



ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH SESSION
of the
Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Fredericton
Special Synod on Christ Church Cathedral
18 April 2026
Convening Circular

**Followers of Jesus sharing hope and help
in our communities and beyond.**



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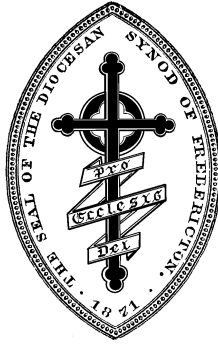
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Notice

The One Hundred and Fortieth Session (Special) of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton will convene on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at 8:50 a.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 150 Church St., Fredericton.

Membership

The Credentials Committee advises that it is important for those who intend to exercise membership of the Synod confirm that their name appears on one of the licensed clergy, licensed evangelists or elected lay delegates and substitutes lists. **PLEASE REFER TO SECTION B.** Those who feel the lists are in error need to take steps, prior to registration on the day of Synod, to clarify their status. Clergy not listed should contact the Bishop's Secretary in advance of the session. Lay delegates, or lay substitutes replacing a delegate, not listed should assure the completion of the [form of Certification of a Synod Delegate](#) prior to attempting to register.

Registration

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m. Please register upon arrival at the synod session on April 18 as a quorum will be required to convene the Session.

Convening Circular

Delegates should become as familiar as possible with the contents of this convening circular prior to the synod session and, if possible, bring a device to access it electronically at the session. Printed copies of the parts required for the day will be made available at the synod session. If lay delegates are unable to attend the session of synod, the substitute from the same parish attending in their place is to be made aware of this circular. It will be helpful if those who can download the digital version of the circular to a device do so prior to arriving at the venue.

Reports

As this is a special single-topic synod there will be no Diocesan Council, officer or committee reports collected or presented. Clergy are not required to provide a report to the bishop.

Communicable Disease Prevention

Delegates are expected to assess and manage their personal risk and respect the risk assessment of other delegates. Wash or disinfect your hands often, and cover coughs and sneezes. Most importantly, stay at home if you are sick.

Other Information

Please visit the [Synod session webpage](#) for additional up to date information or to contact members of the Synod Sessional Committees. The Secretary of Synod is available to answer your questions or direct you to someone who can.

Prayers for Synod

For this Synod

Almighty God, giver of all and ruler of all that is seen and unseen; we ask for continual divine grace to your Church and especially to the 140th Session of Diocesan Synod. May we walk in your way, leading lives worthy of our calling, in humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another in love and maintaining the unity of your Spirit in the bond of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Being Communities for our Communities

O Lord our creator, by your holy prophet you taught your ancient people to seek the welfare of the cities in which they lived. We commend our communities and neighbourhoods to your care, that they might be kept free from social strife and decay. Give us strength of purpose and concern for others, that we may create in our province a community of justice and peace where your will may be done; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the mission of the Church

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island. May your Holy Spirit encourage and enable us in this diocese to bless those in our congregations and neighbourhoods, to make opportunities to eat with others, to take time to listen to you and learn from your Word and the writings of gifted authors, and to know ourselves to be sent by you into our community and the world. We ask this in his name and for his sake.

For the ministry of the Church

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, in your divine providence you have appointed various orders in your Church. Give your grace, we humbly pray, to all who are called to any office and ministry for your people; and so fill them with the truth of your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life, that they may faithfully serve before you, to the glory of your great name and for the benefit of your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

For Peace

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your Church, peace among nations, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER OF SYNOD

Lay Delegates to Diocesan Synod elected by parishes have responsibilities to the Diocese and to the parish until they are replaced at a subsequent annual meeting of parishioners according to the Constitution, s. 4. All Clergy licensed in the Diocese are members of Synod.

- (1) Lay delegates, although elected by the parish, are “members” of Diocesan Synod and responsible to it when in session.
- (2) Synod members, when Synod is in session, act and vote as members according to their conscience and Christian understanding.
- (3) Synod members have the responsibility of reporting and explaining the action of Synod in a positive way at the parish level.
- (4) Synod members need to be familiar with the life of the Church at the parish level to guide their discussion at Synod and on committees at Synod, and be familiar with the structures of the Diocese so as to facilitate understanding at the local level.
- (5) Prior to any meeting of Synod, synod delegates will familiarize themselves with the agenda and any material pertaining to the said Synod.
- (6) Synod members should give leadership and accept election and/or appointment to Diocesan committees.
- (7) Synod members shall attend Archdeaconry Greater Chapter meetings when called by the Archdeacon.
- (8) Synod members are expected to promote the work of the Church at the parish, diocesan, and national level, as well as overseas.
- (9) Synod members ought to promote the actions of Synod, once decided upon, whether or not they voted in favour.

