

**General Synod 2025**  
**Guiding & Information Documents**

**Guiding Documents**

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**Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada**  
**20th Edition, Published 2025**  
[www.anglican.ca/handbook](http://www.anglican.ca/handbook)

**Transformational Commitments**  
[changingchurch.anglican.ca](http://changingchurch.anglican.ca)

**Five Marks of Mission**  
[www.anglican.ca/help/faq/marks-of-mission](http://www.anglican.ca/help/faq/marks-of-mission)

**Information Documents**

Additional informational documents for the upcoming meeting of General Synod include:

**United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples**  
[www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP\\_E\\_web.pdf](http://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf)

**Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada: Calls to Action**  
[ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls\\_to\\_Action\\_English2.pdf](http://ehprnh2mwo3.exactdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Calls_to_Action_English2.pdf)

Forty-Fourth Session of the General Synod AGENDA									
	Sunday, June 22	Monday, June 23	Tuesday, June 24	Wednesday, June 25	Thursday, June 26	Friday, June 27	Saturday, June 28	Sunday, June 29	Monday, June 30
6:45 AM			Optional Eucharist (7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)	Optional Eucharist (7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)	Breakfast (served from 6:45 AM - 8:15 AM)	Optional Eucharist (7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)	Optional Eucharist (7:00 AM - 7:30 AM)		
8:15			Breakfast (served from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM)	Breakfast (served from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM)		Breakfast (served from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM)	Breakfast (served from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM)	Breakfast (served from 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM)	
8:30			Morning Prayer & Bible Study (8:30 AM - 9:15 AM)	Morning Prayer & Bible Study (8:30 AM - 9:15 AM)		Morning Prayer & Bible Study (8:30 AM - 9:15 AM)	Morning Prayer & Bible Study (8:30 AM - 9:15 AM)	Morning Prayer & Bible Study (8:30 AM - 9:15 AM)	
9:00	Set Up Begins	Set Up Cont. Sessional Officer & Committee Orientation Youth @ General Synod (9:00 AM - 4:00 PM)	Plenary: Agenda Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Call to Order Welcome to the Territory Welcome from Host Diocese Certification of Credentials Emergency Procedures & Business of Synod Electronic Voting Orientation	Plenary: Agenda Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Council of the North Anglican Foundation of Canada	Primalial Election (St. Paul's Cathedral) (Begins at 9:00 AM. End time determined by election results.)	Plenary: Agenda Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Guest Greetings Alongside Hope	Plenary: Agenda Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Governance Working Group	Plenary: Legislative Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Legislative Business	Take Down (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)
9:15									
10:00			Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)	Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)		Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)	Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)	Break (10:00 AM - 10:30 AM)	
10:30			Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM) Opening Formalities Orders of the Day Synodality	Plenary: Legislative Session (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM) Migrant Justice & The Anglican Church of Canada Election - Prolocutor		Plenary: Legislative Session (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM) Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee	Plenary: Legislative Session (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM) Legislative Business Vote: Resolution A050 Vote: Resolution B001	Plenary: Legislative Session (10:30 AM - 11:45 AM) Legislative Business	
11:45			Noon Prayer (11:45 AM - 12:00 PM)	Noon Prayer (11:45 AM - 12:00 PM)		Noon Prayer (11:45 AM - 12:00 PM)	Noon Prayer (11:45 AM - 12:00 PM)	Noon Prayer (11:45 AM - 12:00 PM)	
12:00 PM		On-Site Registration (12:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)	Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)  <i>Lunch &amp; Learn #1 (Optional)</i>	Lunch (St. Paul's Cathedral)	Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)  <i>Youth @ General Synod Gathering with Bishop Martinez Bassotto (Optional)</i>	Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)  <i>Lunch &amp; Learn #2 (Optional)</i>	Lunch Break CoGS Meeting (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)	
1:30		House of Bishops Meeting (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)	Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) Primalial Address Task Force on Ability and Inclusion	Plenary: Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) 2024 Audited Financial Statements Vote: Resolution A202	Primalial Election Cont.	Provincial Caucuses (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM)	Plenary: Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) Legislative Business Vote: Resolution C001 Vote: Resolution C002	Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:30 PM) Legislative Business Farewell to Bishop Susan Johnson Motion of Thanks Closing Remarks Prorogation of General Synod	
2:00									
3:00			Break (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)	Break (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)		Break (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)	Break (3:00 PM - 3:45 PM)		
3:30			Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (3:45 PM - 5:00 PM) The Staff of General Synod Video Primate's Commission Introduction of No Debate List	Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (3:45 PM - 4:35 PM) Visionary Sponsor: Ecclesiastical Guest Greetings Election - Deputy Prolocutor Vote: No Debate List		Plenary: Legislative Session (3:45 PM - 5:00 PM) Primate's Commission Vote: Resolution A200 Vote: Resolution A201	Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (3:45 PM - 5:00 PM) Guest Greetings Legislative Business		
3:45									
4:30								Closing Worship & Installation (St. Paul's Cathedral) (4:30 PM - 6:00 PM)	
5:00	Youth @ General Synod (Begins 5:00 PM)	Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)  <i>Youth @ General Synod Gathering with Primalial Nominees (Optional)</i>			Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)		
6:00	GS2025 Staff Team Meeting (6:00 PM - 7:00 PM)			Primalial Farewell (DoubleTree by Hilton London Hotel) (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)					Legend
6:45								Host Diocese Closing Banquet (DoubleTree by Hilton London Hotel) (6:45 PM - 9:00PM)	Set Up, Registration, etc.
7:00	Volunteer Orientation (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM)		Plenary: Agenda Session (7:00 PM - 9:00 PM) Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples Gospel Jamboree		Night Off on Own or with Diocese	Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (7:00 PM - 8:45 PM) Report Back from Provincial Caucuses Nominating Committee Report Partners Panel Conversation	Plenary: Legislative Session (7:00 PM - 8:45 PM) Legislative Business		Orientation
7:30		Opening Worship (St. Paul's Cathedral) (7:30 PM - 9:00 PM)				Evening Prayer (8:45 PM - 9:00 PM)	Evening Prayer (8:45 PM - 9:00 PM)		Meals
8:45					**Deadline for C Resolutions** **5:00 PM**				Worship & Bible Study
9:00		Host Diocese Opening Reception (St. Paul's Cathedral) (9:00 PM - 10:00 PM)							Hospitality
									Plenary
10:00 PM									Primalial Election

\*Subject to change. During General Synod refer to Orders of the Day\*

## **General Synod 2025 The Business of Synod**

### **People Overseeing the Actions of the General Synod**

General Synod is people. The decisions made, and the spirit in which they are made, depend on the collective wisdom of all members. Members contribute experience, skills, interest, ideas, and convictions to decisions and processes that affect the health of the Church as a whole.

#### ***Elections for Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor***

Elections will be held for Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor of General Synod on Wednesday, June 25 in the morning and afternoon. The process is outlined in [Appendix G of the Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#), and in the *Nominating and Election Procedures for Use at General Synod 2025* in the Information Section of the Convening Circular.

#### ***Selecting Members of the Council of General Synod***

On the afternoon of Friday, June 27, members will assemble in groups according to their ecclesiastical province to select their nominees for the Council of the General Synod. The process is outlined in the *Nominating and Election Procedures for Use at General Synod 2025* in the Information Section of the Convening Circular.

While the selection process itself can get complicated, experience has proven that the procedure works. The outcome leads to a formal election by General Synod of those selected in provincial caucuses.

#### ***Standing and Coordinating Committees/Nominations/Elections***

Information about the responsibilities of the standing and coordinating committees of General Synod can be found in the [Constitution of the General Synod, located in the Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#) (see pages 25-28), and in their [Terms of Reference](#).

### **Structural and Procedural Matters/Turning Ideas into Actions**

#### ***Sessional Committees***

Sessional Committees are put in place at the beginning of Synod to ensure that Synod accomplishes the goals of the session. For example, the Agenda Committee monitors the daily progress of the agenda and makes necessary adjustments; the Resolutions Committee determines the priority of resolutions and motions; the Nominating Committee receives nominations and presents a slate to Synod; the Expenditures Committee assesses the cost implication of actions proposed to the Synod. Sessional Committees are appointed by the Council of the General Synod, in consultation with the Prolocutor, prior to General Synod.

#### ***Decision Making***

Decisions are made on the floor of Synod by the adoption of motions. *Procedural* motions determine how the Synod is to function during its session. These are motions such as: to close debate, to amend a motion, to enter a committee of the whole, to go *in camera*, or to adjourn, among others. The more interesting motions are *substantive* motions, which ask the Synod to make a decision on a specific matter. These may be quite simple, such as motions to adopt the minutes or extend courtesies of the house to a guest, or more complex, such as changes to the Declaration of Principles, Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

Most decisions are made by a simple majority vote (see below), but some decisions require more complex procedure than others do. Amendments to the Declaration of Principles, for example, require two-thirds majority approval in each Order at two successive sessions of Synod, and in some cases, consent from each Provincial Synod.

The intention is to make sure that the rules and structures reflect the Church's goals and enable the Church to carry out its service to God's mission.

### ***Rules of Order***

Considering how many decisions need to be made by such a large and diverse group, it is not surprising that the [Rules of Order and Procedure in the Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#) cover virtually everything that takes place, or can take place, on the floor of the Synod. In cases where the answer to a procedural question is not clear, the Chairperson decides what procedures will be followed, often after seeking the advice of the Assessors.

In any case, the rules are intended to serve, not stifle, Synod or its members. While you should be familiar with the rules, it is no embarrassment to breach a rule unintentionally. You may wish to consult an Assessor if you are uncertain.

For a discussion of some specific rules for making, debating, and voting on a motion, see The Decision Process below and the *Guidelines for the Resolutions Committee*. For information about elections refer to the *Nominating and Election Procedures for Use at General Synod 2025* or speak to a member of the Nominating Committee.

## **The Decision Process – Turning Ideas into Action**

### ***Resolutions and Motions***

Ideas reach Synod in the form of resolutions, which have been developed by the various standing and coordinating committees of General Synod, by dioceses or provinces, or by members of General Synod. Ideas may also be in the form of memorials, which come from provinces, dioceses, and individuals and express a concern or opinion. Memorials are expressions of ideas *to* the General Synod, but do not propose an action or decision. In order for a memorial to be acted upon by Synod, the authors need to shape it into a resolution. Resolutions represent proposed statements or actions *of* the General Synod. They are the mechanism by which Synod takes any action. If a resolution is adopted, it becomes an Act of Synod. Resolutions are found in the Resolutions section of your Convening Circular.

The Resolutions Committee has clear guidelines on the order in which resolutions come to the floor. Resolutions from the Council of the General Synod or standing committees are given the highest priority. Resolutions not already included in the Convening Circular must be written on the *prescribed form* (included in the Convening Circular) and submitted to the General Secretary for consideration by the Resolutions Committee, **prior to the deadline established**.

Often amendments to resolutions, or amendments to amendments, are proposed while a resolution is under consideration. Amendments are a form of procedural motion and must be seconded and put in writing. Only one amendment to a motion or an amended motion is in order at one time. The procedure can get complicated, so it is important to attend to the Chairperson's directives.

Procedural motions can influence the length and flow of debate, the style of voting, and the order of proceedings on the floor of Synod. Consult the “Motions and Debate” section of the [Rules of Order and Procedure in the Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#) (see pages 30-37).

### **Debate**

Effective participation in debate is an art. The finest debate artists are those who speak only when they know they have something useful to say. Do not be overly concerned if your contribution is not as articulate as it might be. There will always be members who are more articulate, or less articulate, than the one speaking.

***The mover of a motion is allowed to speak for a maximum of five minutes, and the seconder and other speakers for a maximum of three minutes. No one but the mover, who may speak for an additional three minutes at the close of debate, may speak more than once to a single motion. Only members of Synod may speak in debate.***

### **Voting**

When the Chairperson perceives that the debate is ended, or when Synod votes to end debate, the question will be put to a vote and no more debate is allowed. (The mover has the right to speak at the end of debate. This is sometimes referred to as the right to reply.) Most motions are decided by a simple majority of the three Orders (Bishops, Clergy and Laity) voting together. There are some types of motions, which require larger majorities (two-thirds), or “Votes by Orders” [i.e., bishops, clergy and laity voting separately]. A vote by dioceses may also be requested. Every resolution has a paragraph at the bottom explaining the procedures for adoption. In addition, where a special type of vote is required, the Chairperson will announce it.

In any case, **every member must vote**; abstentions are allowed only for reasons of conflict of interest, and the Chairperson must be notified.

### **A Word About Financing**

Decisions about what actions the Church takes have financial implications. Staff, administration, travel, and communication are just a few of the factors involved. In addition, the national Church financially supports the work of church partners overseas, ecumenical coalitions, and the Council of the North, which provides financial assistance to certain dioceses within Canada.

If a motion involves expenditure of new or additional funds, it must be referred to the General Synod Expenditures Committee for review. The Committee will report on whether or not funds are available and from what source.

**The General Synod of The  
Anglican Church of Canada**



**Minutes  
of the  
Forty-third Session of the General  
Synod**

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CALGARY, AB JUNE 27-JULY 2, 2023

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*LET THERE BE GREENING*

Recorder

Ms. Camille George Johnson

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#### **Province of Rupert's Land**

The Most Rev. Gregory Kerr-Wilson, Bishop  
The Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, Bishop  
The Rev. Amos Winter, Clergy  
Ms. Freda Lepine, Laity  
Dr. Michael Siebert, Laity  
Mr. Chris Wood, Laity

#### ***Youth***

Mr. Luke Gobbett, Laity

#### **Anglican Military Ordinariate**

LCol the Rev. Canon Dennis F. G. Newhook

#### **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

Mr. Chris Bishopp (2022 – present)  
Ms. Pat Lovell (2019-2022)

### ***Partners***

#### **The Episcopal Church**

Dr. Liza Anderson (2022 – present)  
Canon Noreen Duncan (2019-2022)

#### **The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund**

The Rev. Cynthia Haines Turner (2022 – present)  
The Rev. Canon David Harrison (2019-2022)

# **Standing & Coordinating Committees of General Synod 2019**

## **2023 Communications Coordinating Committee**

The Rt. Rev. William Cliff (Chair)  
Canon Ian Alexander  
Canon Donna Bomberry  
Mr. Alex Hilson  
Ms. Valerie Hopper-Tweeney  
Ms. Judith Moses  
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The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan  
The Ven. Douglas Fenton (Chair)  
The Rev. Stephanie London  
The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton  
Finn Keesmaat-Walsh  
The Very Rev. Paul Williams

## **Financial Management Committee**

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The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan (Chair)  
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Ms. Freda Lepine  
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Canon Paul Rathbone  
Canon Dr. Gary Russell

## **Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee**

The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan  
Ms. Susan Little  
Mr. Benjamin Stuchbery  
The Ven. Charlene Taylor (Chair)

## **Pension Committee**

### ***Ex-Officio Members***

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry, General Secretary  
Ms. Amal Attia, Treasurer and CFO  
The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, Prolocutor  
Ms. Rekha Menon, Director of Pensions

***Elected by General Synod 2019***

The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson  
The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft  
The Ven. David Selzer  
Mr. Robert Dickson  
Mrs. Joyce Badley

***Trustees***

Mr. Bob Boeckner  
Ms. Sheryl Kennedy  
Ms. Josephine Marks  
Mr. Stephen Koning  
Mr. David Stovel  
Ms. Karen McRae  
The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole  
Mr. Jordan N. Fremont  
The Rt. Rev. William Cliff

***Appointed by the Pension Committee***

The Rt. Rev. Samuel Rose  
The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend  
Mr. Michael Attwood  
The Ven. Travis Enright  
The Very Rev. Peter Elliott

**Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee**

Sydney Brouillard-Coyle  
Ms. Jane Cox  
The Rev. Elizabeth Hamel (Chair)  
Ms. Judith Moses  
The Rev. Marnie Peterson

**Resources for Mission Coordinating Committee**

The Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden  
The Ven. Jane Humphries (Chair)  
Ms. Judith Moses  
Canon Dr. Gary Russell  
Ms. Sue Winn  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Yme Woensdregt



# SESSIONS

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**THE FORTY-THIRD GENERAL SYNOD OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH  
OF CANADA  
JUNE 27- JULY 2, 2023 UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY CALGARY, AB**

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023**

**Opening Eucharist**

The Forty-third Session of the General Synod commenced with a Eucharist service from 7:00 to 9:00 pm MDT in the McEwan Hall of the University of Calgary, Alberta.

**Land Acknowledgement**

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls acknowledged that the Diocese of Calgary sits on traditional territory of the First Nations of the Treaty 7 region in southern Alberta, including the Blackfoot Confederacy, which comprises the Six and Kainai Nations, as well as the Tsuut'ina Nation and the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley First Nations. Additionally, she acknowledged the presence of the Métis Nation of Alberta Region 3 within the city. The acknowledgment highlighted the historical significance of the land, previously inhabited exclusively by Indigenous peoples, and concluded with prayers for respect for the land and reconciliation among all inhabitants.

# Wednesday, June 28, 2023

## Morning Session

### Opening Formalities

#### Call to Order

The meeting commenced at 9:15 am MDT and was called to order by The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, President of the General Synod.

#### Declaration of Quorum

Vice-Chancellor Canon Clare Burns announced that quorum was met, with the following numbers present in each Order: 32 in the Order of Bishops, 60 in the Order of Clergy, and 75 in the Order of Laity.

*Act 1*

#### Updates to the In-Memoriam List

An announcement was made regarding the recent deaths of The Most Rev. Claude W. Miller, Diocese of Fredericton, The Rev. Canon Lynn Uzans, Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI, and The Rt. Rev. Edward Frank Marsh, Diocese of Central Newfoundland. Prayers were offered in remembrance of them. *[For the complete in-memoriam list, see Appendix A, page 70]*

#### Introductions by the Primate

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls made the following introductions:

##### Head Table

The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, Prolocutor  
Ms. Judith Moses, Deputy Prolocutor  
Canon David Jones, Chancellor  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry, General Secretary  
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, President of General Synod

##### Sessional Committees

###### Agenda Committee

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs, Huron (Chair)

###### Resolutions Committee

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Niagara (Chair)

###### Expenditures Committee

The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, Prolocutor (Chair)

###### Nominating Committee

The Rev. Marnie Peterson, New Westminster (Chair)

###### Credentials Committee

Canon Clare Burns, Toronto

The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, Prolocutor  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry, General Secretary

### **Honorary Secretaries**

The Ven. Cathy Laskey, Fredericton  
The Rev. Andrew Rampton, Rupert's Land  
Canon Stephen Kohner, Quebec  
Dr. Danilla Severin, New Westminster

### **Assessors**

Canon Clare Burns, Toronto  
The Rev. Cynthia Haines Turner, Western Newfoundland  
The Ven. Bill Mous, Niagara  
Canon Greg Tweney, Niagara  
Ms. Isabel Weeks, British Columbia

### **Partners**

Sr. Liza Anderson, The Episcopal Church Partner to Council of General Synod  
The Rev. Dixie Bird, Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples

### **Communion Guests**

The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCIA)  
The Rt. Rev. William Franklin, Assisting Bishop of Long Island and The Most Rev. Michael Curry's  
Official Representative for The Episcopal Church at Assembly 2023  
The Rt. Rev. Susan Johnson, National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC)  
The Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion  
The Rev. Margaret R. Rose, Ecumenical and Interreligious Deputy to the Presiding Bishop, The Episcopal Church

### **Committee Presenters**

Mx. Brittany Hudson, Dismantling Racism Task Force  
Ms. Janet Marshall, Strategic Planning Working Group  
The Rev. Monique Stone, Strategic Planning Working Group

### **Pastoral Care Givers**

The Rev. Dr. Phillip Behman, Calgary  
The Rev. Matthew Gillard, Niagara  
The Rev. Carolyn Herold, Calgary  
The Rev. Nicole Janelle, Calgary  
The Rev. Mary-Jane Lewis-Kirk, Calgary

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**A100          Determining Delegates for General Synod 2023**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Confirm the resolution adopted by the Council of General Synod in November 2020: THAT the number of clergy and lay delegates for General Synod 2022 be determined by reference only to the four specified dates (Easter, Pentecost, the 2nd Sunday of September, and Christmas) in 2019.
2. Declare that this decision applies to the meeting of the General Synod in 2023, postponed from 2022.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act 2*

**A070-R1      Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 - Enacting the Revised Rules of Order and Procedure**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:   The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Adopt the revised Rules of Order and Procedure as attached to this resolution.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

*Act 3*

**A002          Minutes of 42nd Session of General Synod**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Adopt the minutes of the 42nd session of the General Synod, held at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre, Vancouver, British Columbia July 10-16, 2019

**CARRIED**  
*Act 4*

### **A003 Reception of Notices of Motion and Memorials**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Receive the Notices of Motion and Memorials as contained in the Convening Circular.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 5*

### **A001 Adoption of Agenda**

Moved By: The Ven. Tanya Phibbs

Seconded By: Ms. Judith Moses

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Adopt the agenda (dated April 20, 2023) for this meeting

**CARRIED**  
*Act 6*

### **A004 Courtesies of the General Synod**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Extend the Courtesies of the General Synod to the partners from Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, invited guests, the directors of General Synod at the National Office, and presenters.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 7*

### **A005 Reception of Reports**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Receive the reports contained in the Convening Circular.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 8*

### **Orders of the Day**

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs reviewed the orders of the day.

## Presidential Address

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls delivered an address to the General Synod. *[For the full Presidential Address, see Appendix B, page 71.]*

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm MDT.

## Afternoon Session

### Call To Order

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm MDT, with the Prolocutor, Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, assuming the chair.

### Ministries of General Synod Video Series - Faces of General Synod

Throughout the meeting, a series of videos were presented, featuring General Synod staff members providing valuable insights into the diverse work of their departments.

### Report: 011 Report of the Governance Working Group

Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C., Chair of the Governance Working Group delivered the report and the motions:

#### A053 Amend Canon III to Extend Term of Office of Primate

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Amend Canon III to add the italicized words in section 4 c) i):

4 c) The Primate shall hold office until:

- i) attaining 70 years of age, provided that if the next session of General Synod is scheduled to commence within one year of that date, the Primate may continue in office until the prorogation of that session of General Synod, or
- ii) the effective date of a resignation accepted pursuant to section 9 b) of this Canon, or
- iii) the adoption of a resolution declaring the Primacy vacant pursuant to section 10 d) of this Canon.

**DEFEATED**

### Change of Chairperson

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls resumed the chair.

#### A040 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Changing the Bands for Determining the Number of Elected Clergy and Lay Members from Each Diocese

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Amend paragraph 8 f) of the Constitution as follows:

- in paragraph i), “4,999” be changed to “2,500”;
- in paragraph ii), “5,000 and 9,999” be changed to “2,501 and 7,500”;
- in paragraph iii), “10,000 and 14,999” be changed to “7,501 and 15,000”;
- in paragraph iv), “5,000” be changed to “7,500”.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act 9*

## **Address by Bishop Anthony Poggo**

The Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, stressed the importance of fostering ecumenical relationships while highlighting the various challenges within the Anglican Communion. Addressing the theme *Let there be greening*, Poggo applauded the General Synod for tackling climate-related issues and in closing, urged for solidarity and cooperation, reiterating his dedication to collaborating with the Anglican Church of Canada towards a future marked by peace and advancement.

## **Ministries of General Synod Video - The Primate**

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls provided an overview of the activities conducted by the Primate’s office and emphasized the significance of maintaining a spiritual perspective, embracing change, and actively listening to diverse perspectives.

## **Introduction of the No Debate List**

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, serving as Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the proposed list of motions designated for no debate:

### **No Debate List of Motions Requiring Majority Voting Together**

- A101 – Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Commission a Document on History, Structure, and Governance of The Anglican Church of Canada
- A121 – New Liturgical Texts I: Deconsecration of a Sacred Building
- A123 – Lectionary Items I: Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide A124 – Lectionary Items II: Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings
- A125 – Ecumenically Agreed Liturgical Texts (English Language Liturgical Consultation) A126 – Motion to Authorize the Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People
- A127 – Ecumenical Relations – Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue in Canada
- A128 – Amendment to Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference A161 – Amendment to Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference
- A170-R1 – Continuing Education Plan
- A171 – General Synod Pension and Benefits Plan A172 – Lay Retirement Plan
- A173 – Long Term Disability Plan

### **No Debate List of Motions Requiring 2/3 Majority by Orders**

- A032 – Motion for Second Reading of Amendment the Declaration of Principles from GS 2019 A030
- A050-R1 – Elimination of the Audit Subcommittee as a Separate Committee
- A051– Motion for Second Reading of Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People from GS 2019 A051-R2
- A052 – Repealing Canon XIII on Deaconesses A054 – Amend Canon V(Archives)



**Report: 016 Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee Appendix A – Dismantling Racism Task Force**

Mx. Brittany Hudson of the Dismantling Racism Task Force, presented the report and outlined the proposed motions:

**A200 Continuing the Work of Dismantling Racism in the Church**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Council of General Synod to establish a permanent National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to:
  - a. conduct an initial and ongoing review of church structures, culture, policies, and practices pertaining to racism and anti-racism
  - b. develop and implement a national action plan to move from promoting diversity to living out full inclusion, equity, and belonging at all levels of the church (in both membership and leadership)
2. Direct the Council of General Synod to ensure that the membership for this Advisory Council reflects the communities of the Church most impacted by racism, namely Indigenous persons, Black persons, and persons of colour and those with experience in anti-racism ministry and leadership, while striving for balanced geographic, gender, ethnocultural, lay and clergy representation, to the degree reasonably possible, and delineating appropriate supportive roles for White/Settler allies on the Council.
3. Request the Council of General Synod to explore the creation of a full-time staff position at the national level to animate national and diocesan anti-racism activity.

**Proposed amendment to A200:**

Moved By: The Rev. Vincent Solomon

Seconded By: Ms. Dorothy Paterson

Strike the words “Indigenous persons” from item 2)

**CARRIED  
A200-R1**

**Motion for the postponement of the debate:**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Seconded By: Sr. Heather Broadwell

Postpone debating the motion awaiting consultation from the Indigenous Community present at General Synod, during General Synod.

**CARRIED**

Consideration of motions A200 was deferred until Friday, June 30th. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm MDT.

**Evening Session**

**Call to Order**

The meeting reconvened at 7:00 pm MDT, with The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls taking the chair.

**Report:      006 Appendix A Report of the Strategic Planning Working Group**

Ms. Judith Moses, Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Working Group, along with members Ms. Janet Marshall, The Rev. Monique Stone, and Canon Ian Alexander, delivered the report to the General Synod.

**Anglican Foundation of Canada**

Dr. Scott Brubacher, Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation of Canada discussed the foundation's commitment to foster relationships, creativity, responsible asset management, and promoting charitable giving within the church. Through anecdotes of community outreach programs and philanthropic endeavors, Brubacher underscored the foundation's dedication to transformative ministry.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 8:15 pm MDT.

