

Please Note:

Elections for all positions will
take place on
Friday evening, October 4th.

Please come prepared to vote on
Friday. Following is the list of
nominees and their biographies.

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

for the 66th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton (October 4-5, 2019)

Elections will be held for the following positions:

* **Executive Council**

- Executive Council acts like Vestry for the Diocese. It meets about every 2 months, on the third Thursday of the month.
- 1 clerical and 2 lay delegates from each region (Battle River, Cold Lake, Edmonton West, Whitemud, Yellowhead)

* **Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton**

- The function of the Court is to hold a hearing of any member of the Clergy charged with any offence relating to discipline. (It has never met in the history of the Diocese)
- 2 clerical and 2 lay delegates (1 to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta)

* **General Synod (to be convened in Calgary in 2022)**

- General Synod is the meeting of the Anglican Church of Canada, with lay, clergy and bishop representatives from all dioceses in Canada.
- We send 2 clerical, 2 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate
- Those nominated as youth delegates to General Synod must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of General Synod.
- Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend General Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

* **Provincial Synod – Province of Rupert’s Land (to be convened in Saskatchewan, date to be announced – probably 2021)**

- Provincial Synod is the meeting of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land (basically Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Arctic), with lay, clergy and bishops representatives from the dioceses in the Province.
- We send 3 clerical, 2 lay members and 1 youth delegate
- Those nominated as youth delegates to Provincial Synod must be between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of May 1st of the year of Provincial Synod.

- Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend Provincial Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

Clerical and Lay Recorders of Synod (for the 67th Synod) (that's the next Synod, not this one)

- The clerical and lay recorders keep minutes of the sessions of Synod and prepare them for the Secretary of Synod to publish.
- 1 clerical recorder and 1 lay recorder

Please note that any persons nominated for Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod, and Diocesan Court must be members of our Diocesan Synod.

We plan to hold the elections on Friday evening, October 4th. There will be no nominations from the floor of Synod except with the consent of Synod.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE 66TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF
EDMONTON – OCTOBER 4-5, 2019**

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – CLERGY (<i>elect one from each region</i>)			
BATTLE RIVER	Stephen London	Mark Vigrass	
COLD LAKE	Christopher Cook	Colleen Sanderson	
EDMONTON WEST	Cheryl Boulet	Lorne Manweiler	
WHITEMUD	Danielle Lepine		
YELLOWHEAD	Billy Isenor		
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – LAITY (<i>Elect Two From Each Region</i>)			
BATTLE RIVER	Brian Jolly	Sheila Clifford Mackay	
COLD LAKE	Cathy Armstrong	Mary-Lou Cleveland	
EDMONTON WEST	David Heritage	Patricia Francis	
WHITEMUD	John De Haan	Lynne Reckhow	
YELLOWHEAD	Ian Bowden	Rita Stagman	
DIOCESAN COURT – CLERGY (<i>elect two</i>)			
Lee Bezanson	Billy Isenor	Robin Walker	
DIOCESAN COURT – LAITY (<i>Elect One Law Society Member And One Non-Law Society Member</i>)			
Lois MacLean (Law Society Member)			
GENERAL SYNOD – CLERGY (<i>elect two</i>)			
Robyn King	Danielle Lepine	Stephen London	Aaron Parsall-Myler
Alan Perry	Colleen Sanderson	Jordan Haynie Ware	
GENERAL SYNOD – LAITY (ELECT TWO)			
Cathy Armstrong	Ian Bowden	Matthew Mercer-Deadman	Rita Stagman
GENERAL SYNOD – LAITY – YOUTH DELEGATE (<i>elect one</i>)			
Shelby Cook			

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – CLERGY (<i>elect three</i>)			
Chelsy Bouwman	Billy Isenor	Richard King	Stephen London
Chris Pappas	Colleen Sanderson		
PROVINCIAL SYNOD – LAITY (<i>elect two</i>)			
Cathy Armstrong	Ian Bowden	Matthew Mercer- Deadman	Rita Stagman
PROVINCIAL SYNOD – LAITY – YOUTH DELEGATE (<i>elect one</i>)			
Shelby Cook			
CLERICAL RECORDER FOR THE 67TH SYNOD (<i>elect one</i>)			
Rebecca Harris			
LAY RECORDER FOR THE 67TH SYNOD (<i>elect one</i>)			
Dorothy Marshall			

NOMINATIONS BIOGRAPHIES

Cathy Armstrong *Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod*

I have been a member of St. Mary's, Edmonton since January, 1999. At St. Mary's I have served as treasurer intermittently in previous years and am now in my eighth year as people's warden. I am active in the parish as an administrant, intercessor and reader. I have had the honour of leading a service, including a few sermons.