Adopted 27 January 2007

CANON TWO -- THE BUSINESS OF THE SYNOD

PART I - RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE

Definitions

1 In this Canon

“Chair” means the Bishop or other person presiding at a meeting of the Synod;

“member” means a member of the Synod.

The Chair

2(1) The Chair is responsible for preserving order and decorum at meetings of the Synod by

- (a) recognizing members who wish to speak and determining the order of speakers,
- (b) inviting the mover of a motion to present the opening and closing arguments on the question,
- (c) facilitating discussion and enabling the members to hear and listen to each other,
- (d) ensuring that all voices are heard and that none dominates,
- (e) ruling, when necessary, that speeches be limited to a specified time limit,
- (f) ruling whether proposed procedural motions or amendments to motions are in order, and
- (g) putting the question to a vote when all views have been sufficiently expressed.

2(2) The Chair may request the advice of the Chancellor on questions of order and shall rule on such questions, stating the applicable rule or practice without argument or debate.

2(3) Any member may appeal the Chair’s ruling on a question of order and the Synod shall decide the appeal without debate.

2(4) The resolution referred to in subsection 2(3) is valid without approval of the Bishop or other chair.

Sessional Committees

3(1) The Chair shall appoint for each regular meeting of the Synod a Credentials Committee, an Agenda Committee, a Nominating Committee, a Resolutions Committee and such other sessional committees as are deemed necessary.

3(2) The Chair shall appoint for any special meeting of the Synod a Credentials Committee and such other sessional committees as are deemed necessary.

3(3) The Chair shall announce the names of the members of sessional committees when the Synod convenes for business.

3(4) The Credentials Committee shall

- (a) register the names of the members in attendance at the meeting,
- (b) report to the Chair any question about the standing of persons claiming membership, and
- (c) report to the Chair as to whether there is a quorum.

3(5) The Agenda Committee shall propose the agenda for each day of the meeting.

3(6) The Nominating Committee shall

(a) receive nominations from members for the election of representatives to the Provincial and General Synods and to any other position to which the Synod is required to elect, and

(b) supervise the election process.

3(7) Subject to the age qualification in section 12 and to any requirement that a position be filled by a member of the Order of Clergy or a member of the Order of Laity, all members of the Synod and all substitute lay members of the Synod, whether they are present at the Synod or not, are eligible to be nominated for election to the Diocesan Council, as representatives to the Provincial and General Synods, and to any other position to which the Synod is required to elect.

3(8) When two or more persons receive an equal number of votes on a ballot of the Synod for the election of representatives to the Provincial and General Synods or any other position to which the Synod is required to elect, the Diocesan Council shall resolve the tie or ties by ballot at its first meeting after the meeting of the Synod.

3(9) Neither the Nominating Committee nor the Chair shall accept a nomination unless the nominee has expressly consented to nomination.

3(10) The Resolutions Committee shall receive resolutions from members and prepare them for submission in accordance with guidelines approved by Diocesan Council.

Order and Decorum

4(1) Members are responsible for assisting debate by

- (a) identifying themselves and addressing all remarks to the Chair,
- (b) confining their remarks strictly to the motion being considered,
- (c) stating their positions clearly, succinctly and without repetition, and
- (d) maintaining an impersonal tone and avoiding personal comments.

4(2) A member wishing to speak shall rise and address the Chair.

4(3) When two or more members rise at the same time, the Chair shall determine the order in which they shall speak.

4(4) A member called to order while speaking shall sit down, unless permitted by the Chair to explain.

4(5) A member, if not interrupting a speaker, may at any time request that the motion being debated be read for clarification of the debate.

4(6) Subject to subsections (7) and (8), no member shall speak more than once on the same question.

4(7) A member who makes a motion may speak a second time to close the debate on the motion.

4(8) An address by the Bishop is in order at any time.

Courtesies of the Synod

5 The Chair may invite a person who is not a member of the Synod to sit with the Synod or to address the Synod but that person shall not participate in debate or vote.

Reports of Committees

6 Reports of the Diocesan Council, the Finance Committee, the Constitution and Canons Committee and any other committee required to report to the Synod shall be in writing and signed by the Chair of the Council or Committee.

Notices of Motion

7(1) Members may give notices of motion

(a) during a meeting of the Synod, for consideration at the next regular meeting of the Synod and, in the absence of the member who gave such a notice, the motion may be made by any other member, and

(b) by sending the same to the Secretary of the Synod not less than six weeks before a regular meeting of the Synod.

