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## **CONVENING CIRCULAR**

November 8 and 9, 2019

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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](http://www.toronto.anglican.ca)].

This includes:

- List of Synod Members
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- Minutes of the previous Meeting
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## NOTICE OF MEETING

The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil, Bishop of Toronto, has signified his intention to assemble the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

**Friday, November 8, 2019 from 10:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
and  
Saturday, November 9, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

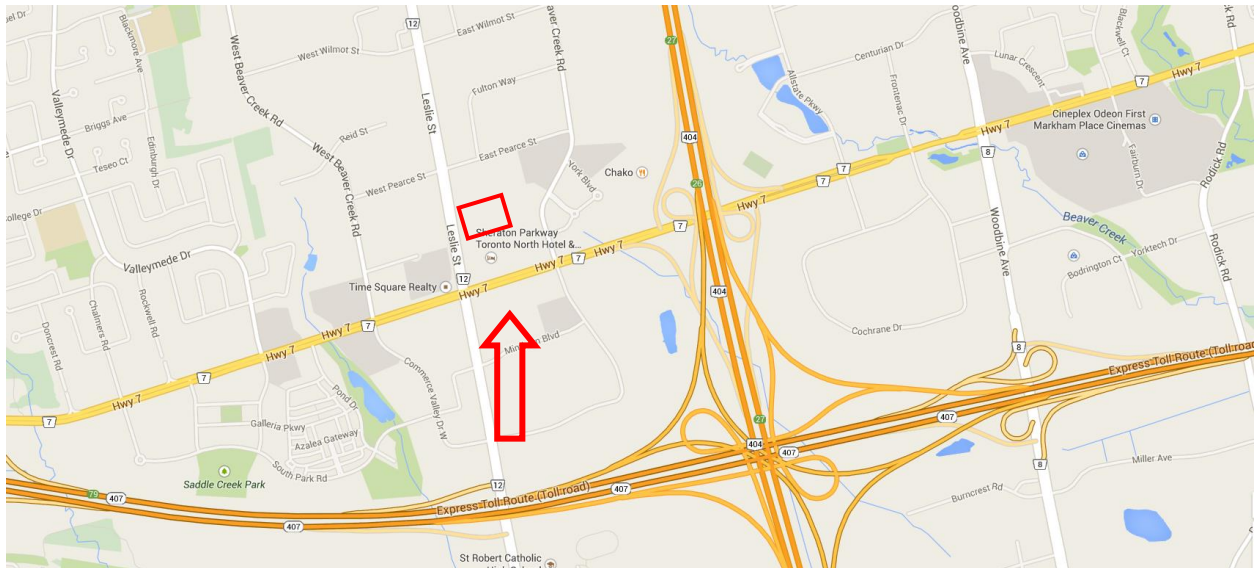
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### *Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites*

600 Hwy 7 E, Richmond Hill, ON L4B 1B2

<http://www.sheratonparkway.com/>

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By mail: Incorporated Synod of the  
Diocese of Toronto  
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Toronto, ON M5C 1L8



## 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.

#### From east (Hwy 401):

- Hwy 401 east
- Hwy 404 north
- Hwy 7 west
- The hotel is 2 lights down on the north side of the road, just past the Esso station

#### 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
- The hotel is 2 lights down on the north side of the road, just past the Esso station

#### From south (DVP/Hwy 404):

- DVP North (which will turn into Highway 404)
- Highway 7 west for 1 block
- The hotel is 2 lights down on the north side of the road, just past the Esso station

### Hotel Parking

All hotel guests and visitors receive complimentary daily and nightly parking for the duration of their stay or visit.

### Public Transportation

To customize your trip and to find directions from your house to the hotel, please visit:



<http://www.ttc.ca/>



<http://www.go transit.com/>



<http://www.yorkregiontransit.com/>



## **PRE-SYNOD MEETINGS**

Episcopal Areas will hold Pre-Synod meetings to prepare for the upcoming Regular Session of Synod. Agenda items will include: Priorities and Plans 2019-2021 including the Budgets and Assessment Rate, Constitution and Canon changes and elections for Diocesan Council. Attendance at Pre-Synod meetings is extremely important, as this is the forum for Synod Members to ask questions or to engage in discussion and debate on items being brought before Synod for approval.

