

ELECTIONS FOR GENERAL SYNOD

Under the Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto and the Constitution of the General Synod, Synod is required to elect nine clergy and nine lay members to serve as members of General Synod. The next General Synod meeting will be held from July 3 to 7, 2013 in Ottawa, Ontario.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is the church's chief governing and legislative body. It is made up of members from every diocese and all three orders (lay people, priests, and bishops) from across the country. It meets every three years during which members exchange information, set policy for the Church and pass resolutions and canons. In years when the General Synod does not meet, the Church is governed by the Council of General Synod (CoGS), effectively a smaller subcommittee with a similar mandate and similar powers.

This year, nominees for General Synod were asked to submit approximately fifty words about their involvement at the diocesan, parish and community level. The following are the biographies submitted by the nominees.

GENERAL SYNOD – Nine Clerical Members to be elected

- **The Rev. Jenny Andison – St. Paul, Bloor Street** - Jenny was ordained in 1997 and first served in a multi-point parish in the Diocese of Ontario. She then spent a year at St. Alban's Church in Tokyo and two years at St. Timothy, Agincourt. She then moved, with her husband Tim, to London, England for five years where she served as Associate Vicar at St. James, Clerkenwell, a church reboot in the heart of the city. She then joined the staff team at St. Paul, Bloor Street, where she co-leads the Bridge community. She now divides her time between St. Paul's and serving as the Bishop's Officer for Mission. She is responsible for promoting missional ministry and church planting and fresh expressions of church. She has spoken at the Diocese of Huron's Synod and at parishes and area gatherings across the Diocese of Toronto. She sat on the Doctrine and Worship Committee, is a theological advisor to the Postulancy Committee, supports the Fresh Expressions Working Group and sits on the Board of Governors of Haverhill College. Jenny chaired a working group that produced the report, "The Future of Ordained Ministry in the Diocese of Toronto." She wrote one of the Wycliffe Booklets on Evangelism, "Doors into Faith", and recently co-authored a five week Bible study, "Mission Possible". Jenny and Tim have three young daughters.
- **The Rev. Canon Andrew Asbil – Church of the Redeemer, Bloor Street** – Andrew Asbil was ordained in 1988. He served as a parish priest in Guelph, Acton and Oakville in the Diocese of Niagara and is currently the incumbent of Church of the Redeemer (Bloor and Avenue since 2001). While in the Diocese of Niagara, Andrew served on several committees and working groups: synod planning, congregational development, Youth Ministry, Niagara Youth Conference, Evangelism task force, Provincial Synod delegate (1997). In this Diocese, he has served as a member of the Human Resources committee, chair of the Ministry Resource Board, chair of Ministry Case Assessment Team, member of Diocesan Council and Diocesan Executive Committee. He has served as delegate to General Synod in 2007 and 2010. He is currently chair of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee and chair of the Liturgy task Force for the National Church.
- **The Rev. Canon Kimberley Beard – St. Paul on-the-Hill, Pickering** - Kimberley is the Incumbent at St. Paul on-the-Hill in Pickering. He has previous been an elected member to General Synod from the Diocese of Toronto in 2001, 2004, and 2007. He has served for three years on the Partners in Mission standing committee of General Synod, the Diocesan Council for the Diocese of Toronto (five years), the FaithWorks Planning Committee, the Development Committee for Wycliffe College, and with the Canadian Friends to West Indian Christians. He has also been a strong advocate for Alpha, Aware, Cursillo, food bank ministry, international development and world mission.