**Thursday, June 29, 2023**

**Afternoon Session**

**Call to Order**

The meeting began at 1:30 pm MDT, with the Rev. Dr. Karen Egan, the Prolocutor, presiding over the proceedings.

**Motion to Reconsider A053 Amend Canon III to Extend Term of Office of Primate**

Amidst concerns regarding voting accuracy and dissatisfaction among certain members, a procedural motion was put forward to suspend Rule 14 g) of the Rules of Order and Procedure. This motion sought to reopen the debate and vote on this resolution.

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.  
Seconded By The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
suspend Rule 14 g) and reconsider Resolution A053.

**CARRIED**

**Revote on A053 Canon III to Extend Term of Office of Primate**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.  
Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Amend Canon III to add the italicized words in section 4 c) i):

4 c) The Primate shall hold office until:

- i) attaining 70 years of age, provided that if the next session of General Synod is scheduled to commence within one year of that date, the Primate may continue in office until the prorogation of that session of General Synod, or
- ii) the effective date of a resignation accepted pursuant to section 9 b) of this Canon, or
- iii) the adoption of a resolution declaring the Primacy vacant pursuant to section 10 d) of this Canon.

**Proposed amendment to A053:**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers  
Seconded By: Mr. Jesse Zink

Add 4) That this change takes effect as of the next meeting of the General Synod.

**DEFEATED**

**Call for a Recorded Vote**

The Most Rev. Anne Germond, the Rev. Marnie Peterson, and Mr. Dion Lewis requested that the vote be recorded by name.

## **Revote on A053 Canon III to Extend Term of Office of Primate**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Amend Canon III to add the italicized words in section 4 c) i):

4 c) The Primate shall hold office until:

- i) attaining 70 years of age, provided that if the next session of General Synod is scheduled to commence within one year of that date, the Primate may continue in office until the prorogation of that session of General Synod, or
- ii) the effective date of a resignation accepted pursuant to section 9 b) of this Canon, or
- iii) the adoption of a resolution declaring the Primacy vacant pursuant to section 10 d) of this Canon.

**DEFEATED**

*For the complete tabulated votes by orders, see Appendix C, page 81]*

## **Change of Chairperson**

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls resumed her role as the presiding officer for the meeting.

## **Orders of the Day**

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs reviewed the orders of the day.

## **Election of the Prolocutor**

The Rev. Marnie Peterson, Chair of the nominating committee, announced the candidates for Prolocutor:

Canon Mr. Ian Alexander, Order of Laity	Diocese of New Westminster
Canon Stephen Fields, Order of Clergy	Diocese of Toronto
The Ven. Tanya M. Phibbs, Order of Clergy	Diocese of Huron
Canon Laura D. Walton, Order of Laity	Diocese of Toronto

## **Results of the First Ballot**

Total Votes Cast: 143

Spoiled Ballot: 2

Votes Counted: 141

	No. of votes	Percentage %
Canon Mr. Ian Alexander	49	34.7
Canon Stephen Fields	26	18.4
The Ven. Tanya M. Phibbs	35	24.8
Canon Laura D. Walton	31	21.9

Following the vote, The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields withdrew his candidacy from the ballot.

## Results of the Second Ballot

Total Votes Cast: 143

Spoiled Ballot: 2

Votes Counted: 141

	No. of votes	Percentage %
Canon Mr. Ian Alexander	49	34.7
The Venerable Tanya M. Phibbs	35	24.8
Canon Laura D. Walton	31	21.9

Following the vote, Canon Laura D. Walton withdrew her candidacy from the ballot.

## Error in the Voting Results

It was reported that several votes were not counted in the initial ballot, leading to the disqualification of both rounds of voting. All candidates for Prolocutor agreed to accept the results and proceed to the third and final round of voting.

## Results of the Third Ballot

Total Votes Cast: 189

Spoiled Ballot: 2

Votes Counted: 187

	No. of votes	Percentage %
Canon Mr. Ian Alexander	106	56.6
The Venerable Tanya M. Phibbs	81	43.3

Canon Ian Alexander, representing the Order of Laity, was declared as the elected Prolocutor.

## Report: 006 Appendix A Report of the Strategic Planning Working Group Cont.

Ms. Judith Moses, Co-Chair of the Strategic Planning Working Group, introduced several motions outlined in the report:

### A102 Strategic Planning Working Group

Moved By: Ms. Judith Moses

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Receive with gratitude the report of the Strategic Planning Working Group.
2. Adopt the five Transformational Aspirations to guide planning, priority-setting, resource allocation and collaboration with provinces and dioceses in the 2023-25biennium.
3. Direct CoGS to establish an implementation group.

### Proposed amendment to A102:

Moved By: The Rt. Rev'd Sandra Fyfe

Seconded By: The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still

Adopt the five Transformational Aspirations as Transformational Commitments to guide planning, priority-setting, resource allocation and collaboration with provinces and dioceses in the 2023-25 biennium.

**CARRIED**  
**A201-R1**

### **A102-R1 Strategic Planning Working Group**

Moved By: Ms. Judith Moses

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Receive with gratitude the report of the Strategic Planning Working Group.
2. Adopt the five Transformational Aspirations as Transformational Commitments to guide planning, priority-setting, resource allocation and collaboration with provinces and dioceses in the 2023-25 biennium.
3. Direct CoGS to establish an implementation group.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
***Act 10***

### **No Debate List Vote**

It was requested to remove A124 Lectionary Items II: Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings from the no-debate list.

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, presented the revised list of items designated for no debate, organized by procedure of adoption, in the form of an omnibus motion;

### **No Debate List of Motions Requiring Majority Voting Together**

A101 – Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Commission a Document on History, Structure, and Governance of The Anglican Church of Canada

A121 – New Liturgical Texts I: Deconsecration of a Sacred Building

A123 – Lectionary Items I: Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide

A125 – Ecumenically Agreed Liturgical Texts (English Language Liturgical Consultation) A126 – Motion to Authorize the Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People

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A170-R1 – Continuing Education Plan

A171 – General Synod Pension and Benefits Plan A172 – Lay Retirement Plan

A173 – Long Term Disability Plan

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Adopt the resolutions on the no debate list.

**CARRIED**  
***Act 11***

## **No Debate List of Motions Requiring 2/3 Majority by Orders**

A032 – Motion for Second Reading of Amendment the Declaration of Principles from GS 2019 A030

A050-R1 – Elimination of the Audit Subcommittee as a Separate Committee

A051– Motion for Second Reading of Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People from GS 2019 A051-R2

A052 – Repealing Canon XIII on Deaconesses A054 – Amend Canon V(Archives)

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Adopt the resolutions on the no debate list.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act 12*

The following resolutions were subsequently adopted;

### **A101 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Commission a Document on History, Structure, and Governance of The Anglican Church of Canada**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Commission a short document describing the history, structure, and governance of the various levels of the Church in Canada, with particular reference to the role and work of the national Church by General Synod.

**CARRIED**

*Act 13*

### **A121 New Liturgical Texts I: Deconsecration of a Sacred Building**

Moved By: The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Seconded By: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize Deconsecration of a Sacred Building for use in The Anglican Church of Canada.

**CARRIED**

*Act 14*

### **A123 Lectionary Items I: Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide**

Moved By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize the Table of Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide as commended by the English Language Liturgical Consultation (2011) for use as an updated alternative to the Revised Common Lectionary offerings for Eastertide.

**CARRIED**

*Act 15*

## **A125        Ecumenically Agreed Liturgical Texts (English Language Liturgical Consultation)**

Moved By:        The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By:    The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize the following texts from the English Language Liturgical Consultation for use:

- Gloria in Excelsis
- The Nicene Creed
- The Apostles' Creed
- Agnus Dei and Alternative
- Te Deum Laudamus and Versicles and Responses
- Benedictus and Alternative
- Magnificat and Alternative

**CARRIED**

*Act 16*

## **A126        Motion to Authorize the Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers

Seconded By:    The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Authorize for use in The Anglican Church of Canada the following contemporary language collect for Reconciliation with the Jewish People:

O GOD, who has chosen Israel to be your inheritance: Have mercy on us and forgive us for violence and wickedness against our brother Jacob; the arrogance of our hearts and minds has deceived us, and shame has covered our face. Take away all pride and prejudice in us, and grant that we, together with the people you first made your own, may attain to the fullness of redemption which you have promised; to the honour and glory of your most holy Name. Amen.

**CARRIED**

*Act 17*

## **A127        Ecumenical Relations – Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue in Canada**

Moved By:        The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By:    Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Direct the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee to work with Mennonite Church Canada to establish a working group to conduct further bilateral dialogue between the Anglican Church of Canada and Mennonite Church Canada at the national level,

- a. Including one member appointed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and members appointed by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples
- b. focusing on questions of ministry and orders as they pertain to the potential for local ecumenical shared ministry at congregational levels, using the methodology of Receptive Ecumenism, and
- c. reporting on learnings and presenting recommendations to the next meeting of the General Synod.



**CARRIED**  
*Act 18*

**A128            Amendment to Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee  
Terms of Reference**

Moved By:     Finn Keesmaat-Walsh  
Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Confirm the Terms of Reference for the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee, as adopted by  
the Council of General Synod at its March 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 19*

**A161            Amendment to Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee Terms of  
Reference**

Moved By:     Ms. Susan Little

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Confirm the Terms of Reference for the Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee, as adopted by the Council  
of General Synod at its March 2022 meeting.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 20*

**A170-R1       Continuing Education Plan**

Moved By:     The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend  
Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Confirm the amendments to the Continuing Education Plan (CEP) approved by the Council of General Synod as  
attached to this resolution.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 21*

**A171            General Synod Pension and Benefits Plan**

Moved By:     The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend  
Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Confirm the amendments to the General Synod Pension and Benefits plans approved by the Council of General  
Synod as attached to this resolution.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 22*

**A172            Lay Retirement Plan**

Moved By:     The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend  
Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Confirm the amendments to Regulation 13 of Canon IX and Regulations, as attached to this resolution, adopted by the Council of General Synod in November 2021.

**CARRIED**  
*Act23*

**A173          Long Term Disability Plan**

Moved By:      The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend

Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Confirm the amendments to LTD – Pre-2005, as attached to this resolution, adopted by the Council of General Synod in November 2020.

**CARRIED**  
*Act24*

**A032          Motion for Second Reading of Amendment the Declaration of Principles  
from GS 2019 A030**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:   The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give second reading to amend section 11 of the Declaration of Principles by adding paragraph f) as follows:

11 f) The Handbook Committee may make such corrections and alterations to the Declaration of Principles, Constitution, Canons, and Rules of Order and Procedure as it considers necessary, provided that such corrections and changes relate only to matters of form and not to matters of substance and provided that any such correction or alteration shall be reported to the next following meeting of General Synod and may be set aside by a majority of those members present and voting.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**  
*Act25*

**A050-R1      Elimination of the Audit Subcommittee as a Separate Committee**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:   The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Amend Canon VI to delete paragraph 2 c) iv); and
2. Amend Part II of Appendix J such that:

- a. the title “Audit Committee” be changed to “Audit”,
- b. paragraph a) be repealed, and
- c. in paragraph b), the phrase “In so doing, the Audit Committee shall:...” be changed to “The Financial Management Committee shall...”

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**  
*Act26*

**A051            Motion for Second Reading of Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People from GS 2019 A051-R2**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers

Seconded By:    The Ven. Jane Humphrey

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give second reading to the addition of the following section in Canon XIV

Prayer number four in “Prayers and Thanksgivings upon Several Occasions” is to be deleted from use and from future printings of the Book of Common Prayer and replaced with a prayer entitled “For Reconciliation with the Jews” as follows: O GOD, who didst choose Israel to be thine inheritance: Have mercy upon us and forgive us for violence and wickedness against our brother Jacob; the arrogance of our hearts and minds hath deceived us, and shame hath covered our face. Take away all pride and prejudice in us, and grant that we, together with the people whom thou didst first make thine own, may attain to the fullness of redemption which thou hast promised; to the honour and glory of thy most holy Name.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act27*

**A052            Repealing Canon XIII on Deaconesses**

Moved By:        Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:    The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Repeal Canon XIII.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**

*Act28*

**A054            Amend Canon V(Archives)**

Moved By:        Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By:    The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod: Amend Canon V (Archives) as follows:

1. Insert section 1, renumbering all subsequent sections:

1.    Definition In this Canon: “Document” includes data and information in electronic form.

2. Amend section 4 (as renumbered) to read:

4. Under the direction of the General Secretary, the Archivist shall:

- a. establish and maintain a records management program for the active records and related documents of the General Synod and its committees, councils, boards and commissions;
- b. collect, arrange, describe and preserve the permanent records and related documents of the General Synod and its committees, councils, boards and commissions;
- c. collect, arrange and preserve the official documents of the Primate, the General Secretary and all other officers and employees of the General Synod;
- d. receive, additional to the Archives of the several ecclesiastical provinces, the records of the election, consecration, translation and installation of bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada, and the records of the election and installation of metropolitans;

- e. encourage, co-ordinate and assist, in co-operation with their respective archivists, archival programs in the dioceses, ecclesiastical provinces and related agencies, including religious orders, ecumenical coalitions and theological colleges;
- f. collect, arrange, describe and preserve any other documents, publications, graphic materials (photographs, paintings, posters, etc.), sound recordings, films, videos, and other electronic media pertaining to the history and activities of The Anglican Church of Canada;
- g. co-operate with the Canadian Church Historical Society in promoting interest in the history of The Anglican Church of Canada.

**CARRIED IN ALL ORDERS**  
*Act 29*

**Report:      007 Report of the Council of the North**

The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Chair of the Council of the North reported on the council's activities to the General Synod.

The meeting concluded for the day at 5:00 PM MDT.

# Friday, June 30, 2023

## Morning Session

### Call to Order

The meeting began at 9:15 am MDT, with The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, President of the General Synod, presiding and calling the meeting to order.

### Orders of the Day

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs reviewed the orders of the day.

### The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF)

Mr. Will Postma, Executive Director of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF), outlined the organization's mission and showcased its diverse programs that range from income-generating projects to healthcare, education, and sustainable energy initiatives. Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, PWRDF reaffirmed its commitment to assisting vulnerable communities globally.

### Ministries of General Synod Video - Resources for Mission

Ms. Deborah Baretto, Director of Resources for Mission, provided an overview of the fundraising process for General Synod ministries and the importance of donor stewardship.

### Election of Deputy Prolocutor

The Rev. Marnie Peterson, as Chair of the nominating committee, unveiled the nominees for Deputy Prolocutor:

The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields, Order of Clergy	Diocese of Toronto
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs, Order of Clergy	Diocese of Huron

Total Votes Cast: 196

Spoiled Ballot: 2

Votes Counted: 194

No. of votes		Percentage %
The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields	95	48.9
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs	99	51

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs was elected as Deputy Prolocutor.

### Report      009: Report of the Financial Management Committee (FMC)

Ms. Amal Attia, Treasurer of the General Synod, presented the report, offering insights into the 2022 audited financial statements for both the General Synod and the Consolidated Trust Fund. The following motions were put forward:

**A130            Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada**

Moved By:        Mr. Andrew Clinkard  
Seconded By:    The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Approve the audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2022.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 30*

**A131            Audited Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund**

Moved By:        Mr. Andrew Clinkard  
Seconded By:    The Rev. Dr. Karen Egan

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Approve the audited Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund for the fiscal year ended December 31st, 2022.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 31*

**Ministries of General Synod Video - Faith, Worship and Ministries**

The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman and Ms. Sheilagh McGlynn discussed the gratifying but challenging aspects of liturgical development. Their remarks underscored the importance of fostering youth leaders and a communal approach to this undertaking.

**Revisiting A200 Continuing the Work of Dismantling Racism in the Church**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw  
Seconded By:    The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Council of General Synod to establish a permanent National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to:
  - a. conduct an initial and ongoing review of church structures, culture, policies, and practices pertaining to racism and anti-racism
  - b. develop and implement a national action plan to move from promoting diversity to living out full inclusion, equity, and belonging at all levels of the church (in both membership and leadership)
2. Direct the Council of General Synod to ensure that the membership for this Advisory Council reflects the communities of the Church most impacted by racism, namely Indigenous persons, Black persons, and persons of colour and those with experience in anti-racism ministry and leadership, while striving for balanced geographic, gender, ethnocultural, lay and clergy representation, to the degree reasonably possible, and delineating appropriate supportive roles for White/Settler allies on the Council.

Request the Council of General Synod to explore the creation of a full-time staff position at the national level to animate national and diocesan anti-racism activity.

**Proposed amendment to A200:**

Moved By: The Rev. Vincent Solomon

Seconded By: Ms. Dorothy Paterson

Strike the words “Indigenous persons” from item 2)

**CARRIED**

**A200-R1**

**A200-R1 Continuing the Work of Dismantling Racism in the Church**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Council of General Synod to establish a permanent National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to:
  - a. conduct an initial and ongoing review of church structures, culture, policies, and practices pertaining to racism and anti-racism
  - b. develop and implement a national action plan to move from promoting diversity to living out full inclusion, equity, and belonging at all levels of the church (in both membership and leadership)
2. Direct the Council of General Synod to ensure that the membership for this Advisory Council reflects the communities of the Church most impacted by racism, namely Black persons, and persons of colour and those with experience in anti-racism ministry and leadership, while striving for balanced geographic, gender, ethnocultural, lay and clergy representation, to the degree reasonably possible, and delineating appropriate supportive roles for White/Settler allies on the Council.
3. Request the Council of General Synod to explore the creation of a full-time staff position at the national level to animate national and diocesan anti-racism activity.

**Proposed amendment to A200-R1:**

Moved By: The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still and the Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw\*

Seconded By: The Rev. Canon Patricia Dorland

1. Amend section 1 of the resolution to read “Direct the Council of General Synod, in close consultation with the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples...”
2. Reinstate Indigenous Peoples to the motion.

*\*A Co-mover was granted in solidarity with the convention of Indigenous Communities.*

**CARRIED A200-R2**

**A200-R2 Continuing the Work of Dismantling Racism in the Church**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Council of General Synod, in close consultation with the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, to establish a permanent National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to:

- a. conduct an initial and ongoing review of church structures, culture, policies, and practices pertaining to racism and anti-racism
  - b. develop and implement a national action plan to move from promoting diversity to living out full inclusion, equity, and belonging at all levels of the church (in both membership and leadership)
2. Direct the Council of General Synod to ensure that the membership for this Advisory Council reflects the communities of the Church most impacted by racism, namely Indigenous peoples, Black persons, and persons of colour and those with experience in anti-racism ministry and leadership, while striving for balanced geographic, gender, ethnocultural, lay and clergy representation, to the degree reasonably possible, and delineating appropriate supportive roles for White/Settler allies on the Council.
  3. Request the Council of General Synod to explore the creation of a full-time staff position at the national level to animate national and diocesan anti-racism activity.

**Proposed amendment to A200-R2:**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By: The Rev. John Boyd

Add item: 4) To do all this work with ecumenical and full communion partners wherever possible.

**CARRIED A200-R3**

**A200-R3 Continuing the Work of Dismantling Racism in the Church**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Council of General Synod, in close consultation with the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples, to establish a permanent National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to:
  - (a) conduct an initial and ongoing review of church structures, culture, policies, and practices pertaining to racism and anti-racism
  - (b) develop and implement a national action plan to move from promoting diversity to living out full inclusion, equity, and belonging at all levels of the church (in both membership and leadership)
2. Direct the Council of General Synod to ensure that the membership for this Advisory Council reflects the communities of the Church most impacted by racism, namely Indigenous persons, Black persons, and persons of colour and those with experience in anti-racism ministry and leadership, while striving for balanced geographic, gender, ethnocultural, lay and clergy representation, to the degree reasonably possible, and delineating appropriate supportive roles for White/Settler allies on the Council.
3. Request the Council of General Synod to explore the creation of a full-time staff position at the national level to animate national and diocesan anti-racism activity.
4. To do all this work with ecumenical and full communion partners wherever possible.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

*Act 32*



## **A201            Dismantling Racism and Faith Formation**

Moved By:        The Rev. Claudette Taylor

Seconded By:    The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee and the National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to engage with Anglican-affiliated seminaries and other theological programs in order to develop a process or framework to examine and support the further development of anti-racism curricula in theological education across the Church.
2. Direct the National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to compile anti-racism resources that can be used broadly in other formation contexts such as Sunday schools, lay training programs, seasonal programs, and youth ministry.

### **Proposed amendment to A201:**

Moved By:        Ms. Dorothy Patterson

Seconded By:    The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Add 3) In reference to the Apology for Spiritual Harm (GS 2019), direct the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee and the National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to address inclusion of traditional Indigenous spiritual practices and liturgical expressions across the Anglican Church of Canada.

**CARRIED A201-R1**

## **A201-R1        Dismantling Racism and Faith Formation**

Moved By:        The Rev. Claudette Taylor

Seconded By:    The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee and the National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to engage with Anglican-affiliated seminaries and other theological programs in order to develop a process or framework to examine and support the further development of anti-racism curricula in theological education across the Church.across the Church.
2. Direct the National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to compile anti-racism resources that can be used broadly in other formation contexts such as Sunday schools, lay training programs, seasonal programs, and youth ministry.
3. In reference to the Apology for Spiritual Harm (GS 2019), direct the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee and the National Advisory Council on Dismantling Racism to address inclusion of traditional Indigenous spiritual practices and liturgical expressions across the Anglican Church of Canada.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

*Act 33*

**A122            New Liturgical Texts II: Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys for Gender Transition and Affirmation**

Moved By:        Finn Keesmaat-Walsh  
Seconded By:    The Rev. Marnie Peterson

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Authorize Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys of Gender Transition and Affirmation for use in The Anglican Church of Canada.

**Proposed amendment to A122:**

Moved By:        The Rev. Richard Reed  
Seconded By:    The Ven. Jonathan Hoskin

Add:  
“where authorized by the ordinary.”

**CARRIED A122-R1**

**A122-R1    New Liturgical Texts II: Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys for Gender Transition and Affirmation**

Moved By:        Finn Keesmaat-Walsh  
Seconded By:    The Rev. Marnie Peterson

Be it resolved that this General Synod:  
Authorize Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys of Gender Transition and Affirmation for use in The Anglican Church of Canada where authorized by the ordinary.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
*Act 34*

**Provincial Caucuses**

Members of the General Synod gathered in their provincial caucuses in order to select representatives for the upcoming biennium of the Council of General Synod.

The meeting adjourned for the day at 8:45 pm MDT.

# Saturday, July 1, 2023

## Afternoon Session

### Call to Order

The meeting reconvened at 1:30 pm MDT, with The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls taking the chair.

### Ministries of General Synod Video - Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice

Dr. Ryan Weston, Lead Animator for Public Witness on Social and Ecological Justice, provided a comprehensive overview of his role, which includes community engagement, advocacy, and support for church leaders. He emphasized the importance of collaborative work and highlighted the church's ability to effect meaningful change, especially in challenging circumstances.

### Nominating Committee Report; 2023-2025 Elections

The Rev. Marnie Peterson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced the elected members for the following committees for the 2023-2025 biennium:

#### Council of General Synod (CoGS)

##### British Columbia & Yukon

	Order	Diocese
The Rt. Rev. David T. J. Lehmann	Bishop	Caledonia
The Rev. Walter Kagura	Clergy	Yukon
Ms. Sarah E. Lehman	Laity	New Westminster
Andrew Stephens-Rennie	Laity	Kootenay
Ms. Charlotte Hardy	Youth	Kootenay

##### Rupert's Land

The Rt. Rev. Helen J. Kennedy	Bishop	Qu'Appelle
The Rev. Jonathan Hoskin	Clergy	Brandon
The Rev. Victor Johnson	Clergy	Arctic
Mr. Robert Kamenawatamin	Lay	Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh
Ms. Ruth-Anne Marley	Lay	Calgary
Dr. John Rye	Lay	Saskatchewan
Ms. Nadia Sinclair	Youth	Brandon

##### Ontario

The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell	Bishop	Diocese of Niagara
The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields	Clergy	Diocese of Toronto
Mrs. Kim Chadsey	Lay	Diocese of Ottawa
Ms. Dorothy Patterson	Lay	Diocese of Huron
Mr. Adam MacNeil	Youth	Diocese of Niagara

##### Canada

The Rt. Rev. John Watton	Bishop	Diocese of Central Newfoundland
The Ven. Victor David Mbuyi-Bipungu	Clergy	Diocese of Montreal

Mrs. Edith Marshall	Lay	Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI
Mrs. Ruth Travers	Lay	Diocese of Western Newfoundland
Mr. Skyeler Quilty	Youth	Diocese of Western Newfoundland

### **Anglican Military Ordinariate**

Major The Rev. Brad Smith

### **Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still

Rosie Jane Tailfeathers

### **Financial Management Standing Committee**

The Rev. Canon Patricia Dorland

The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Canon Dr. Gary Russell

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jesse Zink

### **Diocese**

Moosonee

British Columbia

Rupert's Land

Montreal

### **Pension Standing Committee**

The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson

The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft

The Rev. Grayhame Bowcott

The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields

Mrs. Cathy Armstrong

Mr. John McBride

### **Diocese**

Montreal

Rupert's Land

Huron

Toronto

Edmonton

Ottawa

### **Communications Coordinating Committee**

The Rev. Cynthia Haines-Turner

The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

Andrew Stephens-Rennie

The Rev. Robert C. Towler

### **Diocese**

Western Newfoundland

British Columbia

Kootenay

Huron

### **Faith Worship & Ministry Coordinating Committee**

The Rev. Benjamin H. Gillard

Mr. Dion Lewis

The Rev. Stephanie London

### **Diocese**

Toronto

Montreal

Edmonton

### **Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee**

The Rev. Canon Grace Delaney

The Rev. Antonio Illas

The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip J. Der

### **Diocese**

Moosonee

Niagara

Toronto

### **Public Witness for Social & Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee**

Ms. Miriam Blair

The Rev. Canon Paulette M. Bugden

Mr. Chris Sorio

### **Diocese**

Quebec

Western Newfoundland

Toronto

## **Motion to Accept the Slate of Candidates on the Nominating Committee Report**

Moved by: The Rev. Marnie Peterson

Seconded by: The Ven. Noel Figuera

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Accept the slate of candidates in the nominating committee report.

**CARRIED**

*Act 35*

## **Orders of the Day**

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs reviewed the orders of the day.

### **A120 One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians – Called to Walk Together in Full Communion**

Moved By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Seconded By: Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Receive and approve One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians – Called to Walk Together in Full Communion – the Declaration on recognition of full communion relations between the Anglican, Lutheran and Moravian churches in Canada.

