

FINAL Nominations Committee Report

Diocesan Council

CLERGY – Acclaimed – 3 more to be appointed with at least one from outside Winnipeg

CLERGY - Outside Winnipeg (Vote for 3 minimum – 7 maximum)

The Rev. John Dolloff – St. Mary's la Prairie, Portage la Prairie

The Rev. James Gomez – Church of the Ascension, Stonewall/St. Paul's Church, Middlechurch

CLERGY – Inside Winnipeg (Vote for 3 minimum – 7 maximum)

The Rev. Wilson Akinwale – St. George's Church, Transcona/st. benedict's table, Winnipeg

The Rev. Victoria Luke – St. Peter's Church, Winnipeg

The Rev. Wayne McIntosh – St. Francis Church, Winnipeg

The Rev. Liz Richens – St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg

The Rev. Robert Schoeck – All Saints Church, Winnipeg

LAITY – Acclaimed – 2 more to be appointed

LAITY - Outside Winnipeg (Vote for 4 minimum – 8 maximum)

Mary Aitken – St. Luke's Church, Dryden

Cheryl Martin – St. Mary's la Prairie

Robert Martin – St. Mary's la Prairie

Rachel June Mawejji – St. Clement's Church, Mapleton

Debbie McCuaig – Christ Church, Selkirk

Pheobe Thomas – Christ Church, Selkirk

LAITY – Inside Winnipeg (Vote for 4 minimum – 8 maximum)

Elizabeth Bonnett – St. James Church, Winnipeg

Deb Buxton – St. George's Church, Transcona

Gary Russell - Epiphany Indigenous Church, Winnipeg

Chris Whitmore – All Saints Church, Winnipeg

Board on Canons and Rules of Order

CLERGY (Vote for no more than 2) – Acclaimed – 1 more to be appointed

The Rev. Victoria Luke – St. Peter's Church, Winnipeg

LAITY (Vote for no more than 2) – *Ballot*

Mary Aitken – St. Luke's Church, Dryden

Elizabeth Bonnett – St. James Church, Winnipeg

Chris Whitmore – All Saints Church, Winnipeg

Diocesan Court

CLERGY (Note – only clergy vote for clergy – vote for 3 maximum)

Acclaimed – 2 more to be appointed

The Ven. Karen Laldin – St. Paul's Church, Fort Garry

LAITY (Note – only laity vote for laity – vote for 3 maximum)

Acclaimed – 2 more to be appointed

Mary Aitken – St. Luke's Church, Dryden

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## **General Synod Delegates**

**CLERGY – Vote for no more than 2 – *Ballot***

The Rev. Wilson Akinwale – St. George's Church, Transcona/st. benedict's table, Winnipeg

The Ven. Karen Laldin – St. Paul's Church, Fort Garry

The Ven. Ian Luke – Executive Archdeacon, Winnipeg

The Rev. Wayne McIntosh – St. Francis Church, Winnipeg

The Rev. Liz Richens – St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg

The Ven. Lauren Schoeck – Saint Michael and All Angels, Winnipeg

The Rev. Robert Schoeck – All Saints Church, Winnipeg

**LAITY – Vote for no more than 2 – *Ballot***

Mary Aitken – St. Luke's Church, Dryden

Laurie Bellay – St. Peter's Church, River Heights

Deb Buxton – St. George's Church, Transcona

Gary Russell - Epiphany Indigenous Church, Winnipeg

**YOUTH – Vote for no more than 1 – *Ballot***

Chuka Nwokeoma – St. Paul's Church, Fort Garry

Alexander Shefchyk – St. Paul's Church, for Garry

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Provincial Synod Delegates

CLERGY – Vote for no more than 3 – *Ballot*

The Rev. Wilson Akinwale – St. George's Church, Transcona/st. benedict's table, Winnipeg

