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of
QU'APPELLE

SPECIAL MEETING OF SYNOD

of the

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE

To the Clerical and Lay Members of the Diocesan Synod:

A Special Meeting of Synod
(for the Approval of Constitution and Canons)
will convene on
Saturday 3rd October 2026
beginning with the Holy Eucharist at 9am

in the
Cathedral Church of St Paul
1861 McIntyre St, Regina



+ Helen Qu'Appelle

The Rt Rev Helen Kennedy
XIII Bishop of Qu'Appelle

PART I — INTRODUCTION

Purpose of the Special Meeting of Synod

This Special Meeting of Synod has been called to consider amendments to the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

The amendments to the Constitution received first approval at the May 2025 regular meeting of Synod. Section 9 of the Constitution requires a second approval before those amendments take effect. A copy of the Constitution containing the proposed amendments is included in the Convening Circular.

Synod will also consider proposed amendments to the Canons. Because amendments have been made throughout the Canons, it is proposed that the existing Canons be repealed and replaced with the proposed new Canons. The comparison document included in the Convening Circular shows the existing Canons in the left-hand column and the proposed Canons in the right-hand column, with substantive changes highlighted in yellow.

The Legislation Committee recommends that Synod approve the amendments to the Constitution and the replacement of the existing Canons by the new Canons.

Background to the Canonical Review

The proposed new Canons are the result of a detailed review of the existing Constitution and Canons undertaken by the Legislation Committee since November 2024. The Canons had not undergone a complete review since about 1990.

The Committee initially focused on Canons 1, 2, 9, 18, 21 (section G. only) and 22, amendments to which were approved at the May 2025 Synod. Since July 2025, the Committee has met monthly, and more frequently in recent months, to complete the review of the remaining Canons. This work has also resulted in further proposed amendments to some of the Canons approved in May 2025.

Principles Guiding the Revision

The Committee concluded that the existing structure of the Canons continues to serve the needs of the Diocese and has retained that structure. Its review was guided by the following principles:

- **Relevance:** ensuring that the Canons reflect changed circumstances and current good governance practices and addressing outdated provisions.

  Examples include changing the age of an Eligible Member for election to Synod from 18 to 16, while retaining age 18 for election to the Board of Trustees (Canons 1, 13); simplifying the quorum for the annual informational meeting of Synod (Canon 2); removing male-only gender references and updating titles; updating provisions concerning Clergy remuneration and other matters (Canons 19, 20); and revising Discipline provisions for consistency with requirements of the Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada (Canon 28).
- **Accuracy:** using language that accurately reflects the intended meaning, defined terms and allocation of responsibilities.
- **Brevity:** expressing ideas concisely and without unnecessary repetition.
- **Clarity:** using clear language and eliminating ambiguity to prevent misinterpretation.

  Examples: Examples include clarifying voting rights at Synod, Diocesan Council and other Diocesan bodies, and requirements for financial statements of Parishes and Congregations.
- **Consistency:** using defined terms, terminology and style consistently and correcting inconsistent provisions.
- **Organization:** presenting similar information in a consistent order and using consistent language.
- **Completeness:** ensuring that requirements are fully set out, or that key requirements are stated in the Canons with additional details provided in Regulations where appropriate.

Examples include providing for observers at Synod; adding a minimum notice requirement for Diocesan Council meetings; providing for the absence of quorum at a Diocesan Council meeting; clarifying which governance rules for standing committees also apply to the Board of Trustees; and allowing the Board of Trustees to seek advice from experts.

Explanation of the voting process

The proposed amendments require the approval of a 2/3 majority of Synod members present and voting at the meeting.

Following presentation of the proposed amendments to the Constitution, the Chair will invite a motion to approve them (see Agenda, First Sitting, #3). If moved and seconded, the motion will be open for discussion and, following disposal of any subsidiary motions, will be put to a vote by show of hands.

The proposed new Canons will then be considered individually in the same manner. Approval of each new Canon will be provisional until all have been reviewed (see Agenda, First Sitting, #4).

If all proposed new Canons are provisionally approved, with or without changes, Synod will be asked to consider a final resolution repealing all prior Canons, approving the new Canons as a whole, and authorizing the Chancellor to make minor editorial changes necessary to finalize them (see Agenda, Third Sitting, #2).

Respectfully submitted,

Marie-France Menc

Chancellor and Chair of Legislation Committee

PART II - AGENDA

DIOCESAN SYNOD AGENDA

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE

Special Meeting of Synod

Saturday 3rd October 2026

Cathedral Church of St Paul

1861 McIntyre St, Regina

8:30 a.m. Registration Opens *(at the Cathedral)*

9:00 a.m. Opening Eucharist (Qu'Appelle Liturgy)
in the Nave of the Cathedral

9:45 a.m. Special Synod open
FIRST SITTING

1. **Confirmation of Quorum**

2. **Introduction**

3. **Constitution: Second Approval**
   Resolution 1 – Approval of Amendments to the Constitution
   Resolved *that the amendments to Section 1, Section 4, Section 5 and Section 8 of the Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, in the form of such Sections set out in Schedule 1 to this Convening Circular, be approved.*

4. **Canon 1** *(and each Canon thereafter)*
   Resolution 2 – Amendments to Canon 1
   Resolved *that the existing Canon 1 of the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle be repealed and replaced with the new Canon 1 in the form presented at this meeting, [as amended at this meeting], and that the new Canon1 [as amended] be enacted as Canon 1 of the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, subject to final approval of all of the new Canons, with or without further amendments to this Canon.*

   Resolutions 3 to 31- Amendments to Canons 2 to 28
   As above for Canon 1 (with required Canon number changes)

11:15 a.m. **BREAK**

11:30 a.m. SECOND SITTING
Continuation of Canons approval

12:30 p.m. **LUNCH (light lunch provided)**

1:15 p.m. THIRD SITTING

1. *Continuation of Canons approval*

2. **Repeal of all Prior Canons, Final Approval of all New Canons**

RESOLVED that any and all prior Canons of the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle existing prior to this meeting, and any amendments thereto, be repealed, effectively immediately, without prejudice to any actions taken under them prior to repeal.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the new Canons 1 to 28, in the form presented at this meeting upon this motion being made, and to be attached to this Resolution, be enacted as the Canons of the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, effective immediately.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chancellor (Chair of Legislation Committee), in consultation with the Bishop and Synod Office, be authorized to correct typographical errors, numbering, cross-references, punctuation and other non-substantive editorial matters arising from the amendments adopted by Synod, provided that no such correction alters the substance or effect of any provision approved by Synod.

3. **Bishop's Closing Remarks**

4. **Closing Prayer**

SYNOD INFORMATION

- **WHERE AND WHEN?**
  - This Special Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle will take place at the Cathedral Church of St Paul, Regina
  - There will be an opening Eucharist at 9am in the Cathedral.
  - The Synod should conclude around 3pm

- **HOSPITALITY**
  - There will be refreshments available and a light lunch will be provided

- **REGISTRATION**
  - Begins at 8.30am at the Cathedral

- **TRAVEL EXPENSES**
  - Mileage will be reimbursed to individuals attending who have submitted a claim form (available from the website / hard copy available on the day)
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- **WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU**
  - This Convening Circular. Personal travel mug, pen and paper for notes, good attitude, sense of humour.

PART III — SCHEDULES

Schedule 1 – Constitution

CONSTITUTION
OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE
1980; amended 1985, 1987, 1991, 2015, 2017

1. The Diocese of Qu'Appelle is the body corporate of the Anglican Church of Canada given corporate status by a special Act of the Parliament of Canada, *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act*, Statutes of Canada 1885 (48-49 Vict.), chapter 33, assented to on the 1st of May, 1885.

   The geographic boundaries of the Diocese are as set forth in *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act*, as modified and amended by subsequent legislation of the Synod of the Province of Rupert's Land (now named the Ecclesiastical Province of The Northern Lights).

2. The Diocese was established to, and continues to uphold, support, and extend the doctrine, discipline and sacraments of Christ as the Anglican Church has received the same, and as they are set forth in the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican Church of Canada.

3. The Synod may deliberate, decide upon, and legislate in respect of all matters affecting the interests of the Church in the Diocese but shall have no jurisdiction to deal with any matters affecting the doctrine or worship of the Church, other than to make submissions in regard to such matters for the consideration of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.

4. The Synod will be the governing body of the Diocese. The Synod ~~includes:~~ shall includes have the following members:

   a. the Bishop,

   b. the Bishop Co-adjutor,

   c. the Bishop Suffragan,

   d. clergy licensed by the Bishop and not under ecclesiastical censure, excluding those holding only honorary or emeritus titles,

   e. clergy on leave of absence with the permission of the Bishop, excluding clergy not licensed to a particular ministry,

   f. licensed lay Incumbents,

   g. recognized postulants for ordination sponsored by the Diocese,

   h. delegates elected from each Parish located within the Diocese,

   i. the Executive Officer,

   j. ~~the Director of Administration,~~

k. the Chancellor,

l. the Vice-Chancellor,

m. the Registrar,

n. members of the Board of Trustees, and

o. ~~two~~ up to six youth delegates ~~from each Archdeaconry of the Diocese~~ appointed by the Bishop,

all of whom must be communicants.

5. The Bishop has the authority both spiritual and temporal, inherent in ~~his~~ the Bishop's office, and responsibilities which are further defined in the Canons of the Diocese.

6. The Cathedral and Diocesan Offices of the Diocese will be located in the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

7. The Synod will elect a council to be known as the Diocesan Council to manage the affairs of the Diocese; which Council will meet at least three times in each calendar year. The Diocesan Council shall have power to elect an Executive Committee to act on behalf of the Diocesan Council. The Diocesan Council may appoint such other committees as are considered necessary for the proper administration of the Diocese.

8. The rules of the Synod will be set forth in Canons~~. which.~~ The Canons may only be amended by recommendation of the Diocesan Council or the Legislation Committee of the Diocesan Council made before a regular or special meeting of Synod, or by service of notice of ~~intent~~ motion being filed with the Executive Officer/ Executive Archdeacon at least three months prior to a regular or special meeting of the Synod, and any such amendment must be approved at such meeting of Synod by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

9. No amendment, addition or alteration to this Constitution shall be made except in accordance with the following provisions:

(a) Any proposed amendment must be presented to the Legislation Committee at least three months prior to the next meeting of Synod.

(b) The Legislation Committee shall review the proposed amendment and make a recommendation to the next meeting of Synod.

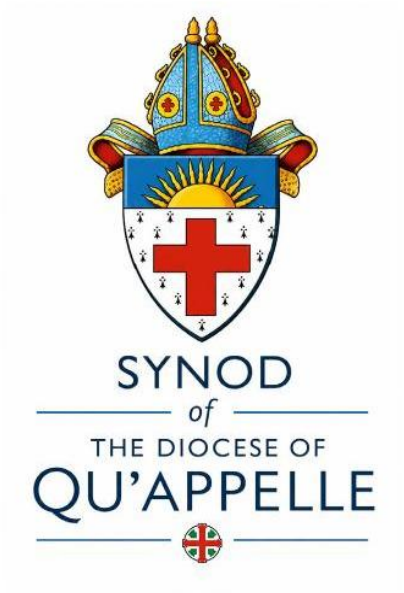
(c) No amendment to the Constitution shall take effect unless the proposed amendment has been approved at a meeting of Synod by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting and afterwards by a like majority at the next following meeting of Synod; provided, however that any proposed amendment in the Constitution may become effective immediately if sub-sections (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 9 have been complied with and the proposal has been approved at Synod by unanimous favourable vote of all members present.

DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE

Revised Canons 2026 — Comparative Text Analysis

For consideration at the Special Meeting of Synod

Left column: Canon as previously adopted | Right column: Canon as proposed 2026 | ★ Yellow shading = substantive change



CANON 1 · DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 1- DEFINITIONS (amended 2025)	**CANON 1 – DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION**
A. DEFINITIONS In the Constitution, Canons and Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires or unless for the purposes of any Canon a special interpretation is given:	A. **DEFINITIONS**
A. "Anglican Church" and "Church" means the Anglican Church of Canada, unless by the context the word church refers to a building.	In the Constitution of the Synod, these Canons and the Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires or unless for the purposes of any Canon a different meaning is given:
B. "Bishop" means the currently elected Bishop of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle or Administrator when acting in the absence of, or during the incapacity of, the Bishop.	1. "Anglican Church" and "Church" means the Anglican Church of Canada, unless by context the word church refers to a building.
C. "Canons" are laws governing Church life and discipline. There are Diocesan Canons, Canons of the Ecclesiastical Province, and Canons of the General Synod.	2. "Bishop" means the duly elected current Bishop of the Diocese, and, with respect to any reference to an action of the Bishop that occurred in the past, means the action of the duly elected bishop of the Diocese at the time of the taking of such action.
D. "Clergy" means the ordained members of the Church (deacons, priests and bishops).	3. "Canons" means the laws governing Church life and discipline and, unless otherwise stated, means these Canons of the Synod, as amended from time to time.
E. "Cleric" refers to any member of the clergy.	4. "Clergy" means those ordained into Holy Orders (deacons, priests and bishops) who hold a licence from the Bishop.
F. "Co-adjutor Bishop" or "Bishop Co-adjutor" is an elected bishop who will become the next diocesan bishop upon the retirement of the present Bishop.	5. "Co-adjutor Bishop" or "Bishop Co-adjutor" means a duly elected bishop who has the right to become the next Diocesan bishop upon the retirement, resignation or death of the Bishop.
G. "Congregation" means any group or groups of more than five persons who normally meet for worship and other activities in a particular place, at least four times a year, and established under the provisions of Canon 21.	6. "Congregation" means any group or groups of several persons who normally meet for worship and other organized activities in a particular place, at least four (4) times a year, and established under the provisions of Canon 21.
H. "Dean" refers to a priest who has canonical responsibilities in the diocese, who is appointed by the Bishop. Often, this is the Incumbent priest of the cathedral Parish.	7. "Dean" means a priest who has canonical responsibilities in the Diocese, who is appointed by the Bishop, and who may be the Incumbent of the Cathedral Parish.
I. "Diocese" means the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, being a geographical area described in *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act* of 1885.	8. "Diocese" means all Parishes within the geographical area described as the Diocese of Qu'Appelle on the Diocesan map maintained by the Anglican Church.
J. "Diocesan Council" means the Diocesan Council of the Synod, being a governing body which supervises the activities of the Diocese.	9. "Diocesan Council" means the Diocesan Council of the Synod, being a governing body which supervises the activities of the Diocese.
K. "Elected Delegate" means a delegate elected as a member of Synod in accordance with subsection A.2. of Canon 2.	10. "Elected Delegate" means a delegate elected as a member of Synod in accordance with Canon 2.A.2.
L. "*Ex Officio*" means by virtue of the office, without any further appointment or requirement other than that resulting from the holding of the particular office. *Ex Officio* members have the same rights and privileges as other committee/board members, including the right to vote.	11. "*Ex Officio*" or "*ex officio*" means by virtue of the office, without any further appointment or requirement other than that resulting from the holding of the particular office.
M. "General Synod" means the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, as constituted by chapter 82 of *The Statutes of Canada*, 1921, as amended.	12. "General Synod" means the General Synod of the Anglican Church, as constituted by chapter 82 of *The Statutes of Canada*, 1921, as amended.
N. "Incumbent" means the priest licensed by the Bishop to perform ecclesiastical duties in a Parish. Incumbents are appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of a Parish Search Committee.	13. "Incumbent" means the priest licensed by the Bishop to perform ecclesiastical duties in a Parish and appointed by the Bishop on the recommendation of a Parish Search Committee.
O. "Interim Priest" is a priest with specific training to lead a Parish/Congregation during an interregnum.	14. "Interim Priest" means a priest with specific training or experience to lead a Parish or a Congregation during a vacancy, who has been appointed by the Bishop.
P. Membership:	15. "Liturgy" means a gathering for worship, covering all forms (for example, baptism, the Eucharist, funeral, and wedding).
a) "Member" means a person baptized in the name of the Trinity, and who is a Communicant and in good standing in the person's Congregation.	16. Membership (for purposes of these Canons and the Regulations):

