



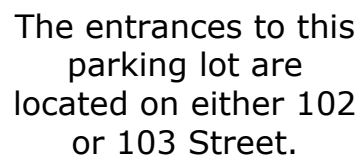
70th SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON

CIRCULAR

October 23 - 24, 2026

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ALL SAINTS' ANGLICAN CATHEDRAL (10035 103 STREET NW)

Directions:
Travel East on
Callingwood
Road from the
Anthony
Henday. St.
Matthias will be
on the left.

PRAYERS

Please use this prayer over the coming weeks as we prepare for the 70th Synod.

Creator of life and possibility, who holds our past, present, and future in your loving hand, look with compassion upon your one great community of faithful people across every time and place, and especially at this time on the small corner of it which we know as the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton. As we gather together in Synod, grant us the eyes to see both the opportunities and the challenges that lie before us, as well as the courage to face them with clear insight and hopeful imagination. Inspire us again by the signs of the Holy Spirit springing forth among us, and show us in all things how to follow the Way of Jesus Christ our Lord; the one who lives, and reigns, and makes all things new. Amen.

THEME

Our theme is “Now It Springs Forth.” (Isaiah 43:19)

The FIVE MARKS of MISSION of the WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

First Mark of Mission: To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom

Sentence

Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Prayer

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Second Mark of Mission: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Sentence

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you."

Prayer

Eternal Father,
who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son,
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:
grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit,
that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Third Mark of Mission: To respond to human need by loving service

Sentence

"I tell you truly just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Prayer

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Fourth Mark of Mission: To seek to transform unjust structures of society**Sentence**

"He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty."

Prayer

God for whom we watch and wait,
give us courage to speak the truth,
to hunger for justice,
and to suffer for the cause of right,
with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Fifth Mark of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth**Sentence**

"God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good."

Prayer

Heavenly Lord,
you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy,
restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

SYNOD AGENDA - FRIDAY

October 23, 2026 – All Saints’ Cathedral

10035 103 Street NW

Time	Agenda Item
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Registration
	Diocesan Familiarization – a time to look at displays and to speak with representatives from Diocesan Committees and Groups <i>A light supper will be served.</i>
6:30 pm	Water Ceremony and Eucharist
8:00 pm	Call to Order
	Introduction to Synod
	Report of Credentials Committee
	Greetings from other Ecumenical Partners
	Minutes of 69th Synod
	Reports of Executive Council, Committees and Sub-Committees, and Secretary of Synod
	Appointment of Accounts Examiner
	Appointment of Elections Officer and Scrutineers
	Report of the Nominations Committee
9:00 pm	Balloting Procedure Explained – Elections Officer
	Closing Prayer
	Recess for the Evening
	Election Balloting – balloting closes 20 minutes after the close of the evening proceedings

***Please register your vote and deposit your ballot
in the boxes in the hall as you depart.***

Please bring your own mug for Saturday (but maybe not a huge one).

SYNOD AGENDA - SATURDAY

October 24, 2026 – St. Matthias Anglican Church
6210 188 Street NW

Time	Agenda Item
8:30-9:00 am	Registration (for those who did not register on Friday evening)
9:00 am	Morning Worship
9:15 am	CALL TO ORDER
	Report of the Credentials Committee Report of the Elections Committee (results of balloting)
9:30 am	Introductory Address from the Primate
9:45 am	First Session of Business – Presentation by Anna Bubel and Celebration of Ministry
10:45 am	<i>BREAK</i>
10:55 am	Second Session of Business – Conversation about the next two years
11:55 am	Mid-Day Prayer and Worship
12:10 pm	<i>LUNCH BREAK – buffet style</i> <i>At 12:45 pm, the Diocese of Edmonton Children’s Choir will</i> <i>be sharing music with Synod</i>
1:10 pm	Regathering and Worship
1:25 pm	Interview with the Primate
2:10 pm	<i>BREAK</i>
2:20 pm	Third session of Business – Resolutions
4:15 pm	A Word from the Youth
4:30 pm	Closing Worship
4:45 pm	Acts of Synod and Bishop’s Assent Prorogation

SYNOD MOTION BASICS

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Refer to Canon 7 for more complete information

ALL Motions and Amendments

- Must be given in writing to the Records of Synod
- Shall be:
 - Worded in affirmative terms
 - Express fully and unambiguously the intent of the mover
 - NOT preceded by a preamble or other expression of opinion

Substantive Motions

- Deal with major business, canonical changes, etc.
- Were presented to the Resolutions Committee before the Synod and included in the Synod Circular

Non-Substantive Motions include:

- votes of thanks
- resolutions of condolence or congratulations
- motions for the disposal of reports
- motions on questions of procedure and order

Amendments and sub-amendments

- are dealt with one at a time in reverse order: sub-amendments, then amendments, then the main motion

Late Motions

- motions that did not meet the deadlines set out in the Canons & Constitution
- must be received by a majority of Synod members

Motions that are decided without debate (must be seconded)

- motion to adjourn
- motion to table or divide

Things you CAN'T do

- Speak more than once on the same question, except by permission of the Synod. This does not apply to the mover, who is entitled to reply.
- Speak more than twice on the same subject, except by permission of the chair.
- Interrupt someone who is speaking, except to raise a point of order.
- Bring up a question again that Synod has already decided, except by unanimous consent of Synod

Things you CAN do

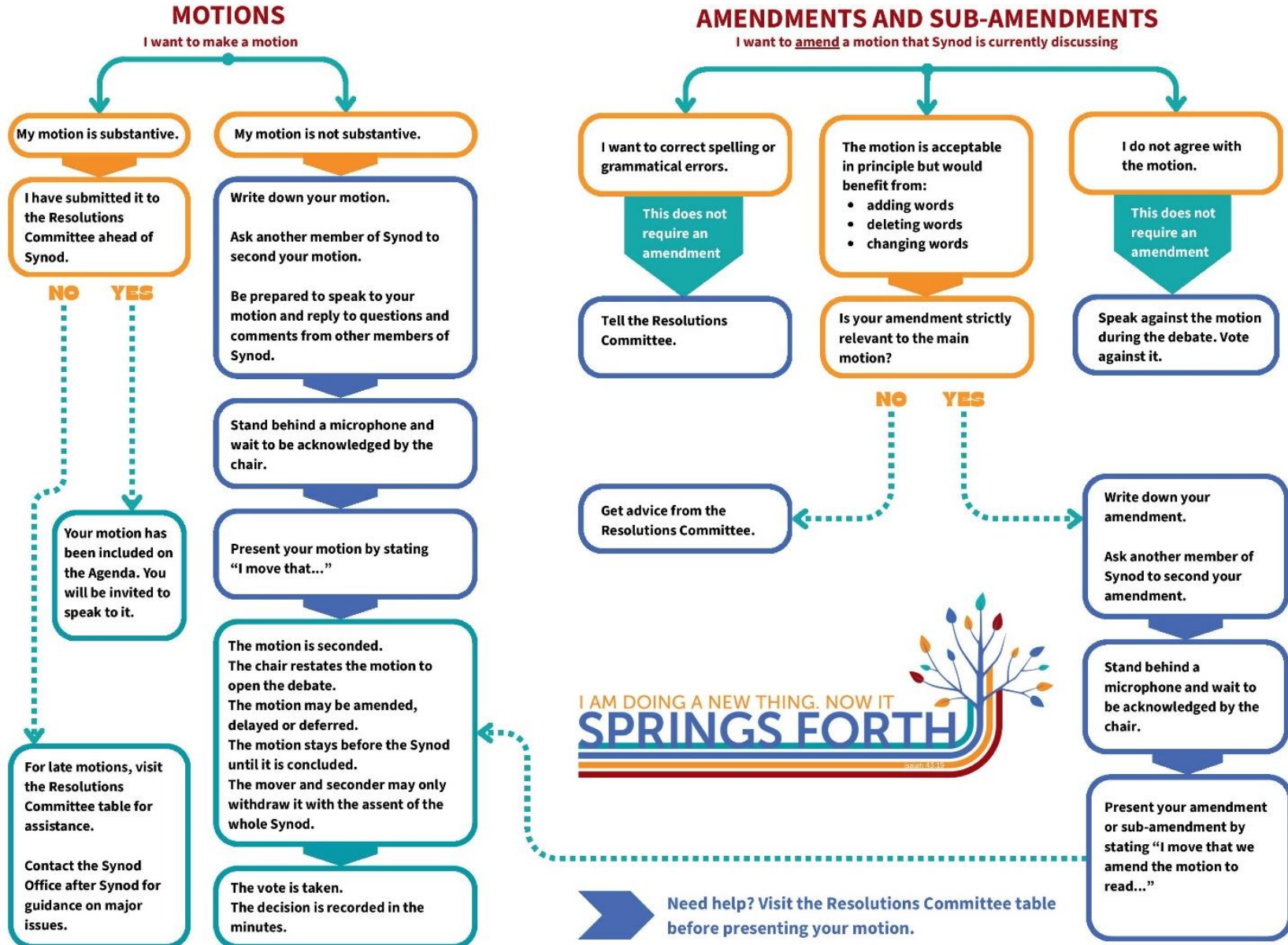
- Speak for or against the motion
- Ask for the motion under discussion to be read, as long as you don't interrupt someone speaking.
- Make motions to amend the question, postpone it, table it, refer it to a committee, consider it clause by clause, "divide upon" it (take a visible, counted vote), or adjourn the session.
- Make sub-amendments to the amendments
- Ask for the names of those who voted for and against a motion to be recorded in the minutes (requires three members of Synod to request)

Want to learn more?
Scan the QR code for
the Canons &
Constitution.



I AM DOING A NEW THING. NOW IT
SPRINGS FORTH

isaiah 43:19



GUIDELINES for NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS

for the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton, October 23-24, 2026

Elections will be held for the following positions:

Executive Council

Executive Council acts like Vestry for the diocese. It meets about every second month, on the last Thursday of the month.

- 1 clerical delegate and 2 lay delegates from each region (North, South, East, West)

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 delegates and 2 lay delegates (1 to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta)

General Synod – (May 7-14, 2028 in St. John's, Newfoundland)

General Synod is the meeting of the Anglican Church of Canada, with lay, clergy and bishop representatives from all dioceses in Canada.

- 3 clerical delegates, 3 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate

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. Those nominated as youth delegates to General Synod must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of General Synod.

Provincial Synod – Province of Northern Lights (May 6-9, 2027 in Regina, Saskatchewan)

Provincial Synod is the meeting of the Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights (basically Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Western Ontario, and the Arctic), with lay, clergy and bishops representatives from the dioceses in the Province.

- 3 clerical delegates, 2 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate

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. 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.

Clerical and Lay Recorders of Synod for the 71st Synod (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: any persons nominated for Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod, and Diocesan Court must be members of our Diocesan Synod.***

There will be no nominations from the floor of Synod except with the consent of Synod.

****Please note: Elections for all positions will take place on Friday evening, October 23, 2026. Please come prepared to vote on Friday. Following is the list of nominees and their biographies.***

NOMINATIONS LIST

NOMINATIONS FOR THE 70TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON – OCTOBER 23-24, 2026

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – CLERICAL (<i>elect one from each region</i>)			
NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
Arthur Dyck	Aaron Parsall-Myler	Chelsy Bouwman	Jordan Giggey
Sarah Holmstrom	Lisa Wojna		
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – LAY (<i>elect two from each region</i>)			
NORTH	SOUTH	EAST	WEST
Angela Bokenfohr	Sheila MacKay	Jennifer de Haan	Bruce Simpson
Melissa Chartier	Matthew White	Mikaela Hanley	Nancy Whistance-Smith
Emily Stephen-Garneau			
GENERAL SYNOD – CLERICAL (<i>elect three</i>)			
Chelsy Bouwman	Jordan Giggey	Jordan Haynie Ware	
Stephanie London	Alexandra Meek	Aaron Parsall-Myler	
Colleen Sanderson			
GENERAL SYNOD – LAY (<i>elect three</i>)			
Melissa Chartier	Bruce Simpson	Emily Stephen-Garneau	
GENERAL SYNOD – LAY – YOUTH DELEGATE (<i>elect one</i>)			
<i>at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod and under the age of twenty-six</i>			
Erin Simpson			

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – CLERICAL (<i>elect three</i>)		
Christa Eisbrenner	Stephanie London	Aaron Parsall-Myler
PROVINCIAL SYNOD – LAY (<i>elect two</i>)		
Brad Lindseth		Emily Stephen-Garneau
PROVINCIAL SYNOD – LAY – YOUTH DELEGATE (<i>elect one</i>) <i>between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of the first day of May of the year of the regular session of the Synod for which the delegate is chosen</i>		
Erin Simpson		
DIOCESAN COURT – CLERICAL (<i>elect two</i>)		
Colleen Sanderson		Lisa Wojna
DIOCESAN COURT – LAY (<i>elect two</i>) <i>one Law Society Member and one non-Law Society Member</i>		
Angela Bokenfohr		Margaret Unsworth (Lay Society Member)
CLERICAL RECORDER FOR THE 71ST SYNOD (<i>elect one</i>)		
Stephanie London		
LAY RECORDER FOR THE 71ST SYNOD (<i>elect one</i>)		
Barbara Burrows		

NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

Angela Bokenfohr

Lay Delegate: Executive Council (North); Diocesan Court

Angela is seeking election to the Executive Council owing to her passion and desire to serve the greater church in its growth, sustainability, and vision into the coming years. Angela has served in various capacities on the vestry of St. Matthew's Anglican Church in St. Albert, demonstrating her capabilities in envisioning how the church can be within a wider community while striving to meet various aspects of its own local parishioners. Angela also has served as the music ministry lead and choir director at St. Matthew's for almost a decade and through both her music ministry and dedication to vestry and the overall parish, Angela has led various aspects of lay-lead ministry and services both in the church and women's retreats as well as served on the diocesan planning group for local, diocesan-wide conferences such as You Are Leaven.

On a Sunday morning, you can find Angela juggling the piano, the choir, and the technology of live-streaming at St. Matthew's and always with a smile and desire to serve. Angela also excels in being able to see the bigger vision and then being able to break larger projects into a series of steps, focusing on engaging and empowering involvement on all levels of an organization. A prime example of these 'work' qualities being instrumental in project management work was that she obtained an international designation for the Stollery Children's Hospital as the clinical lead through the process.

For fun, and in her spare time, you will find Angela playing ice hockey or coaching nieces or nephews in the same or running a summer camp for children who have had brain or spinal health obstacles. Thank you for prayerfully discerning Angela's desire to serve on Executive Council for the Diocese of Edmonton.

The Rev. Chelsy Bouwman

Clerical Delegate: Executive Council (East), General Synod

The Rev. Chelsy Bouwman serves as Rector of St. Thomas Anglican Church in Sherwood Park, where her ministry is rooted in the belief that the church is built on genuine, authentic relationships. With degrees from The King's University (Music) and Wycliffe College (MDiv), and experience spanning rural, urban, and international contexts, Rev. Chelsy brings a broad, relational perspective to leadership. Outside of parish life, she sings with the Kappella Kyrie Slavic Chamber Choir, enjoys time outdoors, and is usually working on a book or a crochet project. At her core, she is passionate about

creating warm, accessible spaces where people feel truly connected to God, one another, and their local neighborhood.

Rev. Chelsy is allowing her name to stand for Executive Council and General Synod out of a desire to serve our diocese well and support our shared life. Serving on Executive Council is a practical way to offer a grounded parish perspective, keeping strong relationships and open communication at the center of our diocesan work. At the national level, General Synod offers a vital opportunity to build connections across the full breadth of the Anglican Church of Canada during a time of significant transition. As society evolves, our ability to listen to one another, learn how other dioceses are navigating change, and witness where God is at work becomes even more essential. Rev. Chelsy looks forward to bringing those relationships, insights, and shared experiences back home to strengthen our community in the Diocese of Edmonton.

Barbara Burrows
Lay Recorder for 71st Synod

Barbara Burrows has served as Secretary of Synod in the past and has been involved in the parish and diocesan life of the Diocese of Edmonton for many years. She has attended All Saints' Cathedral for decades and has been actively involved in many ministries of the parish over the years and currently serves on altar guild, Manna Market, and breakfast ministry.

Melissa Chartier
Lay Delegate: Executive Council (North), General Synod

Melissa Chartier has been attending Good Shepherd since January of 2023. She was asked to join Executive Council by the Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware in the spring of 2025. Ven. Jordan has also approached Melissa and asked that she come forward for General Synod. Melissa is seeking another term on Executive Council as she feels like she is getting a better understanding of the community and would like more time to contribute to the development of our diocese.

Jennifer de Haan
Lay Delegate: Executive Council (East)

Jennifer de Haan has been attending St. Thomas in Sherwood Park since 2012. She became a Lay Reader in 2016 and served on the parish's Search Committee after the election of Bishop Stephen London. Jennifer joined the St. Thomas Vestry in 2021 and continues to serve in this role.

The Rev. Arthur Dyck
Clerical Delegate: Executive Council (North)

The Rev. Arthur Dyck has been involved in ministry in the Diocese of Edmonton for over 20 years. He began by being involved in the Barnabas Initiative and working at Holy Trinity Riverbend, St. Peter's, and St. Faith's. Rev. Arthur remained at St. Faith's for 16 years, being involved in their meal ministry and Sunday morning services, three years of those being as Deacon and Priest. He is now in his third year as Priest back at St. Peter's.

Rev. Arthur's interests include spending time with his grandchildren, playing music, mentoring individuals returning to the community from the justice system, and riding his trusty steed.

The Rev. Christa Eisbrenner
Clerical Delegate: Provincial Synod

The Rev. Christa Eisbrenner shares ministry with both St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Camrose and St. Mary's Anglican Church in Ponoka. She grew up on a dairy farm in Leduc County but spent most of her 20s and 30s living in various places around the world. Rev. Christa has been ordained since 2024 and enjoys seeing how different faith communities live out their calling in their specific context.

The Rev. Jordan Giggey
Clerical Delegate: Executive Council (West), General Synod

The Reverend Jordan Giggey is the Rector of St. Timothy's Anglican Church in Edmonton. He also helps lead the Queer Belonging and Queerly Beloved queer-affirming communities, the latter of which is a working group of the diocesan social justice committee. He is also a current member of Executive Council and is seeking to continue in that capacity.

Rev. Jordan is running to be a member of General Synod to make sure there is a voice representing the queer communities and peoples of our diocese at the National Church level. This representation is an important step in reconciliation between the Church and those communities that have been historically harmed by it, and voices from an intentionally affirming diocese such as ours are necessary as a witness to the Anglican Church of Canada as a whole.

Mikaela Hanley
Lay Delegate: Executive Council (East)

Mikaela Hanley has been a committed and confirmed Anglican for most of her life. She is passionate about the Anglican expression of the Christian Church and has served for several years as the People's Warden/Steward and on Vestry (Visioning Group) at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton.

Mikaela enjoys serving in this leadership capacity and is very good at it. She is well respected in her church and in the diocese. She also has a long history of leadership in professional and volunteer capacities.

The Rev. Jordan Haynie Ware
Clerical Delegate: General Synod

The Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware has represented the Diocese of Edmonton at two previous General Synods and currently serves on the Council of General Synod. In this role she has advanced resolutions related to justice for survivors of sexual assault and abuse, navigated tricky compromises between dioceses, and kept a watchful eye over the money as part of the Financial Management Committee. She would be pleased to continue to serve this diocese by representing us at the national level.

The Rev. Sarah Holmstrom
Clerical Delegate: Executive Council (North), General Synod

Rev. Sarah is the Interim Priest-in-Charge at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church in Northeast Edmonton. She is married to Curtis Whale and together they have two young boys, George and Oliver. In between activities with her children, Rev. Sarah enjoys listening to music and recently has begun taking classical voice lessons. Her favorite podcast is *The Rest is History* and highly recommends it. Rev. Sarah never refuses a good cup of coffee and enjoys cafe conversations that arise while preparing sermons and working on other projects.

Brad Lindseth
Lay Delegate: Provincial Synod

Mr. Brad Lindseth CD is a member of St. David's parish in Edmonton. He has previously served as a Lay Minister for St. Aidan and St. Hilda's, Rexboro, and has been active in the Diocese of Edmonton since 2008. He is blessed with having two teenage children.

Mr. Lindseth is standing for Provincial Synod as he feels that, while good representation for the diocese is necessary at General Synod, it is also very necessary at Provincial Synod, and he feels that he is well suited to representing the Diocese of Edmonton as an active layman.

The Rev. Stephanie London

Clerical Delegate: General Synod, Provincial Synod, Recorder for the 71st Synod

The Rev. Stephanie London currently serves as Interim Communications Director for the diocese and Interim Priest-in-Charge of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton. She is a member of Examining Chaplains, recently completed two terms as member and chair of the national Faith, Worship, and Ministry Committee, and volunteers with the Institute for Healing of Memories. She has served in rural and urban parishes throughout the diocese and particularly values the conversations growing here with voices from around the Anglican Communion. Her favourite part of ministry is translating the rich and beautiful Way of Jesus into ways we can see and hear it today.

Sheila MacKay

Lay Delegate: Executive Council (South)

Sheila MacKay has been a member of St. Luke's Edmonton for 45 years. She has taught Sunday School (for many years), has served on the Vestry and serves as a Lay Reader for decades. She helped organize Messy Church, helped at Food Bank, and served on Executive Council for several years.

The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek

Clerical Delegate: General Synod

The Very Rev. Alex Meek has been the Dean of the Diocese of Edmonton since 2020 and has served in various parishes across the diocese since 2009. She is running for this position because she believes the work and gifts of the Church are broader than the local context and she wants to participate and support the work of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Rev. Aaron Parsall-Myler
Clerical Delegate: Executive Council (South), General Synod, Provincial Synod

The Rev. Aaron Parsall-Myler has been a priest in the diocese for nine years. He is currently the Rector of St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Edmonton. He is also sitting on the Examining Chaplains committee.

Rev. Aaron has served in many different Anglican Churches throughout the diocese. These include St. Matthias in Edmonton, St. Matthew in St. Albert, St. Augustine-Parkland in Spruce Grove, St. Mary in Ponoka, and St. George in Fort Saskatchewan.

Rev. Aaron has a passion for ministry and seeing individuals and families discovering for themselves the love of God and the wondrous gifts he has given each and everyone. Since joining the Examining Chaplains, Rev. Aaron has found a love with walking with those who are taking the journey towards ordination and helping discover what God is doing through their lives.

Rev. Aaron is excited with what God is doing and what he has in-store for our diocese and throughout Canada, and if you should wish it, he would consider it a great joy and privilege to represent our diocese on Executive Council and at the Provincial and/or General Synod.

The Rev. Colleen Sanderson
Clerical Delegate: General Synod, Diocesan Court

Rev. Colleen Sanderson is an Anglican priest in the Diocese of Edmonton, where she lived and served for most of her life. Her journey in the Church began as an active youth and continued through many years of leadership before leading her to ordained ministry.

With almost 20 years of ordained experience, Rev. Colleen has had the privilege of serving in a variety of rural, urban, and suburban parishes, giving her a broad understanding of the diverse communities and ministries that make up our diocese.

Rev. Colleen's ministry has been shaped by a deep passion for teaching and for accompanying people at every stage of life, with particular gifts and experience in ministry with children, youth, and seniors. She values listening, building relationships, encouraging participation, and helping the Church live out its mission in practical and faithful ways.

Rev. Colleen has a strong interest in both the life and operation of the Church at the local and national levels. Her years of experience, broad perspective, commitment to the Anglican Church, and passion for its people would enable her to be a thoughtful, engaged, and effective representative to General Synod. Rev. Colleen would be honoured to bring the voices and experiences of the Diocese of Edmonton to the wider Church and to participate in discerning its future with faith, grace, and hope.

Bruce Simpson

Lay Delegate: Executive Council (West), General Synod

Bruce is a long-time member of St Matthias Anglican Church in Edmonton. He currently holds the position of People's Warden. He is also a current member of the Executive Council and sits on the Innovative Stewardship Committee. Bruce was also part of the hiring committee for the Coordinator for Missional Renewal position. Bruce also attended General Synod in 2025 as a Lay Delegate.

Bruce would like to continue on Executive Council and the Innovative Stewardship Committee since there is still more work that needs to be done in our diocese, but also nationally. This is why he would also put his name forward to be a General Synod delegate.

Erin Simpson

Lay Delegate: General Synod (Youth), Provincial Synod (Youth)

Erin Simpson was raised in the Anglican Church and has been a member of St. Matthias Anglican Church since she was born. Erin's involvement in the church has grown as she has gotten older, and she currently serves as the Sunday Kids Club Coordinator. Through Kids Club, leading confirmation classes, and other areas of the parish, Erin has had the opportunity to work with children, youth, and other members of our congregation, as well as help with church events and different ministries.

Erin would love the opportunity to attend General Synod and Provincial Synod because she would like to become more involved in the wider Anglican Church and learn more about how our Church works beyond her own parish. Having been raised in the Church, she cares deeply about its future and wants to be part of helping it continue to grow and serve our communities.

Erin also hopes to bring the perspective of a younger Anglican to Synod. She believes young people have an important voice in the Church and should be involved in conversations about its future. She would be honoured to listen

to the experiences and ideas of Anglicans from across dioceses, share the perspective of her parish and generation, and learn from others. Most importantly, Erin hopes to serve faithfully, contribute where she can, and bring what she learns back to her parish and the people she serves.

Emily Stephen-Garneau

Lay Delegate: Executive Council (North), General Synod, Provincial Synod

Emily Stephen-Garneau has been an Anglican all her life and Rector's Warden at St. Peter's Anglican Church since October 2024. Emily became a licensed Lay Reader in May of 2025.

Emily attended Diocesan Synod as the youth delegate at the 2019, 2022, and 2024 Synods. She has been serving as the Youth Delegate on Executive Council since the Diocesan Synod 2022. She has helped with the planning of the Youth Social Justice Day for the Diocese.

During Provincial Synod in 2024, Emily was elected to serve on the Provincial Executive Council as a Youth Delegate and the Ministry Committee for the Ecclesiastical Province of The Northern Lights. Emily serves on the Provincial Synod Planning Committee to plan the next Provincial Synod in 2027.

Emily had the amazing opportunity to attend General Synod in 2023 and 2025 as the youth representative for the Diocese of Edmonton, where she gained a greater understanding of youth ministries across the Anglican dioceses in Canada.

Emily's interests lie in social justice causes, such as poverty, LGBTQ equality, and affordable housing. She hopes to continue her work in supporting children and youth ministry and looks forward to contributing to discussions that will help move our Diocese forward and address the challenges that the Anglican Church and our ecumenical partners have in the coming years.

Margaret Unsworth

Lay Delegate: Diocesan Court (Law Society Member)

Margaret Unsworth was admitted to the Alberta Bar in 1984, received the Queen's (now King's) Counsel designation in 2008, and was honoured to receive the QEII Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022. During the course of her career, Margaret has worked at various levels within the provincial Ministry of Justice and represented the Government of Alberta at all court levels including at the Supreme Court of Canada on several occasions. For 9 years, Margaret simultaneously served as a Bencher of the Law Society assisting in the

governance of Alberta's 11,000+ lawyers and serving as adjudicator on disciplinary matters within the legal profession. At the church parish level, Margaret has served several terms as both Rector's Warden and People's Warden. At the Diocesan level, she has served twice now on the Legislative Review Committee. Margaret is pleased to allow her name to stand as delegate to the Court of the Synod of the Diocese.

Nancy Whistance-Smith
Lay Delegate: Executive Council (West)

Nancy Whistance-Smith has been a member of St. Paul's Parish in Edmonton for 35 years. Prior to that she was a member of St. Timothy's. Nancy is currently serving on Vestry at St. Paul's having served in this capacity before at St. Timothy's, as well as ten years ago at St. Paul's. She is also involved with an online morning and evening prayer group, an online "Journeying Together" group, as well as prayer and music ministry at St. Paul's.

Nancy has volunteered with La Leche League Canada for over 30 years offering breastfeeding and parenting support to families in Edmonton and beyond. Along with her husband Andrew, she learned to "think outside the box" with homeschooling their three children who are now all adults with fascinating careers. Although not formally part of a community, Nancy is a Benedictine at heart – "Benedictine spirituality is about caring for the people you live with and loving the people you don't and loving God more than yourself. Benedictine spirituality depends on listening for the voice of God everywhere in life, especially in one another and here." – Joan Chittister

Nancy has an eye for administrative detail and often sees things other people miss. She works well with others, and highly values and recognizes the importance of the Diocese in managing the affairs of the local church.

Matthew White
Lay Delegate: Executive Council (South)

Matthew White is engaged in all areas of the church community of St. George, Devon. He is a Lay Reader and vestry member, is the project co-ordinator for the Diocesan Social Justice Committee, and is actively engaged in the wider community of Devon where he resides. Matthew offers a unique perspective, drawing from diverse life experiences (served as military MP in Libya) as well as his participation in various ACoC congregations from New Brunswick to Edmonton.

