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Note to Synod Members:
The content of this Convening Circular has been approved by Diocesan Council. Other information of interest to Synod members is available on the Diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca].

This includes:

- List of Synod Members
- Audited Financial Statements
- Other Reports to the Synod
- Minutes of Previous Meetings
- Diocesan Apportionment Calculations
- Statistical Returns

A limited supply of printed materials will be available through the Area Bishops' Offices for Members of Synod that do not have a computer or access to the internet. It is not essential that Members have a printed copy of all materials; members should use their discretion in deciding what materials are needed in printed format and what materials can simply be viewed online prior to the meeting.

NOTICE OF MEETING

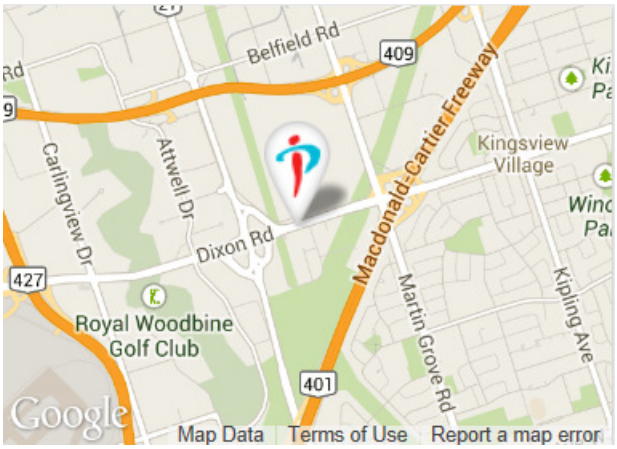
The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, Bishop of Toronto, has signified his intention to assemble the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Friday, November 29, 2013 from 9:45 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
and
Saturday, November 30, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

at

International Plaza Hotel

(formerly Doubletree by Hilton – Toronto Airport)
655 Dixon Road, Toronto, ON M9W1J3
http://www.internationalplazahotel.com/
Telephone: 1-416-244-1711



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Directions to the International Plaza Hotel

Driving

From South (QEW/Queen Elizabeth Way):
- HWY 427 north
- HWY 27 north
- exit Dixon Rd east (hotel is on right hand side)

From West (Hwy 401):
- take Dixon Road exit
- turn left at the lights (west onto Dixon Rd.)
- hotel is on left hand side (couple of minutes down road, at Kelfield Rd. & Dixon Rd.)

From North (400):
- 400 south
- 401 west
- take Dixon Rd/Martingrove exit
- exit on Dixon Rd (only one way to exit)
- hotel is on left hand side

From East (401):
- 401 west
- take Dixon Rd/Martingrove exit
- exit on Dixon Rd (only one way to exit)
- hotel is on left hand side, at first set of lights

The closest parking available is at the rear of the hotel.

Public Transportation

The International Plaza Hotel is served by TTC bus route 58-Malton which leaves the Weston GO Transit Station at Lawrence Avenue West near Weston Road.

OFFICERS OF THE DIOCESE

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The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, BA, MDiv, DD

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Archdeacon of York
The Ven. Elizabeth Hardy, LTh

Archdeacon of Trent Durham
The Ven. Gordon Finney, MA, MDiv

PRE-SYNOD MEETINGS

Episcopal areas will hold Pre-Synod meetings to prepare for the Synod. Agenda items will include: Orientation for new Synod Members, Priorities and Plans 2013-2015 including the Assessment Rate, and elections for Diocesan Council. Attendance at Pre-Synod meetings is extremely important as this is the forum for Synod members to engage in discussion and debate on items being brought before Synod for approval.

Pre-Synod meetings are being held on a Saturday morning instead of our usual practice of a weeknight. Diocesan Council hopes that this provides a better opportunity for member participation and a process that is less rushed. The dates of the Pre-Synod meetings are as follows:

York-Credit Valley	St. Bride, Clarkson 1516 Clarkson Rd N, Mississauga Saturday, October 19, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
York-Simcoe	St. George, Allandale 9 Granville St, Barrie Saturday, November 2, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
Trent-Durham	St. Paul, Lindsay 45 Russell St. W., Lindsay Saturday, November 9, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.
York-Scarborough	St. John the Baptist, Norway 470 Woodbine Ave., Toronto Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m.

For maps and directions to these locations, please visit our website at:
www.toronto.anglican.ca/find-a-churchclergy

Senior Synod Office staff will be available at all Pre-Synod meetings to answer any questions you may have. A synopsis of each meeting will be posted on the Diocesan website following each meeting. This will allow members of Synod to keep abreast of on-going discussions in other episcopal areas as well as their own.

