

The Right Reverend  
**William Grant Cliff**  
B.A., M.Div., M.A., D.D., FNCM



M.A. (Theology) The University of Western Ontario 2009  
Thesis: *The Prayers of Elizabeth I: Access, Display and Association*  
M.Div. (with honours) Huron University College 1992  
B.A. (Religious Studies) Kings College at Western University 1989

*ordained Deacon on 14<sup>th</sup> May 1992 by Bishop Robert Townshend of the Diocese of Huron*  
*ordained Priest on 30<sup>th</sup> November 1992 by Archbishop Percy O'Driscoll of Huron*  
*consecrated Bishop on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 by Archbishop Gregory Kerr-Wilson of Calgary*

## **Appointments**

### **VII Bishop of Brandon**

2016 - Present

*Bishop of the Diocese of Brandon in the Anglican Church of Canada composed of 65,000 sq miles of Western Manitoba from Hudson Bay to the American border. Chief Pastor to the 53 congregations of the Diocese. Significant work in reconciliation and healing for the Indigenous churches in the north and the largely agricultural parishes in the south. Development and integration of a team-based model of parish ministry and the implementation of education and mentorship for locally raised Deacons and Priests to work in co-operation with Seminary trained Priests. Recruitment of Deacons and other clergy along with an Indigenous form of discernment for Indigenous clergy. Teaching courses in the L.Th. Program in Liturgy and Church History. Significant rationalization of Diocesan offices and expenses and resolution of litigation.*

### **Canon Precentor of the Diocese of Huron**

2009-2015

*Responsible for the development, composition and execution of liturgies for Ordinations, Synods, Episcopal consecrations and all other liturgical functions in the Diocese of Huron. Responsible for the liturgical resources available to parishes and remedial parish and clerical education on matters of liturgy, prayer, music, sanctuary and church renovation as well as parish liturgical practice at the instruction of the Bishop. Edited and published "The Eucharistic Canons of the Anglican Communion" in 2013 to assist the Bishop of Huron in authorizing rites for parishes.*

### **Honourary Clerical Secretary of Synod**

2008-2015

*Responsible, with the Honourary Lay Secretary and the Synod Co-ordinator for the organization and execution of all synodical processes, including local arrangements, Synod Journals, Agendas, Notices of Motion, Canonical Revisions and Synod Reports, as well as the organization and execution of electoral synods when they are called.*

### **Board Member - The Royal School of Church Music Canada**

2007-2011

### **Ethics Consultant - The Ontario Human Rights Commission**

2005-2009

*Confidential consultation with OHRC Commissioners and Staff as need arises. Serves as a safe place for Staff to think through service based ethical dilemmas as well as administrative questions.*

### **Canon of the Cathedral Chapter - St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ontario**

2003-2015

### **Rector - The Collegiate Chapel of St. John the Evangelist, Huron University College**

2002-2015

*Chaplain to Huron University College and Anglican Chaplain to the University of Western Ontario. Currently a member of the senior administration at Huron University College at the University of Western Ontario. A Pastoral presence who is charged to work and encourage, counsel, include and guard the dignity of all students, faculty and staff. Liaison with and counsel students of all faiths and of no faith. Working to establish and encourage multi-faith council at the University of Western Ontario and authored the working document for its parameters for discussion. I also serve as the parish priest to the Anglican Population at UWO.*

**Diocesan Liturgical Officer** - The Diocese of Huron 2002-2009  
*Responsible for the development, composition and execution of liturgies for Ordinations, Synods, Episcopal consecrations and all other liturgical functions in the Diocese of Huron.*

**Chaplain and Honourary Inspector** - Strathroy-Caradoc Police Service 1999-2002  
*Counsel and encouragement to the local Police Service*

**Chaplain** - The Ministry of Youth, Diocese of Huron 1999-2003  
*Oversight of Youth Synod for approximately 60 Young People on residential conventions*

**Rector** - St. John the Evangelist, Strathroy and St. Ann's Adelaide 1998-2002  
*Parish Priest to a two point parish of 350 families. Began with a parish that had been in crisis, and a physical plant in dire need of repair, deep in debt for apportionment and in general malaise. Having repaid back apportionment from the previous 5 years to the Diocese, the congregation then grew and went on to fix widows, heating, tower, roofing, a complete rebuilding of the organ and the establishment of the \$500,000 community foundation based at the parish.*