Lisa Wojna***Clerical Delegate: Executive Council (South), Diocesan Court***

The Rev. Lisa Wojna currently serves as Rector of St. George's in Devon and Immanuel in Wetaskiwin, a dual parish ministry that has given her a broad and grounded perspective on the life of the diocese – from the particular joys and challenges of smaller congregations to the work of building community across distances. Her ministry reflects a deep commitment to pastoral care, thoughtful leadership, and the everyday work of helping congregations grow in faith together.

Rev. Lisa previously served a full term on Executive Council, where she gained firsthand experience with the governance, financial stewardship, and strategic decision-making that shape the diocese as a whole. That experience gave her a clear-eyed understanding of both the opportunities and the challenges facing our shared ministry, and she has continued to carry that perspective into her parish work ever since.

Rev. Lisa would love the opportunity to serve on Executive Council once again, bringing her knowledge and experience back to the diocese.

BISHOP'S STATEMENT of AFFAIRS **for the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton**

At each regular meeting of Synod, the Bishop presents a statement of the affairs of the diocese since the last regular meeting of Synod (as per Canon 2.5). This statement records changes to the clergy list within the diocese as well as records visits from the bishop to parishes throughout the diocese.

The Parishes the Bishop Has Visited

Since the 69th Synod (October 2024), the Bishop has visited these parishes:

- St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead
- St. Columba, Beaumont
- St. Andrew, Camrose
- St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake
- St. George, Devon
- All Saints, Drayton Valley
- St. Mary, Edgerton
- All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
- Christ Church, Edmonton
- Good Shepherd, Edmonton
- Holy Trinity, Edmonton
- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton
- St. David, Edmonton
- St. Faith, Edmonton
- St. George, Edmonton
- St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton
- St. Luke, Edmonton
- St. Margaret, Edmonton
- St. Mark-Jieng, Edmonton
- St. Matthias, Edmonton
- St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton
- St. Patrick, Edmonton
- St. Paul, Edmonton
- St. Peter, Edmonton
- St. Peter the Apostle, Edmonton
- St. Timothy, Edmonton
- Holy Trinity, Edson
- St. George, Fort Saskatchewan
- Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake
- Emmanuel, Gibbons
- St. Mary and St. George, Jasper
- St. Paul, Leduc
- St. John the Divine, Onoway
- St. Mary, Ponoka

- St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Rexboro
- St. Matthew, St. Albert
- St. Thomas, Sherwood Park
- St. Augustine Parkland, Spruce Grove
- St. Mary the Virgin, Vegreville
- St. Saviour, Vermilion
- St. Thomas, Wainwright
- Immanuel, Wetaskiwin

Numbers Confirmed or Received

Fifty-three (53) individuals were confirmed or received since the 68th Synod.

Those Received as Candidates for Holy Orders

Five individuals were received as Candidates for Holy Orders since the 69th Synod. Those individuals are:

- Kristin Binnema
- Paul Cumin
- Jennifer de Haan
- Jorge Robleto
- Deb Stevens

Those Ordained

Eight individuals were ordained since the 69th Synod. Those individuals are:

- The Rev. Stacey Buffie
- The Rev. Helen Chan (Bennett)
- The Rev. Jordan Giggey
- The Rev. Gordon Hills
- The Rev. Fred Matthews
- The Rev. Suzanne Oswald
- The Rev. Betty Tyszkiewicz
- The Rev. Nathan Wright

Other Changes in Ministry by Death, Removal, or Otherwise

Please refer to Appendix 3, "CLERGY and LAY APPOINTMENT LIST," for a complete listing of appointments made since the 69th Synod. This list also includes clergy deaths and removals.

Other Matters Pertaining to the Life of the Diocese

A full report of other matters will be included in the Bishop's Charge to the 70th Synod. The Bishop's Charge will be given during the opening session of Synod on Friday, October 23, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO THE 70th SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON October 23 and 24, 2026

Members of the Legislative Committee

The members of the Legislative Committee since the last Synod were: Bishop Stephen London, Chancellor Robert Reynolds, KC (chair to January 2026), Acting Chancellor D. P. Jones, KC (acting chair from January 2026), Rev. Canon Scott Sharman, Rev. John Gee, Rev. Robyn King, Margaret Unsworth, KC, and Helen Ward, KC.

Meetings

The Legislative Committee met on March 25, 2025; June 3, 2025; September 9, 2025; March 12, 2026; and May 28, 2026.

Recommendations and Materials

The Legislative Committee

- recommends that Synod adopt the motions contained in Parts A to E,
- reports the corrections and alterations contained in Part F, and
- draws the attention of Synod to the Notes contained in Part G.

*Respectfully reported to Synod on behalf of the Legislative Committee,
David Jones, KC, Acting Chair*

LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTIONS

PART A: REPORTING OF NON-ECCLESIASTICAL EMPLOYMENT

RESOLUTION L-1 to the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

Canon 3 – Clergy

It will be moved and seconded:

THAT Canon 3.14 be amended to read as follows:

3.14. A member of the clergy granted permission to enter non-ecclesiastical employment pursuant to section 3.13 shall report to the Bishop annually as to their Christian ministry **at such times and in such manner as the Bishop, in the Bishop's discretion, determines.**

Background

Non-ecclesiastical employment for clergy has become much more common because many clerical positions are no longer fully funded. It is no longer presumed that clergy entering such employment have abandoned their ministry. The previous requirement of an annual written report was seen to be onerous and unnecessary.

PART B: DIOCESAN LAY READERS

RESOLUTION L-2 to the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

Canon 4 – Lay Ministry

It will be moved and seconded:

THAT the following section be added after Canon 4.10:

4.10A In addition to Canon 4.8, the Bishop may license a Lay Reader who will be available for service across the diocese and across parish boundaries. This licensed Lay Reader may lead congregational worship in the Diocese in accordance with guidelines for the ministry of Lay Readers in the Diocese of Edmonton and any other additional directives approved by the Bishop.

The licence (a) shall be for a specified period, (b) may be renewed by the Bishop, for a further specified period, and (c) may be revoked by the Bishop.

Background

As lay-led ministry becomes more common across the Diocese, it may be necessary to deploy Lay Readers to multiple parishes. This necessitates a change to the Canon which currently requires each Lay Reader to be licensed to one parish. Because Lay Readers working in multiple parishes will not be under the direct supervision of an Incumbent, they may require additional training and guidance as determined by the Bishop.

PART C: RESPONSIBILITY OF WARDENS AND VESTRY

RESOLUTION L-3 to the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

Canon 5: Lay Ministry

It will be moved and seconded:

THAT the following section be added immediately after the heading "Duties of Parish Officers" and before the heading "Church Wardens":

5.60A In addition to the duties outlined in Canons 5.61 to 5.63, the duties of the Wardens, the Lay Members of Synod and the Vestry include the responsibility to assist the Incumbent in fulfilling the Incumbent's duties.

Background

The Canons prescribe many duties to be fulfilled by the Incumbent of a parish. The purpose is to ensure that these duties are carried out by someone, but it is not nor should it be expected that all of the work will be done by the Incumbent personally. This proposed amendment makes that clear.

PART D: DIOCESAN REGIONS

RESOLUTION L-4 to the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

Canon 6 – Regions

It will be moved and seconded:

THAT Canons 6.2 to 6.6 be repealed;

THAT Canon 6.1 be amended by adding the words "to deal with such matters as may be referred to the Region by the Executive Council of the Diocese."

Background

The regional structure set out in Canon 6 has not been implemented for many years because it assumes greater resources than actually exist. For practical purposes the only current role of the Regions is to elect members of Executive Council. The proposed changes maintain the Regions in existence but remove the provisions that are not being followed.

PART E: MEETINGS NOT IN PERSON PLUS CONSEQUENT VOTING

RESOLUTION L-5 to the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

Canon 8: General

It will be moved and seconded:

THAT the following be added following Canon 8.4:

Meetings not in Person

8.5 This provision applies to all meetings in the Constitution and Canons which are not held in person or are held in a hybrid fashion with some people physically present and others attending virtually: specifically, regular and special meetings of vestry, plus annual and special meetings of parishioners.

(a) Meetings may be held in person, or by electronic means of telephone or other communication facility or any combination of in-person and electronically that permits all persons participating in the meeting to hear and communicate adequately with each other.

(b) A person participating in meetings not in person but by electronic means is deemed for all purposes to be present at the meeting.

(c) Votes at an electronic meeting, or at one which is hybrid with some people physically present and others not, are to be taken at the discretion of the chair by polling via telephone, mail-in ballot, or any other mode of communication which gives a clear indication of the vote.

(d) The Record of the meeting shall indicate the number of people attending in person and the number of persons attending in some other fashion.

8.6 A resolution in writing, signed or acknowledged electronically by members required to be present at a meeting, shall be valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting duly called and constituted.

8.7 Any meeting held and any votes taken prior to the adoption of Canons 8.5-8.6 shall be deemed valid and effectual.

Background

Electronic meetings and email votes have become increasingly common at all levels of decision-making in the Diocese. These new sections validate those practices.

PART F: CORRECTIONS AND ALTERATIONS MADE TO THE CONSTITUTION AND CANONS

Pursuant to C133 And C137 of the Constitution, the Legislative Committee will report to Synod the following corrections and changes relating to matters of form and not substance:

Constitution

1. Constitution, section C2(d)
 - Change "resident" to "physically resident"
2. Constitution, sections C14 and C16
 - Change references of "Queen's Bench" to "King's Bench"
 - change references of "Provincial Court of Alberta" to "Alberta Court of Justice"
3. Constitution, section C127
 - Change references of "Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land" to "Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights" (a change adopted by the 2024 Provincial Synod)
 - Also change Table of Contents

Canons

1. Canon 3.17 (Remuneration of Clergy) should refer to 3.16 NOT 3.17
2. Change all references from "deed of erection" to "deed of establishment"
 - Canon 1: 1.9
 - Canon 5: 5.1, 5.2, 5.9 (two references), 5.10
 - Note A (page 69): paragraph 2
3. Canon 1.6 – amend the definition of Incumbent to include Rector 1.6. An incumbent is a Priest appointed and licensed by the Bishop to be the Rector or Priest in Charge of a Parish.
1.12A rector: The Rector of a parish is the Incumbent.
4. Canon 5.43 – amend to clarify that a Rector's Warden may also be appointed by a Priest in Charge "the Incumbent or Priest in Charge"
5. Canon 4.3 – delete subsection (a) which refers to "Lay Administrants" (which we no longer have)

6. Change all references in the Canons from “Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land” to “Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights” (a change adopted by the 2024 provincial Synod)
 - Amend Canon 3: 3.2
 - Canon 9: Title, 9.3, 9.4, 9.10
 - Canon 12: 12.1, 12.14, 12.15
 - Note B: Title (page 76), Oath (page 77)
 - Appendix: Title (page 78); Certificate (page 88)

PART G: NOTES

The following Notes will also be added to the Canons and Constitution document as appendices:

Note C: Licensing of non-Anglican clergy

The Bishop may issue a license or permission to officiate to a priest, deacon or bishop whose orders are recognized by the Anglican Church of Canada.

The Anglican Church of Canada recognizes the orders of those ordained in our Church, a Church in full communion with our Church, (such as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada or the Moravian Church in Canada), or another Church in the Anglican Communion (such as the Church of England or the Episcopal Church) or recognized by the Communion (see Appendix R to the Handbook of General Synod).

The Bishop may also receive clergy into the Anglican Church of Canada who have been ordained by bishops whose orders our Church recognizes (including Roman Catholic priests, but not all priests ordained in the Anglican Church of North America nor United Church ministers).

The Bishop may enter into agreements with clergy whose orders are not recognized by the Anglican Church of Canada (such as United Church ministers) to minister in our parishes. However, that cannot include permission to perform functions which must be done by persons whose orders we recognize (such as presiding at the Eucharist or an ordination). The Bishop can authorize such persons to use forms of worship approved by their denomination for services in Anglican churches, though it should be clear which liturgy is being used at which service.

Note D: Voting tie

Canon 7 contains the Rules of Order for the Synod. Canon 7.5 provides as follows:

7.5 In the case of an equality of votes, the chair shall have the casting vote, unless recourse is had under the Constitution to a vote by orders.

For other matters of procedure, Canon 7.22 provides that

7.22 Any question of procedure not covered by these rules shall be decided by the chair in accordance with Bourinot's Rules of Order.

Bourinot's Rules of Order provides that the chair of a meeting breaks the tie of a vote.

Note E: Physically resident in the diocese

The Constitution [C2(d)] provides that Synod is comprised of various groups including "all retired clergy of the Diocese who are resident in the Diocese". As a matter of statutory interpretation, resident in the diocese means physically resident. Consequent change as to form is made in C2(d) to clarify.

GENERAL RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION R-1 to the 70th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

It will be moved and seconded:

THAT the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton adopt the following guiding principles regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence and large language models (hereafter genAI) by officers and employees of the Synod, and encourage parishes, clergy, and individual disciples of Jesus to consider doing the same, and for the Episcopate Circle to review for potential revision these Guiding Questions by the 71st Synod of this Diocese.

These guiding principles encourage us to ask the following questions prior to using genAI:

1. **Responsibility:** Do I understand what genAI is doing to produce its result, and am I willing to take full responsibility, positive or negative, for its action as if it were my own work?
2. **Human Dignity:** Does this action align with the values expressed in the Baptismal Covenant? Does it respect the unique dignity of the human person, the unique value of human interaction, the unique relationship between God and humanity?
3. **Truth:** Do I have the critical literacy necessary to determine that the output from this action aligns with the truth, and with the doctrine, discipline, and worship of the Anglican Church of Canada? Can I tell if this outcome produces misinformation?
4. **Common Good:** Is this an effective use of Church resources? Am I receiving a good return on this investment? Am I respecting the land on which I dwell and its bounty?
5. **Transparency:** Does this action live up to public scrutiny? Am I clear and transparent about my use of genAI to complete this outcome? Do other relevant parties consent to its use?

Moved by: The Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware

Seconded by: Melissa Chartier

Background

The rise in prevalence of artificial intelligence has changed so much about the way many people live, work, and connect in a comparatively short time. It is hard to know how the Church, or individual Christians should respond,

particularly given our limited influence over these global changes. In discussions with ethicists and IT professionals, at COGS, and among the Social Justice Committee, a harm reduction framework began to emerge. Harm reduction does not seek to proscribe particular actions, but rather to invite shared discernment about how to reduce the harm that may arise from such actions.

These principles represent an invitation to that shared discernment about what constitutes harm from genAI use (or prohibition of use). Some of these harms are clear: because Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, misinformation and disdain for truth is harmful. Because human beings are made in the image of God, use of AI to harm the dignity of human beings through the creation of materials that mimic CSAM (Child Sexual Abuse Material) is harmful. At other times, there may be harms in tension with one another – censoring or prohibiting genAI use when it serves an essential accessibility need is harmful; constant surveillance and lack of privacy are harmful; in relationships that matter, one must discern how to balance competing needs and harms for the flourishing of all. There are myriad ways that genAI can be used, for good and for ill, and discerning the appropriate balance of use that minimizes harm done is the necessary work of every Christian.

Our goal is to establish parameters that name harms honestly and create space within that frame for individual consciences to discern. With respect for the freedom of those consciences, empowered by the Holy Spirit, Christians may disagree charitably. Some may balance harms and potential harms differently from others, or reach different conclusions about their own genAI use, or lack thereof, than others do. We seek to maintain the Anglican middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth, that supports relationships across disagreement and reduces harm done to God's vulnerable creation.

REPORT from the SECRETARY of SYNOD

As Secretary of Synod since January 2020, I provide the following information as it has been collected from the councils, committees, and staff responsible for it.

The minutes of the 69th Synod (October 18-19, 2024) were duly recorded and properly filed. They are included in Appendix 1 of this circular.

I have recorded the minutes of the 10 Diocesan Executive Council meetings since the 69th Synod. The matters related to the business transacted at these meetings have been acted upon. Following the report of the Secretary of Synod is a list of the Council's acts and resolutions undertaken or adopted since the last regular meeting of Synod.

The Diocesan Executive Council usually meets on the last Thursday evening of the months of September, November, February, April, and June at 7:00pm.

Should any parish corporation, clergy, or diocesan committee have business they wish to have considered by the Executive Council, please feel free to contact the Bishop's office. We would appreciate it if items to be included on the Council agenda are submitted at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Annual Parish Statistics

Each year, parishes are required to complete Annual Parish Statistics and Financial Statistics forms. These figures are compiled into the Diocesan Statistical Return, which is then forwarded to the National Church. These statistics are important in that they give an indication of the growth of the church in our small corner of the Church. The reports for 2024 and 2025 are included in Appendix 5.

Diocesan Financial Reports

The diocese's Financial Statements for 2024 and 2025, as reviewed by Doane Grant Thornton, Chartered Accountants, have been adopted by Executive Council. These are found in Appendix 4 in the Convening Circular.

Thank you, clergy, wardens, treasurers, vestries and every congregation of the Diocese for your faithful remittance of Apportionment payments which permit us to continue our shared ministries in the Diocese.

Diocesan Committees

Many members of the diocese give of their time and talents in their attendance at committee meetings and in carrying out their responsibilities and functions. Throughout the year, various task forces also contribute to the development

of diocesan ministries and policies. Many of these committees and groups have provided printed reports to this Synod which are in this circular.

The Administration and Finance Committee regularly meets to oversee the administrative matters of this diocese. Following the list of Executive Council acts is a list of the essential resolutions adopted by the Administration and Finance Committee since the last regular meeting of Synod.

Without the sacrificial participation of members of these committees, the operation and ministry of the diocese would never be accomplished. Many sincere thanks and may God bless each of you for your involvement in the life of this diocese.

Diocesan Staff

In August 2025, the Rev. Nick Trussell was appointed Coordinator of Missional Renewal. In August 2025, Margaret Glidden left the position of Communications Director. In September 2025, Stephanie London was appointed Interim Communications Officer. In September 2025, the Rev. Canon Scott Sharman was appointed Executive Officer; he left that position in July 2026. In December 2025, Robert Reader was appointed Administrative Assistant. In June 2026, Ilona Bevan was appointed Children's Discipleship Animator. In July 2026, the Rev. Robyn King was appointed Lay-Led Parishes Coordinator.

Following is a list of the staff of the diocese:

Diocesan Synod Staff:

Bishop.....	Rt. Rev. Stephen London
Personal Assistant to the Bishop	Sarah Kemp
Secretary-Treasurer.....	Rev. John Gee
Communications Officer (Acting)	Rev. Stephanie London
Office and Parish Support Administrator	RJ Chambers
Archdeacon for Reconciliation and Decolonization	Ven. Travis Enright
Coordinator of Missional Renewal.....	Rev. Nick Trussell
Administrative Assistant	Robert Reader
Children's Discipleship Animator	Ilona Bevan
Lay-Led Parishes Coordinator	Rev. Robyn King

Communication

Various forms of communication are in place for letting Anglicans and others know what is happening around the diocese.

Synod Scene: A regular feature of the email system is the weekly *Synod Scene*, which highlights events and notes of diocesan interest. If you would like to receive the *Synod Scene* by email, you can subscribe using the form at <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/news/sign-up-for-the-new-synod-scene>

The Messenger: This newspaper is published approximately 10 times a year and distributed by the *Anglican Journal*. It includes news and events from the dioceses of Edmonton and Athabasca. It is available free of charge to all members of the Diocese of Edmonton. You can subscribe online to *The Messenger* at: <http://www.anglicanjournal.com/subscribe/>

Diocesan Website: The website at www.edmonton.anglican.ca is a key place to look to find current information on what is happening throughout the diocese. It is currently being redesigned to make it easier to find what is relevant to you.

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We hope you will stay in touch with us!

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. John Gee, Secretary of Synod

ACTS of the EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Since the 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

This report, compiled from minutes of Executive Council meetings taken by the Rev. John Gee, includes only substantive acts and motions adopted or carried by Executive Council. Procedural motions have not been included in the report, thus accounting for the non-consecutive numbering of the motions. The minutes of Executive Council are kept on file in the Synod Office. Anyone wishing to review the full report of the minutes may do so by arrangement with the Secretary-Treasurer, John Gee.

Members of Executive Council at September 30th, 2026 are the following:

<i>The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Chair</i>	<i>Mr. Brian Jolly (East Deanery)</i>
<i>The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek</i>	<i>Mr. Brian Ault (West Deanery)</i>
<i>The Ven. Travis Enright</i>	<i>The Rev. Jordan Giggey (West Deanery)</i>
<i>The Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware</i>	<i>The Rev. Andreas Sigrist (West Deanery)</i>
<i>The Ven. Jonathan Crane</i>	<i>Mr. Bruce Simpson (West Deanery)</i>
<i>The Ven. Chelsy Bouwman</i>	<i>Ms. Cathy Armstrong (North Deanery)</i>
<i>Mr. Rob Reynolds, KC, Chancellor</i>	<i>Ms. Emily Stephen-Garneau (North Deanery)</i>
<i>The Rev. John Gee, Secretary- Treasurer</i>	<i>Ms. Morgan Cromarty (South Deanery)</i>
<i>Mr. Scott Belamisca, Chair, A&F</i>	<i>The Rev. Suzanne Oswald (South Deanery)</i>
<i>Mr. Rob Betty, Co-Chair, Social Justice Committee</i>	<i>The Rev. Lisa Wojna (South Deanery)</i>
<i>Ms. Melissa Chartier, Appointee</i>	
<i>Ms. Elaine Dickie, Appointee</i>	
<i>Mr. Derek Ware, Appointee</i>	
<i>Ms. Mikaela Hanley (East Deanery)</i>	

Each region of the diocese is represented by two lay members and one clergy member, who are elected at the previous Synod. These elected members are encouraged to pass on news from Executive Council to parishes within their region. Parishes are encouraged to send their news to Executive Council via their regional representatives.

Resolution #EC23-24

That Executive Council approve the budget for 2025 as presented.

Resolution #EC24-24

That Executive Council approve an increase of 2.7% in the clergy salary grid for 2025 to account for inflation.

Resolution #EC02-25

That Executive Council adopt the Safe Church Policy effective April 1, 2025.

Resolution #EC04-25

That Executive Council approve of the establishment of the Parish of St. Peter the Apostle.

Resolution #EC05-25

That Executive Council approve the Logic Model as the foundation for the Diocesan Workplan.

Resolution #EC08-25

That Executive Council authorize the bishop to develop a Deed of Recognition for the Ascension Church of South India Recognized Ministry pursuant to Canon 13.

Resolution #EC09-25

That Executive Council approve the installation of solar panels at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton.

Resolution #EC10-25

That Executive Council approve the replacement of the HVAC system at St. Patrick, Edmonton.

Resolution #EC11-25

That Executive Council approve the installation of new doors at St. George, Fort Saskatchewan and that permission be given to the parish to apply for a grant or loan of \$14,000 from the Anglican Foundation of Canada.

Resolution #EC13-25

That Executive Council approve the financial statements of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Resolution #EC14-25

That Executive Council approve the budget for the Diocesan Strategic Plan as revised, to be paid from the Strategic Planning Futures Fund.

Resolution #EC16-25

That the Diocese set aside \$10,000 from the Internally Restricted Reserve for two grants of \$5,000 each that parishes within the Council of the North can apply for to upgrade their buildings.

Resolution #EC18-25

That Executive Council approve the proposed diocesan budget for 2026

Resolution #EC19-25

That Executive Council approve the proposed clergy salary grid for 2026.

Resolution #EC20-25

That Executive Council approve the proposed Ecumenical Shared Ministry Agreement to establish the Unit of Co-operating Parishes in Vegreville pursuant to Canon 5.107, enabling the administrative steps outlined in Canons 5.108 to 5.110.

Resolution #EC21-25

That Executive Council approve pursuant to Canon 13.2(1) the bishop's establishment of Ascension Church of South India as a Recognized Ministry in partnership and accountability with the Diocese of Edmonton, according to the conditions of the proposed draft Deed of Recognition. The further specifications outlined in Canon 13.2(2)(a-e) shall be seen as sufficiently fulfilled by the Memorandum of Agreement.

Resolution #EC22-25

That Executive Council receive the Terms of Reference for committees supporting the Diocesan Workplan as information.

Resolution #EC23-25

That Executive Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Stewardship Committee.

Resolution #EC02-26

That Executive Council approve the proposed repairs at St. Timothy, Edmonton.

Resolution #EC04-26

That Executive Council approve the proposed Capital Projects Policy, Flowchart, and Approval Process for use by the Administration and Finance and Innovative Stewardship Committees.

Resolution #EC05-26

That Executive Council authorize Scott Sharman to negotiate an agreement with Anna Bubel to carry out an interim evaluation of the Diocesan Strategic Plan at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.

Resolution #EC07-26

That the Diocese of Edmonton renew its membership with the Greater Edmonton Alliance for the upcoming year at the rate of \$2000, subject to review and continuation after the conclusion of the initial 12-month period.

Resolution #EC10-26

That Executive Council approve the financial statements of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Resolution #EC11-26

That Executive Council approve the request from All Saints' Cathedral for its window revitalization project to a maximum of \$76,000.

Resolution #EC15-26

That, in accordance with Canon 5.12, Executive Council concurs with the disestablishment of the parish of St. Patrick, Whitecourt proposed by the bishop.

Resolution #EC17-26

That up to \$20,000 in relocation costs for interim ministry be paid from the Internally Restricted Reserve.

ACTS of the ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE COMMITTEE

Since the 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

This report, compiled from minutes of Administration and Finance Committee meetings, includes only substantive acts and motions adopted or carried by the Administration and Finance Committee. Procedural motions have not been included in this report, thus accounting for the non-consecutive numbering of the motions. The minutes of the Administration and Finance Committee are kept on file in the Synod Office. Anyone wishing to review the full report of the minutes may do so by arrangement with the Secretary-Treasurer, John Gee. Please note that the previous month(s) financial statements are received for information at each meeting of the Administration and Finance Committee.

Members of Administration and Finance Committee on October 1, 2026 are:

*The Rt. Rev. Stephen London
The Rev. John Gee, Secretary-
Treasurer
Mr. Scott Belamisca, Chair
Ms. Carol Blair
Mr. Rob Reynolds, Chancellor*

*Ms. Lynne Reckhow
Mr. RJ Chambers
Mr. Ian Harris
The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek
Mr. Ron Norton
Ms. Nancy Sinclair*

Resolution AF 17-24

Be it resolved to recommend to Executive Council that the budget for 2025 be approved as presented.

Resolution AF 03-25

Be it resolved to approve St. Philip's portion of the Rev. Peter Yeung's remuneration, up to a maximum of \$30,140, to be drawn from CTF funds.

Resolution AF 04-25

Be it resolved to approve the Terms of Reference for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee as dated January 8, 2025.

Resolution AF 05-25

Be it resolved that A&F recommends to Executive Council the approval of the revised Anti-Abuse Policy (Safe Church Policy).

Resolution AF 10-25

Be it resolved to award the Jasper parish cleanup contract to EarthEX and to take the necessary funds from the Consolidated Trust Fund to fund the cleanup.

Resolution AF 13-25

Be it resolved to approve the 2024 reviewed financial statements.

Resolution AF 14-25

Be it resolved to approve a Diocesan Development Fund loan in the amount of \$66,122.22 for the St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton parish solar project.

Resolution AF 15-25

Be it resolved to recommend to Executive Council the approval of the installation of solar panels at St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton.

Resolution AF 16-25

Be it resolved to recommend to Executive Council the approval of the HVAC system replacement at St. Patrick, Edmonton.

Resolution AF 17-25

Be it resolved to recommend to Executive Council the approval of the door replacement at St. George, Fort Saskatchewan.

Resolution AF 18-25

Be it resolved to release \$14,000 in restricted funds for St. George, Fort Saskatchewan for use in their door replacement project.

Resolution AF 19-25

Be it resolved to recommend approval to Executive Council to fund the position of Coordinator of Missional Renewal for a maximum of two (2) years.

Resolution AF 23-25

Be it resolved to authorize use of a maximum of \$50,000 from reserve funds to cover the health plan deficit for the remainder of 2025.

Resolution AF 27-25

Be it resolved to approve a Diocesan Development Fund loan in the amount of \$55,000.00 for the St. Patrick, Edmonton parish HVAC replacement project.

Resolution AF 28-25

Be it resolved that A&F refer the St. Timothy's Building Repair request to the Innovative Stewardship Committee.

Resolution AF 31-25

Be it resolved that each parish would be responsible for the cost of the Continuing Education Plan of the Anglican Church of Canada for all deacons licensed within such parish.

Resolution AF 32-25

Be it resolved to strike a sub-committee of A&F with the purpose of reviewing the apportionment formula and proposing revisions at Synod 2026. This committee will be chaired by John Gee.

Resolution AF 35-25

Be it resolved to allow up to \$10,000 to be spent out of the Diocesan Reserve on cemetery maintenance in 2026 if such needs arise.

Resolution AF 36-25

Be it resolved to accept the quote provided by Canadian Benefit Providers through Timber Benefits (broker).

Resolution AF 37-25

Be it resolved that A&F recommend to Executive Council approval of the proposed 2026 financial plan (budget).