Who is eligible to attend?
In addition to clerical and lay members of Synod, treasurers and one churchwarden from each parish may attend the area meeting.

Area Elections
Prior to the area Pre-Synod meeting, the Area Bishop will constitute a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees for election to Diocesan Council at the area Pre-Synod meeting. Each Episcopal Area will elect one (1) clerical and two (2) lay members to Diocesan Council. Only voting members of Synod may be nominated and only members of Synod may vote.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration for Synod

Registration will be held in the South Lobby of the International Plaza Hotel on the lower level between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. on Friday, November 29, 2013. You are urged to register as early as possible. All voting members of Synod must register in order to be eligible to vote. Once registration closes, those who have not notified the Synod Office will not be allowed to enter Synod until permitted by Synod.

If late registration is required, please contact Kathy Garrison by email at kgarrison@toronto.anglican.ca, by telephone at 416-363-6021 ext. 239 (1-800-668-8932) by noon on Tuesday, November 26, 2013.

Registration Charge

To help defray the costs of meals, beverages and accommodation during Synod, each member of Synod will be charged a registration fee of $104. In May, parishes were invoiced through the accounts receivable process for their lay Synod members and main priest.

For all other members of Synod, e.g. clergy who are retired or not appointed to a parish, the registration fee should be paid before November 1, 2013. Cheques should be made payable to "The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto" clearly marked "SYNOD 2013" and mailed to: Accounts Receivable, The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1L8.

Hotel Location

The International Plaza Hotel (formerly the Doubletree by Hilton-Toronto Airport) is located at 655 Dixon Road near Pearson International Airport. See page 3 for directions to the Hotel.

Accommodation

Accommodation, at no extra charge, will be provided to all Lay Members and the Main Priest from each congregation within the deaneries of Durham & Northumberland, Holland, Huronia, Nottawasaga, Oshawa, Peterborough, Tecumseth and Victoria & Haliburton. Ex-Officio members, Bishop's Appointees and Youth and Young Adult Members from the same deaneries will also receive accommodation at no extra charge.

Your eligibility is indicated in the Registration Report posted on the 2013 Regular Synod page of the Diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca] under the heading 'Accommodation' as either 'ELIGIBLE' or 'NOT ELIGIBLE'. If you believe an error was made, please contact Pamela Boisvert by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext 231 or by email at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca.

If you are ELIGIBLE for accommodation on Friday evening and wish to also make a reservation for Thursday at your own expense, please contact Pamela Boisvert by telephone at 416-363-6021 ext. 231 to make your reservation.
If you are NOT ELIGIBLE and would like to reserve a room for Thursday or Friday at your own expense, please contact the International Plaza Hotel directly. Identify yourself as a member of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto to obtain our preferred rate of $109 (single

or double occupancy) plus applicable taxes. Reservations can be made by calling 416-244-1711 ext. 1 to reach the local front desk or by emailing mjthadickal@internationalplazahotel.com. A personal cheque, (received by the hotel 14 days prior to arrival), money order or a valid American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diner Club/En Route or Discover card is acceptable. Should you cancel a reservation, the deposit is refundable if notice is received at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to arrival and a cancellation number is obtained.

Parking
There is ample parking available at the International Plaza Hotel. There is a charge of $14.00 per day, per car for overnight registered guests. This charge is subject to change without notice.

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Identity Card
Registered members of Synod are identified by a nametag; they may enter the Synod conference area on the second floor. Nametags will be issued at registration for Synod.

In Case of Emergency
Urgent messages will be transmitted if they are directed to the switchboard of the hotel. The telephone number is 1-416-244-1711.

Help Desk
Staff will be available to answer questions at the Help Desk located in the foyer on the upper level outside the main conference area when Synod is in Session.

Display Tables
Exhibitors have been invited to showcase their ministries with display tables. Display tables will be located in the upper and lower Plaza Ballroom foyer.

Communication Devices
Out of respect for the Synod proceedings attendees are asked to limit the use of electronic devices to the downloading of documents pertinent to the proceedings. Members are asked to reserve communications to outside parties and browsing to outside the session and to set all devices to silent. Free WiFi will be available in the Plaza Ballroom.

Electronic Voting
Voting will be conducted using an audience response system ("ARS"). Do not be alarmed if this technology is new to you – a demonstration including several test polls will be completed. All voting Members of Synod will receive a response pad when they register.

THEME

Compassionate Service, Intelligent Faith, Godly Worship

The mission of the Diocese of Toronto calls us "to worship God and proclaim Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and to embody – in word and action – God's reconciling love, justice, compassion and liberation, through which knowledge of God's reign is extended." Anglicans have a particular charism within the Christian Church. We are: formed by scripture, shaped by worship, ordered for communion, and directed to God's mission. The Diocese of Toronto serves Christ's mission through: "*Compassionate Service, Intelligent Faith, Godly Worship*".

