

2018 CONVENING CIRCULAR

SECTION – 6

NOMINATIONS

NOMINATION: Anne Patterson

I, **N. ANNE PATTERSON** of the church/parish of **ST. MARK'S BARRIEFIELD** agree to let my name stand for nomination to

DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Tell us briefly about your faith experience

I was baptized as an infant and grew up in the United Church tradition; confirmed in the Anglican Church in Merrickville in 1986. My spiritual formation has been through Bible studies, various book study sessions, conferences and retreats. I enjoy celebrating my faith through worshipping in community and learning ecumenically of diverse spiritual beliefs. The Deeping Understanding of Intercultural Ministry (DUIM) event sponsored by the Canadian Churches Forum for Global Ministries was an excellent learning experience as was my mission work in Brazil.

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

I have experience as a secretary; working well within committees and group discussions. I have always been interested in the ministry of the wider Anglican Church. After returning from my volunteer work with the Brazilian Church, I returned to help with English language for the Primates' meeting in 2004 and the World Council of Churches meeting in 2006 both held in Porto Alegre, Brazil. In 2008 I had the exceptional privilege of working with the Secretariat at the Lambeth Conference in England. When serving on the Partners in Mission committee for the National Church I was invited to participate in the meeting of African and Canadian Bishop's Consultation in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in 2015. Our General Synod meetings are informative and exciting to be a part of and especially to be involved in the discussions surrounding the issues facing our church today. As a member of the Diocesan Steering Committee for Canon 21, I would very much like to continue talks and discussions at General Synod 2019 and to bring the result of that vote back to our diocese.

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

- Member of the Board of Compass Rose Canada 2016
- Member of the Board of Canadian Church Forum for Global Ministry 2015 - 2018
- Diocesan Registrar and Executive Assistant, Diocese of Ontario 2002 – 2015
- Member of Partners in Mission Committee, ACC 2010 – 2016
- Participated in a meeting of African & Canadian bishops and committee members of Partners in Mission who had diocesan partnerships held in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania 2015
- Participated in consultations on Being a Partner Church in a Global Communion November 2012
- Member of the General Synod Planning Committee 2010
- Member of the Anglican Communion Secretariat for Lambeth 2008
- Member of Diocesan Synod Agenda Committee 2002 – 2015

- Ex-officio member of the Training and Development Committee, Diocese of Ontario 2002 – 2015

- Member of the Diocese of Ontario Foundation Board 2011 to present
- President of the Ontario Compass Rose Society (2013 – 2016) and volunteer mission trip participant to the Diocese of Rio de Janeiro and Diocese of the Amazon, Brazil 2011.
- Warden at the Parish of St. Mark's, Barriefield (2012 – present), a lay delegate to Synod, secretary of ACW and a prayer leader (2012 – present)
- Participated with a parish group on a mission trip to Chol Chol, Chile 2015
- Volunteer at Primate's meeting 2004 and at World Council of Churches 2006 both held in the Diocese of Meridional, Brazil.
- Volunteer in Mission of the Anglican Church of Canada to the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil, March 1998 – June 2000 working as a bi-lingual secretary.

Signature: N. Anne Patterson

Date: 8 May 2018

NOMINATION: Rev. Canon Blair Peever

I, The **REV. CANNON BLAIR PEEVER** of the Parish of **CHRIST CHURCH CATARAQUI** 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.

My faith experience has been one of slowly and steadily growing closer to the God I had always known. I grew up in the Anglican Church and cannot remember a time that God was not a part of my life; although I have had times of feeling closer to and farther apart from God. Through some health issues in my late teens and early 20's I came to rely on Christ in a way that I had never before and found the strength that comes from knowing one's own lack of strength. Although I had felt called to the priesthood when I was 6 and then again when I was 12 I had for various reasons felt this was not possible but after a time of discernment and with the prayerful help of my wife I finally went to seminary and was ordained in 2002. It has been a privilege to serve in two parishes in the Diocese of Ontario since then and to witness first hand other people's faith journeys, and to raise my own children to know and love Christ. I have grown more in my own faith through these relationships than I ever would have thought possible.

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

I believe I bring a prayerful and thoughtful faith to this ministry. I have the ability to listen to and respectfully engage with others, even when our opinions and beliefs differ; and I believe this to be a necessary skill for this particular time in the life of our church. Through my 23 years in this diocese as a lay person and as a priest; I believe I could represent well who we are as a Diocese, and how we work through difficult and challenging decisions together, at the national church level.