Resolution AF 38-25

Be it resolved that A&F recommend to Executive Council approval of the proposed 2026 clergy salary schedule.

Resolution AF 39-25

Be it resolved to set the 2026 clergy supply rate at \$200 for one service or \$275 for more than one service.

Resolution AF 40-25

Be it resolved to set the 2026 travel reimbursement rate at \$0.62 per kilometer.

Resolution AF 43-25

Be it resolved that A&F recommend to Executive Council the approval of the request from St. Timothy's Edmonton to complete the required building project through Abalon Construction.

Resolution AF 44-25

Be it resolved that A&F approve a Diocesan Development Fund Loan to St. Timothy's, Edmonton of \$90,000 amortized over 30 years with a stipulation that the parish will follow through on their commitments to pay a full-time priest and to pay their apportionment, as well as a stipulation that the parish will commit to explore the development of the property immediately north of the building.

Resolution AF 45-25

Be it resolved to change the Investment Policy Statement for the Bare Trust – Funds Held for Parishes in Trust (account ending in 4909) to a Conservative Investment Profile with Low Risk Tolerance.

Resolution AF 02-26

Be it resolved to increase the A&F approval amount for Capital Projects from \$25,000 to \$50,000.

Resolution AF 07-26

Be it resolved to approve the use of up to \$12,250 for the hiring of a fractional Human Resources firm for 2026 to be taken from the Internal Reserves or the Strategic Future Planning Fund as needed (the Internal Reserves for consultation work, and the SFPF for restructuring work).

Resolution AF 08-26

Be it resolved to recommend that Executive Council approve the request from All Saints' Cathedral for their window revitalization project to a maximum of \$76,000.

Resolution AF 09-26

Be it resolved that St. Philip's Westlock be allowed to use up to \$13,187.00 from their CTF funds for the purpose of furnace replacement in the parish building.

Resolution AF 15-26

Be it resolved that A&F recommend to Executive Council the approval of the 2025 financial statements.

BISHOP'S APPOINTMENTS for DIOCESAN SYNOD
(Constitution C2.1)

Ilona Bevan (Diocese of Edmonton Children's Discipleship Animator)
Barbara Burrows (Diocese of Edmonton 70th Synod Lay Recorder)
Yovella Mizrahii
Peggy Wilmot

BISHOP'S YOUTH APPOINTMENTS for DIOCESAN SYNOD
(Constitution C2.m)

Oluwatonami Nicole Abiona
Apat Aguer Chol
Gillian Appleyard
Irene Diaz Jackson
Jonathan Kikonyogo
Julie-Ana Noe
Elliot Sharman
Erin Simpson

REPORTS from GROUPS and COMMITTEES

ADMINISTRATION and FINANCE

The Administration and Finance Committee (A&F) has continued to meet regularly throughout the reporting period, providing oversight and guidance regarding the financial, property, governance, investment, and administrative responsibilities of the Diocese of Edmonton. While much of this work occurs behind the scenes, it remains essential to enabling and sustaining ministry throughout the Diocese.

Committee Membership

The Committee is grateful for the dedication and expertise of its members, who bring a wide range of professional, financial, legal, and ministry experience to our work. I extend my sincere thanks to all Committee members, diocesan staff, and volunteers who have generously contributed their time, wisdom, and energy.

Below is a list of all of the individuals who have served on A&F since the 2024 Synod. Asterisk denotes current members as of the writing of this report.

- *Scott Belamisca (Chair)
- *Carol Blair
- *RJ Chambers
- *John Gee (Treasurer)
- *Ian Harris
- Les Jaster
- Brian Jolly
- *Stephen London (Bishop)
- *Alex Meek
- *Ron Norton
- *Lynne Reckhow
- Rob Reynolds (Chancellor)
- *Nancy Sinclair

Strategic Planning and Missional Renewal

A significant portion of the committee's work this year has been focused on supporting the diocese's Strategic Plan and the emerging Diocesan Work Plan. The committee has reviewed the financial implications of these initiatives and supported funding for missional renewal, parish support, and ministry sustainability initiatives.

Financial Stewardship

The committee continued to review diocesan finances through regular reports from the treasurer and diocesan staff. The committee reviewed and approved

the 2024 and 2025 financial statements, supported long-term sustainability planning, and monitored ministry funding priorities, reserve management, compensation matters, and employee benefits.

Investment Oversight

The Investment Sub-Committee continued to oversee diocesan investments and regularly reviewed portfolio performance and policy compliance. Despite periods of market uncertainty, investment performance remained strong and continued to support diocesan ministry.

Property Stewardship

Property stewardship remains one of the committee's largest responsibilities. During the year, the committee reviewed capital projects, infrastructure upgrades, telecommunications agreements, solar energy initiatives, and the ongoing Jasper recovery efforts. The committee also worked to improve project review processes and support parishes undertaking major property initiatives.

Cemetery Stewardship

The Diocese of Edmonton continues to hold responsibility for numerous cemetery and memorial properties. Work continued on long-term planning, maintenance considerations, and opportunities to transfer responsibility where appropriate. The successful transfer of St. Mark Cemetery in Hardisty represents an important step in this work.

Governance, Policies, and Procedures

One of the committee's major accomplishments this year has been the work of the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee. Significant progress has been made toward reviewing and modernizing approximately 150 policies, procedures, forms, and governance documents. Particular attention has been given to Safe Church policies, governance documents, operational procedures, and parish resources.

Compensation, Benefits, and Apportionment

The committee continued its review of clergy compensation and benefits to ensure fair and sustainable support for clergy and staff. An Apportionment Sub-Committee was also established to review the current formula and explore opportunities for greater transparency, simplicity, and sustainability.

Looking Forward

In the coming year, the committee will continue to focus on implementation of the Strategic Plan, governance modernization, financial sustainability, parish renewal initiatives, property stewardship, cemetery planning, and support for emerging ministry models across the Diocese of Edmonton.

Conclusion

Throughout the year, our work has been guided by the principle that administration exists to make ministry possible. Whether reviewing budgets, overseeing investments, approving capital projects, strengthening governance, or supporting strategic planning, our goal has been to ensure that the diocese is well positioned for faithful, sustainable, and effective ministry in the years ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Belamisca, Administration and Finance Committee Chair

ALONGSIDE HOPE (formerly PWRDF)

As I write this (Aug 30, 2026), thousands of volunteers are rescuing survivors in Nepal following a glacial collapse and land slide in the Nepal-China border area. You have probably seen the impact of the floods that followed, and how they overcame whole communities in their path. There will be a massive international response to this disaster. People will need food, shelter, water, counselling and support. We cannot be there in person to help, but with Alongside Hope we will be able to support some of those that can, coming alongside and bringing hope to those impacted by this terrible disaster.

A few days before the last Synod meeting in 2024, the Board met to ratify a new name for the organization. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund became Alongside Hope – a new fresh name for an Anglican charity that brings hope to people and communities around the world. I was at that meeting, supported this name change, and have been pleased to help with that process since the meeting.

In my role as the diocesan representative, I have been really pleased to see the level of support and enthusiasm in churches around the diocese for the charity. I have met some great parish representatives, supported new ones, met volunteers and donors, and engaged with a wide number of people as I visit churches and present the work of Alongside Hope.

A real highlight this year was the first "Alberta Alongside Hope Conference" held in St Albert in May 2026 with the diocesan representatives (Lois from Calgary, Terry from Athabasca, and myself) plus parish representatives from around 20 parishes coming together to learn about Alongside Hope, meet, ask questions, and generate ideas. This was the first conference to pull Alberta representatives together. It created a lot of energy for how we re-engage with our churches, our diocese, and our communities. Kim, the Alongside Hope

Volunteer Coordinator, came from Toronto as both the keynote speaker and resource to help answer those questions that the church reps have.

Together with Terry from the Diocese of Athabasca, we have organized "Alongside Hope Sundays" in the two dioceses in both 2025 and 2026. We provide a suggested service, sermon, and hymn selection for one Sunday each year (in these 2 years it has been in late September). This gives the priest and lay readers a "semi-prepared" service that allows them to highlight the work of Alongside Hope and generate the engagement that leads to donations and increased support.

As the diocesan representative, I have tried to reach each of the churches through e-mail at least monthly. I now also try and reach the churches through the *Synod Scene*. And one important deliverable from this, is that I have tried to provide each of the churches with a 2-3 line update from Alongside Hope every few weeks – to place in your bulletins, add to prayers, or bring up during announcements. Please look for these and contact me if you need any help locating them.

And these are the type of initiatives that our combined efforts have been supporting:

- The Resilience Fund (with matched funding) following the defunding of USAid projects in March 2025
- Providing Solar Suitcases to midwives in Mozambique (allowing safe child birth at night in rural areas)
- Grants to St. Luke's Hospital in the West Bank, in the middle of the hostilities
- Relief following Hurricane Melissa in Cuba and Jamaica
- Regenerative agriculture through the Tsuru Trust in Zimbabwe
- Emergency support following the June 2026 earthquake in Venezuela and the August 2026 Earthquake in Columbia
- Relief for those following the civil war in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- An emergency Appeal in March 2026 following the escalating military violence in the Middle East

To name but a few...

Thank you to all the supporters, donors, and volunteers for this incredible Anglican initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey Hanger, Diocese of Edmonton Alongside Hope Representative

ANGLICAN CHURCH WOMEN (ACW)

The ACW – once known as “the WA” – is a member of the National Anglican Church Women, which has representatives from dioceses across Canada. The WA/ACW has been in the diocese since before Edmonton was its own diocese. Where once each parish had an ACW chapter, we now have just 12 parish chapters along with some 300+ “life member” ACW ladies, many now retired from ACW activities and even church life. Best recognized perhaps for their many fundraisers, bake sales, and parish dinners, our aging membership is now centred on fostering friendship and caring for others. Yes, fundraisers are still held in parishes, but by-and-large they have become a parish-wide activity, no longer an ACW responsibility.

The Diocesan ACW Executive encourages ministries of prayer, work (as able), and stewardship through the quarterly newsletter *In Touch* available in print and on the diocese’s webpage. In keeping with our “fun with friends” approach, the business side of our Annual General Meeting is conducted via a Zoom meeting followed by a day tour in the diocese. This year, 2026, we met at All Saints’ Cathedral for a Morning Prayer service with the bishop, a presentation by Jeff Hanger on Alongside Hope solar suitcases, and a visit with the quilting group at the Cathedral. We then made our way to Edmonton’s Arts District to enjoy an exhibition of works by Alberta women at the Alberta Art Gallery. It was a friendly, fun day meeting new people and sharing stories.

The 12 ACW chapters are aligned into 2 regions – West and East – for sharing mission and outreach projects and attending in-person regional meetings each Fall. And then all are invited to gather at the Cathedral the first Thursday in Advent for sung Midday Eucharist – always a glorious beginning to the church year. The ACW brings goodies for the coffee time that follows. We hope you will join us. All are welcome.

*Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Dickie, ACW President*

ANGLICAN MESSENGER

The Messenger is published in print and digitally (PDF) by the Dioceses of Edmonton and Athabasca 10 times per year. *The Messenger* and fourteen other diocesan newspapers form sections of The Anglican Journal, the national newspaper of the Anglican Church of Canada. Members of our diocese may receive *The Messenger* by mail or read the PDF, which is posted on our website

and linked in the *Synod Scene*. We look forward to acting as one of two pilot sites for a new national Anglican digital news service in late 2026.

The Messenger is in a time of transition. Margaret Glidden, who served as editor for the past seventeen years, resigned as full-time Director of Communications as of August 31, 2025. Stephanie London took over as half-time interim communications staff and editor of *The Messenger* on September 1, 2025.

During this period of reduced staff time, we were able to maintain our publication schedule; however, each issue was limited to eight pages and featured more guest content. Each issue also focused on one theme or guiding principle of our strategic workplan, which allowed us to highlight stories of transformation across the Diocese of Edmonton. These were *For All the Saints/Purposeful Discipleship* (November 2025), *Advent/Courageous Justice* (December 2025), *Innovative Stewardship* (January 2026), *Christmas Reflections/Inviting Witness* (February 2026), *Lent/Collaborative Community* (March 2026), *Resurrection/Vital Congregations* (April 2026), *Pentecost/Collaborative Community* (May 2026), and *Summer* (June 2026).

Challenging Landscapes

Though *The Messenger* is a small publication, it is affected by the same challenges facing other forms of linear media. Global patterns in news consumption are changing rapidly alongside evolving dynamics in human attention and learning. Our media environment is “defined by abundance, distraction, and fragmentation.”¹ The news we consume is no longer filtered primarily through the voices of a few trusted journalists in print, TV, and radio. The stories we tell must co-occur with a vast diversity and volume of content across many platforms. Competition for finite attention is fierce.

Two people in the same pew may well be living in different worlds. While half of people over 65 are regular social media users, that number rises to 90% of people aged 34 and younger.² Print media faces a similar generational disparity. The voice of the church is no longer homogenous, and so we can no longer assume everyone is hearing similar narratives and consistent commentary. A proliferation of communication patterns requires a multi-channel approach, of which *The Messenger* is one.

It is important to remember that these dynamics are by no means limited to *The Messenger*. Across Canada, newspaper publishers lost one-fifth of their revenue between 2022 and 2024, down by nearly half overall in the last ten years.² Similarly, *The Messenger* has lost almost one hundred subscribers in the past eighteen months. In the Anglican Church of Canada, Communications is one of six pathways outlined in *Creating Pathways for the Transformational*

Change of the General Synod, the report of the Primate's Commission on Proclaiming the Gospel in the 21st Century presented at General Synod 2025. Our parent publication, *The Anglican Journal*, is now part of a three-year examination of the mandate, format, and funding model of the Communications Department of the Anglican Church of Canada. These conversations will necessarily influence *The Messenger* in the coming years.

The fragmentation of our focus, the changing population of our churches, and the frantic evolution of the media we consume create ongoing challenges for *The Messenger*. Still, it is important for the church to steward its voice wisely. The consistency of traditional newspapers provides an alternative to the easy, anonymous regurgitation from AI-content-generation machines. As we navigate information landscapes manipulated by sophisticated algorithms and motivated by consumption, *The Messenger* continues to highlight recognizable Christian voices grounded in the lived experience of the local church.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Stephanie London, Edmonton Editor

1 *mckinsey.com*
2 *statcan.gc.ca*

ARCHIVES

Since 1971, the Diocese of Edmonton has “permanently loaned” archival quality documents to the Provincial Archives of Alberta. This ensures that such records are stored in a safe, climate-controlled environment to guarantee long-term protection. This also solves the very practical issue of storage space needed for such a large collection and ensures that such records are available as a historical resource to archivists throughout Edmonton, Alberta, and beyond.

In the recent past, parishes were encouraged to send items directly to the Archives. However, we have realized that the Synod Office needs to be more hands-on in the preparation, organization, and cataloguing of archival items. Some parishes have sent items to the archives that should not have been archived and now are taking up valuable shelf space and others have missed archiving important records and resources that the Synod Office might have noticed and been able to correct before it got to the Archives.

Due to this, the Synod Office is now asking parishes to send all archives items to the Synod Office for processing, and the Synod Office will forward such items to the Provincial Archives. This allows the Synod Office to check for gaps, remove items that should not be archived (such as offering envelopes

or appliance manuals), and prepare them for cataloguing to make things easier for the archives to process the records.

Additionally, the Synod Office is preparing a process to make it easier for parishes to submit records at regular intervals. The desire is that each parish would make an annual submission to the Synod Office which would include Annual Meeting materials, minutes of all vestry/corporation meetings from the previous year, minutes of all other committees, completed registers, and any other archival items the parish may want saved for years to come.

On the Diocesan website, there is a cheat sheet available that includes the types of information that should be archived. For a complete listing of items the Synod Office would like to receive (and the way in which they would like to receive it), please visit:

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/about-us/pages/archives>.

Lastly, I want to give a big thank you to Jeanette Buckingham, Sarah Kemp, and Robert Reader for all their help in cataloguing diocesan items at the Archives over the last many months! There was a significant backlog from shortly before COVID shut down the volunteer program and they have tirelessly worked to get these items catalogued and available for us and the wider community to access.

Respectfully submitted,

RJ Chambers, Diocese of Edmonton Office and Parish Support Administrator

BISHOP'S FUND

For over sixty years, people from across the Diocese of Edmonton have come together, typically at an annual Bishop's Fund dinner, to raise money that allows for clergy to be financially supported in time of exceptional personal need. This has commonly been for:

- Travel to be with sick and dying relatives and to attend funerals
- Extended physical therapy for those recovering from surgeries
- Disability support beyond the scope of health benefits
- Psychological and spiritual counseling
- Continued education and training

It is a gift to be able to help those who help so many through their ministry.

This year the Bishop's Fund Dinner was held at the Royal Glenora Club. We heard from Jordan Stanger-Ross on his book, *Challenging Exile: Japanese*

Canadians and the Wartime Constitution. It was an enlightening and engaging evening, filled with excellent conversation and company.

I am grateful to all who attended, and thereby donated to the Bishop's Fund, and I extend particular thanks to Mr. Bill Shores for chairing the group and for organizing the dinner. Thanks also go to Mr. Rob Reynolds, Mr. David Jones, and the Hon. Donna Valgardson for their excellent work and support.

I look forward to this year's dinner, and I, again, thank all those who support this important source of relief for our clergy.

At the end of the last Synod, the Fund Balance was \$33,648.98. At the beginning of this Synod, the Fund Balance is \$23,424.05.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton*

CENTRALIZED PARISH SUPPORT

In 2025, the Synod Office sent a survey to all parishes to determine areas of need for each parish. One specific area of support that nearly half of our parishes indicated was currently an issue or would be an issue for them in the coming one to two years, was financial services including bookkeeping and assistance with regular financial reporting.

Following the review of the survey results, the Synod Office created a model to assist parishes in need with day-to-day bookkeeping, creation of monthly and annual financial statements, assistance with annual reporting (both CRA and the required diocesan financial reports), and tax receipting. One goal was to provide such services at low cost to the parishes. The Synod Office reviewed software already in use and explored ways to add parish needs into those programs. This allowed the Synod Office to offer this financial support without any software costs to the parish or any additional software costs for the Synod Office. The only cost for the parish is a small annual administrative fee assessed by the Synod Office (currently \$25.00 per month).

In January 2026, five parishes came onboard this system. Each of these parishes opted in to different parts of the available services with some only using the Synod Office for annual tax receipting or another singular support and others accepted all the different supports offered. As part of this support, the Synod Office also assisted these parishes with their 2025 reporting to the CRA. In July of 2026, a sixth parish was onboarded to the system as well.

To date, this system is working efficiently, and the plan is for the Synod Office to offer an annual intake for other parishes who may want to come onboard.

In addition to the financial support currently available, the Synod Office is working to create additional staff capacity in the desire to add other support identified as needs in the parish survey. As other large Synod Office projects reach their completion, the hope is that staff will have time to take on additional parish support work.

Respectfully submitted,

RJ Chambers, Diocese of Edmonton Office and Parish Support Administrator

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Since beginning this one-year position on June 1, 2026, my work has focused on visiting parishes, connecting with leaders, and researching and noting key resources to best assist in children's discipleship across the Diocese of Edmonton.

My goals include developing toolkits, fostering collaboration for future family events, supporting leaders in their ministries through personal consults, providing resources/samples, and hosting gatherings to facilitate wisdom and idea sharing among leaders/volunteers.

Key observations from personal visits:

- Post-COVID reconnection with families remains slow. Some parishes reported growing number of tots and babies.
- Programming varies widely: subscription curricula, homegrown materials, and story driven models are most common. Some parishes minister to children from the pews (dedicated spaces, children's talks, children's bulletins, activity boxes, sensory items) instead of having formalized Sunday School.
- Parishes experiencing growth have these features in common: regular inclusion of children in worship roles, strong volunteer core, part time children's ministry staff.
- Parishes hope to reassure parents that their children are welcome in worship.
- Alternative models (bi-weekly Sunday School, quarterly Messy Church, weekly VBS) are being explored to meet current realities.
- Many children's ministry leaders expressed appreciation for the ability to attend early communion services to be spiritually fed before serving at the later service.

- Many church websites need to update information about their children's programming. Websites are likely what parents will look at before bringing their children. Does your website give the impression that families are welcome? Valued?

Expressed needs, challenges, and requests:

- Clergy seek guidance and resources on intergenerational worship and family events.
- Inconsistent attendance remains the primary challenge for programming needs. Accessible and affordable curriculum and program ideas are required to meet a variety of parish situations.
- Need for volunteer recruitment and retention strategies.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, I will continue making connections and research and facilitate ways to meet the challenges and needs expressed during these visits. Partnership and collaboration will continue to be a high priority.

Special Projects

There are a few projects for the year that involve creating added resources and support for children's discipleship:

- Evensong for Kids: An online song and prayer series launching in Advent to support family prayer at home.
- Patchwork Storybook Bible: Led by Rev. Lisa Wojna (Devon, Wetaskiwin). Seeking creative contributors to retell key bible stories in a variety of forms (song, story, poem, script) from a unique perspective that is witty and engage the playful character of children. Submission deadline: January 30, 2027.
- Charlotte's Web: A growing network and database of resources and ideas accessible for leaders in children's discipleship.
- AnglicanFamily.net: A website of resources, reviews, and tools for growing in faith will be launched in 2027.

*Respectfully submitted,
Ilona Bevan, Children's Discipleship Animator*

COMPANION DIOCESE of BUYÉ

In 2008, Bishop Jane Alexander began a long and fruitful relationship with the Anglican Diocese of Buyé in the country of Burundi in Africa. Over the many years that we have been in relationship, we have committed to keep each other in prayer and to visit each other's dioceses when possible. As a diocese, we have participated in many development projects in the Diocese of Buyé.

In fact, the Diocese of Edmonton has continued its commitment to designate 1% of our diocesan budget for the work in Buyé.

The Diocese of Buyé is spiritually built on three pillars: Evangelism, Education, and Physical Health. From that, they preach the Gospel, run schools for children as well as a Bible College for Clergy training, and run a hospital for the medical needs of the community. Through the Mother's Union, they also do a lot of work for families by teaching reading and financial literacy and by organizing a small community micro-loan infrastructure. A few years ago, their bishop was also elected to be the Primate of the national church. In Burundi, the primate still remains a diocesan bishop. Archbishop Sixbert has to go back and forth between his offices in Ngozi and Bujumbura.

We have continued our practice of praying for each other's parishes and ministries over the last year. I have been having conversations with Archbishop Sixbert through the WhatsApp video calling function. We are hoping that he and a group from the diocese will be able to come to our diocese in 2027. We would love to be able to host them.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton*

CURSILLO EDMONTON

No Cursillo Edmonton report was received for the 2026 Synod. The information below was compiled by Synod Office staff.

Monthly Cursillo Ultreya meetings continued over the last year. Ultreya is an event celebrating faith, fellowship, and friendship. Additionally, a Cursillo weekend was held in May of 2026 and a year-end BBQ was held in June of 2026.

Speaking about the 2026 Cursillo weekend, Bishop Stephen London commented, "I am always inspired by the seriousness with which people in this community take their faith and are dedicated to the task of offering opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal within our Diocese. ...For me, [this event] was a real affirmation that Cursillo has an important role to play in the life of our Diocese."

Cursillo has a full slate of events planned for the 2026/2027 season including another Cursillo weekend to be held in the Spring. Please keep an eye on the diocesan website for more information about Cursillo events.

DIOCESE OF EDMONTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR (DECC)

The Diocese of Edmonton Children's Choir (DECC) has been in existence for over four years. This is a cooperative effort between the diocese and many parishes in the diocese. The Anglican Parish of Christ Church, Edmonton is the host for the choir's weekly rehearsal on Wednesday from 5:15-6:15, providing rehearsal space, library space, and keyboard. The Synod Office oversees the choir as well as the finances for the choir. The DECC program fits under four of the six pillars of the Diocesan Strategic Plan. The DECC program will run again this year from the beginning of September 2026 until the end of April 2027.

We have witnessed many amazing outcomes! These kids are both the now and the future of the church and especially the future of church music. They are establishing strong faith and music formation during a very important and influential time of their lives.

This choir has drawn in many children from across the diocese from various parishes, as well as children that have no church affiliation at all. The choir has shared its music with a number of parishes throughout the city in the past four years. Many of those parishes have no choir or sometimes no music leadership on a regular basis and the children's singing has been a real gift. The parishes see and hear the children's leadership in sharing their faith through song.

Free membership in the children's choir has been very significant for several of the families. There are many community choir programs in the City of Edmonton, but very few are free, and we do not want finances to be a barrier.

How does a child benefit from membership in the DECC?

- **Musical education** - The children have been introduced to notation, time signatures, rhythm, pitch, etc. Musical games make these concepts fun and easy to learn.
- **Deepening of their faith** has occurred through the choice of repertoire and discussion.
- **Meeting new friends and experiencing deep bonds** from other parishes (and within their own parish) in a collaborative, creative setting. Making music together is powerful!
- **Making space for children of different abilities.** We have accepted children of all abilities.
- **The ripple of impact on the community is also substantial.** Parents who bring their children to choir often stay and have formed relationships with one another, offering rides, support, and assistance when going to participate at different parishes.

This past year the DECC sang at Holy Trinity and Christ Church, at the Cathedral Advent Lessons & Carols, and twice at the Canterbury Foundation. This coming year we have more services to look forward to, as well as participation in Synod and some family ministry videos. More children are welcome to join!

For more information, please visit:

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/what-we-do/children-family-and-youth-ministries/pages/diocesan-childrens-choir>

*Respectfully submitted,
Tammy-Jo Mortensen*

ECUMENICAL and INTERFAITH

The years 2024-2026 have been important ones for the Diocese of Edmonton in terms of practical ecumenical and interfaith engagement. This report seeks to capture a number of highlights during the biennium and then concludes with a note on transitions and future directions.

A key development to take note of is the prominent place that both ecumenical and full communion relations have been given within the *Way Through the Wilderness* strategic workplan that has shaped so much of our diocesan work over the last 2 years. The Guiding Principle of “Collaborative Community” makes commitments and sets targets designed to see working in partnership and sharing resources with our fellow followers of the way of Jesus become the default setting at every level of our church, rather than as a second or third thought on the list. We have supported this with the establishment of a new multid denominational Ecumenical Shared Ministry Coordinating Committee which meets every 6-8 weeks to identify areas for intentional collaboration both between and beyond congregational settings across the Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian, Presbyterian, and United Churches. Working alongside local efforts in places like Westlock, Vegreville, Jasper, Vermillion, Leduc, Sherwood Park, and neighborhoods like Callingwood, Alberta Avenue, Old Strathcona, Fulton Place, and more, we have continued to see exciting steps being taken to be stronger witnesses to the Gospel with the other communities of Christian faith in our area than we are apart. And all of this is an added complement to more traditional channels of ecumenical connection such as the many initiatives of the Edmonton and District Council of Churches, Kairos, ICMP/Sanctuary of Peace, campus ministry, the local seminaries and theological colleges, and so on, all of which continue from strength to strength. There are too many leaders to name them all, but it is truly a great team effort in the Diocese of Edmonton in this regard.

Beyond our growing friendship and cooperation with other churches, interfaith relations also continue as a critical part of our life as a diocese. Anglican clergy and lay leaders have been actively engaged in the programs and causes of the Edmonton Interfaith Centre for Education and Action (which celebrated its 25th anniversary in the fall of 2025), the A Common Word Muslim-Christian Dialogue, the Phoenix Multifaith Society, the Edmonton Interfaith Housing Initiative, Faith Spaces | Safe Spaces interfaith antiracism workshops, and once again the Greater Edmonton Alliance (which whom we reestablished our relationship in 2026). All Saints' Cathedral hosts regular interfaith walks in the river valley which explore various spiritual themes from different perspectives. A clergy education day was held in March 2026 during World Interfaith Harmony Week which included teachings from diverse spiritual leaders. Partnerships through Lodgepole Communitas and the Pakitinasowin Fund allow for more occasions of learning and collaboration with Indigenous Elders and Knowledge Keepers in areas of common concern.

As I write this report, I have just concluded my nearly 15 years of formal ministry with the Diocese of Edmonton, during which time I have served as the diocesan Ecumenical and Interfaith Coordinator for at least 13 of those. Getting to work with so many amazing colleagues – both Anglican and otherwise – in the various initiatives outlined above has been the greatest satisfaction of my ministry to date. Fortunately, there are so many talented and gifted people who share this ecumenical and interfaith vocation within our parishes and leadership that I am certain my departure will only lead to a renewal and reinvigoration of the cause in the years to come.

Peace, Salaam, Shalom, Pêyâhtakêyimowin.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Ecumenical and Interfaith Coordinator

EXAMINING CHAPLAINS

Committee Responsibility

The diocesan [website](#) on the Ordination Process describes the Examining Chaplains Committee (ECC) as:

an advisory body to the bishop to aid in the selection and support of individuals in official discernment for ordained ministry. The committee does not begin to function with an individual until after the first meetings with the parish priest, bishop, and Parish Discernment Committee recommend the individual for further process.

