

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

## FACTS

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### ORGANIZED

General Synod has been self governing since 1893.

### OFFICERS 2007-2010

The Primate	The Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz
The Prolocutor	Canon Robert Falby
The Deputy Prolocutor	The Ven. Harry Huskins
The Chancellor	The Hon. Ronald C. Stevenson
The Vice-Chancellor	Mr. Justice Brian Burrows
The General Secretary	The Ven. Dr. Michael Pollesel
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The Treasurer	Michèle George
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### STRUCTURE

Parish, diocese, ecclesiastical province and General Synod are the four main levels of organizational structure within the Anglican Church of Canada.

The local parish is the primary centre of worship and mission in the church. Each parish is within one of 30 dioceses, and functions under the jurisdiction of the diocesan bishop.

Each diocese is within one of four regional groupings known as an ecclesiastical province. One bishop, elected by each Provincial Synod holds the office of Metropolitan and the title of Archbishop.

Collectively, the dioceses created a national body, the General Synod, to act on their behalf in specified areas. Representatives of the dioceses come together every three years in a meeting of the General Synod. Between these meetings, an executive committee, called the Council of General Synod, implements the General Synod's strategic plan. The Primate, who is also an archbishop, is the chief pastor of the Anglican Church of Canada and President of the General Synod

### MEMBERSHIP (2001 FIGURES)

2,884 congregations in 1,792 parishes  
Total membership on parish rolls 641,845

# BISHOPS

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## PRIMATE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Most Rev. Fred J. Hiltz

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS ANGLICAN BISHOP

The Rt. Rev. Mark L. MacDonald

## BISHOP ORDINARY TO THE CANADIAN FORCES

The Rt. Rev. Peter R. Coffin

## ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF CANADA

The Most Rev. Claude W. Miller, *Metropolitan*

### CENTRAL NEWFOUNDLAND (GANDER, NL)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. F. David Torriville

### EASTERN NFLD & LABRADOR (ST. JOHN'S, NL)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Cyrus Pitman

### FREDERICTON (FREDERICTON, NB)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Most Rev. Claude W. Miller

### MONTREAL (MONTREAL, QC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Barry B. Clarke

### NOVA SCOTIA & PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (HALIFAX)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Susan E. Moxley

*Suffragan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Ronald W. Cutler

### QUEBEC (QUEBEC CITY, QC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Dennis Drainville

## ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, *Metropolitan*

### ALGOMA (SAULT ST. MARIE, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Dr. Stephen Andrews

### HURON (LONDON, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Robert F. Bennett

*Suffragan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Terrance A. Dance, Bishop of Norfolk

### MOOSONEE (SCHUMACHER, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop-elect to be consecrated July 6, 2010*

The Rev. Thomas Corston,

### NIAGARA (HAMILTON, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Michael A. Bird

### ONTARIO (KINGSTON, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. George L.R. Bruce

### OTTAWA (OTTAWA, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. John H. Chapman

### TORONTO (TORONTO, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson

*Suffragan Bishops*

Rt. Rev. Linda C. Nicholls – Trent-Durham

Rt. Rev. M. Philip Poole – York-Credit Valley

Rt. Rev. Patrick T. Yu – York-Scarborough

Rt. Rev. M. George Elliott – York-Simcoe



# BISHOPS

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## ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF RUPERT'S LAND

The Most Rev. David N. Ashdown, *Metropolitan*

### ARCTIC (YELLOWKNIFE, NT)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Andrew P. Atagotaaluk

*Suffragan Bishops*

Rt. Rev. Benjamin T. Arreak (Eastern Arctic)

Rt. Rev. Larry D. Robertson (Western Arctic)