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

- Since I grew up in the church my involvement has had many different streams.
- I was a server when I was a child
- I taught Sunday School starting when I was 18 and was a member of Parish Council at St. Mark's Ottawa
- I was a lay reader in the parish of St. James Kemptville and a member of Parish Council there as well as a member of the Alpha team.
- I volunteered at Camp Hyanto while a parishioner in Kemptville and went on the chair the Camp Hyanto Committee after my ordination.
- I was actively involved in both the Leeds-Grenville and Quinte Regional Assemblies
- I was a Clergy representative on Synod Council
- I was a member of the Diocesan Evangelism Committee, and am currently on the Training and Development Committee and the Strategic Plan Implementation Committee as well as Canon in charge of the Diocesan Clergy Mentoring Program.
- I was Chaplain to Provincial Synod when it was held in Kingston in 2012
- I was Incumbent of the Parish of Kente and the Churches of St. John's, St. Alban's and St. Andrew's from my ordination in 2002 until January 1, 2007
- I am currently Incumbent of Christ Church Catarauqui in Kingston and have been since January 2, 2007
- I was appointed as a Canon of St. George's Cathedral in February 2016

On a personal note I have been on parent councils in my children's schools in Toronto, Wellington and Kingston and am currently Webmaster and President of the Kingston Ringette Association.

Signature: Blair Peever

Date: _____

NOMINATION: Archdeacon Charles Morris

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

NOMINATION: Rev. Donald Davidson

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 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 and breadth of the Anglican Church expression around the globe, which is an important part of going to Synod to take 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 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

NOMINATION: Haroldine Neil-Burchert

I, HAROLDINE NEIL-BURCHERT of the church/parish of **LEEDS REAR (ST. LUKE'S, LYNDDHURST)** Leeds Rear {St Luke's, Lyndhurst} 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

A cradle Anglican; baptised at St George's Church, Granby QC as an infant, attended Sunday School and later taught Sunday School. As a young adult, I moved around a lot (Montreal, New Hampshire, Florida, Toronto) I was not a regular attender at church until I moved to Kingston in the early 70's. In the mid-80's, I attended church regularly and became involved in the Parishes which I attended. In 1984, I became involved in Diocesan programs, have not looked back, was and am still involved at the Diocesan, Provincial and National level.

In the late 80's, during some intensive therapy sessions, I fully realized just how deep my faith was, despite childhood trauma which started in my tweens and stayed with me through adulthood. Now, every day, I look forward to what God has in store for me; and I'm never disappointed and often surprised! God IS good!

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

Involved in many programs, committees since 1984 as member, chair, secretary, financial/securities; assessor of potential priests; lead retreats/meditations at the Parish level. Having worked with the Sisters of Providence in the Spirituality Centre, I was privileged to be part of a fabulous team of women of faith, passion and compassion!

During my time as a CoGS member, I learned so much more about the Anglican Church in Canada, and met some great folks! I still follow the activities of the Council of General Synod, The Council of the North, activities in other Dioceses and the Ecclesiastical Provinces in which we work and dwell. Once again, there have been many other folks with whom we journey and I have been blessed!

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

Volunteer History:

Current Leeds Rear, Lyndhurst

- Member of Parish Advisory Committee
- Lay delegate to Synod
- Produce weekly bulletins, readers' lists
- Lay Reader – licensed since 1992. Served in many Parishes in the Diocese.

LAM (Leeds Anglican Ministry) consists of 4 Parishes/5 congregations

- Worship Committee

- produce weekly bulletin for Holy Trinity, Lombardy

Diocesan

- Regional (Leeds & Grenville) representative to Synod
- Lay delegate to Provincial Synod 2018
- Member of the Steering Committee on Canon XXI
- Assessor at ACPO when required

Previous

- Member of Council of General Synod (CoGS) 2013-2016
- Member of (Provincial) Executive Council 2012-2015
- Pastoral Care team at Brockville General Hospital, Brockville
- Co-chair Training & Development
- Numerous other Diocesan committees that no longer exist

Employment History:

2012-present St Paul's Anglican Church, Kingston; Parish Secretary
 2008-2012 Leeds Rear, Lyndhurst; Parish Administrative Assistant
 1998-2008 Providence Spirituality Centre, Kingston; Booking Co-ordinator
 1977-1997 Queen's University, Kingston
 1985-1997 Physical Plant – Administration Manager
 1978-1985 Donald Gordon Centre – Conference Co-ordinator & Bookkeeper.
 1977-1978 Financial Campaign – Administration Clerk.
 Previous to 1977 – Medical Secretary, Supervisor of clerk inputting Ontario Court cases,
 Bookkeeper, Financial Securities Analyst.

