and for the gift of being able to minister to CLC Canada as NEA over the past 8 years. This association with CLC Canada has enriched my life in many ways. I will continue to be involved with the Prairie and Rockies/B.C. regions.

Thank you for your witness to and dedication in the CLC way of life. May the Risen Christ continue to call us all to new frontiers in the building of his Reign of peace, joy and love.

EASTER BLESSINGS TO ALL OF YOU.

Fr. Charles

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