### ATHABASCA (PEACE RIVER, AB)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Fraser Lawton

### BRANDON (BRANDON, MB)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. James D. Njegovan

### CALGARY (CALGARY, AB)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Derek B.E. Hoskin

### EDMONTON (EDMONTON, AB)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander

### KEEWATIN (KEEWATIN, ON)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Most Rev. David N. Ashdown

*Area Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Lydia Mamakwa

with responsibility for the area mission of  
Northern Ontario

### QU'APPELLE (REGINA, SK)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Gregory K. Kerr-Wilson

### RUPERT'S LAND (WINNIPEG, MB)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Donald D. Phillips

### SASKATCHEWAN (PRINCE ALBERT, SK)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Michael W. Hawkins

### SASKATOON (SASKATOON, SK)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. David M. Irving

## THE ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND YUKON

The Most Rev. John E. Privett, *Metropolitan*

### ANGLICAN PARISHES OF THE CENTRAL INTERIOR (KAMLOOPS, BC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Barbara J. Andrews

### BRITISH COLUMBIA (VICTORIA, BC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. James A.J. Cowan

### CALEDONIA (PRINCE RUPERT, BC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. William J. Anderson

### KOOTENAY (KELOWNA, BC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Most Rev. John E. Privett

### NEW WESTMINSTER (VANCOUVER, BC)

*Diocesan Bishop*

Rt. Rev. Michael C. Ingham

### YUKON (WHITEHORSE, NT)

*Diocesan Bishop (retires August 31, 2010)*

Rt. Rev. Terrance O. Buckle

*Diocesan Bishop-elect to be installed September 18, 2010*

Rt. Rev. Larry D. Robertson



# THE STRUCTURE OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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**THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA** comprises 30 dioceses across Canada, each under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a diocesan bishop. (Parishes in the Diocese of Cariboo function as the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior under the direction of the Metropolitan of British Columbia and Yukon.) The dioceses together comprise 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: British Columbia and Yukon (B.C. and Yukon), Rupert's Land (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 meets every three years for about a week and is the governing body of the national Church. The Primate is the chair of the proceedings of General Synod. From time to time the responsibility for chairing sessions of the General Synod may be delegated to the Prolocutor of General Synod.

Council of General Synod is the body that oversees the implementation of General Synod decisions, and exercises executive powers of Synod between sessions. It includes an elected representative (episcopal, clerical or lay) member from each of the dioceses; members-at-large; officers of General Synod and partners.

The national office of the Anglican Church of Canada is also known at General Synod.

**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).

**ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY** is the chief bishop and principal leader of the Church of England, the symbolic head of the worldwide Anglican Communion and the diocesan bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, the see that churches must be in communion with in order to be a part of the Anglican Communion. The current archbishop is Rowan Williams.

Williams is the 104th in the list of Archbishops of Canterbury, in a line that goes back more than 1400 years to the first, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, who founded the see, the oldest in England, in the year 597. Along with the Church of England as a whole, the Archbishops of Canterbury were Roman Catholic until the English Reformation, circa 1534, when the independence of the English Church was established.

**LAMBETH CONFERENCE**, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, meets every ten years and is attended by bishops from around the world. It is a forum for sharing and consultation rather than for legislation.

**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.



## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

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*This is a short glossary of some of the more common terms you will find used in this media kit, in the Convening Circular and at General Synod.*

**ANGLICAN COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES [ACIP]:** A Council established by the 1975 and 1980 General Synods giving ACIP members the responsibility to carry concerns of the people directly to the Council of General Synod and General Synod. Members must be indigenous people and representatives from dioceses with indigenous congregations or urban indigenous populations.

**ARCHBISHOP:** A bishop elected by clerical and lay delegates of the synod of an ecclesiastical province; the senior official of an ecclesiastical province. Takes the titles of archbishop of the diocese (e.g. Archbishop of Saskatoon) and the metropolitan of the province (e.g. Metropolitan of Rupert's Land). The Primate carries the title of Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada.

**ARCHDEACON:** A church official, who is in charge of temporal and other affairs in a diocese, with powers delegated from the bishop. The position of archdeacon is a senior position above that of most clergy and below a bishop.

