



Pastoral Letter from Bishop

April 15, 2008

Greetings in the name of the Risen Christ

It is my joy and privilege to announce that I have appointed the Right Reverend Gordon Beardy as Assistant Bishop of Keewatin effective April 15, 2008. Bishop Beardy will share with me in the pastoral oversight of the Diocese of Keewatin, specifically this means that he will

- Perform episcopal duties such as confirmation and ordination when approved by the diocesan bishop
- Provide pastoral counsel and direction to the clergy of the diocese in conjunction with the diocesan bishop
- Provide ongoing counsel and advice to the diocesan bishop
- Participate in the wider church through the national and provincial Houses of Bishops and other appropriate avenues and representing the diocesan bishops when requested to do so by the diocesan bishop
- Undertake other responsibilities from time to time as may be mutually agreed.

I make this appointment, which is non-stipendiary, in accordance with the canons of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land which state that a diocesan bishop may appoint an assistant bishop for a period of six months after which time the consent of the diocese and the metropolitan are required. Therefore this appointment is for an initial period of six months, ending October 15, 2008, at which time it may be extended pending the consent of both diocese and metropolitan.

I know that this appointment will bring great joy to many throughout our diocese and beyond and I invite you to join with me in extending to Bishop Beardy the warmest welcome and assurance of our prayers as he undertakes this new phase of his ministry and the next step on our journey together.

Christ is risen Alleluia!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+David". The plus sign is small and positioned to the left of the letter 'D', which is written in a cursive style.

+David:Keewatin