All that we do should enable us, as a Diocese, and as parishes and other ministries within the Diocese, to be *missionally focused* – increasing our capacity to respond as vibrant partners of God's activity in the world.

AGENDA OVERVIEW

The Agenda has been designed to be a time of worship, fellowship, and continued growth in regards to our vision and mission for the Diocese of Toronto.

In the past, the Agenda Committee received feedback that workshops were only offered once and members found it difficult selecting only one session. In response all workshops will be offered not once but twice. The Agenda has been designed to allow members the option of participating in two workshops – the first on Friday afternoon and the second on Friday evening.

In terms of programming, the Agenda Committee has been intentional in weaving Synod's theme throughout all aspects of planning, including guest speaker segments, concurrent workshops, and display tables.

The Agenda Committee, after consultation with Archbishop Johnson, has invited the Rt. Rev. Jane Alexander, Bishop of Edmonton, to be the guest speaker. Bishop Alexander has extensive experience in the area of mission and missiology and will address Synod twice during the session.

The Diocese is seeking to shape itself for mission. Synod will hear from presenters on how they are taking different approaches at connecting with people who are not being served by traditional forms of church. These approaches will be referred to as "Missional Moments".

AGENDA

Friday, November 29, 2013

8:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m.	Registration
9:45 a.m.	Opening of the Synod Constitution of the Meeting Eucharist
10:45 a.m.	Archbishop's Charge to the Synod
11:15 a.m.	Business Session Missional Moment
12:15 pm	Mid-Day Prayers
12:30 pm to 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 pm to 1:45 pm	Free Time
1:45 p.m.	Guest Speaker Address
2:30 p.m.	Workshop #1
3:30 p.m.	Missional Moment
3:45 p.m.	Business Session Motions Constitution and Canon Changes Council of the North Presentation
4:20 p.m.	Members' Time
4:50 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Dinner – on own
7:00 p.m.	Mission Introduction
7:30 p.m.	Workshop #2
8:30 p.m.	Missional Moment
8:45 p.m.	Compline
9:00 p.m.	Synod Adjourns

Saturday, November 30, 2013

8:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
8:45 a.m.	Missional Moment
9:00 a.m.	Business Session Audited Financial Statements Auditors Priorities and Plans 2013-2015 Assessment Rate
10:45 a.m.	Member's Time (30 minutes)
11:30 a.m.	Guest Speaker Reflection
12:00 noon	Archbishop Johnson's Wrap up
12:30 p.m.	Closing Prayers Termination of Synod

CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

Concurrent Workshops will be held on Friday, November 29, 2013. Members are invited to select an afternoon and an evening workshop. The Workshops have been designed to complement Synod's theme of *Compassionate Service, Intelligent Faith, Godly Worship*.

- **The roots of the New Hope Anglican Ministry with the Rev. Esther Deng**
  The basics of church planting for those with an interest in growing a congregation of new Christians.

- **Starting a new service in a small church with the Rev. Martha Tatarnic**
  The grace and the foibles of imagining, creating, and developing the new worshipping community—Saturday "Fam Jam"—at St. David, Orillia.

- **Your church on social media with Henrieta Paukov and panelists**
  Information and inspiration for clergy and lay workers who are wondering about the why and how of social media for their church.

- **Redeeming the Power of our Communities with Murray MacAdam**
  We all have talents to share in building a society that reflects the biblical vision of dignity for all, with no one left out. Explore ways to strive towards that goal, inspired by our faith and by real-life examples.

- **Collaboration With Economically Marginalized People: New Opportunities To Live Out Our Faith-Based Journey with the Rev. David Opheim**
  In a world filled with competing interests and vacuous distractions, mainline Churches in North America are prayfully struggling to determine how to be faithful to existing members and at the same time encourage the acknowledgment and acceptance of changes essential to continuing the work that God has entrusted us within a broken world. On behalf of the Diocese of Toronto, All Saints Church-Community Centre is taking this challenge very seriously and thus engaging the fringes of Toronto culture – the poorest of the poor – in new ways which we hope reflect the deepest desires that we all share in an effort to be good stewards of all that we have been tasked with by God on this journey. This time together will provide an opportunity to learn more of how this is unfolding in our context.

- **Matching Mission & Context with the Rev. Ryan Sim**
  Followers of Jesus have great news to share, but the many new ideas, programs, resources, and technologies to support the church's mission can be overwhelming, especially when they were developed for very different contexts. We'll explore a process that begins with missional listening to help us discern where God is at work in our particular contexts. We will dream of creative and contextual ways to serve, build relationships, and help others learn to follow Jesus.