**BISHOP:** The highest order of the ordained ministry in the Anglican Church. Bishops are elected by the diocese or by the province, according to the particular canons of the diocese. A Bishop almost always presides over a diocese and is sometimes called "the Diocesan". The Canadian House of Bishops is a twice-yearly meeting of all bishops across Canada. The House of Bishops makes recommendations to General Synod on matters of church policy and nominates candidates for Primate.

**CANON:** An ecclesiastical law or regulation of the diocese/province/national Church or an honorary title conferred by a bishop on a priest or (if the canons of the diocese permit) on a lay member of the Church.

**CHANCELLOR OF THE GENERAL SYNOD:** A judge or barrister who is an officer of the General Synod, appointed to advise the Primate.

**COMMISSION:** A group of people appointed to undertake a particular task for the Church.

**CONVENING CIRCULAR:** A publication containing reports, notices of motion, resolutions, memorials and petitions related to the business of the General Synod and circulated to its members before the convening of the Synod.

**COUNCIL OF THE NORTH:** bishops of the financially assisted dioceses: The Council identifies needs in the Church of the North and develops strategies for missions and for enhancing the relationships between the Church in the North and the Church in the South.

**COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD:** Council of General Synod is the body that oversees the implementation of General Synod decisions, and exercises executive powers of Synod between sessions. It includes an elected representative (Episcopal, clerical or lay) member from each of the dioceses; members-at-large; officers of General Synod and partners.

**COURTESIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD:** An invitation extended to certain persons who are not members of Synod to sit with and/or address the General Synod, but with no right participate in debate or to vote.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** A sessional committee constituted to report to Synod the credentials of all the persons who claim membership in the General Synod, and to advise the chairperson as to a quorum of each Order.

**DEACON:** Someone ordained by a bishop to serve in a diaconal ministry, to model servanthood by personal example and in liturgical action. There are both vocational deacons – those who are called to a lifetime of this servant ministry and transitional deacons - those who feel called to follow their ministry as a deacon by being ordained as a priest.

**DIOCESE:** The area or district under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a bishop. There are 30 dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada.

**ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE:** A group of dioceses under the jurisdiction of a provincial synod, and presided over by a metropolitan. In Canada, there are four ecclesiastical provinces: British Columbia, Rupert’s Land, Ontario, and Canada.

**EX-OFFICIO:** A position or office that is granted to a person by virtue of another specified position that person holds.

**GENERAL SECRETARY OF GENERAL SYNOD:** The General Secretary is the chief operations officer for General Synod, and is responsible to the Primate.

**JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS:** A publication of the day-by-day decisions and activities of a session of Synod, together with reports and other related material.

**LAY PERSONS/LAITY:** Baptized members of the Church who do not belong to the clergy.

**MEMORIAL:** A formal written statement describing a position taken by an individual or organization, such as a diocesan synod.

**METROPOLITAN:** An archbishop, with jurisdiction over the ecclesiastical province, or the national Church (Primate).



**NOTICE OF MOTION:** A formal notice by a member that he or she intends to present a resolution on a particular stance. The resolution wording may be included in the notice.

**ORDERS:** Refers to the membership of the General Synod: The Order of Bishops, the Order of Clergy, the Order of Laity.

**ORDERS OF THE DAY:** a detailed agenda distributed each day

**POINT OF ORDER:** An appeal to the chair that the procedures of the meeting are at variance with the Rules of Order or Canons.

**PRIEST:** A person ordained by a bishop to be a servant of the Church through Word and Sacrament. Prior to ordination, a priest has served for a period of time as a Deacon.

**PRIMATE:** The presiding bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Primate is the senior metropolitan of the Church, the chairperson of the House of Bishops, and the president of General Synod; with the title Archbishop.

**PROLOCUTOR:** An officer of the General Synod, elected at each session by the members of the General Synod from the Orders of Clergy and Laity. The Prolocutor is, next to the Primate, the senior officer of the General Synod.

**PROLOCUTOR, DEPUTY:** An officer of the Synod, elected by the members of General Synod from the Orders of Clergy and Laity at each session, but not of the same order as the Prolocutor.