**CARRIED**

*Act 36*

### **A203 Moving Toward Net Zero in the Anglican Church of Canada**

Moved By: The Rev. Marnie Peterson

Seconded By: The Rev. Michael Shapcott

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Encourage the members of the Anglican Church of Canada from coast to coast to live out the 5th Mark of Mission as well as our Baptismal Covenant.
2. Encourage all parts of the Church to:
  - (a) Discern prayerfully which meetings most benefit from face-to-face interaction, and with what frequency,
  - (b) Attend to the non-monetary costs of travel, including loss of time, environmental impact, accumulated fatigue and increased stress,
  - (c) Ensure, where possible, that physical meetings are accessible by public transit and “active transit” (bicycles, walking, etc.),
  - (d) Continue to offer ways for people to participate online.
3. Direct the Council of General Synod to seek to reduce the carbon impact of travel for meetings of General Synod, the Council of General Synod, and its committees, when possible, by offering online or hybrid options and choosing lower-carbon travel as a witness to the rest of the Church, and to report on these efforts regularly and to General Synod 2025.
4. Direct the Council of General Synod to purchase carbon offsets for such travel as is deemed still to be necessary, using offset initiatives of Indigenous communities where possible.

5. Encourage Canadian Anglicans, Ecclesiastical Provinces, dioceses and parishes to purchase carbon offsets for their own travel.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 37*

## **A204          Addressing the Climate Emergency**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell  
Seconded By:    Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Declare, in solidarity with the most vulnerable of our society, that there is a worsening global climate emergency.
2. Encourage all members of the Anglican Church of Canada to make safeguarding the integrity of God's creation a priority in our faith and our actions.
3. Encourage Anglican parishes in Canada to work on reducing greenhouse gas emissions to help Canada reach a science-based target to keep global temperature increases at or below 1.5 degrees Celsius.
4. Endorse a broad-based approach to investing which considers people, society, and the environment as important as financial performance.
5. Encourage all parishes to publicize their efforts as a Christian witness to their communities at large as a means of demonstrating our deep and abiding commitment to addressing the climate crisis.
6. Request the Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee to report progress back to the Council of General Synod annually and to General Synod 2025.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 38*

## **A205          Water**

Moved By:        The Most Rev. Chris Harper  
Seconded By:    The Very Rev. Tim Dobbins

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Affirm that all communities have the right to safe, clean, and sustainable drinking water.
2. Commit to ongoing advocacy to ensure access to safe drinking water for all communities in Canada and globally.
3. Recognize that we are called by the Baptismal Covenant and the Fifth Mark of Mission to safeguard the integrity of creation, including the waters.
4. Direct the Council of General Synod, its Councils, and Committees to immediately eliminate bottled water use for all meetings, except in locations where safe drinking water is unavailable.
5. Encourage Ecclesiastical Provinces, Dioceses, and Parishes to eliminate bottled water use for meetings, except in locations where safe drinking water is unavailable.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 39*

**Report: 013 Report of the Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee**

Dr. Andrea Mann, Director of Global Relations, and Ms. Sheila McGlynn, Animator for Youth Ministries, joined by participants of the A Journey of Pilgrimage and Discovery for Young Adults, shared insights from their recent trip to the Holy Land.

**Report: 012 Report of the Jubilee Commission**

Ms. Judith Moses, Chair of the Jubilee Commission, addressed the report and outlined the proposed motions;

**A180 Extend Jubilee Commission to End of 2023-25 Biennium**

Moved By: Ms. Judith Moses

Seconded By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Extend the Jubilee Commission's mandate to the end of the 2023-25 biennium.

**Proposed amendment to A180:**

Moved By: Rosie Jane Tailfeathers

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy

The insertion of the underlined text:

Extend the Jubilee Commission's mandate to the end of the 2023-25 biennium and that the terms of reference be amended so that the Jubilee Commission will report to both the Council of General Synod and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples".

**CARRIED A180-R1**

**A180-R1 Extend Jubilee Commission to End of 2023-25 Biennium**

Moved By: Ms. Judith Moses

Seconded By: The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Extend the Jubilee Commission's mandate to the end of the 2023-25 biennium and that the terms of reference be amended so that the Jubilee Commission will report to both the Council of General Synod and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
*Act 40*

**A202 Commitment to Call to Action #59**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame

Seconded By: Canon Dr. Gary Russell

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Affirm its commitment to Call to Action #59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.
2. Direct all ministries of the General Synod to engage with the full historical realities of the Anglican Church's involvement in Residential Schools, slavery, and other forms of racial injustice, as well as its historical work in striving to dismantle racism.
3. Encourage all dioceses across Canada to similarly engage with these realities and take steps toward addressing the continuing impacts of these practices.

**Proposed amendment to A202:**

Moved By: Ms. Dorothy Patterson

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Split the resolution into the following:

**A202**

1. Affirm its commitment to Call to Action #59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.
2. Direct all ministries of the General Synod to engage with the full historical realities of the Anglican Church's involvement in Residential Schools.
3. Encourage all dioceses across Canada to similarly engage with these realities and take steps toward addressing the continuing impacts of these practices.

**A202A**

1. Direct all ministries of General Synod to engage with the full historical realities of the Anglican Church's involvement in slavery, and other forms of racial injustice, as well as its historical work in striving to dismantle racism.
2. Encourage all dioceses across Canada to similarly engage with these realities and take steps toward addressing the continuing impacts of these practices.

**CARRIED**

*A202-R1*

**A202-R1 Commitment to Call to Action #59**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Lesley Wheeler-Dame

Seconded By: Canon Dr. Gary Russell

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Affirm its commitment to Call to Action #59 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.
2. Direct all ministries of the General Synod to engage with the full historical realities of the Anglican Church's involvement in Residential Schools.
3. Encourage all dioceses across Canada to similarly engage with these realities and take steps toward addressing the continuing impacts of these practices.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**

*Act 41*

**A202A Commitment to Call to Action #59**

Moved By: Mr. Dion Lewis

Seconded By: Mr. Phillip Bury

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Direct all ministries of General Synod to engage with the full historical realities of the Anglican Church's involvement in slavery, and other forms of racial injustice, as well as its historical work in striving to dismantle racism.
2. Encourage all dioceses across Canada to similarly engage with these realities and take steps toward addressing the continuing impacts of these practices.

**CARRIED**

*Act 42*



## **A160            Assembly 2023 Resolution on Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel**

Moved By:        The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Seconded By:    The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

In partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, gathered as Assembly 2023, reaffirm the commitment of our churches to the pursuit of peace with justice for all in Palestine and Israel.

We ask:

- 1) The Primate and the National Bishop to respond to opportunities for solidarity and advocacy, including responding to specific incidents of human rights violations;
- 2) Our churches to seek ways to provide safe spaces in Canada for conversation and collaboration in pursuing truth, and working for a just and lasting peace among all people of the region;<sup>1</sup>
- 3) Our churches to decrease the presence and impact of Christian Zionism<sup>2</sup> within our denominations while discerning ecumenical and civil society possibilities for greater interaction with Palestinian Christians and those of the Muslim and Jewish faith who seek a just peace in the region;
- 4) Our churches to study and reflect upon the parallels between the dispossession of Palestinians from their homes and lands and the experience of broken treaties and the occupation of unceded territories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, including the ways the churches themselves have been complicit in this, and to discern actions for justice, peace and healing in all contexts;
- 5) Anglicans and Lutherans to
  - i) pray for peace and justice in Palestine and Israel,
  - ii) celebrate Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday annually,
  - iii) grow in awareness of the realities of life and Christian ministry in the Holy Land, and,
  - iv) be open to opportunities for accompaniment, advocacy, and action; and
- 6) The General Synod Office and the National Office to
  - i) examine, discuss, and address emerging realities, including the implications of the recent reports by B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International, and for its governing bodies to respond appropriately;<sup>3</sup> and
  - ii) continue to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in their deep capacity for and implementation of programs that serve the needs of local communities and peoples.

We affirm the rightful place of the State of Israel in the community of nations and recognize its legitimate security needs. We affirm the State of Palestine and its right of self-determination and legitimate security needs. We condemn the Israeli blockade of Gaza, and the occupation of East Jerusalem and West Bank since 1967, including settlement construction and expansion in these territories, as illegal under international law and must be ended. We believe it is only through an end to the occupation and a just, comprehensive and lasting peace settlement that the

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<sup>1</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 2.

<sup>2</sup> Definition: In its narrow sense, Christian Zionism refers to a particular movement within evangelical Christianity, which dates from the nineteenth century, although with earlier roots in the Puritan period of the seventeenth century. Using certain key biblical texts it articulates, on the basis of its understanding of Christian faith, support for the continuing return or 'restoration' of the Jewish diaspora to a homeland in the Middle East centred on Jerusalem. It also looks to an apocalyptic resolution of human history, and currently propounds an ideology of support for the State of Israel, finding practical expression in more or less uncritical support for Israeli positions in conflicts with Palestinian and Arab interests. (from Land of Promise?: A Report from the Anglican Communion Network for Interfaith Concerns, 2012, paragraph 2.14.)

<sup>3</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 3.

security of both Palestinians and Israelis can be assured.<sup>4</sup>

We affirm that our work concerning Palestine and Israel is guided by principles for human rights and peace,<sup>5</sup> including:

- Respect and assertion of human rights and dignity for all
- Commitment to International Law and International Conventions
- Equality including gender justice and racial justice
- Commitment to challenge Christian Zionism,<sup>6</sup> anti-Semitism,<sup>7</sup> and Islamophobia<sup>8</sup>
- Non-violence
- Ending political and religious extremism
- Self-determination
- Commitment to advocacy and action

We affirm the need to listen to the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches, and repeated pleas of the Christian communities of the region, and to accompany them in prayer and action.<sup>9</sup> This includes our primary partners, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

We join the World Council of Churches in recognizing that Israeli discrimination against Palestinians is overt and systemic. The ongoing half-century-long occupation continues to contradict the human dignity and human rights of Palestinians living under this system of control, while the response of the international community to this travesty continues to fail. The 2022 suppression of several Palestinian human rights organizations by Israeli authorities without much effective opposition by the international community is an emblematic example of this system of control and failings. For Palestinians, the situation is sadly compounded by the grave divisions and inadequacies of the Palestinian authorities, including reprisals against opposition leaders and the lack of legal and democratic accountability.<sup>10</sup>

We affirm the advocacy concerns identified by Canadian church members in the 2020 KAIROS *Palestine and Israel Delegation Report*.<sup>11</sup>

- Canada has a strong policy base to take leadership and support local women's peace building initiatives as reflected in the Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) and National Action Plan of Women, Peace and Security. We urge Canada to take leadership on these issues and to implement these policies in the government's work in Palestine and Israel.
- Canada has articulated a strengthened commitment to support and defend human rights defenders in the recent policy, Voices at Risk: Canada's Guidelines on Supporting Human Rights Defenders. We welcome this new policy and call on the Canadian government and its Embassy and Office, to fully implement these

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<sup>4</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 2

<sup>5</sup> KAIROS Palestine and Israel Delegation Report, 2020, page 3.

<sup>6</sup> See footnote 2 above.

<sup>7</sup> Definition: According to the 2021 Jerusalem Declaration on Antisemitism, Antisemitism is "discrimination, prejudice, hostility or violence against Jews as Jews (or Jewish institutions as Jewish)." We recognize that there are complexities and nuances surrounding the definition of antisemitism and all that it entails, both within the Jewish community and more widely. Another source that has been widely referenced in this discussion is the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) working definition of 2016.

<sup>8</sup> Definition: Islamophobia is a fear, prejudice and hatred of Muslims that leads to provocation, hostility and intolerance by means of threatening, harassment, abuse, incitement and intimidation of Muslims and non-Muslims, both in the online and offline world. Motivated by institutional, ideological, political and religious hostility that transcends into structural and cultural racism, it targets the symbols and markers of being a Muslim. (from the United Nations)

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<sup>10</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 2.

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guidelines in its relations with, and development in, Israel and Palestine.

- Canada's efforts to promote international human rights includes strong commitments to protecting the human rights and safety of children and youth. We urge Canada to closely monitor and report on the treatment of Palestinian children arrested by Israeli forces and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system, and on the increasing numbers of Palestinian children killed by Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories where a climate of impunity and an almost total lack of accountability persists.
- We urge Canada to take a lead in supporting the right to self-determination on the ground in Palestine as we recognize and continue to address the right of Indigenous Peoples to self-determination in Canada and globally.
- We urge Canada to take leadership in the international community to end the blockade on Gaza and ensure residents have immediate access to humanitarian assistance and freedom of movement, while affirming the necessary conditions to address Israel's legitimate security concerns.
- We call on Canada to increase funding to UNRWA which provides essential services to millions of refugees, including those in Gaza where 70 percentage are refugees of 1948.<sup>12</sup> In 2020 the Canadian government announced a 3-year, \$90 million commitment from 2020 through 2022,<sup>13</sup> but this funding is not increasing rapidly enough to fill this critical gap. We urge Canada to give \$50 million annually to UNRWA, matching Norway's contribution based on GDP.
- We call on the Canadian government to continue to take a just, constructive, and human rights- based approach on Palestine-Israel issues, taking into account the extreme imbalance of power between Palestine and Israel and in line with international law and official Canadian foreign policy.
- We urge the government of Canada to live up to the entirety of its existing policies on peace in Palestine and Israel, and to its commitments to International Law and International Conventions.

#### **Resolution A160 as modified by the mover and seconder:**

Remove 4.) Our churches to study and reflect upon the parallels between the dispossession of Palestinians from their homes and lands and the experience of broken treaties and the occupation of uncaded territories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, including the ways the churches themselves have been complicit in this, and to discern actions for justice, peace and healing in all contexts;

**CARRIED A160-R1**

#### **A160-R1      Assembly 2023 Resolution on Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel**

Moved By:      The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Seconded By:    The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

In partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, gathered as Assembly 2023, reaffirm the commitment of our churches to the pursuit of peace with justice for all in Palestine and Israel.

We ask:

- 1) The Primate and the National Bishop to respond to opportunities for solidarity and advocacy, including responding to specific incidents of human rights violations;
- 2) Our churches to seek ways to provide safe spaces in Canada for conversation and collaboration in pursuing truth, and working for a just and lasting peace among all people of the region;<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>12</sup> Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, August 11, 2022.

<sup>13</sup> Statement by Ambassador Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, June 23, 2022, at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Pledging Conference.

<sup>14</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 2.

- 3) Our churches to decrease the presence and impact of Christian Zionism<sup>15</sup> within our denominations while discerning ecumenical and civil society possibilities for greater interaction with Palestinian Christians and those of the Muslim and Jewish faith who seek a just peace in the region;
- 4) Our churches to study and reflect upon the parallels between the dispossession of Palestinians from their homes and lands and the experience of broken treaties and the occupation of unceded territories of Indigenous Peoples in Canada, including the ways the churches themselves have been complicit in this, and to discern actions for justice, peace and healing in all contexts;
- 5) Anglicans and Lutherans to
  - i) pray for peace and justice in Palestine and Israel,
  - ii) celebrate Jerusalem and Holy Land Sunday annually,
  - iii) grow in awareness of the realities of life and Christian ministry in the Holy Land, and,
  - iv) be open to opportunities for accompaniment, advocacy, and action; and
- 6) The General Synod Office and the National Office to
  - i) examine, discuss, and address emerging realities, including the implications of the recent reports by B'Tselem, Human Rights Watch, and Amnesty International, and for its governing bodies to respond appropriately;<sup>16</sup> and
  - ii) continue to support the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land and the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem in their deep capacity for and implementation of programs that serve the needs of local communities and peoples.

We affirm the rightful place of the State of Israel in the community of nations and recognize its legitimate security needs. We affirm the State of Palestine and its right of self-determination and legitimate security needs. We condemn the Israeli blockade of Gaza, and the occupation of East Jerusalem and West Bank since 1967, including settlement construction and expansion in these territories, as illegal under international law and must be ended. We believe it is only through an end to the occupation and a just, comprehensive and lasting peace settlement that the security of both Palestinians and Israelis can be assured.<sup>17</sup>

We affirm that our work concerning Palestine and Israel is guided by principles for human rights and peace,<sup>18</sup> including:

- Respect and assertion of human rights and dignity for all
- Commitment to International Law and International Conventions
- Equality including gender justice and racial justice
- Commitment to challenge Christian Zionism,<sup>19</sup> anti-Semitism,<sup>20</sup> and Islamophobia<sup>21</sup>

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- Commitment to advocacy and action

We affirm the need to listen to the Patriarchs and Heads of Churches, and repeated pleas of the Christian communities of the region, and to accompany them in prayer and action.<sup>22</sup> This includes our primary partners, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

We join the World Council of Churches in recognizing that Israeli discrimination against Palestinians is overt and systemic. The ongoing half-century-long occupation continues to contradict the human dignity and human rights of Palestinians living under this system of control, while the response of the international community to this travesty continues to fail. The 2022 suppression of several Palestinian human rights organizations by Israeli authorities without much effective opposition by the international community is an emblematic example of this system of control and failings. For Palestinians, the situation is sadly compounded by the grave divisions and inadequacies of the Palestinian authorities, including reprisals against opposition leaders and the lack of legal and democratic accountability.<sup>23</sup>

We affirm the advocacy concerns identified by Canadian church members in the 2020 KAIROS *Palestine and Israel Delegation Report*.<sup>24</sup>

- Canada has a strong policy base to take leadership and support local women's peace building initiatives as reflected in the Feminist International Assistance Policy (FIAP) and National Action Plan of Women, Peace and Security. We urge Canada to take leadership on these issues and to implement these policies in the government's work in Palestine and Israel.
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- Canada's efforts to promote international human rights includes strong commitments to protecting the human rights and safety of children and youth. We urge Canada to closely monitor and report on the treatment of Palestinian children arrested by Israeli forces and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system, and on the increasing numbers of Palestinian children killed by Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories where a climate of impunity and an almost total lack of accountability persists.
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<sup>22</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 3.

<sup>23</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 2.

<sup>24</sup> KAIROS Palestine and Israel Delegation Report, 2020, page 9.

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announced a 3-year, \$90 million commitment from 2020 through 2022,<sup>26</sup> but this funding is not increasing rapidly enough to fill this critical gap. We urge Canada to give \$50 million annually to UNRWA, matching Norway's contribution based on GDP.

- We call on the Canadian government to continue to take a just, constructive, and human rights- based approach on Palestine-Israel issues, taking into account the extreme imbalance of power between Palestine and Israel and in line with international law and official Canadian foreign policy.
- We urge the government of Canada to live up to the entirety of its existing policies on peace in Palestine and Israel, and to its commitments to International Law and International Conventions.

### **Proposed amendment to A160-R1:**

Moved By: The Ven. Jonathan Hoskin

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers

Postpone the motion to the 2025 General Synod.

**DEFEATED**

*\*Due to time constraints, discussions regarding A160-R1 were postponed until Sunday, July 2nd.*

The meeting recessed at 5:35 pm MDT.

## **Evening Session**

### **Call to Order**

### **Extending Privileges**

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls asked the General Synod to provide privileges for The Rt. Rev. Sidney Black, along with his wife, Melva Black, and their daughter, Erin Black.

### **Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP)**

The evening commenced with The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, extending a warm welcome to General Synod and all Indigenous relatives, inviting their participation in an onstage circle. Addressing the complexity of Canada Day, he acknowledged the nation's history of racism and remarked on the need for a deeper understanding of Canadian history. The significance of *The Covenant and Our Way of Life*, two pivotal documents ratified at the most recent Sacred Circle, was discussed, rooted in the legacy of Elders and signifies a new phase of action and governance for the self-determining Indigenous Church. The growth of Indigenous ministries and their vibrant community engagement was celebrated, despite challenges. Deep appreciation was expressed for the dedication of Indigenous clergy and the ongoing support of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, urging continued collaboration and celebration of shared successes.

### **Sacred Beginnings**

Video highlights from Sacred Beginnings, a youth gathering of Indigenous Anglicans were presented. The Rev. Dixie Bird and Ms. Yolanda Bird, youth leaders from the Montreal Lake Cree Nation on Treaty 6 Territory in Saskatchewan, elaborated on the purpose of Sacred Beginnings, influenced by their colleague the late Rev. Canon Dr. Ginny Doctor, Indigenous Ministries Coordinator. They described it as a dream aimed at empowering youth

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<sup>26</sup> Statement by Ambassador Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, June 23, 2022, at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Pledging Conference.

to reclaim their traditional teachings and engage in gospel-based discipleship. The program offered a range of educational opportunities, including mental health awareness, traditional teachings, and spiritual practices. Ms. Nadia Sinclair, youth delegate from Chemawawin Cree Nation, Diocese of Brandon, highlighted how Sacred Beginnings, held in Beauséjour, provided crucial insights into Indigenous culture, a knowledge gap she experienced growing up on the reserve and expressed gratitude for the opportunity to learn about intergenerational trauma and connect with other youth who shared similar experiences. She concluded her remarks by underscoring the significance of such gatherings in fostering a sense of community and solidarity among Indigenous youth.

### **Sacred Circle**

Video highlights from the recent Sacred Circle were presented. Co-Chairs, The Rev. Dr. Murray Still and Rosie-Jane Tailfeathers, reflected on the Anglican Council of Indigenous People's achievements like the development and translation of *The Covenant and Our Way of Life* documents, pivotal for Indigenous ministries, along with key Indigenous appointments. The first in-person Sacred Circle since 2018 provided crucial opportunities for spiritual growth and community building, with Archbishop Christopher Harper's installation marking a milestone during the gathering. The Rev. Grace Delaney shared reflections on Sacred Circle, highlighting its significance as a time of reconnection with ancestors and spiritual awakening. Bishop Lydia Mamakwa also recalled its importance in shaping the direction of Indigenous ministries. General Synod was encouraged to support these efforts and offer prayers for the community's journey forward.

### **C004          Message of Support to Sacred Circle**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Stephen London

Seconded By:    Canon Ian Alexander

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Joyfully raise its hands in hearty congratulations, excited celebration and loving support to Sacred Circle and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples on their recent adoption of *The Covenant and Our Way of Life*, and recommit itself to continue walking with the self-determining Indigenous church in mutual interdependence, as together we build a stronger and more just Anglican Church in Canada.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 43*

# Sunday, July 2, 2023

## Morning Session

### Call to Order

The meeting began at 10:30 am MDT, with The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls taking the chair.

### Orders of the Day

The Ven. Tanya Phibbs reviewed the orders of the day.

### Ministries of the General Synod Video - Global Relations

Dr. Andrea Mann, Director of Global Relations, highlighted her role in fostering relationships among the Anglican Church of Canada and Anglicans worldwide within the global Anglican Communion.

### Re: A160-R1 Assembly 2023 Resolution on Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel

Moved By: The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

#### Amendment to A160-R1 by the mover and seconder:

Add 4) Our church to study and reflect upon the long standing history of anti-semitism within Christianity and the ongoing legacy of of anti-semitism in our biblical interpretation and theology (Christian Supersessionism);

### A160-R2 Assembly 2023 Resolution on Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel

Moved By: The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Andrew Asbil

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

In partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, gathered as Assembly 2023, reaffirm the commitment of our churches to the pursuit of peace with justice for all in Palestine and Israel.

We ask:

- 1) The Primate and the National Bishop to respond to opportunities for solidarity and advocacy, including responding to specific incidents of human rights violations;
- 2) Our churches to seek ways to provide safe spaces in Canada for conversation and collaboration in pursuing truth, and working for a just and lasting peace among all people of the region;<sup>27</sup>
- 3) Our churches to decrease the presence and impact of Christian Zionism<sup>28</sup> within our denominations while discerning ecumenical and civil society possibilities for greater interaction with Palestinian Christians and those of the Muslim and Jewish faith who seek a just peace in the region;

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communities of the region, and to accompany them in prayer and action.<sup>35</sup> This includes our primary partners, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land.

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- Canada has articulated a strengthened commitment to support and defend human rights defenders in the recent policy, Voices at Risk: Canada's Guidelines on Supporting Human Rights Defenders. We welcome this new policy and call on the Canadian government and its Embassy and Office, to fully implement these guidelines in its relations with, and development in, Israel and Palestine.
- Canada's efforts to promote international human rights includes strong commitments to protecting the human rights and safety of children and youth. We urge Canada to closely monitor and report on the treatment of Palestinian children arrested by Israeli forces and prosecuted in the Israeli military court system, and on the increasing numbers of Palestinian children killed by Israeli soldiers in the occupied territories where a climate of impunity and an almost total lack of accountability persists.
- We urge Canada to take a lead in supporting the right to self-determination on the ground in Palestine as we recognize and continue to address the right of Indigenous Peoples to self-determination in Canada and globally.
- We urge Canada to take leadership in the international community to end the blockade on Gaza and ensure residents have immediate access to humanitarian assistance and freedom of movement, while affirming the necessary conditions to address Israel's legitimate security concerns.
- We call on Canada to increase funding to UNRWA which provides essential services to millions of refugees, including those in Gaza where 70 percentage are refugees of 1948.<sup>38</sup> In 2020 the Canadian government announced a 3-year, \$90 million commitment from 2020 through 2022,<sup>39</sup> but this funding is not increasing rapidly enough to fill this critical gap. We urge Canada to give \$50 million annually to UNRWA, matching Norway's contribution based on GDP.
- We call on the Canadian government to continue to take a just, constructive, and human rights- based approach on Palestine-Israel issues, taking into account the extreme imbalance of power between Palestine and Israel and in line with international law and official Canadian foreign policy.
- We urge the government of Canada to live up to the entirety of its existing policies on peace in Palestine and Israel, and to its commitments to International Law and International Conventions.

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<sup>35</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 3.

<sup>36</sup> Seeking Justice and Peace for All in the Middle East, WCC Assembly, 2022, page 2.

<sup>37</sup> KAIROS Palestine and Israel Delegation Report, 2020, page 9.

<sup>38</sup> Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, August 11, 2022.

<sup>39</sup> Statement by Ambassador Bob Rae, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Canada to the United Nations, June 23, 2022, at the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) Pledging Conference.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 44*

**A124            Lectionary Items II: Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings**

Moved By:     The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton  
Seconded By:   Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Commend *Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings*, as commended by the Consultation on Common Texts (2005) as an alternative daily lectionary for use in The Anglican Church of Canada.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 45*

**A129            Receive and Utilize the Final Report and Recommendations of the  
Anglican United Church of Canada Dialogue**

Moved By:     The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton  
Seconded By:   Finn Keesmaat-Walsh

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

- a. receive the Final Report (2017-2020) of the Anglican-United Dialogue of Canada, including the appendices Sharing Ministry Ecumenically and A Ministry of Unity,
- b. commend these materials to the church for wider study,
- c. direct the Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee to continue research and work on the dialogue's recommendations for encouraging and supporting Ecumenical Shared Ministry (ESM) partnerships between Anglican and United Church of Canada congregations and non-congregational ministries at the local level,
- d. continue to pursue with the United Church of Canada the recommendation first affirmed Resolution #A141 of General Synod 2016 to "establish a national coordinating committee for unity and mission between at least our two churches.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 46*

**A055            Amend Canon XVII (Licensing) to Clarify that Licenses May be Granted  
to Bishops, Priests and Deacons Ordained in The Anglican Church of  
Canada or a Church in Full Communion with The Anglican Church of  
Canada**

Moved By:     Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.  
Seconded By:   The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give First Reading to the following motion to amend Canon XVII (Licensing) as follows:

1. Add section 1 f)  
"in good standing" means a bishop, priest or deacon who is not inhibited from, suspended from, deprived of or deposed from ministry due to a disciplinary matter, and who has not relinquished or abandoned the exercise of the ordained ministry without being reinstated thereto.
2. Add section 5 a.1)  
No bishop shall issue a license or temporary permission except to a person who has been validly ordained and

is in good standing as a bishop, priest or deacon in The Anglican Church of Canada or a church in full communion therewith.

