

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO
NOMINATION FORM 2018

** deadline September 5, 2018*

I, **DONALD DAVIDSON** of the church of **ST. GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, KINGSTON**, 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 am a cradle Anglican; born and raised in a strong Christian home, and very heavily involved in all aspects of the life of the local Anglican Church. I grew up in a very rural agricultural parish setting in a small town and a small rural church. In my early 20's I felt a very strong sense of calling to the ordained ministry. I tested that call by accepting a leadership position as a Staff Associate Youth Minister for the United Church of Canada. This step into ministry confirmed for me that God was calling me to serve both God and the church. I studied Theology, receiving a Master of Divinity Degree with honours from Huron College at the University of Western Ontario in 1993. I was immediately appointed Lay Pastor-in-charge, and then Deacon-in-Charge, and finally Rector of St. Thomas the Apostle and St. David's in Galt (Cambridge). I served there from 1993 to 2004. At that time I was moved to St. George's of Forest Hill in Kitchener, which was a very large urban parish. I served there from 2004-2016, at which time I accepted the appointment as Dean of Ontario. As well, during a sabbatical in 2015, I served for a time as priest in a very remote fishing village deep in the Amazon Basin.

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

Having lived and served in a very wide variety of church types, I have a very broad experience of Anglican parish life. 25 years of working in the diocese of Ontario and Huron has also given me a very broad experience in the councils of the church. In 2019, one of the major pieces of business that General Synod will be called on to deal with is the second reading of the motion regarding changes to General Synod Canon 21 (the Marriage Canon) Having served since Synod 2016 on the Diocese of Ontario Canon 21 Steering Committee, I have had the opportunity to hear the many diverse voices of the Diocese on this discussion, and as such feel well prepared to represent the Diocese of Ontario in the discussion on this topic that will happen at General Synod. Through ecumenical and cross-cultural ministries, I have been given the opportunity to understand the breadth of the Anglican Church expression around the globe, which is an important part of going to Synod to take a part in the national level of the decision-making body of the church.

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

- Ordained 25 years
- Served in a wide variety of parishes Dean of the Diocese of Ontario
- Member of the Diocese of Ontario Bishop's Advisory Committee Member of the Diocese of Ontario Canon 21 Steering Committee Member and vice-chair of the Diocese of Ontario Synod Council
- Diocesan Rep on Anglican Foundation of Canada for the Diocese of Ontario Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral, London
- Bishop's Examining Chaplain for Deacons for 15 years Teaching Supervisor for theological Students
- Served the church abroad in the Diocese of Amazonia, gaining perspective on the Anglican Church in places that are vastly different from the Canadian context
- Served as a member of the North American Council on Catechumenate (North} for many years Archbishop's Chaplain to the Brotherhood of Anglican Churchmen (6 years}
- Member of the Bishop's Charge Committee
- Member of the Companion Diocese Committee (Huron} Member of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee (Huron}
- Worked ecumenically as a staff associate Youth Minister in the United Church of Canada prior to ordination.
- Established a Spanish Language Congregation in Kitchener to better serve the needs of the people in that parish

Signature: Donald Davidson

Date: August 16, 2018

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