Signature: Haroldine Neil-Burchert

Date: September 26, 2018

NOMINATION: Rev. Haynes Q. Hubbard

I, **HAYNES Q. HUBBARD** of the church/parish of **ST. MARK'S, BARRIEFIELD** 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 life-long Anglican, having been raised in the Church in Nova Scotia, nurtured in summer camps in the Maritimes, studied at King's College in Nova Scotia and Wycliffe College in Toronto. I have worked in the Church in the Yukon, South and Central America and in Europe, and have loved each place deeply, as I have experienced different ways of expressing the faith we share – in Jesus Christ, our Risen Saviour. I rejoice in the gift He has given us – of Hope in a world which sometimes seems to have gone mad. To hold on to the faith we have been given – to share that faith, express that faith and rejoice in that faith makes my heart sing – and keeps me coming back, day after day, to what He has blessed us with – Himself, in Christ Jesus.

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

I bring a perspective on the Church which perhaps others may not have – one of someone having served the Church in a number of different locations. I offer twenty-five years of ordained ministry experience, having been involved in churches of various sizes and styles – large congregations, small rural ones and everything in between. I have a deep desire to honour our heritage and our tradition – but at the same time I believe we must, if we are to speak the language of our children, adapt our offering to speak to their hearts – without losing the content of the Message.

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

I have worked in the Anglican Church nearly all my life. From being a camp counsellor when I was a teenager, to working in the Church in the Diocese of the Yukon, and then in Central America, and then in Southern Ontario, and Europe I have been intricately connected in all sorts of ways. From serving on diocesan committees, synod councils and other facets of ministry in a number of dioceses, to serving the National Church with other organizations as part of their national executive (Prayer Book Society of Canada, The South American Missionary Society), I have learned a great deal about how we as a church community operate, and where our triumphs, and our failings sometimes are. I love deeply our Anglican Church, and have found it to be a place of love and grace: I pray for our Church as she faces increasing trials: that she will be faithful to what she has received – that she may be able to offer faithfully that same Gospel of Good News in Jesus Christ.

Signature: Haynes Q. Hubbard

Date: 20 June 2018

NOMINATION: John Flegg

I, **JOHN R FLEGG** of the parish of **ST. PAUL, BROCKVILLE** agree to let my name stand for nomination to:

DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Tell us briefly about your faith experience:

I am a born and raised Christian who practices his faith in the Anglican tradition. While I attended an extension of St Georges' Sunday school, where my father acted as the 'Superintendent', my first real involvement began as a teenage member of the AYPAs at St Wilfrid's, Etobicoke with Curate Rev. Jim McCullum. For a time it appeared that I was headed towards a clerical role; however, before testing that call I happened to take the Red Rocket home one night with a public school friend who was, at that time, a divinity student attending Trinity. He asked me one searching question and then pronounced me unfit for ministry. Still, I remained uncertain and so I resigned my position as Cartographer-trainee and went to the Yukon as a twenty year old to see which path was the one I should follow, ministry or Geography.

At the end of my Yukon year, I was accepted at three Anglican-based colleges but ended up at Guelph - because it was the closest to my girlfriend. If you think you can see where this is going - read on. At Guelph I got involved in the sixties student movement, largely because I was a shy introvert and understood that if I was to be a priest I needed to learn how to socialize. (Once when I told Rev Ron Hoerst that I was 'a mind Christian' his response was, "Well, we're just going to have to work on that together, aren't we?" Well, I have still not 'mastered' empathy. Frankly, I just don't see it in me, something upon which my wife and I can agree publicly.) Figuring I could only handle two 'full-time' activities at once, both church and girls slid to the background, including my by then fiancée. The baptism of my son initiated my return to the church, but really it was Father Bill Ellem whose support, throughout my layoff from Canadore, and thus my search for work, that really grabbed me and yanked me back. This was followed by years of close and extended work as a Lay Reader with Revs, David Robson, Susan Steers, and Lynn Mitchell in the five-point parish of Kitley-North Augusta/Oxford. I was re-hooked and again heard the call to ministry but felt I had "a background" and that my young family was my first priority.

On my next lay-off, this time from St Lawrence College, my wife offered to support me if I answered the call. But, having worked continuously since the seventh grade and wanting to retire at 55, time was short. I instead started a small business at the age of 50 trusting that someone else would take it over once the birthing pains were over. I finally retired 20 years later at 70 when the franchiser's corporate office agreed to assume financial accountability. I hope to retire as a Lay Reader within the next year.

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

I am known as a thinker, and one who does not dabble in small talk. However, I am also known as a listener and principled leader who often looks for compromise that can be accepted by all parties. I

am short on speeches but do try to speak on point. All that said, it would be inappropriate for me to ask for your support and not identify my position on, most likely, the most important issue facing the General Synod of 2019. While the Church speaks of 'delegates' my study of politics reminds me that what they really mean is 'representative': someone who will carry your views to General Synod, listen carefully to the discussion, pray for guidance, and vote on the issues within the framework each is given through prayer and discussion. Finally, and frankly I believe this is perhaps more important than all the rest - a representative is to report back to you. All this I accept as my responsibility to you should I be elected.