3. Add section 5 a.2)

Notwithstanding section 5 a.1), a bishop may issue a license to a bishop, priest or deacon who has been received into the Anglican Church of Canada from the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches.

4. Add section 8 c)

No bishop shall transfer or accept the transfer of a bishop, priest or deacon who is not in good standing.

**Proposed amendment to A055:**

Moved By: The Rev. John Boyd

Seconded By: The Rt. Rev. Joey Royal

Strike item #2 and #3 from the motion:

2. Add section 5 a.1)

No bishop shall issue a license or temporary permission except to a person who has been validly ordained and is in good standing as a bishop, priest or deacon in The Anglican Church of Canada or a church in full communion therewith.

3. Add section 5 a.2)

Notwithstanding section 5 a.1), a bishop may issue a license to a bishop, priest or deacon who has been received into the Anglican Church of Canada from the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches.

**CARRIED A055-R1**

**A055-R1      Amend Canon XVII (Licensing) to Clarify that Licenses May be Granted to Bishops, Priests and Deacons Ordained in The Anglican Church of Canada or a Church in Full Communion with The Anglican Church of Canada**

Moved By: Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.

Seconded By: The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give First Reading to the following motion to amend Canon XVII (Licensing) as follows:

1. Add section 1 f) “in good standing” means a bishop, priest or deacon who is not inhibited from, suspended from, deprived of or deposed from ministry due to a disciplinary matter, and who has not relinquished or abandoned the exercise of the ordained ministry without being reinstated thereto.
2. Add section 8 c) No bishop shall transfer or accept the transfer of a bishop, priest or deacon who is not in good standing.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED BY ALL ORDERS**

*Act 47*

## Afternoon Session

### General Synod Series - The General Secretary's Office

The Ven. Alan T. Perry, General Secretary, outlined his role overseeing operations and decision-making within the Anglican Church of Canada. He praised Synods for fostering dialogue and emphasized the importance of continual reform, expressing optimism for the future.

#### **A031          Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Changing the Threshold for Required Votes by Orders**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.  
Seconded By:   The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give First Reading to amend section 11 of the Declaration of Principles as follows:

- in paragraph a) ii), the phrase “a two-thirds majority in each Order” be changed to “a two-thirds majority of the members with a majority in each Order”;
- in paragraph b), the phrase “a two-thirds majority of each Order” be changed to “a two-thirds majority of the members with a majority in each Order”;
- in paragraphs c) i) and ii), the phrase “a two-thirds majority in each Order” be changed to “a two-thirds majority of the members with a majority in each Order”.

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.  
Seconded By:   The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

In reference to *A031 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Changing the Threshold for Required Votes by Order*, agrees to enter into a committee of the whole to further discuss and deliberate on the matter.

**CARRIED**

#### **Motion to Defer**

Moved By:      Canon Ian Alexander  
Seconded By:   The Ven. Tanya Phibbs

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Postpone consideration of the motion to the 2025 General Synod.

**CARRIED**

#### **A030-R1      Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Eliminating the Need for Approval by Two Successive Sessions of General Synod**

Moved By:      Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C.  
Seconded By:   The Ven. Alan T. Perry

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Give First Reading to amend section 11 of the Declaration of Principles as follows:

- In paragraph a) ii), the phrase “voting at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the change proposed

having been referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods following the first approval by the General Synod” be changed to “notice of the proposed change having been previously referred for at least a year to all diocesan and provincial synods”;

- in paragraph c) i), the phrase “voting at two successive sessions of the General Synod, the Canons and alterations proposed having been referred for consideration to all diocesan and provincial synods following the first approval by the General Synod” be changed to “notice of the proposed Canon and alteration having been previously referred for at least a year to all diocesan and provincial synods”;
- paragraph e) be deleted.

### **Committee of the Whole**

Moved By: The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

In reference to *A030-R1 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Eliminating the Need for Approval by Two Successive Sessions of General Synod*, agrees to enter into a committee of the whole to further discuss and deliberate on the matter.

**DEFEATED**

### **Motion to Defer**

Moved By: The Ven. Tanya Phibbs

Seconded By: Mr. Michael Wolff

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Postpone consideration of the motion to the 2025 General Synod.

**CARRIED**

## **C-Resolutions**

Subsequent C-resolutions were approved without discussion to expedite the process:

### **C010          Crisis in Sudan**

Moved By:      Mr. Dave Toyce

Seconded By:   Canon Stephen Fields

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

1. Offer prayers of support and solidarity with the people of Sudan in the face of an ongoing crisis of food supply and violence
2. Request that the Primate write to government and opposition leaders in Sudan calling for an end to the violence that is destroying their country and negotiate a peaceful future
3. Request that the Primate express the solidarity of the Anglican Church of Canada to the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 48*

### **C008          Request to House of Bishops Regarding Membership in General Synod**

Moved By:      The Rev. Canon David Anderson

Seconded By:   The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Request the House of Bishops engage in a discussion regarding the principle of proportionality of membership, as reflected in the Constitution of General Synod for the membership in the Orders of Laity and Clergy, and to recommend a method for applying this principle to the Order of Bishops for consideration by the Governance Working Group and the Council of General Synod, in advance of the next meeting of General Synod.

#### **Amendment to C008 by the mover and seconder:**

Moved By:      The Rev. Canon David Anderson

Seconded By:   The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton

The insertion of the underlined text:

Request the House of Bishops engage in a discussion regarding the principle of proportionality of membership, as reflected in the Constitution of General Synod for the membership in the Orders of Laity and Clergy, and if they believe it to be in the best interest of General Synod, to recommend a method for applying this principle to the Order of Bishops for consideration by the Governance Working Group and the Council of General Synod, in advance of the next meeting of General Synod.

### **C008-R1          Request to House of Bishops Regarding Membership in General Synod**

Request the House of Bishops engage in a discussion regarding the principle of proportionality of membership, as reflected in the Constitution of General Synod for the membership in the Orders of Laity and Clergy, and if they believe it to be in the best interest of General Synod, to recommend a method for applying this principle to the Order of Bishops for consideration by the Governance Working Group and the Council of General Synod, in advance of the next meeting of General Synod.

**CARRIED AS AMENDED**  
*Act 49*

## **C009          Consensus Decision Making**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers  
Seconded By:    The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Direct the Council of the General Synod to determine what would be necessary to implement a consensus model of decision making for future meetings of the General Synod, drawing on existing models currently used by other churches, as well as by the Sacred Circle, the Canadian Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches and report to the next meeting of the General Synod.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 50*

## **C004          Message of Support to Sacred Circle**

Moved By:        The Rt. Rev. Stephen London  
Seconded By:    Canon Ian Alexander

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Direct the Council of the General Synod to determine what would be necessary to implement a consensus model of decision making for future meetings of the General Synod, drawing on existing models currently used by other churches, as well as by the Sacred Circle, the Canadian Council of Churches, and the World Council of Churches and report to the next meeting of the General Synod.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 51*

## **Ministries of the General Synod Video - Indigenous Ministries**

The Most Rev. Chris Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, highlighted the unity and diversity of Indigenous ministries, and stressed their focus on healing and truth-telling, advocating for recognition and space for Indigenous voices within the wider church community.

## **Motion of Thanks**

Moved By:        Canon Ian Alexander  
Seconded By:    The Ven. Tanya Phibbs

Be it resolved that this General Synod:

Thank you everyone who have helped to gather together in this Forty-third General Synod and the Assembly of the Anglican Church of Canada and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, offer thanks to God for struggle and accomplishments, laughter and tears, story and song, words spoken and words heard and for all that has revealed the image of Christ among us saying. We give thanks and praise.

**CARRIED**  
*Act 52*

## **Presidential Farewell**

The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls reflected on the concluding General Synod, acknowledging its exhaustive yet enlightening nature. She remarked on the moments that deeply resonated with her, including the worship sessions led by National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop Chris Harper and the heartfelt discussions on motions reflecting diverse perspectives. The Primate urged members to carry forward the decisions made during this time and to actively engage in sharing the commitments and values within their diocese and parishes. Expressing



gratitude for the opportunity to serve as Primate, Archbishop Nicholls conveyed excitement about exploring new avenues of ministry and observing as the initiatives discussed take root in the church.

### **Chancellor's Retirement Announcement**

Chancellor Canon David P. Jones, K.C., announced his retirement after twelve years of service. In recognition of his contributions, the David P. Jones' Preaching Fund was established to support clergy and lay ministers in enhancing their preaching skills through bursaries.

### **Interim Chancellor**

Vice-Chancellor Canon Clare Burns was appointed as interim Chancellor of the General Synod.

### **Prorogation of Forty-Third Session of General Synod**

The Forty-third Session of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada adjourned at 5:00 pm MDT, with the Most Rev. Linda Nicholls officially declaring its prorogation.

# APPENDICES

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## General Synod 2023

### *In Memoriam*



If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Romans 8:11)

We record with gratitude the names of former members of the General Synod, known to us who have died since the 2019 session of General Synod.

The Rt. Rev. Walter G. Asbil	Diocese of Niagara
The Rev. Dan Ash	Diocese of Edmonton
The Most Rev. David Ashdown	Diocese of Keewatin The Rt. Rev. Michael Hugh Harold
Bedford-Jones	Diocese of Toronto The Honorable Justice Brian Burrows
	Diocese of Edmonton
The Rt. Rev. Tom Corston	Diocese of Moosonee
The Rev. Canon Thomas Crawford	Diocese of Niagara
Canon Judy Dodman	Diocese of Niagara
The Rev. Jeffrey Joseph Donnelly	Diocese of Kootenay
Ms. Marnie Doran	Diocese of Niagara
The Ven. Malcolm Evans	Diocese of Niagara
Ms. Blanche Gates	Diocese of British Columbia
Mrs. Joan Gibb	Diocese of Quebec
The Ven. Dr. Fred Gosse	Diocese of Niagara
Fr. Raphael Johnston	Diocese of Edmonton
(Formerly the Rev. David Johnston)	
Mr. James Kelso	Diocese of Huron
The Rev. Gordon Kennedy	Diocese of Huron
The Rt. Rev. Edward Frank Marsh	Diocese of Central Newfoundland
Mrs. Dorothy Marshall	Diocese of Edmonton
The Most. Rev. Claude W. Miller	Diocese of Fredericton
The Rt. Rev. Clarence Mitchell	Diocese of Niagara
Mr. Glen Mitchell	Diocese of New Westminster
The Rt. Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Peddle	Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
The Ven. Archie Skirving	Diocese of Huron
The Ven. Robert (Bob) Snelling	Diocese of Niagara
The Rev. Canon Lynn Uzans	Diocese of Nova Scotia & PEI

### Primal Address 2023 GS – Calgary

Greetings to members of General Synod, visitors, and to our special guests, especially Bishop Anthony Poggo, General Secretary of the Anglican Communion; & Bishop Franklin representing The Episcopal Church.

#### Being the Church!

I want to begin my address with a reflection on who we are as Anglicans – and part of the church of Jesus Christ in the world. For everything we will decide here about our life as a church begins with knowing our roots.

As Anglicans we are a diverse gathering of women, men and young people, from a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences . . . Indigenous people, descendants of early settlers, and relative newcomers . . . dispersed in a wide array of settings and circumstances, urban, suburban, rural and isolated, from coast to coast to coast. All have been called into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ by baptism!

Around us we see many models of “being church.” Some are independent individual congregations, where decisions are made for that particular gathered community by that community alone. Others belong to denominations where key decisions are made centrally and apply to everyone around the world. Still others are in between, with some commitments made locally and others requiring broader consultation.

There is much about church life that finds its roots in the gatherings of the synagogue, or the civil structures of Roman life, or the political realities of the early Christian communities, or subsequent schisms – and tangentially in the Gospel itself. There can be many ways to live out the core principles of the faith in community. What are the assumptions, principles and values that we share as Anglicans, and commit to together?

Of course, we believe that our particular form of “being church” is the best for us. We need to know and understand those things that are particularly Anglican, the basic principles that undergird and shape our common life. They are worth naming again, and committing ourselves to them, so that the life we envisage for our Anglican Church of Canada is rooted there first, and so that the decisions we make here at General Synod will reflect those commitments.

The Church is first and foremost the people of God: a people created by God in and for love - who gather for worship, prayer, mutual care, education and fellowship, all in preparation to be sent out into the world to share the Good News.

Jesus taught what kind of community he expects us to be. We are:

- a community where no one is more important than another (“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all,” Mark 9.35);
- where each member loves one another as Jesus loves us (“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you,” John 15.12);
- a community that is called to unity (“so that they may be one, as [Jesus and his Father] are one,” John 17.11).
- a community called to ‘make disciples’ (“Go and make disciples”.... Matthew 28:19)

St. Paul exhorted the early church to be:

- a place where all are equal (“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus,” Galatians 3.28);

and St. Peter reminded us that:

- our primary call is to serve one another (“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received,” 1 Peter 4.10).

In such a community:

- sharing resources for the common good of all is expected (“All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need,” Acts 2.44-45).

St. Paul also gives us repeatedly, in his letters, a powerful central image of the church as the body of Christ with Jesus as its head, and each of us as members:

- “So, we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members of one another.” (Romans 12.5)

This joint membership with one another and with Christ is experienced, first and foremost, when we gather around the common table:

- “Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” (1 Corinthians 10.17)

St. Paul has crystal-clear insight into the practical implications of these convictions for the church:

- “Speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body’s growth in building itself up in love.” (Ephesians 4.15-16)

This is much more than a compelling metaphor – though it is that! Perhaps its most extensive working out in scripture comes in the twelfth chapter of Paul’s first letter to the Church at Corinth. Here we read of unity through diversity, of interdependence, of the elimination of distinctions between strong and weak, inferior and superior. In such a body, we acknowledge each member’s gifts, and our mutual need for them all. We each have distinctive roles to play, but we all share a common commitment.

“If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it” (1 Corinthians 12.26-27).

As Anglicans, we followed our ancestry in the Roman Catholic Church through formal structures that help us to maintain continuity, but with a reformed understanding of the synodical place of laity, clergy and bishops discerning together. We establish dioceses in a geographic area for the sake of ministry as needed in local places led by a bishop. Ecclesiastical provinces coordinate ministry for the whole of a province and connect with the wider community of other churches and the worldwide Anglican Communion as the Province of Canada.

We are a family of juridically independent but recognizably connected churches, in which each part assists the other, and which together share a common liturgical heritage and commitment to essential elements:

- Old & New Testaments
- episcopal leadership,
- the creeds (Apostles' and Nicene),
- and the two primary sacraments: Baptism & Eucharist.

Anglican structures have sought to honour unity and context. We are one family in the Anglican Church of Canada. By history and mutual commitment to the See of Canterbury we are linked with other Anglican families around the world in the Anglican Communion.

Within Canada, we make decisions together for the sake of the whole. That is not easy when our contexts differ so widely: rural and urban, isolated north and densely populated south, wealthy and not, Indigenous and non-Indigenous. But as scripture reminds us, we are called to care about all parts of our family, to help one another, and to make decisions together. Our primary purpose is not for ourselves, not even for the survival of the Anglican Church alone, but for the sake of the Good News, for building communities of faith where the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be seen and heard through our witness.

This requires deep listening to one another and a willingness to share. As a national church, we have committed to sharing resources: local to diocese, diocese to internal province and to the national church, and the national church in turn sharing through ministries both globally and locally – including redistribution of funds to support parts of the church here in Canada that need assistance. There is a circle of relationship in that sharing based on our commitment to one another: local-provincial-back to the local.

All this is a tangible expression of St. Paul's call for the stronger and larger to help the smaller and weaker – not paternalistically, but as a family with the same goals in the Gospel, and with accountability one to the other. That is why a portion of resources from the parish goes to the diocese, and a portion of that comes to the national General Synod, and a portion of that in turn is shared with the Anglican Communion. In each case, those resources serve the local level through programs, information, grants and connections.

When we hit hard times, or the kinds of extraordinary challenges we are currently facing, there can be a temptation to guard our threatened resources, to keep them for ourselves and our own. But for the Christian community, it is precisely at such times when we are called to share our joys and sorrows, and discover together that we are stronger in partnership, when we choose together how we will face the challenges. That demands transparency and honest, direct, respectful conversations – which we know are not always easy. I have been hearing those conversations across the country – diocese to diocese; parish to parish; and ecumenically.

To do this well requires trust and hard work. Trust that loving our neighbour as ourselves is at the heart of our relationship. Trust that each member is committed equally to the good of their local expression of the church, and the good of the whole expression of our church, collectively. And hard work, to make those things a daily reality.

We in the Anglican Church of Canada are entering a time of transformation. We are discerning our future mission, resetting our priorities and our strategies for achieving them, examining our governance structures, evaluating our resource requirements and opportunities, finding ways to support the emerging Self-Determining Indigenous Church, and so much more. We do all this as a church committed to being the Body of Christ, locally,

regionally, nationally and globally, as Anglicans, and in partnership with other churches – including those with whom we are in full communion. Through the pandemic we have discovered that we are resilient, creative and capable of change far more than we had thought.

I pray that as we move through this period of discernment, we will keep a core understanding of what it means to “be church” at the heart of our choices:

- We are one in Christ, siblings under God.
- We are a body of differing parts needing each other – especially as we walk together with the emerging Indigenous Church.
- We are accountable to each other, and
- We are committed to each other.
- We are called to GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES!

My friends in the Body of Christ, with God’s help, may this be so for us in our gathering in General Synod and discern God’s calling to us.

Now to reflect on the life of our Church over the past four years as I have experienced it

### **COVID & the Local Church**

The pandemic shattered all expectations and we found ourselves exiled - an exile from all that was familiar, shifting social patterns. It uncovered deep inequities we had either ignored or been blind to; raised new moral dilemmas and exposed familiar ones with greater ferocity. The biblical story of the exile in Babylon - living away from all that was familiar - resonated strongly with our experiences during the pandemic. ‘How can we sing the Lord’s song in a foreign land?’ became the lament of congregations, clergy and bishops as we looked to find new ways to engage during the exile. And we found them.

Zoom became our new best friend – and we discovered different forms of community through online engagement – It was more intimate in some ways as we could see each other’s faces! - yet distant in other ways and fully dependent on stable internet access – which is not equitably distributed. We rediscovered riches in our tradition in the daily offices as clergy and bishops began – and continue to this day – offering online daily Morning or Evening prayer or Compline. We discovered the lost practice of spiritual communion when physical communion was not possible. Yet we longed to be ‘home’ in a place where we could receive the eucharist in person. We remembered God’s faithfulness in the past and trusted that God would be faithful in the present and into the future when the pandemic was over.

During this time death was a ready companion through the physical deaths of loved ones, to the death of familiar congregational life; and the fear that it would never return. We had to listen afresh to the scriptures, to the Spirit and to the voice of Jesus and find new life rising out of our fears – see Jesus in our midst as the disciples did on the Road to Emmaus. We found resilience and hope!

We shared our worship life for the world to see and experience through online pre-recorded or live streamed worship.

As a national church we are delighted to see the Cathedrals of the ACC in the Christmas National Lessons & Carols service in 2020 and groups of youth and choirs in 2022. We discovered a new appreciation for our diversity.

As Primate I was initially at a loss as to how to engage when I could not travel to be with you in person. Soon however I discovered I could join worship with pre-recorded sermons or live streaming; I could share in smaller

groups that I would not normally be able to visit – Bible Studies; ACW groups and retreats; and Youth gatherings where participants could meet me, and we could engage in Q&A that opened up questions not normally possible in a formal parish visit or Synod.

I enjoyed teaching a course on the Anglican Communion through the Huron College Licentiate program that connected me with people across Canada. Although there was a challenge in ensuring time zones were mastered – I could actually be in several church worship services on a Sunday started moving from east to west!

Pre-Covid I traveled and shared in synods and worship across the country. During Covid I learned to do video recordings; adjust lighting; master Zoom; and listened to the advice of our communications team on improvements! – with special thanks to Lisa Barry and her staff!

COVID released its grip gradually and allowed spurts of travel though only some areas of Canada were open for visitation. I am aware that many Indigenous communities remained in full lockdown for three years and only recently have been able to open up to visitors.

In the last eighteen months I have returned to travel, to see and hear the stories of the church coast to coast to coast. A particular joy has been to spend Holy Week in one region.

In 2022 I spent Holy Week in the Diocese of Saskatchewan – including Easter in Montreal Lake with Bishop Adam; Holy Week 2023 was shared between the diocese of Yukon for Palm Sunday weekend and in the Diocese of Caledonia – in a marathon of parish services across the west side of the diocese and up the Nass Valley for baptisms on Easter Day.

I have visited Synods - provincial or diocesan – in Saskatchewan, Ottawa, Western Newfoundland, and Central Newfoundland. Wherever I travel across our Church in Canada I meet faithful Anglicans – Yes, they are engaged in worship – AND they are engaged in being communities of good news for those around them – soup kitchens and food banks; to justice advocates for the homeless; to programs for youth and children; to pastoral visiting and care; .... the list is endless!

Yes, the average demographic of our congregations tends to be over 50 and sometimes more .... but I also meet younger adults and youth engaged in their parish. We are smaller than we have been in earlier decades, but we are not gone (despite the infamous Journal headline of 2020). We remain the body of Christ – committed to one another – and committed to our identity in a wider church.

### **Key Work of the Quadrennium through General Synod**

The General Synod oversees work that connects ministry across the whole nation. Here are some highlights of the national work of the past four years.

We were able to continue the work of the General Synod through zoom meetings that, though imperfect, allowed us to make decisions in new ways. Even before COVID we selected the theme - *A changing Church; A searching World; A Faithful God* – how true that became in a few months! The Council of General Synod in particular met online – and not just twice a year as when we previously met in person – but meeting several more times as needed for particular issues and in light of the fact that long consecutive hours on Zoom is not physically or mentally helpful. We needed shorter, focused meetings. This allowed us to save resources from travel that were uncertain during COVID though government grants that sustained many parishes and dioceses through the pandemic assisted the national office too.

I want to offer a special thanks to all the members of the Council of General Synod, the Standing Committees and volunteers who thought they had committed to a triennium of three years and had an additional year added due to the cancellation of GS2022. Thank you for your perseverance and adaptability! In particular, the Planning



& Agenda Team of the Council worked hard to create both online and later hybrid meeting space that honoured the needs of all the members, kept everyone safe through COVID protocols and found ways to engage with fun to build our community together! The Spring 2022 hybrid meeting with the Trivia game was a highlight!

At the beginning of the quadrennium I asked CoGS to take a serious and consistent look at dismantling racism. Each meeting of the Council included an aspect of learning, education or reflection including the establishment of a Dismantling Racism task Force that will report to this General Synod with recommendations. Our Church is as deeply embedded in cultural assumptions that give life to systemic racism as is our society. Our leadership – clergy and lay – does not reflect the diversity of our Church. Our governance structures – diocesan, provincial and national – do not reflect our diversity. That alone should tell us that there are barriers to participation and engagement for some Anglicans. We need the voices of the whole church – all God’s people – of every race, language and nation to help us hear the Spirit in our midst. I look forward to our reflection on the Dismantling Racism Task Forces report and steps to change.

GS 2019 asked for a new strategic plan for General Synod. SPWG listened deeply across Canada – to your voices – your needs – your passion for the gospel – and discerning five aspirations ...even commitments – we want to make. As a member of SPWG I have been deeply impressed by the dedication of the team that met almost every two weeks for much of the past four years; engaged in countless zoom listening sessions with groups of Anglicans across Canada; pondered what was heard; reached out to dioceses to support their strategic planning work and proved that our Church has internal skilled resources for mission and ministry among our clergy and lay people. Their recommendations will be presented later in this General Synod for your consideration.

One result of the listening process was the re-emergence of questions around how our structures support mission and ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. An earlier report in 2013 made recommendations that have not been fully realized yet. To take a look at those questions I have initiated the formation of a Primate’s Commission - ‘Proclaiming the Gospel in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century’ – to explore the unfinished recommendations and emerging questions in relation to our national Church and bring recommendations for change to GS2025 and beyond.

We establish ecumenical relationships through the national office. I am deeply grateful for our continuing full communion friendship with the ELCIC and my friendship with Bishop Susan that encourages us to speak together whenever possible, support one another in the challenges our churches are facing; and explore issues together. You will hear more in our joint address tomorrow.

Alongside that relationship is the expanded full communion partnership through Churches Beyond Borders with the ELCA and TEC – Bishop Elizabeth Eaton and Bishop Michael Curry meet with +Susan and me twice a year for consultation and exploration of common issues – in particular dismantling racism and Indigenous reconciliation are shared concerns. I ask your prayers for Bishop Michael Curry. We had hoped he would be with us for Assembly however a medical event has meant he needs to continue rest, tests and treatment at this time. We pray for a full recovery.

At this General Synod we will consider a new full communion relationship to extend our connection with the Moravian Church in Canada. I am grateful for the opportunity to visit Christ Moravian Church here in Calgary in March this year.

We were honoured that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, responded to an invitation to come to Canada to share in reconciliation efforts by addressing the role of the Church of England in the early years of Indigenous & non-Indigenous relationships; in treaty negotiations and in the colonialism that led to the residential schools. With thanks to Bishop Adam Halkett for his assistance in preparations we were able to visit at the end of the Provincial Synod of Rupert’s Land so that all of the Indigenous bishops could be present. We visited the James Smith Reserve and Prince Albert – where, a few months later, there was such a tragic mass

attack and murders. The ABC listened closely to residential school survivors and offered a heartfelt apology and response. He was also able to meet survivors and leaders from Tyendinaga and Six Nations in Toronto. He has a deep concern for the relationship of the church with Indigenous peoples around the Anglican Communion and his visit with us was part of a larger commitment that included a later visit to Australia and sharing of his experience with the Lambeth Conference in August 2022.

The Sacred Circle met recently near Orillia, Ontario for the eleventh Sacred Circle. I listened, as a guest, with admiration and joy to the Indigenous Church, by consensus, affirm the Covenant and Our Way of Life documents as the foundation for the self-governing church in our midst. I heard a resilience – and strength of identity declared as every member of the Sacred Circle came forward to sign the Covenant.

These documents are clear that the gospel is in the center of the Sacred Circle. The gospel informs and shapes the life of the Indigenous church in ways that frankly, I envy. At any time during a meeting or session the gospel may be called for as needed. The meeting stops – the gospel of the day is read – and prayer is offered. The gospel is always speaking to the hearts and minds of the faithful as they discern next steps individually and corporately. This practice is one that I invite the whole church to consider. I invite us to practice it in this meeting when we need to hear the Holy Spirit in our midst through the Gospel as we discern God's call now.