- **The Rev. Canon Dawn Davis – Trinity, Aurora** - Dawn serves as Incumbent at the parish of Trinity, Anglican Church, Aurora. She came to Trinity in 2007 and before that served at the Diocesan Office as the Director of Ministry Resources. As Director, she coordinated human resources, congregational growth and leadership development. Prior to moving to Toronto in 1996, Dawn was the Associate Priest at All Saints Cathedral in Halifax and rector of a four-point rural parish of Port Dufferin, N.S. Dawn was ordained on June 16, 1987, in the Diocese of Nova Scotia. She earned her Certified Human Resources Professional designation in 1998 and continues to be a member of the Human Resources Professional Association of Ontario. Dawn is married to the Rev. David Harris, a journalist and Anglican priest, who is Publisher and Editor of the Presbyterian Record. They have one daughter, Yohanna, who keeps their lives full of fun and surprises.
- **The Rev. Canon Matthias Der – St. Christopher** - Matthias has been the Incumbent of St. Christopher since 1992. With a strong emphasis on discipleship, evangelism and outreach, the parish has grown from a humble Chinese speaking church plant to a vibrant parish which carries out its ministry at two locations, namely in North York and Richmond Hill. St. Christopher's is now offering three Sunday worship services and a variety of programs for people of all ages in different ethnic groups, in both Cantonese and English. Matthias is an elected member for the Provincial Synod for 2009-2012 and for the General Synod for 2010-2013. Currently, he serves on the Postulancy Committee and is the chair of the Ethnic Ministry Consultation Committee. He was a member of the Decentralization Task Force Committee, Doctrine and Worship Committee, Ministry Allocation Committee and a member of the board of trustees at Wycliffe College.
- **The Ven. Peter Fenty – St. Hugh and St. Edmund** - Peter serves as Executive Officer to the Bishop of Toronto and Metropolitan of Ontario and is the Archdeacon of York. Prior to this appointment he served as Incumbent of St. Joseph of Nazareth (1997-2003) and as Regional Dean of North Peel from 1998. Peter served as a member of the Anglican Church of Canada's Anglican Communion Working Group-The Covenant for the Anglican Communion. Peter is a member of Ethnic Ministry Consultation Committee and the Anti-Racism Implementation Group of the Anglican Church of Canada. Peter also has responsibility for overseeing the work of the Postulancy Committee, Fresh Start Program (clergy) of the Diocese of Toronto, Momentum and is a member of the Social Justice and Advocacy Committee, among others.
- **The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields – Holy Trinity, Thornhill** - Stephen was recently appointed Incumbent of the Holy Trinity Church, Thornhill. From 1996 to 2011, he was the Incumbent of the Church of St. Stephen, Downsview. Since its inception in 1998, he has been the supervisor of the Downsview Youth Covenant (DYC), an outreach program to youth in the Downsview community. More recently, after its incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation, he was elected President of DYC. During his incumbency of St. Stephen's, he was a member of the Board of the Jane Finch Church Coalition, an ecumenical grouping of churches and para-church organisations. His ministry at the diocesan level has been wide and varied. He is currently a member of Diocesan Council, the Executive Board of Council, the Diocesan Postulancy Committee, and the Canon 10 Advisory Committee to the Diocesan Bishop. He has served on other committees and working groups in the last eighteen years. Among them were the Chaplaincy Committee, the Social Justice and Advocacy Board, the Advisory Committee for Postulants in Ontario (ACPO), the Agenda Committee for Synod and the Working Group on Affordable Housing. He was a member of an Ad Hoc Committee that was formed to assist the Dean of Trinity College to explore ways in which the College can respond to the growing diversity of the City of Toronto. He also served as the founding coordinator of the Black Anglicans Coordinating Committee, Toronto. Internationally, he was the Chair of The Local Planning Committee coordinating the 3rd International Conference on Afro-Anglicanism (2003-2005), a meeting of Afro-Anglicans from across the Anglican Communion and the Coordinator (1999) of The Fifth Caribbean Anglican Consultation in Canada, a meeting of Anglican clergy and people of Caribbean Heritage from the Caribbean and the Caribbean Diaspora. Representing the Anglican Church of Canada, he was a Member of the Canada Caribbean Working Group (1993-1996), a sub-committee of the Canadian Council of Churches which served as a liaison

group with the Caribbean Conference of Churches. Currently, he is a member of the diocesan team involved in Continuing Indaba. This initiative of the Anglican Communion includes the Diocese of Jamaica and the Province of Hong Kong.