The interactions of the ECC with recommended individuals is detailed on pages 9 and 10 of the Ordination Process. The ECC follows each individual through the four stages of discernment for ordination.

Committee Membership

The committee membership includes both ordained clergy and lay members. The current members of the ECC are Bishop Stephen London; ordered ministers: Rev. Scott Sharman, Rev. Stephanie London, Rev. Robin Walker, Rev. Aaron Parsall-Myler, Rev. Jane Piercy Ballard, Rev. Sheila Moorey**; lay members: Mark Pepler (chair)*, Valerie Wilbur*, Jenny Stuart, Dan Rempel*, and Arlette Zinck**.

**stepped down in 2026; **joined 2025*

Activities in 2025-2026

The committee met eleven times on Zoom: January 23, 2025, March 6, 2025, May 6, 2025, June 4, 2025, September 18, 2025, October 30, 2025, November 27, 2025, February 12, 2026, April 30, 2026, June 18, 2026, and September 24, 2026. Written minutes of these meetings are accessible to committee members only.

The ECC has overseen the progress of 25 individuals over four stages of the ordination process. At the timing of this report there are 10 inquirers (2 are on hold), 4 candidates, 2 postulants, and 6 ordinands. In 2025 through September 2026, there were 6 individuals ordained – 2 to the presbyterial ministry and 4 to diaconal ministry. Tracking of an individual's progress is recorded in an MS Excel document and updated after the distribution of the latest committee meeting minutes. This Tracking Table is available only to committee members.

*Respectfully submitted,
Mark Pepler, Examining Chaplains Committee Chair*

HOSPITAL VISITATION

As I have said in previous reports, Anglican Hospital Chaplaincy is one of the most rewarding ministries for me. I get so blessed to visit patients at either the Mazankowski / Stollery / University Hospital or at the Royal Alexandra / Glenrose Hospital. What greater privilege could there be than pointing people to Jesus, the great healer of body and soul!

However, I was informed in the Fall of 2024 that the diocese would no longer have the capacity to have a paid hospital chaplaincy position. My employment changed from being the part-time Anglican Hospital Chaplain to serving as a

part-time interim parish priest; though, I have been continuing with the hospital ministry on a smaller scale. Over the last couple of years, the contact with the Royal Alex Hospital has become mostly about providing spiritual care in end-of-life situations because of the AHS restrictions on community spiritual care providers. Because of these changes I also made the decision to not formally re-establish the lay hospital visitors' ministry at this point.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Regula A. Brandle, Hospital Chaplain*

INNOVATIVE STEWARDSHIP

No Innovative Stewardship report was received for the 2026 Synod.

INVESTMENT SUB-COMMITTEE

The Investment Sub-Committee (ISC) continues to operate as a sub-committee of the Administration and Finance Committee. In the fall of 2025, long-time chair Scott Belamisca stepped back from that role and Nancy Sinclair assumed the position. It continues to operate with members: Nancy Sinclair (chair), Scott Belamisca, Dianne Loughheed, Roger Thomson, and John Gee (Secretary-Treasurer, Anglican Diocese of Edmonton). The mandate of this committee is to monitor the investment strategy and make needed adjustments in consultation with our IG Wealth Management portfolio manager, Brent Seib, to ensure the Diocesan and Parish funds invested with IG Wealth are carefully stewarded for growth.

In accordance with our Terms of Reference, the committee meets three to four times each year, often with guest attendees from IG Wealth, including Philip Peturrson, Chief Investment Officer, and Ashish Utarid, AVP of Investment Strategies. The meetings provide opportunities to review quarterly statements, hear about insights into current market conditions, and discuss trends in the market that could impact the investment funds in our two main pools of funds: Diocesan Development Fund/General Fund, and the Consolidated Trust Fund (including funds held in trust for parishes).

Some areas of note since the last Synod report are as follows:

- **Portfolio Review:** Regular reviews of the portfolio continue to provide a robust picture of the funds held and provide comparisons between actual and benchmark returns. IG Wealth continues to provide above-benchmark returns for the funds. We are very pleased with the returns since inception and the balance within the portfolios continues to show

strong rates of return on the funds, even with the ongoing fluctuations within the global market. The funds held in the various accounts continue to grow, often showing increased end-of-quarter balances, even with withdrawals, as a result of the strong investment strategy.

- **Strategic Adjustments:** As part of the ongoing committee review of the Investment Policy Statement, the committee noted that the funds held in trust for Parishes could be adjusted in order to better balance the liquidity of the funds while increasing the rate of return. With the Administration and Finance Committee's approval, small changes were made to the Investment Policy and at our mid-2026 meeting, IG Wealth reported the successful transition with returns already producing the desired effect. Highlights of the amendment are:
 - Moving from a "very conservative" profile to a "conservative" profile.
 - Moving from a "very low" risk tolerance to a "low" risk tolerance.
 - Continuing to provide cashflow as needed, maintaining the value of the assets, and at the same time achieving a modest level of growth to exceed inflation.
 - 70-80% of the funds designated long term, with remaining 20-30% remaining accessible on demand.
 - A minimum amount of funds remaining liquid at all times.
- **Ongoing Fund Evaluation:** In June, members of the ISC met with the Bishop for a review of the type of funds and their restrictions as well as goals for stewardship of the money. One of the key funds we continue to monitor is for the Jasper Parish as we await next steps.

As the committee looks towards the next few years, it will continue to monitor the ever-evolving global market and review the Investment Policy Statement to ensure it is current and providing the best possible returns while being thoughtfully invested. There is intent to offer information sessions for parishes interested in investment opportunities in early 2027, after the conclusion of this year's Synod. The committee carries the weight of the stewardship of the Diocesan and Parish funds with great care and discernment and values the same thoughtfulness from IG Wealth Management.

*Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Sinclair, Investment Sub-Committee Chair*

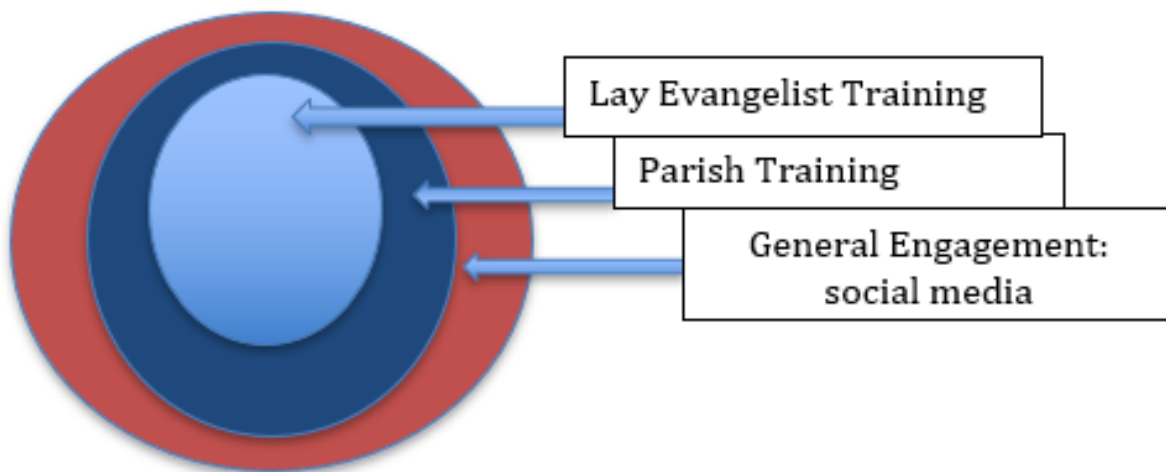
LAY EVANGELISTS

Lay Evangelists are lay leaders who sense the call of God to work both outside and within the church to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ and help people come to faith and discipleship. There are many different ways evangelists fulfil

this call. Ever since we began the program in 2016, we have been struck by the wide variety of gifts and interests in our little community of evangelists. No two evangelists practice their ministry in exactly the same way!

We envision the development of lay leaders to work with the parishes God has called them to serve in to create evangelistic opportunities for their neighbourhoods and communities. We believe that all believers in Christ are called to the work of evangelism, but in this current age many ask the question, "But how do I do that in today's world?" The office of Lay Evangelism seeks to help any believer willing to learn the answer to this question.

We will be running 3 levels of training for our Diocese.



The first level will be "General Engagement" through on-line, social media. Presently, we are running a YouTube video series where we ask key leaders in our Diocese three questions: "What is the Gospel?", "What is evangelism?", and "How have you personally experienced evangelism?"

The channel can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@LayEvangelismAnglicanEdmonton>

Please, LIKE, SUBSCRIBE, COMMENT, and SHARE. This is how we get the word out about getting the Word out. Also, we have put out some training on how to have spiritual conversations in partnership with the Mustard Seed:

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/get-equipped/lay-evangelists>

The second level is to deliver training on evangelism at the parish level. Joining the Lay Evangelist Team are Alan and Melissa Chettle from InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. This will be a class in the evening. We have had one at St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church and will have another at St. Paul

Anglican Church. It's open to everyone interested in evangelism. Alan and Melissa will be teaching "Demystifying Evangelism: An Incarnational Approach to Evangelism" based upon their training and experience with InterVarsity.

The third level is the Lay Evangelist program. For two years, students will meet on Saturday mornings once a month to study how to bring evangelism and evangelistic programs to their own parishes. The curriculum was developed by Rev. Tim Chesterton and modified by Rev. Dr. Eric J. Kregel. The program will end with a Lay Evangelist certification like the ones previously given to graduates in past years.

Our hope is that Christians, our parishes, and our Synod may re-discover the joy and wonder of sharing the Gospel with our generation. If you are interested in getting involved, please reach out to Rev. Eric at ericjkgregel@gmail.com.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Dr. Eric J. Kregel, Chaplain to Lay Evangelists*

LAY READERS

Lay readers are spiritual leaders in their Christian Communities who lead others in prayer and into an encounter with the Spirit through scripture and ceremony. Our lay readers lead bible studies, children's times, morning prayer services on Sunday mornings and throughout the week. They preach in their churches, in seniors' homes, in hospitals, and in homes. They lead funerals, they lead worship with reserved sacrament, they lead ceremonies for naming of children, and, in so many other ways, they create opportunity to pray and know the Spirit through God's word. It has been a joy to see the ministry of our lay readers grow across our diocese over the past few years. Not only have we added many new lay readers, but our lay readers are finding many new opportunities within their churches and communities to be part of leading worship and prayer.

Our diocese currently has over 100 lay readers with many more who are discerning a call to that ministry and finding ways to learn and practice within their parishes alongside lay readers and under the direction and guidance of clergy. In the Spring of 2026, we joined with the Diocese of Athabasca to offer introductory lay reader education online to existing and new lay readers from both dioceses. The course had 28 participants (15 from the Diocese of Edmonton) from 15 parishes (9 in our diocese). Together with Rev. Maryann Amor from the Diocese of Athabasca, it was a joy to learn with experienced

and new lay readers about how and why, as lay people, they can lead others in prayer, study, worship, and discipleship.

The lay leaders at St. John the Divine, Onoway have inspired a weekly gathering of lay readers. This lay readers' community of practice meets weekly online to discuss the scripture and themes for worship coming up in two weeks' time, as well as to share any other insights or issues arising in their ministry in their parish. This has been a very valuable time to strengthen the spirit, worship planning, and preaching of lay readers across the diocese. The noon hour meeting time is a barrier to participation for some of the lay readers. Volunteer clergy or lay moderators to help facilitate that community of practice would be very welcome.

Thanks be to God for the many blessings bestowed through the gifts, faithfulness and time offered by our many lay readers. They greatly amplify every way we serve and glorify God.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Nick Trussell, Chaplain for Lay Readers*

MISSION and DISCIPLESHIP

Take a moment – what has grown your sense of faith and vocation this year?

A few synods back, we had table discussion about this. At my table, a surprising number of individuals spoke of small spiritual groups as the locus of their growth. It is so simple – Christians gathering to share openly about how they see and experience God. I remember one woman's comment that, "I don't think I would be a Christian any more without this group." That was from a group that met on zoom and had a simple structure of gathering, reading a prompt, sharing in circle one by one, and going around the circle again if we had time. Nothing special or hard – just presence, prayer, and a little leadership.

If you have a call in your heart to grow spiritually or see your parish grow – this is your sign to start such a group. Find a convenient time, choose some kind of short prompt (book, meditation, podcast, video), reaffirm confidentiality, and don't go much longer than 60 or 90 minutes. Nothing is stopping you from doing this.

Let's see what else is bubbling in our diocese to grow people in faith and mission!

The **Discipleship Leadership Circle** began as a gathering place for discipleship activities in the diocese and as a way to support grassroots financially. Their new ministry granting process began this Summer to help support local initiatives.

If you are new to faith or seeking a mature life in practice and service, we are offering many opportunities across our diocese:

A) Dip Your Toe In

- **Christian Basics** weekends have happened in several parishes in the diocese.
- **Bishop Stephen** is also working on a project to develop more words to reflect our mainline church approach to Christian faith in a public-facing way.
- **One on One.** We know that many initial faith moments happen for people with one-on-one meetings in parishes with clergy or a wise lay member. Kudos to those folks who step out to bring people in and take time to answer people's ponderings and questions (you might want to check out the Lay Evangelist program!)
- **Diocesan Children's Ministry** had a big year as we hired Ilona Bevan to animate children's ministry in the diocese. She has been traveling, learning, and building patterns of care and ministry for our youngest members.
- **Messy Church:** Several parishes have explored or are running Messy Church to bring families and faith together over food and activity. There are so many resources available for churches exploring this kind of community presence.
- **Parish Community Events:** A number of our parishes have run community events to connect and build relationship. Food programs, Halloween Warm-Ups, Neighbourhood Festivals, supportive community presence, community arts events, etc.

Is anyone running Alpha or other similar programs that we don't know about?

B) Exploring and Growing

- **Cursillo** remains as a renewal weekend force in our diocese, providing space for individuals to pause and to engage faith anew. If you have never been – it's time.
- The **You Are Leaven** one-day conference stepped into its second year as an experiential spiritual practice hub. Leaders from all over and beyond the diocese gathered to share practices that formed them in faith.
- In February 2026, we hosted our first-ever Lay **Vocations Conference** as a way to honour, recognize, and support

individuals in their called (non-clerical) vocations and in the way of discernment. Good Shephard Church hosted us with lunch as we reflected, shared, and pondered God's call. How has God called you?

- Some initial conversations have begun about some **diocesan camping initiatives** and **diocesan youth initiatives** building toward 2027.
- The **REVIVE** program reflects the Inviting Witness and Purposeful Discipleship pillars of our strategic plan, which call for an empowered laity serving as equals alongside a collaborative and team-oriented clergy. This video series that has run online and in-person in various places reflects our belief that all who are baptized are called to share in the mission of God through their unique ministries. We have Diocesan full-access – please contact the Synod Office if you would like to host it at your parish.
- Some initial partnerships have begun for us to support and share with **Lutheran campus ministry**. St. George's has taken the lead on this. Deeper sharing and benefit will require some financial input from our diocese. If you are passionate about campus ministry there will be opportunities to support Lutheran University Chaplain, Rev. Elly, and to partner as a diocesan family with that ministry.

C) **Deepening and Maturing**

- **Spiritual Direction** remains quietly rumbling in our diocese as a very effective tool for growth and discernment. Spiritual Direction/Companionship is a one-on-one meeting where the only topic of conversation is your inner life with God and how you live that out. This includes the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius which is a year-long Gospel-based prayer process that has run in our Diocese for the last decade.
- **Huron College** connection: The Diocese of Edmonton is excited to begin a new partnership with Huron University. In 2026, tuition for courses in the LTh program is covered for members of the Diocese. Study towards a certificate or credential (e.g. Parish Leadership, Theology for Lay Readers, or Foundations in Diaconal Ministry) or learn more about something that interests you.
- The **Lay Evangelist Program** coordinated by Rev. Eric Kregel and the **Lay Readers Program** coordinated by Rev. Nick Trussell are both licensed opportunities to serve in and beyond the church.
- **EFM – Education for Ministry** is an international lay education program that builds over four years of curriculum. EFM includes substantial readings, theological reflection, and group process

which helps you enter the scriptures and live more fully your baptismal ministry.

- We enjoy in our diocese local connections also with **Young Life, InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, St. Stephen's College, St. Joseph's College, The King's University, the Providence Renewal Centre, and Star of the North** retreat centre.

What is missing from this list? What is God brewing in us next?

In gratitude for our many discipleship and mission leaders.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Ven. Jonathan Crane, Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship

MISSIONAL RENEWAL

My role as Missional Renewal Coordinator is to facilitate conversations within our parishes about their vision, mission, and purpose, about how they intentionally put their faith into action. Some of that work is helping congregations and leaders ask questions, and some of that work is helping communities imagine and work toward creative possibilities for their ministry. Mission is always driven by relationship; our relationship with the living God and our relationships with our neighbours. Conversations about mission then ask both "how are we being church?" and "who are we being church with and for?"

Over the past year, I have met with 22 of our parishes and with 8 local ecumenical partners as well as regional leaders for our ecumenical partner's judicatories.

A few of the parishes have been only for one conversation or presentation but most have been extended and ongoing involvement with lay leaders and clergy to help plan and move on new ministry structures or possibilities.

Regular meetings with Lutheran, United, Presbyterian, and Moravian partners, who are also examining how they live out their mission in this area, have been incredibly fruitful, resulting in new partnerships and possibilities in a number (at least 4) of the communities where we share and live the gospel together.

I have focused mostly on rural parishes and parishes in transition. I have been thankful to be able to provide ongoing follow-up and support for some of these parishes and look forward to new conversations with many of the parishes I have yet to visit.

For the parishes I have not been able to visit right away, or who have wanted to begin their own conversations about mission where they are, I created a “Conversations for Mission – AGM Field Guide” with a few options and directions about how to have a conversation about mission at an Annual Meeting. A few parishes used this resource at their annual meeting, a few others with the vestry, and a few others adapted it for a Sunday morning conversation.

Through conversations with the lay readers in Onoway, I have begun facilitating a weekly online gathering for parish lay readers. It is my hope to see this gathering regularly attended by ecumenical partners as well.

From an ecumenical gathering in Leduc, I created a trial for an online shared community calendar which has been an inspiring resource to other small communities and will soon be brought to production.

We are growing at the individual, parish, and diocesan level in our intentional and courageous following of the Spirit. Living out our faith in our Christian communities is more than a ritual, routine, or habit, it is an intentional choice to be with our God and one another and to act in love.

In the year ahead there is follow-up work to do with many congregations in transition, new conversations to facilitate and new leaders to equip for mission across our diocese.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rev. Nick Trussell, Coordinator for Missional Renewal*

QUEERLY BELOVED

Queerly Beloved, a working group of the diocesan Social Justice Committee, continues its commitment to supporting full inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+ people in the life of the Diocese of Edmonton. Our work remains grounded in the diocesan workplan *A Way Through the Wilderness*, particularly the Courageous Justice priority: that church buildings and programs are accessible, inclusive, and safe for more people — and known to be so in the surrounding communities. Over the past two years, Queerly Beloved has focused on public witness, youth engagement, diocesan collaboration, and practical steps toward creating safer and more welcoming parish environments. <https://edmonton.anglican.ca/what-we-do/queerly-beloved>

Diocesan Participation in Pride Parades

One of the most visible and meaningful expressions of diocesan support has been our participation in the Edmonton Pride Parades in both 2025 and 2026. Queerly Beloved coordinated Anglican involvement and we extend deep gratitude to Bishop Stephen London, who walked with us in both parades. His presence offered a powerful sign of pastoral care and solidarity, and it was received with genuine appreciation by parade spectators — many of whom expressed surprise and joy at seeing Anglican clergy and parishioners marching publicly in support of queer inclusion.

We also offer heartfelt thanks to the Anglicans, friends, and allies from eleven parishes across the diocese who joined us this year. Their willingness to walk, wave, and witness helped communicate a message that is still far too rare: that Christian communities can be places of welcome, celebration, and belonging for queer people. For many spectators, especially youth and young adults, seeing churches show up at Pride is a reminder that faith and queerness need not be in conflict, and that spiritual homes exist where they will be embraced rather than questioned.

Youth Social Justice Days

Queerly Beloved has also contributed to the planning and facilitation of the diocesan Youth Social Justice Days in 2024 and 2025. Each year included a Queer Justice session, offering youth an opportunity to explore themes of identity, belonging, and justice through a Christian lens. These sessions have been well received and have helped equip young people with language, understanding, and compassion as they navigate conversations about inclusion in their own communities.

Proud Anglican Voices of Alberta

Our work has extended beyond diocesan boundaries through participation in the Facebook group *Proud Anglican Voices of Alberta*, which includes members from all three Anglican dioceses in the province. This online community has become a supportive space for queer Anglicans and allies to share resources, encouragement, and stories of faith. Queerly Beloved has contributed to discussions, offered pastoral support, and helped amplify affirming voices across Alberta.

Support for Community-Based Research

In 2026, Queerly Beloved supported a community research initiative proposed by Ben Goetze, a Human Services student at Athabasca University. His project involves visiting parish buildings across the diocese to assess washroom accessibility from the perspectives of disability and transgender inclusion, with particular attention to single user and gender-neutral facilities. The resulting report will be shared with the diocese to assist future planning and to help us better understand how our buildings communicate welcoming and safety. This

work aligns closely with our diocesan commitment to courageous justice and accessible ministry.

Assessing Our Progress

Queerly Beloved has also participated in diocesan conversations about how to evaluate our progress in becoming more welcoming and affirming communities. We continue to explore thoughtful and supportive ways to encourage parishes to reflect on their practices, physical spaces, and public messaging. Our hope is to develop tools that encourage honest self-assessment while supporting growth, learning, and celebration of the good work already underway.

Invitation to Parishes

We continue to encourage parishes to be public, intentional, and explicit in their support for 2SLGBTQ+ people. One simple and meaningful step is to have conversations at vestry and other parish gatherings to determine whether your parish wishes to be listed among the Inclusive Anglican Churches in Canada. Instructions can be found at: [Proud Anglicans – Inclusive Anglican churches in Canada](#)

Recommended Resource

For those seeking deeper theological grounding, we commend *The Widening of God's Mercy: Sexuality Within the Biblical Story* by Christopher B. Hays and Richard B. Hays — “a fresh, deeply biblical account of God’s expanding grace and mercy, tracing how the Bible’s narrative points to the full inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+ people in Christian communities.”

Queer Belonging

Queer Belonging, currently consisting of Rev. Jordan Giggey, Carly Meuters-Murphy, Terry Knickle, and Leonard Zasiedko, is a queer led ministry emerging from Lodgepole Communitas. Over the past couple of years, they have hosted concerts, dinners, and barbecues, and have more recently begun regularly offering services of worship that invite the 2SLGBTQ+ community into church spaces in a safe and meaningful way.

In April 2025, they hosted a service on hope and joy around Easter. For Christmas of that year, their service on Heavenly Peace emphasized our personal role in justice and peacemaking. In 2026, programming expanded with an Easter celebration on resurrection as transition, a summer BBQ and game night in collaboration with Pe Metawe Games (a local Indigenous owned tabletop and role-playing game store) and ELEN (Edmonton Lesbian Event Network). They have also marched with the diocese for the last two years at the PrideFest Parade.

This fall, Queer Belonging has been working toward having different parishes host them to lead Sunday morning worship. So far this has included Holy Trinity, Edmonton (October) and St. Faith's, Edmonton (November), with an Advent service planned for December. They also offered worship this September at a conference of former Christian Reformed Churches who left the denomination over its increasingly non-affirming direction. As a group focused on community action, they hope to encourage others by opening up the conversation to invite queer led worship into parishes as an act of reconciliation and a meaningful step toward being affirming.

*Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Mark Vigrass, Queerly Beloved Lead*

RECONCILIATION and DECOLONIZATION

No Reconciliation and Decolonization report was received for the 2026 Synod.

REFUGEE SPONSORSHIP (SAH) PROGRAM

"... I was a stranger and you welcomed me." – Matthew 25:35

The ministry of Refugee Sponsorship is one of the most direct ways that we can welcome the stranger. God calls us to this ministry and through Canadian legislation we can live this out by partnering with the government to bring refugees to Canada and help settle them. Parishes in the diocese often sponsor family members of refugees who are already living here in Edmonton, thereby reuniting families, but they also often sponsor people who are alone.

This is an incredible opportunity to give people the chance to live in safety and security. The term "refugee" is a legally defined term which means people who've had to flee their home country due to conflict, violence and persecution – and it is unsafe for them to return. Having left everything behind, they seek a chance to start over in safety.

The Refugee Program has been drastically slashed by the government, and anti-immigration and anti-refugee sentiment grows. We have several parishes that are doing God's work despite this harmful and divisive rhetoric. We have parishes that are engaged in sponsoring families, settling families, or prayerfully considering and fundraising for future refugee support.

In 2024, we submitted 7 applications sponsoring 23 people.

In 2025, we submitted 1 application sponsoring 1 person.

So far in 2026, we have submitted 3 applications sponsoring 5 people, with an expectation that an additional 3 applications sponsoring 10 people will be submitted before the end of the year.

We have welcomed 23 newcomers since 2024. Seven parishes are currently actively involved in this ministry.

As part of a change in requirements from the government, we are required to participate in these sponsorships in a more connected way, which does require greater commitment from parishes, but provides us with the opportunity to know and support people. We only accept refugee sponsorship requests that come from parishes.

This ministry is important, and it is also important that it is done well. It is not an easy task, but it is a worthwhile one, and as the current Refugee Coordinator, I am happy to walk you and your parish through the work that is involved.

If your parish, or a group of at least 5 committed volunteers from your parish, is interested in participating in this ministry, please contact me at the office for more details.

Thank you to all those who open their hearts, and give of their time, to support those at their most vulnerable.

*Respectfully submitted,
Sarah Kemp, Assistant to the Bishop and Interim Refugee Coordinator*

RURAL MINISTRY

Serving as the Archdeacon for Rural Ministry has been a profound privilege, offering a front-row seat to the vitality, resilience, and creativity of our rural churches across central Alberta.

The world around us is shifting, and our rural parishes are rising to meet this moment with remarkable faith. Proclaiming the Gospel today invites us to pivot, reimagine, and discover fresh ways of being the Church in our communities. Across our diocese, dedicated lay leaders and clergy are stepping up with energy and vision — showing that rural ministry is not merely holding the line, but actively discerning where God is leading next.

We see this hopeful, imaginative spirit taking root across the diocese as parishes large and small step out in faith — trying new initiatives, deepening local outreach, and finding creative ways to love their neighbors. While space does not allow naming every parish, these bold experiments are happening everywhere. Two striking examples highlight this spirit:

- In Jasper, out of the tragic loss of both the Anglican and United church buildings, a beautiful, forward-looking partnership has emerged. Together with their United siblings and the broader town, our congregation is dreaming of shared community and worship spaces to serve residents and visitors for generations to come.
- In Westlock, the people of St. Philip's made the bold, joyful decision to join hands with their Lutheran friends in Christ, forming an Ecumenical Shared Ministry that enriches both traditions.

These steps require trust and courage, but they open dynamic new doors to share our gifts and welcome our neighbors.

We also give deep thanks for those parishes that have faithfully concluded a season of ministry. Even in those quiet transitions, we celebrate the rich legacy of faith left behind and trust that God's mission in those communities continues in new shapes and forms.

As I step down from this role to focus on the delightful rhythms of parish life, I do so filled with gratitude for the story of rural ministry in Edmonton. I am thrilled to welcome the Rev. Kevin Kraglund as he steps into this role, and I ask you to join me in holding him, our rural congregations, and their leaders in prayer.

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." — Isaiah 43:19

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Chelsy Bouwman, Archdeacon for Rural Ministry

SAFE CHURCH

In March 2025, at the end of a lengthy process, the Executive Council approved a new Safe Church Policy for the Diocese of Edmonton. In light of our call to walk with God who loves justice and hates oppression (Psalms 11, 33, 72, 99, Isaiah 1, Luke 4:18-19), we endeavour that "all persons within our diocese should experience an environment of safety and one that is free from any form of abuse or harassment."

Simply hoping that abuse will not exist in our churches is not enough. Our mission is enacted in a variety of ways. We have a Diocesan Safe Church Team comprised of clergy and laity that meets on a regular basis to advise the bishop and to provide counsel to Parish Safe Church Teams.

At a diocesan level we have a trauma informed Safe Church Co-Facilitator that receives all incident reports. We have a clear process for dealing with reports, and a structure to address concerns.

Our clergy are required to maintain their Safe Church training and provide a police record and vulnerable sector check as a condition of their license. This is renewed every three years. As of the writing of this report, we have 84 clergy that are actively licensed and have completed safe church screening.

The Synod Office also provides access to the Safe Church training for laity, assists parishes in informing lay volunteers about the police check requirements, and supplies police check request letters for lay volunteers who may require them. Screening requirements for laity change depending on the nature of their volunteer role. To date, there are approximately 630 lay volunteers registered with the Synod Office who require some level of screening. These volunteers also must be rescreened every three years. The diocesan Safe Church Assistant connects with every parish twice a year to ensure parishes are aware of which volunteers need to be re-screened and to confirm the accuracy of the parish's volunteer list.