We will hear more from the Sacred Circle and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples in a few days here. I pray that we will receive their presentation and work with joy and commit to walking alongside, learning in ways that will challenge our whole church to grow.

This past quadrennium has also seen General Synod and dioceses face some significant internal challenges. In 2021, the handling of a proposed article for an online magazine produced by The Anglican Journal staff hurt many people, especially those who had been willing to share their experience of misconduct and how those are handled by the church or church-related institutions. The handling of the proposed article uncovered gaps in our internal systems, miscommunications between management and Journal staff and a lack of clarity in the expectations of different roles, especially in light of the resolution that reshaped our Communication Committee and created an Editorial Board in 2019. We became painfully aware of the power of social media to amplify voices – a powerful tool for justice and for partial information that caused further hurts.

An independent examination of the event and its systemic causes led to a series of commitments including:

- Clarification of the expectations of management, staff and the Editorial Board;
- Better processes for handling our mistakes that will address harms caused and deepen trauma-informed responses.

We are a church committed to being a 'Safe church' – we affirmed the Safe Church guidelines of the Anglican Communion in 2019 and committed to review our General Synod sexual misconduct policy. Each of our dioceses has committed to the review of their own policies and several have embarked on shared resources for safe church training, and independent trained investigation teams.

Nevertheless, Allegations of misconduct do and will still arise. We are committed to investigating all allegations brought forward. We are learning how trauma-informed approaches can better support complainants. We are committed to a process that holds space for a fair and just investigation as well as to completing that investigation in as timely a way as possible for the sake of all involved.

During the quadrennium one bishop relinquished his ministry following a substantiated complaint. The former National Indigenous Archbishop voluntarily resigned and relinquished his ministry after a complaint was brought forward. Although the resignation and relinquishment of ministry preempts an adjudication, we have learned that this may be unsatisfying to complainants and others.

When the process includes a cleric (deacon, priest or bishop) there is a necessary inhibition of their ministry during the investigation. This is not a pronouncement of guilt.

In light of the call for a review of our policy and under the shadow of the painful incidents in the past quadrennium several other key steps were implemented:

- i) In Fall 2022 we invited Mandy Marshall, Gender Justice Coordinator for the Anglican Communion, to visit Canada and lead online and in-person workshops on 'Becoming a Safer Church'. She offered webinars on trauma-informed responses and care; power dynamics and recognizing the signs of domestic abuse - Clergy & Laity; & diocesan Chancellors and in person sessions with the House of Bishops and the Council of General Synod
- ii) The misconduct policy was reviewed and has resulted in a revised policy that the CoGS recently received for comment. Further consultation is planned with the National Indigenous Archbishop and the Bishop of the Military Ordinariate about the revised policy. Key changes proposed to date include regular triennial reviews of the policy and an assurance that records are not destroyed but are kept, with no time limit, for all investigations.
- iii) Further Safe Church training is planned for staff and management team in addition to ongoing training for GS staff to foster and nurture a healthy working environment.

Another tragedy of the quadrennium has been the revelation of unmarked burial sites at Residential schools. The agony of Indigenous peoples across Canada poured over our country. We heard about the children who never returned home and whose families were told little or nothing about their burial sites – and continue to grapple with the ongoing discoveries as land is being investigated to learn more. Laurel Parson, our Archivist, is committed to finding whatever information may be found in burial records of nearby parishes or other archival materials to ensure it is available to families. I know that the bishops are committed to similar assistance wherever possible. We grieve with the families – and grieve for the information that may never be fully known.

Our church is not perfect. We remain committed to being a better reflection of Jesus Christ – to learning from our mistakes and failures – to repenting when we have erred and living into the grace of our redemption in Christ. I invite this gathering into a moment of silence and prayer for all who have been harmed; the pain of the legacy of our church; and our need for healing.

*Prayer: God of hope, we come before you in our brokenness and need of healing. Through your mercy and grace, we seek your forgiveness for what we have done or failed to do. Give us the courage to learn from past events, and through your Spirit give us the hope to look forward to life with you and through you, so that we may overcome the darkness and suffering surrounding us and proclaim your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Anglican Communion**

Let me conclude with comments on the wider picture of our global connection to the Anglican Communion. We have Canadian Anglicans serving on commissions and dialogue groups across the Communion – Here are some.... Mary Wells (Safe Church Commission); Bp Joey Royal (IASCUF0); Bishop Riscylla Shaw; Dr Anita Gittens & Rev. Marnie Peterson (ACC); Bp Susan Bell (Anglican-Methodist Dialogue); Rev Gillian Hoyer (just completed term on Anglian Alliance); WCC - Bishop Riscylla; Canon Murray Still; Mr. Brendon Nielson; Rev. Dr. Preston Parsons (Pentecostal Dialogue); Canon Philip Hobson (Orthodox Dialogue); me (Science Commission/Standing Committee/ARCIC) ....Those I have missed do thou O Lord remember!

**Lambeth Conference 2022** – delayed by 4 years from its original 10 year plan for 2018 – to 2020 and 2021 then 2022. Bishops and spouses from almost all of the Provinces of the Anglican Communion gathered in Canterbury around 10 Calls ...on key areas of mission and ministry – framed not as resolutions but as Call & Response in a continuing cycle as we discern which calls are most needed in our own context and answered in a particular way

and which resonate deeply across the whole Communion

The Calls have been revised from the originals presented last summer – and are now under further discussion by Lambeth bishops' groups –

The ten calls reflect many of the priorities already known in the Baptismal Covenant, Marks of Mission and our own Strategic Aspirations. I look forward to examining how we can live into these Calls in Canada.

A particular joy for me was to experience the contrast between the last conference in 2008 and this one in the number of women bishops! 18 in 2008 – over 100 in 2022!

**Primate's Meetings** – January 2020 in Jordan, 2022 in the UK & through online zoom meetings – delighted in November to welcome a second female primate in Archbishop Marinez Bassotto, Brazil – doubly so as we were already friends from my time as Bishop of Huron through our companion diocese relationship. I have been welcomed in that body as a colleague in ministry and the relationships we build allow for frank conversation in the midst of tensions on particular issues.

Last August I was elected as Regional Primate for the Americas by my fellow primates (North, South, Central and Caribbean) to represent the Americas on the Standing Committee of the Anglican Consultative Council. This gave me the opportunity to join our delegation (Bishop Riscylla; Anita Gittens and Marnie Peterson) to the ACC in Ghana in February.

Whenever I am in international conversations it is an opportunity to witness the rich diversity of Canada – geography, theology, origins, demographics! – to share frankly about our diversity to dispel stereotypes or misinformation – especially to raise up our commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples and facing our colonial past – and to speak to the strong faith in Jesus Christ I find across our Church.

It is also an opportunity to stand with our partners in the Anglican Communion – especially the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East and the Province of Brazil – and support them.

**The Anglican Consultative Council** - meets once every three years – drawing on clergy and lay leaders from each Province of the Communion with the Regional Primates and Standing Committee members to consider the life of our whole Communion.

In February 2023 Bishop Riscylla Shaw, Dr. Anita Gittens and the Rev. Marnie Peterson and I attended the ACC meeting in Accra, Ghana. The richness of our Communion is experienced in that gathering through worship in all languages, bible study at mixed tables, reports of mission ministry and the needs of particular concerns from climate change to Indigenous justice to political advocacy to stories of church growth and discipleship. In Ghana we considered our need to address the history of slavery, colonialism and the ongoing crimes of human trafficking experienced in many Provinces.

**ARCIC** - One of the personal responsibilities in the wider Church I have enjoyed for over 30 years is engaging in Anglican Roman Catholic Dialogue – particularly the international commission ARCIC since 2011. In 2022 it was my privilege to act as Co-Chair for our annual meeting which included a meeting at the Vatican in Rome with Pope Francis. Our work continues on the mandate of how we discern right ethical teaching in our communions.

**Young Adult Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** – May 2023 – You will soon hear directly from a few of the 20 Anglican young adults who were selected from across Canada to travel to the Holy Land with Canon Richard LeSeuer, Sheilagh McGlynn, Andrea Mann.... It was my joy and privilege to travel with this group of young adults for the first 8 days of their journey. Diverse in many ways – yet they quickly formed into a community of disciples reflecting deeply on what they were experiencing; caring for one another; building relationships – and showing that our church is and will be in good hands as they take on further leadership.

**PWRDF & Anglican Foundation** - We are a church in partnership – particularly with PWRDF and the Anglican Foundation – to support and nurture our ministries at home and outreach needs around the globe.

It was my privilege to visit several PWRDF projects in Africa earlier this year .... To 'launch' a large water tank in a region that has seen drought for the past 3 years...and to be delighted to meet whose lives are dramatically changed by your gifts to provide water – a donkey to transport water – or a micro financing loan to expand a dairy business that allows children to finish high school and go to college. I have seen the effect of Foundation grants – sustaining infrastructure of isolated churches and rectories; & new programs for kids! These partnerships are an extension of our life as a church – both providing excellent leadership. Thank you to PWRDF and the Anglican Foundation .

Let me return to where I began.... We are gathered in this General Synod to consider the life of our national Anglican church – not your parish or even your diocese – but our life together as Anglican Christians committed to mutual interdependence and discernment of what will help us connect with each other; with other Christians; with the needs of our world; and with our siblings in Christ around the world. You are members of the General Synod, discerning together, listening to the Holy Spirit and helping us support the whole church through what is possible from the national level.

Thank you for your commitment to our life together – for taking these days away from family, parish and other responsibilities – to share in living the gospel in a family of interconnected circles from parish to diocese to Province to Anglican Communion to ecumenical partners and the whole human family.

I invite you to join me in my favourite prayer for our Church - GLORY TO GOD WHOSE POWER  
WORKING IN US

CAN DO INFINITELY MORE THAN WE CAN ASK OR IMAGINE GLORY TO GOD FROM  
GENERATION TO GENERATION

IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

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MEMBERS BY ORDER

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Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Bishop	Andrew	Asbil	✓	
Bishop	Isaiah Larry	Beardy		
Bishop	Susan	Bell	✓	
Bishop	David	Edwards		X
Bishop	Sandra	Fyfe		X
Bishop	Anne	Germond	✓	
Bishop	David	Greenwood	✓	
Bishop	Anna	Greenwood-Lee	✓	
Bishop	Adam	Halkett		X
Bishop	Chris	Harper		X
Bishop	Mary	Irwin-Gibson		
Bishop	Annie	Ittoshat		X
Bishop	Helen	Kennedy		X
Bishop	Gregory	Kerr-Wilson		X
Bishop	David	Lehmann	✓	
Bishop	Stephen	London	✓	
Bishop	Lydia	Mamakwa		X
Bishop	Lynne	McNaughton	✓	
Bishop	Bruce	Myers, OGS		X
Bishop	Lucy	Netser		X
Bishop	Linda	Nicholls		
Bishop	John	Organ	✓	
Bishop	Michael	Oulton	✓	
Bishop	Shane	Parker	✓	
Bishop	David	Parsons		X
Bishop	Kevin	Robertson	✓	
Bishop	Samuel	Rose	✓	
Bishop	Joseph	Royal		X
Bishop	Nigel	Shaw	✓	
Bishop	Riscylla	Shaw	✓	
Bishop	John	Stephens	✓	
Bishop	Todd	Townshend	✓	
Bishop	John	Watton	✓	
Bishop	Lesley	Wheeler-Dame	✓	
Bishop	Geoffrey	Woodcroft	✓	

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Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Clergy	David	Anderson	✓	
Clergy	Simon	Blaikie		X
Clergy	Katherine	Bourbonniere	✓	
Clergy	Grayhame (Gray)	Bowcott	✓	
Clergy	John	Boyd		X
Clergy	Julie	Brace	✓	
Clergy	Michael	Bruce		X
Clergy	Christine	Conkin	✓	
Clergy	Eli	Cross	✓	
Clergy	Laurel	Dahill	✓	
Clergy	Grace	Delaney	✓	
Clergy	Phillip	Der		X
Clergy	Tim	Dobbin	✓	
Clergy	Patricia	Dorland	✓	
Clergy	Karen	Egan		
Clergy	Luisito	Engnan	✓	
Clergy	Ann	Fairweather		X
Clergy	Stephen	Fields	✓	
Clergy	Molly	Finlay	✓	
Clergy	Terry	Francis	✓	
Clergy	Giuseppe	Gagliano		X
Clergy	Alan	Getty		X
Clergy	Glen	Gough	✓	
Clergy	Elizabeth	Green	✓	
Clergy	Jordan	Haynie Ware	✓	
Clergy	Jo Ann	Hinter	✓	
Clergy	Jonathan	Hoskin		X
Clergy	Daniel	Hughes	✓	
Clergy	Jane	Humphreys		X
Clergy	Roshni	Jayawardena	✓	
Clergy	Victor	Johnson		X
Clergy	Walter	Kagura	✓	
Clergy	Ann Martha	Keenainak		X
Clergy	Danielle	Key	✓	
<del>Clergy</del>	<del>Karen</del>	<del>Kovaacs</del>		
Clergy	Jay	Koyle	✓	

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MEMBERS BY ORDER

Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Clergy	Cathy	Laskey	✓	
Clergy	Iain	Luke		X
Clergy	Christine	Lynch	✓	
Clergy	Nancy	MacLeod	✓	
Clergy	Winna	Martin	✓	
Clergy	Victor-David	Mbuyi Bipungu	✓	
Clergy	Alastair	McCollum (9:40-)	✓	
Clergy	Eugene	Merasty		X
Clergy	Jeffrey	Metcalfe	✓	
Clergy	Dorothy	Miller	<del>✓</del> CY	X
Clergy	Katherine	Morgan	✓	
Clergy	Kathryn	Otley	✓	
Clergy	Lisa	Pacarynuk	✓	
Clergy	Bram	Pearce	✓	
Clergy	Alan T.	Perry	✓	
Clergy	Marnie	Peterson	✓	
Clergy	Tanya	Phibbs	✓	
Clergy	Clara	Plamondon	✓	
Clergy	Anne	Privett		X
Clergy	Andrew	Rampton		X
Clergy	Janet	Read-Hockin	✓	
Clergy	Rick	Reed		X
Clergy	Mark	Regis		X
Clergy	Douglas	Richards	✓	
Clergy	Victoria	Scott	✓	
Clergy	Michael	Shapcott	✓	
Clergy	Catherine	Short	✓	
Clergy	Bradley	Smith	✓	
Clergy	Wandlyn	Snelgrove	✓	
Clergy	Vincent	Solomon	✓	
Clergy	Martha	Spence		X
Clergy	James	Spencer	✓	
Clergy	Murray	Still		X
Clergy	Claudette	Taylor	✓	
Clergy	Emma	Vickery	✓	
Clergy	Roger	Whalen	✓	

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MEMBERS BY ORDER

Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Clergy	Tanya	White	✓	
Clergy	Amos	Winter		X
Clergy	Noel	Wygiera		X
Clergy	Flora	Young	✓	
Clergy	Jesse	Zink		X

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MEMBERS BY ORDER

Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Lay	Candace	Aitkens		X
Lay	Ian	Alexander	✓	
Lay	Chris	Ambidge, ODT	✓	
Lay	Cathy	Armstrong	✓	
Lay	Nancy	Armstrong		X
Lay	David	Bell	✓	
Lay	Milly	Bird		
Lay	Trent	Bird		
Lay	Yolanda	Bird		
Lay	Charles	Bobbish	✓	
Lay	Ken	Brien		X
Lay	Heather	Broadwell, CSC	✓	
Lay	Brenda	Brochu		X
Lay	Philip	Bury	✓	
Lay	Jody	Butler Walker		
Lay	Caroll	Carkner	✓	
Lay	Kim	Chadsey	✓	
Lay	Andrew	Clinkard	✓	
Lay	Walter	Cluett	✓	
Lay	Rebecca (Becky)	Coholan	✓	
Lay	Jan	Connors	✓	
Lay	Bob (Robert)	Dempster		X
Lay	Emmajane	Donnan	✓	
Lay	Randall	Fairey	✓	
Lay	Bob	Fearnley	✓	
Lay	Jasmine	Firth		X
Lay	Verna	Firth		X
Lay	Kyle	Gascho		X
Lay	Debra	Gill		X
Lay	Wendy	Godfrey	✓	
Lay	Rebecca	Gregg	✓	
Lay	Charlotte	Hardy	✓	
Lay	Judith	Herbert	✓	
Lay	Anne	Hill	✓	
Lay	Patrick	Hogan	✓	
Lay	Jane	Hope	✓	

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Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Lay	Grace	Janze	✓	
Lay	Connie	Jensen	✓	
Lay	David P.	Jones, KC	✓	
Lay	Roderick (Robert)	Kamenawatamin	✓	
Lay	Finn	Keesmaat-Walsh		X
Lay	Carol	Knox	✓	
Lay	Stephen	Kohner	✓	
Lay	Sarah	Lehman	✓	
Lay	Freda	Lepine		X
Lay	Dion	Lewis	✓	
Lay	Susan	Little	✓	
Lay	Joan	Lukow	✓	
Lay	Adam	MacNeil	✓	
Lay	Ruth-Anne	Marley	✓	
Lay	Edith	Marshall	✓	
Lay	John	McBride	✓	
Lay	Laura	McNulty		X
Lay	Alex	McPhee	✓	
Lay	Matthew	Mercer-Deadman	✓	
Lay	Jennifer	Michelin	✓	
Lay	Judith	Moses	✓	
Lay	Elizabeth	Murphy		X
Lay	Yvonne	Murray, ODT	✓	
Lay	Spencer	Nadeau	✓	
Lay	Pamela	Norman	✓	
Lay	Brittany	Perkins	✓	
Lay	Jodey	Porter	✓	
Lay	Skyeler	Quilty	✓	
Lay	Ryan	Ramsden, ODT	✓	
Lay	Elizabeth	Rolfe-Thomas, ssjd	✓	
Lay	Donna	Ronan	✓	
Lay	Gary	Russell	✓	
Lay	Dorothy	Russell Patterson	✓	
Lay	John	Rye		X
Lay	Kharis Arlene	Samms		X
Lay	Danilla	Severin	✓	

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MEMBERS BY ORDER**

Order	First Name	Last Name	Yes	No
Lay	Charles	Shewfelt	✓	
Lay	Elizabeth	Sims	✓	
Lay	Nadia	Sinclair	✓	
Lay	Gail	Smith		
Lay	Emily	Stephen-Garneau	✓	
Lay	Andrew	Stephens-Rennie	✓	
Lay	Arlene	Sturgeon		X
Lay	Rosie Jane	Tailfeathers	✓	
Lay	Dawn	Tate	✓	
Lay	Marshall	Thompson	✓	
Lay	Hannah	Torchinsky		X
Lay	Paul	Townshend	✓	
Lay	Vicki	Townson	✓	
Lay	David	Toycen, ODT	✓	
Lay	Ruth	Travers	✓	
Lay	Colleen	Walker	✓	
Lay	Mary	Walsh, ODT	✓	
Lay	Pamela	Walters	✓	
Lay	Laura	Walton, ODT	✓	
Lay	Tannis	Webster	✓	
Lay	Susan	Winn	✓	
Lay	Austin James	Winter		
Lay	Michael	Wolff	✓	
Lay	Cathy	Wozlowski	✓	
Lay	Hannah	Wygiera		X
Lay	Hilda	Young	✓	

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# SUPPLEMENTS

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## List of Legal Enactments of the 2023 General Synod

- Act 1** Declaration of Quorum
- Act 2** A100 Determining Delegates for General Synod 2023
- Act 3** A070-R1 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 - Enacting the Revised Rules of Order and Procedure
- Act 4** A002 Minutes of 42nd Session of General Synod
- Act 5** A003 Reception of Notices of Motion and Memorials
- Act 6** A001 Adoption of Agenda
- Act 7** A004 Courtesies of the General Synod
- Act 8** A005 Reception of Reports
- Act 9** A040 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Changing the Bands for Determining the Number of Elected Clergy and Lay Members from Each Diocese
- Act 10** A102-R1 Strategic Planning Working Group
- Act 11** No Debate List of Motions Requiring Majority Voting Together
- Act 12** No Debate List of Motions Requiring 2/3 Majority by Orders
- Act 13** A101 Motion Responding to GS 2019 Resolution C005 – Commission a Document on History, Structure, and Governance of The Anglican Church of Canada
- Act 14** A121 New Liturgical Texts I: Deconsecration of a Sacred Building
- Act 15** A123 Lectionary Items I: Alternative Old Testament Readings for Eastertide
- Act 16** A125 Ecumenically Agreed Liturgical Texts (English Language Liturgical Consultation)
- Act 17** A126 Motion to Authorize the Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People
- Act 18** A127 Ecumenical Relations – Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue in Canada
- Act 19** A128 Amendment to Faith, Worship, and Ministry Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference
- Act 20** A161 Amendment to Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference
- Act 21** A170-R1 Continuing Education Plan
- Act 22** A171 General Synod Pension and Benefits Plan
- Act 23** A172 Lay Retirement Plan
- Act 24** A173 Long Term Disability Plan
- Act 25** A032 Motion for Second Reading of Amendment the Declaration of Principles from GS 2019 A030
- Act 26** A050-R1 Elimination of the Audit Subcommittee as a Separate Committee
- Act 27** A051 Motion for Second Reading of Prayer for Reconciliation with the Jewish People from GS 2019 A051-R2
- Act 28** A052 Repealing Canon XIII on Deaconesses
- Act 29** A054 Amend Canon V(Archives)
- Act 30** A130 Audited Consolidated Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada
- Act 31** A131 Audited Financial Statements of The General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada Consolidated Trust Fund
- Act 32** A200-R3 Continuing the Work of Dismantling Racism in the Church
- Act 33** A201-R1 Dismantling Racism and Faith Formation
- Act 34** A122-R1 New Liturgical Texts II: Pastoral Liturgies for Journeys for Gender Transition and Affirmation
- Act 35** Accept the Slate of Candidates on the Nominating Committee Report
- Act 36** A120 One Flock, One Shepherd: Lutherans, Anglicans, and Moravians – Called to Walk Together in Full Communion
- Act 37** A203 Moving Toward Net Zero in the Anglican Church of Canada
- Act 38** A204 Addressing the Climate Emergency
- Act 39** A205 Water

- Act 40** A180-R1 Extend Jubilee Commission to End of 2023-25 Biennium
- Act 41** A202-R1 Commitment to Call to Action #59
- Act 42** A202A Commitment to Call to Action #59
- Act 43** C004 Message of Support to Sacred Circle
- Act 44** A160-2 Assembly 2023 Resolution on Peace and Justice in Palestine and Israel
- Act 45** A124 Lectionary Items II: Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings
- Act 46** A129 Receive and Utilize the Final Report and Recommendations of the Anglican United Church of Canada Dialogue
- Act 47** A055-R1 Amend Canon XVII (Licensing) to Clarify that Licenses May be Granted to Bishops, Priests and Deacons Ordained in The Anglican Church of Canada or a Church in Full Communion with The Anglican Church of Canada
- Act 48** C010 Crisis in Sudan
- Act 49** C008-R1 Request to House of Bishops Regarding Membership in General Synod
- Act 50** C009 Consensus Decision Making
- Act 51** Motion of Thanks

**General Synod 2025  
International, Communion, & Ecumenical Guests**

**International Guests**

The Most Rev. Marinez Bassotto	Bishop of Amazonia and Primate of Brazil
The Rt. Rev. Anthony Poggo	Secretary General of the Anglican Communion
Paulo Ueti	Theological Adviser and Latin America Director, Anglican Alliance

**Full Communion Guests & Partners**

The Rev. Chris Bishopp	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada Member of the Council of the General Synod
The Most Rev. Michael Curry	Former Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church
The Rev. Susan Johnson	National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller	Ecumenical Officer, Moravian Church Northern Province
The Rev. Canon C.K. Robertson	Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Beyond, The Episcopal Church

**National Ecumenical Partners**

The Rev. Michael Blair	General Secretary, The United Church of Canada
Peter Noteboom	General Secretary, The Canadian Council of Churches

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**Members of General Synod 2025**  
**(as of June 12, 2025)**

**A**

Akinwale, Wilson  
Alexander, Ian  
Amato, Victoria  
Armstrong, Cathy  
Arnauyumayuq, Ruth  
Asbil, Andrew

**B**

Baetz, Kelly  
Barrett, Linda  
Bell, David  
Bell, Susan  
Bellay, Laurie  
Bird, Milly  
Black, Steve  
Bourbonniere, Katherine  
Bowcott, Gray  
Branch, Shawn  
BrantFrancis, Rod  
Brennan, Andrea  
Briand, Kim  
Bridgewater, Autumn  
Bridgewater, Judson  
Broadwell, Heather  
Brown, Matthew  
Bruyere, Nancy  
Burns, Clare  
Bursey, Breanna  
Burton, Christine  
Buxton, Deb

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Cadsap, Leon  
Caines, Terry  
Camara, Robert  
Carkner, Caroll  
Chapeskie, Karen  
Chum, Caroline  
Clarke, DJ  
Cliff, William Grant  
Coates, William  
Coholan, Becky  
Collard, Amy  
Connors, Jan  
Cox, Charlie  
Creal, Marg  
Cucksey, Blaze

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Dahill, Laurel  
Delaney, Grace  
Der, Philip  
Dobbin, Tim  
Dorland, Patricia  
Dowden, Marilyn  
Dowdeswell, Chris  
Draper, Jordan  
Dumpala, Yohan  
Durand, Jacqueline  
Dyas, Anne

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Earle, Bob  
Eckert, Elizabeth Ann  
Edwards, David  
Enright, Travis  
Evenden, Kirsten

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Fearnley, Bob  
Fenga, Valerie  
Fenga, Vincent  
Ferguson, James  
Fiddler, Morris  
Fields, Stephen  
Firth, Verna  
Fry, Liz  
Fyfe, Sandra

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Gaultois, Amber  
Germond, Anne  
Godfrey, Wendy  
Gosse, Jennifer  
Greenwood, David  
Greenwood-Lee, Anna  
Groves, Zach

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Halkett, Adam  
Harding, Brenda  
Hardock, Beatryce  
Hardy, Charlotte  
Harper, Chris  
Harris, Colleen  
Haynie Ware, Jordan  
Henderson, Natasha  
Hill, Anne  
Hoffman, Diana  
Holub, Terry  
Honour, Kay  
Hope, Jane  
Hunt, Elizabeth  
Hunt, James

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Irwin-Gibson, Mary  
Ittoshat, Annie

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Jensen, Connie  
Jordan, Kate  
Joung, Eimsook

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Kaahwa, Betty  
Keenainak, Ann Martha  
Keesmaat-Walsh, Finn  
Keller, Paige  
Kennedy, Helen  
Kerr-Wilson, Gregory  
Kigeak, Nick  
Kirkpatrick, Jane  
Kohner, Stephen  
Koyle, Jay  
Kukurudz, Cheryl  
Kyle, Aveleigh