- **The Rev. Canon Sr. Constance Joanna Gefvert – St. John’s Convent** - Constance is Retreat and Pastoral Coordinator for St. John’s Convent Guest House, Assistant at Church of the Incarnation, member of the adjunct faculty of Wycliffe College, and a retreat leader and spiritual director. She serves on the diocesan Postulancy Committee and as Chaplain for ACPO. At the national level she has been both a lay member and clergy member of General Synod. Currently she is a member of Faith Worship and Ministry Committee and the Liturgical Task Force of General Synod, and is representing the Anglican Church of Canada on the Inter-Anglican Liturgical Commission. She has a passion for the church (locally, internationally and ecumenically) as the instrument of Christ’s mission in the world and for discerning how God is calling us, in our Anglican tradition, to be a vibrant church in the 21st century.
- **The Rev. David Giffen – Transfiguration** – David and his wife Heather have moved home to Toronto from the Diocese of Huron, where David served the Cathedral Church of Saint Paul for almost five years. David began his ordained ministry as Assistant Curate to Dean Terry Dance, and upon Dean Dance's election as Suffragan Bishop of Huron, David was appointed Vicar and Priest-in-Charge of the Cathedral. David served the Cathedral in this capacity for the eighteen month interim period before the appointment of their new Cathedral Dean. David currently serves as Priest-in-Charge of the Church of the Transfiguration where together they have seen significant increases in Sunday morning attendance and a demographic shift towards younger families who live in their surrounding community. David has a wide variety of Diocesan leadership experience: Mission Shaped Intro Leader, 2011 (Toronto, York-Scarborough), Back to Church Sunday Committee, 2011-Current (Toronto), Grants and Loans, 2011 – Current (Toronto, York-Scarborough), Strategic Planning Task Force, 2009 – 2010 (Huron), Huron Church News Board, 2009 – 2010 (Huron), Fresh Expressions Working Group, 2009 – 2010 (Huron), Program Director for Diocesan Youth Synod, 2009 (Huron).
- **The Rev. Judy Herron-Graham – Trinity, Port Credit** – Judy began serving as Priest-in-Charge at Trinity in May 2010. Formerly, she served at St. Peter’s in downtown Toronto where she was also the director of the parish’s foodbank, the second largest in the city. Judy also has eight years of experience in rural parish ministry, where she developed and implemented the Parish Nurse Pilot Project. Judy is presently the Honorary Clerical Secretary of Synod, and serves on the Agenda Committee, Diocesan Council and Back to Church Sunday Committee. In the past she has been a Regional Dean, chaired the FaithWorks Allocations Committee, and been a member of the Treasury Board, Program Resources Board and Stewardship Development Board. She has also served on a variety of committees dedicated to youth and children’s ministry and the Ministry Allocation Fund Committee. Particular passions in ministry include helping declining parishes to grow and thrive, developing lay leaders, educating about stewardship, and being an ACPO assessor. Judy and her husband, the Reverend Andrew Graham, also an Anglican priest, live in the village of Clarkson where they provide a retirement home for rescued beagles.
- **The Rev. Bill Gray – All Saints, Peterborough** – Bill is the Incumbent of All Saints’ Church in Peterborough. He is married to Ruth, a Florist, and has two children; Chelsey, who attends Trent University and Darcy, who attends Secondary School. He has been ordained for 30 years and served several parishes in the Diocese of Huron before his current parish. Among his diocesan responsibilities he has been an Archdeacon, Regional Dean, Diocesan Planning Officer, Chaplain for new Postulants and Ordinands, and member of Diocesan Council. He has also acted as a facilitator for a number of congregational development educational programs such as Fresh Start, Via Media, Bridge Builders and Natural Church Development. He has lectured in Pastoral Theology and Parish Administration in the Faculty of Theology at Huron University College, London, Ont. In addition, he acted as an evaluator for the Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination. He was a clerical member to General Synod in 2004.