This will be the third diocesan synod that I have attended. At the last synod I was chosen to represent Cold Lake as a lay member of Executive Council and as a lay delegate for the 2018 Provincial Synod. At the Provincial Synod I was appointed to represent the Diocese of Edmonton on the Provincial Executive Council. I attended General Synod in Vancouver as an observer and would like to have the opportunity to attend General Synod in 2022 as a lay delegate. It has been a very busy and exciting few years and I love every minute of it. The more involved I can be within the Anglican Church locally, provincially and nationally I find furthers and strengthens my faith and determination to move forward with all the good works of the Spirit we are doing.

I retired from my accounting firm in January and have been adjusting to retired life. In March I was asked to join the ICPM board. This is a perfect fit. The board covers every one of my passions: faith, family, ending homelessness, social justice and Indigenous culture and reconciliation. I am giving myself another year to really settle into retirement and then I want to review my options for furthering my knowledge of my faith and how best to use my gifts to further His Kingdom.

The Venerable Lee Bezanson

Diocesan Court

Lee Bezanson was ordained in 1981 in the Diocese of Kootenay, B.C. and served there until 1984. He then joined the Canadian Forces as a military chaplain, serving at Calgary, Esquimalt, Edmonton, Cold Lake, and returning to Edmonton as the Senior Chaplain for the Army at Land Forces Western Area Headquarters, with pastoral supervision of more than 52 chaplains of differing denominations, as well as the Forces' first Muslim chaplain. He served overseas on a number of missions.

Upon retirement from the forces after a 20-year career, Lee has served the Diocese of Edmonton as rector of Good Shepherd, and as rector of All Saints' Cathedral and dean of the diocese. He is currently rector of St Matthew's, St Albert, a ministry he has enjoyed for the past eight years.

Archdeacon Bezanson has been the diocesan Clergy Preceptor since 2015. In this capacity he serves as a voice of encouragement and care to all new clergy in the diocese. This ministry is about reaching out and discussing concerns and potential problems that new clergy have encountered in their pastoral assignments and seeking solutions. In addition, the Preceptor offers to be a primary point of contact in any future issues that may be of concern for new clergy.

The Reverend Cheryl Boulet

Executive Council

Cheryl Boulet has been married for 38 years and has two adult children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Her husband is retired from 20 years of service in the military as a naval supply officer. They like to travel and have visited many European countries. Cheryl retired from her secular job, in 2017, as secretary for the Pediatric Outpatient Clinic at the Stollery Children's Hospital.

She was ordained a deacon in 2012 and ordained to the priesthood in September, 2017. Cheryl was a member of St. Augustine's-Parkland for 18 years and went on to serve as their deacon before moving to All Saints' Cathedral for almost three years. She has been involved in the church for 25-plus years, participating in various ministries. She had been involved with the community breakfasts at the Cathedral from 2006 to 2017, has participated in staffing the "Facing AIDS, Facing Reality" exhibit, was a member of the planning committee for the Taizé visit, helped with the youth dinner during the Bishop of York's visit, and in 2016 took two young adults to visit the Taizé community in France. Cheryl is currently rector of St. John the Divine in Onoway.

Canon Chelsy Bouwman

Provincial Synod

Chelsy is proud to call the Diocese of Edmonton home. She grew up in Ponoka where she became actively involved in the life and work of her church and the diocese. Chelsy received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from The King' University College, Edmonton, in 2005, and she received a Master of Divinity Degree from Wycliffe College, Toronto, in 2009.