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LaGroix, Linda  
Lathlin, Charlie  
Lee, Brian  
Lehmann, David  
Lewis, Dion  
Little, Susan  
Liut, Logan  
Lloyd, John  
Lloyd, Lucia  
London, Steve  
Love, Gia  
Love, Helen  
Luke, Iain  
Lynch, Christine

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Mackie-Deernsted, Jeffrey  
MacNeil, Adam  
Maguire, Rob  
Mahaffey, Candace  
Mamakwa, Lydia  
Marshall, Edith  
Martin, Jon  
Martin, Leo  
Matheson, John  
Mbuyi Bipungu, Victor-David  
McCarthy, Trish  
McCharles, Chad  
McClatchie, Stephen  
McIlvenna, Jamie  
Mckay, Mary  
McMichael, Anne  
McNaughton, Lynne  
Meek, Alexandra  
Meredith, Danica V.  
Metcalf, Jeffrey  
Michael, Douglas  
Michael, Rebecca  
Miller, Dorothy  
Mous, Bill  
Murray, Yvonne  
Myers, Bruce

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Nadeau, Spencer  
Napier, Lisa  
Norman, Kyle  
Norman, Solomon  
Nwokeoma, Chuka

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Organ, John  
Osborn, Jared  
Otley, Kathryn

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Parker, Rachael  
Parker, Shane  
Parnell, Declan  
Patterson, Dorothy  
Pearce, Bram  
Pharo, Cathy  
Phibbs, Tanya  
Phiri, Mickton  
Pillay, Julian  
Plamondon, Clara  
Pritchard Burson, Grace  
Pryor, Alexander

## R

Read, Michael  
Reed, Richard  
Replogle, Jenny  
Robertson, Kevin  
Robinson, Theo  
Rose, Sam  
Russell, Gary  
Ryder, Deborah

## S

Samsom, Christopher  
Sandham, Alicia  
Sangoya, Caleb  
Schoeck, Lauren  
Shambaré, Blessing  
Shaw, Nigel  
Shaw, Riscylla  
Shepard, Stephanie  
Shewfelt, Charles F.  
Simonton, Edward  
Simpson, Bruce  
Skinner, Nicola  
Skinner, Noah  
Smith, Jaedon  
Smith, Rae  
Smith, Sally  
Spencer-Ross, Katherine  
Stebanuk McIlvenna, Mason  
Stephen-Garneau, Emily  
Stephens, John

Stephens, Nancy  
Stevens, Meg  
Still, Murray  
Suggs, Brian  
Suwaksiork, Robin

## **T**

Tailfeathers, Rosie Jane  
Tate, Dawn  
Taylor, Claudette  
Thiel, Andreas  
Thiessen, Henry  
Tiessen, David  
Townshend, Todd  
Towstego, Lon  
Toycen, Dave  
Tremblett, Amber

## **U**

Uzosike, Daniel

## **V**

Vickery, Emma

## **W**

Walker, Colleen  
Walsh, Mary  
Walters, Pam  
Walton, Laura  
Watton, John  
Wheeler-Dame, Lesley  
Whitaker, Glenndon  
White, Tanya  
Wilson, Donna  
Winter , Amos  
Wolff, Michael  
Wygiera, Hannah  
Wygiera, Noel

**General Synod 2025**  
**Officers of General Synod**

President of Synod	The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Acting Primate
Prolocutor	Canon Ian Alexander
Deputy Prolocutor	The Ven. Tanya Phibbs
Chancellor	Canon Clare Burns
Officer-at-Large	The Ven. Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu
Officer-at-Large	Rosie Jane Tailfeathers
General Secretary	The Ven. Alan T. Perry ( <i>on leave of absence effective June 3, 2025</i> )
Interim General Secretary	Canon Ian Alexander ( <i>effective June 3, 2025</i> )
Treasurer	Amal Attia

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**General Synod 2025**  
**Sessional Officers & Committees of General Synod**

**Sessional Officers:**

**Secretaries**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 5 a)

On nomination of the General Secretary, the Prolocutor shall appoint from the membership of the General Synod an Honorary Clerical Secretary, an Honorary Assistant Clerical Secretary, an Honorary Lay Secretary and an Honorary Assistant Lay Secretary, who shall assist the General Secretary in keeping minutes of the General Synod.

**Name**

The Rev. Canon Jenny Replogle  
The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré  
Canon Stephen Kohner  
Anne Dyas

**Position & Diocese**

Honorary Clerical Secretary, British Columbia  
Honorary Assistant Clerical Secretary, Athabasca  
Honorary Lay Secretary, Quebec  
Honorary Assistant Lay Secretary, Moosonee

**Assessors**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 5 b)

The Prolocutor shall appoint two or more Assessors to advise the chairperson in respect to points of order and the Constitution and Canons.

**Name**

Ann Chaplin  
The Ven. Bill Mous  
Canon Greg Tweney  
Isabel Weeks

**Diocese**

Ottawa  
Niagara  
Niagara  
British Columbia

**Sessional Committees:**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 6

The following sessional committees shall, except where otherwise specified, be appointed from the members of the General Synod by the Council of the General Synod in consultation with the Prolocutor:

**Agenda Committee**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 6 a)

Agenda Committee – consisting of the chair of the General Synod Planning Committee and not more than seven members to be drawn from the members of the General Synod. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to prepare and publish the agenda for each day of the session.

**Name**

Canon Laura Walton, ODT (Chair)  
The Rev. Wilson Akinwale  
The Ven. Katherine Bourbonniere  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields  
Commander the Ven. Jennifer Gosse

**Diocese**

Toronto  
Rupert's Land  
Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island  
Toronto  
Anglican Military Ordinariate

The Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton  
Dorothy Patterson  
Colleen Walker

Kootenay  
Huron  
Saskatoon

### **Certification of Minutes Committee**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 6 b)

Certification of Minutes Committee – consisting of the General Secretary, the Prolocutor or Deputy Prolocutor, the Honorary Clerical and Lay Secretaries, and a member of the Resolutions Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to certify the accuracy of the minutes of the session of the General Synod.

#### **Name**

Canon Ian Alexander  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs  
The Rev. Canon Jenny Replogle  
The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré  
Canon Stephen Kohner  
Anne Dyas  
Professor David Bell (crossover member)

#### **Position & Diocese**

Interim General Secretary  
Deputy Prolocutor, Huron  
Honorary Clerical Secretary, British Columbia  
Honorary Assistant Clerical Secretary, Athabasca  
Honorary Lay Secretary, Quebec  
Honorary Assistant Lay Secretary, Moosonee  
Resolutions Committee, Fredericton

### **Credentials Committee**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 6 c)

Credentials Committee – consisting of the General Secretary, the Prolocutor or Deputy Prolocutor, and one Assessor. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to report to the General Synod on the standing of all persons who claim membership therein, and to advise the chairperson as to a quorum of each Order.

#### **Name**

Canon Ian Alexander  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs  
Isabel Weeks

#### **Position & Diocese**

Interim General Secretary  
Deputy Prolocutor, Huron  
Assessor, British Columbia

### **Nominating Committee**

[\*Rules of Order & Procedure\*](#), Part II, Section 6 d)

Nominating Committee – consisting of one bishop, one clerical member and one lay member from each ecclesiastical province. The committee shall be constituted not later than one month prior to the opening of the General Synod, to receive nominations for standing committees and the Council of the General Synod and to supervise the election process.

#### **Name**

*British Columbia and Yukon*  
The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon (Chair)  
The Very Rev. David Tiessen  
Meg Stevens

#### **Position & Diocese**

Bishop, Territory of the People  
Clergy, Kootenay  
Lay, New Westminster

#### *Canada*

The Most Rev. David Edwards  
The Ven. Terry Caines

Bishop, Fredericton  
Clergy, Central Newfoundland

Edith Marshall	Lay, Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
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*Northern Lights*

The Rt. Rev. Rachael Parker	Bishop, Brandon
The Rev. Canon Iain Luke	Clergy, Saskatoon
Cathy Armstrong	Lay, Edmonton

*Ontario*

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson	Bishop, Toronto
The Ven. Kathryn Otley	Clergy, Ottawa
Adam MacNeil, O.N.	Lay, Niagara

**Resolutions Committee**

[Rules of Order & Procedure](#), Part II, Section 6 e)

Resolutions Committee – consisting of up to eight members, one of whom shall be an Assessor, and with at least one bishop, one clerical and one lay member. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to receive resolutions from members of the General Synod and prepare them for submission in accordance with guidelines approved from time to time by the Council of the General Synod.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position &amp; Diocese</b>
The Rt. Rev. Nigel Shaw (Chair)	Bishop, Anglican Military Ordinariate
Professor David Bell	Lay, Fredericton
The Rev. Matthew Brown	Clergy, Ottawa
Dion Lewis	Lay, Montreal
Helen Love	Lay, British Columbia
The Ven. Bill Mous	Clergy, Niagara (Assessor)
The Rev. Canon Nicola Skinner	Clergy, Toronto
Hannah Wygiera	Lay, Calgary

**Expenditures Committee**

[Rules of Order & Procedure](#), Part II, Section 6 f)

Expenditures Committee – consisting of members appointed by the Primate and the Prolocutor in consultation with the chairperson of the Financial Management Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the committee to implement Rule of Order 15 with respect to spending motions for which sources of funds have not been identified prior to the General Synod session.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position &amp; Diocese</b>
The Rev. Canon Patricia Dorland (Chair)	Chair, Financial Management Committee, Moosonee
Cathy Armstrong	Edmonton
The Very Rev. Dr. Tim Dobbin	Niagara
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs	Deputy Prolocutor, Huron
Michael Wolff	British Columbia

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**General Synod 2025  
Planning Committees**

**General Synod Planning Committee**

Canon Laura Walton, ODT	Chair
Canon Ian Alexander	Prolocutor (ex-officio)
Lisa Barry	Senior Producer, Anglican Video
The Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott	Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair (ex-officio)
Julianna Buck	Executive Assistant to the General Secretary
Brian Bukowski	Manager, Web
Kim Chadsey	Council of the General Synod Representative
Angela Chorney	Event Manager, CanPlan Event & Conference Services Inc.
Libi Clifford	Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair (ex-officio)
The Ven. Megan Collings-Moore	Worship Committee Chair (ex-officio)
Shannon Cottrell	Executive Secretary for Governance
The Ven. Christopher Fowler	Archdeacon, Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
The Most Rev. Anne Germond	Acting Primate (ex-officio)
The Most Rev. Chris Harper	National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop
Henrieta Paukov	Director, Communications and Information Resources
The Ven. Alan T. Perry	General Secretary (ex-officio)
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs	Deputy Prolocutor (ex-officio)
The Ven. Charlene Taylor	Executive Archdeacon, Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador
Shane Roberts	Production Manager, Anglican Video
The Rev. Margaret Walker	Local Arrangements Committee Co-Chair (ex-officio)
Chris Wood	2019 General Synod Planning Committee Member
Hannah Wygiera	Council of the General Synod Representative

**Thank you also to:**

Lindsay DenBoer, Senior Event Planner, CanPlan Event & Conference Services Inc.  
Cassidy McIntosh, Event Coordinator, CanPlan Event & Conference Services Inc.  
The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate (2023 – 2024)

**Local Arrangements Committee**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott (Chair)  
Libi Clifford (Chair)  
The Rev. Margaret Walker (Chair)

### **Worship Committee**

The Ven. Megan Collings-More (Chair)  
The Rev. Michael Bruce  
The Ven. Rosalyn Kantlaht'ant Elm  
The Very Rev. Dr. Kevin George  
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan

The Rev. Katherine Loynd  
Canon Marilyn Malton  
The Rev. Osita Oluigbo  
Dorothy Patterson  
The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully

### **Pastoral Care Team**

The Rev. Daniel Bowyer  
The Rev. Brenda-Jo Dunbar  
Tianna Gocan (ordination June 11, 2025)  
The Rev. Canon June Hough  
The Rev. Canon Carrie Irwin

The Ven Amanda Longmoore  
The Rev. Canon Adèle Miles  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Osita Oluigbo  
The Ven. Sam Thomas  
The Rev. Canon Bill Ward

**General Synod 2025**  
**General Synod 2025 Staff Team**

Shannon Cottrell	Executive Secretary for Governance; Primary Staff, Agenda Committee
Deborah Barretto	Sponsorship Coordinator
Lisa Barry	Senior Producer, Anglican Video
Julianna Buck	Travel Coordinator, Recording Secretary
Becky Boucher	Anglican Video Floor Manager
Alicia Brown	Manager, Communications
Brian Bukowski	Manager, Web
Virginia Douglas	Shipping Coordinator, eStore Exhibit Staff
The Rev. Carl Fraser	Anglican Video Consultant
Sheilagh McGlynn	Youth @ Synod Coordinator
Dr. Andrea Mann	Primary Staff, Nominating Committee
Rob Murphy	Shipping Coordinator (at Church House)
Jo Mutch	Office Manager
Henrieta Paukov	Director, Communications and Information Resources; Media Room Coordinator
Shane Roberts	Production Manager, Anglican Video
The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully	Primary Staff, Worship Committee; Pastoral Care Team Coordinator
The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman	Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations
Dr. Ryan Weston	Primary Staff, Resolutions Committee

**General Synod 2025**  
**General Synod Management Team & Primate's Leadership Circle**

**General Synod Management Team**

The Acting Primate	The Most Rev. Anne Germond
General Secretary	The Ven. Alan T. Perry <i>(on leave of absence effective June 3, 2025)</i>
Interim General Secretary	Canon Ian Alexander <i>(effective June 3, 2025)</i>
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer	Amal Attia
Director, Resources for Mission	Deborah Barretto
National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop	The Most Rev. Chris Harper
Manager, Human Resources	Scott Hilborn
Director, Global Relations	Dr. Andrea Mann
Director, Faith, Worship, and Ministry	The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully
Director, Communications and Information Resources	Henrieta Paukov
Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice	Dr. Ryan Weston

**Primate's Leadership Circle**

The Acting Primate	The Most Rev. Anne Germond
General Secretary	The Ven. Alan T. Perry <i>(on leave of absence effective June 3, 2025)</i>
Interim General Secretary	Canon Ian Alexander <i>(effective June 3, 2025)</i>
Executive Director, Anglican Foundation of Canada	Dr. Scott Brubacher
Executive Director, Pension Office Corporation	Rekha Menon
Executive Director, Alongside Hope	Will Postma

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**General Synod 2025**  
**Nominating and Election Procedures for Use at General Synod 2025**

**A. Procedures for Electing the Prolocutor and the Deputy Prolocutor**

1. Nominations for Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor must be submitted to the General Secretary on the forms provided by no later than **5:00 PM ET June 24, 2025**.
2. A delegate to General Synod may be nominated for either or both offices.
3. After receiving the nominations, the General Secretary shall
  - (a) provide copies of the information about the nominees, as contained in the nomination forms, to the members of the General Synod, and
  - (b) inform the General Synod Nominating Committee of the names of the nominees.
4. The elections will take place at a time or times designated in the agenda of the General Synod.
5. The chair shall assign three scrutineers from among those who have not been nominated for Prolocutor or Deputy Prolocutor.

***Election of the Prolocutor***

6. The election of the Prolocutor will take place first.
7. The Nominating Committee will post a chart listing the nominees for Prolocutor. (Note: if a delegate who was nominated did not become a member of General Synod, that person is not eligible to be a member of the Council, and that person's name shall not be shown on the chart.)
8. The members who have been nominated may be identified for the information of those assembled.
9. Paper or electronic ballots shall be made available to the electors, who shall each vote for his or her first choice among the nominees for Prolocutor.
10. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast will be elected as Prolocutor. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, subsequent ballots will take place until a candidate does receive a majority of the votes. Candidates receiving fewer than 10% of the votes cast on any ballot will be dropped from subsequent ballots.
11. Prior to any ballot, a candidate may withdraw his or her name from the election by so notifying the chair of General Synod in writing.

### ***Election of the Deputy Prolocutor***

12. The election of the Deputy Prolocutor will take place after the election of the Prolocutor.
13. The Nominating Committee will post a chart listing the nominees for Deputy Prolocutor. The chart will exclude the name of (a) any delegate who was nominated but did not become a member of General Synod, and (b) all persons who were nominated but who belong to the Order of the person who was elected as Prolocutor.
14. The members whose names remain on the chart may be identified for the information of those assembled.
15. Paper or electronic ballots shall be made available to the electors, who shall each vote for his or her first choice among the nominees to serve as Deputy Prolocutor.
16. The candidate receiving a majority of the votes cast will be elected as Deputy Prolocutor. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, subsequent ballots will take place until a candidate does receive a majority of the votes cast. Candidates receiving fewer than 10% of the votes cast on any ballot will be dropped from subsequent ballots.
17. Prior to any ballot, a candidate may withdraw his or her name from the election by so notifying the chair of General Synod in writing.

### **B. Procedures for Electing the Council of the General Synod**

1. The delegates of the General Synod from each diocese will collectively submit to the General Secretary on the forms provided, no later than **5:00 PM ET June 24, 2025**, nominations of three of their members, one from each Order. They may also nominate their youth member for election to the Council. (Note: The youth member is also eligible for nomination as a layperson.)
2. After receiving the diocesan nominations the General Secretary shall
  - a) provide copies of the information about the nominees, as contained in the nomination forms, to the members of the General Synod from the dioceses in the respective ecclesiastical provinces, and
  - b) inform the General Synod Nominating Committee of the names of the nominees from each diocese.
3. After the election of the Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor, at a time or times designated in the agenda of the General Synod, the members of the synod shall assemble in groups according to their ecclesiastical provinces.

4. The Nominating Committee of the General Synod shall assign one of its members to chair each of the provincial assemblies, such member being a resident in that ecclesiastical province. Such person shall have the right to vote.
5. The chairperson shall appoint three scrutineers from among those who have not been nominated.
6. A chart shall be posted listing by diocese the nominees from each of the three Orders. (Note: if a delegate who was nominated did not become a member of General Synod, that person is not eligible to be a member of the Council, and his or her name shall not be shown on the chart.)
7. The members who have been nominated may be identified for the information of those assembled.
8. Paper or electronic ballots shall be made available to the electors, who shall each vote for his or her first choice among the nominees to serve on the Council of General Synod.
9. The candidate receiving the greatest number of votes shall be deemed selected. In the event of a tie where both candidates may be selected, it shall be deemed that both have been selected. Where only one may be selected, further votes between those so tied shall be taken. After three ballots, if the tie remains the chairperson shall cast a second vote to decide the issue.
10. If the first selection is made from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy, the second selection shall be made from the Order of Laity and vice-versa. If the first selection results in the nomination of persons from both the Orders of Bishops and Clergy and the Order of Laity, the chairperson shall determine from which group the second selection shall be made. Thereafter, the selections shall alternate between the two groups.
11. If the first selection from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy is a bishop, the next selection from those Orders shall be made from the Order of Clergy; if the first selection from those Orders is a priest or a deacon, the next selection from those Orders shall be made from the Order of Bishops.
12. After each selection, the other nominations for the diocese where the nominee is resident shall be struck from the list of nominations.
13. When the prescribed number of nominees from the Orders of Bishops and Clergy or from the Order of Laity has been achieved, other nominations from those Orders or that Order shall be struck from the nominations.
14. When the prescribed number of nominations of ordained and lay persons from the ecclesiastical province has been achieved, the meeting shall vote by ballot on the youth member nominees. The youth member receiving the greatest number of votes shall be selected.

15. The chairperson shall declare the business concluded and report to the chairperson of the General Synod Nominating Committee.
16. The chairperson of the General Synod Nominating Committee shall report to the General Synod the names of those who have been nominated for the Council of the General Synod by this process, and move the adoption of the report.

*Adopted by the Council of the General Synod, March 2023*



**General Synod 2025**  
**Duties of the Prolocutor and the Deputy Prolocutor**

The Prolocutor and the Deputy Prolocutor are Officers of General Synod. Nominees for these offices must be members of General Synod.

**The Prolocutor**

The duties of the Prolocutor are set out in Section 14 of the [Constitution of the General Synod](#):

**Section 14 of the Constitution**

- a) The Prolocutor shall be elected by ballot after open nomination and this election shall take place prior to the election of members of the Council of the General Synod.
- b) The Prolocutor shall be a member of either the clerical or lay Order.
- c) The Prolocutor shall be an associate of, and assistant to, the Primate in the affairs of the General Synod and the Council of the General Synod.
- d) In the absence of the President, or at the President's request, the Prolocutor shall be chairperson of the General Synod.
- e) The Prolocutor shall be ex-officio a member of all committees, councils, boards and commissions, standing and special, appointed under any provision of the Constitution, or of any Canon enacted by the General Synod or under any resolution of the General Synod or of the Council of the General Synod.
- f) The Prolocutor shall continue in office until immediately prior to the prorogation of the General Synod at which his or her successor is elected.
- g) The Prolocutor who removes from the diocese he or she represented on election shall continue in office as an ex-officio member of the General Synod until such term expires as provided in subsection f), but shall not be entitled to vote during the succeeding session of the synod or to be elected to office by virtue merely of continuing in office under this subsection. In that case, the diocese may elect a representative to succeed him or her as a member of the General Synod until the convening of the next session of the synod, as provided in subsection 8 m).

*Source: [Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#)  
20<sup>th</sup> Edition, published 2025, page 17*

## The Deputy Prolocutor

The duties of the Deputy Prolocutor are set out in section 15 of the [Constitution of the General Synod](#):

### Section 15 of the Constitution

- a) The Deputy Prolocutor shall be elected in the same manner as the Prolocutor with the exception that if the Prolocutor is of the Order of Clergy, the Deputy Prolocutor shall be elected from the Order of Laity, and if the Prolocutor is of the Order of Laity, the Deputy Prolocutor shall be elected from the Order of Clergy.
- b) At the request or in the absence of the Prolocutor, the Deputy Prolocutor shall perform any function assigned to the Prolocutor by the Constitution or Canons or Rules of Order and Procedure.
- c) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Prolocutor, the Deputy Prolocutor shall become the Prolocutor.
- d) In the event of a vacancy in the office of Deputy Prolocutor, the members of the Council of the General Synod present at the next meeting of the council shall elect a Deputy Prolocutor who shall perform all the duties of the office until the next session of the General Synod.
- e) The Deputy Prolocutor shall continue in office until immediately prior to the prorogation of the General Synod at which his or her successor is elected.
- f) The Deputy Prolocutor who removes from the diocese he or she represented on election shall continue in office as an *ex officio* member of the General Synod until such term expires, as provided in subsection e), but shall not be entitled to vote during the succeeding session of the synod or to be elected to office by virtue merely of continuing in office under this subsection. In that case, the diocese may elect a representative to succeed him or her as a member of the General Synod until the convening of the next session of the synod, as provided in subsection 8 m).

Source: [Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#)  
20<sup>th</sup> Edition, published 2025, page 17-18

## **The Officers of the General Synod Collectively**

In addition to the particular duties of the Prolocutor and the Deputy Prolocutor, the duties of the Officers collectively are set out in Section 20 of the [Constitution of the General Synod](#):

### **Section 20 of the Constitution**

The Officers shall meet from time to time at the call of the Primate for these purposes:

- a) To advise the Primate, the Council of the General Synod and committees, councils and boards as required;
- b) To take action on matters referred to them by the General Synod and the Council of the General Synod;
- c) To advise the Primate and General Secretary on agenda planning for the Council of the General Synod;
- d) To propose actions to the Council of the General Synod in respect of subjects for which there is no provision in the mandates of other standing committees, councils and boards;
- e) To ensure that the Council of the General Synod's responsibility for overall strategic planning and visioning is fulfilled;
- f) To monitor and direct the ongoing business of the Council of the General Synod between its meetings, as assigned by the Council of the General Synod and, in turn, to make recommendations to the Council of the General Synod.

Source: [Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#)  
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**General Synod 2025**  
**Council of the General Synod 2023 – 2025**

The Council of the General Synod was constituted at the forty-third session of General Synod in June/July 2023 in Calgary, Alberta.

