



Lorna's Take...

On Church HIStory

By Lorna Dueck, host of "Listen Up"

Seventy million Anglicans around the world are facing an historic season in the life of their ancient church. It has occurred because a Canadian bishop has led his Vancouver-area diocese to be the first to bless same-sex unions. *The Globe and Mail* called Bishop Michael Ingham of New Westminster a "savvy agent of change," while members of the largest Anglican congregation in Canada called their bishop "an apostate." Charges of a theologically errant bishop point out a schismatic dilemma unfolding in New Westminster that threatens to split the worldwide Anglican church.

When 62 percent of all New Westminster voted at synod to accept same-sex blessings, it launched conservative priests to oppose their bishop on the grounds of conscience. Those in opposition have been threatened with the loss of their jobs, pensions and property.

African, Asian and South American archbishops have come twice to Vancouver to support the conservative priests, and the primate of Nigeria's 17 million Anglicans has declared broken communion with Bishop Ingham. Some speculate that such actions are necessary for the protection of Africa from Muslims who would be eager to pluck converts from a "liberalizing" church.

At the core of the debate is the determining of what is truly holy; the Biblical loving truth that needs to be taught and embraced for those who follow an uncompromising holy God. *Listen Up* will take a close look at New Westminster in a feature documentary, "Transformed Teachings."

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