

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

**Guiding Documents**

The documents that help guide The Anglican Church of Canada in its work are available on The Anglican Church of Canada website at [www.anglican.ca](http://www.anglican.ca).

**Anglican Church of Canada Mission Statement**  
[www.anglican.ca/about/mission-statement](http://www.anglican.ca/about/mission-statement)

**Anglican Church of Canada Vision Statement**  
A people seeking to know, love, and follow Jesus in serving God's mission.

**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:	Plenary:	Primal Election (St. Paul's Cathedral) (Begins at 9:00 AM. End time determined by election results.)	Plenary:	Plenary:	Plenary:	Take Down (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)	
9:15			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	Agenda Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Council of the North Anglican Foundation of Canada		Agenda Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Guest Greetings Alongside Hope	Legislative Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Legislative Business	Legislative Session (9:15 AM - 10:00 AM) Orders of the Day Legislative Business		
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	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			Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)	Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)  Lunch & Learn #1 (Optional)		Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)  Youth @ General Synod Gathering with Bishop Martinez Bossotto (Optional)	Lunch Break (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)  Lunch & Learn #2 (Optional)	Lunch Break CoGS Meeting (12:00 PM - 1:30 PM)		
1:30			Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) Primal Address Task Force on Ability and Inclusion	Plenary: Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) 2024 Audited Financial Statements Legislative Business		Provincial Caucuses (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM)	Plenary: Legislative Session (1:30 PM - 3:00 PM) Legislative Business	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			House of Bishops Meeting (2:00 PM - 4:00 PM)	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)		
3:00				Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (3:45 PM - 5:00 PM) Faces 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 Legislative Business	Plenary: Agenda & Legislative Session (3:45 PM - 5:00 PM) Guest Greetings Legislative Business		
3:30										
3:45										
4:30										
5:00	Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)  Youth @ General Synod Gathering with Primal Nominees (Optional)		Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	Dinner Break (5:00 PM - 7:00 PM)	Closing Worship & Installation (St. Paul's Cathedral) (4:30 PM - 6:00 PM)				
6:00		Primal Farewell (DoubleTree by Hilton London Hotel) (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)								
6:45										
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		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	Host Diocese Closing Banquet (DoubleTree by Hilton London Hotel) (6:45 PM - 9:00PM)	Legend	
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)		Set Up, Registration, etc.	
8:45		Host Diocese Opening Reception (St. Paul's Cathedral) (9:00 PM - 10:00 PM)						Orientation		
9:00								Meals		
10:00 PM								Worship & Bible Study		
								Hospitality		
								Plenary		
								Primal 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.

**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

**Full Communion Guests & Partners**

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
Sharon Jones	Deputy for Administration and Logistics for the Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church
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

**Members of General Synod 2025**  
**(as of May 9, 2025)**

**A**

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

**B**

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

**C**

Cadsap, Leon  
Caines, Terry  
Camara, Robert  
Carkner, Caroll  
Chapeskie, Karen  
Clarke, DJ  
Cliff, William  
Coates, Harry  
Coholan, Rebecca  
Collard, Amy  
Connors, Jan  
Cox, Charlie  
Creal, Marg

**D**

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

**E**

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

**F**

Fearnley, Bob  
 Fenga, Ngenyasha  
 Fenga, Vincent  
 Ferguson, James  
 Fiddler, Morris  
 Fields, Stephen  
 Fry, Elizabeth  
 Fyfe, Sandra

**G**

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

**H**

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

**I**

Irwin Gibson, Mary  
 Ittoshat, Annie

**J**

Jensen, Connie  
 Jordan, Kate

**K**

Kaahwa, Betty  
 Keesmaat-Walsh, Finn  
 Keller, Paige  
 Kennedy, Helen  
 Kerr-Wilson, Gregory  
 Kohner, Stephen  
 Koyle, Jay  
 Kukurudz, Cheryl

**L**

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

**M**

Mackie-Deernsted, Jeffrey  
 MacNeil, Adam  
 Maguire, Robert  
 Mahaffey, Candace  
 Mamakwa, Lydia  
 Marshall, Edith  
 Martin, Jon  
 Martin, Leo  
 Matheson, John  
 Mbuyi Bipungu, Victor-David  
 McCarthy, Trish  
 McCharles, Chad  
 McClatchie, Stephen  
 McIlvenna, Jamieson  
 McIlvenna, Mason  
 Mckay, Mary Joyce  
 McMichael, Anne  
 McNaughton, Lynne



Meek, Alexandra  
Meredith, Danica  
Metcalf, Jeffrey  
Miller, Dorothy  
Mous, Bill  
Murray, Yvonne  
Myers, Bruce

## N

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

## O

Organ, John  
Otley, Kathryn

## P

Parker, Rachael  
Parker, Shane  
Parnell, Declan  
Patterson, Dorothy  
Perry, Alan T.  
Pharo, Cathy  
Phibbs, Tanya  
Phiri, Mickton  
Pillay, Julian  
Plamondon, Clara

## R

Reed, Richard  
Replogle, Jenny  
Robertson, Kevin  
Robinson, Theo  
Rose, Samuel  
Russell, Gareth  
Ryder, Debbie