<b>President</b>	The Most Rev. Anne Germond <i>(September 2024 – present)</i> The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls <i>(2023 – September 2024)</i>
<b>Prolocutor</b>	Canon Ian Alexander
<b>Deputy Prolocutor</b>	The Ven. Tanya Phibbs
<b>Chancellor</b>	Canon Clare Burns
<b>Interim General Secretary</b>	Canon Ian Alexander <i>(effective June 3, 2025)</i>
<b>General Secretary</b>	The Ven. Alan T. Perry <i>(on leave of absence effective June 3, 2025)</i>
<b>Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer</b>	Amal Attia
<b>National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop</b>	The Most Rev. Chris Harper

***Elected Members***

**Province of British Columbia and Yukon**

The Rt. Rev. David T.J. Lehmann, Bishop  
The Rev. Walter Kagura, Clergy  
Sarah E. Lehman, Laity  
Canon Andrew Stephens-Rennie, Laity  
Charlotte Hardy, Youth

**Province of Rupert's Land**

The Rt. Rev. Helen J. Kennedy, Bishop  
The Ven. Jonathan Hoskin, Clergy  
The Rev. Victor Johnson, Clergy  
Robert Kamenawatamin, Laity  
Hannah Wygiera, Laity *(October 2024 – present)*  
Ruth-Anne Marley, Laity *(2023 – October 2024)*  
Brenda Brochu *(October 2024 – present)*  
Dr. John Rye, Laity *(2023 – October 2024)*  
Nadia Sinclair, Youth *(2023 – May 2024)*

**Province of Ontario**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Bell, Bishop  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields, Clergy  
Kim Chadsey, Laity  
Dorothy Russell Patterson, Laity  
Adam MacNeil, Youth

**Province of Canada**

The Rt. Rev. John Watton, Bishop  
The Ven. Victor-David Mbuyi Bipungu, Clergy  
Edith Marshall, Laity  
Ruth Travers, Laity  
Skyeler Quilty, Youth

**Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still  
Rosie Jane Tailfeathers

**Anglican Military Ordinariate**

Major the Rev. Canon Bradley Smith

**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada**

The Rev. Chris Bishopp

***Partners*****The Episcopal Church**

Warren Hawk *(July 2024 – present)*  
Sr. Liza Anderson *(2023 – July 2024)*

**Alongside Hope**

The Rev. Cynthia Haines Turner

*Updated: June 10, 2025*

**General Synod 2025**  
**Standing & Coordinating Committees of General Synod 2023 – 2025**

**Communications Coordinating Committee**

Canon Ian Alexander (ex-officio)  
The Most Rev. Anne Germond (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Cynthia Haines Turner (Chair)  
Geoffrey F. McLarney  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)

Ryan Ramsden  
Canon Andrew Stephens Rennie (also on CoGS)  
The Rev. Robert C. Towler  
Charles Wilson  
Karen Webb (Editorial Board)

**Faith, Worship, & Ministry Coordinating Committee**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Bell (CoGS rep)  
The Most Rev. Anne Germond (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Benjamin H. Gillard  
Dion C. Lewis

The Rev. Stephanie London (Chair)  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Marnie Peterson  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs (ex-officio)

**Financial Management Committee**

Anne Brace  
Valerie Bennett  
The Rev. Canon Patricia Dorland (Chair)  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields (CoGS rep)  
The Most Rev. Anne Germond (ex-officio)  
The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee

The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs (ex-officio)  
Canon Dr. Gary W. Russell (2023-January 2025)  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Jesse Zink

**Partners in Mission Coordinating Committee**

Canon Ian Alexander (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Canon Grace Delaney  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Philip J. Der (Chair)  
The Most Rev. Anne Germond (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Antonio Illas

Edith Marshall (CoGS rep)  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré

**Pension Committee**

*Ex-Officio Members:*

The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Acting Primate  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry, General Secretary  
Amal Attia, Treasurer and CFO

Canon Ian Alexander, Prolocutor  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs, Deputy Prolocutor  
Rekha Menon, Director of Pensions

*Elected by General Synod 2023:*

Cathy Armstrong  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Grayhame Bowcott

The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields  
John McBride

*Trustees:*

Bob Boeckner  
The Rt. Rev. William Cliff  
Ted Ecclestone  
Jordan N. Fremont  
Sheryl Kennedy

Stephen Koning  
Josephine Marks  
Simon Segall  
Stephen Tam

*Appointed by the Pension Committee:*

The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews  
Michael Attwood  
The Ven. Travis Enright

The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy  
The Ven. Alexander R. Pryor  
The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend

*Observers:*

Sharon Chandler  
Paul Christiani  
Gary Goddard  
Anne Layton

The Rev. Fred Marshall  
Jane Mesich  
Sharon White

**Public Witness for Social & Ecological Justice Coordinating Committee**

Miriam Blair  
The Rev. Canon Paulette Bugden (Chair)  
The Most Rev. Anne Germond (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Green

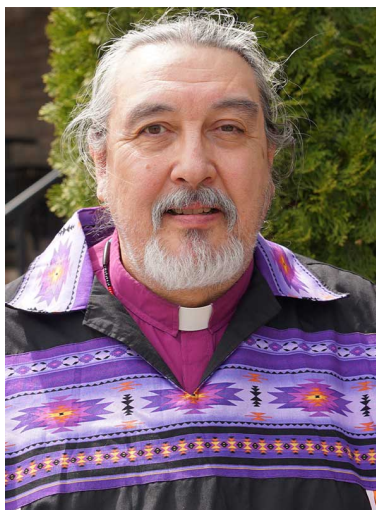
The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs (ex-officio)  
Nadia Sinclair (CoGS rep)  
Chris Sorio

**Resources for Mission Coordinating Committee**

Canon Ian Alexander (ex-officio)  
Valerie Bennett  
The Rev. Ruth Dantzer  
The Most Rev. Anne Germond (ex-officio)  
The Rev. Tellison Glover

The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy (CoGS rep)  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Neil Mancor (Chair)  
The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)

## The Most Reverend Christopher Harper



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/christopher-harper/>

**Name:** Christopher Harper

**Current Office and Location:** National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Edmonton, AB

### **List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):**

#### *Episcopal ministry:*

- National Indigenous Archbishop, May 2023–present
- Bishop of Saskatoon, 2018–2023

#### *Parish ministry:*

- Lay Minister, Sir Geoffrey Paul Memorial Anglican, Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, 1998–2003

#### *Ordination information:*

- Diaconate: March 2003, Saskatchewan, The Right Rev. Anthony Burton
- Priesthood: June 2005, Saskatchewan, The Right Rev. Charles Arthurson
- Episcopate: November 2018, Saskatoon, The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson



## **A statement by the nominee of his vision of the role of the Primate:**

The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada should be a unifying presence and voice of the church. Especially so in this season and time where there is such perceived and realized division and financial uncertainty, as well as, I observe, a desire to distance from leadership and pull toward a congregational model. But this is not what our Anglican church is. We are a body of believers in Jesus Christ, upholding a historic episcopate form of leadership wherein the Primate is to be a Bishop to the Bishops, a Priest to the clergy, a Deacon to the church and body of Christ. Our Primate is also called to be a voice and a presence nationally and internationally among the Anglican Communion, witnessing to the ministry of the Canadian Church in our context.

It is this 'our context' which differs from other provinces of the Anglican Communion. The Primate represents as our head Bishop or Archbishop, and thus is the face for General Synod, the Bishops and ministry of the church in our Province within the Anglican Communion. We, the Anglican Church of Canada, stand apart in the context of our missional history, and structural diversity and polity. Our Primate is asked to navigate the church through these significant and important points of division and diversity, and yet seek to keep us unified, safeguarding the ministry, and witnessing the peace, promise and call, to be one in the body of Christ. As each parish differs within the Diocese, as each Diocese differs and Bishops differ, it is this diversity of church which can be uplifted to the glory of God as we support and walk with each other in unity, supporting the Primate to lead and guide as one in the body of faith.

Our Primate needs to be prayerful, supportive, enabling, and approachable, with an open heart, listening ear, willing to take counsel from all experts within their field. The Primate should also be fully human, acknowledging in humility that they will never be perfect, thus leaning on the cross, prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit and going boldly knowing that the prayers of the church and body of faith are with and upon our Primate.

## **What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?**

Today the Anglican Church of Canada stands at the crossroads of change and renewal. Change just naturally opens the doors of uncertainty and apprehension because of the inherent pull to do something new. But change is not a negative, it is our opening to plan and seek out answers to what is crucial in the steps going forward. Like the gardener in the spring who plots out the garden, prepares the land and seeds, what seeds of faith will we offer up in this, the spring of the church?

It needs to be acknowledged that we as Christians have failed to live into the Gospel truth, we have been distracted by the rush and roar of the world around us, we have focused on our own specific scenes without lifting our eyes to the greater whole around us, like those lost in their cell phones. The Gospel speaks of our reality that we are sojourners in this

world, seeking the face of God before us, but if we do not lift our eyes, we continue lost and alone. We are called, anointed and set aside to be better, to pray and serve, to bless and forgive, to listen, learn and change.

The opportunity before us is that in renewal and acknowledgement of change, we can open ourselves to come before the healing and grace of God. We the church have this moment to lift up the Gospel truth and to walk in the peace of Christ, reaching out the hand of inclusion and hope, wherein there is room for all at the table of our Lord. Healing happens when we acknowledge that we are hurting and that needful change has to happen so that we might go forward together in peace, faith and hope. Renewal and growth of the church comes from faithful and bold proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We the church are called to be the church in uncertain and troubled times. We the church are called to go forward to be the hands of Christ in a broken world, to be the voice of the voiceless, and to speak and live truth in all that we say and do.

I believe that we alone can do nothing, but with Christ and all in the family of God, we the children of God's creation can do so much more than we could ever ask or imagine. We in the Anglican Church of Canada walk with our relatives in the Anglican Communion, a body of believers, needful followers of Christ, servants of peace and God's love. I believe that the Primate needs to see the world of faith with an open prayerful heart, one who can listen and serve with all in the faith family, enabling all from our bishops to the parishes, going forward with a long vision of the hope and the cross, and confident in God's promise to say "Here am I, Lord, humble and heal me to be your servant, accept my offering and guide me in your will. Amen."

## The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/gregory-kerr-wilson/>

**Name:** Gregory Keith Kerr-Wilson

**Current Office and Location:** Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, Calgary

### **List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):**

#### *Episcopal ministry:*

- Archbishop of Calgary & Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, June 2015–present
- Bishop of Calgary, September 2012–present
- Bishop of Qu'Appelle, May 2006–September 2012

#### *Parish ministry:*

- Rector of All Saints' Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Edmonton, September 1998–April 2006
- Regional Dean, North Peel Deanery in the Area of the Credit Valley, Diocese of Toronto, October 1996–June 1998
- Incumbent, Church of the Holy Family, Brampton, January 1991–August 1998
- Assistant Curate, St. Paul's, Bloor Street, June 1989–January 1991

### *Ordination information:*

- Diaconate: May 14, 1989, Toronto, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay
- Priesthood: May 13, 1990, Toronto, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay
- Episcopate: May 23, 2006, Qu'Appelle, The Most Rev. John Clark

### **Other accomplishments:**

It is always difficult to speak of ministry accomplishments as one member in the life of the Church. Christian growth, mission and ministry, in my experience, are accomplished by the working of the Holy Spirit through mutual and shared prayer and work. It is almost always accomplished by the exercise of the gifts and abilities of various people acting together in the Body of Christ.

In most, if not all, of my ministry I have been called into places of transition. That has meant either conflicted history that needed to be addressed and/or situations where things needed to be moved along into new or different stages of ministry and mission. Providing conditions for conversation, prayer, mutual sharing and then reconciliation in the context of worship, scripture study and ministry has been core in the work I have been called to do.

Besides parish and diocesan ministry, other contexts in which I have been and/or am involved in ministry include: Metropolitan Ministry in the Province of the Northern Lights; Council of General Synod 3(Triennia); Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee; ACPO Bishop; Ordinal Revision Taskforce; Coordinator for the Urban Indigenous Network; supporting the work of Bible translation into Blackfoot; President of Council – Emmanuel St. Chad College; board member for Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, St. Mary's University, Calgary, Sanctum Retreat, Entheos Retreat Centre; retreat leader in various settings; episcopal consultant – N. American Chapter, Oratory of the Good Shepherd.

### **Personal information:**

I am a life-long Anglican who over the years has experienced various aspects of our Anglican family. From my earliest experiences of God in worship and in creation, to accepting Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, an experience of baptism by the Holy Spirit, in weekly small group Bible Study and community, through the exercise of various lay ministries, and then in theological and liturgical formation at an Anglican "catholic" seminary setting, I have received, appreciated and valued the various facets that make up the proper wholeness of our Anglican Christian faith.

My undergraduate degree in bio-resource engineering taught me to think in terms of "applied science," which became in ministry for me a way of thinking about ministry as applied theology, in the various aspects of worship, pastoral care and re-shaping ministry in changing times in a way that holds true to the foundations of the received faith of our Church. When asked to describe my churchmanship I have often said that I am an Evangelical, Charismatic Catholic, with liberal and conservative tendencies. This reflects for

me an understanding that the Church's life and ministry must be a comprehensive and interconnected whole in which our life of worship, our shared unity in fellowship, our core teaching, our loving service and pursuit of justice in the world, and our proclamation of Jesus before and to the world are all interconnected and mutually inform one another; and that we must be a church which is both open and responsive to the changing context and needs of our world, while grounding our response to it on the faith and witness of scripture as we have received it in Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I am married and have three grown children. I enjoy cooking, music and outdoor activities, including hiking, camping and canoe trips, as well as reading on a range of subjects from theology and spirituality to history and science—and almost anything pertaining to the Lord of the Rings.

### **A statement by the nominee of his vision of the role of the Primate:**

I am convinced that it is time to change the role of the Primacy and how it functions within the Anglican Church of Canada. For reasons that involve both our understanding of episcopal ministry and practical matters involving finances and ministry focus, I believe it is time to recover a model of primacy that used to be in Canada and is to this day in every other Province of the Anglican Communion except the United States.

That is, that the Primate continues to be a Diocesan Bishop—participating in the day-to-day affairs of the ministry of the Church as a bishop and fulfilling the core ministries of a bishop in preaching, teaching, ordaining, confirming, and leading in mission—while taking on the role of convening General Synod, COGS, and the House of Bishops (much as Metropolitans do within Provinces), and representing the Anglican Church of Canada at Primates' meetings and other required participation at the international level.

This would involve, of course, a careful readjustment of expectations — with a greatly reduced expectation of travel across Canada and internationally — and a sharing out of some ministry functions to other Metropolitans and Bishops according to the gifts and skills available.

My aim as Primate would be to spend the next three years putting in place the changes required so that at General Synod 2028 a new Primate could be elected to take on the role in the renewed model. I believe this would re-ground and re-focus the work of General Synod in the day-to-day ministry of the Church at large.

### **What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?**

At a glance, the ongoing decline of membership and attendance for the Anglican Church of Canada would appear to be the most important challenge for our Church. However, flipping it over, it seems to me that the most important challenge is actually re-learning, developing

and deepening our ability to make disciples of Jesus Christ, under the guiding and empowering of the Holy Spirit—providing the means by which we first grow in our faith, and then grow in our witness—becoming ever more fully “salt” and “light” in our local communities as part of the local church.

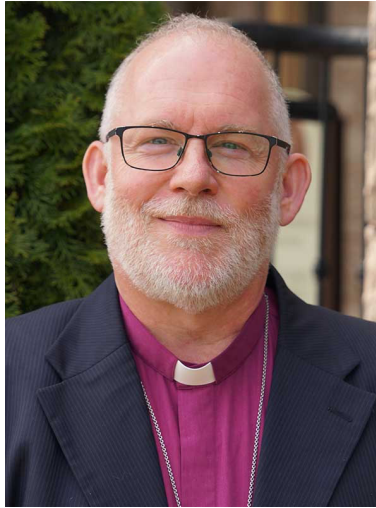
The work is, of course, carried out primarily and foundationally in the parishes of Dioceses with Provincial and General Synods providing supporting roles. The Provincial Synods provide the means for electing and consecrating new bishops to lead in that work as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The role of the General Synod is to be a means of sharing resources between dioceses that have them and Dioceses that need them across the Anglican Church of Canada so that work may be carried out, as well as providing common foundations for dealing with issues of doctrine, discipline and worship in our context. The General Synod also provides communication and connection both across Canada and the more formal connections with the greater Anglican Communion.

The challenge then in our current context for the General Synod is to look at and make changes to the current structures and ways of engaging that ministry in a context of shrinking resources—including changing the model of Primacy which we currently have, to both funnel resources more effectively to the ministry on the ground, while also grounding the leadership of the General Synod upon the priority of supporting the work of parishes and dioceses where the most important mission and ministry of the Church take place.

I have many times in my ministry as a bishop quoted Jesus’ words “those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.” We are not called to seek institutional survival and focus our energies on attempting to increase our status and influence as a church; if we seek to proclaim our faith in Jesus and his ways, and invite others into that journey, then we are accomplishing the purpose for which we exist as a church.

Our greatest opportunities include the apparent rise in interest in faith and spirituality amongst younger people and young families. The ongoing work of celebrating and embracing the gifts of our Indigenous communities which are renewing and refreshing our understanding of our faith. We are also being gifted at this point in time, it seems, with an increase of immigrant families who in many parts of our church are bringing an energy and faithfulness that carries much potential for growth and for enriching our lived practice of Christian faith.

## The Right Reverend David Lehmann



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/david-lehmann/>

**Name:** David Thomas James Lehmann

**Current Office and Location:** Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, BC

**List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):**

*Episcopal ministry:*

- Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, BC, 2018–present

*Parish ministry:*

- Rector, St. John's Anglican Church, Fort Smith, NT (Arctic), 2012–2018
- Rector, St. George's Fort Saskatchewan, AB (Edmonton), 2005–2012
- Rector, Cold Lake, Bonnyville, St. Paul, Ashmont, AB (Edmonton), 2000–2005
- Incumbent, Deh Cho Parish, Fort Simpson, NT (Arctic), 1994–2000
- Intern, All Saints Cathedral (Edmonton), 1992–1993

*Ordination information:*

- Diaconate: May 22, 1994, Arctic, The Right Rev. Chris Williams
- Priesthood: March 26, 1995, Arctic, The Right Rev. Chris Williams
- Episcopate: January 18, 2018, Caledonia, The Most Rev. John Privett

## **Other accomplishments:**

1990	BA – History – Camrose Lutheran College
1991 – 2010	Naval Reserve Officer (Chaplain and Cadets – various posts and locations)
1994	MDiv – Wycliffe College, Toronto
1997 – 2000	PWRDF Diocesan Coordinator (Arctic)
1996 – 2000	Chair – Justice and Social Responsibility Committee (Arctic)
2000 – 2003	Diocesan Youth Coordinator – East (Edmonton)
2003 – 2005	Chaplain – Cold Lake Regional Hospital
2003 – 2018	Chaplain – Royal Canadian Legion (various locations)
2008 – 2011	Regional Dean – Cold Lake (Edmonton)
2010 – 2012	Chaplain – Fort Saskatchewan Fire Department
2013 – 2017	Chair of the Fort Smith Health Centre Ethics Committee
2012 – 2017	Chaplain – Fort Smith RCMP Detachment
2014 – 2017	Chair of the Board Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre
2014 – 2017	Regional Dean – Upper Mackenzie (Arctic)
2015 – 2017	Chair of the Advisory Board for Culture – Fort Smith, NT
2017	Member of the Board of Governors for the National Trust of Canada
2018	DD – Wycliffe College, Toronto
2018 – 2024	Member of the Provincial Council for BC & Yukon
2019 – 2023	BC&Y member for the National House of Bishops Agenda Committee
2019 – present	Member of the House of Bishops Standing Committee for Religious Communities
2019 – present	Chair of the Council of the North
2023 – present	Chair of the Board of Governors for the Vancouver School of Theology
2023 – 2025	Member of the Council of General Synod

## **Personal information:**

For over 200 years, my family farmed east of Toronto near the village of Norwood. My generation was the first to be raised off the farm. My pre-school years were spent in Toronto and Edmonton. When my parents were hired into the Northwest Territories, I followed them. I am not a cradle Anglican for I was not raised in the faith. A family friend was ordained to the priesthood and as a teenager without any preparation, I was baptized. (It was made apparent that baptism permitted me to be married and buried in the church. Neither of which I have experienced, yet.)



My faith became a central part of my life in my late teens. On December 23, 1986, I felt called by God to pursue ordained ministry. Camrose Lutheran College was an incredible school where my faith formation continued and an appreciation for ecumenism was fostered. Additionally, there was an emphasis on servant leadership at the college, which I have valued greatly. The intentional focus of Wycliffe College on Biblical and theological studies continued my formation. The Institute for Evangelism formed a curiosity about the necessity of taking the Good News into an ever-changing world.

During seminary, I needed an income, and the Naval reserves provided that. The bonus was an education in pastoral care. Putting aside the stereotype of the military, my experience was less about power and barking orders, and more about care and compassion for fellow service members. The joy in participating in a spontaneous lay-led Bible study and prayer group during basic training, for example. Witnessing this model of ministry inspired me to continue with chaplaincy work throughout my ministry in a variety of forms.

I have been blessed with ministry in small remote communities. (Remote by southern standards, not always mine.) Being in and forming intentional community has been important to me. These need not be long-lived communities, but community life requires work as ruptures and repairs are normal and a healthy expression of reconciliation in action. Community draws me out of myself and into care for others and their journey of faith.

My personal interests have included hiking, kayaking, reading, and cooking. (I have had to be creative in the latter as a bishop for I missed cooking for large crowds.) A love of history has led me to work with museums and heritage boards. As a lifelong learner, I have sought out courses in adult education, theology, anthropology, sociology, and Indigenous languages. Letters mean less to me than the experience and opportunities to engage with fellow students.

God's love has taught me to find joy in all aspects of life. The Peace of Christ is ever present, especially in difficult conversations and tragic moments. Sometimes I have found that I need to sit and breathe into it. It is said that laughter is the best medicine — this is true as it reflects the joy we have as an Easter people in the power of the Spirit.

### **A statement by the nominee of his vision of the role of the Primate:**

There are times when ministry can be compared to a map. Most ministry in a parish or institution (school, hospital, prison, military contexts, for example) is a Street View. The focus is on the local context. Episcopal or diocesan ministry takes places at 32,000 feet. This provides for a regional overview and an extended perspective. The Primate would be in geosynchronous orbit. This view is expansive, with opportunity to focus in on both local and global matters. It is from this perspective that the Primate can serve a vast church while taking care to connect the common bonds.

General Synod has embarked on a process of listening and visioning. The work of the Primate's Commission has outlined critical areas of conversation and tension within the church. It is vital to the life of the church that we don't shortchange this process, but lean into it. Trusting God's guidance and being open to the Spirit's leading will direct the next steps of General Synod and the Council of General Synod.

My commitment would be to a three-triennium Primacy. The first triennium would focus on the completion of the Pathway's process and establish with the Council of General Synod, Provincial Synods, Dioceses, and other partners the detailed steps to move forward for an implementation over the next two trienniums. Our governance and policies should be in alignment with our vision and mission. Having conversations in years prior to General Synod so that consensus may be built for implementation of changes to our structures would be life-giving and a shift in our practices.

Another goal is to witness with the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, ACIP, and Sacred Circle the continued growth of the self-determining Indigenous Church within the Anglican Church of Canada. Significant steps have been taken and there is much to praise God for. The ongoing work of reconciliation will take decades and this the good work of the people of God.

Personally, I want to see joy in the church. Yes, these are days with many stressors and temptations. This should encourage us to rejoice always and show the world that what was old is being made new! God's goodness cannot be denied, so I want to share that with all the world.

### **What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?**

After General Synod 2019, the Holy Spirit reminded me repeatedly of Pilate's question: "What is truth?" Seeing the deep pain that was expressed triggered for me a need to examine my pain and personal journey. This has required brutal honesty and grace.

I share this, as I feel the greatest challenge for the Anglican Church of Canada is *ourselves*. The history and heritage of the Anglican Church of Canada is a mixed bag. It might be said that Anglicans enjoy being on a spectrum for every subject. It is as if we take Platonic dualism as a challenge and then struggle to find every expression between extremes. It is not my intent to be flippant, but as I see it, part of the role of the Primate is to hold up the mission and vision of the church and ensure that they are in alignment with what we are doing.

The rules of General Synod are part of the troublesome dynamic we continue to experience. As a body we have a legislative function, but it is in service to our mission and vision. We cannot continue to avoid the hard conversations. Grappling in love with these is the task of the Primate and requires compassion and conviction.

I have observed in my personal and communal journeys that there is a natural draw to return to established patterns. The post-pandemic rush to return to pre-pandemic life, for example. Or the more problematic longing to return to Christendom in a post-modern world. Or the chocolate binge on Easter Day as a Lenten observance is finally over. Understanding this lure, I would strive to complete the transformational work we have begun and avoid relapsing.

The most important opportunity is *ourselves* too! You are reading this document! Some will be taking time to travel and be present at General Synod. You are committed to the life and mission of Christ's Church in Canada. You are awesome, and I thank God for you and all within Christ's church. As the body of Christ, we need to celebrate the blessings we have and share them. I would work for a communication plan that includes more positive stories from across Canada, as we have much to rejoice in.

We underrate what we as Anglicans have done and can do. The resilience of the Indigenous Church and the strides being made with their governance and visioning is thrilling. The care and concern expressed by the Provinces of BC & Yukon and Ontario for the Council of the North is heartwarming. Not to forget, the support given for the victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza through Alongside Hope. The Anglican Foundation's "Say Yes To Kids" campaigns demonstrate how creative and compassionate we are. The Primate celebrates these while pointing to the deeper theological truths of grace and reconciliation these acts of kindness represent. Fostering and encouraging this work is essential to our life and witness to a broken world. This is the joyous work of the Primate.

## The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/riscylla-shaw/>

**Name:** Riscylla Shaw

**Current Office and Location:** Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto, Toronto

### **List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):**

#### *Episcopal ministry:*

- Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto, 2017–present

#### *Parish ministry:*

- Incumbent, Parish of Christ Church, Bolton, Diocese of Toronto, 2009–2016
- Incumbent, Parish of Minden-Kinmount, Diocese of Toronto, 2003–2009
- Assistant Curate, St. Stephen's Maple and All Saints King City, 2000–2002
- Youth Minister, St. Mary's Richmond Hill and Holy Trinity Thornhill, 1999–2001
- Chaplain, Sibbald Point Provincial Park, 1998
- Student Chaplain, Toronto General Hospital, 1996–1997

#### *Ordination information:*

- Diaconate: May 6, 2001, Toronto, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay
- Priesthood: November 18, 2001, Toronto, The Right Rev. George Elliott
- Episcopate: January 7, 2017, Toronto, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson

## **Other accomplishments:**

### Education

- Palestine of Jesus course, St. George's College, Jerusalem (2023)
- International Master's Program in Management, Lancaster University (2018-2020)
- Indigenous Knowledge course, Humber College (2015)
- Master of Divinity, University of Toronto, Wycliffe College (1999)
- Bachelor of Arts, Honours, University of Toronto (1996)

### Local & National Leadership

- Retreat leader & guest speaker: Sisters of St. John the Divine, Dioceses of Ontario, Yukon, New Westminster, Montreal, Queens Theological College – Newfoundland
- Councillor with Oshawa Durham-Region Métis Council (2018-2025)
- Diocesan Regional Dean, member of Area Council, Synod Council, Committee on Spiritual Renewal, Intercultural Committee/Antiracism training; Continuing education leader, mentor
- Sacred Circle: 2015 Port Elgin, 2018 Prince George, 2021 online, 2023 Orillia
- General Synod: 2016 Richmond Hill, 2019 Vancouver, 2023 Calgary

### International Leadership

- Anglican Consultative Council member, 2023 held in Ghana
- World Council of Churches, Central Committee member 2022- present
- Lambeth Conference 2022

### Indigenous Leadership

- Ambassador & Animator of Reconciliation, Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools (TRC); (2009 – Present)
- Actively present as a witness at all seven TRC national events, 2010-2015
- Contributor to publications on TRC Call to Action #6 Decolonizing Discipline (2020), Indigenous Realities (2022), Faith As Protest (2023)
- Voices of Indigenous Followers of Jesus in the Ecumenical Movement, Canadian Council of Churches, presenter (2023)
- Lulea, Sweden, Canadian Indigenous Anglican partnership, international witness to Sweden's Apology to the Sámi Peoples (2022)
- Road to Warm Springs, The National Consultation on Indigenous Anglican Self-Determination (2017)

As Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto:

- Serving the North & East Archdeaconries, which consist of 90 rural and small-town parishes and ministries, including the cities of Barrie, Peterborough, and Durham Region
- Prioritizing 1) development of regional ministries in innovative and collaborative partnerships; 2) supporting good governance and new models for financial sustainability; and 3) fostering a unified vision of the Anglican Church of Canada that celebrates our diversity.
- 2024 – present Episcopal Visitor, Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit
- 2023 – present Anglican Consultative Council member
- 2023 – present Diversity Officer, Diocese of Toronto
- 2022 – present World Council of Churches, Central Committee member
- 2019 – present Jubilee Commission member
- 2019 – 2023 Reconciliation Pathfinders
- 2014 – 2019 Primate’s Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice, member and co-chair

### **Personal information:**

In Romans 8.38-39, Paul writes “nothing shall separate us from the love of God.” One of my favourite verses, it reminds me of the divine grace in which we are constantly upheld. Being upheld does not mean sitting in simplistic platitudes or sentimental pep talks. It often looks like collective grief at the suffering in the world. In my church leadership, it also looks like taking agency, coming together in worship, prayer, laughter and tears, the whole breadth of our humanity.

As a follower of Jesus, I pray and act concretely to build communities of hope, compassion and courage. Our work is to heal and to bring hope; it is also to challenge unjust and oppressive structures of varying kinds — political, economic, and social.