I resigned as a Lay Reader, and left the Anglican Church for a period of three-four years when the House of Bishops failed to lead on the issue of same sex marriage. (As Canon Borden Purcell once put it to me, "Who can follow when the Bishops refuse to leaci.") Though I recognize its inherent limitations, my personal search for compromise would see the church get out of the marriage business and adopt an annual service of blessing for all committed relationships. In my heart I support one side of the issue; but, I could live with the other if that were the God inspired decision of our Church. A decision must be made though; there are things that are infinitely more important than unity. What I cannot accept is a refusal to accept responsibility and follow God's lead in that decision.

My wife claims when I left I went to "bop with the Baptists." Truth to tell is that, while I could never accept a theology based upon their literal reading of scripture, I relished the "community" I discovered in that small congregation. I was also fortunate to be there when its cohesiveness was shaken and tested to its core. God used that experience to teach me the value of a Bishop when a community is in crisis.

My mother, a progressive non-practicing Roman Catholic, was tom apart by the exclusion of what we now know as the LGBTQ community. I am the proud father of an adopted transsexual Indigenous daughter. I fully admit that my perspective is coloured by social reality; but, I cannot see anywhere where Jesus said we should exclude people. That is not the only thing I believe. I believe Jesus came not to change the law but to fulfill it, not as man interprets it and then practices it as tradition - but as God intended it. Therefore, I support the amendment to sanction the blessing of same sex relationships.

To ratify the amendment is to apply, appropriately, the third leg of the Anglican stool (or as some would have it the Anglican tower), namely "reason". Reason is a God given gift which we are to use, at least once a generation in resolving the great issues of our youth. (Remember the truism: we fight to resolve the issues not of our own generation but those of our youth.) In building upon scripture and tradition, in our search for God and truth, it is important we recall that as we welcome anyone/everyone into His Church, we are called to welcome them as full and equal brothers and sisters. As a religious community, we ought not to demand of our clergy that they bless LGBTQ relationships; however, every one of us should be constantly praying to God, petitioning Him to do so. The choice is really not ours. Accepting His - and every other person's choices, we can then celebrate each commitment made - and truly reflect the love of Christ in the world.

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

I was first licensed as a Lay Reader by Bishop Alan Marsh in 1964. Since coming to Eastern Ontario, I have served almost continuously in that role both at St Andrews, Garretton and St Paul's, Brockville. I have also served as a Parish Treasurer, as a Warden, and as an auditor. I have attended roughly 15 plus Lay Reader Summer Schools (now known as "Summer Fruit for Souls") and an equal number of FLAME weekends in Ontario, Montreal, and Toronto. My faith has grown immeasurably from those experiences. I also completed all three extension courses Wycliffe ever offered in Brockville.

I have 20 years of college administrative experience in three colleges: Student Services, Marketing, Long Range Planning, and Human Resources (CHRP). I also have an equal period of time running a small business. Taken together these experiences give me a both a public service and a private enterprise perspective on sociopolitical issues. (I am conservative in principle, socialist in policy, and liberal in hang-up.) I have a Master's degree in Education Administration from Central Michigan and an incomplete one in Politics (Canadian Constitutional Law) from Guelph - plus a number of business related courses. I was elected President of my university student government, (Guelph), a member of the Minister's Advisory Committee on Student Awards, and a full delegate to a number of provincial (OUS) and national (CUS) conventions.

I am past Co-Chair and an active member of St Paul's Social Justice Committee and Brockville's AGAPE Committee for Refugees. I have served on too many Parish Councils to remember, been a member/representative from two parishes to probably four or five Ontario Synods, and under Bishop Alan Read a member of two Diocesan committees. I have twice been a member of the Diocese's Lay Readers Association Executive.

Signature:



Date: 2018 09 17

This nomination is supported by: Cathy Sevmour, Past Chair, Lay Readers' Association and a member of the congregation of St. Mary Magdalene, Napanee, Ont.

Greg Smith, Current Chair, Lay Readers' Association and a member of the congregation of St. Luke's, Lyndhurst, Ont., Leeds Anglican

Ministries

NOMINATION: Katharine Ann McLean

I, **KATHARINE ANN MCLEAN** of the church/parish of **ST. JAMES/REGION OF THE ANGLICAN CHURCHES OF GRENVILLE NORTH**. Parish of Leeds and 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

I was Baptized in the Church of England in the north of England as an infant. Since moving to Canada I worshiped firstly at Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Greely and presently at St James in Kemptville.

I was taken to Sunday school in the UK by my Grandmother and as an adult spent over a decade as a Sunday School teacher in Seaton Deleval, a village in Northern England.