Chelsy has served in many different Anglican churches. These churches include: Christ Church and St. Faith's, Edmonton, St. Martin-in-the-Fields and St. Thomas', Toronto, St. Michael and All Angels, St. John's, and St. Stephen's, Belize, All Saints' Cathedral, St. John's, Sedgewick St. Matthew's, Viking and St. Mary's, Vegreville, St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan and most recently as the Associate priest at Christ Church.

Chelsy has a passion for ministry, for the building up of the community in the Kingdom of God, for building relationships within God's church, and for the opportunity to encourage and equip people in their life and work in proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ. She looks forward to continuing to answer God's call in her life to proclaim the Gospel, make disciples, further the kingdom and minister in his Church!

Ian Bowden

Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod

I am a cradle Anglican, spending my formative years in the Dioceses of Toronto and Niagara and in the Diocese of Edmonton as an adult, mostly as a member of St. Augustine's Parkland.

My calling to be an active participant in church life has always been present, typically at the parish level where I have served many times in a variety of leadership roles: church warden, lay reader, music team, and intercessor. In the diocese I have led or been part of the Cursillo music team on three occasions and have recently found myself happily challenged to help lead Base Camp each summer.

I consider myself to be a practical Christian, being grounded more in pragmatic ways and thinking than pure idealism. Nevertheless, that has never dampened my enthusiasm for creatively using my God-given gifts towards furthering God's kingdom on earth. If nothing else, I have a

keen ability to somehow see most situations from every vantage point, helping me to lead or participate in organized groups in a well-rounded and experienced way.

Mary-Lou Cleveland

Executive Council

Over the past 19 years I have been a member of All Saints' Anglican Church. During this time I have immersed myself in this loving church community. While I was still a principal with Edmonton Public Schools my participation included Altar Guild, Chalice Bearer, Server and Peoples' Warden. Three years ago I retired and that opened a space to be intentionally involved in social justice initiatives and projects.

Presently, I serve as a Director and Board Chair for Inner City Pastoral Ministry. This ministry has provided many opportunities for my personal spiritual growth and opportunities to embrace Acts of Reconciliation that included attending a Pow Wow, Sweat Lodge, and to sit as a member of 4-Directions a project to walk with and alongside our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

For the past two years I have had the opportunity to organize the Friday Morning Breakfast at the cathedral with Vicar Quinn Strikwerda from November to March. In April I had a vision for a Tuesday Community Lunch where food would nurture the body and conversations and relationships would nurture the soul. With God's help this community has found relationships, joy and blessings for both the volunteers and guests. We know and care about each other.

Thanks to the REACH Program and our Social Justice Team at All Saints' I am a founding supporter and champion for Manna Market where everyone and anyone can buy fresh fruits and vegetables at cost.

In closing, I know that the Holy Spirit works in wondrous ways. Accompanying Bishop Jane on the Pilgrimage to Jerusalem with the focus on Women in the Bible was truly transformational.

The Reverend Christopher Cook

Executive Council

Christopher is the priest of St. John the Baptist Church in St. Paul, having ministered there for over three years. He has a penchant for governance and administration and currently serves on his town's Subdivision and Development Appeal Board and the provincial Health Disciplines Board, appointed by the Lieutenant governor of Alberta. He has served on a school board of trustees, board of trustees of the health insurance organization of Alberta's teachers (ASEBP), and president of the student association and member of the board of trustees of the Toronto School of Theology during his doctoral studies.

He desires to bring his recognised ability to view an issue from all sides to this Kingdom-focused endeavour through serving on Executive Council.

Shelby Cook

General Synod, Provincial Synod

Shelby Cook was born and raised in a small town in Ontario on the shores of Lake Huron. A cradle Anglican and youngest of three siblings, her life's journey took her to Prince Albert, Saskatoon, St. Paul, and most recently Edmonton for her studies at the University of Alberta. Her faith deepened when she became more involved in her home church in St. Paul through being a reader and assisting any way she can. Shelby has a love of people and zest for life. She has

participated in a variety of forums and conferences throughout her 19 years, including the Speak Out initiative of Alberta Education, Mr. Speaker's MLA for a Day program, Seminar on the United Nations and International Affairs (SUNIA), Encounters with Canada program in Ottawa, and leadership training camp with Cadets Canada during her time with the Air and Army Cadets, where she was squadron commander. She has been active with her home church's Thanksgiving hamper ministry, PrayerWorks in Edmonton, and has attended a joint Lutheran/Anglican youth retreat. She is blessed to attend and participate in synod and desires to grow in her love of this great diocese.