The Ven. Karen Laldin – St. Paul's Church, Fort Garry

The Rev. Wayne McIntosh – St. Francis Church, Winnipeg

The Rev. Liz Richens – St. Andrew's Church, Winnipeg

The Rev. Robert Schoeck – All Saints Church, Winnipeg

LAITY – Vote for no more than 2 – *Ballot*

Eva Brown – Epiphany Indigenous Church, Winnipeg

Debbie McCuaig – Christ Church, Selkirk

Gary Russell - Epiphany Indigenous Church, Winnipeg

Pheobe Thomas – Christ Church, Selkirk

YOUTH – Vote for no more than 1 – *Acclaimed*

Chuka Nwokeoma – St. Paul's Church, Fort Garry

Name: Mary Aitken
Parish: St. Luke, Dryen
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY
Board on Canons and Rules of Order - LAITY
Diocesan Court - LAITY
General Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

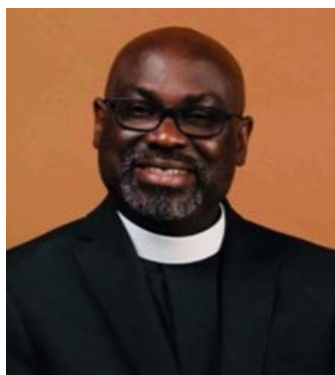
This was the second term on this board. I enjoyed the discussion on changes/or not to canons.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

List areas of involvement in your community:

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Other information and/or personal interests



Name: Akinwale, The Rev. Wilson
Parish: St. Bartholomew & St. George, Transcona
Nominated for: **Diocesan Council – CLERGY**
Provincial Synod – CLERGY
General Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

As a young priest in the Diocese, I see this as an opportunity to serve considering my vast experience in church diversity trends/dynamics, learning, growing as well as contributing to the church's mission with grace to lead with courage and change we need.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

- Diocesan Executive Committee - Diocesan Council - General Synod Delegate(2024-Date)
- National President/Board Chair (Black Anglicans of Canada) 2024-Date
- Park Manor Monthly Ministry Outreach - Concordia Place & River East PCH Quarterly Ministry Outreach (2023-Date)
- Committee Member – DORL Black Anglicans
- Anglican Representative on ELCIC Anti-Racism Taskforce (2024-Date)

List areas of involvement in your community:

- Member Transcona Multifaith Leadership Council (2025-Date)
- Member Southdale Multifaith Leadership Council (2025-Date)
- Provincial Board Member, African Communities of Manitoba (2024-Date)
- National Board Member, African Caribbean Black ACB) Advisory Group (2026-
- Lay Member, Manitoba Review Board (2025-Date)
- Advisor/Ex-Officio, Nigerian Association of Manitoba/Egbe Omo Yoruba Elders Advisory Council(2023-Date)

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

- Opportunity to serve/champion with needed change we all want to see as an inclusive and a diversify Church; the wind of change is blowing all around us. But the image of a Church "full of insulation" as Anglicans is our situation today. To quote Archbishop Shane Parker in his acceptance speech after elected Primate at the last year's General Synod. He said, in view of the change we need, "while insulation can be helpful, it can insulate us from God. We can be insulated from each other. And we can even be insulated from our truest selves also. Our church at this time needs to remove a lot of insulations. We need change in the way we do our ministries, especially to get more youth involvement and to now engage a wider-church collaborative miniseries.
- To effect the change we need for our Diocese means to work with theme of this year's Synod: "Courage, Connection, and Change," with active listening and to be honest and transparent in our approach with God's help.

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As a young and vibrant priest in this Diocese with various roles across board, I have something to offer in service with God's help.



Name: Laurie Bellay
Parish: St. Peter, Winnipeg
Nominated for: General Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this position?

Faith is important to me, and I feel that faith and church are more than just attending your own parish. Connecting with others outside our immediate communities is one way we grow as Christians. I attended the previous General Synod and found the experience to be both educational and exciting. It was good to meet Anglicans from other areas of the country, and learn a bit more about them, both their successes and the issues they are facing. It's also good to have a closer look at concerns and projects that are happening within the church and the world at other levels. For example, I learned about and saw an Alongside Hope Solar Suitcase that was going to be used in Mozambique to provide reliable electricity for health workers in hospitals and clinics.

