

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO NOMINATION FORM 2018

**Deadline September 5th, 2018*

I, **ARCHDEACON CHARLES MORRIS** of the church/parish of **ST. MARY MAGDALENE, PICTON** agree to let my name stand for nomination to (please select one or both):

DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Tell us briefly about your faith experience

I was baptized in the Anglican Church as an infant, and while my mother did her best, I was a grade 3 Sunday school drop-out. However, early in High School I reconnected with Christian faith in a personal way. That led me back to the Church for confirmation as a teenager, and I have sought to be an active and dedicated follower of Jesus ever since. I became an altar server after Confirmation, later on was my parish Sunday School Superintendent, Synod delegate, and Parish Council member, and began to discern a call to be a priest in the Church. During my theological training I was privileged to study New Testament under Tom Wright, and I frequently find his insights valuable as I seek to interpret and apply the scriptures for our time and circumstances. I was ordained in 1985, and I count it a great privilege to serve Jesus as a priest in the Church.

What gifts, talents, abilities and skills would you bring to this ministry?

I have well developed pastoral skills, administrative abilities, and I enjoy dealing with a wide variety of people with varied views and opinions. I have honed these skills during 16 years of full-time parish ministry and 17 years as an executive in the software business world. I have served on the Board of a number of non-profit organizations, as well as the Board of Governors of John Abbott College in Montreal, the Diocesan Council in Montreal and the Synod Council of the Diocese of Ontario. I have been in the Diocese of Ontario since 2014, an Archdeacon and member of BAC since 2016, I am intimately familiar with our Diocese of Ontario Canons, and I am very good at absorbing and processing volumes of detailed information. These skills and experiences make me well qualified to be a delegate from the Diocese of Ontario to General Synod.

Please list your involvement in the life of the church (parish, diocese, province or national), and well as any other relevant experience.

Since moving to the Diocese of Ontario in 2014 I have served as:

- Rector of St Mary Magdalene, Picton
- Archdeacon of Ontario
- Member, Bishop's Advisory Committee
- Member, Synod Council, for Quinte Deanery
- Member, Diocesan Trusts and Property Committee

In the Diocese of Montreal I served as:

- Honorary Assistant, Church of the Resurrection, Valois
- Rector, St. George's Church, Ste-Anne-de-Bellevue
- Rector, Trinity Church, Cowansville
- Assistant Curate, Parish of Montreal North and Mascouche
- Anglican Representative to The Protestant Committee, Quebec Superior Council of Education
- Clerical Secretary to Synod
- Chair, Diocesan Remuneration Committee

Signature: Charles Morris Date: May 28, 2018