We care deeply about the people in our church, and we refuse to be blind to the fact that abuse can happen anywhere and even by those we would not expect. Our Safe Church Policy puts safeguards in place so that the church can be the safest place possible.

We ask all church leadership to read and make yourself familiar with the Safe Church Policy and the responsibilities of your Parish Safe Church Teams. The rector and wardens of the parish are members of the Parish Safe Church Team and can appoint other members as needed.

We extend our thanks to all those who see the importance and value in this work and who assist with making sure that the legacy of the church is one of care and support.

Respectfully submitted,

*The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek, Safe Church Council Co-Facilitator
Sarah Kemp, Bishop's Assistant and Safe Church Council Member
RJ Chambers, Diocesan Safe Church Assistant*

SANCTUARY OF PEACE (FORMERLY ICPM)

Key Individuals with Sanctuary of Peace are Pastor Quinn Strikwerda, Knowledge Keeper Verna Fisher, Pastoral Associate Maria Kruszewski, Coffee Coordinator Ann-Marie Johnson, Music Minister Evan Rokeby-Thomas, Community Support Worker Colleen Werenka, Lunch Coordinator Inskip Spencer, and numerous other volunteers.

The objective of Sanctuary of Peace is to provide “A Circle of Belonging in the Heart of the City” of Edmonton through providing Sunday morning worship services and spiritual care, and to share coffee and ~200 lunch bags donated by local faith communities with homeless and low-income people who live in the downtown core. We walk with people, offering our ministry of presence through the Sunday service and two services/month at Pioneer Place, a low-income seniors’ residence, weekly “Table Time” outreach, sharing necessary seasonal clothing, toiletries, and snacks that are donated to us, a weekly faith sharing or bible study, monthly women’s and men’s groups serving lunch and providing spiritual conversations, and through simply being around on the street. Having no building of our own, we operate out of Bissell Centre East at 10527 95 Street.



(Photo: Music Minister Evan Thomas, Pastoral Associate Maria Kruszewski, and musical guest PJ Perry)

Our community is made up mostly of people from the Boyle-McCauley neighbourhood in Edmonton, many of whom live in the Hope Mission shelter, in rooming houses, small apartments, or outdoors. Our members’ ages range from early 20s to 99, with about 50% of Indigenous descent.

Homelessness is increasing in our city. Though the distribution of 200 lunch bags used to take 45 minutes in 2020, in 2026, we run out of lunches in 15 minutes simply because there are more people in need. This unfortunately increases as our Alberta government pulls vitally important funding from downtown social agencies. More and more people are hungry and homeless. Our focus is to provide physical, emotional, and spiritual care, which is appreciated by our “regulars” and those who attend sporadically. Pastor Quinn also offers 5th step spiritual care for those trying to overcome addictions, we offer services of remembrance as needed, and we pass out grocery cards to support struggling families.

Sanctuary of Peace/Inner City Pastoral Ministry has been in operation since 1978 through support from the United, Anglican, Lutheran, and Catholic communities in Edmonton and area. Volunteers from these communities who bring lunches learn about the issues facing those who are homeless and witness social justice issues “in their own backyard.” Our results cannot be measured monetarily or otherwise but are seen in the relationships we have built both with our faith community members and the outside faith communities that support us. We also receive assistance from Muslim, Jewish, and Hindu groups, and very much appreciate all our interfaith supporters.

Our monthly Standing Stones service is led by Knowledge Keeper Verna Fisher. She teaches the community about Indigenous Spirituality and invites us to pick medicine with her every summer so that we can begin every Sunday service with a white buffalo sage smudge. Her teachings help our Indigenous community members to understand their own history and improve understanding for Indigenous and non-indigenous people who come to worship every week, paving the way for better relationships.



We are including [this link](#) to the front-page article from the August-September 2026 Boyle McCauley News. It recounts our May “Relaunch Celebration” of our new name and includes mention of stories told there by Jesse and Mike, two of our community members who spoke at the event. Their testimonies give an idea of how much our work and your support is appreciated. Special thanks to the Anglican Diocese of Edmonton and the New England Company for their generous financial support and to the many Anglican parishes and individuals who support us through the lunch program, volunteering, financial support, gifts in kind, and prayer support!

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Quinn Strikwerda and Maria Kruszewski, Sanctuary of Peace Pastors

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Committee is pleased to report a number of successes since our inclusion in the Diocesan Work Plan as Courageous Justice. The outcomes we have been working toward are:

1. Every parish leader is aware of and using resources to support the work of justice, and makes others in the parish aware
2. Church buildings and programs are accessible, inclusive, and safe for more people, and they are known to be so in the surrounding communities

3. Diocesan leadership becomes more diverse and representative of the whole human family

We have spent the last two years working toward these outcomes through the following activities:

- We have hosted two youth-focused social justice conferences, featuring speakers addressing questions of housing justice, queer justice, racial justice, Indigenous justice, disability justice, and more. These conferences have gathered young Anglicans aged 13-30 and helped them see how justice is a core part of Christian practice. For 2026, we are opening this conference up to all ages and will be hosting Maggie Helwig, author of *Encampment: Resistance, Grace, and an Unhoused Community*, as our keynote speaker. We hope you'll join us November 6 & 7!
- The Disability Justice working group has visited parishes with their Rhythms of Grace liturgy. This liturgy is designed for neurodiverse children and their families, to fully include them – indeed, center their needs – in worshipping God. They would love to visit your parish; contact Jennifer Stewart to book them!
- The Racial Justice working group arranged for external consultants to train the diocesan Policy Committee in using an anti-racist lens when writing policy, to ensure diocesan policies reflect our anti-racism commitments.
- We have encouraged the diocese to rejoin the Greater Edmonton Alliance, which organizes faith communities, unions, and community groups in support of the common good. We sent several members to receive Foundations of Community Organizing training last March through this organization, and one priest in the diocese continued his training at the 5-day event in Victoria in May. This fall, GEA hosted 6 Civic Academies to encourage neighbours to listen to one another about the lived experience of immigrants in Alberta in advance of the referendum.
- Queerly Beloved arranged for us to march in the Edmonton Pride Parade two years in a row. This year, 11 parishes were represented and despite bringing 200 temporary tattoos to hand out, we ran out before the parade was half over. Thanks to Queerly Beloved's leadership, we also sponsored a Pronouns Workshop and a Trans Day of Remembrance event.
- We accessed \$30,000 of the Strategic Futures Fund to offer scholarships for leaders from the Black, Indigenous, disability, 2SLGBTQ+, and other marginalized communities to support their growth in leadership. 4 scholarships have been awarded as of September 1 for a total investment of \$13,710 in future leaders.

By far, our biggest challenge has been the task set by Executive Council to engage with parishes to assess the strengths and weaknesses individual Anglicans will encounter in those parishes. The committee has spent a great deal of time and thought engaging with the question and has pivoted away from the original activity requested in the Work Plan (Activity B). We are now studying the feasibility of hiring an outside consultant to conduct focus groups with members of marginalized communities to see what would make them feel fully welcomed and included in the life of a parish.

We submit this report with gratitude for all members of the committee, the working groups, and all our partners in parishes and who have engaged with our work, including:

The Social Justice Committee:

- The Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware, Good Shepherd Edmonton, co-chair
- Rob Betty, St. John's Edmonton, co-chair
- Matthew White, St. George's Devon, project coordinator
- The Rev. Mark Vigrass, St. George's Edmonton, Queerly Beloved lead
- Peggy Wilmot, Christ Church Edmonton, Creation Justice lead
- Jennifer Stewart, Lodgepole Communitas Edmonton, Disability Justice lead
- Jenny Stuart, St. Matthew's St. Albert
- Yo'vella Mizrahii, St. George's Edmonton
- The Rev. Christa Eisbrenner, St. Andrew's Camrose & St. Mary's Ponoka
- Ria Boodram, St. John's Edmonton
- Apat Chol, St. Mark-Jiang Edmonton
- Francis Tumusiime, Lodgepole Communitas Edmonton
- Moira Ngaru, St. Matthias Edmonton
- Jonah Boily, University of Alberta Community Service Learning student

The Racial Justice Team:

- [vacant], lead
- Yo'vella Mizrahii, St. George's Edmonton
- Jeannette Austin-Odina, All Saints' Cathedral
- Fiona Brownlee, Immanuel Wetaskiwin

Queerly Beloved:

- The Rev. Mark Vigrass, St. George's Edmonton, lead
- Rob Betty, St. John's Edmonton
- Carly Murphy, Lodgepole Communitas Edmonton
- The Rev. Jordan Giggey, St. Timothy's Edmonton
- Derek Ware, St. George's Edmonton

Disability Inclusion Team:

- Jennifer Stewart, Lodgepole Communitas Edmonton, lead
- Vaughn & Cheryl Atkinson, Holy Trinity Edmonton
- Kristin Binnema, Lodgepole Communitas Edmonton
- Wynne Whitten-Holmes
- Lynne Reckhow
- Jenny Stuart, St. Matthew's St. Albert
- Jane Samson, Lodgepole Communitas
- Jeffrey Hanger, St. Mary's Ponoka
- David Barnum, All Saints' Cathedral (hon)

Creation Justice Team:

- Peggy Wilmot, Christ Church Edmonton, lead
- The Rev. Suzanne Oswald, Holy Trinity Edmonton

Events Team:

- Rob Betty, St. John's Edmonton, lead
- Peggy Wilmot, Christ Church Edmonton
- Jonah Boily, U of A CSL student
- Jennifer Stewart, Lodgepole Communitas
- Matthew White, St. George's Devon
- Jenny Stuart, St. Matthew's St. Albert
- Rob Goetze, Christ Church Edmonton
- Yo'vella Mizrahii, St. George's Edmonton
- Emily Stephen-Garneau, St. Peter's Edmonton

Respectfully submitted,

The Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware, Archdeacon for Social Justice, and Rob Betty, Social Justice Co-Chairs

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Over the course of the last biennium since the last Synod, we have been focusing on working through our Diocesan Work Plan called [*A Way Through the Wilderness*](#).

The Story of the Work Plan

A Way Through the Wilderness began as a conversation at our 69th Synod in 2024. The members of Synod received Ms. Anna Bubel's report called [*Listening in Spirit*](#). This was her report about the state of our diocese and parishes after weeks of interviews, consultations, and examination of objective data. Much of the agenda of the Synod was table groups talking

about the report and what they thought our focus should be over the next two years.

These conversations were recorded by note takers and then read through to take out the most common themes across all of the table groups. This document was given to the new Executive Council to use as a basis for creating a work plan. The Executive Council, with the addition of rural representatives from each of our regions, met on February 1, 2025 to create the beginning of a work plan. We used Ms. Bubel's Logic Model as our structure. The Executive Council continued to work on the plan until the final approval on April 25, 2025. The Executive Council then approved a budget for the work plan of \$736,500. This money came from the closing of two parishes and was set aside for strategic purposes. (Note: we have only actually spent 28% of our budget. As of the writing of this report in September 2026, we have spent \$207,947. Please note, some of this will continue into 2027 in contracts.)

We launched the work plan at a special gathering at Wildroots Café located in the annex of St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church, Edmonton on May 15, 2025. Then from May 2025-July 2026 we ran the work plan. The Rev. Canon Scott Sharman was appointed to shepherd the project over this time period. Over the summer of 2026, we hired Ms. Bubel again to give our plan an evaluation of how we did. This report will be available to the members of the 70th Synod.

The Focus of the Work Plan

The point of the work was to help our parishes and diocese to address the significant challenges facing us as outlined in Ms. Bubel's report *Listening in Spirit*. Much of our struggle has been around the very real fact of a lack of capacity to the ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that we know we are called to do. There are many reasons for this. Part of it has been the general decline of the church, part of it has been coming out of Covid, part of it is the challenge of lack of volunteers and finances. There is no doubt this is a challenging time to be the church. The title of the work plan reflects the feeling that the church is in a time of wilderness.

The title of the work plan, *A Way Through the Wilderness*, comes from the book of the prophet Isaiah, in which the God tells the people of Israel that even though they are in the wilderness, God will make a way: "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? **I will make a way in the wilderness** and rivers in the desert." The promises of God are for us as well.

The plan was organized according to six pillars that were identified by Executive Council as the areas to focus on in this place and at this time:

- Inviting Witness

- Purposeful Discipleship
- Vital Congregations
- Collaborative Community
- Innovative Stewardship
- Courageous Justice

Each of these six areas took an existing area of the church and reimagined what it looks like in the 21st century. For instance, in Inviting Witness, what does evangelism look like today? Or for Innovative Stewardship, we focused on trying to reimagine church property where appropriate. The work plan also focused on increasing capacity in each of these areas.

For specifics and an evaluation of what we did, I will encourage you to read Ms. Bubel's report, *A Way Through the Wilderness: Evaluating the Impact of the First Eighteen Months*.

What's Next

The 70th Synod is going to have conversations about what our focus should be over the next two years in a similar exercise. We will again collect the records of those conversations and invite the next Executive Council to form the next round of a work plan that will bring us from 2026 to 2028. The challenges to our church are real and we need to address them. The opportunities in our church are also real and need to be realized. While this is a challenging time to be the church of Jesus Christ, it is also an exciting time to be the church. We are invited to proclaim the good news of God's saving love in Jesus Christ in so many diverse and beautiful ways. I am excited for our next chapter.

*Respectfully Submitted,
The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton*

APPENDICES





APPENDIX 1

PROCEEDINGS OF THE
69TH SYNOD
OCTOBER 18 & 19, 2024

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SPRINGS
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69TH SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF EDMONTON
October 18 and 19, 2024
DRAFT Minutes of Proceedings
To Be Approved at the 70th Synod

Friday, October 18, 2024

The 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton opened with Eucharist, followed by the beginning of the Synod meeting.

1) Opening Prayer

Bishop Stephen London chaired the meeting. The Chair opened the proceedings of the 69th Synod with prayer.

2) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 pm. The Bishop gave a brief introduction to the Rules of Order.

3) Resolution L-1 to Appoint Members from Full Communion Partners

This resolution was placed at the start of the agenda so that the members appointed could be seated. The Rev. Canon Scott Sharman explained that we are blessed by being in full communion with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and the Moravian Church. We are inviting each other to take part in the councils of the churches. Similar conversations are underway in the other two churches.

Motion: The Rev. Canon Scott Sharman moved that section C2 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following after clause (s):

(t) up to one Member, either Clergy or Lay, from each full communion partner church of the Anglican Church of Canada, appointed by the Bishop with the agreement of the partner church's appropriate ecclesiastical judicatory.

Seconded by the Rev. John Gee.

Carried.

The Bishop gave his assent to the resolution.

4) Seating of Full Communion Partners and Greetings from Ecumenical Guests

Bishop Stephen welcomed the following as full communion partner members of our Synod:

1. **Pastor Aaron Linville**, Northern Province of the Moravian Church of North America
2. **Pastor Anna Thede**, representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada this evening.
Deacon Dr. Faith Nostbakken will represent the ELCIC on Saturday.

The following ecumenical guests were welcomed:

1. **Julien Hammond**, Personal Secretary to Archbishop Richard Smith of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, representing the Archbishop and the Archdiocese.
2. **The Rev. Adam Hall** representing the Northern Spirit Region of the United Church of Canada.

Julien, Adam, and Aaron brought greetings from their churches and affirmed that we are not alone in our journey.

5) Report of the Credentials Committee

The Rev. John Gee reported that there were 126 members of the clergy who were eligible to attend this Synod, and 46 had registered, thus there were more than one-third of the members of the Order of Clergy present and a Quorum in the Order of Clergy.

Margaret Glidden reported that there were 119 members of the laity who were eligible to attend this Synod, and 99 had registered, thus there were more than one-third of the members of the order of Laity present and a Quorum in the Order of Laity.

6) Appointed Members of Synod

According to the Constitution, the Bishop is allowed to appoint up to 10 lay members of Synod and 15 youth members of Synod. He had appointed the following:

Lay Appointees:

Fiona Brownlee
James Evans
Jeff Hanger
Yovella Mizrahii
Jim Robertson
Marilyn Santiago-Cosi
Peggy Wilmot

Youth Appointees:

Christopher Moore
Oliver Rozema-Parker
Macreena Schurek

6) Minutes of the 68th Synod

The minutes of the 68th Synod had been distributed to Synod members (Appendix 1 of the Convening Circular).

Motion: The Rev. John Gee moved that the Minutes of the 68th Synod be approved as published in the Convening Circular.

Seconded by the Rev. Canon Scott Sharman.
Carried.

7) Receiving of Printed Reports

The Chair announced that the reports from committees and groups were included in the Convening Circular. The reports were presented as a whole for reception by members.

Motion: The Rev. John Gee moved that the reports be received as published.

Seconded by the Rev. Hugh Matheson.
Carried.

8) Appointment of Accounts Examiner

Scott Belamisca, Chair of the Administration and Finance Committee, reported that the Review Engagement Reports for 2022 and 2023 were approved by Executive Council, and are included in the Convening Circular, Appendix 4. Sections C120 and C122 of the Constitution state that we shall elect an Accountant to review the financial books, records and statements of the Diocese annually and report to the Executive Council following such a review.

Motion: Scott Belamisca moved that the firm of Doane Grant Thornton be elected to serve as Diocesan Accountants.

Seconded by the Rev. John Gee.
Carried.

9) Report of the Nominations Committee

The Rev. Clare Stewart, chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the report of the Nominations Committee. It is printed on pages 10 to 11 of the Convening Circular.

Motion: The Rev. John Gee moved that the report of the Nominations Committee be accepted as distributed.

Carried.

10) Appointment of Elections Officer and Scrutineers

The Chair appointed Diann Bowes as Elections Officer.

11) Balloting Procedure Explained

Diann Bowes, Elections Officer, explained the balloting procedure, and asked members to deposit their ballots as directed.

12) Announcements

Thanks were given to Impark for providing free parking for in the lot next door to the Cathedral.

The schedule and arrangements for the next day's session at St. Matthias were announced.

13) Closing Prayer

Bishop Stephen closed the evening with prayer. The meeting was recessed for the evening.

Saturday, October 19, 2024

14) Morning Worship

15) Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:22 a.m.

Bishop Stephen welcomed the representatives of the Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake, present at Synod for the first time; guest Scott Brubacher of the Anglican Foundation; and Mark Alexander, Diocesan Solicitor.

16) Report of the Elections Committee

Diann Bowes reported the results of the balloting.

Office	Name	Status (Elected/Acclaimed/Alternate)
Diocesan Executive Council		
North: Clergy	Jordan Giggey	Acclaimed
North: Laity	Cathy Armstrong	Elected
	Emily Stephen-Garneau	Elected
South: Clergy	Lisa Wojna	Acclaimed
South: Laity	Morgan Cromarty	Elected
	Suzanne Oswald	Elected
East: Clergy	Ruth Sesink Bott	Elected
East: Laity	Mikaela Hanley	Acclaimed
	Brian Jolly	Acclaimed
West: Clergy	Andreas Sigrist	Acclaimed
West: Laity	Brian Ault	Acclaimed
	Bruce Simpson	Acclaimed
Diocesan Court		
Clergy	Helen Chan Bennett	Acclaimed
Clergy	Jordan Giggey	Acclaimed
Laity	Angela Bokenfohr	Acclaimed
Laity	Jim Robertson (Law Society)	Acclaimed
General Synod		
Clergy	Travis Enright	Elected
Clergy	Jordan Haynie Ware	Elected
Clergy	Alex Meek	Elected
Clergy	Ruth Sesink Bott	Alternate
Laity	Cathy Armstrong	Acclaimed
Laity	Betty Kaahwa	Acclaimed
Laity	Matthew Mercer-Deadman	Acclaimed
Youth Delegate	Emily Stephen-Garneau	Acclaimed

Provincial Synod		
Clergy	Akon Akon	Acclaimed
Clergy	Donna Gauthier	Acclaimed
Clergy	Stephanie London	Acclaimed
Laity	Cathy Armstrong	Acclaimed
Laity	Betty Kaahwa	Acclaimed
Laity	Matthew Mercer-Deadman	Acclaimed
Youth Delegate	Emily Stephen-Garneau	Acclaimed
Clerical Recorder for 69th Synod	Colleen Sanderson	Acclaimed
Lay Recorder for 69th Synod	RJ Chambers	Acclaimed

Motion: The Rev. Hugh Matheson moved that the report of the Elections Committee be accepted, and the ballots destroyed.
Carried.

17) **Strategic Planning**

Anna Bubel, strategic planning consultant, gave a report on the progress of the plan to date.

1. *Process used:* The foundational approach was “the cup is half full.” The thesis was that congregations flourish in their love and worship of God when they can tap into their assets. Data collection consisted of the following:
 - Quantitative data from 2017 to 2023 compiled by the Synod Office
 - Surveys of clergy, lay leaders, and members from 46 parishes
 - 18 one-on-one interviews of leaders
 - 47 engagement sessions (parishes plus Synod leadership team)
 Participation varied from nearly 100% of small congregations to about 25% of large congregations.
2. *Summary of findings:*
 - Two-thirds of parishes are in greater Edmonton, one-third in smaller communities.
 - Average Sunday attendance was 52; one-third of parishes had fewer than 25.
 - Numbers of children in Sunday school have declined by 42% since 2017.
 - Only 40% of parishes have a full-time priest.
 - Two-thirds of parishes had fewer than 50 people use their buildings each week other than on Sunday.
 - Staff costs accounted for 50% of expenses and building costs for over 20%.
 - The average donation was \$2,463 per member in 2023.
3. *SWOT analysis:*

Strengths:

 - Steadfast spiritual commitment
 - Strong lay and clergy leadership
 - Welcoming and affirming spirit
 - Frugal money management

Opportunities:

- Strong community engagement and partnerships
- Use of social media
- More structured member integration

Weaknesses:

- Lack of human resources (numbers and ages)
- Lack of financial sustainability
- Communication problems
- Outdated facilities

Threats:

- An increasingly post-religious society
- Other forms of Christianity with more resources and different voices
- Rising expenses with fewer resources

3. *Themes arising from interviews:*

- We need new models for clergy and empowered laity.
- We need to examine the role of church buildings. They can become community hubs to maximize impact, increase partnerships, and bring in money.
- Children are vital to the future of the church, so children's ministry needs investment. BIPOC parishes are natural leaders in this area.
- We lack a common understanding of diversity and inclusion. There are Indigenous and intercultural models to learn from. Minority voices want to be heard.
- The relationship between Diocesan leadership and parishes needs to be reset.

4. *Consultant's observations:*

- We have more in common than not; the urban vs. rural divide is a myth.
- Our love of and dedication to God are palpable.
- The existential threat is lack of intergenerational turnover, not lack of money.
- Clear-headedness generally prevails.
- The tension between self-direction and leadership needs attention.
- Using a health metaphor, parishes can be divided into three roughly equal categories based on number of actively involved parishioners, community engagement, and financial resources:
 1. Healthy
 2. Chronic health issues
 3. Palliative

18) **Mid-day Prayer**

19) **Lunch**

20) **Regathering and worship**

21) **Presentation on Reparations Work**

The Ven. Travis Enright spoke about the current status of Indigenous reparations work in the Diocese. He emphasized that reparations are not about one group giving the other a gift but about people walking together. In Indigenous tradition, wealth goes to those who need it.

Marcus Cruz, oskapewis (apprentice) with the Sacred Healing Lodge, spoke about his experience.

Fred Matthews, lay minister in charge of the Frog Lake Indigenous parish, spoke about his ministry and the meaning of decolonization.

Elder Russell Auger (grandfather of Marcus) spoke about his experience as a residential school survivor and the meaning of reconciliation.

22) Presentation on Queerly Beloved

The Rev. Mark Vigrass spoke about Queerly Beloved, a working group of laity and clergy under the diocesan Social Justice committee. Its purpose is to promote full inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+ people in parish and diocesan life, as directed by motions passed at the last Synod. He described actions that parishes can take to become more public, intentional, and explicit in their support of 2SLGBTQ+ people.

23) Presentation on Ecumenical Conversations

The Rev. Canon Scott Sharman spoke about ongoing conversations with our ecumenical and full communion partners. A joint Ecumenical Shared Ministry committee has been formed with the Lutheran, Moravian, and United churches and meets regularly to identify ways to work together.

24) Afternoon Worship and Break

25) Presentation on Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF)

26) Report of the Legislative Committee

The Committee consisted of Bishop Stephen, the Rev. Canon Scott Sharman, the Rev. John Gee, and Chancellor Rob Reynolds.

Resolution L-2: Canon 13 and Constitution s. 2 – Recognized Ministries

Motion: Rev. Canon Scott Sharman moved:
THAT the following be added after Canon 12:

Canon 13
RECOGNIZED MINISTRIES

13.1 A Recognized Ministry is an organized unit of Gospel-based community:

- (a) which exists for the purposes of praying, learning, witnessing, and serving in forms which are consistent with section C1A of the Constitution;
- (b) whose membership is comprised of individuals who share particular common ministry interests, initiatives, and commitments;
- (c) that desires to be in recognized partnership with and accountability to the Diocese of Edmonton; and
- (d) is not established or incorporated as a Parish of the Diocese and therefore is not subject to the Canons pertaining to parishes unless otherwise specified in this Canon or elsewhere.

13.2 (1) Upon a request from a prospective Recognized Ministry and upon the approval of Executive Council, the Bishop may establish a Recognized Ministry by issuing a written Deed of Recognition.

(2) the Deed of Recognition may include provisions concerning the following:

- (a) the purpose and scope of the Recognized Ministry;
- (b) the means by which the Recognized Ministry will be funded and supported;

- (c) the leadership team of the Recognized Ministry;
- (d) the nature of the accountability and reporting requirements of the Recognized Ministry to the Diocese; and
- (e) any other matter concerning the Recognized Ministry's purpose, scope and operations.

13.3 Any clergy or lay minister serving a leadership role in a Recognized Ministry shall be subject to the same relevant diocesan policies as other clergy and ministers of the Diocese.

13.4 Recognized Ministries shall not be subject to diocesan apportionment but a Recognized Ministry may choose to contribute financially to the Diocese.

13.5 (1) The Bishop, with the approval of Executive Council, may disestablish a Recognized Ministry at any time, as well as determine the appropriate means of that disestablishment.

(2) A Recognized Ministry may seek disestablishment at any time by making a written request to do so to the Bishop and Executive Council.

AND THAT section C2 of the Constitution be amended by adding the following after clause (t):

- (u) up to two Members, either Clergy or Lay, from each Recognized Ministry.

Background: In recent years the Diocese has increasingly entered into ministry arrangements that do not fit the definition of a parish. They may be partnerships with other denominations or organizations, congregations without a full parish structure, or groups united by factors other than geography. The proposed Canon 13 provides for recognition of such units and makes them accountable to the Diocese. The proposed amendment to the Constitution gives Recognized Ministries representation in Synod.

Seconded by the Rev. John Gee.

The Rev. Eric Kregel spoke in support of the motion on behalf of St. Peter the Apostle (Filipino) congregation.

The Ven. Jonathan Crane spoke in support of the motion on behalf of the Congolese congregation at St. Augustine, Edmonton.

Margaret Unsworth requested clarification on the issues of applicability of other parts of the Canons and insurance coverage. The Bishop responded.

The motion was carried.

Resolution L-3: Constitution Section 104.1 – Advisory Committees

Motion: The Rev. Canon Scott Sharman moved:

THAT the following is added after section C104 of the Constitution:

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

104.1 (1) "Advisory Committee" means a committee established under this section.

(2) From time to time the Bishop may establish committees to advise the Bishop of matters of concern to and the work of the Diocese.

(3) The terms of reference for the Advisory Committees established under subsection (1), including membership, shall be approved by Executive Council.

- (4) The Bishop may disestablish an Advisory Committee with the concurrence of Executive Council.
- (5) Advisory committees shall report directly to the Bishop.
- (6) The proceedings of an advisory committee may be kept confidential depending upon the nature of the matters considered by the advisory committee.
- (7) Advisory committees may establish their own procedural rules consistent with the Constitution and the Canons including quorum which shall not be less than 50 per cent of the membership of the advisory committee.

Background: For many years there have been committees established to advise the Bishop that are not referred to in the Canons or accountable to Executive Council. Two of these are the Diocesan Advisory Response Team and the Examining Chaplains. They generally deal with matters that are sensitive and confidential and over which the Bishop has final authority. While there are valid reasons for not making these advisory committees subject to the same rules as Standing Committees, there is a concern that their existence should be formalized and procedures set down for their establishment and disestablishment.

Seconded by the Rev. John Gee.

The motion was carried.

Resolution L-4: Canon 5 – Disestablishment of Parishes

Motion: The Rev. Canon Scott Sharman moved:
THAT Canon 5.15 is repealed and the following substituted:

- 5.15 (1) Upon disestablishment, all real and personal property held by the parish disestablished shall vest in the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.
- (2) Upon liquidation of the property under subsection (1), Executive Council shall designate a portion to be designated to the Diocesan Development Fund but a minimum of 10 per cent of the value of the property liquidated must be designated to the Diocesan Sacred Lodge Fund or successor Funds established by Executive Council for the purposes of reconciliation.

