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Dear friends,

As we approach a new year I have a gift for you. Since we have severed our ties with the Anglican Church of Canada we no longer want to use their church calendar. Displaying pictures of ACoC parishes and supporting them, in whatever small way, through the sale of these to our people just didn't seem appropriate. One of the problems with this, however, is that our Altar Guild and others depend on the calendar in performing their ministries. Consequently I have put together a calendar that lays out the Sundays of the Christian year, the Red Letter Days (according to the BCP), and a few other Holy Days that I thought appropriate for a church such as ours that has taken its stand on the word of God (various Anglican Reformers). I am enclosing this in both MSWord and PDF format. Feel free to make any changes you like.

You will notice that I have named the Sundays following Trinity Sunday by the BCP convention as Sundays after Trinity. I have two reasons for this. In our parish we use the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for our Sunday services and the BCP lectionary at our Thursday Evening service. Our Sunday liturgies are BCP at 7:15 a.m. and Common Worship (UK) at 11:00 a.m. Switching between Sundays after Pentecost and Sundays after Trinity was quite confusing. Also, although the Sunday Lectionary in Common Worship is the RCL they use the traditional naming convention of Sundays after Trinity. You will also notice that they have a Pre-Lent season. Remember Septuagesima, Sexagesima and Quinquagesima? And there is a Pre-Advent season (After All Saints', but before Advent 1). As I said earlier, feel free to change these if you prefer to do something else.

I hope you find this useful. I can't promise I'll do it again next year, but who knows we may have something better by then. I welcome your feedback.

Your brother in Christ,

The Rev. Tom J. Carman