

Diocese of Ontario

**THE TERM AND TERMINATION OF THE OFFICE OF CHURCHWARDEN**

A Churchwarden is elected or appointed for a term of one year or until the nomination or election of his or her successor. Some congregations may elect their Churchwardens for more than one year.

A Churchwarden may terminate his or her term by resignation submitted to the Incumbent, (if appointed) or to the Vestry of Parish/Congregational Council (if elected).

A Churchwarden is disqualified from holding office if he or she ceases to be a regular worshipper in the congregation or by becoming incapable or by being convicted of an indictable offence. Part 2 of Canon C1 gives details for a replacement.

In November of 2007 a recommendation by the Strategic Plan Action and Review Committee (SPARC) was accepted and approved by Synod Council, with the following wording:

*That the term of appointed/ elected positions within each parish (such as Churchwarden and Lay Representatives to Synod) be determined by parish council and that each term be defined to be no less than two years and no longer than seven years; and, recognizing the size of some parishes, that an individual who has not held office for two years may be reappointed/ elected again for a new term.*