Background: The Diocese of Edmonton continues on a journey towards justice and right relationship with the Indigenous Peoples of this land. Resolution R-1 of the 68th Synod charged the Executive Council with developing policies and procedures to ensure that material benefits that result from the lands and infrastructure which our churches occupy are more equitably shared with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit partners in accordance with the spirit and intent of the treaties. This was to include a means of ensuring that a minimum of 10% of all future sales of diocesan properties, assets, and lands are designated to fund local Indigenous-led community projects and healing initiatives. This proposed change to Canon 5 on the Disestablishment of Parishes enshrines our practice of that commitment in a tangible way in accordance with the principles and procedures approved by the Executive Council in 2024 through its Spirit of Pakitinâsowin document.

Seconded by the Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware.

Motion: The Ven. Jordan Hayne Ware moved:
THAT the motion be amended by adding “with Indigenous peoples” after “for the purposes of reconciliation.”

Seconded by Fred Matthews.

The amendment was carried.

There was extensive discussion about the scope, intent, and meaning of the amended motion.

David Arndt moved a second amendment to strike out subsection 2 of the motion and substitute new wording.

The second amendment was defeated.

The amended motion was carried.

Resolution L-5: Miscellaneous Amendments to the Constitution

Motion: The Rev. John Gee moved:

THAT section C60 of the Constitution be amended by striking out “and signed”;
THAT section C67 of the Constitution be amended by striking out “the said positions and define or vary the terms of appointment” and substituting “those positions”;
THAT section C71(a) of the Constitution be amended by striking out “which shall, as far as possible, conform to a system of staggered lapsing of terms of office”;
THAT section C89 of the Constitution be amended by striking out “There shall be” and substituting “There may be” and by striking out “which shall be called” and substituting “called”;
THAT section C120 of the Constitution be amended by striking out “chartered accountant” and substituting “chartered professional accountant” and by striking out “chartered accountants” and by substituting “chartered professional accountants”.

Seconded by the Rev. Canon Scott Sharman.

Background: These amendments are required to remove obsolete language and impracticable provisions. The Stewardship Committee (s. C89) does not currently exist but there may be a desire to revive it in the future.

The motion was carried.

Resolution L-6: Miscellaneous Amendments to the Canons

Motion: The Rev. John Gee moved:

THAT Canon 1 is amended by renumbering the following:

- (a) Canon 1.8 to Canon 1.13;
- (b) Canon 1.9 to 1.15;
- (c) Canon 1.10 to Canon 1.9;
- (d) Canon 1.11 To Canon 1.10;
- (e) Canon 1.12 to Canon 1.11;
- (f) Canon 1.13 to Canon 1.16;
- (g) Canon 1.14 to Canon 1.8; and
- (h) Canon 1.15 to Canon 1.14

And by adding the following after Canon 1.11:

- 1.12 Recognized Ministry: A Recognized Ministry established under Canon 13;

THAT Canons 4.5 to 4.7 and the heading “Lay Administrants” be repealed;
 THAT Canon 5.68 be amended in clause (f) by adding “or Deacons” after “Honorary Clergy”;
 THAT Canon 12.6 be amended by striking out “by a barrister duly admitted to practice in the Court of Queen’s Bench in Alberta” and substituting “a lawyer entitled to practice under the Legal Profession Act”;
 THAT Canons 5.23 and 5.25 be amended by striking out “the termination of the appointment of the Incumbent” and substituting “the appointment of a new Incumbent”;
 THAT Canon 4.22 be amended by adding “the Incumbent and Vestry of the Parish of which the nominee is a member, and” after “the proposed licensee by”;
 THAT Canon 4.26 be amended by adding “or a qualified lay person” after “a member of the Clergy”;
 THAT the heading following section 5.115 be struck out and the following substituted,
 “Donations”;
 THAT Canon 5.116 be repealed and the following substituted:
 5.116 The Corporation will ensure that every parishioner who has pledged a donation and every other parishioner who so requests, is provided with a giving number and access to a method of making donations including envelopes if specifically requested.

Background:

- The definitions in Canon 1 are not currently in any logical order.
- The Canons on Lay Administrants are now spent since a licence is no longer required for a lay person to assist in the administration of Holy Communion.
- The Canon on Parish Vestries does not currently make it clear that Deacons may be members of Vestry.
- The terminology regarding the qualifications of lawyers has changed.
- It is proposed that appointments of assistant and honorary clergy end when a new Incumbent starts, rather than when the old Incumbent leaves, in order to provide continuity in staffing and give the assistant adequate notice of termination.
- The Warden of Lay Evangelists has requested that the Canon be amended to give the parish input into licensing, in addition to the Warden, and to permit the Warden to be a lay person.
- Many regular donors no longer use offering envelopes, so the requirement that parishes issue them is obsolete, but it is still important that parishes facilitate the making of donations and track the monies received.

Seconded by the Rev. Canon Scott Sharman.

The motion was carried.

27) Closing Worship

28) Acts of Synod and Bishop’s Assent

The Bishop gave his assent to the acts of the 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.

29) Prorogation

The Rev. Clare Stewart moved that Synod be prorogued. The Bishop concluded with a blessing.



APPENDIX 2

BISHOP'S CHARGE
TO THE 69TH SYNOD (2024)

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BISHOP'S CHARGE

For the 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton

*The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop of Edmonton
Charge to the 69th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
October 18, 2024, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton*

What's the vision? What's the big idea? The vision is JESUS. Simply Jesus. Beautifully, profoundly, deeply, dangerously, undeniably Jesus. It has always been about Jesus. For centuries and centuries and centuries it has all been about Jesus. Why? Because Jesus changes lives.

The first apostles, men and women, found strength and courage in Jesus to spread churches across the ancient European and Asian world. Because Jesus changed their lives. Many in the next generation of Christians gave their lives. Why? Because they refused to betray Jesus. Christians over centuries have built communities and churches, places of sanctuary and peace and worship, because of Jesus. For centuries, they fed the poor, clothed the naked, raised up the destitute, why would they do that? Because of Jesus. He transforms lives.

And this is not just ancient news. There are hundreds of inspiring modern stories. Desmond Tutu, Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Jr., Dietrich Bonhoeffer. My own father... he had lost his way for a long time... following a messy divorce and bad decisions, he stumbled back into an Anglican church in Ft Worth, Texas. All Saints. He found a community of people who loved Jesus who welcomed and loved him, who helped him find himself again.

And that summer, in my own time of questioning life, who I was, in my own self-doubts, he invited me to go to church with him. And I found my own way home in that church. I came to faith in that church. I found Jesus; I was changed. I cannot tell you how much that has meant to me. Everything. I have been following Jesus ever since.

Jesus has taught me how to love, how to have joy, how to walk hard paths, how to know in my heart that I am loved, beloved of God. This has always been the vision. Jesus sets a table of grace, healing, forgiveness, welcome. Jesus sets a table of love where the hurting find healing and wholeness and where the whole find purpose and meaning and calling.

The good news of the Gospel is Jesus. In Jesus, God the creator has come into creation to heal creation. In Jesus, God has reconciled the world to himself. 2 Corinthians 5:19. Reconciliation is a relationship term. *Katallasso* in the Greek New Testament. It means back in good relationship. This is what the Gospel

is all about. That is what WE are all about: Good relationship. Holy Relationship. A community of reconciliation. To love God. To love your neighbour. On these two commandments *hang all the law and the prophets*. There is no commandment greater than these.

My friends, we are gathered tonight as the inheritors of those who came before us in faith. And each of us have our own faith stories. Our own reasons why we support and love our parishes. Why do I start my charge by preaching the Gospel? Because as we come into our synod, we keep the Gospel at the center. It is our identity, our calling, our purpose, our mission. It is the why of why we exist. Jesus Christ.

For some of you this may be your first diocesan synod. It is great to have you; thank you for volunteering to come and see what a synod is all about. For some of you, you are veterans. You have been to many of these. It is great to have you. Thank you for volunteering; you knew what you were getting yourself into. Every synod is important, looking at the business of being a family of 46 parishes spread across central Alberta. But I do believe that this synod is special. We are starting a big work. We have to start a big work. Why? Because the world is a different world than it was 100 years ago, 10 years ago, five years ago.

What has changed? Many, many things. But if I had to pick an all-encompassing label, the best one is perhaps Secularism. Secularism is just the move from having one particular religion at the center of society, to having freedom to explore a multitude of paths. And I don't say that with any negative judgement because I have much gratitude for the secular revolution that started 550 years ago. But it is to say that we are involved in historical forces that are far beyond anything that our tiny diocese of Edmonton is going to change. As a church, we are simply in a storm, and to use the phrase popular now, it is what it is.

You know it is affecting your churches. There is no denial now. It has been pointed out to me that there are clergy here who knew this truth 30 years ago that this was coming. From our perspective, this is slow moving storm, but now the 30 years have gone by, and here we are coming to discuss a report about the blessings and challenges of our diocese. And it is a sobering report. It is an outside set of eyes that we have asked to come into our life together and tells us what you see. The list is long of our challenges: Declining finances, Declining volunteer base, Rising insurance costs, Fewer clergy. I could go on, but you have read the report. More importantly, you have experienced this in your own parishes.

Let me be clear: I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE IN THE SINGLE GREATEST CHALLENGE IN THE HISTORY OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA. That is a daunting truth, and that is why I said that this synod is special. So, as we come to this conversation, there are three things I believe that you need to know. Three things that will be important.

Number one: We are not alone in this struggle. All of the Christian churches are facing this struggle. The Southern Baptist Church. The Catholic Church. The Episcopal Church. The Church of England. The Lutheran Church. But as I look to these conversations across denominational boundaries and national borders, I see two kinds of conversations. One kind of conversation is about fear and resignation. We are tired, and we are done. I get it. I understand. In so many ways, this is a hard place to place, and we grieve. But there is a second kind of conversation; about meeting the moment with creativity and faith. These are hard conversations to be sure, and they come with sacrifice, but humanity is always at its best when we rise to the challenge, and I am here to tell you that there are Christian siblings out there who are rising to the challenge,

Who are refocusing us on the centrality of the mission of Jesus Christ with the Gospel at the center. We can partner and learn. We can be creative. We can rise to the challenge. We are not alone.

Number two: In the midst of this storm, at this very moment of difficulty, paradoxically we are also in the midst of a new reformation, a new revival of the church. A new vitality. Exciting things are happening in the church. God is doing a new thing. Over the last century our Mainline churches has learned the articulation of a generous, good and beautiful vision of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We have learned so many things through the struggles of the last century that have all come together in this moment.

Just a few examples: We have learned through 1920's Fundamentalist controversies that we can be friends with scientific discovery and grow in our understanding of what God is doing. Truth is truth. We deliberately made this choice and found new energy. In the 1950's questions of racism and segregation in the churches came to the forefront. It was ugly. Again, fundamentalist churches at that time wouldn't deal with the historic sin of racism, but on the whole, the Mainline churches embraced the vision of Martin Luther King's vision of the beloved community. And were transformed. I could tell story after story of Christian Ecumenism, women in ministry, the affirmation of the dignity of every human being, repenting of our colonial past, finding a new and beautiful engagement with the first peoples of this land, of full inclusion of the LGBTQ community. All of these stories share in common the vision of Christ tearing down the boundaries that we human continually

and sinfully throw up to separate ourselves from one another and from God. And each story leads to a cumulative vision of Jesus Christ, the son of God, fully human and fully divine, dead and risen again setting a table of inclusion and welcome for all people. The great community of love with Jesus Christ at the center. My friends, this is an inspiring vision that we need to proclaim with passion and gusto.

The Kingdom of God that Jesus preached is a vision of a world made whole and a relationship that goes beyond death into eternity. Don't forget that in the midst of our struggle, **we have good news to share.**

Finally, number three: The promise that Jesus always meets us where we are in our challenges. In the Gospel reading this evening, we read of two followers of Jesus who are at rock bottom because everything they have worked for and fought for and hoped for for three long years has all died. They are disillusioned. They are trying to process all of this walking seven miles together to the town of Emmaus. When they meet a stranger. A stranger who invites them into a much, much bigger vision. The problem with humans is that we all too often think too small. Our fears and anxieties make our world so small. We forget that God's world and vision and plan is vast and beautiful and amazing and always transcends what we worry about.

That is why at every church service we exclaim "glory to God whose power, *working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!!*" Jesus invited those two disciples to live in that much bigger world of God's imagination and saving love outpoured to transform lives and hearts and communities. To heal the sick, Raise up the oppressed, Forgive the sinner, Heal communities, Give dignity to the lost, Hope to the hopeless, Meaning and purpose to the searching, And above all love. The word for all of these things is salvation.

My friends, we don't have what we once did, but we do have what we need to do the work Jesus has called us to do. I am excited to journey this path with you starting tonight. At the end of the Gospel story, the stranger broke the bread and they knew it was Jesus. They knew God was doing a new thing. They exclaimed, "were not our hearts burning within us!"

This is the theme of our synod. Hearts burning within us. What is really important in the church is not what we can put on a spreadsheet. It is the energy that comes from a life and community transformed by Jesus. It is that energy you feel when you walk into a church that is good and lively. They may be small and poor. But their hearts are burning.

Tonight, we are breaking that same bread that Jesus broke so long ago. May we become the Community of Burning Hearts. May we also know the risen Christ who transforms our hearts. May we become communities of joy and welcome, healing and hope. May we choose hope over fear, love over division. The new thing that God did so long ago is still happening today.

What's the vision? What's the big idea? The vision is JESUS. Simply Jesus. Beautifully, profoundly, deeply, dangerously, undeniably Jesus. It has always been about Jesus. Amen



APPENDIX 3

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS SINCE THE 69TH SYNOD

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CLERGY and LAY APPOINTMENT LIST Since the 69th Synod

Scott Sharman, Executive Officer, Diocese of Edmonton, September 26, 2024

Christa Eisbrenner, Rector, St. Andrew's, Camrose, October 1, 2024

Christa Eisbrenner, Rector, St. Mary's, Ponoka, October 1, 2024

Aaron Parsall-Myler, Rector, St. Margaret's, Edmonton, October 1, 2024

Regula Brandle, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan, November 1, 2024

Ruth Sesink Bott, Honorary Assistant, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, December 1, 2024

Iain Luke, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Paul's, Edmonton, December 1, 2024

Johnny Pooten, Rector, Holy Trinity, Edson, and Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Patrick's, Whitecourt, January 1, 2025

Jordan Giggey, Interim Deacon-in-Charge, St. George's, Edmonton, January 1, 2025

David Bruce, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Timothy's, Edmonton, February 1, 2025

Jane Alexander, Honorary Assistant, Christ Church, Edmonton, January 1, 2025

Peter Yeung, Interim Pastor, St. Philip's Anglican Church and Trinity Lutheran Church (Ecumenical Shared Ministry), Westlock, February 1, 2025

Elizabeth Metcalfe, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake, March 1, 2025

Gary Sinclair, Honorary Assistant, Good Shepherd, Edmonton, March 7, 2025

Lee Sinclair, Honorary Assistant, Good Shepherd, Edmonton, March 7, 2025

Donald Skinner, Honorary Assistant, St. Andrew's, Camrose, April 6, 2025

Hugh Matheson, Priest in Mission, Diocese of Edmonton, April 15, 2025

Ordination of Helen Chan (Bennett) and Jordan Giggey to the Priesthood and Gordon Hills, Fred Matthews, Suzanne Oswald, and Betty Tyszkiewicz to the Diaconate, June 8, 2025

Helen Chan (Bennett), Priest in Mission, Diocese of Edmonton, June 8, 2025

Gordon Hills, Deacon, St. Saviour's, Vermilion, Dayspring Ministry June 8, 2025

Fred Matthews, Deacon-in-Charge, Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake, June 8, 2025

Suzanne Oswald, Deacon, Holy Trinity, Edmonton, June 8, 2025

Betty Tyszkiewicz, Deacon, St. Michael and All Angels', Edmonton, June 8, 2025

Tim Chesterton, Priest in Mission, Diocese of Edmonton, July 1, 2025

Jordan Giggey, Rector, St. Timothy's, Edmonton, July 1, 2025

Stephanie London, Interim Communications Staff, September 1, 2025

Blessing Shambare, Rector, St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton, August 15, 2025

Nick Trussell, Coordinator of Missional Renewal, Diocese of Edmonton, August 15, 2025

Sheila Hagan-Bloxham, Honorary Assistant Emeritus, St. Thomas', Sherwood Park, October 1, 2025

Jonathan Crane, Interim Priest-in-Charge, Holy Trinity, Edmonton, November 30, 2025

Stephanie London, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton, November 30, 2025

Elizabeth Metcalfe, Priest in Mission, Diocese of Edmonton, December 1, 2025

Regula Brandle, Rector, St. George's, Fort Saskatchewan, January 1, 2026

Maureen Crerar, Honorary Assistant Emeritus, St. Patrick's, Edmonton, January 1, 2026

Phil Penrod, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Columba, Beaumont, January 1, 2026

Robert Reader, Administrative Assistant, Diocese of Edmonton, January 1, 2026

Ordination of Nathan Wright to the Diaconate, January 18, 2026

Donna Gauthier, Priest in Mission, Diocese of Edmonton, February 14, 2026

Sandra Arbeau, Honorary Assistant, St. Peter's, Edmonton, February 18, 2026

Robyn King, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. Luke's, Edmonton, February 23, 2026

Jennifer Renouf, Honorary Assistant, Christ Church, Edmonton, February 27, 2026

Wally Cox, Rector, St. Paul's, Edmonton, April 1, 2026

Ordination of Stacey Buffie to the Diaconate, and Fred Matthews and Nathan Wright to the Priesthood, May 14, 2026

Stacey Buffie, Deacon, Good Shepherd, Edmonton, May 14, 2026

Stacey Buffie, Deacon, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, May 14, 2026

Ilona Bevan, Children's Discipleship Animator, Diocese of Edmonton, June 1, 2026

Jonathan Crane, Rector, Holy Trinity, Edmonton, July 1, 2026

Robyn King, Lay Led Parish Coordinator, Diocese of Edmonton, July 1, 2026

Elizabeth Metcalfe, Interim Assisting Priest, All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton, July 1, 2026

Fred Matthews, Rector, Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake, August 1, 2026

Fred Matthews, Rector, Dayspring Ministry, August 1, 2026

Scott Sharman, Canon Theologian and Priest in Mission, Diocese of Edmonton, August 1, 2026

Lisa Wojna, Rector, Immanuel, Wetaskiwin, August 1, 2026

Armand Mercier, Interim Priest, St. George's, Edmonton, August 15, 2026

Stacey Buffie, Interim Assisting Deacon, St. David's, Edmonton, September 1, 2026

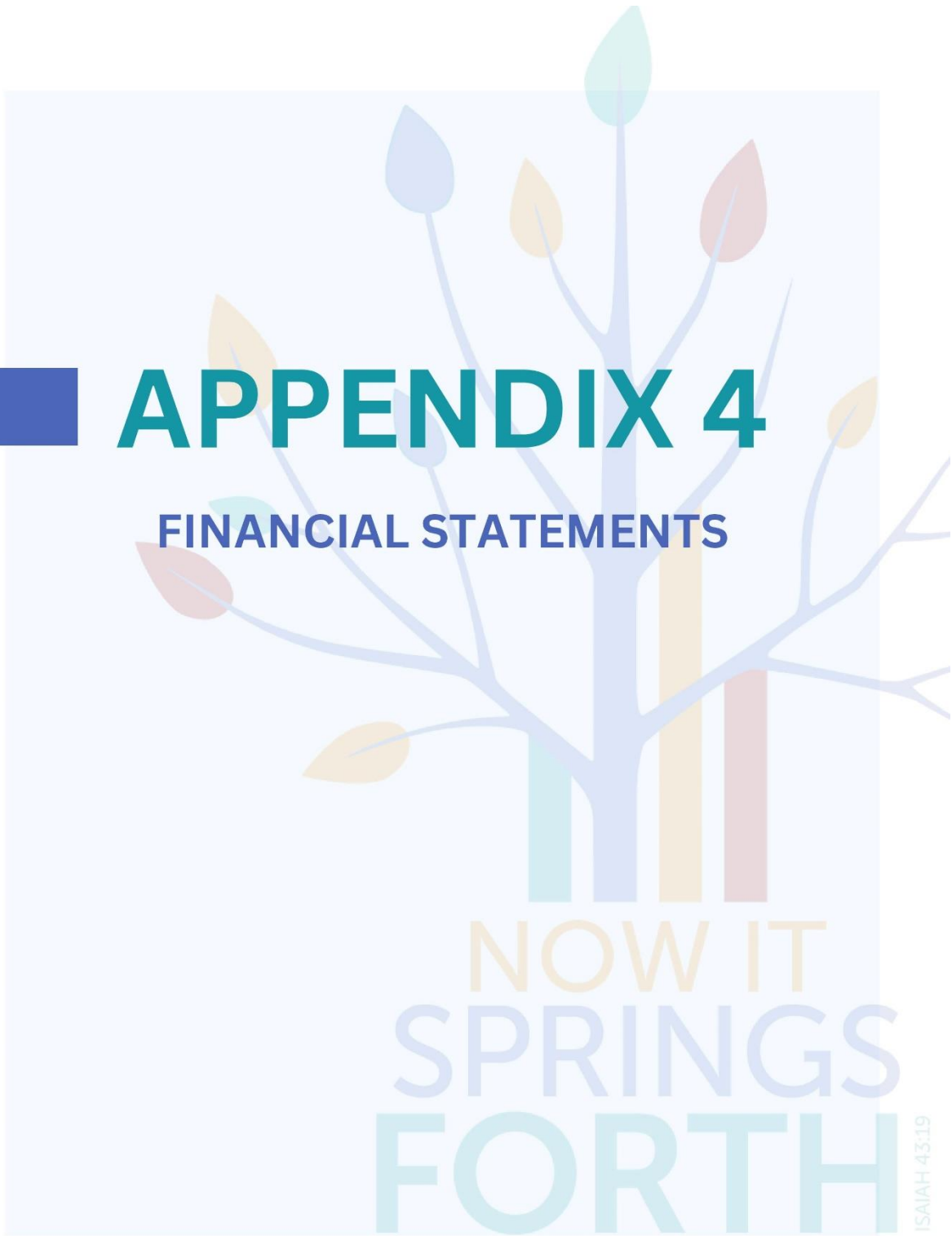
Robyn King, Interim Priest-in-Charge, St. David's, Edmonton, September 1, 2026

Elizabeth Metcalfe, Interim Priest, St. Matthias, Edmonton, October 1, 2026

IN MEMORIAM

We mourned the passing of the Rev. Harry Brant, the Rev. Carol Canton, the Rev. Peter Heritage, the Rev. Canon Gwen Bright, the Rev. Robert Wild, the Rev. Dr. Joyce Mellor, the Rev. Tom Dean, the Rev. Nancy Rutter, the Rev. René Faille, the Rev. Ralph Warnock, the Rev. Ed Kostyk.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



APPENDIX 4

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Financial Statements

December 31, 2024

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Executive Council of

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada that comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's responsibility

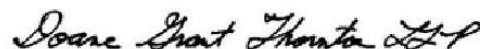
Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada as at December 31, 2024, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for private enterprises.



Edmonton, Canada
June 24, 2025

Chartered Professional Accountants

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Operations

Year Ended December 31

2024

2023

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted		Externally Restricted			
	General Fund	Special Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund	T Total	Total
Revenues							
Apportionment	\$ 796,229	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 796,229	\$ 849,025
Investment income	52,570	49,479	22,416	258,268	104,358	487,091	208,815
Contributions	49,349	16,300	-	158,753	-	224,402	383,956
Grants (Note 3)	92,101	-	-	-	-	92,101	59,440
Interest on parish loans	-	-	6,204	-	-	6,204	8,798
Office and other	573	-	-	-	-	573	166
Total revenues	990,822	65,779	28,620	417,021	104,358	1,606,600	1,510,200
Expenditures							
Outreach Beyond the Diocese							
General Synod apportionment	231,318	-	-	-	-	231,318	255,425
International partnership	18,251	-	-	-	-	18,251	10,580
Provincial Synod assessment	16,423	-	-	-	-	16,423	12,983
	265,992	-	-	-	-	265,992	278,988
Outreach Within the Diocese							
Ministry/congregational development	-	-	198,471	-	-	198,471	185,759
Inner City Pastoral Ministry, Indigenous Ministry	105,800	-	-	-	-	105,800	94,524
Social justice	50,625	-	-	-	-	50,625	13,266
Clergy, lay, staff development	33,034	-	-	-	-	33,034	21,046
Synod properties	19,410	-	-	-	-	19,410	25,587
Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative	18,826	-	-	-	-	18,826	14,435
Conferences and clergy gatherings	13,620	-	-	-	-	13,620	21,543
Diocesan Synod	9,239	-	-	-	-	9,239	-
Anglican Messenger	8,985	-	-	-	-	8,985	8,479
Youth and special ministries	8,457	-	-	-	-	8,457	260
General Synod	4,400	-	-	-	-	4,400	-
Lambeth Conference	1,345	-	-	-	-	1,345	-
Aided ministries	840	-	-	-	-	840	-
Bishop's discretionary expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	750
	274,581	-	198,471	-	-	473,052	385,649
Synod Office Operations and Other Activity							
Salaries, allowances and benefits	406,283	-	-	-	-	406,283	393,792
General office expenses	39,510	-	1,545	1,272	-	42,327	33,444
Brokerage fees	-	-	16,068	17,164	-	33,232	32,120
Office accommodation	24,083	-	-	-	-	24,083	25,742
Professional fees	9,380	-	3,825	7,650	-	20,855	19,903
Travel and other	14,578	-	-	-	-	14,578	19,480
Telephone and Internet	2,494	-	-	-	-	2,494	961
	496,328	-	21,438	26,086	-	543,852	525,442
Program Disbursements							
Diocesan funds	-	-	-	85,562	17,853	103,415	90,793
Strategic planning and policy development	-	100,750	-	-	-	100,750	-
Rural Ministry Initiative	-	17,199	-	-	-	17,199	71,589
Indigenous ministry	-	12,225	-	-	-	12,225	10,000
	-	130,174	-	85,562	17,853	233,589	172,382
Total expenditures	1,036,901	130,174	219,909	111,648	17,853	1,516,485	1,362,461
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures before other items	(46,079)	(64,395)	(191,289)	305,373	86,505	90,115	147,739
Other items							
Increase in fair value of investments	-	185,503	79,906	84,296	-	349,705	401,454
Gain (loss) on sale of marketable securities	-	-	-	16,341	-	16,341	(3,042)
Contributions and (withdrawals) (Note 12)							
Parish contributions	-	-	-	3,313,484	-	3,313,484	-
Parish withdrawals	-	-	-	(216,643)	-	(216,643)	(425,697)
Investment income distribution	-	-	(287)	(130,063)	-	(130,350)	(125,927)
	-	185,503	79,619	3,067,415	-	3,332,537	(153,212)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (46,079)	\$ 121,108	\$ (111,670)	\$ 3,372,788	\$ 86,505	\$ 3,422,652	\$ (5,473)

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

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Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Investment in Capital Assets	Externally Restricted	December 31 2024	December 31 2023
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 170,747	\$ 1,872,261	\$ 2,222,889	\$ 3,494,726	\$ 7,760,623	\$ 7,766,096
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(46,079)	9,438	-	3,459,293	3,422,652	(5,473)
Transfer to internally restricted	-	1,605,409	-	(1,605,409)	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 124,668	\$ 3,487,108	\$ 2,222,889	\$ 5,348,610	\$ 11,183,275	\$ 7,760,623

	December 31 2023	December 31 2022
Internally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Diocesan Development Fund	\$ 1,084,797	\$ 1,196,467
Special Fund (Note 11)	2,025,834	299,317
General Fund (Note 11)	376,477	376,477
	\$ 3,487,108	\$ 1,872,261
Externally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Consolidated Trust Fund	\$ 4,476,956	\$ 2,703,382
Endowment Fund	871,654	791,344
	\$ 5,348,610	\$ 3,494,726

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**The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
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Statement of Financial Position**