The dates and locations are as follows:

### **Wednesday, October 23, 2019**

#### **St. John the Baptist, Dixie**

719 Dundas St. E., Mississauga

**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Registration starting at 6:45 p.m.

### **Thursday, October 24, 2019**

#### **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 26, 2019**

#### **Trinity, Aurora**

79 Victoria St., Aurora

**10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

Registration starting at 9:45 a.m.

### **Saturday, October 26, 2019**

#### **St. Thomas, Brooklin**

101 Winchester Rd. E., Brooklin

**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](http://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

### Accommodation

Accommodation is located in both the [Sheraton Parkway](#) and the [Best Western](#).

Eligibility for accommodation is indicated in the [Registration Report](#) document posted on the 2019 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 Livia Assuncao by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 208.

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.

If you are ELIGIBLE for accommodation, your room charges, including taxes, will be billed to the "Master" account. Any incidental charges, however, must be paid prior to your departure. Accordingly, a valid credit card with an authorization of \$100 or a cash/debit card deposit in the amount of \$50 must be presented at the time of check-in.

**Any cancellations received within 24 hours of arrival or a "no show" result in additional charges that will be invoiced back to your parish.** Please inform Livia Assuncao as soon as possible by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 208 if you no longer need your room.

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 plus applicable taxes** at the [Sheraton Parkway](#) visit <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1566505681732&key=GRP&app=resvlink> or call 1-800-668-0101 and identify yourself as a member of the Anglican Diocese of Toronto.
2. To obtain our preferred rate of **\$119 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.

A valid credit card is required to hold each guest's reservation at the time of reservation. For cancellations received within 24 hours of arrival, one night room and tax will be charged.

If you have any questions related to accommodation, please contact Livia Assuncao by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 208.



### **Captioning Services**

Captioning services will be provided during Synod for a large portion of the programme. Word-for-word transcription of speech to text will be displayed on the lower third of the projection screens. Unfortunately captioning services will not be available at Pre-Synod meetings or during breakout sessions at Synod.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Help Desk**

Staff and volunteers 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.

### **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. Nametags will be issued at registration for Synod.

### **Meals**

As part of Synod's programme, lunch and dinner on Friday and breakfast on Saturday will be provided.



## Meeting Space

Meeting space is located in the [Sheraton Parkway](#) at 600 Highway 7 East (near Hwy 404 and Hwy 7 at Leslie Street) in Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 1B2. See page 4 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).

## Parking

There is ample free parking available both indoor, and outdoors at the Sheraton Parkway, and outdoor parking at the Best Western.

## Recharging Station inside the Ballroom

A recharging station for electronic devices will be available inside the Synod meeting thanks to our Synod Sponsor.

## 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 8, 2019. 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 Livia Assuncao by email at [lassuncao@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:lassuncao@toronto.anglican.ca) before noon on Tuesday, November 5, 2019. To help defray the costs of meals, beverages and accommodation during Synod, each member of Synod will be charged a registration fee of \$195. 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 must be paid before October 1, 2019. Cheques should be made payable to "The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto" clearly marked "SYNOD 2019" and mailed to: Accounts Receivable, The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1L8. Payments can also be made by PayPal, using the email [finance@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:finance@toronto.anglican.ca).

## 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.



<https://www.facebook.com/torontoanglican>



<https://twitter.com/anglicandioto>



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<http://www.youtube.com/tordio135>

For more information, please contact Martha Holmen by email at [mholmen@toronto.anglican.ca](mailto:mholmen@toronto.anglican.ca) or by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 222.





## THEME

### Created and Recreated in Christ

The theme of the 159th Regular Session of Synod is **Created and Recreated in Christ**. Paul tells the church in Corinth, “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation,” reminding us that God’s recreative purpose is ongoing. On the very first day God began the work of Creation, and day by day, we continue to be transformed and recreated by God through our faith in Christ.

As a Diocese, we continue to realize the vision set out in our strategic plan, *Growing in Christ*. As co-workers with Christ, each in our own parishes and communities, we are guided by a God who makes us new. As we have reached and stretched our imaginations, we’ve seen every part of this Diocese reinvigorated with new forms of ministry and new ways of making Christ known to a world longing for new life.

At this Synod, we’ll celebrate the glory of God’s creation and reflect on our role as stewards of a diverse, magnificent world. And we’ll give thanks, as we are created and ever recreated by the grace and power of God’s Holy Spirit.

