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**Bishop's Letter to 2021 Vestry Meetings**

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Dear friends, my siblings in Christ, grace and peace to you.

As you gather for your annual meeting of Vestry, I simply want to let you know that I am praying for you and I am grateful for your faithful discipleship over the past year.

What a year it was. In the midst of so much disease and division, in a time when everything was constantly shifting under our feet, the Anglican churches in Huron found ways to survive and thrive through it all. That took good leadership, wisdom, generosity, and prayer!

2020 has left some damage in its wake and we continue to wonder how we will fare in 2021. My commitment to you is that we will find ways to support one another, financially and spiritually, so that we can all begin 2022 in healthy condition.

The annual meeting is a time to gather up all that has happened, good and bad, and offer it to God in thanksgiving. It is a time to look forward with hope, in order to wisely steward all that God will bring to us in the future. I have encouraged every church and person in the Diocese of Huron to seek ways to shift the centre of gravity in our life together from "operations" and mere survival to renewal and new creation, better revealing the marks of mission by becoming: a learning church, a just church, a diverse church, a new church. Perhaps you will make progress in these areas as an extension of your current mission and ministry plans.

The key focus in Christian life is to follow in the way of Jesus, and to be open to God's desire for us and for the world. I pray that the Holy Spirit will lead you further in this direction through your life together in Christ.

Blessings to you, all.

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