John de Haan

Executive Council

John and his wife Mildred have been parishioners at Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona for more than 20 years. During that time, John has served on Vestry for a number of terms, as Treasurer, and as Peoples' Warden. John has an M.Sc in Computing Science from the University of Alberta, and consults in the design of large computer software systems. He has just finished a term on Executive Council, and currently serves on the Administration & Finance Committee of the diocese.

Patricia Francis

Executive Council

My name is Patricia Francis. I have been an Anglican all my life and I have attended church regularly. I have been involved in the life of the churches I have attended and served in numerous ways. I have taught Sunday school and was a PWRDF rep, as well as a member of the ACW, altar guild, fundraising committees, vestry, lay reader and am presently people's warden for St. Philips.

I am retired from a career of nursing. I have raised a family and I live North of Westlock with my husband where we raise sheep.

The Reverend Rebecca Harris

Clerical Recorder

I am not a cradle Anglican, but have been totally immersed in my church for the last 40 years. My family did not attend church, but the Anglican Church, with its liturgy and service, won my heart over. Throughout the years I have been a member of the altar guild, a Sunday school teacher, member of vestry, rector's warden, people's warden and lay reader.

On Holy Cross Day, 2017, I was ordained Deacon and my world expanded beyond imagination. In addition to actively serving my home parish for the past 10 years, I was also honoured to serve at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Yuma, Arizona where we spent our winters. There I was included in all aspects of their day-to-day church life. I preached on a regular basis, attended vestry, helped with their Saturday Food Bank program, took part in weddings, attended Prayer Breakfasts, and helped direct the children's Christmas pageant. I was also invited to preach in two churches in California which was a wonderful experience. Upon our permanent return to Edmonton, Bishop Jane appointed me interim Deacon-in-Charge at Holy Trinity Riverbend. I have taken my role seriously and have done my best to continue offering a meaningful service and atmosphere for our parishioners so they can come to know, and grow, with God. I have also started a monthly ministry for those living in seniors' homes who have no access to church.

My non-church life included working as an Administrative Assistant and an Executive Assistant at TELUS for 17 years. I am married to my husband Ian and we have two grown daughters, a

five-year-old granddaughter and a four-year-old grandson. We also have a 13-year-old rescue dog and I would rescue a dozen more if I could!

David Heritage

Executive Council

I am a member of the parish of St. Paul's, Edmonton. Currently I am the treasurer of the parish and a licensed lay reader. My first experience with synod was as a youth lay delegate and then a couple of times as a regular lay delegate. I have also been involved with Cursillo, both on team leading a couple of weekends in its early days in the diocese and as a member of secretariat a few years ago. I am what is sometimes called a cradle Anglican. In my early twenties, I attended a bible school for a year which I found challenging and where I gained a good understanding of my faith.

My employment has been as an accountant in various positions from a staff accountant to a controller for different organizations in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. I am also a board member and treasurer for the local chapter of Crohn's and Colitis Canada.

The Reverend Billy Isenor

Clerical Delegate to the Court Executive Council, Provincial Synod

Billy is a proud Métis and a Franciscan friar and priest in the Order of Saint Francis. He has served in many ministries, such as a chaplain at Alberta Hospital, St. Francis of Assisi Hospital in Philadelphia, P.A., Edmonton Institute for Women, and the Edmonton Institute (men's maximum security prison), Inner City Pastoral Ministry and as a campus minister at St. Joseph's College at the University of Alberta. Currently, he is the rector at St. Augustine's Parkland Church in Spruce Grove.

Brian Jolly

Executive Council

Brian worked for 30 years with PCL Construction from which he retired as Senior Vice President in 2011. He is past Chairman of the Alberta Construction Labor Relations Association.