I have spent much of my adult life working and/or volunteering with end of life and palliative care. I am presently a volunteer with the local hospice. It has been and continues to be a privilege to serve Christ in this way.

I have experienced healing in the name of Christ first hand, and have seen the work of Christ in others. I will continue to serve in any way I am called to.

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

I have an ability to not get sidetracked by irrelevancy, but to focus on the broader picture. As a problem solver and peacemaker focused on the unity of the body of Christ, I have a love of scripture and can see God's hand even in the everyday and mundane as well as the magnificent.

I am task orientated and a hard worker who is not afraid to get her hands dirty. I am enrolled on the EFM (education for ministry) 4 year course.

I have an active interest in Church governance, particularly the Anglican process. While this is the first

Synod I will attend I live streamed the previous one so am familiar with process. A media graduate I am familiar with press and media coverage. Presently working in administration and billing/accounts I am organized and understand finances.

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

- I am presently Deputy Warden at St James.
- Previously I served 2 years as Warden.

- I serve on the cemetery board. Grave digging as required.
- Member of PAB.
- Member of the pastoral care team. I assist in Sunday school.
- I have been the Church sign writer since the passing of our former one.
- Counter.
- I have lead bible study and small group studies. Formally the hall booking coordinator.
- Co-coordinator for the church involvement in the national Doors Open project and other local initiatives.
- I have assisted in various maintenance projects at the Church, including restoration of the windows and landscaping of the former site of the demolished Church hall. I was part of the team responsible for converting a storage room back into a meeting room and decorating the area.
- I was the church representative last year in our region and am collaborating on a regional publication.

Signature: Katharine McLean

Date: September 2018

NOMINATION: Rev. Nancy Beale

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

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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: _____

NOMINATION: Rev. Nancy MacLeod

I, **NANCY MACLEOD** of the church/parish/regional ministry of **THE ANGLICAN REGIONAL MINISTRY OF NORTH LEEDS (LEEDS ANGLICAN MINISTRIES)** agree to let my name stand for nomination to:

DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Tell us briefly about your faith experience

I am a lifelong Christian with an ecumenical background. Looking back, I can recall numerous events and encounters that brought growing depth to my faith. For over 25 years I've lived my faith within the Anglican Communion, primarily in this Diocese and almost always in rural, multi-point parishes, where I feel most 'at home'. Sunday worship, daily prayer, scripture study, fellowship and seeking to live the Marks of Mission are central to my faith. I seek to shape all aspects of my life according to my Christian faith, to serve Christ by serving others and to share my faith 'not only with my lips, but in my life'.

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

I believe I can offer the desire to be fully engaged in the matters of General Synod, an openness to truly listening to what others share, a willingness to discern with others of differing backgrounds and positions, the habit of collaboration, patience with process and a good understanding of many of the issues forming the agenda.

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

Former - parish treasurer, lay delegate to synod, Lay Reader, member of Synod Council, lay delegate to Provincial Synod, member of 140th **anniversary** planning committee, Incumbent of Parish of Parham-Sharbot Lake & Maberly-Lanark (Ottawa), member of Stewardship and Congregational Development Committee, Regional Dean of Lanark (Ottawa), Deputy Warden / Warden of Lay Readers, Co-Chair of Synod Planning Committee.

Current - incumbent of Parishes of Kitley, Lansdowne Rear, Leeds Rear, Rideau (Leeds Anglican

Ministries), member of Synod Planning Committee, Archdeacon of the St. Lawrence / member of Bishop's Advisory Council, clergy delegate to Provincial Synod.

Participant in "Engage Difference! Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry" (Canadian Council of Churches)

Signature:



Date: August 28, 2018

NOMINATION: Peter Cory

I, **PETER CORY** of the church/parish of **ST MARY MAGDALENE ANGLICAN CHURCH** 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 have been a person of faith all my life. My formative faith experiences and education have been entirely within an Anglican context. Like a great many people within the church, I have had times of great uncertainty and doubt. I have been challenged by logic, science, and rationalism. I know that the way we understand the world today is incalculably dissimilar from the way people understood it in Jesus' time. But I keep coming back to Christ as my experience of the divine, of God. I have explored other faith systems, heard great arguments from atheists, and also kept company with so many people who are 'spiritual but not religious'. But I keep coming back to Jesus the only path to a real and full relationship with God. A story from the great Anglican theologian John Stott really speaks to me. Stott talked of visiting the temples of other religions. Their statues portrayed God as a detached deity, indifferent to mortals. Stott found a real contrast in looking at Christ on the cross where he saw a God that suffered as humans do. I think this story speaks volumes about what Christ is to us, being fully human and fully divine. Christ bore our sins and also felt true pain. So when I have experienced pain and loss, I know that my God did also.

