



CONVENING CIRCULAR

November 9 and 10, 2018

Section A

Isaiah 43:19

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Note to Synod Members:

The content of this Convening Circular has been approved by Diocesan Council. Other information of interest to Synod members is available on the Diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca].

This includes:

- List of Synod Members
- Other Reports to the Synod
- Minutes of the previous Meeting
- Diocesan Apportionment Calculations
- Statistical Returns
- Synod Speak

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, Bishop of Toronto, has signified his intention to assemble the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Friday, November 9, 2018 from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, November 10, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

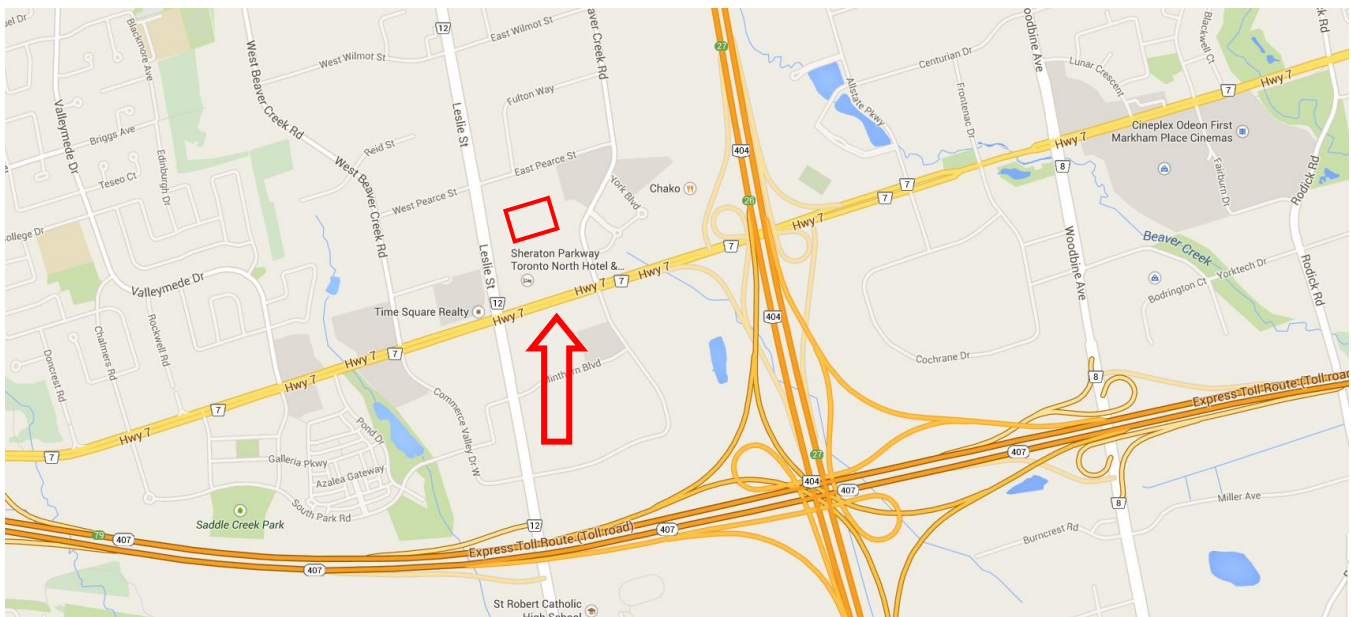
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Directions to the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Inn & Suites

Driving

If your GPS device does not recognize 600 Hwy 7 East, Richmond Hill, L4B 1B2, use **9005 Leslie St, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 1G7**. If you need assistance, call the hotel at 905-881-2121.

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- Hwy 401 east
- Hwy 404 north
- Hwy 7 west
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From North (Hwy 400):

- Highway 400 south
- Highway 7 east
- The hotel is just beyond Leslie St on the north side of the road

From north (Hwy 404):

- Hwy 404
- Highway 7 west for 1 block
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From south (DVP/Hwy 404):

- DVP North (which will turn into Highway 404)
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PRE-SYNOD MEETINGS

Episcopal Areas will hold Pre-Synod meetings to prepare for the upcoming Regular Session of Synod. Agenda items will include: Orientation for new Synod Members, Marriage Canon Dialogue, and elections for Diocesan Council.

Attendance at Pre-Synod meetings is extremely important, as this is the forum for Synod Members to engage in discussion and debate on items being brought before Synod for approval.

The dates and locations are as follows:

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

St. Thomas, Brooklin
101 Winchester Rd. E., Brooklin
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Registration starting at 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 18, 2018

St. John, York Mills
19 Don Ridge Dr., Toronto
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Registration starting at 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

St. George, Allandale
9 Granville St., Barrie
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
Registration starting at 9:45 a.m.

Saturday, October 20, 2018

St. John the Baptist, Dixie
719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration starting at 1:45 p.m.

For maps and directions to these locations, please visit our website at:

www.toronto.anglican.ca/find-a-churchclergy

Who is eligible to attend?

In addition to clerical and lay members of Synod, treasurers and one churchwarden from each parish may attend the area meeting.

Area Elections

Prior to the area Pre-Synod meeting, the Area Bishop will constitute a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees for election to Diocesan Council at the area Pre-Synod meeting. Each Episcopal Area will elect one (1) clerical and two (2) lay members to Diocesan Council. Only voting members of Synod may be nominated and only members of Synod may vote.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration for Synod

Registration will be held in the Thornhill Room between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Friday, November 9, 2018. You are urged to register as early as possible. All voting members of Synod must register in order to be eligible to vote. Once registration closes, those who have not notified the Synod Office of late arrival will not be allowed to enter Synod until permitted by the Court on Contested Seats or the Secretary of Synod.

If late registration is required, please indicate so when you register online or contact Pamela Boisvert by email at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca before noon on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

Registration Charge

To help defray the costs of meals, beverages and accommodation during Synod, each member of Synod will be charged a registration fee of \$139. In September, parishes were invoiced through the accounts receivable process for their lay Synod members and main priest.

For all other members of Synod, e.g. clergy who are retired or not appointed to a parish, the registration fee should be paid before September 30, 2018. Cheques should be made payable to "The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto" clearly marked "SYNOD 2018" and mailed to: Accounts Receivable, The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1L8.

Hotel Location

The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North is located at 600 Highway 7 East (near Hwy 404 and Hwy 7 at Leslie Street) in Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 1B2. See page 3 for directions to the Hotel.

The temperature in the Grand York Ballroom will vary. Please be prepared for warm or cool conditions (i.e. wear layers).

Accommodation

Accommodation, at no extra charge, will be provided to all Lay Members and the Main Priest from each congregation within the deaneries of Durham & Northumberland, Holland, Huronia, Nottawasaga, Oshawa, Peterborough, Tecumseth and Victoria & Haliburton. Ex-Officio members, Bishop's Appointees and Youth and Young Adult Members from the same deaneries will also receive accommodation at no extra charge.