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I've been a member of St. Peter's Anglican for over 25 years. Throughout that time, I've been and remain active as an Officiant to assist the priest, administer the chalice and proclaim the gospel, prepare and share prayers of the people, offer healing prayers, and participate as a member of our choir.

Additionally, I serve as the current Rector's Warden, member of vestry, and Synod delegate, and assist with fundraising and social activities that are important to the life of our parish family.

One committee that I participate on and have found to be very educational is our Worship Planning Team. This has allowed me to learn more about our Anglican liturgy and help affect changes to our service so that the word of God can speak more clearly and loudly to parishioners.

Another lifechanging group that I also belong to is our discipleship group where we share leadership to pray, learn, and support each other in our discipleship journey.

At the diocesan level, I am part of a team that assists parishes who are in transition between priests in their discernment of their strengths and areas for growth, and preparation of their parish profile. In addition, I have participated on a Diocesan Advisory Committee, attended Synod as both a parish delegate and a diocesan appointee, attended Faith Horizons, participated on a clergy vacation discussion panel, and was a diocesan representative to the Synod in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Faith is about connecting with and supporting others. In this regard, I do what I can to support other organizations such as Pimicikamak Wellness Centre, St. Thomas Anglican Church, and the Thelma Wynn Project.

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Having attended a previous Synod, I realize the amount of information that there is at higher levels within the church organization. Much of this information does not reach individuals at the parish level. I feel that this needs to change. I would work towards ensuring this happens so that we can all see our faith beyond the walls of our parish and share the work of the church we all love.



Name: Elizabeth Bonnett
Parish: St. James, Winnipeg
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY
Board on Canons &
Rules of Order - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I was elected to the Diocesan Council at the 2022 and 2024 Synods and would like to continue: I feel that there's more that I'm able to do there, some loose ends to tie up.

I've enjoyed working with other members of the diocese for something we all care about.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Parish:

Vestry: 22 years, Peoples' Warden: 16 years, Food Bank Co-ordinator: 15 years, 5x Synod delegate, Website developer: 19 years, KAIROS Representative: 8 years, (now retired), Doors Open Contact: 8 years (now closed)

Diocesan:

5x Synod delegate, A Learning Journey (reconciliation) 7 years (now ended), Alongside Hope/PWRDF Mapping Exercise Facilitator: 7.5 years

List areas of involvement in your community:

Reconciliation, Food Bank, Regional KAIROS Committee, KAIROS Blanket Exercise Facilitator, We Are All Treaty People Planning Committee (WAATP)

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I don't have a particular cause, but I will volunteer where/when I feel competent, knowledgeable, and capable in that issue.

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I am a retired teacher but still teach. I am a craftsperson and an artist. I'm tenacious and won't give up until a solution (even a compromise is good) is reached. I enjoy learning new things and approaches. My knees may not be willing, but the rest of me makes up for them.



Name: Eva Brown
Parish: Epiphany Ind. Church
Nominated for: Provincial Synod – LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Parish

I have been organist for the past 64 years and have played in many churches. I have been the choir director and take part with the worship team at St. James Anglican church in Winnipeg. I also assist with the food Bank when required.

Diocese

I have had the opportunity to serve on Diocesan and Executive Council for the past 4 years. I learned a lot and wish others have the opportunity to work with the council. I also sit on the Provincial Council and would like to complete the cycle with Provincial Council.

Other

I with have been able to be parts of a committee that restored the Heritage Church of Old. St. Judes in Grand Marais. The group of volunteers have worked diligently to restore the church and this year, 2026, we celebrated 130 years of the church and cemetery. We are undertaking the daunting task of discovering the resting place of our ancestors. I have also worked with the missions department of Lutheran Church Canada I have also learned of the connections of Christian churches worldwide that coordinate immediate relief to those affected of disaster.

List areas of involvement in your community:

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?