### Guest Speaker

This year’s guest speaker at Synod will be **Dr. Sylvia C. Keesmaat**. Sylvia is an adjunct professor at Trinity College and Wycliffe College, both Anglican colleges at the Toronto School of Theology, and the Biblical Scholar in Residence at St. James, Fenelon Falls. Among other books, Sylvia is the author of *Colossians Remixed: Subverting the Empire* (with Brian Walsh) and, most recently, *Romans Disarmed: Resisting Empire, Demanding Justice* (also with her husband Brian Walsh). Sylvia also has a diploma in Permaculture Design and runs an heirloom tomato seedling sale every spring on the solar-powered permaculture farm in Cameron, Ont., where she lives with her husband Brian Walsh and a fluctuating number of people and animals. As a theologian and activist she speaks frequently on the intersection of biblical faith, justice and creation care.

### 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.





## AGENDA

**Friday, November 8, 2019**

Time	Description			Location
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Registration			Thornhill Room
10:30 a.m.	Eucharist Bishop's Charge to Synod			Grand York Ballroom
12:00 p.m.	Buffet Lunch			Grand York Foyer and Ballroom
1:00 p.m.	Opening of Synod	Section	Motion	Grand York Ballroom
	Announcements/Housekeeping			
	Approval of Agenda	A	#1	
	Omnibus Motion	A	#2	
	Missional and Outreach Moment			
	Constitution and Canons	F	#9	
	Missional and Outreach Moment			
	Members' Time			
	General Synod Report			
	Breakout Sessions			
5:15 p.m.	Cocktail Reception/Cash Bar/Networking			Grand York Foyer
6:00 p.m.	Plated Dinner			Grand York Ballroom
8:00 p.m.	Evening Session resumes Guest Speaker – Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat			Grand York Ballroom
	Evening Prayer			
9:00 p.m.	Adjournment			



**Saturday, November 9, 2019**

Time	Description	Location			
9:00 a.m.	Synod resumes	Grand York Ballroom			
	Morning Prayer				
	Missional and Outreach Moment				
	Business Session			Section	Motion
	Election of Provincial Synod Members			A	
	Motions from Synod Members				
	Single-Use Plastics			A	#10
	Affordable Housing			A	#11
	Diocesan Council's Report to Synod			B	#3
	Financial Report for 2018			C	#4
	Audited Financial Statements for 2018			C	#5
	Appointment of Auditors for 2019				#6
	Financial Update for 2019				
	Priorities and Plans 2019-2021 and Financial Budgets 2020 and 2021			D	#7
	Assessment Rate for 2020 and 2021			E	#8
	Missional and Outreach Moment				
	Members' Time				
	Results of Provincial Synod Elections				
	Guest Speaker Reflection Dr. Sylvia Keesmaat				
1:00 p.m.	Wrap-up The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil				

## 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](mailto: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 PROVINCIAL SYNOD***

Under The Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto and The Constitution of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Synod is required to elect four clergy and four lay members to serve as members of Provincial Synod. The next Provincial Synod will be held in the fall of 2021 in Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

The Provincial Synod meets every three years and considers matters of interest in the provincial sphere such as theological education, social issues, government relations, chaplaincies, and vocational diaconate ministries.

### **Slate of Nominees**

#### **PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four (4) Clerical Members to be elected**

- The Rev. Dana Dickson (Trinity Church, Bradford)
- The Rev. Canon Christopher (Kit) Greaves (Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa)
- The Rev. Canon David Harrison (St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto)

#### **PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four (4) Lay Members to be elected**

- Bill Bickle, ODT (St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope)
- Sandy Richmond, ODT (St. George, Allandale)
- Mary Walsh, ODT (St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges)
- Laura Walton, ODT (Holy Trinity, Clearview)

#### Please note:

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

### **Biographical Information**

#### **PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four (4) Clerical Members to be elected**

- **The Rev. Dana Dickson** (Trinity Church, Bradford) – Dana is the incumbent of Trinity Church, Bradford. She was ordained in 2004 and has previously 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, and on the planning team for the Trent Durham Area Day of Celebration. Dana’s involvement in the wider church started in her teens with the Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee and as a youth delegate to Synod. Prior to ordination she was a parish administrator, museum curator, chaplain in a large trauma hospital, and served two summers in the Diocese of Moosonee. As a delegate to Provincial Synod she would bring a passion for serving the wider church, and gifts of administration and organization. In her spare time Dana loves to cook, curl and has just started running.