Eligibility is indicated in the [Registration Report](#) document posted on the 2018 Regular Synod page of the Diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca]. Eligibility is noted under the heading 'Accommodation' as either 'ELIGIBLE' or 'NOT ELIGIBLE.' If you believe an error was made, please contact Pamela Boisvert by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 231.

If you are ELIGIBLE for accommodation, more information will be provided when you pre-register for Synod.

If you would like to reserve a room for Thursday evening **at your own expense** or if you are NOT ELIGIBLE and would like to reserve a room **at your own expense**, your options are as follows:

1. *To obtain our preferred rate of **\$159.00 plus applicable taxes** at the **Sheraton Parkway** visit <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1807040645&key=2545729F> or call the hotel at 1-800-668-0101 and quote block code “AD1108”.
2. *To obtain our preferred rate of **\$119.00 plus applicable taxes** at the **Best Western**, call the hotel at 1-800-668-0101 and identify yourself as a member of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.
3. To obtain our negotiated rate of **\$129.00 plus applicable taxes** at the **Edward Village Hotel** (50 East Valhalla Drive), call the hotel at 905-477-2010. The rate includes breakfast for two. The Edward Village Hotel is approximately 1.6 km from the Synod venue (Sheraton Parkway), which is a 5-minute drive or a 20-minute walk.
4. To obtain rates **starting at \$134.00 plus applicable taxes** at the **Hilton Garden Inn Markham** (300 Commerce Valley Dr. E., Thornhill), call the hotel directly at 905-709-8008. The Hilton Garden Inn is across the street and approximately 600 metres from the Synod venue (Sheraton Parkway) which is a 4-minute drive or an 8-minute walk.
5. To obtain rates **starting at \$128.00 plus applicable taxes** at the **Courtyard by Marriott Markham** (65 Minthorn Blvd, Markham), call the hotel directly at 905-707-6533. The Courtyard Toronto Markham is approximately 650 metres from the Synod venue (Sheraton Parkway), which is a 3-minute drive or a 6-minute walk.

**Please note that, with the exception of a few rooms set aside in our block for call-ins, both the Sheraton Parkway and the Best Western are currently sold out for the evening of Friday, November 9, 2018. Additional rooms may become available around October 11, 2018 with potential rooms being released by another client.*

Parking

There is ample free parking available both inside and outside at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites.

Identity Card

Registered members of Synod are identified by a nametag; they may enter the Synod conference area in the Grand York Ballroom and Foyer. Generic nametags will be issued at registration for Synod.

In Case of Emergency

Urgent messages will be transmitted if they are directed to the switchboard of the hotel. The telephone number is 905-881-2121.

Help Desk

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Help Desk located in the Grand York Ballroom foyer outside the main conference area when Synod is in Session.

Display Tables

Exhibitors have been invited to showcase their ministries with display tables. Display tables will be located in the marble foyer outside the main conference area and along the corridor to the Sheridan Hotel’s front desk.

Communication Devices

Out of respect for the Synod proceedings, attendees are asked to limit the use of electronic devices to the downloading of documents pertinent to the proceedings. Members are asked to reserve communications to outside parties and browsing to outside the session and to set all devices to silent. Free WiFi will be available in the Grand York Ballroom and Foyer area.

Convening Circular

A limited supply of printed Convening Circulars will be available through the Area Bishops' Offices for Members of Synod who do not have a computer or access to the internet. It is not essential that Members have a printed copy of all materials; members should use their discretion in deciding what materials are needed in printed format and what materials can simply be viewed online prior to the meeting. Complimentary WiFi will be available in the plenary hall and in the hotel guestrooms. All motions and other important information will be presented on large screens.

Electronic Voting

Voting will be conducted using an audience response system ("ARS"). Do not be alarmed if this technology is new to you – a demonstration including several test polls will be completed. All voting Members of Synod will receive a response pad when they register.

Social Media

The Diocesan social media channels will be updated on a regular basis. Synod Members and other parish leaders can connect with the Diocese of Toronto through its Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube accounts.



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THEME

Growing in Christ

Synod's theme will be *Growing in Christ*. Our strategic plan 2016-2021 lays out a bold five-year vision and sets the foundations for how we will work together to build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Vision

An Anglican community committed to proclaiming and embodying Jesus Christ through compassionate service, intelligent faith and Godly worship.

Our Mission

We build healthy, missional Anglican communities that engage faithfully with the world and share the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Our Values

Faith • Compassion • Collaboration • Accountability • Boldness

Our Priority Areas

- Leadership and Formation
- Trust and Culture
- Innovation Based on Evidence
- Governance and Decision-making
- Stewardship of Resources

Missional Moments and Outreach Moments

At Synod, you will hear about how our Diocese is living out its vision in our Missional Moments and Outreach Moments.

- In the **Missional Moments**, you will hear about how communities in our Diocese are moving beyond their walls to find new ways of meeting people who are not being reached by traditional forms of church.
- In the **Outreach Moments**, you will hear about how our churches are reaching out to the poor, the marginalized, the homeless, and all those most vulnerable members of our society.

Process for the Consideration of General Synod's Marriage Canon Changes

In July 2016, General Synod passed on first reading an amendment to the Marriage Canon to allow for same-sex marriage in our Church. Because it is a Canon about doctrine, consideration of the matter is required in "two successive sessions of the General Synod." Therefore, the matter will be before the General Synod in 2019. In the meantime, it is referred "for consideration to diocesan and provincial Synods."

At our upcoming Synod, we will continue the process we started at our Synod in 2017. Synod members will have the opportunity to engage in a listening process and share their views on the following two questions:

1. **What would you like to say to the group about how you feel about the proposed changes to the Marriage Canon? What are your hopes and fears?**
2. **No matter the results of the vote, it will be met by both joy and hurt. How can we face this? What does it mean to be a diverse people of God?**

The first opportunity to participate in the listening process will be at the Pre-Synod meetings.

AGENDA

Friday, November 9, 2018

9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Registration
10:30 a.m.	Eucharist
	Opening of Synod
	Announcements/Housekeeping
	Missional and Outreach Moment
12:30 p.m.	Buffet Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Marriage Canon Dialogue
	Listening Process
2:15 p.m.	Business Session
	Missional and Outreach Moment
	Members' Time
	Business Session
	Marriage Canon Dialogue
	Listening Process
5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Dinner "on your own"
7:30 p.m.	Evening Session resumes
	Gathering
	Bishop's Charge to Synod
	Election of General Synod Members
	Evening Prayer
9:00 p.m.	Adjournment

Saturday, November 10, 2018

9:00 a.m.	Business Session resumes
	Morning Prayer
	Missional and Outreach Moment
	Marriage Canon Dialogue
	Table Conversation
	Business Session
	Missional and Outreach Moment
	Business Session
	Missional and Outreach Moment
	Members' Time
	Results of General Synod Elections
1:00 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Termination

MEMBERS OF SYNOD

Lists of Members of Synod

The names of Synod members, both clerical and lay, are listed on the diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca]. If you are a member of Synod and your name is not listed, please contact Pamela Boisvert at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca or 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 231 as soon as possible.

