

SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO NOMINATION FORM 2018

**Deadline September 5, 2018*

I, The **REV. NANCY BEALE** of the church/parish of **ST. JOHN'S STIRLING & ST. PAUL'S, ROSLIN/
ST. MATTHEW'S, MARLBANK** 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:

Throughout my life I have felt a deep connection with God, but outside of Baptist and United Church summer camps, I was "unchurched" as a child. In my teenage years I began to feel a sense of calling to the priesthood. By my early 20's I found a spiritual home in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, Ontario and was baptized. This began the process of discernment and many steps along the way to serving our Lord as a priest in the Anglican Church.

My father's indigenous roots were a quiet part of my faith journey as a child. Sunday mornings were walks in the woods with Dad ...developing a deep appreciation for creation and our connection to both creation and the Creator. A life of serving in rural ministry has blessed me with the privilege to continue to work with so many people who have spent their lives working the land and feeding others.

I continue to be in awe of God's grace and mercy and forgiveness that we know through his Son, our Saviour Jesus. I am so grateful for the gift of Jesus love for me (and for all of us)... and that He weeps with me and carries me through life's struggles, and shares in my joy in life's beautiful moments.

I feel completely humbled to be called by God to serve the people in my parish/this diocese, and to walk with them in the sacred places in their lives. It is a gift to share God's healing work and love and make a difference in the lives of others.

Quite simply.... God is good. Jesus' love is my strength, and I can't imagine life without God.

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

I believe that my years of experience in rural ministry in (2 dioceses and 12 different congregations) help me to bring the voice and concerns of the rural church to the work of the General Synod. My work on the various diocesan committees has helped me to have a broader

understanding of the workings of the church. Throughout my ministry I have worked to be the conduit for healing to help disparate groups to find a way to work and walk together. Especially for this upcoming General Synod, I believe that this gift is an important one to bring to the table.

My deep love for the Anglican Church, and how we share God's love in the world is also, I believe, an essential requirement for participating in this upcoming General Synod. Love, patience, a sense of humour and a willingness to hear and understand our brothers and sisters with differing views will be crucial for the future of our church.

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

- Diocese of Huron - I served in 2 different rural parishes (Brussels and Blyth, and the Parish of the Resurrection – a 7-point shared ministry).
- Diocesan work in the Diocese of Huron included: being part of the initial group of coaches in the Small Church Coaching Team
- Diocesan Compensation Committee
- Living our Faith Team – Diocesan Stewardship
- Helped to develop a deanery wide Layreader training program
- Diocese of Ontario Since October 2008 I have served as the incumbent of the Parish of St. John's, Stirling...As part of dealing with challenging finances we moved to a half time parish. At that point in time I also became the priest in charge of St. Paul's Roslin and St. Matthew's, Marlbank.

My diocesan commitments include/have included:

- Synod Council
- Finance Committee
- CMM Review Group
- Vision and Strategy Group
- Warden of Layreader
- Training & Development

Nationally - I have participated in 3 national conferences celebrating the ordination of women to the priesthood in Canada – 2006, 2011, 2016.

Signature: Nancy Beale Date: _____