



Diocese of New Westminster

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

Nomination Form: Coadjutor Bishop

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SECTION 1

Surname	Stephens
Christian Names	John Robert
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Telephone	[Redacted]
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SECTION 2

What is your present appointment including your Diocese?
Please give a description of your work.

Currently I am **Rector of St. John's Shaughnessy in Vancouver, Diocese of New Westminster.**

Four years previous to my arrival as Rector, the parish had returned to the care of the Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster and the repercussions of a lawsuit and the loss of 98% of the parishioners continued to affect and influence the life of the community. Some stability was created from 2012 to 2016 but I was able to dramatically improve the vision for the future. In the time that I have been Rector:

- attendance has increased quite rapidly
- the Sunday School has grown
- increased giving of treasure, time and talent has been seen,
- Outreach has been established (supporting the homeless, refugees, the chaplain of Vancouver General Hospital, etc)
- strong Christian Formation programming has developed

- the music program has been strengthened
- a new and forward thinking set of parish by-laws have been created
- a program of supporting and teaching a Curate, a Theological Student and raising up inquirers around vocation has been established
- the liturgy has been better formed in the traditions of the Anglican Church of Canada
- a program of Stewardship has formed
- a Pastoral Care Team has formed
- our online presence has developed greatly
- we are better connected with our neighbourhood, the local churches, schools, hospitals, hospice and extended care facilities
- strong lay leadership is developing in the parish
- a clear plan is in place to care for and maintain our building and grounds
- a more visible presence on Granville Street has been created

St. John's Shaughnessy has quickly grown into a strong, vital and engaging parish. Shortly after my arrival, Diocesan funding for this "start-up" parish concluded but now it pays one of largest parish assessments into the Diocesan budget.

Date of Ordination to the Diaconate

Diocese

Bishop's name

Date of Ordination to the Priesthood

Diocese

Bishop's name

SECTION 3 – PRE-ORDINATION

i) Post-Secondary Education (including seminary). Please give qualifications obtained.

From	To	College, Course, etc.	Qualification
1983	1987	University of British Columbia studying Zoology in the Biology Department	B.Sc.
1988	1989	Huron College, Western University, Ontario (started my studies toward M.Div.)	

1989	1991	College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, University of Saskatchewan	M.Div.

ii) Other professional/practical qualifications obtained (e.g. teaching, engineering, social work).

From	To	Qualification/Experience

iii) Career before Ordination and/or positions held outside the church. Please give a short indication of the nature of the work and responsibilities.

From	To	Description

SECTION 4 – MINISTRY SINCE ORDINATION

i) Positions held since Ordination (full and part-time starting with most recent not including present appointment).

Please list these carefully with separate entries for positions held concurrently. Please indicate major parish features (e.g. type of area, size of membership).

From	To	Position and Description
1991	1995	Deacon in Charge (and subsequently Rector) of the three-point Parish of St. Matthew's, Florence, Grace Church, Bothwell and St. John's, Aughrim in the Diocese of Huron, Ontario. All three were small rural churches that saw growth and stability.
1995	2001	Rector of St. John's Squamish, Diocese of New Westminster. A small parish when I arrived which grew to a medium sized parish (often seeing 75-90 people on a Sunday) and a new church building was built while I was Rector.
2001	2016	Rector of St. Philip's, Dunbar, Vancouver, Diocese of New Westminster. A medium to large parish in Vancouver with a strong commitment to community, family ministry, liturgy and outreach.
2011	2012	Priest in Charge of St. John's Shaughnessy (while this parish was in transition back into the Diocese of New Westminster and while I was

		also Rector of St. Philip's)
2017	2018	Priest in Charge of St. Mary's Kerrisdale (interim while parish was in transition and while I was also Rector of St. John's Shaughnessy)

ii) Responsibilities in the wider Church

Please indicate tasks undertaken for the wider Church (e.g. Synod responsibilities, Diocesan Committees and task forces served on, ecumenical involvement, or work for a Church voluntary organization).