Clerical Members

Clerical members are those who qualify under Section 2 of *The Constitution and Canons* of the Diocese of Toronto.

Retired Clergy

Retired clergy [*The Constitution*, Section 2, (4)] are clergy on the retired list who regularly attend Synod, until such time as they miss two consecutive meetings of Synod, without showing cause, or a total of four meetings of Synod, whatever the cause. Retired clergy (voting and non-voting) are listed on the diocesan website.

Lay Members

Lay members are those who are:

- a) Elected by parish vestry,
- b) Ex-officio [*The Constitution*, Section 3 (16)],
- c) Bishop's Appointees [*The Constitution*, Section 3 (4)],
- d) Youth and Young Adult Members [*The Constitution*, Section 3 (17)] or
- e) Substitute lay members, elected by parish vestry, who attend in lieu of an elected member who is unable to attend.

From *The Constitution*

Substitute Lay Members [*The Constitution* Section 3 (8)]

- a) Substitute Lay Members may be elected by a Vestry or a Designated Ministry, and such Substitutes shall, in the order of their election, take the place of regular members who from any cause are unable to attend the session or sessions of the Synod during the period for which they are elected.
- b) A substitute Lay Member shall serve only during the Session of Synod for which such lay Member is reported to the Synod to act and shall not be eligible for election to any Standing Committee of the Synod.
- c) It shall be the duty of the Incumbent to notify the Secretary of the Synod of the appointment of the substitute to act as a member not later than the day preceding the first day of the Session of Synod for which such Lay Member is appointed, giving the name and address of the substitute and also the name and address of the member in whose place the substitute is acting. The Incumbent shall certify also that such substitute was elected at a meeting of the Vestry in the regular way, and fulfills the requirements of a lay member.

ELECTIONS FOR GENERAL SYNOD

Under *The Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto* and *The Constitution of General Synod*, Synod is required to elect eight clergy and eight lay members to serve as members of General Synod. The next General Synod will be held in 2019 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is the Church's chief governing and legislative body. It is made up of members from every diocese and all three orders (lay people, priests and bishops) from across the country. It meets every three years, during which members exchange information, set policy for the Church and pass resolutions and canons. In years when the General Synod does not meet, the Church is governed by the Council of General Synod (CoGS), effectively a smaller subcommittee with a similar mandate and similar powers.

Slate of Nominees

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Clerical Members to be elected

The Rev. Julie Burn - Church of the Resurrection
The Rev. Samantha Caravan - St. John, West Toronto
The Rev. Greg Carpenter - St. Jude, Wexford
The Rev. Susan Climo - Holy Spirit of Peace
The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der - St. Christopher
The Rev. Dana Dickson - Trinity Church, Bradford
The Rev. Molly Finlay - All Saints, Whitby
The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD - The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine
The Rev. David Giffen - Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St.
The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore - Christ Church, Brampton
The Rev. Canon David Harrison - St. Mary Magdalene
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan - St. Paul, Uxbridge
The Rev. Erin Martin - St. James the Apostle, Sharon
The Rev. Graham McCaffrey - Grace Church in Scarborough
The Rev. Louise Peters - St. James Cathedral
The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin - St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff
The Rev. Mark Regis – St. Paul, Bloor Street
The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner - Grace Church, Markham

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Lay Members to be elected

Mr. Chris Ambidge, ODT - Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St.
Ms. Ann Arnold - St. Peter, Oshawa
Ms. Joyce Badley, ODT - St. George by the Grange
Mr. Mario Bartolozzi – St. Matthias, Bellwoods
Mr. James Beckwith - St. Peter, Erindale
Mr. Craig Gustafson – Grace Church in Scarborough

Ms. Leslie Hajdu, ODT - St. George, Pickering Village
Ms. Nancy Payne – Christ Church, Woodbridge
Mr. Ryan Ramsden - Grace Church in Scarborough
Ms. Susan Schuschu, ODT - St. John, East Orangeville
Ms. Marion Thompson - St. Mark, Port Hope
Ms. Mary Walsh, ODT - St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges
Ms. Laura Walton, ODT – Holy Trinity, Clearview
Ms. Christian (Kit) Woods – St. James the Apostle, Sharon

Please note:

Nominees for General Synod were asked to submit a few words about their involvement at the diocesan, parish and community level. These biographies follow.

Biographical Information

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Clerical Members to be elected

The Rev. Julie Burn - Church of the Resurrection – Julie is the Incumbent of the Church of the Resurrection in east Toronto. She has an Honours BA from Huron College, an MPhil from Cambridge and an MDiv from Wycliffe College. She was encouraged from a young age to be actively involved in her home parish of the Church of the Redeemer. With support from her church family, she served as a volunteer in the dioceses of Ecuador and Peru and with Volunteers in Mission, a period that transformed her life in profound and enduring ways. Prior to ordination, Julie worked for six years in the business sector, including in the London Underground. She presently serves as a curacy supervisor and a member of the Postulancy Committee of the Diocese. She is focusing her present continuing education on mentoring in the areas of discipleship and community engagement.

The Rev. Samantha Caravan - St. John, West Toronto – Samantha is excited about offering her administrative and creative skills to the continued work of the ACC. She brings both parish and corporate experience to the table and is excited about the possibility of using her experience in a wider context as we engage in the mission of God in our midst. She is looking forward to hearing and learning of the breadth and depth of the various distinctive and diverse ministries within our beloved Church. Samantha also brings to the table a deep and abiding desire for social justice and furthering of the work already undertaken in our Church regarding the inclusivity of all people; the creation of a Church that is truly accessible physically, socially and intellectually; the equality of the human person; and concerns for our First Nation siblings.

The Rev. Greg Carpenter - St. Jude, Wexford – In serving as a delegate to General Synod, Greg believes there is a responsibility to listen to the concerns of our neighbour with respect and love; to celebrate and discover how much more the Anglican Church of Canada has to offer within the communities it serves, journeying as pragmatic messengers of the Good News of Jesus

Christ. Since 2010, Greg has been the Incumbent of the Church of St. Jude, Wexford, a multi-lingual (Spanish/English) parish community in Scarborough. In addition to his parish responsibilities, he is also the Regional Dean of Scarborough, an elected York-Scarborough representative on Diocesan Council, and one of the Liturgical Officers for the York-Scarborough Area. During the last meeting of General Synod, he was honoured to be the Coordinator of Pastoral Services, organizing a team of delegates to offer this ministry to any delegates in need.