- **The Rev. Mark Kinghan – St. Mary, Richmond Hill** - Mark is the Incumbent of St. Mary's Church in Richmond Hill, having previously served as Incumbent of St. John, Weston and as Assistant Curate at All Saints, Whitby. He is currently the liturgical consultant for York-Simcoe, a member of the Bishop's Advisory Committee on the Reception of Orders, the Diaconal Review Committee of the Diocese, the diocesan Back to Church Sunday working group and is a facilitator for the York-Simcoe Fresh Start clergy group. Mark is also participating in the Missional Transformation process being sponsored by the diocese and is volunteering at Homebase, a community organization that reaches out to disenfranchised youth in Richmond Hill. In his spare time, Mark sings with the Toronto Classical Singers and enjoys photography as a hobby. In particular he is interested in the connection between photography and spirituality.
- **The Rev. Heather McCance – St. Andrew, Scarborough** - Heather is the Incumbent at the Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough and Regional Dean for Scarborough Deanery. She currently co-chairs the Diocesan Postulancy Committee, sits on the diocesan Our Faith-Our Hope: Re-Imagine Church Steering Team, and is a participant in the international Continuing Indaba process, which has twinned the Diocese of Toronto with the Dioceses of Hong Kong and Jamaica. She has served in the past on the diocesan Nominating Committee, Youth Ministry Committee, and Community Ministries Board. As a volunteer, she coaches the cheerleading team at Sir Robert L Borden Business & Technical Institute, does the layout for her sailing club's newsletter, and has been a Girl Guide Sparks leader.
- **The Rev. Matthew McMillan – Parish of Churchill and Cookstown** - It is important that delegates, both clergy and lay, represent the truly diverse nature of our diocese. As an incumbent of a multi-point and rural parish, Matthew hopes to bring a unique voice. Graduating in 2000, with a political science degree, he worked for the Ontario Government, as a regional director. His focus and specialty were communications, long-term strategic planning and policy development. He then studied Ag-Business at Guelph for two years, before attending seminary and being ordained in 2007. He possesses a wealth of experience, having served on; Diocesan Council, the Agenda Committee of Synod and The Board of Trinity College. He has worked in our diocese as a; sexton, paid youth worker, park chaplain and diocesan staff member. From 2003 – 09, he served as the Chair of the Diocesan Youth Ministry Committee and Co-founded the Diocesan Youth Synod initiative. He would consider it a privilege to serve our diocese.
- **The Very Rev. Doug Stoute – St. James Cathedral** - Douglas has been Dean of Toronto and Rector of St. James Cathedral since 1994. He was born in Barbados and educated at the University of Waterloo (B.A., M.A.), Kings College Cambridge (Ph.D.) and holds a Doctoral Divinity (Hons Causa) from Trinity College, University of Toronto. He has served as curate at St. Paul, Bloor Street, Rector at Christ Church, Bolton, and St. Clement, Eglinton, prior to coming to the Cathedral. He has been a member of many diocesan committees, including the Diocesan Council since 1984. He has been a member of General Synod since 1988. He has also taught and lectured at the Toronto School of Theology, University of Toronto. The Dean is married to Superior Court Justice, Mary Lou Benotto.
- **The Rev. Stephen Vail – St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope** - Stephen was ordained in the Diocese of N.S. and P.E.I. in 1991 and came to our Diocese in 2001. In N.S. he served as Assistant Curate for two years in an urban Halifax parish and then as Rector of a three-point rural parish in the Annapolis Valley for eight years. In 2001, Stephen and his family moved to our Diocese where he served as Incumbent of a large parish in Mississauga for four years. In 2005, Stephen moved to St. John the Evangelist, Port Hope, and continues to exercise ministry there. He has supervised a Curate and theological student as well as a postulant for ministry from another denomination. His extra-parochial work has included Youth Ministry Chair (NS), Services to Parishes and Regions (NS), Stewardship Development Committee, Area Day Planning Committee (Trent-Durham), Clergy Conference Planning Committee, Chair of Ministerial Association and chair of a hospital Pastoral Care Committee.

- **The Rev. Canon Dr. W. B. (Duke) Vipperman II, Church of the Resurrection** - Duke is Incumbent of the Church of the Resurrection, Toronto (a church plant reboot, now with mixed economy / cell church components) 2000-present. He is part-time Missional Coach for the Diocese of Toronto in the Missional Transformational Process in conjunction with The (Roxburgh) Missional Network. He also serves the diocese through the Fresh Expressions Working Group (2006-present). Duke is a companion of the Northumbria [dispersed monastic] Community and “The Toronto Carrying Place” (2008-present). His Doctor of Ministry (2007) project focussed on Toronto church plant failures 1990-2005, Trinity School for Ministry (TSM), Ambridge, Pa. Master of Divinity (TSM 1983). Diocesan Council (2006-2010). York-Scarborough Area Council (2004-2010). Previously: Associate Rector, Little Trinity Church, Toronto (1991-1999); Rector, Trivitt Memorial, Exeter & St. John's By-the-Lake, Grand Bend (1986-1990); Assistant Curate, St George's, London (1983-1986). Married to Deborah with three adult children: Donovan, John, and Michael. As a hobby he is host and sitarist for a Christian East Indian worship service at “the Rez” called Yesu Satsang Toronto.
- **The Rev. Paul J. Walker – St. Hilary (Cooksville)** - At time of posting to the website biographical information was not available.
- **The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw – Christ Church, Bolton** – Riscylla is a member of the International Anglican Women's Network. She is currently serving as an Ambassador for Hope with the Diocesan working group on the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools (TRC) and went to Winnipeg (June 2010) for the first and Inuvik (June 2011) for the second national TRC hearings. At Christ Church Bolton, as parish and incumbent together we are licensed to bless same-sex unions. She has served in diverse communities, including the multi-point Parish of Minden-Kinmount (2003-2009) and as Assistant Curate, St Stephen, Maple, and All Saints, King City (1999-2001); youth worker at St Mary, Richmond Hill and Holy Trinity, Thornhill (1999-2001) and park chaplain at Sibbald Point (1998). She has served on the Bishop's Area Council, York-Credit Valley (2009-present) and in Trent-Durham (2004-2009), and Archbishop's (Finlay) Committee for Spiritual Renewal (2001-2004); and has been an integral member of the Greening Sacred Spaces Initiative in Haliburton County and is now working on this in the community of Bolton.