He has been a member of St. Thomas, Sherwood Park since 1982 where he served for four terms as people's warden. He has been chair of the Engineering Committee for nine years, and of the Budget Committee for seven years.

In the diocese, he was chair of the Building Committee for the Prayer Works Hall Project at St. Faith's, and member of the REACH Campaign Steering Committee. He is a past member of the Diocesan Executive Council.

Brian was a 1968 Mexico City Olympian representing Great Britain in Road Cycling. He is still very involved in cycling at local, national and international levels.

The Venerable Richard King

Provincial Synod

My name is Richard King and it's hard to believe I have now been in Edmonton diocese for nearly four years. It's been a great joy to be here and get to know our wonderful church families, in both my capacity as rector of St. Luke's and as Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship.

I have been ordained for 29 years and served in the Church of England from my ordination in Canterbury, in 1990, until I arrived at St. Luke's in January, 2016. I love seeing individual Christians and church families flourishing and growing and discovering for themselves the wondrous gifts God has given each single person for the common good. I get very excited about the mission of God, in which each one of us has a unique contribution to make.

When not getting excited about that, I get excited about soccer, Formula 1 motor racing and, as unbelievable as it sounds, cricket. This is especially when England plays Australia, since my neighbour, Bob, is an Aussie.

Should you wish it, I would consider it a great joy and privilege to represent our diocese at Provincial Synod, sharing with them the many ways we are discovering our God's equipping love.

The Reverend Robyn King

General Synod

The Rev. Robyn King has a BA in History from the University of Montana and a Master of Divinity from The General Theological Seminary of The Episcopal Church. She served as the rector of a cluster of three small churches in Montana and interim Camp Director for the Diocese of Montana before becoming a priest in the Diocese of Edmonton. In Edmonton, she has worked with St. Peter's and Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona.

Robyn has served on various church committees including Administration and Finance (Diocese of Edmonton), Diocesan Council (Diocese of Montana), Standing Committee on Lifelong Christian Formation and Education (The Episcopal Church), The Camp and Youth Ministry Committee (Diocese of Montana).

When not engaged in Church related things, she's playing various tabletop games with Andrew, her spouse, being entertained by her dog and cats (who mostly get along), baking bread, reading, or, in the fall, turning apples into cider and other delicious things.

The Reverend Danielle Lepine

Executive Council, General Synod

Danielle is a cradle Anglican who has been actively involved in the Diocese of Edmonton since 2001. Danielle spent the first 10 years teaching children and youth of various ages, while also working for a few years as a Parish Administrator while completing her psychology degree in which she specialized in adolescent and educational psychology. After obtaining her degree she actively entered into discernment with the Anglican Church and completed studies at Newman Theological College here in Edmonton. Danielle was ordained as a deacon in 2018, and as a priest in 2019, and is currently the assistant curate at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Old Strathcona. Areas of extreme interest include working with youth, seniors and social justice issues.

The Reverend Stephen London

Executive Council, Provincial Synod General Synod

The Rev. Stephen (Steve) London has been a priest in the Diocese of Edmonton for more than 15 years. He is currently rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Sherwood Park. Our main parish focus at the moment is on what we call J.A.M. which stands for Jesus, Apprenticeship and Mission. This is a way to articulate what is at the heart of our life together as a parish.

Steve has been extremely involved with the diocese over the years serving on Examining Chaplains, Administration and Finance Committee, as Regional Dean, Camp Director, Camp Chaplain, TEC and Vocare Spiritual Advisor, Anglican/Roman Catholic Dialogue and Pastor of the Edmonton Youth Offender Center. He has served the National Church as a member of General Synod, Provincial Synod and as ACPO Assessor. He served the local community as Chair of Ministerial, Chair of Strathcona County Ecumenical Mission, Chair of the Ecumenical Refugee Committee and Strathcona County Hospital Chaplain Coordinator.

He is husband to Stephanie, who is also a priest of the diocese, and father to three children: Claire, Sarah and Alex.