From	To	Description
1991	1995	In the Diocese of Huron I was on the Clergy Conference Planning Committee, Diocesan Council, on the Family Committee of the Diocese, on the Huron Church Camp Committee and involved in the local ministerial associations
1992	1995	Fifth Step Counsellor for Westover Treatment Centre (which involved listening to a Fifth Step of the Twelve Step Program, every other week)
1993	1995	Regional Dean of Kent Deanery (Diocese of Huron)
1995	2001	At St. John's, Squamish I was involved in a variety of Diocesan Committees (see below) but also chair of the Ministerial and chair of the Hospital Chaplains' Group.
1996	1998	Synod Planning Committee
1996	1998	Diocesan Camp Artaban Board
1997	1998	Clergy Conference Committee
2001	2003	Diocesan Liturgy Commission
2004	2005	Co-Chair of Diocesan Task Force on Ministry and Outreach
2006	2009	Regional Dean of Granville/Point Grey Deanery
2009	2019	Archdeacon of Vancouver Archdeaconry
2009	2015	Member of Diocesan Council
2010	Present	On-Call Chaplain for the Spiritual Care Department of BC Children's and Women's Hospital (one weekend per month)
2012	2013	Chair of the Reconnect Task Force Diocese of New Westminster
2013	Present	Member of Diocesan Administration and Finance Committee (now Finance and Property), Diocesan Finance Sub-Committee, Investment Sub-Committee
2018	2019	Chair of Task Force to determine new funding model and design of

		Anglican Chaplain at Vancouver General Hospital and possibly Royal Columbian Hospital
2019	Present	Chair of the Board of Management of the West-Side Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry (to those living on the streets or with housing security and food security issues)
2019	Present	Member of Diocesan Sub-Committee on Climate Emergency
2020	Present	Associate at Sorrento Centre

iii) Continuing Ministerial Education

Please list the most relevant courses you have attended.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two courses at Christ Church College, Oxford University 2019 Theological Summer School: Science and the Sacraments (led by Shaun Henson) and Sacrificial Love (led by Robin Gibbons)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two three month sabbaticals (extended study leaves): in 2010 to South Africa to learn more about the Anglican Church in Africa and in 2018 a study of pilgrimage routes and places in Europe (including the Camino de Santiago, Lindisfarne and Tinos)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several courses in preaching led by people such as Herbert O’Driscoll, Tom Long, Susan Briehl, Tom Troeger, and Barbara Brown Taylor Several courses in music and liturgy led by John Bell and Marty Haugen Leading Liturgy in Holy Week at St. Gregory of Nyssa in San Francisco Diocesan School for Parish Development and Growth Practitioners Working Group, Diocese of New Westminster

Nominators

Please supply the names of at least **four** Nominators, at least **two** of whom shall be ordained Members of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster and at least **two** of whom shall be Lay Members of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster.

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Name	The Rev’d Matthew Johnson	The Rev’d Alexandra (Tasha) Carruthers	Ms. Erin Barr	Ms. Shirin Theophilus
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Parish	St. James, Vancouver	Holy Trinity Cathedral, New Westminster	St. Laurence, Coquitlam	St. Anselm's, Vancouver
Lay or Ordained	Ordained	Ordained	Lay	Lay

Any additional Nominators may be named on a separate sheet with the information indicated above.

Name of Nominee's present
Diocesan Bishop

The Most Reverend Melissa Skelton

Please return to:
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Coadjutor Nominations Form

Additional Nominators for the Reverend John Stephens

The Rev'd Patrick Blaney

St. John the Evangelist, North Vancouver
Clergy

The Rev'd Marion Wong

St. Matthias and St. Luke, Vancouver
Clergy

The Rev'd Faun Harriman

St. David/St. Paul, Powell River
Clergy

The Rev'd Kelly Duncan

St. George's, Fort Langley
Clergy

Ms. Corri Kaweski

St. Michael's, Surrey
Lay

Ms. Maggie Sanders

St. John's Shaughnessy, Vancouver
Lay

Ms. Pam Tattersfield

St. John the Divine, Squamish
Lay

Ms. Catriona Wilson

St. Philip's, Vancouver
Lay