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

I graduated from University with a degree in Dramatic Arts. While I have never really formally applied this degree, it did nonetheless develop my powers in all areas of communication, which I think is important to one who is part of the Diocesan Synod Council or a delegate at General Synod.

Most of my working life has been in Ontario's youth correctional system. More recently I was the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters, Kingston Frontenac, Lennox and Addington, a post which

I held for 3.5 years. I have been a director on several boards for non-profit agencies, and I currently sit on the Youth Justice Committee with Youth Diversion in Kingston, providing extra-judicial measures for young people who are in trouble with the law.

I believe that my executive experience and my experience in social services provide many transferrable skills that can be applied to the roles of being a member of General Synod and being on the Diocesan Synod Council. Knowledge of organizational governance, community building, diplomacy, consensus building, and communication are just some of the skills that I have accrued through my working life, and which I think would be very useful in these roles.

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

Early years

I grew up attending St. George's Cathedral, which is a place that I still often regard as a spiritual home. I enjoyed Sunday school there as a child, and was later involved in a youth group. I was confirmed at St. George's and a few years later I actually had the pleasure and privilege of being employed by the parish as the Verger's Assistant, a position that I held for about 5 years. To this day I have very fond memories of that job, which had me doing all sorts of things and meeting and helping an endless variety of people. In my late teens I did have a small amount of experience with Synod while at St. George's as I was asked to be an alternate delegate to Synod and did end up attending part of a synod due to the absence of a delegate.

St Mary Magdalene's Anglican Church, Napanee.

In 2003, my wife and I relocated to Napanee, just 30 minutes up the road from my home town of Kingston. Here, I began attending St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church. I have been involved in the life of the parish in many ways. As a Deputy Churchwarden I learned a great deal about the governance of the parish. This prepared me well for being a Churchwarden and I have been in this role on and off for most of the last decade. I am currently the People's Warden of the Parish. I have also been a Synod Delegate for the past 10 years.

Ministry work with children and youth

One of the most enjoyable and gratifying things I have done in my parish is to be part of ministry for children and youth. I have worked with our Youth Group whose members are age's 10 through high-school. I think we have a very solid and faith filled programs for children and youth St. Mary Magdalene's. The youth group meets weekly enjoying recreational activities as well as focused time learning about Christ.

Other areas of engagement within the parish

I have taken an active role in other areas of Parish life as well. I was responsible for writing our Child Safety Policy which was later ratified by the parish council and the Churchwardens. I have also been involved in hospitality, mostly in the area of spearheading our post service coffee hour. I continue to believe that hospitality is an extremely important ministry in the church. It is not always treated with great importance, but it goes a long way in building community, and in helping new people to feel welcomed into the church.

Lay Reading

I am a licensed Lay-Reader and I was recently licensed to Communion visits to people who can't attend services at our church.

Member of Anglican Order of Preachers, a Dominican Order within the worldwide**Anglican Communion.**

One area of my faith life which has been very important to me is my membership within the Anglican Order of Preachers, which is a Religious Order within the Anglican Communion. I have belonged to this Order for several years, and made my Life Profession vows in 2017. Many Anglicans are unfamiliar with Religious Orders within our church, but many such Orders do exist. There are Benedictine Anglican Orders, there are groups that reside in community together such as the Sisterhood of Saint John the Divine in Toronto, and there are dispersed communities such as the one I belong to. The Anglican Order of Preachers is composed of men and women, Lay and Ordained, married and single.

Brothers and Sisters within the Order take vows of obedience, fidelity within their state of marriage, and simplicity. We commit ourselves to study, preaching, and to service to the church. We are a Dominican Order expressed within Anglicanism. In outward appearance we might very closely resemble the Dominican Order within the Roman Catholic Church, but we are very much an Anglican Religious Order, expressing Anglican theological views both traditional and progressive. I have sought to live out my call as a Dominican Friar through the work I do with my church. While Brothers and Sisters are part of this larger structure which is the Order, each of us are first loyal to the leadership of our Diocese.

Worship

I am a regular attender of Sunday services at my home parish of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church in Napanee.

I also attend a weekly service (each Wednesday at 12:15p,m) at St. George's Cathedral in Kingston and do the Prayers Of The People and sometimes help with Communion as a lay reader for Bishop George Bruce. I had attended this service in my youth, and returned to about 7 years ago as it fit perfectly into my work schedule. There is a real sense of community within this small group, and I do the best I can to continue to be involved with it. And while this service has that 'community feel' it is always welcoming to anyone. I do believe that a real danger in our churches is that some services can quietly and unintentionally evolve into closed communities, which may feel good, but carry consequences in terms of outreach and evangelism.