Name: Deb Buxton
Parish: St. George, Transcona
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY
General Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I have served on Diocesan Council for the past few years and have found the experience both informative and engaging. As a longtime advocate for people, I believe this work is especially important as we discern what God is calling us to do and be in a changing church. I would like to continue serving on Diocesan Council, actively supporting open communication within our diocese.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I have served on Diocesan Council for the past few years and recently served on Executive Council. I also had the privilege of attending General Synod 2026, where the national church elected our new primate. I continue to support Transition Ministry and work with parishes as they navigate change. My diocesan involvement has also included the Bishop Search Committee and parish advisory groups. I have been advocating for stronger communication across the diocese to help parishes connect with its many ministries and with one another in new ways, and I hope to continue this work.

At my home parish, St. George's Transcona, I serve as Rector's Warden and Synod Delegate. I coordinate music ministry, liturgy, the website, parish communications, and many other parish activities. As a licensed lay reader, I lead and assist with morning prayer services. I am also involved in the services we provide at three local personal care homes.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Currently, most of my spare time is spent supporting our parish, outreach and community. I am involved with The Transcona Food Security Network and the Transcona Legion.

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

With my background as a nurse, followed by a second career in project management-change management, I see many opportunities for our diocese to strengthen communication and engagement with parishes and people. Although we are all part of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, we can sometimes remain isolated within our own parish communities. My passion is advocating for others and helping parishes and members recognize the value of working together as a diocese—learning from one another, sharing resources, and understanding that we are connected by more than geography. We do not need to reinvent the wheel for every activity or project. As church attendance declines, we need to be reminded of our shared calling and of how the Holy Spirit works within us to do more than we can ask or imagine.

Name: Rev. John Dolloff
Parish: St. Mary la Prairie
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I was asked, and having been part of the Anglican Church for longer than I would care to admit believe that I have some wisdom to share.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I have been the Incumbent at St. Mary's la Prairie since 2013 and have served on both Diocesan Council and Executive.

List areas of involvement in your community:

I have been involved with our local Soup Kitchen as well as the Portage and District Refugee Coalition.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I strongly believe that healthy parishes lead to a healthy Diocese and vice versa. I believe that we need to focus on our unity as members of the Body of Christ.

Name: Rev. James Gomez
Parish: Ascension, Stonewall and St. Paul, Middlechurch
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

Being peripherally located, I thought that we require to bring our perspectives and help the diocese know our perspective locally.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Currently I'm trying to bring about involvement with Indigenous issues locally, which would at some point translate into Diocesan engagement.

List areas of involvement in your community:

My involvement is part and parcel of how the church interacts with the wider community discerning what affects our lives and responding appropriately.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Ecumenical relationships. Bracing churches to learn from the richness of each other's traditions and enriching relationships without being overwhelmed or intimidated.

Name: The Ven. Karen Laldin
Parish: St. Paul, Fort Garry
Nominated for: Diocesan Court - CLERGY
General Synod - CLERGY
Provincial Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I am allowing my nomination because of my wide experience in the church and the various leadership roles that I have held.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I was ordained in 1993 and throughout that time I have been a parish priest, sat on numerous community boards and held positions in the dioceses that I have served within as regional dean, member of the program committee, member of provincial council in the Ecclesiastical province of Canada.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Engagement with pastoral care in hospitals and institutions, support to young adults and youth, Member of Coalition against Family Violence and trauma committee, Mental Health first aid and support.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Assist the diocese to meet the unique challenges of the time. Encourage kindness and respect amongst diverse voices. Integrate new Canadians and hold space for them to become a part of our fabric.

Other information and/or personal interests



Name: Ven Dr. Iain Luke
Special Ministry: Executive Archdeacon
Nominated for: General Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this position?

I have extensive experience with the work of the church beyond the diocese, which includes representing Rupert's Land on General Synod and COGS in the 2000s. I am excited by the reorientation of national structures taking place through the Transformational Pathways, and I want to offer my commitment to local ministry development to support and enhance that work.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Ordained since 1992, serving three parishes and two colleges before my appointment as Executive Archdeacon last December. Previous service includes time as the Director of the Institute for Anglican Ministry in the St John's College Faculty of Theology, 1999-2007

List areas of involvement in your community:

Volunteer participation in food ministries, community centre organization and advocacy, and lots of music-making in many different choirs.