Embracing continuity and change is in my DNA. As a Canadian and a Red River Métis citizen, I value building bridges between communities, worldviews and institutions. This work is complex. To do it with integrity, respect and courage requires deep listening and willingness to hear with the ears of my heart.

I am both a cradle-Anglican, and the child of a church organist who played at every church in town. The second of four children, we were raised on a farm in the Diocese of Algoma. I was formed by the faith of my Mother and my maternal Grandfather, a survivor of Residential School and veteran of World War II. Our home was filled with music, hospitality, commitment to service and courage in the face of challenge.

I am married to my husband of more than 27 years. We have two dynamic and creative young adult children and two lively little dogs. I love the northern lights, fresh air, and finding fossils and rocks on the beach. During my sabbath leave last summer, I deepened

friendships and studied the Gospel and culture with the Māori Anglicans in New Zealand, broke bread with our Anglican siblings in Hong Kong, and walked the Camino del Norte in Spain on a solo, unsupported journey of over eight-hundred kilometers. In this experience of solitude and prayer, physical exertion, testing and discernment I was “blessed beyond measure.”

**What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?**

There are many challenges facing the Anglican church today. Everyone shares a different priority: declining attendance, climate emergency, reconciliation with Indigenous communities, youth engagement, worship and renewal. Each perspective is valid, and each one reflects a piece of the whole picture. The biggest opportunity this presents the Anglican Church of Canada today is to work together as the Body of Christ, within our competing concerns. This is not a simple task, as the reality is that our intentions are in tension with each other.

Paul reminds us of this in his first letter to the Corinthians when he writes “together, with our many parts, we form the one body of Christ.” As Christ’s Church, we have the opportunity to share our values as a unified church with the world. What we all bring is vital to the flourishing of the whole.

My vision is to nurture our diversity into the strength of the church. I would address this by using collaborative and adaptive leadership, in which we set a course together to navigate the future. Key roles of Primatial leadership include asking discerning questions, careful listening, courageously looking directly at what is taking place in our communities, our country, our world, and prayerfully challenging the church to adapt and respond in faith and witness to God’s radical, inclusive Gospel love.

The Primate will champion the work of “Creating Pathways for Transformational Change” from the Primate’s Commission in a sustained, long-view perspective. This work will bridge connections across regions, cultural and theological differences, by fostering relationships and supporting mutual flourishing.

We must do this in ways that recognize the suffering in our communities, the identity crisis in our public life, unequal socio-economic systems, the ways that our church continues to be complicit in harms to Indigenous peoples, and the ways the “earth groans” because of unsustainable human activity. And we must do this in ways that acknowledge the contradictions and messiness of our task ahead. We need to have hard conversations about our role as an urgent prophetic voice in Canadian society, even with our declining numbers and the reality of our own economic situation in the Anglican Church. I welcome all as we do this together. We need to bring our competing concerns as gifts to the table, trusting that we are incomplete without the insights of neighbour. This is how I see the church seeking God’s way forward: breaking bread together, as one body: one Church.

*The following appendices are included for information and convenience.*

## **APPENDIX A**

### **Guidelines for the Conduct of a Primatial Election**

*See Canon III, section 9.*

#### **The Nomination Process**

##### **1. The Order of Bishops**

- a) In accordance with section 13 of Canon III, the Order of Bishops will meet not earlier than one hundred twenty days and not later than thirty days before the date fixed for the election of the Primate and shall nominate three or more bishops for the office of Primate.
- b) Prior to the meeting referred to at (a) all Bishops shall submit the information required of nominees to the office of Primate, together with a police check completed within the preceding twelve months, to the General Secretary as set out in these guidelines.
- c) Approximately six months prior to the start of General Synod where a Primatial election will be held, the Primate (or Acting Primate) will seek nominations from the Order of Bishops. Members of the Order of Bishops may nominate a minimum of one and a maximum of three Bishops, certifying that they have the consent of those they have nominated.
- d) On the day prior to the balloting the Primate (or Acting Primate) will share with the Order of Bishops the names of those who have been nominated. Additional nominations will be received until 10:00 P.M. that day.
- e) On the day of the balloting with the Primate (or Acting Primate) presiding, a celebration of the Holy Eucharist will be held.
- f) The Order of Bishops shall meet in camera without staff members.
- g) The Secretary of the Order of Bishops shall keep a record of the proceedings.
- h) All voting shall be by secret ballot.
- i) The Primate (or Acting Primate) shall appoint scrutineers from among those not nominated.
- j) No bishop may abstain from voting or submit a blank ballot.
- k) On each ballot each bishop shall cast a vote for one nominated bishop by writing the name of the nominee on the ballot paper legibly.



- l) When a bishop receives the votes of a majority of the Order of Bishops present, the name of that bishop shall be placed on the Nomination Report and removed from subsequent ballots.
- m) Balloting will continue until a minimum of three bishops have been named in the Nomination Report, and either:
  - i) on motion, it is resolved that the balloting cease, or
  - ii) five bishops have been named in the Nomination Report.
- n) Upon receipt of a request from the Order of Clergy or the Order of Laity for further nominations during the Primatial Election, the Order of Bishops shall immediately repeat the nominating procedure and balloting will continue until one or more bishops have been named in the Nomination Report, and either:
  - i) on motion, it is resolved that the balloting cease, or
  - ii) the names of three bishops have been placed on the Nomination Report.
  - iii) The Nomination Report shall include the information and confirmation of police checks provided to the General Secretary as set out above for dissemination to the Orders of the Clergy and Laity.
- o) The names of bishops included in a previous Nomination Report shall be excluded from the nomination procedure undertaken pursuant to subsection 1 n). The nominees' support persons as described in subsection two shall not be present.

## **2. In Preparation for the Election by the Orders of Clergy and Laity**

- a) All nominees named on the Nomination Report must submit a police records check and any other screening material requested by the General Secretary to his/her office prior to the start of General Synod.
- b) Each nominee shall be permitted to identify one member of the Anglican Church of Canada who is not a member of General Synod to serve as their support person during the electoral process. Support persons will not be present when votes are taken and will withdraw with the Bishops.
- c) Immediately following the nomination meeting the General Secretary shall send to all members of the Orders of Clergy and Laity the names of the nominees together with the following biographical information about each nominee:
  - i) Current office and location
  - ii) Current photograph
  - iii) List of ecclesiastical offices held
  - iv) Dates of ordination as deacon, priest and bishop
  - v) Other accomplishments which the nominee may wish to share (limited to one page)
  - vi) Any personal information that the nominee may wish to share (limited to one page)
  - vii) A statement by the nominee of his or her vision of the role of the Primate (limited to one page).

viii) Answers from each nominee to a series of up to three questions established by the members of CoGS who are not Bishops or Archbishops at the meeting of CoGS prior to the nominations (each answer to be not more than 250 words long).

- d) The General Secretary shall work with the Secretary of the Order of Bishops to ensure that the format in which the information is communicated to the members of the synod is standardized and that the quality of the production of the communication regarding each nominee is uniform.

### **3. On the Day of the Election**

- a) All members of the Orders of Clergy and Laity shall register and receive either the means to register an electronic ballot or a paper ballot. In the event that any break in the election process occurs [for example, for lunch] all members of the Orders of Clergy and Laity shall again register when re-entering the meeting place.
- b) The Primate shall appoint a chaplain to the Orders of Clergy and Laity and a separate chaplain to the Order of Bishops. The appointed chaplains shall be in attendance throughout the election with the orders whose spiritual care they have been entrusted with.
- c) At the discretion of the Prolocutor and subject to the approval of the synod, persons who are not members of the synod (other than the nominees' support persons who shall be permitted to attend) may be admitted to the place where the election is taking place, including representatives of other Churches, the press and other persons. The Prolocutor shall designate a separate area in the Cathedral for these individuals to sit apart from the Orders of the Clergy and the Laity.
- d) No member of the Orders of the Clergy or Laity shall be readmitted to the Cathedral once departed other than those who depart during a general recess, for example, for lunch or in order to use washroom facilities.
- e) All nominees' support persons and other permitted observers shall also register their attendance and their names shall be listed in the minutes.
- f) The synod and guests shall convene for a celebration of the Holy Communion.
- g) Following the celebration of Holy Communion the Order of Bishops together with the support persons for nominees and the chaplain to the Bishops shall withdraw from the Cathedral and meet as set out herein.
- h) Following the celebration of Holy Communion, during the Primatial election, the members of the Orders of Clergy shall be seated on the left and members of the Order of Laity on the right as viewed from the main entrance to the Cathedral.
- i) The celebration of the Holy Communion and subsequent election shall be livestreamed both to the Bishops to the place where they have withdrawn and to the public. No member of the Order of Bishops or nominee's support person shall communicate with any clerical or lay member of General Synod until an election is declared with the exception of the Primate/Acting Primate who shall communicate with the Prolocutor as described herein.

j) The Clerical and Lay Secretaries and the Assistant Secretaries shall take their places in the assembly.

k) The Order of Bishops shall withdraw and sit apart from the other members of the synod.

#### **4. In the Orders of Clergy and Laity**

a) The Prolocutor shall convene the sitting and preside.

b) The Prolocutor shall appoint two assessors, three lay scrutineers and three clerical scrutineers. The assessors shall sit adjacent to the Prolocutor to facilitate easy communication. The assessors need not be members of General Synod. The scrutineers shall not be members of General Synod but shall be members of the Anglican Church of Canada.

c) The names of the bishops nominated by the Order of Bishops shall be displayed for all to see.

d) The Prolocutor shall remind members that they cannot make nominations and that no debate is permitted on the taking of any ballot or its results.

e) Voting shall proceed in accordance with Canon III.

f) No member of the Orders of the Clergy or the Laity may abstain from voting or submit a blank ballot.

g) In the event that paper balloting is being used and a member loses their ballot it shall only be replaced with the permission of the Credentials Committee as advised by the Chancellor.

h) Before each ballot the Prolocutor shall report to Synod the number of members of each of the houses of Clergy and Laity who are present.

i) Before closing a ballot, the Prolocutor shall ask three times if all have voted and shall then declare the balloting closed.

j) When voting on a ballot is closed, the scrutineers shall count the votes or be present when the mechanized ballots are tallied and shall report, in writing, to the Prolocutor the number of votes cast for each bishop nominated and the number of blank and spoiled ballots, if any.

k) The results of each ballot shall be provided by the Prolocutor to the Primate/Acting Primate who shall privately communicate the results to the group of nominees and their support persons before the results are announced by the Prolocutor to the Orders of Clergy and Laity or by the Primate/Acting Primate to the Order of Bishops.

l) The results of each ballot shall be announced and displayed for all to see.

m) A complete report of each ballot shall be printed in the Proceedings of the synod.

n) No later than 72 hours following the declaration of an election, all ballots shall be destroyed.

**5. In Full Session**

- a) Upon receipt of notification of an election, the Order of Bishops shall return and join the Orders of Clergy and Laity and the Primate or Acting Primate shall formally proclaim the Bishop elected be the Primate of The Anglican Church of Canada.
- b) The time and place of the installation of the Primate shall be announced by the senior Metropolitan before the closing of the meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.
- c) The meeting shall be closed with a benediction by the Primate.

As adopted by the Council of the General Synod, November 2024

**General Synod 2025**  
**Guidelines for the Resolutions Committee**

It is the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee (the “committee”):

1. to receive, and prepare for debate, resolutions proposed for the consideration of the Synod;
2. to ensure that proposed resolutions contain clear and concise statements of what is intended by the sponsors;
3. to consolidate, and, if necessary, reword resolutions which deal with the same subject, after consultation with the sponsors;
4. generally to ensure that the resolutions do not contradict the resolutions procedures which form part of these guidelines;
5. to prepare and present a list of proposed ‘no-debate’ motions (see revised Rules of Order and Procedure, section 12);
6. to reject, or return for amendment, any resolution it considers to be outside the jurisdiction of the General Synod.

**Resolutions Procedures**

- a. The text of all resolutions not already in the Convening Circular (except those of a procedural or courtesy nature, or that arise in the course of debate) shall be written on the prescribed form and submitted to the General Secretary by **5:00 PM ET June 26, 2025**. (please see paragraph I., below)
- b. As soon as practicable the General Secretary will transmit the text of the resolutions to the committee for consideration before being put to the Synod.
- c. The Chair of the Resolutions Committee will assign a number to each resolution, and will place them in priority according to their source in this order:
  - **A** resolutions from within the General Synod itself – Standing or Coordinating Committees, Councils and Commissions;
  - **B** resolutions from ecclesiastical provinces and dioceses;
  - **C** resolutions from members of General Synod.
  - and will assign a sequential post-script to identify each successive amendment to the resolution (example: Resolution A123, Resolution A123-R1, Resolution A123-R2, and so on).
- d. The committee shall not debate the merits of any proposed resolution, but will ensure that it contains a clear and concise statement of what is proposed.

- e. Preambles (i.e., “Whereas” etc.) are not permitted in General Synod resolutions. Any resolution presented to the committee may be accompanied by an explanatory note setting forth the consideration leading to the proposal. This note will not form part of the resolution.
- f. The committee is authorized to consolidate and, if necessary, re-word resolutions which deal with the same subject, with the understanding that, in doing so, the committee will consult with the sponsors of the resolutions.
- g. The sponsors of any resolution which is recommended for change by the committee must be consulted and asked for their agreement to the change(s) proposed. The consultation may take place prior to the commencement of General Synod 2025, and may take place in person, by email, or any other means of communication. If agreement cannot be reached, the committee has authority to present its version, and the sponsors will have the opportunity to propose any amendments they believe desirable.
- h. The committee may substitute either or both of the sponsors of a resolution who does not become a member of General Synod 2025.
- i. No motion or notice of motion (except one of a procedural or a courtesy nature) will be received after the **June 26, 2025** deadline, except with the consent of a two-thirds majority of the Synod.
- j. Any resolution which requires the expenditure of funds, the source of which has not been identified prior to the Synod session (Handbook, Rules of Order and Procedure 15b) shall be referred to the Expenditures Committee by the General Secretary or the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.
- k. Resolutions, which are received after the printing of the Convening Circular will be dealt with in the order in which they are received or at the discretion of the Agenda Committee.
- l. NOTE: Notice of any motion that would enact a Canon or amend the Declaration of Principles, Constitution or existing Canon must be received by **May 12, 2025** so that it can be transmitted to members of General Synod at least 30 days before the meeting of General Synod (Rules of Order and Procedure, section 11)
- m. Published resolutions will have the following format:
  - a. Heading including correctly assigned numbering
  - b. Subject
  - c. Mover and Secunder
  - d. “Be it resolved that this General Synod...”
  - e. Source
  - f. Submitted by:
  - g. Explanatory Note/Background
  - h. Procedure for adoption

*Adopted by the Council of the General Synod, March 2023*

## General Synod 2025

### Writing Resolutions for General Synod

#### Structure:

Resolutions have 4 parts:

- 1) an opening phrase: That this General Synod,
- 2) a clear statement of the action(s) you wish the General Synod to take
- 3) a description of the action to be taken (refer to a committee, write a letter, set up a task force, etc.) and who is responsible for follow-up, if any
- 4) a timeline for action, if applicable

The text of the resolution should be in the active voice (not passive) and subjunctive mood. It should be clear from reading the resolution exactly what would happen and, where applicable, who would do it, if the resolution were adopted.

You are advised to include with your resolution(s) a brief explanation of its intent (Background). You may not however, include a preamble (“whereas” clauses) in the resolution itself. This is so that the actual action being requested may be readily addressed by the Synod.

A Resolutions Template has been included in the Convening Circular for your use.

#### Process:

All resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee to ensure that they are in order. They must:

1. Deal with a matter that falls within the jurisdiction of the General Synod.
2. Be clear, unambiguous, accurate, and capable of performance.
3. Be of a national rather than local nature.
4. Not be calculated to be a source of embarrassment to the Church.

If adoption of your resolution entails **the spending of money**, please alert the Resolutions Committee to this fact, and identify the source of funds, if possible. Resolutions that entail expenditures will be considered by the Expenditures Committee before being presented to Synod. If it would require a significant allocation of staff resources to achieve, you should check with the General Secretary to determine whether there is staff capacity.

The Resolutions Committee may group together similar resolutions and may ask you to make changes to clarify your resolution, or to consult with people addressing the same issue, in order to frame **one** resolution.

The Resolutions Committee may assign your resolution to the No Debate List. This does not imply that your resolution is not important, merely that it is considered by the committee to be uncontroversial and not needing debate. No Debate List resolutions will be dealt with by an omnibus motion during the proceedings of General Synod.

As there are often many resolutions, the Resolutions Committee (a Sessional Committee of the Synod) will place them in priority according to their source in this order:

- A. from within the General Synod itself – Standing and Coordinating Committees, Councils and Commissions;
- B. from ecclesiastical provinces and dioceses;
- C. from members of General Synod.

Priority on the agenda will be given to those resolutions that are included in the Convening Circular.

Although resolutions have the priority noted previously, they may come up for debate in relation to similar items on the agenda.

*Adopted by the Council of the General Synod, March 2023*



**GENERAL SYNOD 2025  
RESOLUTION**

**Resolution Number XXXX**

**Subject:**

**Moved By:**

**Seconded By:**

**Be it resolved that this General Synod:**

**Source:**

**Submitted By:**

Does this motion contain within it any financial implications?      Yes      No

If yes, has the General Synod Expenditures Committee considered the implications?      Yes      No

Does this motion contain within it any staffing implications?      Yes      No

**EXPLANATORY NOTE/BACKGROUND**

**PROCEDURE FOR ADOPTION**

**General Synod 2025**  
**Primal Election Prayers**

**A prayer at the time of election in the Church (Book of Alternative Services, page 676):**

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, look on your Church with grace, and guide the minds of those who shall choose a Primate for this Church, that we may receive a faithful servant who will care for your people and support us in our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**A prayer adapted from the prayer during the Vacancy of a See (Book of Common Prayer, p. 44):**

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts: Grant thy blessing, we humbly beseech thee, to the clergy, laity and bishops about to assemble for the election of a Primate; and give them the spirit of wisdom and understanding, that a chief Pastor may be chosen who shall minister before thee to the glory of thy Name, the good government of the flock committed to his/her charge, and the welfare of thy holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**General Synod 2025  
Know Your ABCs**

A few acronyms you're likely to come across at General Synod:

<b>ACC</b>	Anglican Church of Canada, also Anglican Consultative Council
<b>ACIP</b>	Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples
<b>ACPO</b>	Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination
<b>ACW</b>	Anglican Church Women
<b>AFC</b>	Anglican Foundation of Canada
<b>ARC</b>	Anglican-Roman Catholic Dialogue
<b>BAS</b>	Book of Alternative Services
<b>BCP</b>	Book of Common Prayer
<b>CCC</b>	Canadian Council of Churches
<b>CCCB</b>	Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
<b>CoGS</b>	Council of the General Synod
<b>CoN</b>	Council of the North
<b>DIFT</b>	Dignity, Inclusion, and Fair Treatment ( <i>statement adopted by General Synod 2001</i> )
<b>ELCA</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
<b>ELCIC</b>	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
<b>FMC</b>	Financial Management Committee
<b>FWM</b>	Faith, Worship, and Ministry
<b>GWG</b>	Governance Working Group
<b>HoB</b>	House of Bishops
<b>IAWN</b>	International Anglican Women's Network
<b>PIM</b>	Partners in Mission
<b>PWRDF</b>	Primate's World Relief and Development Fund ( <i>now Alongside Hope</i> )
<b>PWSEJ</b>	Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice
<b>RFM</b>	Resources for Mission
<b>SPIG</b>	Strategic Plan Implementation Group
<b>SPWG</b>	Strategic Planning Working Group
<b>TEC</b>	The Episcopal Church, also Theological Education Commission

<b>UCC</b>	United Church of Canada
<b>WCC</b>	World Council of Churches

## **General Synod 2025**

### **Background to General Synod**

The first General Synod met in Toronto 132 years ago (1893). Three fundamental decisions were made at that time; that Synod consist of three orders (bishops and equal members from the clergy and laity); that the Provincial system be maintained; and that the Solemn Declaration be adopted as the basis of the constitution. The balance of clergy and laity was modified in the early seventies when one youth member (usually lay) from each diocese was added; today there are four ecclesiastical provinces instead of two. General Synod continues to adhere to the Solemn Declaration, which cannot be amended, as the basis for the constitution.

The first General Synod also laid out specific areas of responsibility delegated by the dioceses and provinces to the national body. These responsibilities include such matters as doctrine and worship, and relations with the Anglican Communion, other denominations, and other faiths – areas where it was seemed important to have a common national vision.

But much has changed since the first Synod. In the early days, Synod concerned itself mostly with the internal government of the Church. Gradually, that changed as the Church began more and more, to see itself as an active player in the life of the nation. During World War II, Synod discussed the internment of the Japanese. The Hendry Report of 1969 was a landmark document calling for changes in the way church and society related to Indigenous peoples. In 1983, General Synod called on the government and the Church to fight the nuclear arms race, reaffirming its stand of 1955, 1962 and 1965. In 1989, Synod discussed the ethics of surrogate motherhood. In 1995 the minimum age of youth members was changed from twenty-five to sixteen years old.

Another significant change took place in 1969 when Synod moved to a unicameral system (a single legislative chamber) for meeting and debate. Formerly, the upper house (the House of Bishops) and the lower house (clergy and laity) met separately and communicated with each other by relaying messages. The change means that there is common debate and bishops now vote publicly, whereas before, the actual breakdown of the bishops' vote was confidential. Bishops continued to vote separately from the clergy and laity until 2013.

A series of strategic plans, frameworks, visions, and consultations have shaped the priorities of the General Synod over the years. Two in particular “Vision 2019” and “Embodying God’s Call”, have recently served as touchstones for the national ministries of the General Synod.

Generally speaking, Synods today are less formal, less confrontational, and more open and conciliatory than they once were. The formal dress and lengthy speeches have given way to a more relaxed atmosphere and a sense of being “in this together” – not to mention shorter speeches!

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The Most Rev. Linda C. Nicholls  
The Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz  
The Most Rev. Andrew S. Hutchison

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**A**

The Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander  
The Rt. Rev. Rodney Andrews  
The Rt. Rev. Stephen Andrews  
The Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Arreak  
The Rt. Rev. Charles Arthurson  
The Rt. Rev. Barbara Andrews  
The Rt. Rev. Andrew Atagotaaluk

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The Rt. Rev. John Baycroft  
The Rt. Rev. Eric Bays  
The Rt. Rev. Gordon Beardy  
The Rt. Rev. Isaiah Larry Beardy  
The Rt. Rev. Sidney Black

**C**

The Rt. Rev. John Chapman  
The Rt. Rev. Barry B. Clarke  
The Rt. Rev. John Clarke  
The Most Rev. Percy Coffin  
The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin  
The Rt. Rev. James A. J. Cowan  
The Most Rev. David Crawley  
The Most Rev. Barry Curtis  
The Most Rev. Ronald Cutler

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The Rt. Rev. Terrance A. Dance  
The Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville

**E**

The Rt. Rev. M. George H. Elliott

**F**

The Rt. Rev. Peter Fenty

**G**

The Rt. Rev. Kenneth Genge

**H**

The Most Rev. Douglas Hambidge  
The Rt. Rev. John E. Hannen  
The Rt. Rev. Robert Hardwick  
The Rt. Rev. Michael Hawkins  
The Rt. Rev. William Hockin  
The Rt. Rev. Derek B. E. Hoskin  
The Rt. Rev. Bruce H. W. Howe

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The Rt. Rev. Paul Idlout  
The Rt. Rev. Michael Ingham  
The Rt. Rev. David Irving

## **J**

The Most Rev. Colin Johnson

## **L**

The Most Rev. Caleb J. Lawrence

The Rt. Rev. Gordon Light

## **M**

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Peter Mason

The Rt. Rev. Logan McMenamie

The Rt. Rev. Thomas O. Morgan

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Susan Moxley

## **N**

The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser

The Rt. Rev. James Njegovan

## **O**

The Most Rev. Percy R. O'Driscoll

The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton

## **P**

The Most Rev. Stewart Payne

The Rt. Rev. David Parsons

The Most Rev. Arthur Peters

The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips

The Rt. Rev. Philip Poole

The Most Rev. John Privett

## **R**

The Rt. Rev. Larry Robertson

## **S**

The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton

The Rt. Rev. Ralph Spence

## **T**

The Rt. Rev. F. David Torraville

The Rt. Rev. Ann E. Tottenham

## **W**

The Rt. Rev. Patrick White

The Rt. Rev. Len Whitten

The Rt. Rev. Christopher Williams

The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft (June 2025)

## **Y**

The Rt. Rev. Donald A. Young

The Rt. Rev. Patrick Tin-Sik Yu

## **General Synod 2025**

### **The Structure of The Anglican Church of Canada**

[The Anglican Church of Canada](#) comprises 30 dioceses across Canada, each under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a diocesan bishop. The dioceses together comprise approximately 2,800 congregations, organized into 1,700 parishes. Along with the bishops, each diocese sends lay and clerical representatives to the General Synod.

**Dioceses** are organized into districts called ecclesiastical provinces, to allow them to gather and function regionally. Canada has four provinces, each headed by a Metropolitan (Archbishop): British Columbia and Yukon (B.C. and Yukon), Northern Lights (Prairie Provinces and the Arctic), Ontario, and Canada (Quebec and Atlantic Canada).

**General Synod** consists of elected lay and clerical members and the bishops from across Canada who gather to discuss national and international concerns of the Church. General Synod normally meets every three years and is the governing body of the national Church. The Primate is the President and chairs the proceedings of General Synod. From time to time the responsibility for chairing sessions of the General Synod may be delegated by the Primate to the Prolocutor of General Synod.

**The Council of the General Synod** is the body that oversees the implementation of General Synod decisions, and exercises executive powers of Synod between sessions. It comprises the Primate, the Prolocutor, the Deputy Prolocutor, the Chancellor, elected representatives (from the Orders of Bishops, Clergy and Laity) from each of the four ecclesiastical provinces; one youth member from each ecclesiastical province; one member representing the Anglican Military Ordinariate; two members nominated by the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; one member nominated by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada; and the General Secretary (ex-officio). *(For detail see the [Constitution of the General Synod, part VII, The Council of the General Synod, in the Handbook of the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada](#), pages 22-25).*

**The Anglican Communion** is a world-wide family of autonomous, interrelated, and interdependent provinces and national churches, all of which are in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Anglicans speak many languages, come from many races and cultures, and are spread around the world. The Anglican Church is episcopally led (that is, by bishops) and synodically governed (that is, elected lay and clergy members together with the bishops).

**Lambeth Conference**, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, meets every ten years or so and is attended by bishops from around the world. It is a forum for sharing and consultation rather than for legislation and is chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The most recent Lambeth Conference was held in 2022.

**The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC)** assembles every three years, with up to three representatives from each national church within the global Anglican Communion. ACC is a synodical body. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the President of the Consultative Council, and its proceedings are chaired by one of its members.