**PROROGATION:** The discontinuation of the meeting without dissolving it (General Synod continues as the Council of General Synod)

**QUESTION, PUTTING THE/CALLING THE:** Placing a formally moved and seconded motion before the Synod for a vote.

**RESOLUTION:** A formal written proposal for action to be considered by the General Synod.

**SESSION:** The term used for the period of several days during which the Synod meets.

**SESSIONAL COMMITTEE:** Committee struck for the duration of a session of General Synod to facilitate the work of the session.

**SOLEMN DECLARATION:** The statement made at the General Synod of 1893, declaring the fundamental faith and doctrine of the Church as constituting the foundation of



the Synod structure. As a historic statement, the Solemn Declaration cannot be amended.

**STANDING COMMITTEE:** A committee whose work extends through several sessions of General Synod and deals with ongoing needs. The Standing Committees of the General Synod are listed in Article VIII of the constitution, page 29 of the Handbook of General Synod.

**TABLE (A MOTION):** To postpone temporarily.



# ACRONYMS

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*A few of the acronyms you're most likely to run across at General Synod:*

ABC	Anglican Book Centre/Augsburg Fortress
ACC	Anglican Church of Canada, and Anglican Consultative Council
ACIP	Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples
ACW	Anglican Church Women
AJB	Anglican Journal Board
BAS	Book of Alternative Services
BCP	Book of Common Prayer
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CCCB	Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops
CCJP	Canadian Churches for Justice and Peace
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency
CIRC	Communications and Information Resources Committee
CoGS	Council of General Synod
CoN	Council of the North
ELCIC	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
FMC	Financial Management Committee
FWM	Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee
HoB	House of Bishops
JPIC	Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (WCC)
LC	Leadership Team
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
PIMEJ	Partnership in Mission & Ecojustice Committee
PWRDF	Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
TEC	The Episcopal Church, USA
UCC	United Church of Canada
VIM	Volunteers in Mission
WCC	World Council of Churches



# ETIQUETTE 101 - HOW TO ADDRESS THE CLERGY

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	WRITTEN	SALUTATION	ORAL
ARCHBISHOP	The Most Rev.	Dear Archbishop...	Archbishop or more formally Your Grace
BISHOP	The Rt. Rev.	Dear Bishop...	Bishop or more formally My Lord
DEAN	The Very Rev.	Dear Dean...	Dean
ARCHDEACON	The Venerable	Dear Archdeacon...	Archdeacon
CANON	Canon	Dear Canon...	Canon
PRIEST/DEACON	The Rev.	Dear Mr./Ms/Father	Mr./Ms./Father



**General Synod Agenda  
Draft 8 May 2010**

**Meal Times:** *Breakfast:* 6:30 – 8:30 *Lunch* 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. *Dinner:* 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

**Synod Convenes** in plenary (unless otherwise posted)

*Morning* 8:45 a.m.      *Afternoon* 2:00 p.m.      *Evening* 7:00 p.m.

*Orders of the Day (detailed agenda) are distributed daily.*

<i>Wednesday, June 2</i>		Set up day. Registration opens at 1:00 p.m.
<i>Thursday, June 3</i>	Morning	Registration/Set up continues Sessional Committee Meetings 10:00 a.m.
	Afternoon	Orientation – open to all Galley Group Leaders’ meeting
	Evening	Opening Service 7:30 Cathedral Church of All Saints, Transportation provided to and from the Cathedral Reception to follow at Loyola Conference Hall, St. Mary’s University
<i>Friday, June 4</i>	Morning	Opening Hymn and prayer Formalities <b><i>Drawing Together</i></b> and interactive plenary session – delegates will get to know one another, meet Galley Group members, and begin to chart a new course Presidential Address – The Primate Noon Watch
	Afternoon	Eucharist 12:45 p.m. Introduction to worship at General Synod <b>Call for Nominations for Prolocutor</b> Resolutions for Second Reading Vision 2019 Task Group #1 – Introduction Governance – Council of General Synod
	Evening	Resolutions <b>Nominations for Prolocutor close</b> Compline, Social
<i>Saturday, June 5</i>	Morning	Morning Prayer and Bible Study <b>Introduction of nominees for Prolocutor and voting</b> <b>Preparing to Set Sail</b> – Our ability to listen to one another, engage in meaningful dialogue, solve problems, and make decisions is critical to General Synod. This plenary session will provide opportunities for delegates to practice these critical skills with one another in an interactive and engaging environment. Partner – Bishop Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem <b>Announce election of Prolocutor (if election completed)</b> Noon Watch
	Afternoon	<b>Call for Nominations for Deputy Prolocutor</b> Task Force on Vision 2019 #2 Discussion Financial Management and Development Philanthropy (including resolutions)