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

For me, the key to reinventing General Synod is to put local parishes, congregations and ministries at the heart of the church's organization. So much already happens in the communities or our diocese to change people's lives, which I've witnessed as I've visited many churches. One way to effect change is to focus on telling that story to one another and to the wider church, so that General Synod staff and leaders understand who they are "convening, connecting and communicating" for.

This section may be used to add any other information you wish member of Synod to know about you - personal or other interests. (Please be brief.)

I am enjoying being back in the diocese after time elsewhere, seeing how much has changed and how much hasn't, and especially appreciating the opportunity to kayak on the lakes and rivers.



Name: Eva Brown
Parish: Epiphany Ind. Church
Nominated for: Provincial Synod - LAITY



Name: Rev. Victoria Luke
Parish: St. Peter, Winnipeg
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – CLERGY
Boards on Canons &
Rules of Order - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I have a desire to be immersed in the life of the Diocese that I am returning to. I believe that I have skills and talents that would be beneficial to the Diocese.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I am returning to the Diocese after being away for many years. When I was serving in The Diocese I was involved with the planning of Synod, Faith Horizons and Clergy conferences. I also served on Diocesan Council and Executive. In my current parish I am the Honorary Assistant and hold a variety of positions dealing with finances, Sunday School and Pastoral Care.

List areas of involvement in your community:

I am just returning to the diocese. In the wider church I am the secretary for the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights. In Saskatoon I am a tutor with Sylvan Learning.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

One of the visions of the Diocese is that we are a team who is working together to proclaim the gospel to the people that we minister to. I would like to help develop and strengthen the lines of communications between the synod office and parishes and between parishes. One way that this could be achieved is through a weekly or monthly bulletin that was sent out to the Diocese and posted on the web site. Another thing that I believe is meaningful is for the diocese to recognize special events in the life of the members of the diocese through personal messages. This is something that I would be excited to be part of.



Name: Debbie McCuaig
Parish: Christ Church, Selkirk
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY
Provincial Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

have administrative and financial skills, with a deep passion for our Church, and I would love the opportunity to help the diocese (us) navigate current challenges and opportunities.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

As a Certified ESL Teacher I have been actively involved in various volunteer & Government led programs assisting New Canadians adjust to life here in our communities. As a Woman Business Owner I have served as a mentor for people wishing to start their own business. I volunteer as a driver for a Ride Assist program providing rides for a variety of needs. I Volunteer yearly in environment cleanup.

List areas of involvement in your community:

I am currently a Lay Reader and Synod Delegate for Christ Church Selkirk. My childhood Church was St Thomas Weston. For the last 25 years I have lived in a rural community (close to Selkirk) and have been part of St Andrews on the Red, St Clements Church in addition to Christ Church Selkirk (I believe we are all part of the "Parish of Selkirk"). I served on the Diocesan Council over 10 years ago. In addition to serving on Vestry in all of them, I have held positions as Rector's Warden, Bookkeeper, Delegate to Synod, Worship Committee and Altar guild.

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I would like to volunteer my professional training as an ESL teacher to introduce the "Cooperative ESL Ministry" program to our Diocese, particularly within our rural parishes. New Canadians in these areas frequently face isolation, racism, and employment barriers due to language differences. This program has a proven history of success in Canada and offers vast, free resource libraries to help newcomers adapt. Bridging these gaps is directly tied to our Christian calling to build inclusive communities. I am eager to help our Diocese take this positive step toward a more active and supportive intercultural ministry.