Sheila Clifford MacKay

Executive Council

My name is Sheila Clifford MacKay and I would like to serve on the Executive Council of the Diocese of Edmonton. I attend St. Luke's Anglican Church, Edmonton. The following is a listing of some of my services at the church: I have been a Lay Reader for five years, taught Sunday School for 30 years and was the Superintendent of the Sunday Club. I served on the vestry and am an assistant with Messy Church. I have attended several Alpha Programs and completed the Education for Ministry (EfM) course with the Rev. Bob Peel and June Miller.

Outside of church, I have just ended my term being the Chair of Edmonton's Senior Coordinating Council which is an umbrella for 80 non-profits. Presently, I sit on the Age Friendly 2.0 for the City of Edmonton. I also serve as a trustee for an international educational foundation based in the USA.

I am married to Jim Clifford and we have one adult daughter. I like to read, walk and pick berries. I support continuing with the ongoing work of the diocese, with the work begun at our synod, and in proclaiming the gospel, making disciples and furthering the kingdom,

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. Exodus 15:2

Lois MacLean

Diocesan Court Laity (Law Society Member)

Lois is a lawyer who practices in Edmonton with the firm of de Villars Jones. She is the Vice Chancellor of the diocese, the Chair of the Diocesan Advisory and Response Team (DART), which is an advisory committee to the Bishop, and a member of the Bishop's Fund Committee.

She graduated from the law school at the University of Alberta in 1981. She had a broad general practice with a firm called Ackroyd Piasta for about 10 years. After having a family, she joined the staff of the Law Society of Alberta on a part-time basis as a Complaints Officer - dealing with complaints against lawyers, and disputes between lawyers. In 1998 she returned to private practice and joined her current firm. She focuses on wills and estates and trusts and is active in both estate planning and estate litigation.

She has been a member of Christ Church since 1985, and in the past has been fortunate to serve as both the people's warden and rector's warden of the parish.

The Reverend Lorne Manweiler

Executive Council

The Rev. Lorne Manweiler serves as Rector of St. Timothy's, Edmonton, as principal priest for Equally Anglican at Holy Trinity, Edmonton, is an Honorary Director of the Canterbury Foundation, and is instructor of organ and university organist at Concordia University of Edmonton.

He has served the broader church for more than 20 years in varied administrative, executive and service roles, including as pastoral advisor to seminary admissions boards; mission developer; children's program director; general secretary for a major national ecumenical dialogue; pastoral advisor and member at large for an Edmonton inner city outreach; as well as director for standing committees for major national and regional conferences and initiatives in the Lutheran Church.

Lorne brings to the table a warm pastoral heart; esteem for tradition, an energetic, creative, and optimistic view of the future; a systems-oriented and intergenerational view of the Church; and an undeniably German-Canadian attitude toward administrative dynamics and faithful ethics.

Matthew Mercer-Deadman

General Synod, Provincial Synod

Matthew Mercer-Deadman is a life-long Anglican, born in the UK, baptised in St. Paul's Cathedral in Regina, and raised in Edmonton.

Matthew and his family have been members of various parish families across the city, including St. John the Evangelist, St. Patrick's, and now the Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona family. Matthew has had the privilege to serve on vestries and altar guilds at both St Patrick's and Holy Trinity. Matthew delights in serving as a lay coordinator and the social media coordinator for Equally Anglican, the LGBTQ+ affirming ministry based at Holy Trinity, and hopes to continue to use his gifts to extend and expand the reach of Equally Anglican to network with and support LGBTQ+ and Ally Anglicans across the Diocese of Edmonton, and the Province of Rupert's Land.

The Venerable Dr. Christopher A. Pappas

Provincial Synod

Chris has been the Rector of Holy Trinity Anglican Church since 2010, and is the Archdeacon for Congregational Development in the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton.

Prior to Church service, Chris worked as a research scientist at the Yale University School of Medicine and as the Assistant Secretary of the State for Connecticut. Chris received a B.S. in Biology and a Ph. D. In Biomedical Science: Neuroscience (researching glial physiology, with a focus on astrocyte ion regulation).

Chris has served urban, rural and suburban parishes in Rhode Island, Connecticut and Alberta. His focus is on leadership development and congregational growth. He received a M. Div. from Yale Divinity School, a Certificate in Anglican Studies from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and a D. Min. in Congregational Studies at Church Divinity School of the Pacific, with a focus on the characteristics of leadership in transformational congregations.