7(2) The Secretary shall cause notices of motion given pursuant to subsection (1) to be printed in the notice of the meeting in the order in which they were given or received.

7(3) Members may give notices of motion during a meeting of the Synod at times appointed by the Agenda Committee.

7(4) Motions of which notices are given pursuant to subsections (1) and (2) shall be considered in priority to motions of which notices are given pursuant to subsection (3).

Motions

8(1) No motion or amendment is before the Synod unless it is seconded and in writing.

8(2) No original motion, except a procedural motion, shall be received without notice unless permitted by the Synod.

8(3) No motion that would result in a new expenditure may be considered unless it identifies a proposed source of funding or is qualified as being subject to available funding.

8(4) When a motion has been read by the Chair it cannot be withdrawn without the consent of the Synod.

8(5) When a motion is being considered, no other motion shall be received except

- (a) to adjourn,
- (b) to lay it on the table,
- (c) to consider it clause by clause,
- (d) to postpone it until a certain time,
- (e) to postpone it indefinitely,
- (f) to refer it,
- (g) to amend it, or
- (h) that the question be put,

and such motions have precedence in the order named, following a motion to put the question.

8(6) No more than one amendment to a proposed amendment of a motion is in order at one time.

8(7) Motions to adjourn, to adjourn the debate, or to lay a motion on the table shall be decided without debate.

8(8) A motion that the question be put shall be decided without debate and, to be carried, requires the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members present.

8(8.1) The motion referred to in subsection (8) is valid without approval of the Bishop or other Chair.

8(9) Debate on a motion to refer shall be restricted to the questions whether to refer and to whom.

8(10) When amendments to a motion are proposed, the amendments and the original motion shall be put in the reverse order to that in which they were made.

8(11) When the Chair declares that a question is being put, no further debate shall be allowed and no member shall rise.

Voting

9(1) When the votes of the clergy and of the lay members are required to be taken separately under subsection 8(2) of the Constitution or upon any motion to amend the Constitution or to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal a Canon, the question shall be put first to the order of the mover.

9(2) In voting, those who vote in the affirmative shall so signify first, and then those who vote in the negative.

9(2.1) Notwithstanding subsection (2), at the direction of the Chair or at the request of twenty members, voting on specified business shall be by ballot.

9(3) If there is an equality of votes, either of the Synod voting collectively or in the votes of either the clergy or the lay members taken separately, the Chair shall declare the question to have been decided in the negative.

9(4) A question, once determined, shall not again be drawn into discussion at the same meeting of the Synod without the permission of the Chair.

Suspension of the Rules of Order

10(1) A motion to suspend a Rule of Order and Procedure shall take precedence over all other motions, shall be decided without debate, and to be carried requires the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the members present.

10(2) The motion referred to in subsection (1) is valid without approval of the Bishop or other Chair.

Unprovided Cases

11 When a question of order is not covered by these Rules, the Chair may refer to Kerr and King's *Procedures for Meetings and Organizations* for guidance.

Draft Agenda

*140th Session of the Diocesan Synod of Fredericton
Christ Church Cathedral, Fredericton
April 18, 2025*

The Future of Christ Church Cathedral

- 8:00 AM Registration, with refreshments
- 8:50 AM Synod convenes
- Introductions and housekeeping announcements
- 9:00 AM Holy Eucharist and Archbishop's address
- 10:00 AM Refreshment break
- 10:15 AM Opening business**
- Report of the Credentials Committee and declaration of quorum
- Approval of agenda
- Review of Rules of Order and Decorum
- Introduction of motion
- 12:00 Noon Lunch (Cathedral Memorial Hall)
- 1:00 PM Close of submission period for Notices of Motion**
- 1:00 PM** Continuation of synod session
- 2:30 PM Closing remarks and adjournment
- 2:45 PM Evening Prayer** (earlier if business has concluded)

Membership

Per section 3 of the Constitution, the Synod shall consist of:

- (a) the Diocesan Bishop – the Most Reverend David Edwards
- (b) the Coadjutor Bishop, if any, of the Diocese – N/A
- (c) the Suffragan Bishop, if any, of the Diocese – N/A
- (d) the Assistant Bishop, if any, of the Diocese – N/A
- (d.1) the Diocesan Administrator – N/A
- (e) the Dean – the Very Reverend Geoffrey Hall
- (f) members of the clergy – see B - 2
- (g) the Chancellor – Mr. David Bell
and the Vice-Chancellor – Dr. Kelly VanBuskirk, K.C.
- (h) the Diocesan President of the Anglican Church Women – Ms. Peggy Boucher
- (i) the Secretary of the Synod – Ms. Cheryl Jacobs
- (j) the Treasurer of the Synod – Mr. Philip Shepherdson
- (k) evangelists of Threshold Ministries licensed in the Diocese – see B - 4
- (l) the lay members of the Synod or their substitutes elected pursuant to the Constitution – see B - 5

Licensed Clergy
 Diocese of Fredericton
 As at 31 March 2026

Name	Community	Ordained Deacon	Ordained Priest
Allan, Stuart (Canon)	Kingston	1972-05-28	1973-05-31
Alston, David	Moncton	2016-06-26	n/a
Amos-Binks, Wendy	Riverview	2001-06-24	2001-11-25
Arbeau, Sharon	Kingston	2021-05-23	n/a
Barrett, David (Canon)	Saint John	1985-06-06	1986-06-29
Barry, Robert	Bay du Vin	1986-06-26	1987-06-11
Bedell, Francene (Canon)	Edmundston	1986-12-06	n/a
Black, Paulette	Saint John	2021-11-21	2022-11-20
Black, Roderick	Fredericton	1998-05-16	1999-03-21
Boehr, Jeremy	Carters Point	2014-10-18	2015-03-21
Boomer, Harold	Woodstock	2018-09-23	2019-06-23
Caines, Michael	Saint John	2008-09-20	2009-03-28
Chandra, Jasmine	Saint John	2008-01-20	2009-03-28
Chandra, Terence	Saint John	2005-11-20	2006-06-29
Cheatley, Robert	St. Andrews	2020-11-01	2021-06-06
Collett, Wally	Quispamsis	1985-06-06	1986-06-29
Cooper, Perry (Ven.)	Miramichi	1997-11-30	1998-12-15
Craig, Patricia (Canon)	St. Andrews	1990-06-11	1991-06-16
Crighton, James	St. Andrews	2017-10-01	2018-06-24
Cunningham, Rick	Saint John	2022-09-11	n/a
Dryden, Eleanor	Grand Bay-Westfield	2009-02-01	n/a
Dupuis, Norm	Moncton	2015-09-27	n/a
Edmondson, Debbie	Keswick Ridge	2009-02-01	n/a
Edwards, David (Most. Rev.)	Fredericton	1995-09-24	1996-09-29
F, J (Dr.)	Grande Dique	2013-05-04	n/a
Fairweather, Ann	Rothsay	2015-09-27	2016-06-26
Fowler, Brenda	Smithtown	2016-06-26	n/a
Galbraith, John	Fredericton	2017-06-18	2018-06-24
Gillies, J. Peter	Saint John	1995-06-29	1996-03-24
Glencross, Bruce (Canon)	Clairville	1981-06-07	1982-05-30
Godsoe, Arnold	Fredericton	1991-05-26	1992-02-02
Golding Page, Julie	St. Stephen	2007-08-24	2008-02-26
Goodwin, Daniel (Dr.)	Baie Verte	2014-11-30	2015-06-28
Gwese, Paul	New Bandon	2000-10-21	2001-12-08
Haire, Barbara	Salem	2014-11-30	n/a
Hall, Geoffrey (Very Rev.)	Fredericton	1990-06-06	1991-06-16
Ham, Brent (Ven.)	Riverview	1998-03-01	1999-03-21
Hamilton, Elaine (Canon)	Fredericton	1981-09-20	2000-11-26
Harnish, Stephen	Fredericton	2010-09-21	2011-03-18
Harvey, John	New Maryland	1987-06-11	1988-06-11
Hayes, Chris (Canon)	Petitcodiac	2003-01-18	2003-11-22
Hebb, Ross (Canon Dr.)	Fredericton	1985-10-04	1987-06-11
Hockin, William (Rt. Rev.)	Fredericton	1962-05-20	1963-05-23