## S

Samsom, Christopher  
Sandham, Alicia  
Schoeck, Lauren  
Shambare, Blessing  
Shaw, Nigel  
Shaw, Riscylla  
Shepard, Stephanie  
Shewfelt, Charles  
Simonton, Edward  
Simpson, Bruce  
Skinner, Nicola  
Skinner, Noah  
Smith, Rae  
Smith, Sally  
Spencer-Ross, Katherine  
Stephen-Garneau, Emily  
Stephens, John  
Stephens, Nancy  
Stevens, Meg  
Suggs, Brian

## T

Taylor, Claudette  
Thiel, Andreas  
Thiessen, Henry  
Tiessen, David  
Townshend, Todd  
Towstego, Lon  
Toycen, David  
Trapper-Matoush, Karen  
Tremblett, Amber

## V

Vickery, Emma

## **W**

Walker, Colleen  
Walsh, Mary  
Walters, Pamela  
Walton, Laura  
Watton, John  
Wheeler-Dame, Lesley  
Whitaker, Glenndon  
White, Tanya  
Wilson, Donna  
Winter, Amos  
Winter, Austin  
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	Ms. Rosie Jane Tailfeathers
General Secretary	The Ven. Alan T. Perry
Treasurer	Ms. Amal Attia

**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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position &amp; Diocese</b>
The Rev. Canon Jenny Replogle	Honorary Clerical Secretary, British Columbia
The Rev. Dr. Blessing Shambaré	Honorary Assistant Clerical Secretary, Athabasca
Canon Stephen Kohner	Honorary Lay Secretary, Quebec
Anne Dyas	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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
Ann Chaplin	Ottawa
The Ven. Bill Mous	Niagara
Canon Greg Tweney	Niagara
Isabel Weeks	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.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Diocese</b>
Canon Laura Walton, ODT (Chair)	Toronto
The Rev. Wilson Akinwale	Rupert's Land
The Ven. Katherine Bourbonniere	Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island
The Rev. Canon Dr. Stephen Fields	Toronto
Commander the Ven. Jennifer Gosse	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**

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

#### **Position & Diocese**

General Secretary  
Prolocutor, British Columbia  
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**

The Ven. Alan T. Perry  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs  
Isabel Weeks

#### **Position & Diocese**

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. Alan T. Perry	General Secretary
Michael Wolff	British Columbia

**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
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
Executive Director, Anglican Foundation of Canada	Dr. Scott Brubacher
Executive Director, Pension Office Corporation	Rekha Menon
Executive Director, Alongside Hope	Will Postma

**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](#)  
20<sup>th</sup> Edition, published 2025, page 19-20

**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 (September 2024 – present) The Most Rev. Linda Nicholls (2023 – September 2024)
<b>Prolocutor</b>	Canon Ian Alexander
<b>Deputy Prolocutor</b>	The Ven. Tanya Phibbs
<b>Chancellor</b>	Canon Clare Burns
<b>General Secretary</b>	The Ven. Alan T. Perry
<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

**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

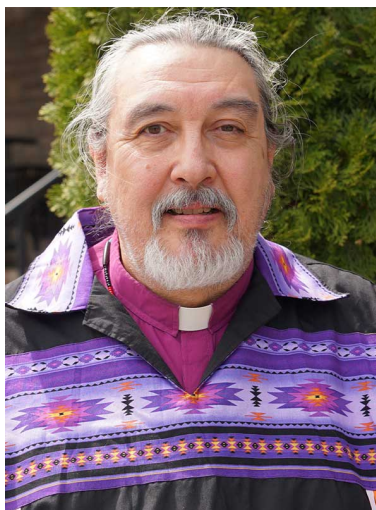
The Ven. Alan T. Perry (ex-officio)  
The Ven. Tanya Phibbs (ex-officio)  
Nadia Sinclair (CoGS rep)  
Chris Sorio

**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.

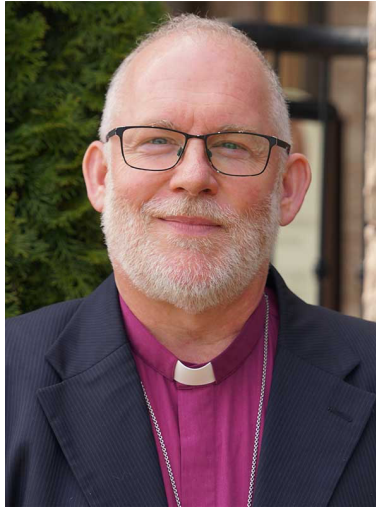
The work is, of course, carried out primarily and foundationally in the parishes of Dioceses with Provincial and General Synods providing supporting roles. The Provincial Synods provide the means for electing and consecrating new bishops to lead in that work as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic 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**  
**Primalial 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!

**General Synod 2025**  
**Retired Bishops of The Anglican Church of Canada**

**Former Primates**

The Most Rev. Linda C. Nicholls  
The Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz  
The Most Rev. Andrew S. Hutchison

**Bishops**

**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

**B**

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

**D**

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

**I**

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

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The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser

The Rt. Rev. James Njegovan

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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 Torrville

The Rt. Rev. Ann E. Tottenham

**W**

The Rt. Rev. Patrick White

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.