b) "Eligible Member" means a Member who has attained the full age of 18 years is eligible for election or appointment to Synod, Diocesan Council and Diocesan committees.	(a) "Member" means a person baptized in the Name of the Trinity and who is in good standing in the person's Congregation.
c) "Youth Member" mean a Member who has attained the full age of 16 years is eligible for appointment by the Bishop as a youth delegate to Synod or other Councils and Committees.	(b) "Eligible Member" means a Member who has attained the full age of sixteen (16) years and accordingly is eligible for election or appointment to Synod, Diocesan Council and Diocesan standing committees and councils.
d) "Communicant" means any baptized person who has been admitted to the Eucharist and normally attends worship in an Anglican Church.	(c) "Youth Member" means a Member who has attained the full age of sixteen (16) years and is under the age of twenty-six (26) years and accordingly is eligible for appointment by the Bishop as a youth delegate to Synod or other standing committees and councils.
Q. "Member of the Clergy" unless otherwise expressly stated or the context otherwise requires, means any person ordained as a deacon or a priest by any Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada or by a Bishop of any Church in communion with the Anglican Church of Canada.	(d) "Communicant" means any baptized person who receives communion and attends worship in an Anglican Church.
R. "Metropolitan" means the Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of The Northern Lights.	17. "Metropolitan" means the Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of The Northern Lights.
S. "Orders" means:	18. "Orders" means the
a) Clerical members; and	(a) House of Clergy and
b) Lay members, each voting or acting separately where the context requires.	(b) House of Laity,
T. "Parish" means an ecclesiastical division set apart by the Bishop with defined boundaries and organized in accordance with the provisions of the Canons and may consist of one or more Congregations.	each voting or acting separately where the context requires.
U. "Priest-in-Charge" of a Parish exercises the functions of an Incumbent (see definition) for the period of his/her appointment. A Priest-in-Charge is appointed by the Bishop for a specific period-of-time or for the completion of a particular objective.	19. "Parish" means an ecclesiastical division set apart by the Bishop with defined boundaries and organized in accordance with Canon 21 and may consist of one (1) or more Congregations.
V. "Provincial Synod" means the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of The Northern Lights.	20. "Parish Council" means the principal governing body of a Parish that has more than one (1) Congregation, constituted as described in Canon 21.B.2.
W. "Suffragan Bishop" or "Bishop Suffragan" is an elected bishop who assists the Bishop and may have responsibility for a particular area of the Diocese but does not automatically become the next diocesan bishop.	21. "Parish Roll" is the list required to be maintained by each Congregation as described in Canon 21.A.4.
X. "Synod" means the Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.	22. "Provincial Synod" means the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of The Northern Lights.
Y. Real Property refers to land, structures and natural elements that are affixed to, or erected on the land. This includes the minerals below the surface and the airspace above.	23. "Real Property" means land, and all buildings, structures and natural elements that are affixed to, or erected on the land, and may include the minerals below the surface and the airspace above.
	24. "Regulations" means procedural and other rules which are ancillary to these Canons, and which have been approved as regulations to these Canons.
	25. "Suffragan Bishop" or "Bishop Suffragan" means a duly elected bishop who assists the Bishop and may have responsibility for a particular area of the Diocese but does not have the right to automatically become the next Diocesan bishop.
	26. "Synod" means The Synod of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle or, where the context requires, the governing body referred to in Canon 2, or a meeting of the Synod members.
	27. "Vestry" means the principal governing body of a Congregation, or a Parish that has one (1) Congregation, constituted as described in Canon 21.B.3.
	28. "Wardens" means, for any Congregation, the individual who is elected by the Eligible Members as the "People's Warden", and the individual who is appointed by the Incumbent as a warden with the historical title of "Rector's Warden", and "Warden" means either of them.

	B. **INTERPRETATION**
	1. In these Canons and in the Regulations, any reference to a Canon by the number of the Canon, followed by any section number, subsection number, paragraph number, and/or subparagraph number, shall be interpreted as a reference to the corresponding provision in these Canons. For example, "Canon 2.A.2.(b)(ii)" means subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (b) of subsection 2 of section A of Canon 2 of these Canons.
	2. In these Canons and in the Regulations, the terms "motion" and "resolution" are used interchangeably.

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 2 – THE SYNOD (amended 2015, 2022, 2025)	**CANON 2 – THE SYNOD**
A. **MEMBERSHIP**	**A. MEMBERSHIP**
1. The membership of Synod shall consist of those persons as provided for in paragraph 4 of the Constitution.	1. The membership of Synod shall consist of those persons as provided for in paragraph 4 of the Constitution.
2. **Elected Delegates:**	2. **Elected Delegates:**
(a) Delegates and their substitutes shall be Eligible Members of the Parish they represent, who have been elected in accordance with the Diocesan Regulations;	(a) Delegates and their substitutes shall be Eligible Members of the Parish they represent, who have been elected to the Synod in accordance with the Regulations;
(b) Number of Elected Delegates:	(b) Number of Elected Delegates:
(i) Every Parish in the Diocese shall be entitled to elect the following number of delegates to Synod and an equal number of substitutes:	(i) Every Parish shall be entitled to elect the following number of delegates to Synod and an equal number of substitutes:
(i) Up to 30 Eligible Members Average Attendance – 1 Elected Delegate.	(1) Up to thirty (30) Eligible Members Average Attendance – one (1) Elected Delegate.
(i) Over 30 and less than 100 Eligible Members Average Attendance – 2 Elected Delegates.	
(iv) For each additional 50 Eligible Members Average Attendance or portion thereof – 1 Elected Delegate to a maximum of 5 Elected Delegates.	(2) Over thirty (30) and less than one hundred (100) Eligible Members Average Attendance – two (2) Elected Delegates.
(c) The "Average Attendance" of a Parish shall be determined by an average of the attendance for Easter, Pentecost, the second Sunday in September, and Christmas, as reported in the last Annual Parochial Return filed with the Diocese.	(3) For each additional fifty (50) Eligible Members Average Attendance or portion thereof – one (1) Elected Delegate to a maximum of five (5) Elected Delegates.
(b) Elected Delegates shall become *Ex Officio* members of Parish Council, if such there be, or the Vestry of the Congregation from which they have been elected.	(c) The "Average Attendance" of a Parish shall be determined by an average of the attendance for Easter, Pentecost, the second Sunday in September, and Christmas, as reported in the last Annual Parochial Return filed with the Diocesan office.
	(d) Elected Delegates shall become *ex officio* members of Parish Council, if there is a Parish Council, or of the Vestry of the Congregation from which they have been elected.
(e) Substitution of Delegates:	(e) Substitution of Delegates:
(ii) In the event of an Elected Delegate being disqualified (as provided in paragraph f. below), or in the event of any Elected Delegate being unable to attend a session of the Synod, the substitute who has received the next highest number of votes, or in case of acclamation, was first nominated, shall take the place of that Elected Delegate. In the event of any subsequent vacancy, the same procedure shall be followed.	(i) In the event of an Elected Delegate being disqualified (as provided in Canon 2.A.2.(f)), or in the event of any Elected Delegate being unable to attend a meeting of the Synod, the substitute who has received the next highest number of votes, or in case of acclamation, was first nominated, shall take the place of that Elected Delegate. In the event of any subsequent vacancy, the same procedure shall be followed.
(ii) A Delegate who attends a session of the Synod in the place of an Elected Delegate as provided in clause i. of this paragraph e. shall be and continue to be to the exclusion of the Elected Delegate for whom that person is a substitute, a member of that Synod.	(ii) A Delegate who attends a meeting of the Synod in the place of an Elected Delegate as provided in Canon 2.A.2.(e)(i) shall be and continue to be, to the exclusion of the Elected Delegate for whom that person is a substitute, a member of that Synod.
(f) Disqualification of Elected Delegate or substitute:	(f) Disqualification of Elected Delegate or substitute:
If any Elected Delegate from a Parish secedes from the Anglican Church of Canada or willfully abstains from the Holy Eucharist, or is willfully absent from public worship in the Congregation where elected for the period of six consecutive months, the Vestry of the Congregation may declare the office vacant after having given written notice to such Elected Delegate or substitute, and the said office shall thereupon devolve upon the proper substitutes.	If any Elected Delegate from a Parish secedes from the Anglican Church or willfully abstains from the Holy Eucharist, or is willfully absent from public worship in the Congregation where elected for the period of six (6) consecutive months, the Vestry of the Congregation may declare the office vacant after having given written notice to such Elected Delegate or substitute, and the said office shall thereupon devolve upon the proper substitutes.

3. **Youth Delegates**	3. **Youth Delegates:**
The youth delegates shall be appointed by the Bishop in accordance with the Regulations.	The Youth Delegates shall be appointed by the Bishop in accordance with the Regulations.
	4. **Observers:**
	The following individuals:
	(a) Any clergy person who is ordained in the Church and who does not hold a licence from the Bishop;
	(b) Any member of a Congregation who is not a member of the Synod; and
	(c) Any other individual who has requested in writing, and been granted approval, to attend the meeting in accordance with Canon 2.D.2.(e)
	may attend any meeting of the Synod as observers, but shall not participate in any discussion and shall not have any right to vote during any session of the meeting, and may not be present during any closed session of the meeting of the Synod.
B. OFFICERS	**B.** OFFICERS
1. The officers of Synod shall be:	1. The officers of Synod shall be:
1. The Bishop of the Diocese;	(a) The Bishop;
2. The Bishop Co-adjutor;	(b) The Co-adjutor Bishop, if there is one;
3. The Bishop Suffragan;	(c) The Suffragan Bishop, if there is one;
4. The Dean of the Diocese;	(d) The Dean;
5. The Chancellor of the Diocese;	(e) The Chancellor;
6. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon;	(f) The Vice-Chancellor;
7. The Diocesan Finance Manager;	(g) The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon; and
	(h) The Finance Manager;
each of whom shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed or until an appointment is terminated.	each of whom shall hold office until a successor is elected or appointed or until an appointment is terminated.
2. The duties of the officers shall be as set forth in these Canons and the Regulations.	2. The duties of the officers shall be as set forth in these Canons and the Regulations.
C. MEETINGS OF SYNOD	**C. MEETINGS OF SYNOD**
1. **Meetings**	1. **Meetings:**
(a) Regular meetings of the Synod shall be held at least every 37 months at such time and place as may be set by the Bishop. Such meetings may include attendance by electronic means if the Bishop determines that such electronic facilities are to be made available.	(a) Regular meetings of the Synod shall be held at least every thirty-seven (37) months at such time and place as may be set by the Bishop. Such meetings may include attendance by electronic means or any other method of communication that enables all participants to communicate adequately during the meeting, if the Bishop determines that such electronic or other facilities are to be made available.
(b) The Bishop may summon a special meeting of the Synod when the Bishop deems it necessary.	(b) The Bishop may summon a special meeting of the Synod when the Bishop deems it necessary.
(c) If the Bishop should be incapacitated from performing the duties of the Office of Bishop, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon plus three members of the Diocesan Council may convene a meeting of the Diocesan Council and such meeting shall be empowered to convene a meeting of Synod at such time and place as it may determine, for the transaction of such business as may be considered necessary to bring before Synod.	(c) If the Bishop should be incapacitated from performing the duties of the office of Bishop, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon plus three (3) members of the Diocesan Council may convene a meeting of the Diocesan Council and such meeting shall be empowered to convene a meeting of Synod at such time and place as it may determine, for the transaction of such business as may be considered necessary to bring before Synod.
2. **Notice of Meeting**	(d) This Canon 2.C. and Canons 2.D. and 2.E. are not applicable to annual informational meetings of Synod.
(a) A Convening Circular summoning the Synod shall be delivered or sent by mail or electronically to each member of the Synod at least thirty days prior to the date fixed for the meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting and containing	2. **Notice of Meeting:**