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Guided by my education and life experiences in both science and theology, I hold a deep appreciation for the way God reveals Himself to us through both the natural and spiritual worlds. In His grace, God allowed me to establish and grow a therapeutic skincare manufacturing company, a venture that has provided me with the freedom to

explore my personal interests. A thorough three-week pilgrimage to the Holy Land remains one of the most significant and transformative spiritual anchors of my life. Refreshing my spirit also means spending time outdoors and with loved ones; my husband and I love kayaking, hiking, and embracing simple, meaningful family time.



Name: Phoebe Thomas
Parish: Christ Church, Selkirk
Nominated for: **Diocesan Council – LAITY**
Provincial Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I want to continue my desire for community involvement, peace building and reconciliation beyond my local church and hometown to the wider diocesan community. The objectives of this Synod resonate with my wishes for my future generations and Spiritual Growth.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I have been involved in my local church for over 30 years - Vestry, Altar Guild, Sunday School, Fundraising Committees etc. My family has been involved in Rural Anglican Churches for several Generations - starting with St Judes Grand Marais in the 1800's.

List areas of involvement in your community:

As an active member and Metis Elder with the Manitoba Metis Federation and the Selkirk Friendship Center - I have been actively involved and lead several programs improving the lives of all our community members for many years and continue to do so.

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Improving and developing collaborative opportunities between the Anglican Church and Indigenous Communities. Developing and Leading opportunities for Reconciliation and bridge building with Indigenous groups – both within our Church and general community.

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I established the Friends of Old St Jude's in Grand Marais - obtained MB Heritage Site Status and continue to lead the Non-Profit Corp. team. I was successful in fundraising for major building renovations and continued outreach to previous members and surrounding community.

Name: Cheryl Martin
Parish: St. Mary la Prairie
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

May be able to give information and share experiences.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Involved in the Church for 2 years as a member of the Church, scripture readings when asked upon, and willing to step up when asked.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Volunteer with Lions, Rebeckah organizations to glasses collections and volunteer with CNIB.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I plan to contribute any way I can, to improve things in my community.

Name: Robert Martin
Parish: St. Mary la Prairie
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

To learn more about how things work.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Almost two years with the parish. Just elected Synod representative.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Volunteer with Lions, food drives, eyeglasses collections, meal fundraisers for 6 plus years.

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Try and get younger people involved with the Church and finding that passion to excel.

Name: June Rachel Mawejje
Parish: St. Clement, Mapleton
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

Serve the service and help the diocese grow.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Parish vestry - 6 yrs; Synod delegate - 6 yrs; Lay reader + Lay administrant - 6 years; Sunday School coordinator - 3 years.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Volunteer - Lunches

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Be part of a team to bring parishes together regarding pulling resources together to grow our churches in the Diocese.

Other information and/or personal interests

Nurse by profession and administrator.
Growing in my personal faith.



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Name: Rev. Wayne McIntosh
Parish: St. Francis, Winnipeg
Nominated for: **Diocesan Council – CLERGY**
Provincial Synod – CLERGY
General Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this position?

Thank you for the nomination and privilege of serving the church at the Diocesan level and beyond. It has always been a personal “practice of mine” to divide my time between parish/diocese/community/personal as this, in my opinion, provides a “well-rounded” approach to ministry.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

In addition to serving as a priest at St. Francis Church, I am also a member of Diocesan Council. In addition, I serve on the diaconal ministry committee, which allows me to participate in the formation of individuals towards ministry. Related to that, I have recently been appointed as one of the assessors of our provincial ACPO. I am also honoured to represent our church on the board of the North End Renewal Corporation (a local organization dealing with housing issues in the Winnipeg’s North End). I am grateful for the diversity of our diocesan family and those who serve with me in so many different ways as this is what best reflects the life and spirit of our church.

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As a follower of Jesus, I am very much aware how the term “Christian” has come to be seen with suspicion in recent years. More and more faithful disciples are hesitant to apply the designation to themselves often because of the damage caused by those who claim allegiance to the church and yet spew hatred and division. We need to strive for healing and reconciliation. My greatest passion is to rescue Christ from those who would hijack him so that his message of love and acceptance might be realized.

