



Diocese of New Westminster
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Hanukkah Greetings

Dear friends,

Hanukkah sameach!

During this time of year, as the days grow shorter, I become more grateful for light. This first act of creation reminds me that God began everything with illuminating hope.

I am keeping your communities in my prayers as you celebrate your festival of lights. I hope Channukah will warm the hearts of every Jewish family and present opportunities for you to gather in prayer, remembrance, celebration, and good food.

I am especially mindful of the beloved Jewish communities of the Fraser Valley as I hear reports of increasing hostility and antisemitism around the world. I stand with you and for you, as do the communities under my care. Hope, as I understand it, builds resilience and pathways to reconciliation and change. Let us walk together in hope and in light.

Faithfully,

The Right Revd John R. Stephens
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