The Rev. Susan Climo - Holy Spirit of Peace – Susan, ordained in 2009 (ELCIC), led Peace Lutheran and Holy Spirit Anglican through the merger process from 2012-2015 and now serves as Incumbent. She sat on Diocesan Council and is currently a Regional Dean and chair of the York-Credit Valley Area Council. Susan chairs the Canadian Writing Team for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and the Eastern Synod Professional Leadership Committee; she is a member of the ELCIC pension and benefits board, assistant manager of the ELCIC Eastern Synod Assembly (like Regular Synod), and was on the worship team for General Synod 2016. She has demonstrated skills in collaborative leadership and building strong relationships across the wider Church, along with familiarity with Anglican and Lutheran polity. She would bring a profound desire for unity, respect and deeper understanding to her ministry as a member of General Synod.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip Der - St. Christopher – Born in Taiwan, Philip grew up in Hong Kong, immigrated to Canada in 1984 and was ordained deacon in 1994 and priested in 1996. He has specialized in youth ministry (1994-2000, Diocese of New Westminster), in discipleship and congregational development at St. Elizabeth, Mississauga (2000-2013), and in missional transformation at St. Christopher's (2013-present). He received DMin (Fuller, 2016) in Missional Leadership and Cert. of Conflict Resolution (Justice Institute of BC, 2002). He served as a delegate to Provincial Synod (1998-2000), VST Board, Church Planter accessor, Communication, Area Council, PEMG etc. Co-Chair at Bayview School Council (2014-2018), York Region Interfaith Advisory Network, awarded "Outstanding Ward 3 Volunteer Achievement" Award (2017), "Canada 150 Community Builder Pin Award" (shared, 2017) and installed Canon (2018). Founder of Mississauga Yee Hong Spiritual Care and GTA Chinese Anglican joint conference. Philip has authored the "Love Your Neighbours" and "Love Our Mission Field" missional small group series.

The Rev. Dana Dickson - Trinity Church, Bradford – Dana currently serves as Incumbent of Trinity Church, Bradford. Previously she served as Incumbent at St. Paul, Uxbridge and Assistant Curate at St. John the Evangelist, Peterborough. She has served on the Trent Durham Area Council, as a Fresh Start facilitator, as the Diocesan Spiritual Director for Cursillo, and on the planning team for the Trent Durham Area Day. Born and raised in a rural multi-point parish, before ordination she was a youth leader, member of seminary student council, chaplain in a large trauma hospital, and served two summers in the Diocese of Moosonee. She believes strongly in collaboration, listening to one another's shared experiences as we seek to move forward together. As a delegate to General Synod she brings her desire to listen and learn from others, a passion and hope for the Church in the future and her gift of administration and organization.

The Rev. Molly Finlay - All Saints, Whitby – Molly loves serving the people of All Saints, Whitby and as their curate has launched discipleship and outreach programs, as well as a new 9:30 service aimed at reaching the de-churched. Prior to ordination, Molly enjoyed a career in television journalism, later serving as a senior advisor to both cabinet ministers and the Premier of Ontario. She has extensive communications experience in the private and not-for-profit sectors. As an active layperson, Molly volunteered at the All Saints, Sherbourne drop-in for several years, was a member of the Anglican Church of Canada's Resources for Mission Committee, served as a lay reader, small group leader and Trustee at St. Paul, Bloor Street and is an Associate of the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine. She is married to Sam Robinson and has two young daughters, Georgia and Elle.

The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD - The Sisterhood of St. John the Divine – Sr. Constance Joanna is Vocations Coordinator and Coordinator of the Companions Program for the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine and Vice-President of the Sisterhood's Board of Directors. She assists at St. George on Yonge, is a member of the adjunct faculty of Wycliffe College, and a retreat leader and spiritual director. She serves on the diocesan Postulancy Committee. At the national level, she has been both a lay member and clergy member of General Synod. She has served on the Financial Management and Development Committee of General Synod, and on Faith Worship and Ministry. She has a passion for the Church (locally, nationally and ecumenically) as the instrument of Christ's mission in the world and for discerning how God is calling us, in our Anglican tradition, to be vibrant disciples of Jesus in the 21st century.

The Rev. David Giffen - Church of the Redeemer – For almost a decade, David has faithfully served in Toronto (originally in Huron as Vicar and Priest-in-Charge of the cathedral). Before Redeemer, David led the successful reboot at Transfiguration, planting a new community, the Water's Edge. David has become a public advocate for the de-stigmatization of mental health and addiction. He is currently working on a book entitled *Redemptive Trauma: Grace out of Darkness*, a personal memoir seeking to reconcile the God of abundant love with the darkness of childhood trauma and abuse, and the adult impact (and grace) discovered. David believes that God is faithful, most especially to those on the margins; that God will be faithful to all of us in Her motley crew. David served multiple terms on Council and Executive, and currently General Synod's Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee. David would bring a youthful, passionate and Jesus-centric vibe to GS and would be humbled to accept your election.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Byron Gilmore - Christ Church, Brampton – Byron loves the Church and seeks to make disciples, serve the marginalized, and to be a faithful pastor to all. Christ Church, Brampton, where he is Rector, is marked by health and vitality, lively and diverse worship, engaged youth and family ministry, small group ministry and outreach partnerships. The congregation thrives amidst ethnic, racial, theological, identity and liturgical diversity. He has served small, medium and large parishes - rural, suburban and urban (Algoma, Huron and Toronto). Diocesan involvement: Safe Church Committee Huron (2000-2005), Diocesan Council (2009-2010), York-Credit Valley Area Council (2009-2017), Regional Dean of North Peel (2009-2014), Screening in Faith Review Committee (2016-present). Local involvement: Brampton Downtown Churches Association (2006-present), Regeneration Outreach Community (Board

Vice Chair (2011-present). Former police officer: General Investigations, Police-CAS Investigator, Community Service Officer, Coach Officer. Education: BA, Ontario Police Certificate, MDiv., MTh., DMin. Ordained: Deacon (1994), Priest (1995). Named Canon (2017).

The Rev. Canon David Harrison - St. Mary Magdalene – David has served parishes in downtown Toronto, in a growing suburb, and in a small town. He served as a member of General Synod in 2016 and led the call for Synod to release the results of the marriage canon vote, a decision which revealed the error in the first set of results that were announced. At the national level, David is a member of the PWRDF Board of Directors, the Anglican Journal Coordinating Committee and the Anglican-Mennonite dialogue. In this Diocese he has served on Diocesan Council and Executive Board, as well as the Postulancy, Doctrine and Worship, Chaplaincy and Nominations committees, and has twice been a member of Provincial Synod. In the councils of the Church David strives to listen deeply, think clearly, and champion transparency, fairness and justice.