December 31

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	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted		Externally Restricted			
	General Fund	Special Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Assets							
Current							
Cash	\$ 226,399	\$ -	\$ 317,857	\$ 810,879	\$ -	\$ 1,355,135	\$ 1,768,886
Accounts receivable	10,524	-	-	-	-	10,524	727
Prepaid expenses	10,585	-	-	-	-	10,585	2,225
Due from other funds	3,736	2,025,834	-	3,668	-	2,033,238	312,694
Receivables from parishes	36,718	-	-	-	-	36,718	41,182
Current portion of loans receivable from parishes (Note 4)	-	-	26,503	-	-	26,503	28,509
Current portion of investments in securities, cost - \$800,000 (2023 - \$600,000) (Note 5)	-	-	-	813,148	-	813,148	605,823
	287,962	2,025,834	344,360	1,627,695	-	4,285,851	2,760,046
Loans receivable from parishes (Note 4)	-	-	169,045	-	-	169,045	198,424
Investment in properties (Note 6)	2,222,890	-	-	-	-	2,222,890	2,222,890
Investments in securities, cost - \$8,321,350 (2023 - \$4,752,641) (Note 5)	2,418,835	-	650,285	4,716,313	871,654	8,657,087	5,152,269
	\$ 4,929,687	\$ 2,025,834	\$ 1,163,690	\$ 6,344,008	\$ 871,654	\$ 15,334,873	\$ 10,333,629
Liabilities							
Current							
Accounts payable	\$ 146,942	\$ -	\$ 75,435	\$ 15,737	\$ -	\$ 238,114	\$ 84,255
Due to other funds	2,025,834	-	995	6,409	-	2,033,238	312,694
Deferred contributions	32,877	-	-	-	-	32,877	55,348
	2,205,653	-	76,430	22,146	-	2,304,229	452,297
Funds administered for others (Note 7)	-	-	-	1,844,906	-	1,844,906	2,118,534
Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation (Note 8)	-	-	2,463	-	-	2,463	2,175
	2,205,653	-	78,893	1,867,052	-	4,151,598	2,573,006
Net Assets							
Investment in capital assets	2,222,889	-	-	-	-	2,222,889	2,222,889
Unrestricted	124,668	-	-	-	-	124,668	170,747
Externally restricted (Note 12)	-	-	-	4,476,956	871,654	5,348,610	3,494,726
Internally restricted (Note 11)	376,477	2,025,834	1,084,797	-	-	3,487,108	1,872,261
	2,724,034	2,025,834	1,084,797	4,476,956	871,654	11,183,275	7,760,623
	\$ 4,929,687	\$ 2,025,834	\$ 1,163,690	\$ 6,344,008	\$ 871,654	\$ 15,334,873	\$ 10,333,629

Contingent liabilities (Note 9)

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Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31

2024

2023

	General Fund	Internally Restricted Fund	Externally Restricted Fund	Total	Total
Increase (decrease) in cash					
Operating					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (46,079)	\$ 9,438	\$ 3,459,293	\$ 3,422,652	\$ (5,473)
Items not involving cash:					
(Gain) loss on sale of investments	-	-	(16,341)	(16,341)	3,042
Unrealized gain on investments	-	(263,410)	(67,954)	(331,364)	(401,454)
	(46,079)	(253,972)	3,374,998	3,074,947	(403,885)
Change in non-cash operating working capital:					
Accounts receivable	(9,797)	26,000	-	16,203	10,042
Prepaid expenses	(8,360)	-	-	(8,360)	(725)
Receivables from parishes	(21,536)	-	-	(21,536)	113
Due to (from) other funds	(289,676)	300,313	(10,637)	-	-
Accounts payable	78,427	75,435	(2)	153,860	(5,609)
Deferred contributions	(22,471)	-	-	(22,471)	6,963
	(319,492)	147,776	3,364,359	3,192,643	(393,101)
Financing					
Repayments from parishes	-	31,386	-	31,386	126,486
Advances to parishes	-	-	-	-	(17,972)
Advances from Anglican Episcopal Foundation	-	288	-	288	135
Interfund transfers	206,653	1,398,756	(1,605,409)	-	-
	206,653	1,430,430	(1,605,409)	31,674	108,649
Investing					
Proceeds from sale/disposal of investments in securities	-	-	605,823	605,823	1,402,901
Purchase of investments in securities	-	(1,496,226)	(2,474,036)	(3,970,262)	(1,193,695)
Sale of interest in property	-	-	-	-	101,000
(Decrease) increase in funds administered for others	-	-	(273,628)	(273,628)	340,847
	-	(1,496,226)	(2,141,841)	(3,638,067)	651,053
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(112,839)	81,980	(382,891)	(413,750)	366,601
Cash					
Beginning of year	339,239	235,877	1,193,770	1,768,886	1,402,285
End of year	\$ 226,400	\$ 317,857	\$ 810,879	\$ 1,355,136	\$ 1,768,886

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Year ended December 31, 2024

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Anglican Church of Canada Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton ("Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton" or "the Diocese") is a religious organization which consists of the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, the clergy of the Diocese licensed by the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Registrar and representatives of laity duly elected. The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton was incorporated under a private act of incorporation (Statutes of Alberta, 1914, Chapter 48) as a corporation, is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from tax.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO"). These financial statements include the accounts of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. They do not include the assets, liabilities, income or expenses of the parishes nor do they include the affairs of any diocesan related organizations which are separately incorporated and controlled. Assets acquired by the parishes and registered in the name of the Diocese are not shown on the balance sheet unless acquired from funds under the control of the Diocese and at a cost to the Diocese.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Diocese's financial statements in conformity with ASNPO, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each balance sheet date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of actions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates included in these financial statements are the fair value of investments in securities and collectability of receivable from parishes and loans receivables from parishes.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which includes the general revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton and contributions which are not subject to trust arrangements.

The Special Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton which have been internally restricted to be used for a specific purpose.

The Diocesan Development Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities internally restricted which are used to provide assistance in the development of parishes in the Diocese. At the 62nd Synod in October 2010, Canon 10.21A was revised to allow this fund to also use its net assets in excess over \$750,000 for ministry purposes. At the 68th Synod in October 2022, this amount was changed to \$650,000.

The Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) is an investment fund held by the Diocese of Edmonton. It contains:

- endowment funds which have been given to the Diocese as a trustee. Such funds are held in perpetuity, with the income used for the purpose specified by the donor,
- trust funds which have been given to the Diocese in trust with the requirement that the income and capital can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor,
- funds managed by the Diocese but which belong to third parties such as parishes. These funds are managed in accordance with the CTF guidelines and the directions of the owner of the funds.

Each sub-fund receives a pro-rata share of the investment income of the CTF annually. Additions to and withdrawals from each sub-fund are governed by the constating documents (wills, trust deeds, etc.) or by agreement with the owner of the funds. The CTF is managed by the Administration and Finance Committee.

The endowment funds, trust funds, and funds managed by the Diocese for others are not the property of the Diocese but are held by the Diocese in trust.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as revenue in the Endowment Fund.

Investment income earned on fund resources is recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund.

Investments in securities

Investments are recorded at market value. Fluctuations in the quoted market value are recognized in the statement of operations as increase (decrease) in fair value of investments in the Consolidated Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund. Interest and dividends on marketable securities are recorded as revenue when earned.

Investment in properties

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton holds title to most properties on which there are Anglican parish buildings. These titles are held in trust for active parishes. The Diocese owns all vacant properties.

Properties which have been acquired by bequest or gift are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the property is recorded at nominal value.

From time to time, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton assists parishes to acquire land and buildings. These expenditures are recorded as investments in property which generally reflect only a portion of the cost of the total land and building.

Investments in property are not amortized and are written down to market value if it is determined that the value has incurred a decline that is other than temporary.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Diocese tests for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an item or class of asset may not be recoverable. The recoverability of long-lived assets is based on the net recoverable amounts determined on an undiscounted cash flow basis. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its net recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that fair value is below the asset's carrying amount. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices where available, otherwise on discounted cash flows over the life of the asset.

Donated materials and contributed services

Donated materials and services are recorded at fair value when the fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are normally purchased by the Diocese.

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2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Funds administered for others

Funds administered for others represent funds belonging to other organizations and are pooled for investment purposes in the Consolidated Trust Fund. Accordingly, these financial statements include assets administered for other organizations in the Consolidated Trust Fund's assets and reflect the balance of such funds as a liability. Contributions, investment income and withdrawal of these funds are adjusted to the carrying value of the funds and are not reported as revenue or expenditures of the Consolidated Trust Fund.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement:

The Diocese's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement:

At each reporting date, the Diocese measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The Diocese has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the Diocese's investments quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, accounts receivable, receivables and loans receivables from parishes, accounts payable, and due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation. The carrying value of financial instruments approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature, unless otherwise noted.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Diocese regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Diocese determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

3. Grants	2024	2023
Anglican Messenger	\$ 3,429	\$ 3,502
Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative	18,810	14,435
Anglican Foundation of Canada	3,206	-
New England Company	29,989	29,985
PWRDF	5,000	-
ACPO	10,659	7,500
City of Edmonton Community Safety and Well-Being	19,108	4,018
Continuing Education Program	1,650	-
County of Lac Ste Anne	250	-
	\$ 92,101	\$ 59,440

The expenditures related to these restricted contributions have been incurred in the fiscal year.

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4. Loans receivable from parishes

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Loans to parishes earn interest at an annual rate of 3%, are due in monthly installments between \$149 and \$2,039 including principal and interest, maturing between 2026 and 2036.	\$ 195,548	\$ 226,933
Less: current portion	<u>26,503</u>	<u>28,509</u>
	<u>\$ 169,045</u>	<u>\$ 198,424</u>

The loans receivable from parishes are unsecured.

5. Investments in securities

a) Consolidated Trust Fund and Endowment Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current portion of investments in securities	\$ 813,148	\$ 605,823
Long term portion of investments in securities	<u>5,587,967</u>	<u>3,842,784</u>
	<u>\$ 6,401,115</u>	<u>\$ 4,448,607</u>

	<u>GICs</u>	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2023	\$ 706,009	\$ 3,742,598	\$ 4,448,607	\$ 4,607,622
Purchases	700,000	1,774,036	2,474,036	406,744
Disposals/maturities	(605,823)	-	(605,823)	(897,441)
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	-	16,341	16,341	(10,586)
Change in fair value of investments held	-	54,991	54,991	340,256
Change in fair value of purchased investments	<u>12,963</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,963</u>	<u>2,012</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 813,149</u>	<u>\$ 5,587,966</u>	<u>\$ 6,401,115</u>	<u>\$ 4,448,607</u>

b) Diocesan Development Fund and General Fund

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current portion of investments in securities	\$ -	\$ -
Long term portion of investments in securities	<u>3,069,120</u>	<u>1,309,485</u>
	<u>\$ 3,069,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,309,485</u>

	<u>GICs</u>	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2023	\$ -	\$ 1,309,485	\$ 1,309,485	\$ 961,264
Purchases	-	1,496,226	1,496,226	786,951
Disposals/maturities	-	-	-	(505,460)
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	-	-	-	7,544
Change in fair value of investments held	-	122,889	122,889	59,186
Change in fair value of purchased investments	<u>-</u>	<u>140,520</u>	<u>140,520</u>	<u>-</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,069,120</u>	<u>\$ 3,069,120</u>	<u>\$ 1,309,485</u>

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6. Investment in properties	2024	2023
All Saints, Drayton Valley - land	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
St. Mary Abbot, Barrhead - building	10,000	10,000
Good Shepherd, Edmonton - land and buildings	474,366	474,366
St. Columba, Beaumont - land	18,806	18,806
St. Faith, Edmonton - building	18,838	18,838
St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall	1,234,628	1,234,628
St. John, St. Paul - land	17,294	17,294
St. Margaret, Edmonton - land	55,000	55,000
St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton - land	207,500	207,500
St. Patrick, Edmonton - building	123,203	123,203
St. Patrick, Whitecourt - land and building	38,255	38,255
	<u>\$ 2,222,890</u>	<u>\$ 2,222,890</u>

Investments in properties include the expenditures of the Diocese related to the above specific parishes' land and building. It does not include all parish land and buildings, ownership of which is subject to the Canons of the Diocese. The investment agreements with the parishes require repayment of the expenditures advanced at the discretion of the parish but no later than the date of sale of the land and/or building. The investments are protected by parish property interests.

7. Funds administered for others	2024	2023
Opening balance	\$ 2,118,534	\$ 1,777,687
Net deposits (withdrawals)	(363,971)	281,946
Investment income earned	102,870	69,380
Income disbursements	(12,527)	(10,479)
	<u>\$ 1,844,906</u>	<u>\$ 2,118,534</u>

8. Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation

The balance owing by the Diocesan Development Fund to the Anglican Episcopal Foundation bears interest at the rate of interest earned by the Fund.

9. Contingent liabilities

From time to time, the Diocese and its parishes are involved in various claims and litigation. When the outcome of matters are uncertain and the Diocese does not currently believe that the outcome would have a material adverse impact on its financial position, statement of operations or liquidity, no provision for claims and litigation has been included in these financial statements. When the outcome of matters can be reasonably estimated and management has determined it is likely that a future event will confirm a liability exists at the date of the financial statements, the estimated contingent loss is accrued in the financial statements with a charge to the statement of operations. As at December 31, 2024, the Diocese has been served with two statements of claim as co-defendant. One statement of claim has a maximum stated claim amount of \$3 million against the defendants. The second statement of claim has not quantified the claim amount. The outcome of these claims is not determinable as of December 31, 2024. A portion of the claims are expected to be covered by insurance should payment be required.

Certain parish churches have been designated as historic resources and therefore the Diocese may be required to complete repairs as a result of the designation and the related requirements. The Diocese has entered into agreements with the City of Edmonton which would require the Diocese to repay to the City of Edmonton the cost of repairs they deem necessary and that the Diocese and parish have not completed. The timing and cost of future repairs that may be required is unknown.

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10. Financial instruments

The Diocese's main financial instrument risk exposure is detailed as follows:

The Diocese holds marketable security investments and guaranteed investment certificates which are subject to various risks such as interest rate and market fluctuations. These risks are mitigated by restricting both the type and term of securities eligible for investment. It is management's opinion that the Diocese is not exposed to significant interest rate risk arising from financial instruments.

The Diocese is exposed to credit risk relating to receivables from parishes. Credit risk arises from the possibility that a parish may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The Diocese's accounts receivable balance is made up of numerous receivables which reduces the concentration of credit risk.

The Diocese is exposed to liquidity risk as the Diocese could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Diocese is therefore exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable.

11. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets of the General Fund include the following:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
General Diocesan reserve	\$ <u>376,477</u>	\$ <u>376,477</u>
	\$ <u>376,477</u>	\$ <u>376,477</u>

Internally restricted net assets of the Special Fund include the following:

Rural Ministry Initiative	\$ 18,848	\$ 31,912
Sacred Lodge Fund	208,801	36,159
Strategic Planning Futures Fund	<u>1,798,185</u>	<u>231,246</u>
	\$ <u>2,025,834</u>	\$ <u>299,317</u>

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12. Contributions and withdrawals

Consolidated Trust Fund

Parish contributions represent contributions to the CTF made by parishes who have asked the Diocese to hold these funds for investment purposes. Parish withdrawals represent funds transferred back to the individual parish at their request.

Investment income distribution is the distribution of income earned on a pro-rata basis among the externally restricted investments of the CTF.

Changes in funds held within the Consolidated Trust Fund are as follows:

	<u>December 31.</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>December 31.</u> <u>2024</u>
Restricted Parish Funds					
Cold Lake - St. John	\$ 64,349	\$ -	\$ (9,607)	\$ 7,691	\$ 62,433
Edgerton - St. Mary	81,624	-	(3,264)	10,888	89,248
Edmonton - Holy Trinity	178,011	-	(7,120)	23,745	194,636
Edmonton - Holy Trinity Riverbend	1,605,405	-	(1,605,405)	-	-
Edmonton - St. Margaret	209,342	-	(209,342)	-	-
Edmonton - St. Mary	27,187	-	(1,087)	3,627	29,727
Edmonton- St. Peter	74,999	-	(2,999)	10,005	82,005
Fort Saskatchewan - St. George	12,352	-	-	1,648	14,000
Jasper - St. Mary & St. George	-	3,423,985	-	-	3,423,985
Sedgewick - St. John	24,930	-	-	3,325	28,255
Vegreville - St. Mary	17,974	-	(718)	2,397	19,653
Westlock - St. Philip	27,565	-	(1,102)	3,677	30,140
Wetaskiwin - Immanuel	54,707	-	(2,188)	7,297	59,816
Other Externally Restricted Funds					
Kevin Campbell Scholarship Fund	15,878	403	2,141	-	18,422
Utas Trust	85,814	-	(10,152)	10,776	86,438
Soda Lake Cemetery	45,290	11,015	(969)	6,652	61,988
Wolf Creek Cemetery	4,601	-	(4,815)	214	-
Theological Studies	84,960	-	(1,000)	11,222	95,182
St. Aidan's Trust	66,899	-	-	10,512	77,411
Pakitināsowin Fund	-	1,279	-	-	1,279
Jasper Fire Fund	-	134,841	(51,780)	-	83,061
Cursillo	21,495	14,842	(17,060)	-	19,277
Total	\$ 2,703,382	\$ 3,586,365	\$ (1,926,467)	\$ 113,676	\$ 4,476,956

Endowment Fund

Investment income distribution is the distribution of funds for purposes specified by the endowment.

Changes in funds held within the Endowment Fund are as follows:

	<u>December 31.</u> <u>2023</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>income</u>	<u>December 31.</u> <u>2024</u>
Bishopric Endowment	\$ 154,892	\$ -	\$ (6,195)	\$ 20,661	\$ 169,358
Edmonton Mission Fund	84,281	-	(8,063)	10,825	87,043
Mary Steer Endowment Fund	509,427	-	(6,987)	67,512	569,952
S. Frank Page Memorial Trust	39,274	-	(2,802)	4,896	41,368
Wilson Memorial Fund	3,470	-	-	463	3,933
Total	\$ 791,344	\$ -	\$ (24,047)	\$ 104,357	\$ 871,654

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Executive Council of

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada that comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's responsibility

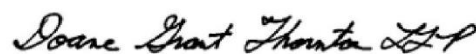
Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton The Anglican Church of Canada as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for private enterprises.



Edmonton, Canada
June 26, 2026

Chartered Professional Accountants

**The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Operations**

Year Ended December 31

2025

2024

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted		Externally Restricted			
	General Fund	Special Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Revenues							
Apportionment	\$ 791,512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 791,512	\$ 796,229
Investment income	40,255	69,011	44,903	215,272	79,421	448,862	487,091
Contributions	36,114	11,000	-	22,831	-	69,945	224,402
Grants (Note 3)	44,738	-	-	-	-	44,738	92,101
Interest on parish loans	-	-	6,725	-	-	6,725	6,204
Office and other	53	-	-	-	-	53	573
Total revenues	912,672	80,011	51,628	238,103	79,421	1,361,835	1,606,600
Expenditures							
Outreach Beyond the Diocese							
General Synod apportionment	232,178	-	-	-	-	232,178	231,318
International partnership	12,465	-	-	-	-	12,465	18,251
Provincial Synod apportionment	16,423	-	-	-	-	16,423	16,423
	261,066	-	-	-	-	261,066	265,992
Outreach Within the Diocese							
Ministry/congregational development	-	-	191,842	-	-	191,842	198,471
Inner City Pastoral Ministry, Indigenous Ministry	43,500	-	-	-	-	43,500	105,800
Social justice	6,072	-	-	-	-	6,072	50,625
Clergy, lay, staff development	15,934	-	-	-	-	15,934	33,034
Synod properties	23,033	-	-	-	-	23,033	19,410
Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative	-	-	-	-	-	-	18,826
Conferences and clergy gatherings	14,531	-	-	-	-	14,531	13,620
Diocesan Synod	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,239
Anglican Messenger	8,096	-	-	-	-	8,096	8,985
Youth and special ministries	13,215	-	-	-	-	13,215	8,457
General Synod	9,967	-	-	-	-	9,967	4,400
Lambeth Conference	1,345	-	-	-	-	1,345	1,345
Aided ministries	13,581	-	-	-	-	13,581	840
Bishop's discretionary expenses	1,000	-	-	-	-	1,000	-
	150,274	-	191,842	-	-	342,116	473,052
Synod Office Operations and Other Activity							
Salaries, allowances and benefits	459,180	-	-	-	-	459,180	406,283
General office expenses	38,642	-	1,708	331	-	40,681	42,327
Brokerage fees	-	-	14,905	32,668	-	47,573	33,232
Office accommodation	26,470	-	-	-	-	26,470	24,083
Professional fees	13,058	-	3,825	7,650	-	24,533	20,855
Travel and other	19,735	-	-	-	-	19,735	14,578
Telephone and Internet	1,710	-	-	-	-	1,710	2,494
	558,795	-	20,438	40,649	-	619,882	543,852
Program Disbursements							
Diocesan funds	-	-	-	47,363	5,456	52,819	103,415
Strategic planning and policy development	-	85,330	-	-	-	85,330	100,750
Rural Ministry Initiative	-	16,037	-	-	-	16,037	17,199
Indigenous ministry	-	29,635	-	-	-	29,635	12,225
	-	131,002	-	47,363	5,456	183,821	233,589
Total expenditures	970,135	131,002	212,280	88,012	5,456	1,406,885	1,516,485
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures before other items	(57,463)	(50,991)	(160,652)	150,091	73,965	(45,050)	90,115
Other items							
Increase in fair value of investments	51,255	87,867	57,171	312,673	-	508,966	349,705
Gain on sale of marketable securities	-	-	-	20,732	-	20,732	16,341
Contributions and (withdrawals) (Note 12)							
Parish contributions	-	-	-	25,666	-	25,666	3,313,484
Parish withdrawals	-	-	-	(172,095)	-	(172,095)	(216,643)
Investment income distribution	-	-	-	(95,814)	-	(95,814)	(130,350)
	51,255	87,867	57,171	91,162	-	287,455	3,332,537
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (6,208)	\$ 36,876	\$ (103,481)	\$ 241,253	\$ 73,965	\$ 242,405	\$ 3,422,652

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Changes in Net Assets

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted	Investment in Capital Assets	Externally Restricted	December 31 2025	December 31 2024
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 124,667	\$ 3,487,108	\$ 2,222,890	\$ 5,348,610	\$ 11,183,275	\$ 7,760,623
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(6,208)	(66,605)	-	315,218	242,405	3,422,652
Transfer to internally restricted	(38,406)	38,406	-	-	-	-
Balance, end of year	\$ 80,053	\$ 3,458,909	\$ 2,222,890	\$ 5,663,828	\$ 11,425,680	\$ 11,183,275

	December 31 2025	December 31 2024
Internally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Diocesan Development Fund	\$ 981,316	\$ 1,084,797
Special Fund (Note 11)	2,062,710	2,025,834
General Fund (Note 11)	414,883	376,477
	<u>\$ 3,458,909</u>	<u>\$ 3,487,108</u>
Externally restricted net assets are made up of the following funds:		
Consolidated Trust Fund	\$ 4,718,211	\$ 4,476,956
Endowment Fund	945,617	871,654
	<u>\$ 5,663,828</u>	<u>\$ 5,348,610</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Financial Position

December 31

2025

2024

	Unrestricted	Internally Restricted		Externally Restricted			
	General Fund	Special Fund	Diocesan Development Fund	Consolidated Trust Fund	Endowment Fund	Total	Total
Assets							
Current							
Cash	\$ 235,378	\$ -	\$ 55,729	\$ 1,608,170	\$ -	\$ 1,899,277	\$ 1,355,135
Accounts receivable	12,912	-	1,600	-	-	14,512	10,524
Prepaid expenses	3,431	-	-	-	-	3,431	10,585
Due from other funds	13,072	2,062,710	-	-	-	2,075,782	2,033,238
Receivables from parishes	69,289	-	-	-	-	69,289	36,718
Current portion of loans receivable from parishes (Note 4)	-	-	37,476	-	-	37,476	26,503
Current portion of investments in securities, cost - \$nil (2024 - \$800,000) (Note 5)	-	-	-	-	-	-	813,148
	334,082	2,062,710	94,805	1,608,170	-	4,099,767	4,285,851
Loans receivable from parishes (Note 4)	-	-	244,751	-	-	244,751	169,045
Investment in properties (Note 6)	2,222,890	-	-	-	-	2,222,890	2,222,890
Investments in securities, cost - \$8,063,770 (2024 - \$8,321,350) (Note 5)	2,361,909	-	645,585	4,979,983	945,617	8,933,094	8,657,087
	\$ 4,918,881	\$ 2,062,710	\$ 985,141	\$ 6,588,153	\$ 945,617	\$ 15,500,502	\$ 15,334,873
Liabilities							
Current							
Accounts payable	\$ 52,079	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,104	\$ -	\$ 67,183	\$ 238,114
Due to other funds	2,062,710	-	3,825	9,247	-	2,075,782	2,033,238
Deferred contributions	86,319	-	-	-	-	86,319	32,877
	2,201,108	-	3,825	24,351	-	2,229,284	2,304,229
Funds administered for others (Note 7)	-	-	-	1,845,591	-	1,845,591	1,844,906
Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation (Note 8)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,463
	2,201,108	-	3,825	1,869,942	-	4,074,875	4,151,598
Net Assets							
Investment in capital assets	2,222,890	-	-	-	-	2,222,890	2,222,890
Unrestricted	80,000	-	-	-	-	80,000	124,667
Externally restricted (Note 12)	-	-	-	4,718,211	945,617	5,663,828	5,348,610
Internally restricted (Note 11)	414,883	2,062,710	981,316	-	-	3,458,909	3,487,108
	2,717,773	2,062,710	981,316	4,718,211	945,617	11,425,627	11,183,275
	\$ 4,918,881	\$ 2,062,710	\$ 985,141	\$ 6,588,153	\$ 945,617	\$ 15,500,502	\$ 15,334,873

Contingent liabilities (Note 9)

Approved By Executive Council

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
Statement of Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31

2025

2024

	General Fund	Internally Restricted Fund	Externally Restricted Fund	Total	Total
Increase (decrease) in cash					
Operating					
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ (6,208)	\$ (66,605)	\$ 315,218	\$ 242,405	\$ 3,422,652
Items not involving cash:					
Gain on sale of investments	-	-	(20,732)	(20,732)	(16,341)
Unrealized gain on investments	(51,255)	(145,038)	(312,673)	(508,966)	(331,364)
	(57,463)	(211,643)	(18,187)	(287,293)	3,074,947
Change in non-cash operating working capital:					
Accounts receivable	(2,388)	(1,600)	-	(3,988)	16,203
Prepaid expenses	7,154	-	-	7,154	(8,360)
Receivables from parishes	(32,571)	-	-	(32,571)	(21,536)
Due to (from) other funds	27,540	(33,050)	6,506	996	-
Accounts payable	(94,917)	(75,435)	(630)	(170,982)	153,860
Deferred contributions	53,442	-	-	53,442	(22,471)
	(99,203)	(321,728)	(12,311)	(433,242)	3,192,643
Financing					
Repayments from parishes	-	34,442	-	34,442	31,386
Advances to parishes	-	(121,122)	-	(121,122)	-
Advances from Anglican Episcopal Foundation	-	(2,462)	-	(2,462)	288
	-	(89,142)	-	(89,142)	31,674
Investing					
Proceeds from sale/disposal of investments in securities	-	256,923	833,880	1,090,803	605,823
Purchase of investments in securities	-	-	(24,963)	(24,963)	(3,970,262)
Transfer of investments in securities	108,181	(108,181)	-	-	-
Increase (decrease) in funds administered for others	-	-	685	685	(273,628)
	108,181	148,742	809,602	1,066,525	(3,638,067)
Net increase (decrease) in cash	8,978	(262,128)	797,291	544,141	(413,750)
Cash					
Beginning of year	226,400	317,857	810,879	1,355,136	1,768,886
End of year	\$ 235,378	\$ 55,729	\$ 1,608,170	\$ 1,899,277	\$ 1,355,136

See accompanying notes to the financial statements

Year ended December 31, 2025

1. Purpose of the Organization

The Anglican Church of Canada Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton ("Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton" or "the Diocese") is a religious organization which consists of the Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton, the clergy of the Diocese licensed by the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Registrar and representatives of laity duly elected. The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton was incorporated under a private act of incorporation (Statutes of Alberta, 1914, Chapter 48) as a corporation, is a registered charitable organization and is exempt from tax.

2. Significant accounting policies

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations ("ASNPO"). These financial statements include the accounts of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton. They do not include the assets, liabilities, income or expenses of the parishes nor do they include the affairs of any diocesan related organizations which are separately incorporated and controlled. Assets acquired by the parishes and registered in the name of the Diocese are not shown on the balance sheet unless acquired from funds under the control of the Diocese and at a cost to the Diocese.

Use of estimates

In preparing the Diocese's financial statements in conformity with ASNPO, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Management reviews the carrying amounts of items in the financial statements at each balance sheet date to assess the need for revision or any possibility of impairment. Management determines these estimates based on assumptions that reflect the most probable set of economic conditions and planned courses of actions. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Significant estimates included in these financial statements are the fair value of investments in securities and collectability of receivable from parishes and loans receivables from parishes.

Fund accounting

The General Fund is an unrestricted fund which includes the general revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton and contributions which are not subject to trust arrangements.

The Special Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton which have been internally restricted to be used for a specific purpose.

The Diocesan Development Fund is an internally restricted fund which includes the revenue, expenses, assets and liabilities internally restricted which are used to provide assistance in the development of parishes in the Diocese. At the 62nd Synod in October 2010, Canon 10.21A was revised to allow this fund to also use its net assets in excess over \$750,000 for ministry purposes. At the 68th Synod in October 2022, this amount was changed to \$650,000.