Synod

In addition to the brief experience with Synod at the age of 19, I have been a member of Diocesan Synod for the past decade, having attended the last three or four of them. I was also chosen as an alternate delegate to Provincial Synod. I always relish the chance to attend Synod as it is a very meaningful time to engage with other members of the Diocese and to represent the parish I belong to. I was privileged to be part of the election of our current Bishop in 2011.

Signature: Peter Cory

Date:

NOMINATION: Philip Bury

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

NOMINATION: Rev. Trish Miller

I, **The REV. TRISH MILLER of LEEDS ANGLICAN MINISTRIES (comprised of the Parish of Kitley, Parish of the Rideau, Parish of Lansdowne Rear, and Parish of Leeds Rear)** 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 not raised in a church-attending family, but I treasured my mother's red-letter King James Bible that she received on her wedding day from my father – so much so that I added my own illustrations. I attended Sunday school at the local Baptist Church for a time and vividly remember accepting Christ at an altar call there as an adolescent. Due to changing family circumstances and added responsibilities at home, I drifted away church attendance and practice of my Christian faith.

As an adult, I felt a pull back to a worshipping community but did not act on it until my grandmother died. I tried to explain to my 3-year-old son that his GG had died and was with God in heaven and realized I needed a community of faith surrounding me to help me share my faith in Christ with my son. I started attending the Base Chapel at CFB North Bay and quickly became involved in many aspects of the church: lay reader, parish council member, representative at national CF stewardship conference, and children's ministry (various summer camp positions). It was in the Canadian Forces, that I first felt a calling to ordained ministry and applied to the Military Chaplain Training Plan as a candidate for ordination in the Diocese of Montreal. Unfortunately, I was not selected that year as the CF already had an abundance of Anglican priests – God had other plans for me.

I moved to Kingston in August 2000 and began worshipping at St. George's Cathedral. I felt called into many lay ministries during my time there including teaching Sunday school, serving on the capital restoration task force, and serving as a member of Parish Council, and eventually as People's Warden. However, it was my ministry as an altar server that had the most impact on my faith journey. It gave

me an opportunity to be more deeply immersed in worship and appreciate more fully the liturgies of the Word and Sacrament. It led me to develop a personal discipline of daily prayer in part because I was part of a small group ministry that shared our faith journeys and practices.

As my son was leaving for university, I felt God once again calling me towards ordained ministry. I thought perhaps I might be called to the vocational diaconate within the ministries at the Cathedral, but prayerful discernment led me to a call to priestly ministry.

I began studies at Wycliffe College in January 2013 and was ordained to the Diaconate in June 2016 and the Priesthood in November 2016. I am so grateful for the faithful, courageous people I've met throughout the Diocese who helped me during my formation for ministry. They have challenged me to articulate my faith in our Trinitarian God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They have encouraged me as I have found my rootedness in Christ through the sacraments of baptism and the eucharist. They have revealed the hope of the resurrected Christ through their shared journeys of faith. Their self-sacrificing love is a witness to Christ's love and sacrifice for us all.

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

Before being ordained and appointed as the Assistant Curate of Leeds Anglican Ministries, I served as a RCME officer in the Canadian Army for 31 years. I was blessed to receive exemplary professional training throughout my career. The following is the most relevant training to these ministries for which I'm seeking nomination:

- Staff Officer training in public speaking& presentations, project management, budgeting/financial analysis, leading & managing personnel, informal mediation
- Trained Work Place Relations Advisors and Investigators
- Army Operations Course: planning and implementing operational orders
- Analysis, Design and Evaluation (ADE) of Training Courses

Through my professional and personal experiences, I've nurtured a gift of intentional listening. Too often, we listen to another's point of view, only so we can craft our response – this creates conflict instead of collaboration. I feel I have been given the gift of listening attentively, asking respectful questions, and responding in love even in the more difficult conversations. I have also developed an ability to consider second and third order effects (what if, what else, what next) in decision making processes. It enables us to move beyond “we tried that, it didn't work” to looking at the potential for new and reinvigorated ministries with creativity and imagination. It also provides a framework for confidence that regardless of the outcome, we can learn from the experience.