Horne, Andrew	Rothesay	2001-06-24	2002-05-19
Howlett, R. Keith	Geary	1974-10-27	1976-01-25
Hunt, Valerie	Riverview	1997-10-23	1998-10-25
Irvine, James (Canon)	Fredericton	1970-12-18	1972-06-24
Ketch, Christopher	Browns Yard	2014-06-14	2015-06-28
Langmaid, Mary Anne	St. George	1998-06-29	1999-03-21
Langmaid, Wilfred	Fredericton	1989-07-09	1990-06-24
Laskey, Cathy (Canon)	Quispamsis	2006-05-31	2006-11-29
Laskey, Gerald (Canon)	Blackville	1983-05-25	1984-06-11
Lownds, Jon (Canon)	Fredericton	1973-03-21	1974-08-06
MacPherson, Sandy (Canon)	Miramichi	2014-01-11	2016-09-18
Marsh, Rob (Ven.)	Quispamsis	2010-10-02	2011-03-26
Martin, Leo (Ven.)	Saint John	1994-06-24	1995-05-14
Matheson, John (Ven.)	St. Andrews	1980-06-15	1981-06-24
McCracken, Paul	Saint John	1976-09-29	1979-03-26
McKenna, Bruce (Canon)	New Maryland	1990-09-16	1991-06-16
McLean, Robert (Canon)	Tracy	2003-11-30	2004-11-28
McMullen, Christopher (Dr.)	Apohaqui	1998-06-29	2000-01-06
McMullen, Daniel	Sussex	2016-06-26	2017-06-18
McMullin, Gregory (Canon)	Saint John	1986-09-29	1987-06-12
Mercer, David (Dr.)	Douglas	1971-07-25	1972-10-28
Montgomery, Robert	Rothesay	2018-06-24	2019-06-23
O'Brien, Craig	Sackville	1998-10-28	1999-10-14
O'Hara, Michael	Quispamsis	2011-06-12	2012-03-19
Osborne, Keith	Fredericton	1991-06-23	1992-06-08
Osiowy, Neil	Doaktown	n/a	2004-05-21
Page, Steven	St. Stephen	2007-08-24	2008-02-26
Painter, Douglas	Kingston	2000-11-30	2001-04-25
Peer, David	Fredericton	2016-06-26	2017-06-18
Phinney, Eric	Grand Bay-Westfield	1991-06-23	1992-06-08
Pillay, Julian	Riverview	n/a	2003-06-29
Pitman, Robert	Grand Bay-Westfield	2025-09-28	n/a
Quann, Edward	Miramichi	2012-11-03	n/a
Quann, Ted	Miramichi	2012-11-03	n/a
Ranson, Paul (Canon)	Sussex Corner	2005-06-10	2005-12-04
Rideout, Paul	Rothesay	2010-05-31	2010-11-19
Salloum, Robert	Moncton	2001-06-01	2001-12-15
Scribner, Steven	Kingston	2013-10-10	2014-06-15
Shepherdson, Maria	Richmond Corner	2007-06-30	2008-07-05
Simons, John (Canon Dr.)	Sackville	1969-05-11	1969-10-19
Smith, David (Canon)	Grand Manan	1988-06-11	1989-06-29
Snelgrove, Albert (Canon)	Fredericton	1982-06-06	1983-06-29
Staples, David (Canon)	Fredericton	1976-06-09	1977-05-22
Steeves, Richard (Canon)	Miramichi	1998-05-16	1999-03-21
Steeves, Rose	Miramichi	2012-11-03	n/a
Stockall, Reginald (Ven.)	Moncton	1959-05-24	1960-05-26
Tapera, Christopher	Bathurst	1988-12-08	1989-12-11
Tapley, Allen (Canon)	Dutch Valley	1995-06-24	1996-03-24
Thompson, Gordon	Glen Levit	1990-06-05	1991-06-16
Tremblay, John (Dr.)	Clifton Royal	1987-04-27	1988-06-11

Turner, David	Hampton	2010-05-02	2011-03-26
Twinamatsiko, Caleb (<i>Canon</i>)	Pennfield	1993-12-19	1995-12-17
VanBuskirk, Christopher (<i>Canon</i>)	Stanley	1989-07-09	1990-06-24
Wells, Elizabeth	Sackville	2014-01-11	n/a
Westin, John Paul (Dr.)	Sackville	1986-09-19	1987-06-24
Williams, Walter (<i>Canon</i>)	Woodstock	1978-05-09	1979-06-03

Licensed Lay Evangelists

Diocese of Fredericton

As at 31 March 2026

Blanchet, Cyrus (Captain), Threshold Ministries	Saint John
Branch, Shawn (Captain), Threshold Ministries	Fredericton
Hunt, Bonnie (Captain), Threshold Ministries	Saint John