GENERAL SYNOD – Nine Lay Members to be elected

- **Mr. David Allen – St. Peter (Erindale)** - David Allen has been an active member of St. Peter's Erindale from 1990. Prior to St. Peter's, David attended St. Joseph's of Nazareth in Bramalea. At St. Peter's he is very involved in parish life. His involvements includes reading of lessons, communion assistant, intercessor, sidesman, advisory board member, lay delegate to Synod and driver of the Magnificart. This will be his fourth Synod meeting. David is married with 3 children.
- **Mr. Chris Ambidge – Redeemer, Bloor Street** - Chris is a member of the Church of the Redeemer in Toronto. He was first a member of Toronto diocesan Synod in 1973, and has been a synod member on and off in every decade since. Chris was for ten years a member of Archbishop Finlay's Dialogue Group on questions around homosexuals in the church, and in that capacity developed and staffed the diocese-wide consultations in 2003-04 for all synod members and churchwardens. With Archdeacon Paul Feheley, he was part of over fifty parish discussions on the Dialogue Process, around the diocese and beyond. He has been chair of Integrity/Toronto (gay and lesbian Anglicans and friends) for many years, and has been part of Integrity's team at diocesan and General Synods since 1989. He has served on both the diocesan and national church AIDS task forces and developed curricula for the LOGOS Institute. He is currently serving as the Assistant Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod.
- **Mr. John Brewin – St. Simon-the-Apostle** - John was elected a member of General Synod in 2007 and a substitute member of General Synod in 2010. Following Synod in 2007 he was appointed by the Primate to the Partners in Mission and Ecojustice Committee. John splits his residency

between Toronto and Lakefield (north of Peterborough) and is a member of the Diocesan Synod from the Church of St. Simon-the-Apostle in Toronto. A labour relations lawyer, John also has a Master of Theological Studies degree and is an adjunct professor at Trinity College. From 1988 to 1993 he served as Member of Parliament for Victoria, B.C.