financial statements, reports of standing committees and of any special committees required to report to Synod, notices of proposed changes to the Constitution or Canons, and other matters of which, in the opinion of the Diocesan Council or of the Bishop, the members of Synod should be advised.	
A. **Quorum**	(a) A Convening Circular summoning the Synod shall be delivered or sent by mail or electronically to each member of the Synod at least thirty (30) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting, stating the time and place of such meeting and containing the audited annual financial statements of the Synod for the immediately preceding financial year (unless such financial statements were previously presented at a duly called meeting of the Synod), reports of standing committees and of any special committees required to report to Synod, notices of proposed changes to the Constitution or Canons, and other matters of which, in the opinion of the Diocesan Council or of the Bishop, the members of Synod should be advised.
(a) A quorum of the Synod for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting shall consist of one-half of the clerical members of the Synod who are licensed by the Bishop to parochial or special ministry, and one-half of the Elected Delegates. If no quorum is present the Chair shall have power to adjourn until a quorum is present.	3. **Quorum:**
(b) When once a quorum has been declared present, it shall be deemed to be present throughout the meeting, provided, however, that any member of the Synod may at any time call for a count of members present, and if it be found that a quorum is not present the Chair shall declare the meeting adjourned to the next scheduled hour of meeting. If at that time there be no quorum present the Chair shall declare the Synod adjourned.	(a) A quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of Synod shall consist of one-half (1/2) of the members of the Synod who are Clergy (being those who are licensed by the Bishop to parochial or special ministry), and one-half (1/2) of the Elected Delegates. If no quorum is present the Chair may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is present.
A. **Chair**	(b) When a quorum has been declared present, it shall be deemed to be present throughout the meeting, provided, however, that any member of the Synod may at any time call for a count of members present, and if it is found that a quorum is not present, the Chair shall declare the meeting adjourned to the next scheduled hour of meeting. If at that time there is not a quorum present, the Chair shall declare the Synod adjourned.
(a) The Bishop shall preside at all meetings of the Synod. If the Bishop leaves the Chair, or if the Bishop be absent, then the Bishop Co-adjutor shall preside; if the Bishop Co-adjutor be absent or the office is vacant the Bishop Suffragan shall preside; if the Bishop Suffragan be absent or the office is vacant the Dean shall preside; if the Dean be absent or the office is vacant, the Chancellor shall preside; if the Chancellor be absent or the office is vacant, the Archdeacon by seniority of appointment who is present shall preside.	4. **Chair:**
B. **Order of Proceedings of Synod**	(a) The Bishop shall preside at all meetings of the Synod. If the Bishop leaves the Chair, or if the Bishop is absent, then the Co-adjutor Bishop shall preside; if the Co-adjutor Bishop is absent or the office is vacant, the Suffragan Bishop shall preside; if the Suffragan Bishop is absent or the office is vacant, the Dean shall preside; if the Dean is absent or the office is vacant, the Executive Archdeacon shall preside; if the Executive Archdeacon is absent or the office is vacant, the Archdeacon by seniority of appointment who is present shall preside.
	5. **Order of Proceedings of Synod:**
(a) At the first sitting of the meeting of the Synod the order of business may include:	(a) At the first sitting of the meeting of the Synod the order of business may include:
(i) The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist;	(i) The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist;

(ii) The report of the Credentials Committee;	(ii) The report of the Credentials Committee;
(iii) Announcement of the appointment of members of the required sessional committees;	(iii) Announcement of the appointment of members of the required sessional committees;
(iv) Extension of courtesies of the Synod to visitors;	(iv) Extension of courtesies of the Synod to invited visitors and any observers whose attendance has been approved pursuant to Canon 2.D.2.(e); and
(v) Delivery of the Bishop's Address.	(v) Delivery of the Bishop's Address.
(a) The agenda for the meeting shall be as set by the Agenda Committee and confirmed by the Synod.	(b) The agenda for the meeting shall be as set by the Agenda Committee and confirmed by the Synod.
6. **Rules of Order**	6. **Rules of Order:**
(a) The Rules of Order at the meeting of Synod shall be as provided in the Regulations.	(a) The Rules of Order at the meeting of Synod shall be as provided in the Regulations.
7. **Voting at the Meeting of Synod**	(b) At the determination of the Chair of the meeting of Synod or upon a motion which has been duly made and carried, any business of the meeting may be discussed and voted upon in a closed session, without the presence of any observers.
(a) All clerical members of the Synod who are licensed by the Bishop to parochial or special ministry, who are present, and all Elected Delegates who are present, shall be entitled to a single vote on each motion.	(c) Any of the following irregularities:
(b) A majority of those present and voting in favour of a motion shall be sufficient for its adoption, unless otherwise provided in the Canons or in the Regulations.	(i) a defect in the election or appointment of a person as a member of the Synod; or
	(ii) a member of the Synod being disqualified or not being entitled to vote; or
	(iii) any failure to comply with any procedural requirements or rules set forth in this Canon or in the Regulations to this Canon regarding a regular or special meeting of the Synod,
	shall not, by itself, invalidate any act or decision made or taken in good faith by the Synod.
	7. **Voting at the Meeting of Synod:**
	(a) The Bishop, the Co-adjutor Bishop (if there is one), the Suffragan Bishop (if there is one), the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, and all Clergy (except any Clergy currently on leave), Elected Delegates and all Youth Delegates who are present at a meeting of the Synod, shall be entitled to a single vote on each motion brought before the meeting, even if they are present in several capacities. No other member of the clergy or lay person who is present shall have a vote on any such motion.
	(b) A vote in favour of a motion by a majority of those members of the Synod who are present and entitled to vote shall be sufficient for such motion to be carried, unless otherwise provided in the Canons or in the Regulations.
(c) The Bishop must have assented to all acts, motions, and resolutions passed by Synod for them to become effective and binding. The Bishop is deemed to have assented unless the Bishop expresses dissent or reserves the matter for further consideration at the time a given act, motion, or resolution is declared approved or passed by Synod.	(c) The Bishop must have assented to all acts, motions, and resolutions passed by Synod for them to become effective and binding. The Bishop is deemed to have assented unless the Bishop expresses dissent or reserves the matter for further consideration at the time a given act, motion, or resolution is declared approved or passed by Synod.
Assent may also be granted by a blanket statement given by the Bishop at the conclusion of the meeting of Synod, or at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council. This accommodates any potential momentary absence by the	Assent may also be granted by a blanket statement given by the Bishop at the conclusion of the meeting of Synod, or at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council. This accommodates any potential momentary absence by the Bishop at the time that the results of any

Bishop at the time that the results of any votes taken are declared, and further consideration of any matter that has been reserved for further consideration.	votes taken are declared, and further consideration of any matter that has been reserved for further consideration.
If no specific announcement is made by the Bishop making a decision on any given act, motion, or resolution, or on a matter that was referred for further consideration, either at the conclusion of the meeting of Synod or at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council, it shall be deemed to have been assented to by the Bishop.	If no specific announcement is made by the Bishop making a decision on any given act, motion, or resolution, or on a matter that was passed by Synod and referred for further consideration by the Bishop, either at the conclusion of the meeting of Synod or at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council, it shall be deemed to have been assented to by the Bishop.
D. SESSIONAL COMMITTEES	8. **Language of Documents:**
1. **Agenda Committee**	(a) All reports and other documents submitted to or by the Synod shall be in the English language.
(a) Prior to any meeting of Synod, the Bishop shall appoint an Agenda Committee consisting of equal numbers of clerical and lay members of Synod. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall act as Secretary to the Committee but without vote	**E.** SESSIONAL COMMITTEES **FOR MEETINGS OF SYNOD**
	1. **Agenda Committee:**
	(a) Prior to any meeting of Synod, the Bishop shall appoint an Agenda Committee consisting of equal numbers of clerical and lay members of Synod. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall act as Secretary to the Agenda Committee and may participate in any discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before the Agenda Committee.
(b) The Agenda Committee, in consultation with the Bishop, will be responsible for the organization and operation of the Synod, and for the preparation of the agenda.	(b) The Agenda Committee, in consultation with the Bishop, will be responsible for the organization and operation of the Synod, and for the preparation of the agenda.
2. **Credentials Committee**	2. **Credentials Committee:**
(a) Prior to any meeting of the Synod the Diocesan Council shall appoint a Credentials Committee, which shall consist of the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon and two clerical and two lay members of Synod.	(a) Prior to any meeting of the Synod, the Diocesan Council shall appoint a Credentials Committee, which shall consist of the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon and two (2) clerical and two (2) lay members of Synod. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon may participate in any discussions, but shall not be entitled to vote on any matter before, the Credentials Committee.
(b) The Credentials Committee shall convene before the meeting of the Synod and examine the Diocesan list of clergy, all certificates of election or appointment of lay delegates and substitutes, and all statistical and other returns.	(b) The Credentials Committee shall convene before the meeting of the Synod and examine the Diocesan list of Clergy, all certificates of election or appointment of lay delegates and substitutes, and all statistical and other returns.
(c) The Credentials Committee shall, on the first day of the meeting of the Synod, provide a report stating:	(c) The Credentials Committee shall, on the first day of the meeting of the Synod, provide a report stating:
(i))The names of all clerical members entitled to sit and vote at the meeting of the Synod, and the names of those present.	(i) The names of all Clergy members entitled to sit and vote at the meeting of the Synod, and the names of those present.
(ii) The names of all Elected Delegates or substitutes entitled to sit and vote at the meeting of the Synod, and the names of those present.	(ii) The names of all Elected Delegates or substitutes entitled to sit and vote in at the meeting of the Synod, and the names of those present.
(iii) The names of all other persons entitled to sit and vote at the meeting of the Synod in accordance with Article 4 of the Constitution, and the names of those present.	(iii) The names of all other persons entitled to sit and vote at the meeting of the Synod in accordance with this Canon, and the names of those present.
(d) When the report of the Credentials Committee is adopted by the Synod, the names of all persons mentioned therein as present and qualified to sit and vote at the meeting of the Synod shall constitute the Synod Roll. Such roll may be at	(d) When the report of the Credentials Committee is adopted by the Synod, the names of all persons mentioned therein as present and entitled to vote at the meeting of the Synod shall constitute the Synod Roll. Subject to this Canon, such roll may be at any time amended by the Synod by

any time amended by the Synod by the addition or deletion of names, upon the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, or by resolution of Synod.	the addition or deletion of names, upon the recommendation of the Credentials Committee, or by resolution of Synod.
3. **Resolutions Committee**	(e) The Credentials Committee shall review any requests in writing received from any individuals at least seven (7) days prior to any meeting of the Synod, indicating their desire to attend such meeting as observers. The Credentials Committee may, in its discretion, approve or deny such attendance without giving reasons. The Credentials Committee shall advise such individuals of its decision as soon as reasonably practicable.
a) Prior to any meeting of Synod, the Bishop shall appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of an equal number of clerical and lay members of Synod. The Resolutions Committee shall elect a Chair.	3. **Resolutions Committee:**
b) It shall be the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee to receive motions from members of Synod and prepare them for submission in accordance with Regulations.	(a) Prior to any meeting of Synod, the Bishop shall appoint a Resolutions Committee consisting of an equal number of Clergy and lay members of Synod. The Resolutions Committee shall elect a Chair.
4. **Expenditures Committee**	(b) It shall be the responsibility of the Resolutions Committee to receive motions and resolutions from members of Synod and prepare them for submission in accordance with Regulations.
A. Prior to any meeting of Synod, the Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Finance Committee, shall appoint an Expenditures Committee consisting of two lay members of Synod and one clerical member, together with the Diocesan Finance Manager	4. **Expenditures Committee:**
	(a) Prior to any meeting of Synod, the Bishop in consultation with the Chair of the Finance Committee, shall appoint an Expenditures Committee consisting of two (2) lay members of Synod and one (1) Clergy member, together with the Finance Manager.
B. It shall be the responsibility of the Expenditures Committee to scrutinize all proposals coming before Synod which involve expenditure of funds, and for which funds have not been allocated, and report as to their financial viability, sources of funding, and projects that might be rescheduled, replaced, or abandoned in order to permit such funding.	(b) It shall be the responsibility of the Expenditures Committee to scrutinize all proposals coming before Synod which involve expenditure of funds, and for which funds have not been allocated, and report as to their financial viability, sources of funding, and projects that might be rescheduled, replaced, or abandoned in order to permit such funding.
5. **Nominating Committee**	5. **Nominating Committee:**
a) Prior to a regular meeting of Synod the Bishop shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one representative of the clergy and one of the laity from each Archdeaconry in the Diocese.	(a) Prior to a regular meeting of Synod the Bishop shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of one (1) representative of the Clergy and one (1) of the laity from each Archdeaconry in the Diocese.
b) The Nominating Committee shall convene as soon as possible after appointment and proceed to elect a Chair.	(b) The Nominating Committee shall convene as soon as possible after appointment and proceed to elect a Chair.
c) The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of eligible nominees, both clerical and lay, for election as:	(c) The Nominating Committee shall prepare a list of eligible nominees, both clerical and lay, for election as:
(i) Members of Diocesan Council;	(i) Members of Diocesan Council;
(ii) Delegates to Provincial Synod;	(ii) Delegates to Provincial Synod; and
(iii) Delegates to General Synod.	(iii) Delegates to General Synod.
The Committee shall endeavour to nominate enough candidates so that there may be an actual election.	The Committee shall endeavour to nominate enough candidates so that there may be an actual election.
d) The Nominating Committee shall submit its report to the meeting of Synod. Further nominations may be made by any member of Synod, duly seconded, and shall be added to the ballot on the consent of the nominee.	(d) The Nominating Committee shall submit its report to the meeting of Synod. Further nominations may be made by any member of Synod, duly seconded, and shall be added to the ballot on the consent of the nominee.