- **The Rev. Canon Christopher (Kit) Greaves** (Christ Memorial Church, Oshawa) – Kit is the incumbent of Christ Church, Oshawa. Kit brings 32 years of experience in rural, multi-point, small town and city parish ministry. He served as Regional Dean for nine years and was a Provincial Synod member in 2012. His passions include seeing disciple-makers raised up, theological education and social justice matters (particularly climate change and implementing TRC calls to action) addressed as followers of Jesus Christ through our dynamic and diverse Anglican Church. An outreach ministry to migrant farm works that began in 2015 during Kit’s incumbency in Bowmanville continues to grow today under the leadership of a bilingual (Spanish and English) colleague whom Kit supervises. Migrant worker ministry issues range across provincial, national and international jurisdictions. Kit plays hockey, enjoys reading spy novels, community theatre, walking with his wife Dianne and their dog “Buddy” (not necessarily in that order). Of their three children, two are grown and flown; one lives at home working in her nursing vocation. “Pray without ceasing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:16
- **The Rev. Canon David Harrison** (St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto) - David is experienced at all levels of Synod -- diocesan, provincial, and national. He was elected to represent the Diocese at the last two provincial synods (2015 and 2018). Having served in three different parishes in three different contexts over 20 years of parish ministry, David has an expansive knowledge and understanding of the Church. He has a passion for synodical governance -- for clarity, transparency and fairness. He current serves on the Board of Directors of the Primate’s World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) and the diocesan Doctrine & Worship Committee. His service to the Diocese has included Diocesan Council and Executive Board, the Postulancy and Chaplaincy committees, and Treasury Board. Before ordination, David was a senior policy advisor for the Government of Ontario in the areas of constitutional issues and public finance.

**PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four (4) Lay Members to be elected**

- **Bill Bickle, ODT** (St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope) - Bill is an Advisory Board member, a leader in small group ministry and the development of alternative services. He has been a treasurer in an inner-city parish, and a churchwarden & treasurer in Port Hope. He is a member of the Diocese's Governance Working Group for the strategic plan. He works as a strategic planning consultant to churches across all denominations, with an emphasis on restorative practices, equipping teams to be effective in their mission & ministry. He has coached many Anglican parishes in the Parish Selection and Natural Church Development (NCD) processes. His decade-long leadership of NCD Canada has taken him across all denominations and from coast to coast, training and equipping leaders in church health. This was preceded by 25+ years in senior banking positions at RBC in branches and marketing. Coupled with a mature faith, this varied background, a B.Comm and an MBA position him uniquely to support the broad range of work of Synod and Diocesan Council.

- **Sandy Richmond, ODT** (St. George, Allandale) – Sandy is a very active member of St. George, Allandale and is currently the Synod Member and the chair of its Membership Committee. Sandy has been active not only at the parish level but also at the diocesan level and he was named to the Order of the Diocese of Toronto in 2015 for his dedication. Sandy was the chairperson of the diocesan Chaplaincy Committee, a position he held for 22 years, and he has sat on both Diocesan and Area Councils. In spare time, he is a volunteer in the Palliative Care Ward at the Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie. Sandy feels he still has a great deal to offer the wider Church and would be pleased to serve as a member of Provincial Synod.
  
- **Mary Walsh, ODT** (St. John the Baptist, Oak Ridges) - Mary has enjoyed serving within the Diocese since 1978, and was awarded the Order of the Diocese of Toronto in 2017. She makes a profound impact in her church within her ministries: Churchwarden, Screening Coordinator, Service Leader, Prayer Team member and Lay Member of Synod. She was also honoured to be elected as a Lay Member of General Synod, 2019. Mary is passionate in her commitment to follow Jesus, and in her expectation that Jesus is leading His Church for His glory. As a Lay Member of Provincial Synod, she will bring wisdom, experience, humour, discernment and grace, with a desire to see every community in our province 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.
  