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	Evening	<p>Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Youth Initiatives Resolutions Jazz Vespers, Social</p>
<i>Sunday, June 6</i>	Morning	<p>Sexuality Discernment - #1 Faithful Reporting Ports of Call (locations will be posted) Financial Management and Development Faith, Worship and Ministry Partners in Mission Eco-Justice Vision 2019 Pension Committee Youth Initiatives</p>
	Afternoon	<p>Diocesan service at Exhibition Park celebrating 300 years of continuous Anglican worship in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island Transportation is provided</p>
	Evening	Free Time
<i>Monday, June 7</i>	Morning	<p>Morning Prayer &amp; Bible Study <b>Nominations for Deputy Prolocutor Close</b> Role of the Primacy Task Force Fresh Expressions – The Rev. Canon Nick Brotherhood Partner – Kenneth Kearon, Secretary General, Anglican Communion PWRDF Noon Watch</p>
	Afternoon	<p>Eucharist 12:45 Sexuality Discernment #2- Discussion Ports of Call (various locations) Anglican Council of Indigenous People Collective Creations Council of General Synod Faith Worship and Ministry Partners in Mission Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Diocesan Caucuses (Locations to be posted)</p>
	Evening	<p>Resolutions Service of Light, Social</p>
<i>Tuesday, June 8</i>	Morning	<p>Morning Prayer and Bible Study <b>Introduction of nominees for Deputy Prolocutor and voting</b> Roots Among the Rocks - Collective Creations Sexuality Discernment #3 - Feedback Partner - The Rt. Rev. Katherine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop, the Episcopal</p>
	Afternoon	<p>Provincial Caucuses (over lunch) Canada Ontario Rupert's Land</p>

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British Columbia and Yukon

Service at St. Paul's Church, Downtown Halifax  
(transportation provided)

	Free Time	
	Evening	"Come Alongside" - dinner and entertainment hosted by the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island at Pier 21.
<i>Wednesday, June 9</i>	Morning	Morning Prayer and Bible Study Presentation to the Primate Nominating Committee Report #1 Vision 2019 - Resolution Sexuality Discernment #4 - Discussion
	Afternoon	Eucharist (12:45) Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Presentation Governance and Anglican Council of Indigenous People Resolutions Anglican Council of Indigenous People Presentation Partners Ms. Marion Saunders (ACW) Ms. Mardi Tindal (Moderator, the United Church of Canada) Conference of Religious Orders in the Americas Reception (all are invited)
	Evening	Nominating Committee Report #2 Partner: Roman Catholic Archbishop Anthony Mancini Sexuality Discernment #5 Feedback BCP Evensong, Social
<i>Thursday, June 10</i>	Morning	Morning Prayer and Bible Study Nominating Committee Report #3 (if necessary) Sexuality Discernment Discussion #6 and Decision Resolutions Partner Ms. Sinnathamby Sooriyakamuri, Director of the SriLanka office of the Organization for Eelam Refugees and Rehabilitation Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Noon Watch
	Afternoon	12:45 Eucharist Council of General Synod meeting Anglican Communion Covenant Resolutions Ports of Call (various locations) Anglican Foundation Communications and Information Resources Council of the North Faith, Worship and Ministry Partners in Mission/Ecojustice Philanthropy
	Evening	Partner Ms. Hellen Wangusa, Anglican Observer to the United Nations

