

BRITISH COLUMBIA SYNOD

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To the congregations of the BC Synod,

At the 2016 BC Synod Convention, the assembly passed the following motion: "Moved/Seconded that the BC Synod in Convention direct the Synod Council to oversee the creation of a guideline for congregations and the Synod Office congruent with the Baby-Friendly guidelines of WHO and UNICEF. Carried."

Our synod's Faith and Society Committee has prepared and collated documents for our use. These documents accompany this letter. We are grateful to the committee for their work and guidance on this initiative.

On behalf of Synod Council and the Faith and Society Committee, I commend them for your use in your congregations. While much of the material helps us understand issues concerning the nursing of infants, we also hope that this material acts as a springboard for even further conversations regarding the welcome and participation of children in our places of worship, and of how children and youth can be involved in leadership within our congregations.

Peace be with you all,

+Bishop Greg Mohr