The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan - St. Paul, Uxbridge – Mark, ordained for 28 years, is committed about being active in the wider church. He was a clerical delegate to Provincial Synod and has served in Toronto with Fresh Start and diaconal discernment. Mark was privileged to be a clerical delegate to General Synod in 2016. He felt humbled, experiencing the breadth of our Church, standing alongside others who shared much in common, discussing and voting on motions which were often divisive. Seeing the Marriage Canon revision through its second reading, Mark brings a respect for various positions and values the faithfulness of each delegate. Equally important at this synod will be conversations around issues related to our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Mark has been part of the “Orange Shirt Day” in Uxbridge and continues to be open to learning more about the need for reconciliation and the desire for self-determination for Indigenous Anglicans.

The Rev. Erin Martin - St. James the Apostle, Sharon – Erin currently serves as Incumbent of St. James the Apostle in Sharon, Ont. She’s been ordained since 2005 and was previously the Incumbent at St. Peter, Scarborough and before that was assistant curate at St. James Cathedral. She has served on Diocesan Council, Area Council, Executive Board and various other committees including the Reach Grant panel, Social Justice and Advocacy Committee and Youth Ministry Committee. She is passionate about the Church; about the people of God and the word of God. She is committed to faithful listening, purposeful dialogue, and the pursuit of truth. This is what she would like to bring to General Synod.

The Rev. Graham McCaffrey - Grace Church, Scarborough – Graham is the Incumbent of Grace Church, Scarborough, where he has served the entirety of his ministry, beginning as Assistant Curate, then Priest-in-Charge, before becoming Incumbent in 2016. Graham seeks to listen and build bridges between different groups of people, a skill honed in the amalgamated parish of Grace Church. Having lived around the world and experienced the breadth of the Anglican Communion, Graham understands the need for walking together in unity even in the midst of difference. In the past, Graham has served on the Vital Church Planting Conference planning committee, the Back-to-Church Sunday committee of the Diocese, and is part of a new and

upcoming generation of leaders who are excited about the Church's future and the opportunity to see the Gospel flourish in our time. Graham is married to Bethany, a minister in the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and father to two young daughters.

The Rev. Louise Peters - St. James Cathedral – Louise presently serves as the Vicar of St. James Cathedral. She has 33 years of ordained ministry leadership, including serving as Executive Director of the Sorrento Retreat and Conference Centre; Dean of the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior, BC (formerly the Diocese of Cariboo); parish incumbencies (Ingersoll, Ont.; 100 Mile House, BC; St Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops); and University Chaplaincy (UWO, Huron College, London, Ont.). Serving as an elected delegate to General Synod in 2001, 2004, 2007, 2010 and 2013, Louise also chaired the General Synod Nominations Committee (2007) and the Resolutions Committee (2013). Louise has also served on other Anglican Church of Canada national committees: Hymn Book Task Force (1989-1998), and as a member of the Liturgy Task Force (2011-2016). She brings experience, passion and interest to the ever-changing landscape of the Anglican Church in this country and would be honoured to serve the Diocese of Toronto at the national level.

The Rev. Canon Janet Read-Hockin - St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff – Janet, an alumna of Wycliffe College and the University of King's College (Halifax), has served in a breadth of ministry environments and has been honoured to “share in the councils of the Church.” She seeks to love and serve Christ in all people and strives to help others grow in, and embody, the love, grace and service Christ first showed us. Currently the Incumbent of St. Nicholas, Birch Cliff, she has served previously at St. Thomas, Shanty Bay (Incumbent), St. Matthew, Islington (Associate Priest) and St. Michael and All Angels (Assistant Curate). Within our Diocese, she is co-chair of the Postulancy Committee and a member of the Clergy Remuneration and Reach Grant committees, and previously served on the Episcopal Nominations and Trusts committees, as co-chair of the Momentum Program and, in 2006, was a General Synod Delegate. Janet's gifts include faithfulness, insight born out of broad ministries, collaboration and respect.

The Rev. Mark Regis – St. Paul, Bloor Street – Mark has a passion for strategic and prayerful efforts towards unity and flourishing in Christ's Church. He serves on the Canon XXI Task Group to assist Synod in considering the proposed changes to General Synod's marriage canon. He is member of the Postulancy Committee, has served on the Nominations Committee for our recent diocesan episcopal election, and engages in ongoing strategic dialogue with the College of Bishops for the future flourishing of gospel ministry in our Diocese. He was formerly Pastoral Associate of St. Timothy, Agincourt, and before that, Director of a Ministry program, Officer of Admissions & Recruitment, and Spiritual Direction Administrator at Wycliffe College. He currently serves as Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Paul, Bloor Street and oversees discipleship in that vibrant community, enjoying the breadth of culture and spiritual formation of those who call St. Paul's their home. He loves God, his family and friends, and loves God's Church.

The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner - Grace Church, Markham – Nicola is currently the Incumbent of Grace Church, Markham and the coordinator of the Momentum program for the curates in the Diocese. She previously served as Regional Dean when in Holland Deanery and has sat on many

diocesan committees, including the Executive Board, Diocesan Council, the Church Planting committee, the Archbishop's Pastoral Response to Same-Sex Blessings, and coordinated worship for the National Church conference "To Equip the Saints" in 2017. She was ordained in 1998 and moved to Canada in 2001, working first as Associate Priest at Trinity Church, Aurora and then as Incumbent of All Saints, King City. Nicola is passionate about the inclusion and welcome of all people in the Church. In her spare time, she makes soaps and is learning to play the fiddle, much to the chagrin of her dog.

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Lay Members to be elected

Mr. Chris Ambidge, ODT – Church of the Redeemer, Bloor St. – Chris attends Church of the Redeemer in Toronto, where he is now a churchwarden. He was first a member of Toronto's Diocesan Synod in 1973 and has been a synod member on and off in every decade since, serving six years as Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod. He has served as part of Toronto's General Synod delegation three times. Chris was for 10 years a member of Archbishop Finlay's Dialogue Group on questions around homosexuals in the Church, and in that capacity developed and staffed the Diocese-wide consultations in 2003-04 for all Synod members and churchwardens. With Archdeacon Paul Feheley, he was part of over 50 parish discussions on the Dialogue Process, around the Diocese and beyond. He has been chair of Integrity/Toronto (gay and lesbian Anglicans and friends) for many years, and has been part of Integrity's team at Diocesan and General Synods since 1989.