Name: Chukwuka Nwokeoma
Parish: St. Paul, Fort Garry
Nominated for: General Synod – YOUTH
Provincial Synod - YOUTH

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I am allowing myself to be nominated because I want to serve my parish and contribute to growth in our Diocese. I hope to bring my experience, ideas, and willingness to listen.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Member of St. Paul, Fort Garry - 4 years; Bass Guitarist

List areas of involvement in your community:

Music ministry, Member of Synod, Youth Bible Study

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I would like to encounter greater youth involvement and stronger connections between young people and the church. I would support more opportunities for youth to participate in worship, bible study, music ministry, and diocesan activities. I believe listening to young people and giving them meaningful opportunities to serve can help the church.

Other information and/or personal interests

I enjoy music and being involved in music ministry. I also enjoy Bible Study, spending time with my church community and finding ways to support and encourage young people in their faith. Some of my personal interests are playing video games, watching and playing soccer, and I enjoy anime too.



Name: Rev. Liz Richens
Parish: St. Andrew, Woodhaven
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – CLERGY
General Synod - CLERGY
Provincial Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

To be a part of the diocesan life and be better informed to guide my parish.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Incumbent of St. Andrew's, 5 years. Diocesan Council and Ordained Ministry Teams.

List areas of involvement in your community:

Scouting has been my main community involvement.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Of main importance to me as a parish priest is ensuring good communication to the parish level of activities, ideas and changes in the wider church. I am also invested in improving the relationships between parish and diocese.



Name: Dr. Gary Russell
Parish: Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY
General Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

The church is facing challenging times when the lessons of our growth and development need to come together with new and ingenious approaches. I feel well placed to help us navigate that adventure.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

Terms on vestries at All Saints, St. Margaret's, Epiphany, 1990-2026.

Peoples Warden at Epiphany, 2018-2026.

Three terms on Diocesan Council 1999-2026, and executive terms 2016-25.

List areas of involvement in your community:

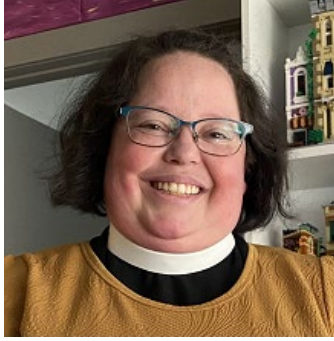
Early decades included Canadian Labour Congress, Canadian Union of Public Employees. Recent decades included various parish activities from Lenten Discussion groups to refugee ministry.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

As an Anglican and a Franciscan, I believe the Church and the Order have complementary roles which are especially crucial in these times. I seek to strengthen our interaction in a time when we need each other to confront new challenges with resilience. I also produce a discussion workbook called Radical Grace and the Economy.

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In this senior time of life, one has the opportunity to turn one's full attention to issues that really matter. For decades that has been my Church and now my Order. It's an opportunity to apply my education, experience and inspiration to our common future in Christ.



Name: Ven. Lauren Schoeck
Parish: St. Michael & All Angels
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – CLERGY
Provincial Synod – CLERGY
General Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I am standing for election to General Synod because I would like to continue contributing to the work of the Anglican Church of

Canada as a whole.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

- Anglican Church of Canada involvement:
 - Council of the General Synod (CoGS) Member (2025-present)
 - CoGS Member on the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada National Church Council (2025-present)
 - Territorial Archdeacon of Winnipeg – St. John (2024-present)
 - Incumbent - St. Michael & All Angels, Winnipeg (2023 - present)
 - Children's Ministry Volunteer - All Saints, Winnipeg (2022-2023)
- Episcopal Church involvement:
 - Canon for Transition Ministry - Episcopal Diocese of Idaho (2019 - 2022)
 - Co-Rector – Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls, ID (2018 – 2022)
 - Associate for Congregational Care – Saint James, Lancaster, PA (2014 - 2018)
 - Associate for Children, Youth, & Families – All Saints, Phoenix, AZ (2012 - 2014)

List areas of involvement in your community:

- 67th Winnipeg Scout Troop (Volunteer)
- Parent Advisory Committee of Ecole Laura Secord School (Volunteer)
- Galentine's Day for women in Winnipeg's North End (Volunteer)

What's a cause or idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I am committed to continuing the work of the strategic pathways for change that the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada approved at General Synod 2025.



