

# **Alberta Christmas 2021**

In the New Year, we plan to **Archive Christmas 2021.** The challenge now is to see who has the best Christmas Archive. Send us an email to factsumc@gmail.com to let us know about your Christmas celebrations and to get updates.

Christmas has many meanings to different people. See <a href="https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/">https://www.whychristmas.com/customs/</a>. This year the celebration of Christmas will be influenced by COVID-19 see opportunities below. **Alberta Christmas 2021** is a research project to find links to resources that will help Albertans celebrate Christmas virtually, and in person with their communities and families and archive Christmas 2021 for future generations.

## **Alberta 2021 Christmas Research Opportunity:**

The following quote from <a href="https://www.whychristmas.com/customs">https://www.whychristmas.com/customs</a> indicates a need to research to effects of COVID-19 on the celebration of Christmas in 2021:

"Because of the COVID-19/Coronavirus Pandemic, many of the ways that Christmas is celebrated might be different this year."

FACTS (Family And Community Twining Society) has funding to employ Young People 15-30 ages to work from November 2021 to February 2022 on COVID-19 and Christmas Projects. See FACTSnet Careers and Employment. This is a great Career Building Opportunity. Please pass the jobs link on to any Young People who might be interested.

We hope to hire people to work in the following Alberta, Canada Federal Constituencies to cover the whole province as follows:

- Northern Alberta Westlock Peace River,
- Edmonton Constituencies
  - o Edmonton Centre, and
  - o Edmonton Strathcona
  - o Edmonton Griesbach,

- Capital Region Constituencies
  - o Spruce Grove (Sturgeon River-Parkland).
  - Saint Albert
- Calgary Region Banff Airdrie
- Southern Alberta <u>Medicine Hat--Cardston--Warner</u>

### **Other Alberta Christmas Opportunities**

Alberta Christmas Networks (Links to stories and local networks can be related to the Alberta grade 4 curriculum - under development through the research projects mentioned above). Some of the research projects are St. Albert Christmas 2021, Spruce Grove Christmas 2021, "Healthy Alberta Christmas 2021", Alberta Christmas Public Engagement Challenge. Send us an email to factsumc@gmail.com to let us know about your Christmas and to get updates.

### Attend a Christmas and Youth Employment Information Session

**Alberta Christmas Support Networks** give you the opportunity to sort out how to support others during this season. We are starting out with <u>Year-End Giving</u> for Christmas Diners or to <u>Support Camps</u> We will expand this network as we get people to work on these networks.

#### **Global Christmas Links**

- <a href="https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/canada.shtml">https://www.whychristmas.com/cultures/canada.shtml</a> (Most of the Countries of the World are represented). This resource could be used to celebrate International Christmas related to the Alberta Grade 3, 6 and 9-12 Social Studies Curriculum and Canada Christmas related to the grade 5 and 7 curriculum.
- <a href="https://www.whychristmas.com/fun/">https://www.whychristmas.com/fun/</a> (Activities for everyone, like Recipes from around the world or Decorate an Online Christmas Tree)
- Coping with Grief and the Holidays by David Kessler
- "Healthy Alberta Christmas 2021"
- Home for Christmas Channel (Everything Christmas including messages like <u>The Wonder of Christmas</u> and <u>The Christmas Story</u> by Dr. David Jeremiah.
  These are 2 of "Wonder & Joy: The 12 Days of Christmas", which gives a good overview of what is on the channel.
- Relaxing Christmas Music
- Bethlehem Christmas Networks are designed to help you celebrate Christmas by reflecting on stories in the Bible that tell about Jesus who was born in Bethlehem. Click here to learn more.