Ms. Ann Arnold – St. Peter's Oshawa – Ann currently helps run the food bank at St. Peter, Oshawa. She has been a member of St. Peter's for approximately eight years and has been an Anglican all her life. Over the past years at St. Peter's, she has held several positions, including Sunday School director and warden, as well as helping out with the Cooking Club. She is currently serving as a lay Eucharistic minister as well as a lay anointer. She is currently working for Family and Community Action Programs (FCAP), which is an agency that provides free programs to families with children aged 0-6 years who are struggling with issues such as poverty and food security issues. FCAP serves children who are at risk of meeting their full potential due to these, and other, issues in their lives. Ann feels she brings the gifts of compassion and understanding of issues such as food security that some families face, as well as a good sense of humour and being a good listener.

Ms. Joyce Badley, CPA, CA, MDiv, ODT – St. George by the Grange – In 2018, Joyce was named to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto. She has served on Executive Board and Diocesan Council, and was Administrator for St. George by the Grange, transitioning it to a Diocesan Mission, where she continues as an active member of the Board of Management. She volunteered at General Synod 2016 and has also been a member of various groups including the Inter-Diocesan Learning Community, the Budget Working Group and PEMG. Joyce is Executive Director of St. Paul, Bloor Street. She has an MDiv with a focus on Leadership Development and is a CPA, CA with 30 years of experience in the charitable sector, having worked with Imagine Canada and the YMCA. Joyce holds a strong belief in the future of our Church, knowing the opportunities and challenges we

face. As a natural bridge-builder, she will bring a hope-filled perspective and collaborative abilities to bear.

Mr. Mario Bartolozzi – St. Matthias, Bellwoods – Mario has been a member of the congregation of St. Matthias for eight years. In that time, he has become a very active member of the community. Mario is a reader and a member of the choir. He has served on the incumbent selection committee, creating the parish survey, contributing and editing the parish profile. More recently, Mario, has chaired the Mission and Vision committee. The result was a comprehensive five-year mission plan, an ambitious plan to grow the parish. He continues as the chair of the committee that is enabling the vision. Mario was also instrumental in preparing the presentations to Executive Council to obtain the funds to repair our nave and serves on the construction committee. In his private life Mario has been a successful professional in the information technology field, serving as CIO of a large retailer for 10 years, and now is a consultant.

Mr. James Beckwith – St. Peter, Erindale – James worked in information systems prior to retiring in 1995. He emigrated to Canada in 1968, after serving in the U.S. Navy and attending the University of San Francisco. He was received into the Anglican Church in 1978 at St. James Cathedral, Toronto, and was there a lay reader, server and church school teacher. For many years he served as an officer of community organizations with interests in public health, bleeding disorders and social housing, and volunteers as a peer support resource for persons dealing with terminal illness and sexuality identity issues. At St. Peter's, he is a chorister and reader, helps to maintain St. Peter's website and provides technical support to both the church and parishioners. He is an active participant in an ECUSA/Anglican online prayer group, <https://dailyoffice.org>.

Mr. Craig Gustafson – Grace Church in Scarborough – Craig was born in Fort Frances, Ont. and attended the University of Manitoba before coming to Toronto in 2001. He currently attends Grace, Scarborough. He assists with children's ministry, is a member of the stewardship committee, and is a deputy warden. He began working as an administrative assistant in Anglican churches in 2007, and he currently works at St. George on Yonge. He serves on the Leadership & Formation working group for our strategic plan, Growing in Christ.

Leslie Hajdu, ODT - St. George Pickering Village – Leslie is a licensed lay reader. She has served as rector's warden, sings in the parish choir and currently chairs the advisory board. For many of her 34 years at St. George's, she has been a lay member of Synod. She is currently serving her second term on Diocesan Council and has twice been a member of General Synod. Since 2000, Leslie has served at the diocesan level on Treasury Board and its successor, the Parish Finance Advisory Committee, using her knowledge of finance and accounting to aid parishes. She is a person of deep faith and a lifelong learner, having recently graduated from the EfM program. She has been married to Bill for 35 years, and they are the parents of an adult autistic son for whom they advocate. Being his mother has opened her heart to people who struggle with acceptance in our society.

Ms. Nancy Payne – Christ Church, Woodbridge – Nancy is a member of the Advisory Board, member of Synod, and is a past educator and an active member of the community. She is highly organizational and works well in communication. Nancy is experienced in leadership training and group organization, having worked with varied age groups. Nancy is an experienced team leader who encourages others to know the background information needed for committee work, and is open to ideas for forwarding the objectives of teams and organizations.

Mr. Ryan Ramsden – Grace Church in Scarborough – Ryan is actively involved at the parish, area and diocesan levels in a variety of ministries. At Grace Church in Scarborough, his lay leadership has been instrumental in the ongoing formation and growth of the amalgamated parish and expanding its ministries in South Scarborough. Ryan has served as a member Diocesan Council, Area Council and Diocesan Synod for several years, as a youth member of General Synod 2010, and an elected lay member of General Synod 2013 and 2016. Ryan is a member of the Canon XXI Task Group, tasked in developing a process for the consideration of changing the Marriage Canon. He enjoys traditional and new forms of worship and is a ministry leader at “Church on Tap” at Christ Church, Deer Park. Ryan is a graduate of Ryerson University and Centennial College in Business Management and works as the General Merchandise Buyer for the Seneca Campus Stores.

Ms. Susan Schuschu, ODT – St. John, East Orangeville – Susan is a recent recipient of the ODT. She has served her parish as a churchwarden (both people’s and rector’s warden), Sunday school teacher, chair of the Cemetery Board, stewardship committee, lay minister, sidesperson and Responsible Ministry liaison. She was elected to Provincial Synod to represent our Diocese. As her parish Synod delegate, she was elected to Diocesan Council and the York-Simcoe Area Council. Currently, she is also a member of the Diocesan Nominating Committee. Her involvement in her parish and the wider church has been educational and inspiring and allowed her to continue to grow in her faith and discipleship.

Ms. Marion Thompson – St. Mark, Port Hope – Churchwarden and/ or deputy at St. Peter and St. Simon-the-Apostle, St. Peter, Oshawa, and now St. Mark, Port Hope. Served on Diocesan Council. Past member of the Diocesan Chaplaincy Committee, boards of The Bridge Ministry and St. Simon’s Shelter, Inc. MDiv (Trinity). Long-time volunteer at Barrett House (an AIDS shelter), chaplaincy volunteer at Federal Corrections Keele Centre & Ajax-Pickering Hospital. Currently Food Bank at St. Peter, Oshawa. Founder of The Marion Singers, who donate their music to support many churches and humanitarian causes in and around the Diocese. A member of GS2013 and GS2016, Marion offers broad knowledge of the Diocese and the Anglican Church of Canada, their concerns and ministries, and she believes that she would be a valuable member of General Synod 2019.