e) The deadline for receiving nominations during the meeting of Synod shall be as determined by the Agenda Committee following which the Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot for the elections.	(e) The deadline for receiving nominations during the meeting of Synod shall be as determined by the Agenda Committee following which the Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot for the elections.
6. **Committee of Scrutineers**	6. **Committee of Scrutineers:**
A. The Bishop shall appoint a Committee of Scrutineers whose numbers, powers, and duties shall be as set out in the Regulations.	(a) The Bishop shall appoint a Committee of Scrutineers whose numbers, powers, and duties shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
E. ELECTIONS	**E. ELECTIONS**
	1. The elections referred to in Canon 2.D.5. shall occur at any regular meeting of Synod in accordance with this Canon and Canon 10, as applicable.
1. Any ballot marked with more than the requisite number of names shall not be counted but shall be set aside and reported as a spoiled ballot.	2. Any ballot marked with more than the requisite number of names shall not be counted but shall be set aside and reported as a spoiled ballot.
2. The Committee of Scrutineers shall prepare a report of the result of each election, listing all candidates in order of number of votes received, and shall submit the report to the meeting of Synod, duly signed by the Chair, forthwith after the ballots have been counted.	3. The Committee of Scrutineers shall prepare a report of the result of each election, listing all candidates in order of number of votes received, and shall submit the report to the meeting of Synod, duly signed by the Chair, forthwith after the ballots have been counted.
3. In the event that two or more candidates are tied with sufficient votes as to be elected to a particular office or position, and there is only one such office or position (or only one remaining office or position) to be filled, the Bishop shall select the successful candidate from amongst those tied candidates.	4. In the event that two (2) or more candidates are tied with sufficient votes as to be elected to a particular office or position, and there is only one (1) such office or position (or only one (1) remaining office or position) to be filled, the Bishop shall select the successful candidate from amongst those tied candidates.
4. In the event of a vacancy occurring among the elected members of the Diocesan Council, delegates to Provincial Synod, or delegates to General Synod, such vacancy shall be filled by calling the member of the Order in which the vacancy occurred whose name next occurs on the list prepared in accordance with subsection E.2. of this Canon.	5. In the event of a vacancy occurring among the elected members of the Diocesan Council, delegates to Provincial Synod, or delegates to General Synod, such vacancy shall be filled by calling the member of the Order in which the vacancy occurred whose name next occurs on the list prepared in accordance with Canon 2.E.3.
F. ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF SYNOD	**F. ANNUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING OF SYNOD**
A. In accordance with legislative requirements, the Bishop shall call an annual informational meeting of Synod, for the presentation of the annual financial statements and any other matters as deemed necessary by the Bishop. This meeting will be held at such time, date, and place as the Bishop may determine.	1. In accordance with legislative requirements of the Government of Canada, the Diocesan Council shall call an annual informational meeting of Synod for the presentation of the audited annual financial statements for the immediately preceding financial year of the Synod and any other matters as deemed necessary by the Bishop. This meeting shall be held at such time, date, and place as the Diocesan Council may determine.
B. Notice shall be given of the informational meeting of Synod at least 30 days in advance of the meeting, by posting the Notice on the webpage of the Diocese, and by sending the Notice to each Parish.	2. Notice shall be given of the informational meeting of Synod at least thirty (30) days in advance of the meeting, by posting the Notice on the webpage of the Diocese, and by sending the Notice to each Parish.
C. The Notice shall include the following information:	3. The Notice shall include the following information:
a) the time, date, and place of the informational meeting of Synod;	(a) the time, date, and place of the informational meeting of Synod;
b) a statement that any clergy or lay member of a Parish may attend, in person or by remote video connection, if remote video connection is made available;	(b) a statement that any Clergy or lay member of a Parish may attend, in person or by remote video connection, if remote video connection is made available;
c) the matters to be discussed at the informational meeting, as set out in subsection F.9 of this Canon; and	(c) the matters to be discussed at the informational meeting, as set forth in Canon 2.F.9; and
d) a statement that no other matters will be discussed, as set out in subsection F. of this Canon.	(d) a statement that no other matters will be discussed, as set forth in Canon 2.F. of this Canon.
D. The Bishop shall Chair the informational meeting of Synod, either personally or by lawful delegation of authority.	4. The Bishop shall Chair the informational meeting of Synod, subject to Canon 2.C.4.
E. Any member of the clergy of the Diocese, and any member of the laity from Parishes within the Diocese, may attend the informational meeting of Synod.	5. Any member of the clergy of the Diocese, and any Member of any Parish, may attend the informational meeting of Synod.
F. Members may attend in person, or by remote video connection, if remote video connection is made available.	6. The meeting may be held in person or by electronic means or any other method of communication that enables all participants to communicate adequately during

	the meeting, if the Bishop determines that such electronic or other facilities are to be made available.
G. Quorum for the informational meeting of Synod shall consist of:	7. Quorum for the informational meeting of Synod shall consist of: one-third (1/3) of the members of the Synod who are Clergy (being those who are licensed by the Bishop to parochial or special ministry), and one-third (1/3) of the Elected Delegates.
a) Three members of the clergy, one from each Archdeaconry;	8. If a quorum is not present, the Chair may adjourn the informational meeting of the Synod to such time, date, and place as the Chair may determine, at least seven (7) days later. Notice of the adjournment shall be posted on the Diocesan webpage and sent to each Parish at least five (5) days in advance of the adjourned informational meeting. At that time, date, and place, the members of Synod who are present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.
b) Ten members of the laity, from Parishes within the Diocese;	
c) Four elected clerical members of the Diocesan Council; and,	
d) Six elected lay members of the Diocesan Council.	
H. If quorum is not present, the Chair may adjourn the informational meeting of the Synod to such time, date, and place as the Chair may determine, at least 7 days later. Notice of the adjournment shall be posted on the Diocesan webpage and sent to each Parish at least 5 days in advance of the adjourned informational meeting. At that time, date, and place, the informational meeting may proceed even if quorum is not present.	
I. At the informational meeting of Synod, only the following business may be transacted:	9. At the informational meeting of Synod, only the following business may be transacted:
a) An update on the affairs of the Diocese, presented by the Bishop, or the Bishop's delegate, as set out in subsection F.4 of this Canon;	(a) An update on the affairs of the Diocese, presented by the Chair of the meeting.;
b) A presentation on the current financial status of the Diocese; and,	(b) The presentation of the audited annual financial statements for the immediately preceding financial year of the Synod and the auditor's report thereon; and
c) A question and answer session, in which any member of the informational meeting of Synod may participate.	(c) A question-and-answer session regarding such audited annual financial statements and auditor's report thereon, in which any member of the informational meeting of Synod may participate.
d) No motions or other business may be presented at the informational meeting of Synod. If a member attempts to introduce a motion or other business, the Chair shall rule them out of order.	No motions, resolutions or other business may be presented at the informational meeting of Synod. If a member attempts to introduce a motion, resolution or other business, the Chair shall rule them out of order.

CANON 3 · SEALS	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 3 - SEALS	**CANON 3 – SEALS**
A. SEAL OF THE DIOCESE	**A. SEAL OF THE DIOCESE**
1. The Synod shall have a seal of which the Bishop shall have the care and custody.	1. The Synod shall have a seal which shall be kept securely in the Diocesan office.
2. All deeds, instruments and documents which are to be executed on behalf of the Synod pursuant to any resolution of the Synod or of the Diocesan Council shall be signed by the Bishop and any one of the Executive Officer, the Director of Administration, or the Chancellor, and the Seal of the Diocese shall be affixed to such deed, instrument or document.	2. All deeds, instruments and documents which are to be executed on behalf of the Synod pursuant to any resolution of the Synod or of the Diocesan Council shall be signed by the Bishop and either the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, or the Chancellor, and the seal of the Synod shall be affixed to such deed, instrument or document.
3. The Executive Officer shall keep a register in which shall be entered a record of every document to which the Seal of the Diocese is affixed.	3. The seal of the Synod may also be affixed to any other agreement or other document executed by the Synod.
B. SEAL OF THE BISHOP	**B. SEAL OF THE BISHOP**
1. The Bishop may have a personal seal for use on episcopal documents. Should the Bishop choose to have a personal seal, a register shall be kept in which shall be entered a record of every document to which the Seal of the Bishop is affixed.	1. The Bishop may have a personal seal for use on episcopal documents.

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CANON 4 - THE BISHOP	**CANON 4 – THE BISHOP**
A. GENERAL	A. **GENERAL**
Nothing contained in this Canon other than subsection A.1(h) shall limit or affect or be deemed to limit or affect the powers, jurisdiction and authority, spiritual and temporal, inherent in the office of Bishop.	1. Nothing contained in this Canon other than subsection A.1(j) shall limit or affect or be deemed to limit or affect the powers, jurisdiction and authority, spiritual and temporal, inherent in the office of Bishop.0
1. **In Relation to the Diocese**	2. **In Relation to the Diocese:**
(a) The inherent authority and jurisdiction possessed by the Bishop within the Diocese are recognized:	(a) The inherent authority and jurisdiction possessed by the Bishop within the Diocese are recognized:
(i) as being exercised under the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land and of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada;	(i) as being exercised under the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, of the Provincial Synod and of the General Synod;
(ii) as being shared with clergy and laity elected to Synod and elected or appointed to its committees and boards; and	(ii) as being shared with Clergy and laity elected to Synod and elected or appointed to its committees and councils; and
(iii) in the obligation to consult with the Metropolitan and fellow Bishops in the Province, and with the Primate and the Canadian House of Bishops, on important matters of faith, worship, order, and the mission of the Church.	(iii) in the obligation to consult with the Metropolitan and fellow Bishops of the Provincial Synod, and with the Primate and the Canadian House of Bishops, on important matters of faith, worship, order, and the mission of the Church.
(b) The Bishop is the principal minister within the Diocese and to the Bishop belongs the right of celebrating the rites of ordination and confirmation; of consecrating new church buildings, chapels and burial grounds; of instituting clergy to their charges; of holding visitations to discover the state, sufficiency and ability of the clergy and other persons holding positions of responsibility for the affairs of the Diocese, of summoning all Synod and Diocesan conferences and of presiding thereat either in person or by such deputy as may lawfully be appointed.	(b) The Bishop is the principal minister within the Diocese and to the Bishop belongs the right of celebrating the rites of ordination and confirmation; of consecrating new church buildings, chapels and burial grounds; of instituting Clergy to their charges; of holding visitations to discover the state, sufficiency and ability of the Clergy and other persons holding positions of responsibility for the affairs of the Diocese, of summoning all Synod and Diocesan conferences and of presiding thereat either in person or by such deputy as may lawfully be appointed.
(c) The Bishop shall preside at all meetings of the Synod and of the Diocesan Council and Executive Committee either personally or by lawful delegation of authority. As President of Synod the Bishop sits both as Bishop of the Diocese and in matters of faith, worship, order and mission as the representative of the Canadian House of Bishops.	(c) The Bishop shall preside at all meetings of the Synod and of the Diocesan Council and Executive Committee, subject to Canon 2.C.4, Canon 9.B.3. and Canon 9.E.5.
	(d) The Bishop sits both as Bishop of the Diocese and in matters of faith, worship, order and mission as the representative of the Canadian House of Bishops.
(d) The Bishop has the general pastoral responsibility over the people and clergy of the Diocese, which function may, according to the Bishop's discretion from time to time, be shared with the Archdeacons and Regional Deans.	(e) The Bishop has the general pastoral responsibility over the people and Clergy of the Diocese, which function may, according to the Bishop's discretion from time to time, be shared with the Archdeacons and Regional Deans.
(e) The Bishop shall have a responsibility to the clergy and the laity of the Diocese both as a leader and teacher, and shall	(f) The Bishop has responsibility for the oversight of the administration of the Diocese.
	(g) The Bishop shall have a responsibility to the Clergy and the laity of the Diocese both as a leader and teacher, and shall:
(i) be the chief liturgical officer giving leadership and encouragement to clergy and laity in the enrichment of the worship and sacramental life of the Church in the Diocese;	(i) be the chief liturgical officer giving leadership and encouragement to Clergy and laity in the enrichment of the worship and sacramental life of the Church in the Diocese;

(ii) ensure the encouragement and promotion of the work of evangelism in the Diocese, reminding all of the requirement of obedience to God's will with regard to the proclamation of the Gospel in word and service;	(ii) ensure the encouragement and promotion of the work of evangelism in the Diocese, reminding all to proclaim the Gospel in word and service as is God's will;
(iii) encourage and assist clergy and laity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith and in the communication and proclamation of this faith in the world;	(iii) encourage and assist Clergy and laity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith, and in the communication and proclamation of this faith in the world; and
(iv) express the unity of the Church within the Diocese and act as its official representative and spokesperson.	(iv) express the unity of the Church within the Diocese and act as its official representative and spokesperson.
(f) The Bishop of the Diocese shall have the free use and occupation of a house, and all proper charges there against for taxes, local improvement rates, insurance, necessary repairs, and utilities shall be paid out of the Diocesan funds.	(h) The Bishop of the Diocese shall have either:
(g) All necessary traveling expenses incurred by the Bishop in the performance of official duties while on Diocesan business shall be paid out of Diocesan funds.	(i) the free use and occupation of a house, and all proper charges there against for taxes, local improvement rates, insurance, necessary repairs, and utilities shall be paid out of the Diocesan funds; or
(h) The Bishop may continue to hold office until attaining the full age of 72 years, upon which date the Bishop shall be deemed to have resigned.	(ii) a housing allowance in accordance with the Regulations and Diocesan policies.
2. **In Relation to the Clergy**	(i) All necessary travel expenses incurred by the Bishop in the performance of official duties while on Diocesan business shall be paid out of Diocesan funds.
(a) Among the clergy whose names are on the Diocesan Roll the Bishop is chief pastor and chief liturgical minister.	(j) The Bishop may continue to hold office until attaining the age of seventy-two (72) years, upon which date the Bishop shall cease to hold the office of Bishop.
(b) The Bishop shall maintain the discipline of Christ among the clergy and in the maintenance thereof shall act in the spirit of a true chief pastor.	(k) Matters relating to discipline or mental or physical incapacity of the Bishop shall be referred to the Metropolitan, or if there is no Metropolitan, to the senior bishop by Consecration of the Provincial Synod.
3. **In Relation to the Appointment of Dignitaries**	3. **In Relation to the Clergy:**
	(a) The Bishop is chief pastor and chief liturgical officer of the Clergy and the clergy who have permission to officiate from the Bishop.
	(b) The Bishop shall maintain pastoral oversight and discipline of the clergy, both licensed and with permission to officiate.
	4. **In Relation to Certain Appointments:**
(a) The Synod recognizes the Bishop's right to appoint:	(a) The Synod recognizes the Bishop's right to appoint:
(b) A Dean	(i) A Dean;
(c) Archdeacons	(ii) Archdeacons;
(d) Honorary Canons	(iii) Honorary Canons;
(e) A Chancellor	(iv) A Chancellor;
(f) A Registrar	(v) A Vice-Chancellor;
(g) Regional Deans	(vi) A Registrar;
(h) Personal Chaplains	(vii) Regional Deans;
(i) An Archivist	(viii) Personal chaplains to the Bishop;
4. **In Relation to the Cathedral Church**	(ix) An Archivist; and
	(x) A Finance Manager.
	5. **In Relation to the Cathedral Church:**