- **Creating a Community of Christ at the Edge: Contemplative Fire with the Rev. Anne Crosthwaite**
  This workshop would suit curious, contemplative, and creative types. You will experience a taste of what Contemplative Fire offers and we'll have a conversation around the joys and challenges of offering this innovative and creative ministry.

- **Seasons of Invitation with the Rev. Mark Kinghan**
  Is invitation optional? How do we bring a "Spirit of Invitation" into the DNA of our parishes and Diocese of Toronto.

- **Messy Church/St. Thomas, Brooklin**
  The workshop description will be posted as soon as it is received.

- **St. Andrew Anglican Church – Retreat House Ministries – A Monastic Sacred Footprint in the Heart of Alliston with the Rev. Kim McArthur**
  It takes a village to raise a child, to care for the sick, and to reach out to the lost. Through the ministries of our Retreat House we invite our community in. We listen, pray, and discern how God might be calling us within these conversations. Because our Retreat House is a century house and not a church, people come. It is an exciting journey of sharing the gospel message as disciples of our Lord Jesus while we serve others, showing God's love and care. This servanthood ministry stretches and challenges us. We seek to know our neighbour better along with their spiritual needs. We are currently developing strategic partnerships in our community in an effort to discover the 'gaps' of social support for the vulnerable. We can't be all things to all people; we don't have the resources. We are asking God to reveal His plan and equip us.

MEMBERS OF SYNOD

Lists of Members of Synod

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Clerical Members

Clerical members are those who qualify under Section 2 of the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Toronto.

Retired Clergy

Retired clergy [Constitution, Section 2, (4)] are clergy on the retired list who regularly attend Synod, until such time as they miss two consecutive meetings of Synod, without showing cause, or a total of four meetings of Synod, whatever the cause. Retired clergy (voting and non-voting) are listed on the diocesan website.

Lay Members

Lay members are those who are:

a) Elected by parish vestry,
b) Ex-officio [Constitution, Section 3 (16)],
c) Bishop's Appointees [Constitution, Section 3 (4)],
d) Youth and Young Adult Members [Constitution, Section 3 (17)] or
e) Substitute lay members, elected by parish vestry, who attend in lieu of an elected member who is unable to attend.

From The Constitution

Substitute Lay Members [Constitution Section 3 (8)]

a) Substitute Lay Members may be elected by a Vestry, and such Substitutes shall, in the order of their election, take the place of regular members who from any cause are unable to attend the session or sessions of the Synod during the period for which they are elected.
b) A substitute Lay Member shall serve only during the Session of Synod for which such lay Member is reported to the Synod to act and shall not be eligible for election to any Standing Committee of the Synod.
c) It shall be the duty of the Incumbent to notify the Secretary of the Synod of the appointment of the substitute to act as a member not later than the day preceding the first day of the Session of Synod for which such Lay Member is appointed, giving the name and address of the substitute and also the name and address of the member in whose place the substitute is acting. The Incumbent shall certify also that such substitute was elected at a meeting of the Vestry in the regular way, and fulfills the requirements of a lay member.

ELECTIONS FOR PROVINCIAL SYNOD

Under The Constitution of the Diocese of Toronto and The Constitution of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, Synod is required to elect four clergy and four lay members to serve as members of Provincial Synod. The next Provincial Synod will be held in 2015 in Toronto, Ontario.

The Provincial Synod meets every three years and considers matters of interest in the provincial sphere such as theological education, social issues, government relations, chaplaincies, and vocational diaconate ministries.

Slate of Nominees

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four Clerical Members to be elected

The Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark – Parish of Minden-Kinmount
The Rev. David Giffen – Church of the Transfiguration
The Rev. David Harrison – St. Mary Magdalene
The Rev. Mark Kinghan – St. George on Yonge
The Rev. Dawn Leger – Christ Church, Stouffville
The Rev. Jeanette Lewis – St. Peter, Carlton Street
The Rev. Donald Shields – Markham Stouffville Hospital and Grace Church, Markham
The Rev. William Stonehill – St. John, Whitby

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four Lay Members to be elected

Mr. Brian Armstrong – St. Andrew, Alliston
Mr. Bob Boeckner – St. Clement, Eglinton
Ms. Marilyn Csihas - St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax)
Ms. Patricia Gooch – St. Peter, Erindale
Ms. Suzanne Lawson – St. Peter, Cobourg
Mr. Jonathan S. Lofft – St. James Cathedral
Ms. Susan Schuschu – St. John, East Orangeville
Ms. Laura Walton – Christ Church, Batteau
Ms. Val Whalley - St. Saviour, Orono

Please note:
Any additions to these slates will be published on the Diocesan website. This year, nominees for Provincial Synod were asked to submit approximately fifty words about their involvement at the diocesan, parish, and community level. These biographies follow.