**General Synod Agenda**  
**Draft 8 May 2010**

Anglican Lutheran Commission and General Synod 2013  
Celtic Evening Prayer, Social

*Friday, June 11*

Morning

Truth and Reconciliation Presentation – Commissioner Marie Wilson  
Resolutions  
Closing Eucharist (in plenary)  
Vote of Thanks  
Announcement re transportation to airport  
Prorogation

# PARTNERS AND VISITORS AT GENERAL SYNOD

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## INDIGENOUS PARTNERS

General Synod is pleased to welcome partners who come as members of some of the 225 Indigenous Anglican Church communities in Canada.

The Rev. Hannah Alexie  
The Rev. Arthur Anderson  
Mrs. Elaine Anderson  
The Rev. Lily Bell  
Ms. Yolanda Bird  
Mr. Charles Bobbish  
Mrs. Marcie French

The Rev. Dale Gillman  
The Rev. Adam Halkett  
Mrs. Sylvia James  
The Rev. Gloria Moses  
Mrs. Ruby Sandy Robinson  
The Rev. Barbara Schoomski

## ECUMENICAL PARTNERS

### *Canadian Council of Churches*

**The Rev. Bruce Adema** is the President of the Canadian Council of Churches. He is also the director of Canadian Ministries and denominational Ecumenical Officer for the Christian Reformed Church in North America.

### *Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops*

**The Most Rev. Anthony Mancini** is the Twelfth Archbishop of and current Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Antigonish, Nova Scotia. Prior to his Maritime appointments in November 2007, Mancini served eight years as Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Montreal.

### *The United Church of Canada*

**Ms Mardi Tindal** is the Moderator of the United Church of Canada. She began her three-year term as Moderator at the United Church's General Council meeting in 2009, and previously served as director of Five Oak's, an education and retreat centre near Paris, Ontario.

## FULL COMMUNION PARTNER

**The Rev. Susan C. Johnson** is the current (since 2007) National Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC). She is the first woman to hold the post. Prior to her ordination to the episcopate, she was an Assistant to the Bishop in Eastern Synod, which covers Central Canada and the Maritimes. From 2001 to 2005, she was Vice-President of the ELCIC. Bishop Johnson was consecrated by fellow Lutheran and Anglican bishops in Winnipeg on the feast of St. Michael and All Angels, 2007. She is an honorary canon of Christ's Church Cathedral (Hamilton, Ontario).



## INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

**Gerald Gloade** is the Public Information Officer for the Confederacy of Mainland Mi'kmaq (CCM) a well know artist, a storyteller and the project development officer for the Mi'kmawey Debert Project. The Mi'kmawey Debert Cultural Centre, a place for instilling pride and identity, teaching history, highlighting the Mi'kwaw language and oral traditions and communicating the wisdom of Elders. The Centre will play a critical role in collecting and keeping these stories.

**Sooriyakumari Sinnathamby**, Director of the Sri Lanka office of the Organization for Eelam Refugees and Rehabilitation.

Ms. Sinnathamby is a human rights activist who has worked tirelessly for human rights in Sri Lanka. She is one of the founding members of OfERR in India – An Organization of Eelam Refugees Rehabilitation. In 2004 she returned to Sri Lanka to establish OfERR (Ceylon). She has traveled in Canada, Australia and the United Kingdom on behalf of refugees in Sri Lanka.

**Ms. Hellen Wangusa** is the Anglican observer and personal representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury at the United Nations. A Ugandan and daughter of an Anglican priest, Mrs. Wangusa previously worked as the national women's coordinator in Uganda, was a founding member of the African Women's Economic Policy Network, worked for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) on the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and in 2007, accepted the Anglican Communion appointment to the U.N.