(a) The Bishop may designate a Parish Church as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese.	(a) The Bishop may designate a Parish church as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese.
B. THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP	B. **THE ELECTION OF A BISHOP**
1. When a vacancy occurs in the Episcopate of the Diocese or an event has occurred which will result in such a vacancy, the provisions of Article 6 of the Constitution, and Canon 9, "Election of a Bishop", both of the Province of Rupert's Land, shall apply mutatis mutandis.	1. When a vacancy occurs in the Episcopate of the Diocese or an event has occurred which will result in such a vacancy, Canon 9, "Election of a Bishop", of the Provincial Synod, shall apply, with such necessary changes as the context requires.
C. CO-ADJUTOR, SUFFRAGAN OR ASSISTANT BISHOP	C. **CO-ADJUTOR BISHOP, SUFFRAGAN BISHOP OR ASSISTANT BISHOP**
1. If the Bishop shall desire the appointment of a Bishop Co-adjutor and/or a Bishop Suffragan, the Bishop shall signify such desire in writing to the Synod, and upon such request being approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of each order present at the Synod the application shall then be proceeded with in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Provincial Synod. If the application is approved by the Provincial Synod, the ensuing election shall be carried on in all respects as this Canon provides save that if the Bishop requested the appointment the Bishop will preside at this meeting of Synod.	1. If the Bishop shall desire the appointment of a Co-adjutor Bishop and/or a Suffragan Bishop, the Bishop shall signify such desire in writing to the Synod. If such request is approved by a vote of not less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members of each Order present at a meeting of the Synod, the application shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Canons of the Provincial Synod. If the application is approved by the Provincial Synod, the ensuing election shall be carried on in all respects as provided in Canon 4.B., except that if the Bishop requested the appointment, the Bishop will preside at this meeting of the Synod.
2. If the Bishop desires to engage the services of an Assistant Bishop, the Bishop shall advise the Synod or the Diocesan Council of this desire, and upon approval being given either by the Synod or the Diocesan Council of the Synod and adequate provision having been made for the salary or other remuneration of the Assistant Bishop by resolution of the Synod or of the Diocesan Council the Bishop may thereupon apply for approval of such appointment by the Metropolitan.	2. If the Bishop desires to engage the services of an Assistant Bishop, the Bishop shall advise the Synod or the Diocesan Council of this desire, and upon approval being given either by the Synod or the Diocesan Council of the Synod and adequate provision having been made for the salary or other remuneration of the Assistant Bishop by resolution of the Synod or of the Diocesan Council the Bishop may thereupon apply for approval of such appointment by the Metropolitan (or if there is no Metropolitan, the senior bishop by Consecration of the Provincial Synod).

CANON 5 · THE BISHOP'S COMMISSARY	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 5 - THE BISHOP'S COMMISSARY	**CANON 5 – THE BISHOP'S COMMISSARY**
A. WITHIN THE DIOCESE	**A. WITHIN THE DIOCESE**
1. The Bishop may appoint in writing any priest in the Diocese to be the Bishop's Commissary within the Diocese.	1. The Bishop may appoint and license, in writing, any licensed priest in the Diocese to be the Bishop's Commissary within the Diocese for a specific period of time. The Commissary acts with the authority, rights and obligations of the Bishop, except sacramental roles which are exclusive to the Bishop.
2. The duties of such Commissary shall be as set out in the terms of the appointment by the Bishop.	2. The duties and powers of such Commissary, acting as the Bishop's designate, shall be as set out in the Regulations.
3. The Bishop may at any time terminate the appointment of a Commissary.	3. The Bishop may at any time revoke the Commissary's licence.
	4. The Commissary's appointment shall automatically cease when the Episcopate becomes vacant.
B. OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE	**B. OUTSIDE THE DIOCESE**
1. The Bishop may appoint at any time any priest outside the Diocese as Commissary for such periods and with such powers as to the Bishop may seem expedient.	1. The Bishop may appoint and license, in writing, at any time any priest outside the Diocese to be the Bishop's Commissary for a specific period of time. The Commissary acts with the authority, rights and obligations of the Bishop, except sacramental roles which are exclusive to the Bishop.
	2. The duties and powers of such Commissary, acting as the Bishop's designate, shall be as set out in the Regulations.
	3. The Bishop may at any time revoke the Commissary's licence.
	4. The Commissary's appointment shall automatically cease when the Episcopate becomes vacant.

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 6 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE DIOCESE	**CANON 6 – ADMINISTRATION OF THE DIOCESE**
A. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF BISHOP	**A. VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF BISHOP**
1. If the office of Bishop shall fall vacant by reason of the death or resignation of the Incumbent, there being no Bishop Co-adjutor, the following persons shall from the time of such vacancy be the Administrator of the Diocese, in the following order of precedence:	1. If the office of Bishop shall become vacant, and there is no Co-adjutor Bishop, the following person shall from the time of such vacancy be the Administrator of the Diocese, in the following order of precedence:
(a) The Bishop Suffragan;	(a) The Suffragan Bishop;
(b) the Dean;	(b) the Dean;
	(c) the Executive Archdeacon;
(c) An Archdeacon by seniority of appointment;	(d) An Archdeacon by seniority of appointment;
(d) The senior clerical member of Diocesan Council by date of first licensing in the Diocese.	(e) The senior Clergy member of Diocesan Council by date of first licensing in the Diocese.
2. If two qualified medical practitioners should certify that the Bishop is mentally or physically incapacitated from the performance of the duties of the Office of Bishop, and the Bishop has not, before such incapacity, appointed a Commissary, it shall be the duty of the person most eligible to serve as Administrator under subsection A.1 to so advise the Metropolitan, or if there be no Metropolitan the senior Bishop by Consecration of the Province of Rupert's Land, submitting the medical evidence available, and with the approval of the Metropolitan or such senior Bishop, that person shall become Administrator of the Diocese.	2. If two (2) qualified medical practitioners provide an opinion that the Bishop is mentally or physically incapacitated from the performance of the duties of the office of Bishop, and the Bishop has not, before such incapacity, appointed a Commissary, it shall be the duty of the person who is to serve as Administrator under this Canon 6.A.1 to so advise the Metropolitan, or if there is no Metropolitan the senior bishop by Consecration of the Provincial Synod, submitting the medical evidence available, and with the approval of the Metropolitan or such senior bishop, that person shall become Administrator of the Diocese.
3. Any Administrator appointed pursuant to this Canon shall hold office until a Bishop is elected, consecrated and installed as Bishop of the Diocese, or, in case of the incapacity of the Bishop, until the Bishop has recovered and is able to resume episcopal duties.	3. Any Administrator appointed pursuant to this Canon shall hold office until a Bishop is elected, consecrated and installed as Bishop of the Diocese, or, in case of the incapacity of the Bishop, until the Bishop has recovered and is able to resume episcopal duties.
B. THE ADMINISTRATOR	**B. THE ADMINISTRATOR**
1. The powers and duties of the Administrator shall be as follows:	1. The powers and duties of the Administrator shall be as follows:
(a) To preside over all boards and committees of which the Bishop is officially the Chair.	(a) To preside over all boards, committees, and councils of which the Bishop would otherwise be the Chair.
(b) To act in the place and stead of the Bishop so far as it is permissible upon any committee whereof the Bishop was a member, either active or *ex officio*, at the	(b) To act in the place and stead of the Bishop on any committee of which the Bishop was a member, either active or *ex officio*, at the time the vacancy occurred.
time the vacancy occurred.	
(c) To maintain the discipline of the Church.	(c) To maintain the discipline of the Church.
(d) To exercise such general inspection and surveillance of affairs and conditions within or affecting the Diocese as may be exercised by a Bishop.	(d) To exercise such general supervision of affairs and conditions within or affecting the Diocese as may be exercised by a Bishop.
(e) To appoint members of the clergy to office in the Diocese as need arises.	(e) To appoint members of the Clergy to office in the Diocese as need arises.
(f) To sign cheques and execute all other documents on behalf of the Diocese as might be signed or executed by the Bishop.	(f) To sign cheques and execute all other documents on behalf of the Diocese.
(g) Generally to do and perform every temporal function pertaining to the office of Bishop.	(g) Generally to do and perform every temporal function pertaining to the office of Bishop.
2. The Administrator shall keep a full record of all actions, and preserve all official correspondence and shall account and report fully to the Bishop upon all matters and things done or dealt with while holding office as	2. The Administrator shall keep a full record of all actions, preserve all correspondence regarding material matters, and account and report fully to the Bishop upon all matters and things done or dealt with while holding office

	Administrator forthwith upon the consecrating of a Bishop or upon the Bishop resuming episcopal duties.		as Administrator forthwith upon the consecrating of a Bishop or upon the Bishop resuming episcopal duties.
3.	Should the condition referred to in subsection A.2 continue for a period of six months, the Administrator shall call Diocesan Council to convene to consider whether or not to request that the Metropolitan declare the See vacant. Should the Bishop be the Metropolitan, the appeal shall be made to the senior Bishop by Consecration of the Province of Rupert's Land.	3.	Should the condition referred to in Canon 6.A.2 continue for a period of six (6) months, the Administrator shall call Diocesan Council to convene to consider whether or not to request that the Metropolitan declare the Episcopate vacant. If the Bishop is the Metropolitan, the request shall be made to the senior bishop by Consecration of the Provincial Synod.

CANON 7 · EXECUTIVE OFFICER/EXECUTIVE ARCHDEACON	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 7 - EXECUTIVE OFFICER	**CANON 7 – EXECUTIVE OFFICER/EXECUTIVE ARCHDEACON**
A. APPOINTMENT	**A. APPOINTMENT**
1. The Executive Officer shall be appointed by Diocesan Council and shall be responsible to the Bishop and Diocesan Council, and shall perform such duties as the Synod or the Diocesan Council may require.	1. The Bishop may appoint an Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, who shall be responsible to the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
B. DUTIES	**B. DUTIES**
1. The Executive Officer will be a member *ex* officio, but without vote, of Diocesan Council and of all Diocesan boards and standing committees and will be responsible for coordinating their work and for providing liaison among them.	1. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall perform such duties as set forth in these Canons and such other duties as determined by the Bishop.
2. Unless otherwise required by Diocesan Council, the Executive Officer may delegate the performance of any of these duties to such persons as the Bishop may approve.	2. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall be a member *ex officio*, with voting rights at any meeting of the Synod and Diocesan Council, but with no voting rights on all other Diocesan boards, standing committees and councils, and will be responsible for coordinating their work and for providing liaison among them.
3. The Executive Officer shall be bonded.	3. Unless otherwise required by Diocesan Council, the Executive Officer/ Executive Archdeacon may delegate the performance of any of these duties to such persons as the Bishop may approve.

CANON 8 · FINANCE MANAGER	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 8 - DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION	**CANON 8 – FINANCE MANAGER**
A. APPOINTMENT	**A. APPOINTMENT**
1. The Director of Administration shall be appointed by Diocesan Council and shall be responsible to the Bishop and Diocesan Council, and shall perform such duties as Synod or the Diocesan Council may require.	1. The Finance Manager shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall be responsible to the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
B. DUTIES	**B. DUTIES**
1. The Director of Administration shall be responsible for the financial administration of the Diocese.	1. The Finance Manager shall be responsible for the financial administration and management of the Diocese and shall perform such duties as the Bishop or the Diocesan Council may require.
2. The Director of Administration shall be a member ex officio, but without vote, of Diocesan Council and of such diocesan boards and standing committees as shall be designated by Canon or Diocesan Council.	2. The Finance Manager shall be a member *ex officio*, but without vote, of Diocesan Council and of such Diocesan boards, standing committees and councils as shall be determined by Canon or Diocesan Council.
3. The Director of Administration shall be bonded.	