Biographical Information

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four Clerical Members to be elected

The Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark – Parish of Minden-Kinmount - Joan believes being part of a team and process that explores the future and broader issues facing the Church to be an important ministry and responsibility. By serving with the Provincial Synod, she can be a voice that helps bring awareness of the needs, concern, hopes, and vision of rural and urban churches to the forefront. Her experience in church building, serving in rural parishes, being the Anglican Church Women (ACW) Chaplain in the Diocese of Toronto, attending the Lambeth Conference, training in Education for Ministry (EFM), membership in Interfaith Social Assistance Reform Coalition (ISARC), and other church growth and evangelical training sessions, combined with strong pastoral and discernment skills can be used to further the work and mandate of the Provincial Synod. These skills and training, coupled with her passion for God, the Church, and justice for all, could be an asset in helping chart the work and hope of the Provincial Synod.

The Rev. David Giffen – Church of the Transfiguration – David has a profound love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is continually fed by making new and renewed disciples for Jesus. David began his ministry serving at St. Paul's Cathedral (Diocese of Huron). After serving as Assistant Curate for two years, was appointed Vicar and Priest-in-Charge for the eighteen month interim period before the appointment of their new Cathedral Dean. Since arriving in the Diocese of Toronto (2010) David has led the process of re-booting the ministry at the Church of the Transfiguration. During their three years together, Transfiguration has almost doubled in size, with the average age of Sunday parishioners having been cut in half. An acknowledged leader in utilizing social media as a means for sharing the Gospel, David recognizes that its use must bring people into actual relationship with Christian community for it to fully take hold. David has been a committed member of the Diocesan Council and Executive Board during the last two years, while serving on a number of other Diocesan and National Committees. As a delegate to Provincial Synod, David would bring a unique blend of youthfulness, leadership, and a great desire to have our structures reflect the priorities of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. David Harrison – St. Mary Magdalene – David is the Incumbent of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto. He has served as Incumbent of St. Thomas', Brookin and Assistant Curate of St. John's, Port Hope. He is currently a member of the Diocesan Postulancy Committee and the Doctrine & Worship Committee and has served on the Treasury Board and Chaplaincy Committee, as well as being co-coordinator of the Momentum program for training the newly-ordained. He is a former chair of Liturgy Canada. Before ordination he worked in a variety of policy development capacities with the Government of Ontario.

The Rev. Mark Kinghan – St. George on Yonge – Mark has an interest in community ministry and connecting the church with the local neighborhood. He has served as clergy representative to Provincial Synod and on the Provincial Synod Executive since 2012. Mark is a facilitator for Freshstart, serves on the Diaconal Candidates Working Group, and the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Reception of Orders, and has been the Bishop's Liturgical

Consultant for York-Simcoe since 2010. Mark has served on the Candidate's Committee for the Diocese of Toronto and as an A.C.P.O. assessor. He enjoys photography and linking his photography with his spirituality.

The Rev. Dawn Leger – Christ Church, Stouffville - Dawn grew up in Eastern PEI and has served as a priest in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and the Diocese of Ontario. She is currently Associate Priest at Christ Church Stouffville with focus on local outreach and communications along with other responsibilities. She works to integrate social media into her ministry to reach out to her wider community, and specializes in youth ministry. Dawn was an enthusiastic and engaged delegate at General Synod 2010 in Halifax.

The Rev. Jeanette Lewis – St. Peter, Carlton Street – Jeanette was ordained as Deacon after graduating Trinity College in 1996. She served as a Curate for two years in a six point parish in the western end of the Diocese of Moosonee. It was a diverse parish of First Nations Reserves and small towns. From there she moved to a suburban style parish just outside of Timmins. It had four points which included a Reserve. She served this parish for six years. She then served the Parish of Bobcaygeon, Dunsford & Burnt River, a parish made up of a small cottage community, a farming community and a good sized village populated by retired professionals. After nine years she moved this year to serve the Parish of St Peter, Carlton St. in the midst of downtown Toronto. She has served in rural, urban, northern and southern parishes in the province and feels that her diverse experience of ministry could be valuable in discussing provincial issues. She has served on the Diocesan Executive in the Diocese of Moosonee and as Regional Dean in the Trent Durham Area of the Diocese of Toronto. Her skills in administration, pastoral care, and listening would be helpful in this ministry.