Ms. Mary Walsh, ODT – St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges – Mary has enjoyed serving within the Diocese since 1978, being awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto in 2017. She continues to make a profound impact in her church with the many roles she holds: Churchwarden, Screening Coordinator, Prayer Team member and Lay Member of Synod. What makes Mary passionate about all she does is her commitment to follow Jesus in everything, and her

expectation that Jesus is leading His Church for His glory. A vote for Mary to be a Lay Member of General Synod is a vote for the best future of our Diocese and the Anglican Church. She will bring wisdom, experience, humour, discernment and grace, with a desire to see every community in our country transformed. Active in her local community, Mary is president of her condominium corporation, an awarded volunteer at Mackenzie Health Hospital, and a member of the Girl Guides of Canada.

Ms. Laura Walton, ODT – Holy Trinity, Clearview – Laura is a mother of two young adults and in private practice as a Family Counsellor with a background in criminology, mediation, bereavement and addictions. Currently, Laura is an Advisory member for Holy Trinity, Clearview as well as a youth minister and musician. At the diocesan level, she volunteers on the Review Committee for the Anglican Foundation and is a member of the Diocesan Response Team and Governance Committee. Her recent past positions include being chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for General Synod, Executive Board member, Diocesan Council member, Agenda Committee member, General Synod member and held the position of Honorary Lay Secretary to Synod. Laura is currently a member of Provincial Synod and serves as its Prolocutor, is a member of the Provincial Synod Executive Council and continues in her role as the Children's Ministry Network Coordinator for the Diocese, consulting with parishes in the area of children's ministry.

Ms. Christian (Kit) Woods – St. James the Apostle, Sharon – Kit is a lifelong Anglican, who grew up attending Trinity, Bradford and for the last five years has worshiped at St. James the Apostle in Sharon. She's been involved in many ministries within the Church, particularly serving youth. For many years Kit was the owner/operator of the Ballawoods Centre for Health and Wellness in Bradford, Ont. She has recently retired and spends much of her time serving her community and being an advocate for those who are marginalized. She has enjoyed serving as a lay delegate to our own Diocesan Synod and would be honoured to attend General Synod and be involved in the governance of our wider Church.

MOTIONS FOR SYNOD

A motion is a formal proposal brought to a voting body for its consideration. Motions require a mover and a seconder and are decided by a vote after a period of debate, the length of which is the pleasure of the Chairperson.

A Notice of Motion is a formal notice (in writing) by a voting member that she/he intends to make a motion.

Procedures in the Diocese of Toronto for Sessions of Synod according to Canon 1(2)

- Notices of Motion can be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices are placed upon the Agenda of the next meeting of Diocesan Council.
- Notices of Motion are printed verbatim in the Convening Circular. The Diocesan Council has the ability to express an opinion or make a recommendation to Synod on any Notices of Motion received.

- Any Notices of Motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of the Diocesan Council are referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee reports its recommendations to Synod. Such Notices are placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod present and voting.
- Motions from the floor and all amendments must be given to the Secretary of Synod, in writing, at the time of their presentation.

All motions are subject to possible amendments, which also require a mover and a seconder. If an amendment is moved and seconded, it must be debated and voted upon before any further debate or consideration of the original motion. If an amendment is successful, then the original motion is changed by the amendment and debated and voted upon as if it were the original motion.

How to Speak to a Motion at Synod

Write down your thoughts before approaching the microphone and only offer new perspectives. If your point has already been made, you may leave the line and return to your seat. Feel free to consult with other Synod Members about thoughts and ideas.

When you go to the microphone:

- wait to be acknowledged by the chair,
- clearly state your name and parish or ministry,
- state if you are in support or against the motion,
- state your thoughts as clearly as possible,
- finish with a thank you and return to your seat.

Unless you are the mover or seconder, you may only speak once to each motion.

Canon 1, Section 2, concerning Motions, reads as follows:

Notices of Motion

1. Notices of motion for Synod shall be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices shall be placed upon the agenda of the next meeting of the Diocesan Council.
2. The Diocesan Council shall cause notices to be printed verbatim in the Convening Circular ... with or without expressing any opinion or making any recommendation.
3. Any notices of motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of Diocesan Council ... shall be referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consider such notices and report its recommendation to Synod. Such notices shall be placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod.
4. Each notice of motion for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law or rule of order, shall be in writing, and shall set out in full the part or provisions affected and the proposed enactment or amendment.
5. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, shall become effective upon:
 - a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
 - b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and

- c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
- 6. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall not have been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
 - a) Receiving the approval of not less than sixty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive Regular Sessions of the Synod; and
 - b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.
- 7. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall have been recommended by the Diocesan Council, but which shall not have received the requisite approval referred to in clause 5(b) hereof, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
 - a) Receiving the approval of not less than fifty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive regular sessions of Synod; and
 - b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following second of such approvals.
- 8. Any motion to suspend a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, if passed, shall only be effective until the next session of Synod, and shall become effective upon:
 - a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
 - b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
 - c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
- 9. Notices of motion dealing with expenditures which will result in an increase in the Diocesan budget must be submitted to the Diocesan Council for its opinion prior to being dealt with by the Synod.

MOTIONS COMING BEFORE SYNOD

Omnibus Motion

It will be MOVED and SECONDED by the Honorary Secretaries that:

1. The Minutes of the 157th Regular Session of Synod

That the reading of the Minutes of 157th Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on November 24 and 25, 2017 in Richmond Hill, be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Regular Session as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod.

2. The Minutes of the Electoral Session of Synod

That the reading of the Electoral Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on June 9, 2018 in Toronto, be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Electoral Session as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod.

3. Courtesies of the House

That the following be given Courtesies of the House:

All clergy with 'Informal Permission',
All postulants of the Diocese,
Any lay chairperson, deanery council member, or area council member not a member of Synod,
Ecumenical partners,
Lay Canons of the Diocese,
Lay faculty of theological colleges,
Members of the Threshold Ministries,
Members of the Order of the Holy Cross,
Sisters of St. John the Divine,
Sisters of the Church,
Worker Sisters and Brothers of the Holy Spirit and
Diocesan Parish Administrators.

4. Court on Contested Seats

Synod is informed that in accordance with Section 7 of the Constitution, the Bishop has appointed the following members of Synod to the Court on Contested Seats:

Canon Clare Burns, Chancellor
Ms. Joyce Badley, ODT
Canon Paul Baston, Registrar
Mr. Robert Baird
Mr. Bruce Goss
The Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham
Ms. Suzanne Lawson, ODT
The Rev. Canon Stephen Peake

Motions from Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council forwards the following motions to the Synod with the recommendation that they be adopted.

- 1. Diocesan Council's Report to Synod** (Section B)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *Diocesan Council's Report to Synod*.
- 2. Financial Report for 2017** (Section C)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Financial Report for 2017 from the Treasurer and Director of Finance.
- 3. Audited Financial Statements for 2017** (Section D)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and the Cemetery Fund for the year ended December 31, 2017.