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

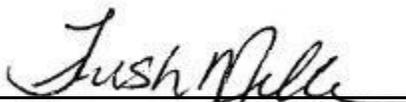
Christ the King Chapel, CFB North Bay (1997-2000): lay reader, stewardship rep on national committee, Summer Children's Camp leader, parish council member

St. George's Cathedral, Kingston (2000-2013): Sunday School Teacher, Intercessor/Reader, member Parish Council, People's Warden (2007-2008), Lay Delegate to Synod, Warden of Servers

St. Peter's Collins Bay (2014/15): Student Placement – leading worship, pastoral care, Christian education, Screening in Faith training

St. James, Kingston (2015/16): Student Placement – leading worship, prison ministry Diocese of Ontario, Provincial, and National:

- Current Chair Stewardship & Congregational Development Committee including attendance at National Stewardship Conference (Oct 2017) and NextGen Stewardship Network (ongoing)
- Member of Diocesan Worship Committee (attended National Worship Conference "Responding to Disaster" (July 2018)
- Chair Diocesan Property Committee (inspection of Diocesan churches, rectories and halls as required)
- Delegate to Provincial Synod (October 2018)

Signature:  Date: 24 August 2018

NOMINATION: Rev. Valerie Kelly

I, **VALERIE KELLY**, of the parish of **KINGSTON NORTH ANGLICAN MINISTRIES** agree to let my name stand for nomination to:

DIOCESAN SYNOD COUNCIL

GENERAL SYNOD 2019

Tell us briefly about your faith experience:

Raised in the Roman Catholic tradition, I was received into the Anglican Communion as an adult and continued to follow a faithful discipline of worship and prayer. Prior to ordination I was in the helping profession, primarily as a counsellor and hospital chaplain. As an ordained priest I continue to discover God's loving, caring, supportive and forgiving presence within and around me. This deepening relationship with God forms and transforms me and my relationships with others. God's love and grace gives me the fortitude for ministry.

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

Serving in God's name is an honour. In training as a chaplain, I developed and refined pastoral listening skills, empathic engagement, personal and professional boundaries. Becoming more aware of the needs of others, I have developed greater acceptance, understanding and patience. This automatically leads to more significant relationships with a broader group of people. I am firmly committed to bringing God's love into situations through relationship. As a result, my faith in a loving and omnipresent God has been deepened.

Organizational skills have facilitated my ministry, especially through transitions, changes and numerous events. They have helped with bringing people together, sharing ministry opportunities and developing programs and outreach opportunities. One such example is when I was Lay Pastoral Associate at St. John's (Portsmouth), I established a Women's Group (2007) for study, exploration, fellowship, support; this group continues to meet monthly. While assistant curate at The Cathedral of St. George's I was invited to start a Women's Fellowship group (2009). This monthly gathering of women for potluck and guest speaker continues to this date.

Planning and facilitating retreats for committees is a means by which I have expressed creativity in a sacred way. In many ways, it is through attending retreats myself that I have gleaned the tools to prepare retreats.

My ability to focus assists exploration and understanding. This in turn facilitates sermon preparation and projects the church is engaged in.

Hospitality has long lasting impacts on people. Believing fully in this, I attempt to be welcoming and hospitable in engagements with others, particularly the marginalized. Br. James Koester, ssje, says that, "believing shapes living: we can show people what we believe, by how we live." I believe this to be true.

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

I have been in both rural and urban parishes. My passion for pastoral and spiritual care has been expressed in supporting individuals through health, spiritual and emotional difficulties. In conjunction with parishioners and a recently retired chaplain, we developed an 8-week educational and information session to address senior's needs and offered it at St. Luke's (Kingston).

I have been on a number of diocesan committees in the past ten years.

- I was a member and/or co-chair of the Diocesan Training and Development Committee for four years.
- In September, I will chair the Justice and Peace Commission [joint Anglican & Roman Catholic], having been a member and/or co-chair for six years (2008-2014)
- Presently, I am the clerical secretary for Synod Council and Synod. This year will be my fourth Synod as clerical secretary.
- I am on the Justice, Peace & Integrity of Creation Committee (Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul).
- I have been involved with the partnership between the Diocese of Ontario and Habitat for Humanity since its conceptual beginnings in 2014.
- Currently, I am facilitating a Steering Committee to establish the Good Shepherd Legacy Centre. Partnering with other service and social agencies is integral to ministry and I am establishing a Roundtable to facilitate communication and help meet the needs of those we serve in the particular area of the Centre.
- The Anglican Church's history in Kingston continues to be revealed. Most recently, I learned of the person who oversaw the entire creation and development of the nave kneelers at The Cathedral of St. George. These 16 kneelers and bishop's cushion depict the history of The Cathedral up to 1986 and genesis of the Diocese of Ontario. I am awed by the contributions of this parishioner of St. Luke's and her gifts and talents. I hope to document this history in article, story or book form.
- I believe in the ideals of our diocese, moving from maintenance to mission. To that end, I regularly submit articles to our diocesan newspaper *Dialogue* in an attempt to keep mission as the foreground of our thinking and ways of being

Having substantially contributed at the diocesan level I'd like to extend my ministry to a broader level in hopes of expanding my knowledge of the national church, its purposes, offerings, gains and goals.

Signature: Rev. Valerie Kelly

Date: 8 June 2018