The Rev. Donald Shields – Markham Stouffville Hospital and Grace Church, Markham – Donald has served as a Chaplain at Markham Stouffville Hospital for 15 years and has been involved in parish ministry at various levels for many, many, years. He has served as Assistant Curate and is presently Honorary Assistant at Grace Church, Markham under the mentorship of Canon John Read. He holds a Bachelor of Religious Education and a Master of Theological Studies and has completed the course work for a Doctor of Ministry Program with only a major project and his dissertation remaining. He views serving as a member of Provincial Synod as a means of giving back to the Diocese for its support and also a means of broadening his association with others outside of the Diocese of Toronto. As both a priest and chaplain, he brings a unique lens to issues of justice, compassion and the human journey.

The Rev. William Stonehill – St. John, Whitby - Raised in an Anglican home in the Diocese of Huron, Wil attended both Huron and Trinity Colleges before being ordained to work in the Diocese of Calgary. He returned to Ontario to become Incumbent at St. John's Anglican Church, Port Whitby. Although Wil has strong roots in traditional Anglicanism, he sees our future is in becoming more than just a place to gather and worship on Sunday. He believes the church must leave its walls and live the Gospel in the community it serves. Wil's interests lie in music, new liturgies, and reaching the un-churched and de-churched by use of new ministries and ministry styles. He believes that there is great hope for the church and that the next few years are pivotal to the survival and growth of Anglicanism.

PROVINCIAL SYNOD – Four Lay Members to be elected

Mr. Brian Armstrong – St. Andrew, Alliston – Brian is a Churchwarden at St. Andrew Alliston, a member of the Leadership Team, Advisory Board, and led St. Andrew's successful Our Faith Our Hope Campaign. At a Diocesan level, he is a Lay Member of Synod, a member of the York Simcoe Area Council, and a member of the Diocesan Our Faith-Our Hope Allocations Committee. Brian is a former parishioner of Trinity Aurora where he was a member of the Advisory Board, a Lay Member of Synod, and Co-Chair of Trinity's $4 million capital campaign. He was also Chair of the Anglican Village Aurora Corporation and a member of the Executive Committee of Bishop's Company. Brian graduated from St. Andrew's College, Trinity College - B.A. (Hons.), Osgoode Hall Law School - JD, Canadian Institute of Corporate Directors and Rotman School of Management - ICD.D. and was appointed as Queen's Counsel. He recently retired as Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer of Bruce Power and received the R.V.A. Jones Award in recognition of exceptional contribution to the Canadian Corporate Counsel Bar and Community. Brian is a Director of Easter Seals Canada and the Vice Chair of Easter Seals Ontario and Ontario Centres of Excellence.

Mr. Bob Boeckner – St. Clement, Eglinton – Bob has been in active volunteer positions during his career as an actuary and since his retirement. He has been a parishioner at St Clements for over 30 years, most recently serving on the Stewardship and Planning Committees and currently on the Advisory Board and Welcome Ministry as well as being a Synod Rep. He has a major involvement at the national level where he is a member of the Pension Committee of General Synod, a Trustee of the Pension and Benefit plans of the National Church and chairs a technical advisory group to the Trustees. His various positions have made him familiar with the challenges facing the Church in the 21st century. How do we grow churches at the local level? How do we train clergy and laity for leadership roles? How do we carry out the Church's mission in the wider world in a time of limited resources? While he does not pretend to have all the answers, his ongoing involvement with the governance process at the University of Toronto where he serves on a sub-committee of Governing Council, the highest governance body of the University, (and other former roles with non-profits) has given him experience in how a non-profit organization carries out its mission. His current role as Chair of the University College alumni-student mentoring program gives him practical experience to support his interest in clergy and laity education. As a retired actuary he has the time to be involved in a sub-committee or working group established by the Provincial Synod and he welcomes the opportunity to serve the Church as a nominee to Provincial Synod.

Ms. Marilyn Csihas – St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax) - Marilyn has been involved in Guiding for 16 years holding every leader position including Deputy Commissioner for six years, District Treasurer for four years and District Cookie Convenor for six years. She is Chairperson on many different school advisory boards. She is an active member of the Ajax Garden Club, presently serving as the recording secretary. Her family have been members of St. George, Pickering Village since 1987. She taught Sunday school, has been Deputy Rector's Warden, Deputy People's Warden, and served on the Pastoral Care Committee. She was the original chairperson of the St. George's Daycare and was involved and responsible for the set up for this worthwhile project, which today has 132 children

enrolled. She is currently a Lay Member of Synod, Lay Reader, and serves on the Altar Guild, Christmas Bazaar, Social, Garden, and Outreach Committees, Women's Group, Monthly Soup and Sandwich group for the community and the recording secretary to Advisory Board. In her spare time, she runs her own in-home daycare and has been doing so for the past 20 years. She is married with five children and three grandchildren.

