

DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY

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The regional deans are appointed by the Bishop for three-year renewable terms. During their term of office they assume the honorific of Canon.

Their functions are to nurture the life of the region by:

- 1: Meeting regularly and frequently with the clergy of the region to share information, offer mutual support and encouragement, and discuss plans for the effective functioning of the region as a whole.
- 2: Working with the chair of the regional council to plan and carry out council meetings which will enliven the interest and activities of the region.
- 3: Offering pastoral support to the clergy of the region and their families.
- 4: Providing support to the parishes and ensuring continuity of ordained ministry.
- 5: Communicating information from the synod office.
- 6: Participating in the quarterly meetings of Regional Deans with the Bishop, Cathedral Dean and Archdeacons. The purpose of these meetings is to consider the life of the diocese within a climate of confidentiality and mutual support.
- 7: Ensuring that the buildings and records of each parish/congregation are properly maintained. This includes ensuring that buildings are appraised annually for insurance purposes.
- 8: Promoting the principle of baptismal ministry - that is, the vocation and ministry of all the baptized - in their regions