4. Appointment of Auditors

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the firm of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants, be appointed to conduct the audit of the Financial Statements of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the Consolidated Trust Fund and the Cemetery Fund for the year ending December 31, 2018, at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee.

Motions from Synod Members

None received as of September 28, 2018.

Motion before Synod for Second Reading

A Notice of Motion dated October 11, 2017 was received from the Rev. Canon David Harrison and the Rev. Gary van der Meer. Pursuant to Canon 1, the Notice of Motion was placed on the Agenda of the October 19, 2017 meeting of Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council forwarded the Notice of Motion to the 157th Regular Session of Synod with the recommendation that it be adopted.

The motion was considered on November 24, 2017 by Synod. According to Canon 1, section 2(5), a motion to amend *The Constitution* shall become effective upon having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, and receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent (75%) of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered, and receiving the assent of the Bishop.

The Notice of Motion did not achieve the required percentage of approval of the members of Synod present and voting at the 157th Regular Session of Synod. Therefore, pursuant to Canon 1, section 2(7), the motion must receive the approval of not less than fifty percent (50%) of the members of Synod present and voting at two (2) successive Regular Sessions of Synod and receive the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.

The following motion will return for second reading:

MOVED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon Gary van der Meer that proposed amendments to sections 10 and 11 of the Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto be approved as set out in the Notice of Motion dated October 11, 2017.

The Notice of Motion is as follows:

Proposed Amendments to sections 10 and 11 of
the Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto

Background:

Some dioceses have a two-thirds threshold among clergy and laity for the election of a diocesan bishop. This ensures that the cleric elected has broad support across the Diocese and is able to represent that diversity within the Anglican Church of Canada and the wider

Communion. In order to strengthen the mandate of the diocesan bishop to represent the diversity of the Diocese, it is proposed that the Constitution be amended to raise the threshold for election of a diocesan bishop (or a coadjutor) to two-thirds in each order. This furthers the Diocesan Strategic Plan, which commits us to “fostering a positive culture that is respectful and inclusive of all background and experiences”. (The election of suffragan bishops would continue to require a simple majority in each house.) It is also proposed that the nominee on each ballot with the lowest number of votes in the combined orders of clergy and laity be eliminated in each round unless a certain threshold of votes is cast for that nominee, or the number of nominees on the ballots has been reduced to fewer than four.

Amendments:

Section 10 (2) is repealed and replaced with the following text:

(2) Election of the Bishop of the Diocese or a Coadjutor Bishop.

The Bishop of the Diocese or a Coadjutor Bishop shall be elected from those nominated, by voting by Orders by ballot in the following manner:

- (a) Two-thirds of the total votes validly cast in each Order shall determine the choice.
- (b) The name of the candidate with the lowest number of votes in the combined Orders shall be eliminated in each round of voting except when:
 - (i) There are fewer than four candidates remaining; or
 - (ii) The candidate with the lowest total number of votes in the combined Orders receives ten or more votes in each Order.

(3) Election of a Suffragan Bishop.

A Suffragan Bishop shall be elected from those nominated, by voting by Orders by ballot in the following manner:

- (a) A majority of the total votes validly cast in each Order shall determine the choice, provided at least one half of the Clergy and at least one half of the Lay Members of Synod, entitled to vote are present and vote.
- (b) If fewer than one half of the Clergy or fewer than one half of the Lay Members of the Synod entitled to vote are present and vote, a cleric must secure two thirds of the votes validly cast of each such group that is deficient, in order to be elected.
- (c) If, after twelve (12) successive ballots have been conducted at any one election, and no cleric has been elected as provided in subsection (a) and (b) herein, a further ballot shall be taken and the percentage of the Clergy voting thereat for each Cleric shall be added to the percentage of the Lay Members voting thereat for the same cleric, and the cleric who obtains the highest total of percentages shall be declared elected.

Section 11 (3) is repealed.

A side-by-side comparison of the relevant sections of *The Constitution* as currently worded versus the proposed wording has been provided for your reference on the following two pages.

The Constitution, Section 10 currently:

(2) Election

A Bishop shall be elected from those nominated, by voting by Orders by ballot in the following manner:

- (a) A majority of the total votes validly cast in each Order shall determine the choice, provided at least one-half of the Clergy and at least one-half of the Lay Members of Synod, entitled to vote are present and vote.
- (b) If fewer than one-half of the Clergy or fewer than one-half of the Lay Members of the Synod entitled to vote are present and vote, a cleric must secure two-thirds of the votes validly cast of each such group that is deficient, in order to be elected.
- (c) If, after twelve (12) successive ballots have been conducted at any one election, and no cleric has been elected as provided in subsection (a) and (b) herein, a further ballot shall be taken and the percentage of the Clergy voting thereat for each Cleric shall be added to the percentage of the Lay Members voting thereat for the same cleric, and the cleric who obtains the highest total of percentages shall be declared elected.

The Constitution, Section 10 as proposed in the Notice of Motion:

(2) Election of the Bishop of the Diocese or a Coadjutor Bishop

The Bishop of the Diocese or a Coadjutor Bishop shall be elected from those nominated, by voting Orders by ballot in the following manner:

- (a) Two-thirds of the total votes validly cast in each Order shall determine the choice.
- (b) The name of the candidate with the lowest number of votes in the combined Orders shall be eliminated in each round of voting except when:
 - (i) There are fewer than four candidates remaining; or
 - (ii) The candidate with the lowest total number of votes in the combined Orders receives ten or more votes in each Order.

(3) Election of a Suffragan Bishop

A Suffragan Bishop shall be elected from those nominated, by voting by Orders by ballot in the following manner:

- (a) A majority of the total votes validly cast in each Order shall determine the choice, provided at least one half of the Clergy and at least one half of the Lay Members of Synod, entitled to vote are present and vote.
- (b) If fewer than one half of the Clergy or fewer than one half of the Lay Members of the Synod entitled to vote are present and vote, a cleric must secure two thirds of the votes validly cast of each such group that is deficient, in order to be elected.
- (c) If, after twelve (12) successive ballots have been conducted at any one election, and no cleric has been elected as provided in subsection (a) and (b) herein, a further ballot shall be taken and the percentage of the Clergy voting thereat for each Cleric shall be added to the percentage of the Lay Members voting thereat for the same cleric, and the cleric who obtains the highest total of percentages shall be declared elected.

The Constitution, Section 11 currently:

11. Coadjutor or Suffragan Bishop

- (1) Whenever the Bishop of the Diocese, shall, in writing, signify to the Diocesan Council of the Synod that the Bishop is desirous of having the assistance of a Coadjutor Bishop, the Diocesan Council shall give notice of such request at the next Session of Synod. If the Synod concurs with the Bishop's request, the election of such Coadjutor Bishop shall be proceeded with at such time and place as shall be determined by the Bishop after consultation with the Diocesan Council.
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