Ms. Patricia Gooch – St. Peter, Erindale – Pat is a cradle Anglican, raised in the Church of England, attended Sunday School and Youth groups, sang in the choir, taught Sunday School, and organized youth activities as a teen. While representing St. Barnabas, Deep River at the Synod of the Anglican Diocese of Ottawa as a youth delegate Pat was intrigued by the decision-making process involving both clergy and laity. Since then she has served as lay member a number of times: attending the Diocese of Keewatin (St John the Baptist, Fort Frances) and representing Incarnation and St Peter, Erindale parishes in the Diocese of Toronto. Because she believes that one person can make a difference and that you cannot effect change if you are not involved, she would embrace the opportunity to serve at the Provincial Synod. She holds a B.A. (Religious Studies) from Windsor a B.Ed. from Queen's and she is a candidate for the Master of Theological Studies at Wycliffe College. Additionally she is certified in Records and Information Management and in Health and Safety in the Workplace.

Ms. Suzanne Lawson – St. Peter, Cobourg – Suzanne brings a wealth of organizational skills from her career in non-profit management and volunteer administration. She continues to build on her commitment to the church by helping people articulate the need for change and then find practical ways to implement the changes they want. Facilitating planning for mission (strategic planning) has been her main contribution to her own parish, to many others, to dioceses, to para-church organizations and to religious orders across North America. She is currently working part time with General Synod in financial stewardship. That work has involved annual interviews with all Canadian diocesan bishops; her knowledge of dioceses other than her own is well-tuned. Because this appears to be a time in churches where collaboration, sharing and building networks is essential, her skills at bringing people together and finding common cause are what she is eager to contribute to the Provincial Synod.

Mr. Jonathan S. Lofft, St. James Cathedral – Jonathan is a doctoral student in the history of the Canadian Church at Trinity College, holding the John Strachan Junior Fellowship in Divinity. A member of the parish of the Cathedral Church of St. James, Jonathan currently serves as a Lay Member to Diocesan Synod. An archivist by professional training, Jonathan works at his former schools, Royal St. George's College and the Mabin School, helping to preserve heritage. He has recently completed a term as President of the Toronto Area Archivists' Group, Canada's oldest professional association for archivists, and is an active member of several learned societies, both publishing and volunteering. Jonathan was recognised by the Metropolitan with the Kirubai Scholarship for academic excellence and is researching aspects of the history of the Diocese of Toronto for his dissertation.

Ms. Susan Schuschu – St. John, East Orangeville - Susan is a cradle Anglican actively involved at St John, East Orangeville for over 16 years. She has held many leadership roles: a Past Warden, Rector's Warden, and People's Warden, Sunday School Teacher, Chair of

Stewardship, Chair of Fundraising, and Lay member of Synod. Sue has also been an active participant in: the Advisory Board, the Cemetery Board, and the catering team. In worship, Susan has been a side's person, a Chalice Bearer, and an Intercessor. Susan has been parish Responsible Ministry Liaison. "I have a very strong faith and am very committed to my roles in the Church. I am also very involved with Orangeville Minor Softball fundraising, with my work, and with my family" she writes.

Ms. Laura Walton – Christ Church, Batteau - Laura is a mother of two teenagers and in a private practice as a Family Counsellor with a background in Criminology, Mediation, Bereavement and Addictions. She volunteers with a program called Breaking Down Barriers in support of those with disabilities in her counselling capacity. Currently, Laura is the treasurer for Christ Church, Batteau, as well as a youth minister and musician at All Saints', Collingwood. At the diocesan level, she volunteers on the Diocesan Response Team and chairs the Review committee for the Anglican Foundation. Her recent past positions were on Executive Board, Diocesan Council, Agenda Committee, General Synod and holding the position of Honorary Lay Secretary to Synod. Laura is currently a member of Provincial Synod, the Provincial Synod executive council and continues in her role as the Children's Ministry Network Coordinator for the Diocese, and provides consulting services for areas and parishes in the area of Children and Youth ministry.

Ms. Val Whalley - St. Saviour, Orono – At time of posting to the website biographical information was not available.