Chris has served on various community and church committees, including Executive Council, co-chair of the National Worship Conference, and the Vital Healthy Parishes initiative. Chris is a

strong proponent of ecumenism and interfaith activities, and serves the soldiers of the South Alberta Light Horse as the regimental church padre. He is active in promoting the Arts, supporting artists and providing good, life-affirming art for the community. Chris feels that the best years of the Church are before Her and is excited about what God is doing in our diocese and lives.

The Reverend Aaron Parsall-Myler

General Synod

Rev. Aaron was born and raised in London, England. His family members were occasional church-goers, only attending baptisms, wedding and funerals. When he was 14, he joined the Emmanuel Anglican Church in Croydon, U.K. It was here that Aaron started his Christian journey by becoming a youth leader at 17. When he was 19, Aaron moved to Canada and studied History and English at Cape Breton University in Nova Scotia.

After he graduated, Aaron planned to study and become a teacher. However, he felt that was called to something else and, after moving to Edmonton, understood that he was called to the Church in some way.

Aaron met his lovely wife, Erika, at the beginning of 2015 and they were married in October of 2017. In 2015, Aaron was ordained to the diaconate and became a Canadian Citizen. On January 25, 2018 he was ordained to the priesthood.

Rev. Aaron has many years working with youth. From 2014 to 2017 he worked with the Salvation Army in their residential and addiction treatment program. There, he learned in the areas of addiction and mental health. In 2017, Rev. Aaron returned to parish work at St. Matthew's Anglican Church, St. Albert. In December, 2018, he joined St. Augustine's Parkland, Spruce Grove as the Associate Priest and is Pastor of Auggie's Café.

The Venerable Alan Perry

General Synod

Alan Perry has served as the Executive Archdeacon of the Diocese of Edmonton since 2012. Ordained in the Diocese of Montreal, he spent 18.5 years in parish ministry, serving downtown, small town and suburban parishes. He also served as Ecumenical Officer of the Diocese of Montreal and is a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Montreal. He has extensive interest and experience in church governance, and an interest in Canon Law.

He holds: a BA (Classical Studies) from Concordia University, Montreal; a BTh (Great Distinction) and STM from McGill University; MDiv from Montreal Diocesan Theological College; and LLM (Canon Law) (Distinction) from Cardiff University.

He has served as a member of the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, as well as Member of the Provincial Court (1997-2000), Clerical Secretary (2000-2003) and Prolocutor (2003-2009). He is recipient of the Province of Canada Award of Merit.

He has been a Member of the General Synod 1998, 2001, 2004, 2010, 2016, 2019, a Member of the Council of General Synod (2001-2004), Member of the General Synod Pension Committee (2007-present), and Assessor to the General Synod (2007, 2010, 2013, 2016, 2019).

He is a member of the Ecclesiastical Law Society and Vice President of the Board of Governors of the North American Academy of Ecumenists.

In his spare time, Alan enjoys travel and photography.

Lynne Reckhow

Executive Council

I am blessed to be part of the worshipping community of St. George's, Edmonton. I have served in a previous parish as a warden and a vestry member and in various other capacities. I have been involved in Children's and Youth Ministry, initially working with the Sunday school children, and working with the youth on Sunday mornings. I have also been involved in evening Youth Group. I am equally inspired by the innocent and trusting faith of the younger children, and the questioning, seeking faith of the youth who struggle to make sense of what they believe in the context of a world that doesn't make it easy. I have learned that it is in the muddy soup of humanity where we learn to love, to give, to receive and to serve. It is beautiful to see glimpses of the church (and, in my case, particularly the worshipping community at St. George's) being transformed by the Holy Spirit and growing into the Body of Christ - becoming the eyes, and ears, and hands of love within its bounds, and to the world outside. It is in working together, even when that is sometimes challenging, that we discover who Christ calls us to be, individually, as a community, and corporately as the church. I have found that to be a humbling reality, and I am thankful for all the ways in which I have been blessed to be a part of the journey.