Elected Parish Lay Delegates and Substitutes to the 140th Session (Special) of Diocesan Synod, 2026 April 18

as of April 6, 2026

Parish Name	Delegate	Delegate	Delegate (16-35)	Substitute (16-35)	Substitute	Substitute
Andover	Carolyn Dixon	Kathleen McCarthy			Elizabeth Sullivan	
Bathurst	Myrna Good-Hollett	Nancy Scott			Craig Hills	Christine Hirn
Bright	Paul Jewett	Eugene Price			Mary Lou Price	Sharon McKeen
Cambridge and Waterborough	Pam Christenson	Jim Larson			Sheila Knight	Neil Orchard
Campobello	Ruth Ann Baker	Janice Watters			Vivian Galley	Mildred Rice
Canterbury, Benton and Kirkland						
Central Kings	Dianne Craft	Shawn Garnett			Krista Garnett	Carolyn Parent
Chatham+A8	Kevin Horsman	Gina Quann	Madison Warren		Debbie Connell	William Gallant
Christ Church Cathedral	Rosa Macaulay	Tom Fetter	Alexandria Pope	Ethan DeJong	Jamie Yeamans	Gregory Young Morris
Coldbrook - St. Mary	Lynne Corey	Randy Moore			Margaret Clark Ouellette	Robert Cormier
Denmark	Stewart Dunster	Caroline Staal			Carol Andersen	Beverly Johnston
Derby and Blackville	Elizabeth Curtis	Donna Curtis Roy			Donna Hambrook	Siobhan Laskey Shirley Underhill
Dorchester	Thelma Cormier				Wayne Feindel	
Douglas and Nashwaaksis	Carol Jones	Wayne Knorr	Chase McLean		Carol Mercer	Ben Mersereau
Fredericton	LA Henry	Craig Williamson	Rochelle Young		Debra Gail	
Fredericton Junction	Lori Knappe	Ona Tracy			Joanne Beck	Arline Landry
Fundy and the Lakes	Greg Hiltz	Victoria Whitenect			Jim Kendall	Nancy Maynard
Gagetown	Paul Mills	Jesse Webb			Sue McGibbon	Lynn Mills
Gondola Point	Ann Chappell	Anne Lee			Susan Sleep	Terry Sleep
Grand Manan	Carolyn Barnhart	Robert Griffin			Adèle Peacock	Melanie Sonnenberg
Hammond River	Patrick Hanratty	John Henderson			James Wilson	Jean Wilson
Hampton	Laura Myers	Joanna DiProse			Patricia Durham	
Kent	Jeff Symes	Lennie Symes			Fred Donaher	Loney Hudson Vance Symes
Kingston	Mary Clarke	Donna Murchison	Connor DeMerchant		Kathy Nutter	Rob Turgeon
Lancaster	Beverly Janes	Patti Skidmore	Laura Janes		Ann Stone	Myles Leitch
Ludlow and Blissfield	Beresford Price	Adam Robinson	Mariah Stewart		William Witherell	Karen Beek
Madawaska	Michele Ferland	Gloria Levesque			Gaetan Godbout	
Marysville	Allan Gillis				Leo Kolijn	
McAdam	Ann Marie Cairns	Margaret Laking			Hazel Gass	Donna Currie
Millidgeville	Christine Risk	Sheila VanWart			Jane Boehr	
Minto and Chipman	Catherine Campbell	Wanda Wilson			Brenda Barton	
Musquash	Linda Ellis				Krista Comeau	
New Bandon	Laura McNulty	Lesla Scott			Elaine Good	Lorna Murty
New Maryland	Greg Lutes	Cheryll Penney	Keegan Burns		Sandra Craft	