## VISITORS

**The Right Rev. Suheil Dawani** is the Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem. The Anglican Bishop in Jerusalem is the bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, which is a part of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East, and based at St. George's Cathedral, Jerusalem. The Diocese of Jerusalem covering Israel, Palestinian territories, Jordan, Syria and Lebanon.

**The Rev. Canon Kenneth Kearon** is the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion. Rev. Kearon is a member of the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, Co-ordinator of Auxilliary Ministry (NSM) Training in the church, and a member of the Irish Council for Bioethics.

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori** is the 26<sup>th</sup> Presiding Bishop and Primate of The Episcopal Church (USA). Previously elected as the 9th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada, she is the first woman elected as a primate of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

**Ms. Martha Gardner** is The Episcopal Church partner to the Council of General Synod.

**The Rt. Rev. Miguel Tamayo** is the Bishop of Uruguay, Province of the Southern Cone and the Interim Bishop of Cuba. Bishop Tamayo is a native Cuban who moved to Uruguay to serve as a missionary.



# FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

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The ministry of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is to live out the Five Marks of Mission. These mission priorities, used widely around the Anglican Communion were developed by the Anglican Consultative Council in 1984 and affirmed at the Lambeth Conferences 1988 and 1998 they are:

**1. To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom**

We do this when we tell others of the good news of Jesus; when we share our faith in Christ with those around us; when we reach out to the community with a clear Christian message of the Gospel; when we respond to the Lord's call to go into the world.

**2. To teach, baptise and nurture new believers**

Christian discipleship is about lifelong learning, so we all need formal and informal resources for growing in faith, so that the Church is a learning environment for all ages. We do this when we teach Sunday School, lead confirmation classes, spend time in Bible study, encouraging our young people in the Christian faith.

**3. To respond to human need by loving service**

Churches have a long tradition of care through pastoral ministry. Christians are called to respond to the needs of people locally and in the wider community. We do this with our participation in such events as World AIDS Day or locally by offering lunch programs for the needy.

**4. To seek to transform unjust structures in society**

Jesus and the OT prophets before him challenged oppressive structures in God's name. Christians should not only press for change, but also demonstrate justice within Church structures. We do this when we challenge those in authority around issues of corruption, abuses of human rights or the end of apartheid.

**5. To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth**

The Bible's vision of salvation is universal in its scope. We are called to promote the wellbeing of the human community and its environment, so that Creation may live in harmony. We do this when we conserve water, support awareness around global warming, when we 'go green' or when we choose to live in ways that are alternatives to materialism and greed.



# VISION 2019

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At General Synod, members will consider a strategic plan, Vision 2019 – *Dream the Church*. The resolution directs that the officers of General Synod and the Council of General Synod be guided by the priorities in their planning, program and any organizational restructuring that may be undertaken. Here is the introductory letter members received from Dean Peter Elliott, chair of the Vision 2019 Task Force.

Vision 2019 challenges Canadian Anglicans to go beyond institutional maintenance and embrace the call to mission that is at the heart of Christian discipleship. This call to mission has been articulated in the Anglican Communion through the Five Marks of Mission—a short statement of core values that express the mission of God in the world, see the separate sheet on the Five Marks of Mission.

## PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Vision 2019 was developed through consultation with Anglicans at the grassroots and in conversation with church leaders. It sets out seven priorities and five practices that seek to energize the national church in its common mission.

The seven priorities are:

- Develop leadership education for mission, evangelism and ministry
- Support ministry through the Council of the North
- Walk with Indigenous Peoples on a journey of healing and wholeness
- Work toward peace and justice
- Engage young people in mutual growth for mission
- Enliven our worship
- Be leaders in the Anglican Communion and in ecumenical actions

These priorities will be expressed through practices that will renew our church structures, improve communication and statistical information, promote Christian stewardship principles and gather financial resources, and seek to build bridges of understanding across the diversity of our church.

The national Council of General Synod (COGS) has already adopted this plan in principle and is forwarding it with their support to General Synod 2010.