The Reverend Colleen Sanderson

***Executive Council, General Synod
Provincial Synod***

During Rev. Colleen Sanderson's 10 years as an ordained priest in the Diocese of Edmonton she has served in both urban and rural, hospitals and long-term care settings. She currently serves at St. Michael and All Angels, rector (8 years). At St. Michael's she has encouraged the parish to become more involved in the community through a knitting and reading ministry at a local elementary school, the development of a community garden and being a regular weekly depot for the Edmonton Food Bank.

She is an enthusiastic supporter of camping ministry and served many years in the diocesan Camp Come Alive Program as a lay person (19ish years), and as the Resource Pastor with Hastings Lake Bible Camp. Rev. Colleen has many years serving on Diocesan Committees from Executive Council, to youth and young adult committees, and currently chairs the Northeast Interfaith Committee. The Rev. Colleen Sanderson currently serves as the Regional Dean for the Cold Lake Region.

Rita Stagman

Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod

Rita was raised in smalltown Saskatchewan. She attended the University of Saskatchewan where she received her Bachelor of Education. After several years of teaching in northern Saskatchewan communities, she met her husband and moved to Drayton Valley, Alberta. When Rita moved to Drayton teaching positions were scarce, so she accepted a position with the Government of Alberta as a front receptionist. Over her 25-year career with the GoA, she has done administration, finance, communications and currently is in an education, outreach and facilitation role.

Rita is actively involved in her home parish of All Saints'. She has served as rector's warden, Sunday school co-ordinator and a lay reader. She is blessed to be part of the diocesan Cursillo community.

Within her community, Rita has served on the board of Humans Helping Humans Housing Foundation, assisting at fundraising and building events. She also serves on the DV WelcomeIn Group board, which has sponsored and resettled a Syrian family under the diocese's guidance.

Rita and her husband have two adult children, two dogs and three grandchildren. Much of Rita's free time is spent seeking out ways to spend more time with her grandchildren.

The Reverend Mark Vigrass

Executive Council

I discovered Anglicanism more than 30 years ago and was confirmed in 1991. From 1993 to 1996 I lived in Tanzania and taught English at government high schools. I felt at home worshipping with Anglicans at home and abroad because of a shared sense of identity. After returning to Canada, I worked with people with disabilities for seven years. Later I attended St. Paul University (Ottawa) where I received an M.A. in Pastoral Studies and learned to be a spiritual care provider.

I have been working for almost fourteen years as a chaplain at St. Joseph's Auxiliary Hospital where I have provided spiritual and emotional support to long term care residents and palliative patients. I have been a part of St. Patrick's, Edmonton since 2005. My ordination to the diaconate took place in 2008. I have lived out my ministry at St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's.

I met my best friend, Manny Penner, in 2013 and we were married four years ago. We take walks together, attend the opera and other cultural events and share a love of cooking healthy food.

The Reverend Robin Walker

Diocesan Court

Robin was ordained deacon in 1987 and priest in 1988. He has served as rector in the parishes of Barrhead and Lac la Nonne (1987-1990); St. Augustine's Parkland (1990-2002). He was Dean of Brandon and Rector of St. Matthew's Cathedral, Brandon from 2003-2013.

His diocesan service includes regional dean, archdeacon, co-ordinator of lay readers' training, Stewardship & Planned Giving Officer, other committee memberships.

Currently he is Honourary Assistant, Holy Trinity, Old Strathcona), Diocesan Co-ordinator for Education for Ministry (EfM), member of Administration & Finance Committee and Diocesan Court.

The Reverend Jordan Haynie Ware

General Synod

The Rev. Jordan Haynie Ware has served as rector of Good Shepherd in Edmonton since 2017. Originally from Texas, she was ordained priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth in 2013. She represented Fort Worth at the 79th General Convention of the Episcopal Church in 2015.

Jordan has a passion for ministry beyond the bounds of the parish, which she exercises primarily through her podcast, *Two Feminists Annotate the Bible*, and her book, *The Ultimate Quest: A Geek's Guide to (the Episcopal) Church*.

Jordan holds degrees from Yale Divinity School and the University of Texas at Austin.