**Human Rights Commissioner** - appointed to three terms 1997-2004  
*Served as a part-time commissioner of the Ontario Human Rights Commission. Served under Mr. Keith Norton for all three terms and regularly chaired panel meetings as as a perfect attendance record in seven years of work. Attended CASHRA when assigned as a Commissioner. Familiar with the Ontario Human Rights Act and the Tribunal system as they have developed. Was part of the transition from an all paper system to the development of the Electronic Case Management system at OHRC for case work and decision. Took part in regional stakeholder consultations and hearings as assigned and as available.*

**Rector** - St. James' Hanover with Trinity Church Durham 1995-1998  
*Parish Priest to a two-point parish of approximately 150 families. Predominantly rural ministry in Grey County, with two parishes that had recently recovered from crisis and had begun the move to stability. Restored the parish worship life and built the congregations up to a sustainable level.*

**Assistant to the Rector** - Trinity Church Simcoe 1992-1995  
*Assisting priest in a single-point parish of 500 families*

## **National and International Work**

<i>Chair of the Pension Committee of the General Synod Pension Plan</i>	2023-
<i>Trustee - The General Synod Pension Plan</i>	2018-
<i>Member - Governance Committee of the General Synod Pension Plan</i>	2019-
<i>Member - Communications Committee of the General Synod - Chair 2021-2023</i>	2019-2023
<i>Secretary to the House of Bishops</i>	2018-
<i>Chair - Council of the North</i>	2018-2020
<i>Vice-Chair - Council of the North</i>	2021-2023
<i>Chair - Anglican Journal Steering Committee</i>	2017-2019
<i>Member - Board of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad - Saskatoon</i>	2017-2023
<i>Member - Anglican Journal Steering/Communications Committee working group</i>	2017-2019
<i>Member of General Synod</i>	2013, 2016, 2019
<i>Chaplain to Youth - General Synod 2001</i>	
<i>Member of the Board of the Anglican Journal</i>	2016-2019

## **Speaking, Articles, Academia**

<i>Speaker - Niagara School for Mission - on Missional Preaching</i>	2021-2023
<i>Licentiate in Theology Instructor - Huron University College (liturgy and Church History)</i>	2016-present
<i>Keynote Speaker - The Diocese of Ontario Synod</i>	2021

