

## SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ONTARIO

### NOMINATION FORM 2018

*\*Deadline September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018*

I, **PHILIP BURY** of the church of **ST. PAUL in the parish of ALL SAINTS GRENVILLE**, 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**

Born and raised in the Anglican Church, I attended faithfully with my parents as long as I was living with them, and less regularly thereafter. Shortly after moving to my present home many years ago, I was volunteering at a church barbecue and the fellowship, faith and devotion I found there quickly returned me fully to the fold. Over the years since then, the Gospel as preached from the pulpit, and Christian faith as demonstrated by my companions in the church have strengthened me. As a Scout leader in camp I've had to lead the customary outdoor interfaith service and to deliver the message: in giving the readings or leading prayers in church on Sundays I've needed to consider what it is I'm saying. The need to do these things with sincerity and some diligence forced me, again, to consider my own faith, and over time helped reassure me that, halting, flawed and incomplete, it is genuine. I can say the Creed with a clear heart. I accept the Eucharist with knowledge of my worthiness but with assurance that its grace has been granted to me.

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

I try to be a good Christian. I listen well, carefully and sympathetically, respect and learn from the views of others, and seek to be a peacemaker. I follow the issues and I express myself clearly. I'm familiar with Synod forum and process. I've given a lot of thought, and as much discernment as I can, to the issue of Canon XXI: attended debates, and read about the issues, including such Scripture as I can find. As for the other matters that we know will be on the General Synod agenda, I believe I'm able to understand and discuss them, represent my Diocese and act in the interests of the whole Church. I acknowledge that like Canada as a whole, our Church has an obligation to heal long-standing wounds, find reconciliation with our Indigenous brethren, include them in all things, and build and maintain a healthy relationship with our fellow Children of God

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

I'm active – far from the most active – in the affairs of my congregation. I do my best to support the ministry and the activities of the church. I've served as Warden, Deputy Warden, and Lay Delegate to

Synod, and participated as well as I can in the ministry, outreach and fundraising activities of our congregation and parish. I've participated in a parish overseas mission and I've been sorry to miss a couple of others. I take my turn reading the lesson, and leading prayers, and I'm a member of our choir. I occasionally help out at Messy Church: recently, for example, reading from Ephesians 6, and discussing with the children the meaning of the Armour of God; rewarding and fun, but a little daunting, to try to get this across to a bunch of three-to-eight-year olds. Some of it many have stuck – I think it stuck with me.

**Signature:** Philip Bury

**Date:** September 16, 2018