- **Canon Robert Falby – St. James Cathedral** - Robert has been the Chancellor of the Diocese of Toronto since 1992. He is the Chair of the Diocesan Trusts Committee, Diocesan Constitution and Canons Committee and a member of Diocesan Council. He was made an Honorary Canon of St. James' Cathedral in 2001. He has been a Member of General Synod since 1994. He has been a member of the Council of General Synod since 2000 where he serves on the Audit Committee and Canons Committee. In addition, he is a member of Provincial Synod. Robert is a Director of The Compass Rose Society of Canada. He is a Lawyer at Miller Thompson LLP, Toronto and was appointed Queen's Counsel in 1982.
- **Mr. John Fuke – St. Luke, Creemore** - At time of posting to the website biographical information was not available.
- **Ms. Leslie Hajdu – St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)** - Leslie is a member of St. George, Pickering Village, in Ajax. In her parish, she has been a licensed layreader for 22 years, member of the parish Advisory Board for over 20 years, (chair for three years) and Rector's Warden in 1992 & 1993. At the diocesan level, she has been a member of Treasury Board from 2000 to 2007, and member of Diocesan Council from 2007 to present. She is currently serving on the Accounts Receivable Subcommittee under the Director of Finance and member of the diocesan budget working group. She is currently a member of General Synod. She has been employed by the Ontario Public Service for over 29 years, currently working as an Appeals Officer for the Ontario Ministry of Revenue. She is married with one child.
- **Mr. Leonard Leader – St. Paul, L'Amoreaux** - Leonard is a member of Diocesan Council and the Area Council of York-Scarborough where he serves on the Budget Committee. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of Wycliffe College. Leonard's current involvement in parish life includes membership on the pastoral care team as a licensed lay anointer. Leonard has extensive experience in parish administration including churchwarden, board member of St. Paul's L'Amoreaux Centre and chair of the parish Stewardship Committee.
- **Mr. Kennedy Marshall – Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale** - Kennedy has been a member of the Church of the Epiphany & St. Mark, Parkdale for thirty years and has served his parish in many capacities including Treasurer, Advisory Board member and chair, and churchwarden. At parochial and diocesan levels, he has served and continues to serve on several commissions, working groups, committees and boards, including being a member of the present Steering Committee of Our Faith – Our Hope financial/ministry campaign, and an ad hoc Ethnic Ministry Committee that will present its report to the College of Bishops shortly. He serves on the Board of Management of St. George-the-Martyr, Parkdale, and the Board of the Downsview Youth Covenant, associated with the Church of St. Stephen, Downsview. He is a member of Diocesan Council and Executive Board. Presently, he is a member of General Synod and serves on the Financial Management Committee and chairs its Investment Sub-Committee. He is a professional accountant and a member of the Certified Management Accountants of Ontario. He is a Senior Advisor with Ontario Power Generation Inc.
- **Mr. Ryan Ramsden – Grace Church in Scarborough** - Ryan has been a member and lay leader at St. Giles, Scarborough for over 20 years, and was instrumental in the formation of the amalgamated parish of Grace Church, Scarborough. Over the years, he has served his parish in a wide range of capacities including fundraising committee chairperson, churchwarden, member of the advisory board, treasurer, webmaster, server and preacher. Recently, he was the parish campaign secretary and committee member for the Our Faith – Our Hope campaign. He is currently a member of Diocesan Council, the Area Council of York-Scarborough, the Archbishop's Youth Ministry Team, and has been a member of Youth Synod, Diocesan Synod and General Synod. Ryan is a graduate of Ryerson University and Centennial College in Business Management, and currently works as the Manager of the Centennial College Bookstores.

- **Mrs. Marion Saunders – St. George (Clarke), Newcastle** - Marion is Immediate Past President of the National Anglican Church Women of Canada (President 2007-2010); Immediate Past President of the Toronto Diocesan ACW (President 2004-08) and VP for Trent Durham; was Lay member of General Synod for the Military Ordinariate (MO) and member of MO Chapter 1995-98; is a member of Diocesan Council (since 2004) and the Diocesan Executive Board (since its inception); was member of Diocesan Stewardship Committee, FaithWorks Speakers' Bureau, Archives, Budget Working Group; First President of PWRDF and member (as of 1995); member of Council of General Synod and Mission Coordination Group; Honorary Life Member PWRDF; National President of the Canadian Forces Protestant Chapel Guilds 1990-97; is a Licensed Chalice Bearer and Pastoral Visitor; Choir Director, St. George's Newcastle; Past Chair Lakeridge Health Corporation (member 2000-2009); is Vice President Association of Hospital Volunteers-Bowmanville, and Secretary/Treasurer Central East Region Hospital Auxiliaries Association of Ontario (HAAO). She was awarded Governor General's Caring Canadian Award for Volunteerism.
- **Ms. Marion Thompson – St. Peter, Oshawa** – Marion is a native Montrealer and a member of St. Peter, Oshawa where she serves as a licensed lay reader and lay pastoral associate. Previously, for many years she served the Church of St. Simon-the-Apostle, Toronto, in a wide range of capacities, including churchwarden and licensed lay reader. More recently, she was lay ministry associate at St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax). She spent eight years as an AIDS volunteer at Barrett House, Toronto, volunteered with Toronto Community Chaplaincy, Corrections Canada, and has served on the boards of The Bridge Ministry and St. Simon's Shelter, Inc. (a homeless shelter), of which she is currently Treasurer. A founding member of The Marion Singers, who sing to benefit not-for-profit or humanitarian causes, she holds a Diploma in Lay Ministry (Wycliffe College). While earning her MDiv degree at Trinity College, she also served as Co-Head of Divinity. Marion lives in the historic hamlet of Whitevale with her husband Jim.