Parish Name	Delegate	Delegate	Delegate (16-35)	Substitute (16-35)	Substitute	Substitute
Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke	Murray Allan	Donna Murray				
Oromocto and Maugerville	Ruth Daley	Trish Mulholland			Elmer Mersereau	Joyce Mersereau
Pennfield	Kelly Burns	Paul Burns			Dawn Clark	James Clark
Portland	Trevor Holder	Jeena Jacob	Margaret Holder	Elizabeth Barrett	Michael Saunders	Andrew Winn
Prince William, Dumfries, Queensbury and Southampton	Gloria Fletcher	Lisa Portelli-Robinson			Audrey Cernivz	Elaine Hood
Quispamsis	Lorraine Scott	Kevin Tupper			Lana Van Beelen	Ray Littlewood
Renforth	David Henderson	Norman McLeod			Alice McLeod	Ada Onuora
Restigouche	Mark Franklin	Brenda Jewett				
Richmond	Jessica Smith				Patricia Margison	
Riverview	Catherine Fraser	Michelle Pillay	J. Christopher Pillay			
Rothsay	Sherry Hounsell	Macgregor Grant	Matthew Way		Rosemary Drummond	David Reevey
Sackville	Edna Boland	Andrew Grant			Heidi Carter	Patricia Thompson
Saint John	Judi Harvey-Issac	John Logan			Marie Goguen	Kyle Wells
Saint Stephen	James Higgins	Anne Nordstrom			Judy Fahey	Cecille Ruddock
Salisbury and Havelock	Minnie Estabrooks	Cheryl Young			Sharon Hooper	Sandra Vuillemot
Shediac	Brian Hodgson	Rachel Thorley	Moriah Matchette	Calvin Ham	John DeBruyn	Joyce Tilburt
St. Andrews	Erich Raab	Jarred Beckerton	Julian Rigby			
St. David and St. Patrick	Romey Heuff	Helen Hubley			Cathy O'Neill	Daniel O'Neill
St. George	Janet Cline	Joni Richardson			Amanda Emimo Mawhinney	Barbara McFarlane
St. Margaret's	Ken Brien	Cathy Lutes			Peggy Boucher	Jason LeBlanc
St. Mark, Saint John	Susan Wallace	Daniel Marmen		Casey Murray	Judy Mae Gallant	Ruby Ranson
St. Mark's (Sussex Corner)	Heather Carhart	Wendy Northrup			Janet Reicker	
St. Mary, York	Anne Brown	Holly Crockett			Patrick Stewart	
St. Peter, Fredericton	Wilfred Alliston	Robert Matthews			Ruth Buckingham	Brenda Smith
Stanley	Faye Humble	Carolyn VanBuskirk				
Sussex	Connie Armstrong	Robin Turner	Shelbi McLellan Flowers		Ethan Nyenhuis	Aimee Robichaud
the Nerepis and St. John	Elizabeth Chisholm Fillmore	Wanda Porter	Benaiah Sok	Joseph Duplisea	David Wilson	Anne Byers
the Six Saints	Brian Johnson	Charlene Routledge	John Stam	Kelly A. VanBuskirk	Judy Briggs Savitha Balakrishnan	Natalie Layton Kelly VanBuskirk
Upham	Kathy Doyle	Karen Pollock			Elizabeth Bech	Maryann Kellar
Upper Kennebecasis	Phyllis Price	Louise Pitcher			Hilda Gillies	Noreen Johansen
Waterford	Barbara Fanjoy	Carolyn Floyd			Marshall Fanjoy	
Westmorland	Allison Chapman	Kevin Phinney			Gregory Martin	Darlene Hicks-Phinney
Wicklów, Wilmot, Peel and Aberdeen	Wilma Inman	Margaret Johnson	Justin Wiley	Christian McLean	Penny McCain	Barb Smith
Woodstock	Barbara Belyea	Jennifer Taylor			Colin Craig	Naomi Sharpe

Getting a Motion Before the 140th Diocesan Synod

This 140th Diocesan Synod is a “Special” Synod devoted to the sole question of considering the future of what since 1853 has been the Diocesan Cathedral. Substantive motions brought before the meeting should relate to that subject. (Motions on other topics can come before the next Regular synod, which will take place in November.)

Making a Motion: Substantive motions are initiated by giving a Notice of Motion by way of the [Drafting a Resolution form](#). Notices of Motion can be given either before or for a limited time during a Synod.

Before Synod: [[Canon Two](#), sections 7(1)(b) and 7(2)] Notices of Motion for regular meetings of Synod can be sent to the Resolutions Committee (resolutions@anglican.nb.ca).

At Synod: [Canon Two, sections 3(10), 7(1)(a) and 7(3)] Notices of Motion can be given at a meeting of Synod by delivering the same to the Resolutions Committee before the deadline set by the Agenda Committee.

Procedural Motions: [Canon Two, section 8(5)] Procedural motions (such as a motion to table, refer or adjourn) may be made without notice and must be disposed of before consideration of the substantive motion before Synod.

Resolutions Committee: [Canon Two, section 3(1), [Regulation 2-1](#) Resolutions Committee Mandate] The Resolutions Committee does not have authority to veto or refuse a motion, but will seek to ensure that the language reflects the mover’s intent and is in clear and coherent language, and the Committee may recommend clarifications and point out potential concerns. It may also suggest consolidation of a proposed motion with other motions received on the same subject.

New Expenditures: [Canon Two, section 8(3)] Motions proposing new expenditures must either identify a proposed source of funding or be qualified as being made “subject to available funding.”