The Consolidated Trust Fund (CTF) is an investment fund held by the Diocese of Edmonton. It contains:

- endowment funds which have been given to the Diocese as a trustee. Such funds are held in perpetuity, with the income used for the purpose specified by the donor,
- trust funds which have been given to the Diocese in trust with the requirement that the income and capital can only be used for the purpose specified by the donor,
- funds managed by the Diocese but which belong to third parties such as parishes. These funds are managed in accordance with the CTF guidelines and the directions of the owner of the funds.

Each sub-fund receives a pro-rata share of the investment income of the CTF annually. Additions to and withdrawals from each sub-fund are governed by the constating documents (wills, trust deeds, etc.) or by agreement with the owner of the funds. The CTF is managed by the Administration and Finance Committee.

The endowment funds, trust funds, and funds managed by the Diocese for others are not the property of the Diocese but are held by the Diocese in trust.

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue recognition

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions related to general operations are recognized as revenue of the General Fund in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. All other restricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate restricted fund. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable, if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured. Endowment contributions are recognized as revenue in the Endowment Fund.

Investment income earned on fund resources is recognized as revenue in the corresponding fund.

Investments in securities

Investments are recorded at market value. Fluctuations in the quoted market value are recognized in the statement of operations as increase (decrease) in fair value of investments in the Consolidated Trust Fund or the Endowment Fund. Interest and dividends on marketable securities are recorded as revenue when earned.

Investment in properties

The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton holds title to most properties on which there are Anglican parish buildings. These titles are held in trust for active parishes. The Diocese owns all vacant properties.

Properties which have been acquired by bequest or gift are recorded at fair value at the date of contribution. When fair value cannot be reasonably determined, the property is recorded at nominal value.

From time to time, The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton assists parishes to acquire land and buildings. These expenditures are recorded as investments in property which generally reflect only a portion of the cost of the total land and building.

Investments in property are not amortized and are written down to market value if it is determined that the value has incurred a decline that is other than temporary.

Impairment of long-lived assets

The Diocese tests for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an item or class of asset may not be recoverable. The recoverability of long-lived assets is based on the net recoverable amounts determined on an undiscounted cash flow basis. If the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its net recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognized to the extent that fair value is below the asset's carrying amount. Fair value is determined based on quoted market prices where available, otherwise on discounted cash flows over the life of the asset.

Donated materials and contributed services

Donated materials and services are recorded at fair value when the fair value can be reasonably estimated and when the materials and services are normally purchased by the Diocese.

**The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
The Anglican Church of Canada
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Year ended December 31, 2025

2. Significant accounting policies (continued)

Funds administered for others

Funds administered for others represent funds belonging to other organizations and are pooled for investment purposes in the Consolidated Trust Fund. Accordingly, these financial statements include assets administered for other organizations in the Consolidated Trust Fund's assets and reflect the balance of such funds as a liability. Contributions, investment income and withdrawal of these funds are adjusted to the carrying value of the funds and are not reported as revenue or expenditures of the Consolidated Trust Fund.

Financial instruments

Initial measurement:

The Diocese's financial instruments are measured at fair value when issued or acquired. For financial instruments subsequently measured at cost or amortized cost, fair value is adjusted by the amount of the related financing fees and transaction costs. Transaction costs and financing fees relating to financial instruments that are measured subsequently at fair value are recognized in operations in the year in which they are incurred.

Subsequent measurement:

At each reporting date, the Diocese measures its financial assets and liabilities at cost or amortized cost (less impairment in the case of financial assets), except for investments quoted in an active market, which must be measured at fair value. The Diocese has also irrevocably elected to measure its investments in bonds at fair value. All changes in fair value of the Diocese's investments quoted in an active market and in bonds are recorded in the statement of operations. The financial instruments measured at amortized cost are cash, accounts receivable, receivables and loans receivables from parishes, accounts payable, and due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation. The carrying value of financial instruments approximates their fair value due to the short-term nature, unless otherwise noted.

For financial assets measured at cost or amortized cost, the Diocese regularly assesses whether there are any indications of impairment. If there is an indication of impairment, and the Diocese determines that there is a significant adverse change in the expected timing or amount of future cash flows from the financial asset, it recognizes an impairment loss in the statement of operations. Any reversals of previously recognized impairment losses are recognized in operations in the year the reversal occurs.

3. Grants	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Anglican Messenger	\$ 3,038	\$ 3,429
Capital Region Interfaith Housing Initiative	-	18,810
Anglican Foundation of Canada	-	3,206
New England Company	29,989	29,989
PWRDF	-	5,000
ACPO	7,294	10,659
City of Edmonton Community Safety and Well-Being	4,167	19,108
Continuing Education Program	-	1,650
County of Lac Ste Anne	250	250
	<u>\$ 44,738</u>	<u>\$ 92,101</u>

The expenditures related to these restricted contributions have been incurred in the fiscal year.

**The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
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Year ended December 31, 2025

4. Loans receivable from parishes

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Loans to parishes earn interest at an annual rate of 3%, are due in monthly installments between \$149 and \$2,039 including principal and interest, maturing between 2026 and 2036.	\$ 282,227	\$ 195,548
Less: current portion	<u>37,476</u>	<u>26,503</u>
	<u>\$ 244,751</u>	<u>\$ 169,045</u>

The loans receivable from parishes are unsecured.

5. Investments in securities

a) Consolidated Trust Fund and Endowment Fund

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current portion of investments in securities	\$ -	\$ 813,148
Long term portion of investments in securities	<u>5,925,602</u>	<u>5,587,967</u>
	<u>\$ 5,925,602</u>	<u>\$ 6,401,115</u>

	<u>GICs</u>	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2024	\$ 813,149	\$ 5,587,966	\$ 6,401,115	\$ 4,448,607
Purchases	-	24,963	24,963	2,474,036
Disposals/maturities	(833,880)	-	(833,880)	(605,823)
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	20,731	-	20,731	16,341
Change in fair value of investments held	-	312,673	312,673	54,991
Change in fair value of purchased investments	-	-	-	12,963
Fair value, December 31, 2025	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,602</u>	<u>\$ 5,925,602</u>	<u>\$ 6,401,115</u>

b) Diocesan Development Fund and General Fund

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Current portion of investments in securities	\$ -	\$ -
Long term portion of investments in securities	<u>3,007,494</u>	<u>3,069,120</u>
	<u>\$ 3,007,494</u>	<u>\$ 3,069,120</u>

	<u>GICs</u>	<u>Mutual Funds</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Fair value, December 31, 2024	\$ -	\$ 3,068,124	\$ 3,068,124	\$ 1,309,485
Purchases	-	-	-	1,496,226
Disposals/maturities	-	(256,923)	(256,923)	-
Change in fair value of disposals/maturities	-	196,293	196,293	-
Change in fair value of investments held	-	-	-	122,889
Change in fair value of purchased investments	-	-	-	140,520
Fair value, December 31, 2025	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,007,494</u>	<u>\$ 3,007,494</u>	<u>\$ 3,069,120</u>

**The Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
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6. Investment in properties	2025	2024
All Saints, Drayton Valley - land	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
St. Mary Abbot, Barrhead - building	10,000	10,000
Good Shepherd, Edmonton - land and buildings	474,366	474,366
St. Columba, Beaumont - land	18,806	18,806
St. Faith, Edmonton - building	18,838	18,838
St. Faith, Edmonton - PrayerWorks Hall	1,234,628	1,234,628
St. John, St. Paul - land	17,294	17,294
St. Margaret, Edmonton - land	55,000	55,000
St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton - land	207,500	207,500
St. Patrick, Edmonton - building	123,203	123,203
St. Patrick, Whitecourt - land and building	38,255	38,255
	<u>\$ 2,222,890</u>	<u>\$ 2,222,890</u>

Investments in properties include the expenditures of the Diocese related to the above specific parishes' land and building. It does not include all parish land and buildings, ownership of which is subject to the Canons of the Diocese. The investment agreements with the parishes require repayment of the expenditures advanced at the discretion of the parish but no later than the date of sale of the land and/or building. The investments are protected by parish property interests.

7. Funds administered for others	2025	2024
Opening balance	\$ 1,844,906	\$ 2,118,534
Net deposits (withdrawals)	(60,475)	(363,971)
Investment income earned	73,422	102,870
Income disbursements	(12,262)	(12,527)
	<u>\$ 1,845,591</u>	<u>\$ 1,844,906</u>

8. Due to Anglican Episcopal Foundation

Until 2025, the Diocesan Development Fund held funds on behalf of the Anglican Episcopal Foundation of Edmonton, a separately incorporated charitable foundation. In 2025, the Anglican Episcopal Foundation was dissolved and the funds were transferred to the General Fund of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton.

9. Contingent liabilities

From time to time, the Diocese and its parishes are involved in various claims and litigation. When the outcome of matters are uncertain and the Diocese does not currently believe that the outcome would have a material adverse impact on its financial position, statement of operations or liquidity, no provision for claims and litigation has been included in these financial statements. When the outcome of matters can be reasonably estimated and management has determined it is likely that a future event will confirm a liability exists at the date of the financial statements, the estimated contingent loss is accrued in the financial statements with a charge to the statement of operations. As at December 31, 2025, the Diocese has been served with four statements of claim as co-defendant. One statement of claim has a maximum stated claim amount of \$3 million against the defendants. The other statements of claim have not quantified the claim amount. The outcome of these claims is not determinable as of December 31, 2025. A portion of the claims are expected to be covered by insurance should payment be required.

Certain parish churches have been designated as historic resources and therefore the Diocese may be required to complete repairs as a result of the designation and the related requirements. The Diocese has entered into agreements with the City of Edmonton which would require the Diocese to repay to the City of Edmonton the cost of repairs they deem necessary and that the Diocese and parish have not completed. The timing and cost of future repairs that may be required is unknown.

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10. Financial instruments

The Diocese's main financial instrument risk exposure is detailed as follows:

The Diocese holds marketable security investments which are subject to various risks such as interest rate and market fluctuations. These risks are mitigated by restricting both the type and term of securities eligible for investment. It is management's opinion that the Diocese is not exposed to significant interest rate risk arising from financial instruments.

The Diocese is exposed to credit risk relating to receivables from parishes. Credit risk arises from the possibility that a parish may experience financial difficulty and be unable to fulfill their obligations. The Diocese's accounts receivable balance is made up of numerous receivables which reduces the concentration of credit risk.

The Diocese is exposed to liquidity risk as the Diocese could encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with its financial liabilities. The Diocese is therefore exposed to liquidity risk with respect to its accounts payable.

11. Internally restricted net assets

Internally restricted net assets of the General Fund include the following:

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
General Diocesan reserve	\$ <u>414,883</u>	\$ <u>376,477</u>
	\$ <u>414,883</u>	\$ <u>376,477</u>

Internally restricted net assets of the Special Fund include the following:

Rural Ministry Initiative	\$ 6,622	\$ 18,848
Sacred Lodge Fund	199,583	208,801
Strategic Planning Futures Fund	<u>1,856,505</u>	<u>1,798,185</u>
	\$ <u>2,062,710</u>	\$ <u>2,025,834</u>

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12. Contributions and withdrawals

Consolidated Trust Fund

Parish contributions represent contributions to the CTF made by parishes who have asked the Diocese to hold these funds for investment purposes. Parish withdrawals represent funds transferred back to the individual parish at their request.

Investment income distribution is the distribution of income earned on a pro-rata basis among the externally restricted investments of the CTF.

Changes in funds held within the Consolidated Trust Fund are as follows:

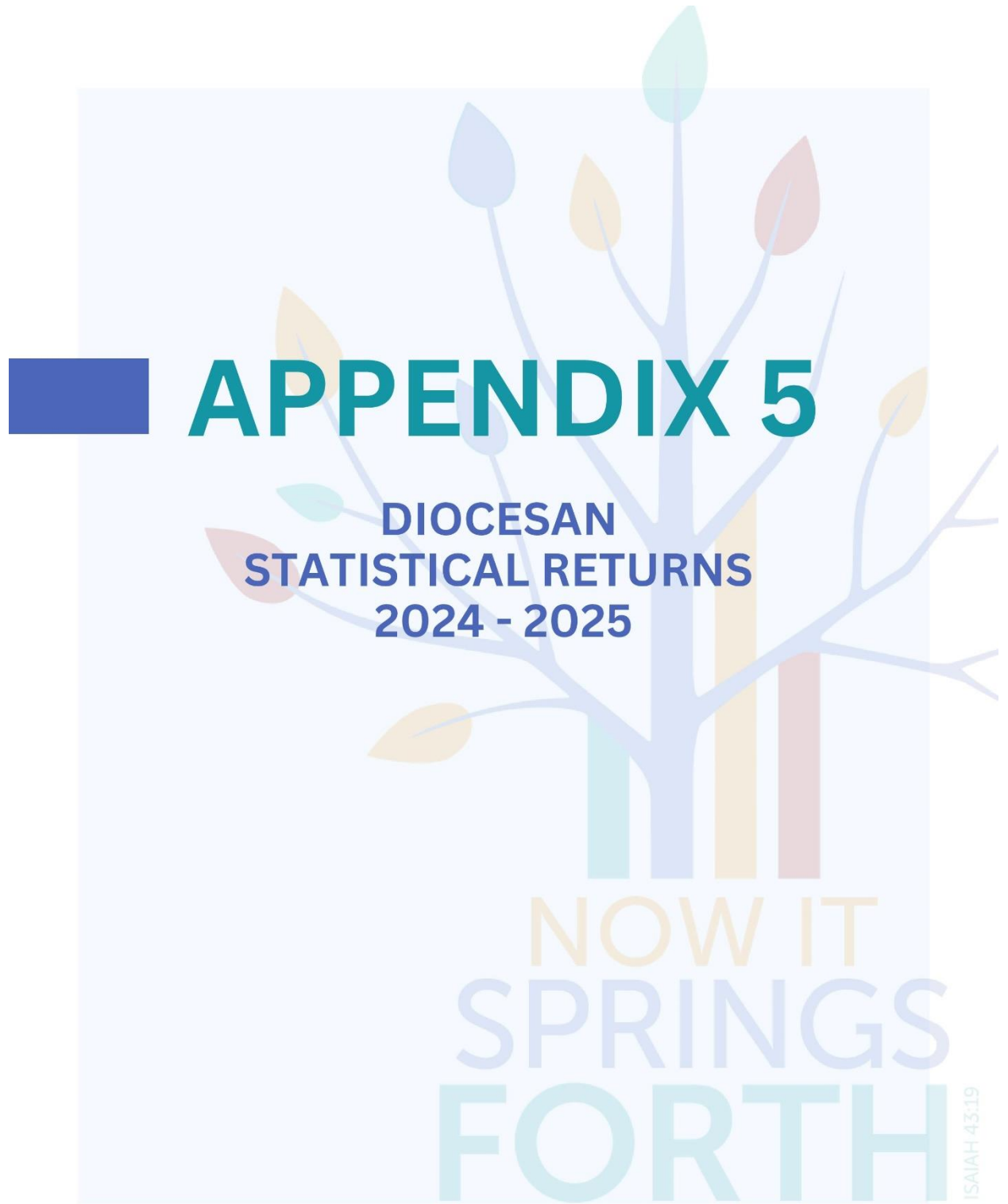
	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>Income</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2025</u>
Restricted Parish Funds					
Cold Lake - St. John	\$ 62,433	\$ 356	\$ (2,503)	\$ 6,207	\$ 66,493
Edgerton - St. Mary	89,248	-	(3,569)	8,852	94,531
Edmonton - Holy Trinity	194,636	-	(7,785)	19,306	206,157
Edmonton - St. Mary	29,727	-	(1,189)	2,948	31,486
Edmonton - St. Patrick	-	25,311	(4,000)	1,173	22,484
Edmonton- St. Peter	82,005	-	(6,644)	8,106	83,467
Fort Saskatchewan - St. George	14,000	-	-	1,389	15,389
Jasper - St. Mary & St. George	3,423,985	-	(152,273)	331,087	3,602,799
Sedgewick - St. John	28,255	-	-	2,803	31,058
Vegreville - St. Mary	19,653	-	(786)	1,949	20,816
Westlock - St. Philip	30,140	-	(13,347)	2,262	19,055
Wetaskiwin - Immanuel	59,816	-	(2,392)	5,933	63,357
Other Externally Restricted Funds					
Kevin Campbell Scholarship Fund	18,422	502	-	1,852	20,776
Utas Trust	86,438	-	(19,105)	7,586	74,919
Soda Lake Cemetery	61,988	600	(8,391)	5,699	59,896
Theological Studies	95,182	-	-	9,441	104,623
St. Aidan's Trust	77,411	50	-	7,680	85,141
Pakitināsowin Fund	1,279	820	-	177	2,276
Jasper Fire Fund	83,061	2,415	-	8,406	93,882
Cursillo	19,277	18,445	(19,866)	1,751	19,607
Total	\$ 4,476,956	\$ 48,499	\$ (241,850)	\$ 434,607	\$ 4,718,212

Endowment Fund

Investment income distribution is the distribution of funds for purposes specified by the endowment.

Changes in funds held within the Endowment Fund are as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Withdrawals</u>	<u>Investment</u> <u>income</u>	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2025</u>
Bishopric Endowment	\$ 169,358	\$ -	\$ (6,774)	\$ 16,799	\$ 179,383
Edmonton Mission Fund	87,043	-	(4,816)	8,386	90,613
Mary Steer Endowment Fund	569,952	-	-	56,533	626,485
S. Frank Page Memorial Trust	41,368	-	(455)	4,092	45,005
Wilson Memorial Fund	3,933	-	(185)	384	4,132
Total	\$ 871,654	\$ -	\$ (12,230)	\$ 86,194	\$ 945,618



APPENDIX 5

DIOCESAN
STATISTICAL RETURNS
2024 - 2025

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DIOCESAN STATISTICS and MINISTRY DATA

Year: 2024

Diocese: Edmonton

Section A: Identified Personal Ministries

a) Clergy

Bishops:	active: 1	retired: 2	
Priests:	paid: 36	unpaid: 4	retired: 51
Deacons:	paid: 2	unpaid: 7	retired: 5
Transitional Deacons:	paid: 1	unpaid: 1	
Lutheran Pastors:	3		
Moravian Pastors:	1		

b) Licensed Baptismal Ministries

Catechists: 0 Lay Readers: 102
Threshold Ministries (*was Church Army*): 0

c) Other Paid Workers

Diocesan: 4 Parish: 20

Section B: Parish and Diocesan Ministries

Number of Parishes: 46	Number of Congregations: 46
Joint with ELCIC: 1 (<i>Formal shared ministries only</i>)	Joint with other denominations: 0 (<i>Formal shared ministries only</i>)
Number of Parishes with Regular Online Services: 27	
Number of Parishes with Regular Informal Services: 4 (<i>"Informal Services" have a non-traditional liturgy and might be termed "Messy Church," Fresh Expressions," "Wild Church," or similar</i>)	

Section C: Parish Statistics and Records

Total Number on Parish Rolls: 5268
Average Sunday Attendance: 2424
Regular Identifiable Givers: 2375 (*envelope, direct debit, cheque, credit*)
Total Diocesan Worship Attendance On:
Mar 31: 4132 May 19: 2358 Sep 8: 2406 Dec 24/25: 4912
(*Easter, incl Vigil*) (*Pentecost*) (*2nd Sunday, Sept*) (*Christmas Eve/Day*)
Baptisms: 73 Confirmations: 19 Marriages: 25 Funerals: 168

Section D: Ordinations

Bishop: 0 Priest: 1 Deacon: 2

Year: 2025

Diocese: Edmonton

Section A: Identified Personal Ministries

a) Clergy

Bishops:	<i>active: 1</i>	<i>retired: 2</i>	
Priests:	<i>paid: 40</i>	<i>unpaid: 21</i>	<i>retired: 32</i>
Deacons:	<i>paid: 1</i>	<i>unpaid: 10</i>	<i>retired: 4</i>
Transitional Deacons:	<i>paid: 1</i>	<i>unpaid: 0</i>	
Lutheran Pastors:	3		
Moravian Pastors:	0		

b) Licensed Baptismal Ministries

Catechists: 0 Lay Readers: 106
Threshold Ministries (*was Church Army*): 0

c) Other Paid Workers

Diocesan: 4 Parish: 19

Section B: Parish and Diocesan Ministries

Number of Parishes: 45 Number of Congregations: 45
Joint with ELCIC: 1 Joint with other denominations: 1
(*Formal shared ministries only*) (*Formal shared ministries only*)
Number of Parishes with Regular Online Services: 23
Number of Parishes with Regular Informal Services: 3
(*"Informal Services" have a non-traditional liturgy and might be termed "Messy Church," "Fresh Expressions," "Wild Church," or similar*)

Section C: Parish Statistics and Records

Total Number on Parish Rolls: 4991
Average Sunday Attendance: 2389
Regular Identifiable Givers: 2063 (*envelope, direct debit, cheque, credit*)
Total Diocesan Worship Attendance On:
Apr 19/20: 4180 Jun 8: 2580 Sep 14: 2164 Dec 24/25: 3970
(*Easter, incl Vigil*) (*Pentecost*) (*2nd Sunday, Sept*) (*Christmas Eve/Day*)
Baptisms: 88 Confirmations: 24 Marriages: 27 Funerals: 128

Section D: Ordinations

Bishop: 0 Priest: 2 Deacon: 4



APPENDIX 6

MAPS

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Archdeacons:

- The Ven. Jonathan Crane, Archdeacon for Mission and Discipleship
- The Ven. Travis Enright, Archdeacon for Reconciliation and Decolonization
- The Ven. Kevin Kraglund, Archdeacon for Rural Ministry
- The Ven. Jordan Haynie Ware, Archdeacon for Justice

Dean:

The Very Rev. Alex Meek

Regional Deans and Deaneries:**North:**

- St. Mary Abbots, Barrhead
- Christ Church, Edmonton
- Good Shepherd, Edmonton
- St. Faith, Edmonton
- St. Mary, Edmonton
- St. Michael and All Angels, Edmonton
- St. Peter, Edmonton
- Emmanuel, Gibbons
- St. Matthew, St. Albert
- St. Philip, Westlock

South:

- St. Columba, Beaumont
- St. Andrew, Camrose
- St. George, Devon
- All Saints', Drayton Valley
- Holy Trinity, Edmonton
- St. George, Edmonton
- St. Luke, Edmonton
- St. Margaret, Edmonton
- St. Patrick, Edmonton
- St. Paul, Leduc
- St. Mary, Ponoka
- Immanuel, Wetaskiwin

East:

- St. John the Evangelist, Cold Lake
- St. Mary, Edgerton
- All Saints' Cathedral, Edmonton
- St. Augustine of Canterbury, Edmonton
- St. David, Edmonton
- St. Mark-Jieng, Edmonton
- St. George, Fort Saskatchewan
- Church of the Nativity, Frog Lake
- St. John, Sedgewick
- St. Thomas, Sherwood Park
- St. Mary, Vegreville
- St. Saviour, Vermilion
- St. Thomas, Wainwright

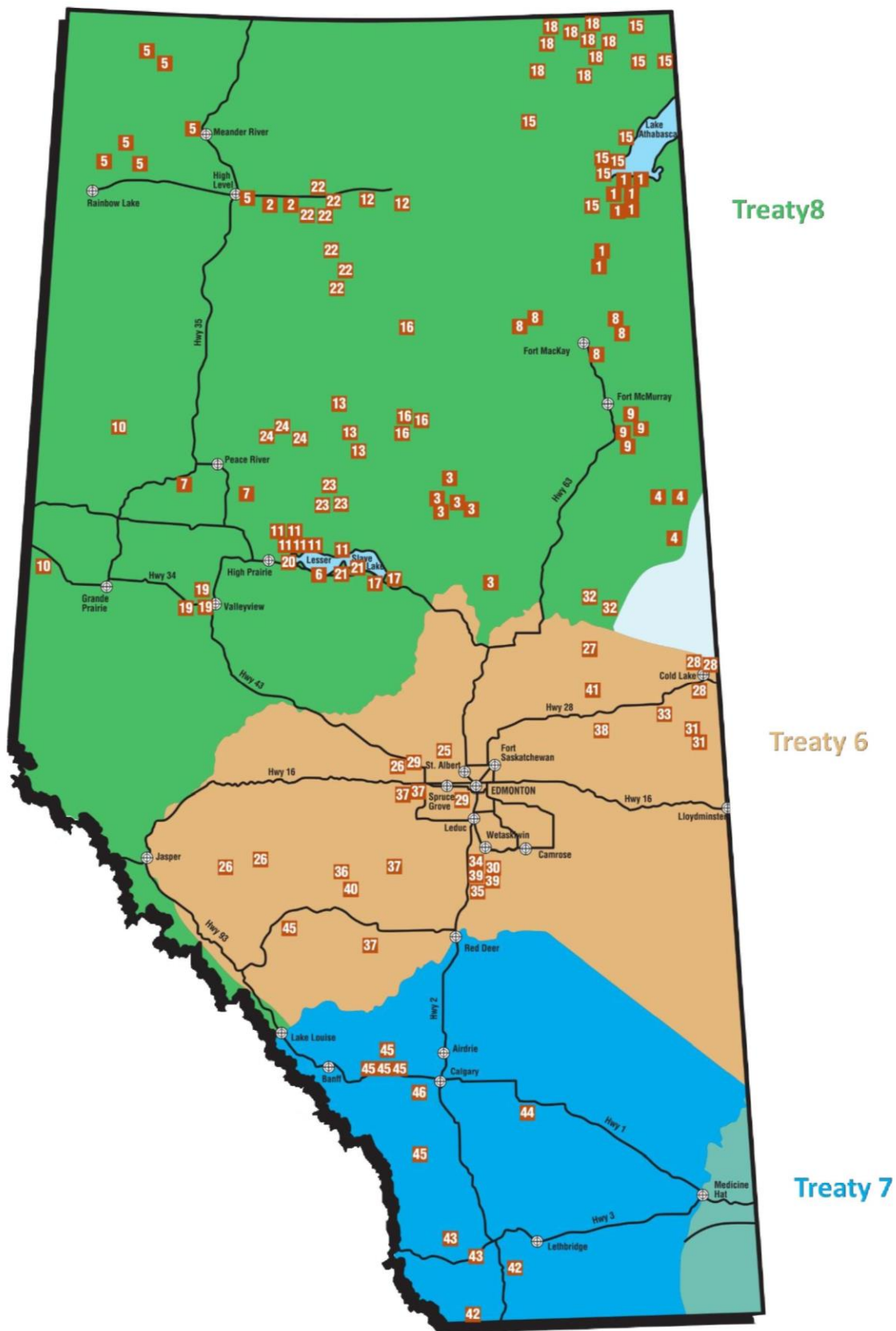
West:

- St. John the Evangelist, Edmonton
- St. Matthias, Edmonton
- St. Paul, Edmonton
- St. Peter the Apostle, Edmonton
- St. Timothy, Edmonton
- Holy Trinity, Edson
- St. Peter, Lac La Nonne
- St. Mary and St. George, Jasper
- St. John the Divine, Onoway
- St. Aidan and St. Hilda, Rexboro
- St. Augustine – Parkland, Spruce Grove

First Nations – Treaty 8			
1	Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation	13	Loon River First Nation
2	Beaver First Nation	14	Lubicon Lake Band
3	Bigstone Cree Nation	15	Mikisew Cree First Nation
4	Chipewyan Prairie First Nation	16	Peerless Trout First Nation
5	Dene Tha' First Nation	17	Sawridge Band
6	Driftpile First Nation	18	Smith's Landing First Nation
7	Duncan's First Nation	19	Sturgeon Lake Cree Nation
8	Fort McKay First Nation	20	Sucker Creek First Nation
9	Fort McMurray First Nation	21	Swan River First Nation
10	Horse Lake First Nation	22	Tallcree First Nation
11	Kapawe'no First Nation	23	Whitefish Lake First Nation (Atikameg)
12	Little Red River Cree Nation	24	Woodland Cree First Nation

First Nations – Treaty 6			
25	Alexander First Nation	34	Louis Bull Tribe
26	Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation	35	Montana First Nation
27	Beaver Lake Cree Nation	36	O'Chiese First Nation
28	Cold Lake First Nations	37	Paul First Nation
29	Enoch Cree Nation	38	Saddle Lake Cree Nation
30	Ermineskin Cree Nation	39	Samson Cree Nation
31	Frog Lake First Nation	40	Sunchild First Nation
32	Heart Lake First Nation	41	Whitefish Lake First Nation (Goodfish)
33	Kehewin Cree Nation		

First Nations – Treaty 7			
42	Blood Tribe	45	Stoney Tribe
43	Piikani Nation		• Bearspaw, Chiniki and Wesley
44	Siksika Nation	46	Tsuu T'ina Nation



We acknowledge that the Diocese of Edmonton is on Treaty 6 and Treaty 8 territory, the traditional meeting ground of Cree, Saulteaux, Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux, Dene, Métis, and Inuit peoples.