<i>Keynote Speaker - The Diocese of Niagara Synod</i>	2019
<i>Keynote Speaker - ACW Annual - Diocese of Huron</i>	2019
<i>Keynote Speaker - Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario</i>	2018
<i>Published "The Joy of the God who Shows Up" for December 2018 Anglican Journal and January 2019 Episcopal Journal</i>	
<i>Featured Workshop - CLAY National Conference, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island</i>	2016
<i>Monthly Columnist - Diocese of Brandon's "Mustard Seed"</i>	2016-present
<i>Featured Preacher - Shriving Service and Evensong - SS Peter and Paul Parish, Olney, Buckinghamshire, U.K.</i>	2015
<i>Featured Workshop - CLAY National Conference, Kamloops, British Columbia</i>	2014
<i>Member - Clergy Consultation - St. George's House, Windsor Castle - "Speaking about God"</i>	2014
<i>Keynote Speaker - Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior - Living the Eucharistic Life</i>	2014
<i>Keynote Speaker - Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador - VocationStation Youth Conference</i>	2014
<i>Keynote Speaker - St. George's Church Wharnclyffe Road Parish retreat - From Believer to Disciple</i>	2014
<i>Published "The Eucharistic Canons of the Anglican Communion" for the Diocese of Huron</i>	2013
<i>Keynote Speaker - Diocese of Edmonton - Holy Trinity Edmonton - Centenary Celebration</i>	2013
<i>Keynote Speaker - Diocese of Brandon Ministry Conference "Joy in Community"</i>	2013
<i>Instructor - St. Peter's Seminary, London, Ontario - Ecumenism - Systematic Theology 5511B</i>	2012-2015
<i>Featured Workshop - CLAY National Conference, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan</i>	2012
<i>Keynote Speaker - Canadian Forces Chaplain's Annual Retreat, Cornwall, Ontario</i>	2012
<i>Keynote Preacher - Lilly Endowment Program Consultation for High School Theology Programs</i>	2012
<i>Keynote Speaker - Diocese of British Columbia Annual Synod</i>	2012
<i>Instructor - Atlantic School of Theology - Introduction to Youth Ministry - online course</i>	2012
<i>Keynote Speaker - British Columbia and Yukon Anglican Youth Movement Conference</i>	2011
<i>Keynote Speaker - The Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa</i>	2011
<i>Keynote Speaker - The Synod of the Diocese of Huron, London, Ontario</i>	2011
<i>Keynote Speaker - Common Ground National Youth Consultation, London, Ontario</i>	2010
<i>Keynote Speaker - CLAY National Conference, London, Ontario - six 45 minute bible studies for 1000 youth</i>	2010
<i>Columnist - Huron Church News (monthly) and The Anglican Journal (September 2013 feature)</i>	2009-2015
<i>Keynote Speaker - Distinguished Preacher's Series - Immanuel Church, Baltimore, MD</i>	2010
<i>Keynote Speaker - Diocesan Youth Gathering - Diocese of Nova Scotia and P.E.I.</i>	2009
<i>Keynote Speaker - 53<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Diocese of Huron - New Parish Music</i>	2009
<i>Engaging Young People with the Scriptures - The Word is Life - Journal of the Catholic Biblical Association of Canada No. 11, Christmas</i>	2008
<i>Practitioner - Scriptural Reasoning - The University of Virginia</i>	2008
<i>Keynote Speaker - Convention of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts</i>	2008
<i>Keynote Speaker - Cathedral Lenten Series - Human Dignity: What manner of freedom?</i>	2008
<i>Keynote Speaker - 53<sup>rd</sup> Weekend - Diocese of Huron - Developing Community through Music</i>	2007
<i>Retreat Leader - St. Peter's Seminary - London Staff and Faculty Summer Retreat</i>	2006
<i>Keynote Speaker - Province I Stewardship Conference - Westboro Massachusetts</i>	2006
<i>External Examiner - Graduate Studies UWO - MA Thesis - Rembrandt and a Protestant Aesthetic</i>	2005
<i>Canadian Who's Who - Biography included since 2003</i>	2003-present
<i>Keynote Speaker - Stewardship in our Lives Conference</i>	2004-2007
<i>Lectures - Church History, Theology of Ministry, Church Music, English and Interdisciplinary Studies</i>	
<i>(1) Continental vs. English Reformation</i>	
<i>(2) Centres of Authority and the Disintegration of the Medieval world</i>	
<i>(3) The Sarum Rite and the Society in Which it was Celebrated</i>	
<i>(4) The Pastoral Use of Hymnody</i>	
<i>(5) Politics and The King James Version of the Bible</i>	
<i>Lecturer - Ask and Imagine - Bible as our Story or "Bible with Bill"</i>	2003-2015
<i>Lecturer - Christian Belief and Practice - World Religions 2131</i>	2003-2015
<i>Article - Into Battle Armed with Faith Alone - Toronto Star National Edition</i>	2005

Lecture - Issues in Canadian Human Rights Law - Faculty of Law	2002-2005
Lecture - Multifaith Understanding and the Commodification of Spirituality	2003-2004
Article - UWO Alumni Gazette Commemorative Edition - Isaac Hellmuth Biography	2003
Hymn Text - The World Awaits - Title Track on Project Sing! Christmas Album	2001
Consultant - The Shaw Festival - Clerical Dress according to Church Party in the early 20 <sup>th</sup> Century	2001

### **Memberships and Fellowships, Honours and Distinctions**

<b>Doctor of Divinity</b> (Honoris Causa) Huron University College	2013
<b>Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal</b> - <i>for services to post-secondary education</i>	2012
<b>Lifetime Achievement Award</b> - Huron University College Alumni Association	2007
<b>Honourary Senior Fellow</b> - Renison College at the University of Waterloo	2007
<b>Life Member</b> - Primate's World Relief and Development Fund	2001
<b>Fellow</b> - National College of Music and the Arts (London, UK)	2000
<b>Member</b> - The Guild of Church Musicians	1999-present
<b>Chaplain of Jurisdiction</b> - the Order of St. Lazarus of Jerusalem - JChLJ	1998-present