CANON 9 · DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 9 – DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE (amended 2025)	**CANON 9 – DIOCESAN COUNCIL OF THE DIOCESE**
A. MEMBERSHIP	**A. MEMBERSHIP**
1. There shall be a Diocesan Council of the Diocese which shall consist of:	1. There shall be a Diocesan Council of the Diocese which shall consist of:
a. the Bishop;	(a) the Bishop;
b. the Bishop Co-Adjutor, if there be one;	(b) the Co-adjutor Bishop, if there is one;
c. the Bishop Suffragan, if there be one;	(c) the Suffragan Bishop, if there is one;
d. the Dean;	(d) the Dean;
	(e) the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon
e. the Archdeacons;	(f) the Archdeacons;
f. the Chancellor;	(g) the Chancellor;
g. the Vice-Chancellor;	(h) the Vice-Chancellor;
h. the Registrar;	(i) the Registrar; and
	(j) the Finance Manager;
all as *Ex Officio* members, together with:	all as *ex officio* members, together with:
i. six clerical members; and	(k) six (6) Clergy; and
j. nine lay members, to be elected from those members in attendance at Synod by the members of the Synod, during a regular meeting of Synod;	(l) nine (9) lay members, to be elected from those members in attendance at Synod by the members of the Synod, during a regular meeting of Synod;
2. Three lay members (who need not be members of the Synod) who shall be appointed by the Bishop as and when the Bishop considers it necessary and desirable so to do.	2. Up to three (3) lay members (who need not be members of the Synod) who shall be appointed by the Bishop as and when the Bishop considers it necessary and desirable to do so.
3. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon and Diocesan Finance Manager shall be non-voting members of the Diocesan Council.	
B. MEETINGS	**B. MEETINGS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL**
1. Regular meetings of the Diocesan Council shall be held at least three times in each year, at such time and place as the Bishop may determine. In the absence of the Bishop the Bishop Co-adjutor, or in the absence of the Bishop Co-adjutor the Bishop Suffragan, or in the absence of the Bishop Suffragan the Dean, or in the absence of the Dean the senior Archdeacon, shall preside at all meetings. A person shall be appointed to act as secretary of the meeting.	1. Regular meetings of the Diocesan Council shall be held at least three (3) times in each year, at such time and place as the Bishop may determine. Any such meeting may include attendance by some or all members of the Diocesan Council by electronic means or any other method of communication that enables all participants to communicate adequately during the meeting, if the Bishop determines that such electronic or other facilities are to be made available.
2. Immediately after a regular meeting of Synod has concluded, the Bishop may call an organizational meeting of the Diocesan Council. The sole business conducted at the organizational meeting shall be the election of members of Executive Committee, as provided by this Canon.	2. A notice of any meeting of the Diocesan Council shall be sent by mail or electronically to each member of the Diocesan Council at least three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting, stating the time and, unless the meeting is to be held by electronic or other communication facility, the place of such meeting. All reasonable efforts shall be made to include with such notice all written materials to be presented at the meeting in support of any decision proposed to be made at such meeting.
3. Three elected clerical and five elected lay members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.	3. The Bishop shall preside at meetings of the Diocesan Council. In the absence of the Bishop, the Co-adjutor Bishop; or if the Co-adjutor Bishop is absent or the office is vacant, the Suffragan Bishop; or if the Suffragan Bishop is absent or the office is vacant, the Dean; or if the Dean is absent or the office is vacant, the Executive Archdeacon shall preside; if the Executive Archdeacon is absent or the office is vacant, the senior Archdeacon by seniority of appointment who is present, shall preside at all meetings. A person shall be appointed to act as secretary of the meeting.
4. Decisions of Diocesan Council shall be by a simple majority of votes of those present at a properly constituted meeting of the Diocesan Council, except with	4. Immediately after a regular meeting of Synod has concluded, the Bishop may call an organizational meeting of the Diocesan Council. The sole business conducted

respect to passage or amendment of Regulations, or waiving notice of a proposed policy or of amendments to an existing policy, which shall require a two-thirds majority of the voting members in attendance.	at the organizational meeting shall be the election of members of the Executive Committee, as provided by this Canon.
	5. Three (3) Clergy members and five (5) lay members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Diocesan Council. If a quorum is not present, the Chair may adjourn the meeting to such time, date, and place as the Chair may determine, at least seven (7) days later. Notice of the adjournment shall be sent by mail or electronically to each member of the Diocesan Council at least three (3) days prior to the date fixed for the adjourned meeting, stating the time and, unless the meeting is to be held by electronic or other communication facility, the place of such meeting. Such notice need not include any written materials sent with the notice of the initially scheduled meeting. At the adjourned meeting, the members of the Diocesan Council who are present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.
	6. The Bishop, the Co-adjutor Bishop (if there is one), the Suffragan Bishop (if there is one), the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, the Dean, the Archdeacons, and all Clergy and lay members of the Diocesan Council who are present at a meeting of the Diocesan Council, shall be entitled to a single vote on each motion brought before the meeting, even if they are present in several capacities. No other person who is present shall have a vote on any such motion.
	7. Decisions of Diocesan Council shall be by a simple majority of votes of those present and entitled to vote at a properly constituted meeting of the Diocesan Council, except with respect to the approval or amendment of Regulations, or waiving notice of a proposed policy or of amendments to an existing policy, which shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the voting members in attendance.
	8. Any of the following irregularities:
	(a) a defect in the election or appointment of a person as a member of Diocesan Council or of its Executive Committee; or
	(b) a member of the Diocesan Council or the Executive Committee being disqualified or not being entitled to vote; or
	(c) any failure to comply with any procedural requirements or rules set forth in this Canon or in the Regulations to this Canon regarding a meeting of the Diocesan Council or the Executive Committee,
	shall not, by itself, invalidate any act or decision made or taken in good faith by the Diocesan Council or the Executive Committee, respectively.
	9. A resolution in writing, circulated by the Bishop, and signed by all the members of the Diocesan Council or of the Executive Committee entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of the Diocesan Council or of the Executive Committee, as applicable, is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Diocesan Council or of the Executive Committee. A copy of every resolution passed in this manner shall be kept with the minutes of the meetings of the Diocesan Council or of the Executive Committee, as the case may be.
C. POWERS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL	**C. POWERS OF THE DIOCESAN COUNCIL**
1. When the Synod is not in session the Diocesan Council shall have and exercise all the powers vested in the Synod by the Act of Incorporation of the Synod save the election of a Bishop or the amendment of the Constitution and Canons.	1. When the Synod is not in session, the Diocesan Council shall have and exercise all the powers vested in the Synod by the Act, the Constitution and the Canons, except the election of a Bishop or the amendment of the Constitution or the Canons.
2. The Diocesan Council may pass Regulations that are ancillary to and not inconsistent with these Canons for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of these Canons. Amendments or additions to the Regulations shall come into	2. When the Synod is not in session, the Diocesan Council may pass Regulations that are ancillary to and not inconsistent with these Canons for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of these Canons. Amendments or additions to the

force if approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a properly constituted meeting of Diocesan Council. Any such proposed amendments or additions shall be presented as follows:	Regulations shall come into force if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and entitled to vote at a properly constituted meeting of Diocesan Council. Any such proposed amendments or additions shall be presented as follows:
a) Notice of amendments or additions to the Regulations shall be given in writing to the Legislation Committee at least 60 days in advance of the Diocesan Council meeting at which they are to be considered.	(a) Notice of amendments or additions to the Regulations shall be given in writing to the Legislation Committee at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Diocesan Council meeting at which they are to be considered.
b) Alternatively, the Legislation Committee is authorized to consider and bring before the Diocesan Council such amendments or additions to the Regulations as it deems appropriate.	(b) Alternatively, the Legislation Committee is authorized to consider and bring before the Diocesan Council such amendments or additions to the Regulations as it deems appropriate.
c) The Legislation Committee shall consider such proposed amendments or additions and make a recommendation to the meeting of the Diocesan Council at which such amendment or additions are to be considered.	(c) The Legislation Committee shall consider such proposed amendments or additions and make a recommendation to the meeting of the Diocesan Council at which such amendment or additions are to be considered.
d) Members of the Diocesan Council, and the chairperson of every Standing Committee, and each Parish, shall be given 30 days' notice of all proposed amendments or additions to the Regulations.	(d) Members of the Diocesan Council, and the Chair of every Standing Committee and Council, and the Wardens of each Parish, shall be given at least thirty (30) days' notice of all proposed amendments or additions to the Regulations.
3. **Policies:**	3. **Policies:**
a) The Diocesan Council may adopt policies to provide direction to the Diocese, on the implementation of the Canons and Regulations and on matters of administration. Policies must be consistent with, and ancillary to, the Canons and Regulations.	(a) The Diocesan Council may adopt policies to provide direction to the Diocese, on the implementation of the Canons and Regulations and on matters of administration. Policies must be consistent with, and ancillary to, the Canons and Regulations.
b) Notice of a proposed policy, including amendments to an existing policy and the cancellation of an existing policy shall be given, in writing, to members of Diocesan Council at least 30 days prior to the meeting of Diocesan Council where the policy will be considered. This notice requirement may be waived by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at the meeting of Diocesan Council.	(b) Notice of a proposed policy, including amendments to an existing policy and the cancellation of an existing policy shall be given, in writing, to members of Diocesan Council at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting of Diocesan Council where the policy will be considered. This notice requirement may be waived by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and entitled to vote at the meeting of Diocesan Council.
c) The Diocesan Council may, in its discretion, refer any proposed policy or amendments to the Legislation Committee for review and recommendation. The Legislation Committee shall provide its review and recommendation before the next meeting of Diocesan Council.	(c) The Diocesan Council may, in its discretion, refer any proposed policy or amendments to the Legislation Committee for review and recommendation. The Legislation Committee shall provide its review and recommendation before the next meeting of Diocesan Council.
D. AUDITOR	**D. AUDITOR**
1. Diocesan Council shall elect an auditor at its first regular meeting following a regular meeting of the Synod, to serve until a successor is elected. Such auditor shall be a qualified accountant, or firm of accountants, licensed to do business in Saskatchewan. The duties of the auditor or auditors shall be to audit all account books of the Synod and of all Diocesan institutions and of all funds under the control of the Synod; to inspect, at least once in each year, all securities held by the Synod, or any Diocesan institution, and to report to the Diocesan Council the result of such inspection. The auditor should be changed, at a minimum, every five to six years.	1. Diocesan Council shall elect an auditor at its first regular meeting following a regular meeting of the Synod, to serve until a successor is elected. Such auditor shall be a qualified chartered professional accountant, or firm of chartered professional accountants, licensed to do business in Saskatchewan. The duties of the auditor or auditors shall be to audit all account books of the Synod and of all Diocesan institutions and of all funds under the control of the Synod; to inspect, at least once in each year, all securities held by the Synod, or any Diocesan institution, and to report to the Diocesan Council the result of such inspection. The auditor should be changed, at a minimum, every five (5) or six (6) years.
E. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	**E. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
3. The Diocesan Council shall have the power to elect an Executive Committee comprised of those persons described in paragraph (2) hereof.	1. The Executive Committee of the Diocesan Council shall consist of:
a. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact such business as may come before it which would normally be the business of the Diocesan Council.	
b. The Executive Committee does not have the authority to pass or amend Regulations.	

4. The Executive Committee shall consist of:	
a. the Bishop as Chair;	(a) the Bishop as Chair;
b. the Bishop Co-adjutor, if there be one;	(b) the Co-adjutor Bishop, if there is one;
c. the Bishop Suffragan, if there be one;	(c) the Suffragan Bishop, if there is one;
d. the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon;	(d) the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon;
e. the Dean as Vice-Chair;	(e) the Dean as Vice-Chair;
f. the Chancellor;	(f) the Chancellor;
g. any two clerical members, and	(g) any two (2) Clergy members, and
h. any four lay members;	(h) any four (4) lay members;
provided that the two clerical members and four lay members referred to in subsection E.2 g. and h. are to be elected by the Diocesan Council from the members of such Council. A person shall be appointed to act as secretary of the meeting of the Executive Committee.	provided that the two (2) Clergy members and four (4) lay members referred to in Canon 9.E.2 (g) and (h) are to be elected by the Diocesan Council from the members of such Council. A person shall be appointed to act as secretary at any meeting of the Executive Committee.
5. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Bishop, as the need arises.	2. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact such business as may come before it which would normally be the business of the Diocesan Council, except that the Executive Committee does not have the authority to pass or amend Regulations.
6. Two elected clerical members and two elected lay members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business of the Executive Committee.	3. Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be called by the Bishop, as the need arises. Any such meeting may include attendance by some or all members of the Executive Committee by electronic means or any other method of communication that enables all participants to communicate adequately during the meeting, if the Bishop determines that such electronic or other facilities are to be made available.
	4. The Bishop shall preside at meetings of the Executive Committee. If the Bishop is absent from any such meeting, the Clergy member determined as provided in Canon 9.B.3. shall chair the meeting.
	5. Two (2) elected Clergy members and two (2) elected lay members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Executive Committee.
	6. The Bishop or the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon may call for an email vote or vote by electronic system (e-vote) of the Executive Committee if the business at hand satisfies the following criteria:
	(a) it is a single matter in respect of which making a decision is regarded as time sensitive;
	(b) it may be impracticable to schedule the members of the Executive Committee for a meeting, even a virtual one;
	(c) the matter involves an expenditure which does not exceed a total amount of Ten Thousand ($10,000) Dollars;
	(d) the matter is not controversial; and
	(e) the decision before the Executive Committee does not require extensive background reading or explanation.
	Decisions made by email or e-vote are intended to be straightforward ones. Therefore, no material amendment or discussion is permitted as part of the email or e-vote voting process.
	7. In conducting a vote by email or e-vote:
	(a) details of the proposed decision and a motion shall be proposed to all Executive Committee members;
	(b) the email subject line shall indicate that a vote is required; matters not related to the decision should not be included;

	(c) any necessary voting instructions shall be included;
	(d) the date and time by which all votes must be communicated back to the Bishop or Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall be clearly indicated;
	(e) to be approved or ratified, the decision of the members of the Executive Committee must be approved by an absolute majority of members of the Executive Committee, not just a majority of those who cast their vote; and any abstention will be counted as a vote against the motion;
	(f) when the results of the email vote or e-vote have been determined, the Bishop or Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon will communicate it via an e-mail message to all members of the Executive Committee;
	(g) if a decision is made by email vote or e-vote, a motion ratifying such decision shall be brought at the next regular meeting of the Diocesan Council, at which time the decision may be ratified, modified, or reversed;
	(h) any Executive Committee member may request a special meeting of the members of the Executive Committee to decide the matter; and if such request is made, the voting shall be suspended and the motion made to initiate the email vote/e-vote shall be brought before the special meeting; and
	(i) if a member of the Executive Committee does not, for any reason, have ready access to email, the Bishop or Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon will endeavour to communicate the invitation to vote in some other way and relay this member's vote to the rest of the Executive Committee.
F. REMOVAL OR DISQUALIFICATION	**F. REMOVAL OR DISQUALIFICATION**
1. If any elected member of Diocesan Council shall die or move out of the Diocese or otherwise become disqualified to serve or is absent without good cause from three consecutive meetings of Diocesan Council, the person in that Order having the next highest number of votes, if there be such person, shall fill the vacancy so created.	1. If any elected member of Diocesan Council shall die or move out of the Diocese or otherwise become disqualified to serve or is absent without good cause from three (3) consecutive meetings of Diocesan Council, as determined by Diocesan Council, that person shall be deemed to have vacated their membership on Diocesan Council. The person in that Order having the next highest number of votes, if there is such person, shall fill the vacancy so created in accordance with Canon 2.E.5.