- **Laura Walton, ODT** (Holy Trinity, Clearview) – Laura is a two-term Prolocutor for the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario and a member of its Executive Council. She was on the Youth Initiatives Team of our National Church for 4 years and has extensive experience with General Synod as Chair of local arrangements, planning member from 2010 and delegate since 2004. Along with national work, she is a treasurer in her rural parish as well as a musician. At the diocesan level, she is the chair of the Review Committee for the Anglican Foundation, works on the Diocesan Response Team and the Governance and Decision Making Working Group. She also holds the volunteer role of Children’s Ministry Network Coordinator. Her past positions include Executive Board, Diocesan Council, Area Council and Agenda Committee member. She has held the position of Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod, and continues as a delegate to our diocesan Synod and is also a member of the Order of the Diocese of Toronto.



## **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**

### **Approval of Agenda – Motion #1**

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

That the Agenda for the 159<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod be approved.

### **Omnibus Motion – Motion #2**

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

#### **The Minutes of the 158<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod**

That the Minutes of 158<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on November 9 and 10, 2018 in Richmond Hill, as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted approved.

#### **Courtesies of the House**

That the following be given Courtesies of the House:

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

#### **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	The Rev. Elivered Mulongo
Joyce Badley, ODT	Gail Smith
Canon Paul Baston, Registrar	Kit (Christian) Woods
The Rev. Canon Judy Herron-Graham	

#### **York Rectory Commissioners and Committee on Etobicoke Glebe**

That the report of the First York Rectory Commission be received, and that the following be appointed Commissioners for the distribution of the First York Rectory Fund and the Etobicoke Glebe for 2020 and 2021:

Canon Clare Burns, Chancellor	Joy Packham, ODT
The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields	

#### **Advisory Commission on the Termination of Clerical Appointments**

That the following be elected by Synod to the Advisory Commission on Termination of Clerical Appointments for 2020 and 2021:

Brian Armstrong, ODT	Kennedy Marshall, ODT
The Rev. Louise Peters	



## Motions from Diocesan Council

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

**Diocesan Council's Report to Synod – Motion #3** (Section B)  
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *Diocesan Council's Report to Synod*.

**Financial Report for 2018 – Motion #4** (Section C)  
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Financial Report for 2018 from the Treasurer and Director of Finance.

**Audited Financial Statements for 2018 – Motion # 5** (Section C)  
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, 2018.

**Appointment of Auditors – Motion #6**  
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 and, on behalf of unitholders, as Auditors for the Cemetery Fund for the year ending December 31, 2019, at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee.

**Priorities and Plans 2019-2021 and Financial Budget 2020-2021 – Motion #7** (Section D)  
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *Priorities and Plans 2019-2021* and the *Financial Budget 2020-2021* and approve the priorities and the financial budgets contained therein. It will be further moved that Diocesan Council report back to Synod on this plan.

**Assessment Rate for 2020-2021 – Motion #8** (Section E)  
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Assessment Rate, as defined in Canon 4, section 2, be set at 24.70% for 2020, and 24.70% for 2021.

**Constitution and Canons – Motion #9** (Section F)  
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to The Constitution and Canons, as recommended for approval by Diocesan Council and presented in the Convening Circular.



## Motions from Synod Members

### Single-Use Plastics – Motion #10

A Notice of Motion dated September 17, 2019 was received from the Rev. Canon David Harrison and the Rev. Dr. Stephen Drakeford. Pursuant to Canon 1, the Notice of Motion was placed on the Agenda of the September 26, 2019 meeting of Diocesan Council. **The Diocesan Council forwards the following Notice of Motion to Synod with the recommendation that it be adopted.**

MOVED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison and SECONDED by the Rev. Dr. Stephen Drakeford that this diocesan Synod

1. Encourages parishes to curtail their purchase of single-use plastic products, with the intention of ending their use by 2023, taking into consideration the accessibility needs of their communities.
2. Encourages individual Anglicans to reduce their reliance on single-use plastic products.
3. Encourage the Bishop's Committee on Creation Care to develop and promote resources aimed at supporting local efforts toward plastics reduction.

### Affordable Housing Plan – Motion #11

A Notice of Motion dated September 17, 2019 was received from the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and the Rev. Canon David Harrison. Pursuant to Canon 1, the Notice of Motion was placed on the Agenda of the September 26, 2019 meeting of Diocesan Council. **The Diocesan Council forwards the following Notice of Motion to Synod with the recommendation that it not be adopted.**

MOVED by the Rev. Dr. Jason McKinney and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that this Synod mandate Diocesan Council to develop an Affordable Housing Plan which includes building effective planning, development and operating partnerships to create a minimum of 250 units of affordable housing on diocesan-owned land by the end of 2024.



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