MOTIONS FOR SYNOD

Canon 1, Section 2, concerning Motions, reads as follows:

Notices of Motion

1. Notices of motion for Synod shall be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices shall be placed upon the agenda of the next meeting of the Diocesan Council.
2. The Diocesan Council shall cause notices to be printed verbatim in the Convening Circular … with or without expressing any opinion or making any recommendation.
3. Any notices of motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of Diocesan Council … shall be referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consider such notices and report its recommendation to Synod. Such notices shall be placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod.
4. Each notice of motion for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law or rule of order, shall be in writing, and shall set out in full the part or provisions affected and the proposed enactment or amendment.
5. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, shall become effective upon:
   a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
   b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
   c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
6. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall not have been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
   a) Receiving the approval of not less than sixty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive Regular Sessions of the Synod; and
   b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.
7. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall have been recommended by the Diocesan Council, but which shall not have received the requisite approval referred to in clause 5(b) hereof, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
   a) Receiving the approval of not less than fifty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive regular sessions of Synod; and
   b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following second of such approvals.
8. Any motion to suspend a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, if passed, shall only be effective until the next session of Synod, and shall become effective upon:
   a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
   b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
   c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
9. Notices of motion dealing with expenditures which will result in an increase in the Diocesan budget must be submitted to the Diocesan Council for its opinion prior to being dealt with by the Synod.

MOTIONS COMING BEFORE SYNOD

Omnibus Motion

It will be MOVED and SECONDED by the Honorary Secretaries that:

1. The Minutes of the 154th Regular Session of Synod

That the reading of the Minutes of 154th Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on November 25 and 26, 2011 in Toronto, be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Regular Session as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod.

2. The Minutes of the Corporate (Financial) Synod

That the reading of the minutes of the Corporate (Financial) Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on June 16, 2012 in Toronto be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Session as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod.

3. Courtesies of the House

That the following be given Courtesies of the House:

All clergy with 'Informal Permission',
All postulants of the Diocese,
Any lay chairperson, deanery council member, or area council member not a member of Synod,
Ecumenical partners,
Lay Canons of the Diocese,
Lay faculty of theological colleges,
Members of the Threshold Ministries (formerly Church Army),
Members of the Order of the Holy Cross,
Sisters of St. John the Divine,
Sisters of the Church,
Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit and
Parish Administrators.

4. Court on Contested Seats

Synod is informed that in accordance with Section 7 of the Constitution, the Bishop has appointed the following members of Synod to the Court on Contested Seats:

Canon Paul Baston
Canon Dr. Robert L. Falby, Chancellor
Mr. Trevor Kimpton
The Rev. Heather McCance
Ms. Anne Oram
The Rev. Canon Stephen Peake
Mr. Ian Physick

5. Timekeepers

That the following be appointed as timekeepers for this Session of Synod:

Mr. Chris D'Angelo
Ms. Jacqueline Daley
Mr. Simon Davis
Ms. Irina Dubinski
Ms. Megan Jull
Mr. Leonard Leader

6. York Rectory Commissioners and Committee on Etobicoke Glebe

That the report of the First York Rectory Commission be received, and

That the following be appointed Commissioners for the distribution of the First York Rectory Fund and the Etobicoke Glebe for 2012 and 2013:

Canon Dr. Robert L. Falby, Chancellor
Ms. Clare Burns, Vice Chancellor
Ms. Joy Packham

7. Advisory Commission on the Termination of Clerical Appointments

That the following be elected by Synod to the Advisory Commission on Termination of Clerical Appointments for 2012 and 2013:

The Rev. Kevin Robertson
Ms. Delores Lawrence
Ms. Robyn Ryan Bell

Motions from Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council forwards the following motions to the Synod with the recommendation that they be adopted.

1. Priorities and Plans 2011-2013 – Report Card (Section B)

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *The Anglican Diocese of Toronto: Priorities and Plans 2011-2013 – Report Card.*

2. Financial Report for 2012 (Section C)

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Financial Report for 2012 from the Treasurer and Director of Finance.

3. Audited Financial Statements for 2012 (Section C)

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the Consolidated Trust Fund and the Cemetery Fund for the year ended December 31, 2012.

4. Appointment of Auditors

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the firm of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants, be appointed to conduct the audit of the Financial Statements of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the Consolidated Trust Fund and the Cemetery Fund for the year ending December 31, 2013 at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee.

5. Priorities and Plans 2013-2015 and Financial Budget 2014-2015 (Section D)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *Priorities and Plans 2013-2015* and the *Financial Budget 2014-2015* and approve the priorities and the financial plans contained therein. It will be further moved that Diocesan Council implement and report back to Synod on this plan and take corrective measures from time to time as best serves the needs of this Diocese.

6. Assessment Rate for 2014 and 2015 (Section E)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Assessment Rate, as defined in Canon 4, section 2, be set at 25.00% for 2014, and 24.85% for 2015.

7. Constitution and Canon Changes (Section F)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to the Constitution and Canons as approved by Diocesan Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

Motions from Synod Members

[None received as of September 26, 2013]