CANON 10 · DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 10 - DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD	**CANON 10 – DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD**
A. ELECTIONS	**A. ELECTIONS**
1. There shall be elected at each regular meeting of Synod the proper number of clerical and lay delegates to the General and the Provincial Synods as the Diocese may from time to time be entitled to send to such Synods and as provided in the Constitution and Canons thereof.	1. There shall be elected at each regular meeting of Synod the proper number of clerical and lay delegates to the General Synod and the Provincial Synod as the Diocese may from time to time be entitled to send to such Synods and as provided in the Constitution and in these Canons.
2. Eligibility	2. Eligibility:
(a) The clerical delegates eligible for election to the General and Provincial Synods shall be all members of the clergy licensed in the Diocese and not under ecclesiastical censure who are present at Synod.	(a) The clerical delegates eligible for election to the General Synod and to the Provincial Synod shall be all members of the Clergy who are licensed in the Diocese and not under ecclesiastical censure or on leave, and who are present at Synod.
(b) The lay delegates eligible for election to the General and Provincial Synods shall be all lay members of Synod who are present at Synod. Pursuant to the Canons of the Province of Rupert's Land, the Chancellor is a member ex officio of the Provincial Synod.	(b) The lay delegates eligible for election to the General Synod and to the Provincial Synod shall be all Elected Delegates, or substitutes referred to in Canon 2.A.2.(e), who are present at Synod. Pursuant to the Canons of the Provincial Synod, the Chancellor and the Registrar are members *ex officio* of the Provincial Synod.
3. The election of clerical and lay delegates to the General and Provincial Synods shall be conducted in the same manner as for the election of members of the Diocesan Council.	3. The election of clerical and lay delegates to the General Synod and to the Provincial Synod shall be conducted in the same manner as for the election of members of the Diocesan Council.
4. If any delegate to the General Synod or the Provincial Synod shall die or move out of the Diocese or otherwise become disqualified to serve, or is unable to attend a meeting of General Synod or Provincial Synod, the person in that order having the next highest number of votes shall fill the vacancy so created and become a member of the General or Provincial Synod with all rights and privileges as such.	4. If any delegate to the General Synod or the Provincial Synod shall die or move out of the Diocese or otherwise become disqualified to serve, or is unable to attend a meeting of General Synod or Provincial Synod, the person in that order having the next highest number of votes shall fill the vacancy so created and become a member of the General Synod or Provincial Synod with all rights and privileges of such member.

CANON 11 · THE CHANCELLOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 11 - THE CHANCELLOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR	**CANON 11 – THE CHANCELLOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR**
A. THE CHANCELLOR	**A. THE CHANCELLOR**
1. The Bishop shall appoint a Chancellor who shall be a communicant, resident in the Diocese, and be either a judge of a Court of Record or a barrister-at-law of the Law Society of Saskatchewan of at least ten years standing.	1. The Bishop shall appoint a Chancellor who is a Communicant, resident in the Diocese, and either a judge of a provincial court of Saskatchewan or a member in good standing of the Law Society of Saskatchewan of at least ten (10) years standing.
2. The Chancellor shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Synod, the Diocesan Council and of the Executive Committee thereof, the Legislation Committee, and the Finance Committee, and shall hold office for five years. The Chancellor may be reappointed at the Bishop's pleasure.	2. The Chancellor shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Synod, the Diocesan Council, the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Council, the Legislation Committee, and the Finance Committee. The Chancellor may participate in all meetings of such bodies but shall not have any right to vote. The Chancellor shall hold office for five (5) years or such lesser term as the Bishop shall determine. The Chancellor may be reappointed at the Bishop's discretion.
	3. It shall be the duty of the Chancellor to advise the Bishop, the Co-adjutor Bishop, the Suffragan Bishop, the Bishop's Commissary, or the Administrator on all legal matters submitted to the Chancellor and in all matters of discipline or cases of difficulty or doubt when requested so to do and to act as assessor in determining questions on points of order at any meeting of the Synod or of the Diocesan Council.
3. It shall be the duty of the Chancellor to advise the Bishop, Co-adjutor Bishop, Bishop Suffragan, or the Bishop's Commissary, or the Administrator on all legal matters submitted to the Chancellor and in all matters of discipline or cases of difficulty or doubt when requested so to do and to act as assessor in determining questions on points of order at any meeting of the Synod or of the Diocesan Council.	
B. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR	**B. THE VICE-CHANCELLOR**
1. The Bishop may, after consultation with the Chancellor, appoint a Vice-Chancellor.	1. The Bishop may, after consultation with the Chancellor, appoint a Vice-Chancellor.
2. The Vice-Chancellor shall be a communicant, resident in the Diocese, and be either a judge of a Court of Record or a barrister-at-law of the Law Society of Saskatchewan of at least five years standing.	2. The Bishop may appoint a Vice-Chancellor who is a Communicant, resident in the Diocese, and either a judge of a provincial court or a member in good standing of the Law Society of Saskatchewan of at least five (5) years standing.
3. The Vice-Chancellor shall be, ex officio, a member of the Synod, the Diocesan Council, the Legislation Committee, and the Finance Committee. The Vice-Chancellor shall be a member with voice but not vote of the Executive Committee of Diocesan Council, and in the absence of the Chancellor may vote in the Chancellor's place. The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for five years and may be reappointed at the Bishop's pleasure.	3. The Vice-Chancellor shall be, *ex officio*, a member of the Synod, the Diocesan Council, the Executive Committee of the Diocesan Council, the Legislation Committee, and the Finance Committee. The Vice-Chancellor may participate in all meetings of such bodies but shall not have any right to vote. The Vice-Chancellor shall hold office for five (5) years or such lesser term as the Bishop shall determine. The Vice-Chancellor may be reappointed at the Bishop's discretion.
4. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to assist the Chancellor in the fulfilment of the duties of Chancellor.	4. It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chancellor to assist the Chancellor in the fulfilment of the duties of Chancellor.
5. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall act in the place of the Chancellor, and shall have all the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Chancellor.	5. In the absence of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor shall act in the place of the Chancellor, and shall have all the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the Chancellor.

CANON 12 · THE REGISTRAR	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 12 - THE REGISTRAR	**CANON 12 – THE REGISTRAR**
A. **GENERAL**	**A. GENERAL**
1. The Registrar shall be appointed by the Bishop, and shall hold office at the pleasure of the Bishop.	1. The Registrar shall be appointed by the Bishop and shall hold office at the discretion of the Bishop.
2. The Registrar shall be a member *ex officio* of Synod, Diocesan Council, and the Legislation Committee, and shall have such duties as are set out in the Diocesan Regulations.	2. The Registrar shall be a member *ex officio* of Synod, Diocesan Council, and the Legislation Committee, and shall have such duties as are set forth in the Regulations.

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 13 - BOARD OF TRUSTEES (amended 2022)	**CANON 13 – BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
A. **GENERAL**	A. **GENERAL**
1. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Bishop, the Executive Officer, the Director of Administration and three lay persons elected by Diocesan Council. Notwithstanding Canon 18A.3, all members of the board shall be voting members.	1. The Board of Trustees shall be composed of the Bishop, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, the Finance Manager, and three (3) lay persons elected by Diocesan Council, on the recommendation of the Bishop. All members of the Board of Trustees shall be voting members of the Board of Trustees. The lay persons need not be members of Synod but must be eligible to be elected to Synod and must be at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. Members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected for a three year term and shall be eligible for re-election.	2. The lay members of the Board of Trustees shall be elected for a three (3) year term and shall be eligible for re-election.
3. The Director of Administration shall be the secretary-treasurer of the board.	3. The Bishop shall appoint the Chair of the Board of Trustees from among the members of the Board. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a secretary.
4. Subject to the provisions of the Act of Incorporation, and to the terms of any instrument creating the trust, the Board of Trustees shall from time to time invest in the name of the Synod all monies of the Synod entrusted to it for investment in any securities allowed by The Trustee Act of the Province of Saskatchewan for investment of trust funds, with power from time to time to vary such investments, and shall pay the income therefrom to such person or persons, or into such account or accounts as may be designated by the instrument setting up the trust, or by the Synod, as the case may be, and shall have the general management of all trust funds and of investments representing the same.	4. With the approval of the Diocesan Council, the Bishop may replace the Chair.
5. The Board of Trustees may, with the approval of Synod, entrust the management and custody of all trust funds and investments, or any portion thereof, in the hands of or under the control of the Board of Trustees to any trust company or investment company authorized to do business in the Province of Saskatchewan and to pay such company a fee for such work.	5. The Board of Trustees shall meet at least three (3) times per calendar year. If the Board of Trustees fails to do so, the Chair of the Board of Trustees shall promptly submit a report to the Diocesan Council giving reasons for not doing so.
6. All trust funds for the time being uninvested (except where a trust or investment company is employed as in the preceding paragraph provided) shall be kept in such branch or branches of any financial institution licensed to carry on business in Saskatchewan as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Trustees.	6. The Board of Trustees may, by resolution, seek advice from officers of the Synod, Members of the Diocese or external advisors, consultants, or subject matter experts as it deems necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities. Such advice may include, but is not limited to, obtaining legal, financial, or other specialized advice. The costs associated with obtaining such advice must be authorized in accordance with the approved Diocesan budget.
7. All transactions of the Board of Trustees shall be carried out only on the joint written order of any two of the trustees.	7. Subject to the provisions of the Act, and to the terms of any instrument creating any permanent trust fund or a restricted fund, the Board of Trustees shall:
8. The Board of Trustees shall keep or cause to be kept proper books of account showing the dealings with all trust funds entrusted to the Board of Trustees, which books shall at all times, on reasonable notice, be open to inspection by any Eligible Member.	(a) from time to time invest, in the name of the Synod, all monies of the Synod entrusted to it in any investments, including securities, allowed by *The Trustee Act, 2009* (Saskatchewan) (as amended or replaced from time to time), for investment of trust funds, with power from time to time to vary such investments;
9. The Board of Trustees shall report to each regular meeting of the Synod upon the administration of all funds entrusted to the Board of Trustees and shall report to Diocesan Council in respect of any matter as to which information is required by Council.	(b) pay the income from such investments to such person or persons, or into such account or accounts, as may be designated by the instrument setting up the trust fund or the restricted fund, or by the Synod, as the case may be; and

10. REPEALED, October, 2022.	(c) have the general management of all trust funds and restricted funds, and of all investments representing the same.
	8. The Board of Trustees may, with the approval of Diocesan Council, entrust the management and custody of any or all trust funds and restricted funds, and investments, or any portion thereof, in the hands of or under the control of the Board of Trustees, to any trust company or investment company authorized to do business in the Province of Saskatchewan and to pay such company a fee for such work.
	9. All trust funds and restricted funds for the time being uninvested (except where a trust company or investment company is employed as in the preceding paragraph provided) shall be kept in such branch or branches of any financial institution licensed to carry on business in Saskatchewan as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Trustees.
	10. All transactions of the Board of Trustees shall be carried out only on the joint written order of any two (2) of the trustees.
	11. The Board of Trustees shall keep or cause to be kept proper books of account showing the dealings with all funds entrusted to the Board of Trustees, which books shall at all times, on reasonable notice, be open to inspection by any Eligible Member.
	12. The Board of Trustees shall report to each regular meeting of the Synod upon the administration of all funds entrusted to the Board of Trustees and shall report to the Diocesan Council in respect of any matter as to which information is required by the Diocesan Council.
	13. The provisions of Canons 18.A.6., 18.A.7., 18.A.8., 18.A.10. and 18.A.13. are applicable to the Board of Trustees, as if such provisions were set forth in full in this Canon, with such necessary changes as the context requires.
	14. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board of Trustees, the Diocesan Council, on the recommendation of the Bishop, may elect or appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy.

CANON 14 · THE DEAN	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 14 - THE DEAN	**CANON 14 – THE DEAN**
A. **GENERAL**	**A. GENERAL**
1. If the Bishop has appointed a Dean, the Dean shall preside at all meetings of the Synod and the Diocesan Council in the absence of the Bishop, there being no Bishop Co- Adjutor or Bishop Suffragan.	1. If the Bishop has appointed a Dean, the Dean shall preside at all meetings of the Synod and the Diocesan Council in the absence of the Bishop, if there is no Co-adjutor Bishop or Suffragan Bishop or if no Co-adjutor Bishop or Suffragan Bishop is present.
2. If the See shall fall vacant by reason of the death, resignation or removal of the Bishop, there being no Bishop Co-adjutor or Bishop Suffragan, then the Dean shall from the time of the death of the Bishop or from the time when the resignation or removal becomes effective be the Administrator of the Diocese.	2. If the Episcopate shall fall vacant by reason of the death, resignation or removal of the Bishop, and if there is no Co-adjutor Bishop or Suffragan Bishop, then the Dean shall, from the time of the death of the Bishop or from the time when the resignation or removal becomes effective, be the Administrator of the Diocese until a new bishop has been elected and has taken office.
3. The Dean shall be ex officio a member of the Diocesan Council, the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee.	3. The Dean shall be *ex officio* a member of the Diocesan Council, the Executive Committee and the Finance Committee.

CANON 15 · ARCHDEACONS	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 15 – ARCHDEACONS	**CANON 15 – ARCHDEACONS**
A. GENERAL	**A. GENERAL**
1. The Bishop may appoint one or more Archdeacons to or for such jurisdictions as the Bishop may determine and they shall hold office at the Bishop's pleasure.	1. The Diocese may be divided into several Archdeaconries. The Bishop may appoint one (1) or more Archdeacons to or for such jurisdictions as the Bishop may determine and they shall hold office at the Bishop's discretion.
2. The responsibilities and the role of Archdeacon shall be as provided for in the Diocesan Regulations.	2. The responsibilities and the role of Archdeacon shall be as provided for in the Regulations.
B. ARCHDEACONRIES	**B. ARCHDEACONRIES**
1. The Bishop may at any time, in consultation with the Diocesan Council, alter the number and/or boundaries of Archdeaconries.	1. The Bishop may at any time, in consultation with the Diocesan Council, alter the number and/or boundaries of Archdeaconries.