The Very Rev. Peter Elliott

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## CONSIDERING SEXUALITY

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Discussions of human sexuality, and in particular homosexuality, have been at the forefront of church deliberations for many years now. Janet Marshall, chair of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee addresses in the following article how this synod will approach the issue. The article was originally published on the General Synod Web Forum (<http://www.ministrymatters.ca/settingsail>).

Once again members at next month's General Synod (GS) will be asked to consider issues of human sexuality. This will mark our next step in the now 34-year journey of debate, study, and discernment that began with the commissioning of the first task force by the House of Bishops in 1976.

### SINCE GENERAL SYNOD 2007

Much work has been done over the last triennium in response to GS 2007's resolutions and to prepare for this next debate. The Primate's Theological Commission (PTC) produced the Galilee Report (<http://www.anglican.ca/primate/ptc/galilee/1-report.htm>) along with accompanying papers. This study addresses the theological question of whether the blessing of same-sex unions is a faithful, Spirit-led development of Christian doctrine, and Scripture's witness to the integrity of every human person and the question of the sanctity of human relationships.

Also in this triennium, Faith, Worship and Ministry (FWM) took on the task of considering a theological rationale for a change to the marriage canon to allow for the marriage of same-sex couples. The result is the Rothesay Report (<http://www.anglican.ca/about/committees/fwmc/rothesay-report.htm>).

Inspired by the experience of Lambeth and an openness and desire to deepen relationships and understanding, a number of dioceses have formed partnerships—nationally and internationally—for dialogue on matters of human sexuality and of mission. And yes, yet another study process was produced to engage parishes and other diocesan groups in a study of the Christian perspective of human sexuality through the lens of scripture, reason, tradition, and current scientific understanding. However, if truth were told, the response to this program has been lukewarm. It seems like after years of study and discussion, and given the wide diversity of cultures and contexts present within our church, we find ourselves today either saturated with these processes, or still unengaged. These initiatives join the countless other studies, publications and processes available to resource our discernment.

## WE DON'T AGREE

In planning for how to frame this synod's debate on sexuality, the Council of General Synod considered what we have learned from our work and journey thus far. The simple fact is that we don't agree.

In light of the work of our theologians and church leaders, synods, pastors, interest groups, and the parish and diocesan groups that have studied and prayed together, we don't agree. In light of our heartfelt commitments to the Gospel, to living God's mission in the world, and to the Anglican Church nationally and internationally, we don't agree on how to resolve our issues regarding sexuality. And we are well practiced in our disagreements. Our suspicions of each other are high as we once again take our sides and prepare for the next debate. Within this context no motion can come to the floor of General Synod without the suspicion of bias or manipulation.

## PLANS FOR GENERAL SYNOD 2010

We don't agree—and what is at stake is sustaining a community within the context of a complex and conflicted argument about its moral life. This has shaped the Council of General Synod's decision of how to bring the sexuality discussions to GS 2010. The result is a process that will allow for conversation and listening first, before putting forward a motion. Members of synod will participate in a set of discussions. The content of these discussions will be used to shape the resolutions that will then come to the floor.

The starting point for discussion will be the House of Bishops' statement of October 2008. This is a public statement issued after the experience of Lambeth by our church's leadership, who in themselves embody the diversity of theological, scriptural, ecclesiological, and pastoral commitments present within the church. It shares something of their discussion and struggle and outlines that which, within the challenge of disagreement and diversity, the bishops were able to affirm. It serves to guide the church, naming both requests and hopes for the church as we continue to discern the movement of the Spirit in our midst.

Each discussion group will be facilitated by a synod member. A recorder, recruited locally from outside the synod membership, will be provided for each group. A collation of the discussions will be prepared by the reporters with Bishop Linda Nicholls, chair of the Primate's Theological Commission, and myself as chair of the Faith, Worship and Ministry committee. The prolocutor, Canon Robert Falby, will share the results in plenary. Printed copies of both the complete collation and the summary documents will be made available to GS members between discussion sessions.

What do you think about this different method of discernment for controversial issues at General Synod?