Notice of Motion

Motion 2026-140-01 – Safeguarding the Fabric of Christ Church Cathedral

MOVED THAT this Synod advise the Bishop that, after such further consultation as he considers useful with the Cathedral Bishop and Chapter, Diocesan Council and Synod Finance Committee, and any other stakeholders, and with the agreement and cooperation of any of those bodies as necessary, the Bishop (current or successor), take such steps as s/he considers proper for safeguarding the fabric of Christ Church Cathedral for the present and future, including such possible measures as transfer of the Cathedral (deconsecrated, if necessary) and surrounding property to a secular foundation, sale of Cathedral Memorial Hall, development of the vacant lot on Church Street, and/or reconfiguration of the Cathedral nave.

Funding provision: Carrying out this motion would be subject to available funding. Expert assessment of the financial resources required to address needed repairs to Christ Church Cathedral and provide an endowment fund so that future repair crises could be averted put that sum in excess of \$23,000,000. This motion, in advising the Bishop to take steps to make the building safe for the present and preserved for the future anticipates, on any eventuality, a funding campaign for contributions from New Brunswick Anglicans (Bishop and Chapter [that is, the Cathedral's governing corporation], parishes, the Synod itself, and individuals), as well as some appeal to the wider community/public. The motion also foresees that the Bishop, with relevant legal assents and participation from Bishop and Chapter, Diocesan Council and Synod Finance Committee, might undertake alternate or additional steps that have financial implications, such as selling the Cathedral Memorial Hall, replacing it jointly (by the Cathedral and the Synod) with a small office building on vacant Church Street land, and reconfiguring the Cathedral's nave so as to make it a more versatile space for outreach of various kinds.

Background: A summary of the outcomes of the Greater Chapter meetings held in March by Archbishop David follows as an appendix.

Summary of Outcomes from Greater Chapter Meetings Held in March 2026 in Preparation for This Special Synod Session

The results of meetings of the Greater Chapters suggest that most people in attendance, in many cases reluctantly, agreed with the basic idea of forming a foundation to take ownership and maintenance responsibility for the Cathedral and its surrounding greenspace. This would be accompanied by an occupancy agreement with the foundation to permit the bishop and the congregation continued use of the properties. Such a foundation would be a vehicle for securing funding from private and public sources for the repair and long-term maintenance of the building, while allowing its Anglican character to continue in great measure as at present. If the foundation were to fail its mission, it would presumably offer to return the property to church ownership.

In terms of identified alternatives to a foundation, there appeared to be little Greater Chapter support for the status quo. There was some support, but not much, for demolishing, selling or giving the building away. The thought was that upkeep is too costly and parishes are struggling to retain their own buildings. Added to this suggestion is the idea that the bishop's cathedra might be moved to another building.

The rationale for foundation ownership is that the wider community, government and secular charities may be inclined to support an historic, beautiful and distinctive building in its gracious setting but unwilling to do so if it involved subsidizing a particular religious organization. The attractiveness of the foundation idea is that it might bring the advantages of secular ownership of the property while allowing the Christian purpose of the building to continue to be fulfilled.

The most widely-stated concern and hesitation over conveying the Cathedral building and property to a foundation is loss of control over the building, including control over the types of non-religious activities that might take place there. Would they be compatible with a centre for Christian worship? Can the terms of the property conveyance to a foundation address this concern adequately? Allied closely to this concern is deconsecration. One of Canada's leading Anglican canon lawyers, Dr. Alan Perry, has expressed the view that secular ownership of property and the continuing consecrated status of that property are not themselves incompatible. Yet it seems likely that to attract public and philanthropic funding, the building would have to be deconsecrated.

During the course of some Greater Chapter discussions, a sort of hybrid idea found a degree of favour. It involved turning to the Anglican community – the Synod, parishes and individuals – to see if sufficient funds to replace the Cathedral roof and to ensure the safety of the clerestory windows could be raised. Other work would be done over time. The disadvantage of this approach is that it would be merely stopgap at best and not lead to the

permanent endowment for fabric repair that the Cathedral needs. However, it would have the advantage of preserving ownership and control with the church.

In light of this hybrid idea, I might add personally that we could also consider a combination of:

- Investigating the possibility of a one or two-story joint Cathedral and Synod office building on the remaining lot across the street from the Cathedral, between the former Bishop's Court and former synod office building.
- Redesigning the Cathedral's Nave as a multiple-use space, with kitchen facilities perhaps in the space opposite the existing washrooms or in the current sacristy.
- Investigating the sale of Cathedral Memorial Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

The Most Rev'd David Edwards
Bishop of Fredericton