Name: Rev. Robert Schoeck
Parish: All Saints, Winnipeg
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – CLERGY
Provincial Synod – CLERGY
General Synod - CLERGY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I am standing for election to General Synod because I would like to continue contributing to the work of the Anglican Church of Canada as a whole.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

- Anglican Church of Canada involvement:
 - Chair of Synod Nominations Committee – (2026)
 - Diocesan Worship Committee – (2023 - 2024)
 - Incumbent – All Saints Church, Winnipeg (2022 - present)
- Episcopal Church involvement:
 - Standing Committee - Episcopal Diocese of Idaho (2019 - 2022)
 - Co-Rector – Church of the Ascension, Twin Falls, ID (2018 – 2022)
 - Commission on Ministry – Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania (2016 – 2018)
 - Associate for Mission and Formation – Saint James, Lancaster, PA (2014 - 2018)
 - Waterfront Director and Program Director – Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center (2003, 2004, and 2005)
 - Standing Commission on the Mission and Evangelism of the Episcopal Church (2000-2002)
 - Suffragan Bishop Search Committee - Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (2000)
 - Diocesan Council – Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts (1998 - 2000)

List areas of involvement in your community:

- 67th Winnipeg Scout Troop (Volunteer)
- Spiritual Director – Shalem Institute (2016-2017)

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I am committed to being an active presence in any role to which I am elected, while bringing my experience as deeper listener and collaborative spirit to help further the goals of the diocese and the broader church.

Name: Alexander Shefchyk
Parish: St. Bartholomew
Nominated for: General Synod - YOUTH

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

This is something that was put on my radar about a year ago by my former Reverend, Wilson Akinwale. And I believe it would be an important step in my faith journey.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I have been attending my church since birth. I have been part of our youth group for 3 years. Been a lay reader for probably around the same. This last year I have been a part of our vestry. I was formerly a youth rep at synod 2024.

List areas of involvement in your community:

I just try to help out at the church with whatever they need. Whatever sort of event or need we have I try and help.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

I just want to try and get more youth involved in the church and show that this is a place that reflects much our existing positive values in our society. I think many people want a place like the church but they don't like the name "church" so I want to try and show all the good the church can do for young people.

Other information and/or personal interests

I am currently editing a short novel that I am hoping to get published at some point which I am working on every day.



Name: Phoebe Thomas
Parish: Christ Church, Selkirk
Nominated for: Diocesan Council – LAITY
Provincial Synod - LAITY

Why are you allowing yourself to be nominated for this / these position(s)?

I want to continue my desire for community involvement, peace building and reconciliation beyond my local church and hometown to the wider diocesan community. The objectives of this Synod resonate with my wishes for my future generations and Spiritual Growth.

List Areas (and years) of involvement at your Parish / Mission and at the Diocesan level:

I have been involved in my local church for over 30 years - Vestry, Altar Guild, Sunday School, Fundraising Committees etc. My family has been involved in Rural Anglican Churches for several Generations - starting with St Judes Grand Marais in the 1800's.

List areas of involvement in your community:

As an active member and Metis Elder with the Manitoba Metis Federation and the Selkirk Friendship Center - I have been actively involved and lead several programs improving the lives of all our community members for many years and continue to do so.

What's a cause of idea you plan on championing during your tenure? How would you effect change for our diocese?

Improving and developing collaborative opportunities between the Anglican Church and Indigenous Communities. Developing and Leading opportunities for Reconciliation and bridge building with Indigenous groups – both withing our Church and general community.

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I established the Friends of Old St Jude's in Grand Marais - obtained MB Heritage Site Status and continue to lead the Non-Profit Corp. team. I was successful in fundraising for major building renovations and continued outreach to previous members and surrounding community.