CANON 16 · DEANERIES AND REGIONAL DEANS

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 16 - DEANERIES AND REGIONAL DEANS (amended 2015)	**CANON 16 – DEANERIES AND REGIONAL DEANS**
A. **REGIONAL DEANERIES**	**A. REGIONAL DEANERIES**
1. The Diocese shall be divided into Regional Deaneries, the number and boundaries of which shall be defined by the Bishop from time to time as the Bishop deems advisable. Each parish shall be a member of the Deanery in which it is located.	1. Any Archdeaconry may be divided into several Regional Deaneries, the number and boundaries of which shall be defined by the Bishop from time to time as the Bishop deems advisable. Each Parish shall be a member of the Deanery in which it is located.
B. **REGIONAL DEANS**	**B. REGIONAL DEANS**
1. The Bishop shall appoint in each Regional Deanery a member of the clergy engaged in active parochial service and residing in any parish in the Deanery to be the Regional Dean to hold office at the Bishop's pleasure; provided that the Bishop may appoint any other qualified member of the clergy in the Diocese as Regional Dean if the Bishop is of the opinion there is not in any Deanery a member of the clergy having sufficient experience to perform the duties of a Regional Dean. The Regional Dean shall assist the Bishop.	1. The Bishop may appoint in each Regional Deanery a member of the Clergy engaged in active parochial service and residing in any parish in the Deanery to be the Regional Dean to hold office at the Bishop's discretion; provided that the Bishop may appoint any other qualified member of the Clergy in the Diocese as Regional Dean if the Bishop is of the opinion there is not in any Deanery a member of the Clergy having sufficient experience to perform the duties of a Regional Dean. The Regional Dean shall assist the Bishop.
2. Each Regional Dean shall convene such meetings of the Deanery Chapter and shall perform such functions as provided for in the Diocesan Regulations.	2. Each Regional Dean shall convene such meetings of the Deanery Chapter and shall perform such functions as provided in the Regulations.
3. The responsibilities and the role of Regional Deans shall be as provided for in the Diocesan Regulations.	3. The responsibilities and the role of Regional Deans shall be as provided in the Regulations.
C. **DEANERY CONFERENCES**	**C. DEANERY CONFERENCES**
1. Deanery Conferences shall be convened by the Regional Dean after consultation with the Archdeacon and the Executive Officer.	1. Deanery Conferences shall be convened by the Regional Dean after consultation with the Archdeacon and the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon.
2. A Deanery Conference shall consist of such members and shall perform such duties as are set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	2. A Deanery Conference shall consist of such members and shall perform such duties as are set forth in the Regulations.
D. **DEANERY CHAPTERS**	**D. DEANERY CHAPTERS**
1. All priests and deacons licensed by the Bishop and residing in any parish in a Deanery shall be members of that Deanery Chapter. The Regional Dean shall preside at meetings of the Chapter.	1. All priests and deacons licensed by the Bishop and residing in any Parish in a Deanery shall be members of that Deanery Chapter. The Regional Dean shall preside at meetings of the Chapter.
2. There may be a Great Chapter consisting of the following:	2. There may be a Great Chapter consisting of the following:
(a) All clergy residing in the Deanery who hold the license of the Bishop.	(a) All Clergy residing in the Deanery who hold the licence of the Bishop.
(b) The Churchwardens, Elected Delegates and substitutes, and lay members of each congregation in the Deanery.	(b) The Wardens, Elected Delegates and substitutes, and lay members of each Congregation in the Deanery.
(c) Any other clergy or laity invited to attend by the Great Chapter.	(c) Any other Clergy or laity invited to attend by the Great Chapter.

CANON 17 · ARCHIVIST	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 17 - ARCHIVIST	**CANON 17 – ARCHIVIST**
A. **GENERAL**	A. **GENERAL**
1. There shall be an Archivist of the Diocese who shall be appointed by the Bishop in consultation with Diocesan Council, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Bishop.	1. There shall be an Archivist of the Diocese who shall be appointed by the Bishop in consultation with Diocesan Council, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Bishop.
2. The Archivist shall have the right to attend meetings of Diocesan Council with voice but not vote.	2. The Archivist shall have the right to attend and participate in meetings of Diocesan Council, but shall not have any right to vote.
3. The duties and responsibilities of the Archivist shall be as provided for in the Diocesan Regulations.	3. The duties and responsibilities of the Archivist shall be as provided in the Regulations.
4. Expenses necessary for the performance of the duties of Archivist shall be paid by the Diocese.	4. Expenses necessary for the performance of the duties of Archivist shall be paid by the Diocese.

CANON 18 · DIOCESAN STANDING COMMITTEES & COUNCILS

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 18 – DIOCESAN STANDING COMMITTEES & COUNCILS (amended 2017, 2025)	**CANON 18 – DIOCESAN STANDING COMMITTEES & COUNCILS**
A. **GENERAL**	**A. GENERAL**
1. The following shall be the Diocesan Standing Committees and Councils:	1. The following shall be the standing committees and councils of the Diocesan Council:
(a) Advisory Council for Indigenous Ministry.	(a) Advisory Council for Indigenous Ministry.
(b) Committee on Ordained Ministry;	(b) Committee on Ordained Ministry;
(c) Doctrine and Worship Committee;	(c) Doctrine and Worship Committee;
(d) Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee;	(e) Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee;
(e) Finance Committee; and	(f) Finance Committee; and
(f) Legislation Committee.	(g) Legislation Committee.
2. The duties of Standing Committees and Councils shall be carried out under the supervision and direction of the Diocesan Council. Each Committee or shall submit a written report to Diocesan Council at least twice a year or as otherwise required.	2. The Bishop shall be *ex officio* a member of all standing committees and councils. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall be a non-voting member of all standing committees and councils of the Diocesan Council. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Canon, election to standing committees and councils shall be by the Diocesan Council. Elected members of standing committees and councils need not be members of Synod but must be eligible for such membership.
3. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Canon, election to Standing Committees and Councils shall be by the Diocesan Council. The Bishop shall be *Ex Officio* a member of all Standing Committees and Councils. The Executive Officer shall be a non-voting member of all Standing Committees and Councils.	3. The duties of standing committees and councils shall be carried out under the supervision and direction of the Diocesan Council.
4. Elected members of Standing Committees and Councils need not be members of Synod but must be eligible for such membership.	4. Each standing committee and council shall meet at least three (3) times in each year, unless expressly otherwise stated in this Canon. If it fails to do so, the Chair of such standing committee or council shall promptly submit a written report to Diocesan Council giving reasons for not doing so. Each standing committee and council shall submit a written report to the Diocesan Council at least once a year, or as otherwise required by the Diocesan Council.
5. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Canon, each Standing Committee and Council shall elect its own chairperson and appoint a secretary.	5. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Canon, each standing committee and council shall elect its own Chair and appoint a secretary.
6. Expenses of members for attendance at meetings shall be reimbursed in accordance with Regulations established from time to time by Diocesan Council.	6. With the approval of Diocesan Council, the Bishop may replace the Chair of any standing committee or council.
7. Each Standing Committee shall have the power to determine its own quorum, provided always that there be a majority of members present at the meeting at which the determination of what constitutes a quorum is decided.	7. Travel expenses of members of the standing committees and councils for attendance at in person meetings shall be reimbursed in accordance with the compensation package or similar document approved from time to time by Diocesan Council.
8. Each Standing Committee and Council shall have the power to appoint up to two additional members as it may consider necessary or advisable for the discharge of its duties, to appoint sub-committees; and delegate powers and duties to such sub-committees. All sub-committees shall be accountable to the Standing Committee or Council to which they were appointed.	8. Each standing committee and council shall have the power to determine its own quorum, provided always that there be a majority of members present at the meeting at which the determination of what constitutes a quorum is decided.
	9. Each standing committee and council shall have the power to appoint up to two (2) additional members as it may consider necessary or advisable for the discharge of its duties, to appoint sub-committees; and delegate powers and duties to such sub-committees. All sub-committees shall be accountable to the standing committee or council to which they were appointed.

9. No Standing Committee or Council shall authorize the expenditure of money unless same has been approved in the Diocesan budget.	10. No standing committee or council shall authorize the expenditure of money unless same has been approved in the Diocesan budget.
	11. Members of standing committees and councils shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment. Diocesan Council shall have the power to determine by Regulations the maximum number of consecutive terms a person may serve on a standing committee or council.
	12. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of any standing committee or council elected by Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Council may elect or appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy.
	13. If any member of a standing committee or council is not in good standing in their Parish, or is absent without cause from three (3) consecutive meetings:
	(a) the individual should step down from the committee or council; and
	(b) failing to do so, the Bishop may remove such person as a member of the standing committee or council.
10. Synod, the Diocesan Council, or the Bishop, may appoint such other committees or working groups as may from time to time be necessary to carry out the work and mission of the Church in the Diocese.	14. Synod, the Diocesan Council, or the Bishop, may appoint such other committees or working groups as may from time to time be necessary to carry out the work and mission of the Church in the Diocese.
11. Members of Standing Committees and Councils shall be eligible for re-election or re-appointment. Diocesan Council shall have the power to determine by Regulations the maximum number of consecutive terms a person may serve on a Standing Committee.	
12. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the membership of any Standing Committee or Council elected by Diocesan Council, the Diocesan Council may elect or appoint a qualified person to fill such vacancy.	
13. If any member of a Standing Committee or Council is not in good standing in their Parish, or is absent without cause from three consecutive meetings:	
a. the individual should step down from the Committee; and	
b. failing to do so, the Bishop may remove such person as a member of the Standing Committee or Council.	
B. **ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIGENOUS MINISTRY**	**B. ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIGENOUS MINISTRY**
1. The Advisory Council for Indigenous Ministry (ACIM) shall consist of five to eight members which includes a mix of clergy and non-clergy, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, at least one Indigenous elder, at least one Indigenous youth representative. The Bishop and Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon are *Ex Officio* members of the Council.	1. The Advisory Council for Indigenous Ministry (ACIM) shall consist of five (5) to eight (8) members which includes a mix of Clergy and non-clergy, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, at least one (1) Indigenous elder, and at least one (1) Indigenous representative who is a Youth Member. The Bishop and Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon are *ex officio* members of the Council.
2. It shall be duty of the ACIM to:	2. It shall be the duty of the ACIM to:
a) Provide advice to the Bishop on Indigenous ministry and issues;	(a) Provide advice to the Bishop on Indigenous ministry and issues.
b) Provide support to Indigenous ministry;	(b) Provide support to Indigenous ministry.
c) Identify and support the development of Indigenous leaders within the Diocesan community;	(c) Identify and support the development of Indigenous leaders within the Diocesan community.
d) Promote education and awareness of Indigenous culture, history and issues;	(d) Promote education and awareness of Indigenous culture, history and issues.
e) Foster relationships and reconciliation with Indigenous communities;	(e) Foster relationships and reconciliation with Indigenous communities.
f) Steward the sourcing and application of related resources;	(f) Steward the sourcing and application of related resources.
g) Foster linkages with Sacred Circle and other partners.	(g) Foster linkages with Sacred Circle and other partners.
3. The ACIM shall meet at least 4 times per year. At least one of these meetings will be fully in-person. Other meetings may offer a remote meeting option.	3. The ACIM shall meet at least four (4) times per year. At least one (1) of these meetings will be fully in-person. Other meetings may offer a remote meeting option.
4. Decision making will be by consensus.	4. Decision making will be by consensus.
5. Administrative support will be provided by the Diocesan staff.	5. Administrative support will be provided by the Diocesan staff.

C. COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY	C. COMMITTEE ON ORDAINED MINISTRY
1. The Committee on Ordained Ministry shall be composed of up to three clerical and four lay members; each appointed by the Bishop for a term of three years may be re-appointed for additional terms.	1. The Committee on Ordained Ministry shall be composed of up to three (3) clerical and four (4) lay members; each of whom shall be appointed by the Bishop for a term of three (3) years and may be re-appointed for additional terms.
2. The Chairperson will be appointed by the Bishop.	2. The Chair shall be appointed by the Bishop.
3. Duties of the Committee on Ordained Ministry will include:	3. Duties of the Committee on Ordained Ministry will include:
a) To promote and provide opportunity for continuing professional and personal development of the clergy of the Diocese, with particular emphasis on those in their first three years of Orders.	a) To promote and provide opportunity for continuing professional and personal development of the Clergy of the Diocese, with particular emphasis on those in their first three years of Orders.
b) At the request of the Bishop, to interview and assess applicants for ordination and submit such reports as the Bishop may require.	b) At the request of the Bishop, to interview and assess applicants for ordination and submit such reports as the Bishop may require.
c) To provide students sponsored by the Bishop with a link to the Diocese and to meet with those students annually as circumstances permit.	c) To provide students sponsored by the Bishop with a link to the Diocese and to meet with those students annually as circumstances permit.
d) To do such work as may be deemed appropriate to encourage vocations to ordained ministry.	d) To do such work as may be deemed appropriate to encourage vocations to ordained ministry.
4. The Committee on Ordained Ministry will be responsible to the Bishop and will report to the Bishop and to the Diocesan Council.	4. The Committee on Ordained Ministry will be responsible to the Bishop and will report to the Bishop and to the Diocesan Council.
D. DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE	**D. DOCTRINE AND WORSHIP COMMITTEE**
1. The Doctrine and Worship Committee shall be composed of up to three clerical and four lay members.	1. The Doctrine and Worship Committee shall be composed of up to three (3) clerical and four (4) lay members.
2. The Chairperson will be appointed by the Bishop.	2. The Chair shall be appointed by the Bishop.
3. The duties of the Doctrine and Worship Committee shall be:	3. The duties of the Doctrine and Worship Committee shall be:
a. To study, consider, and advise the Bishop and Synod on matters relating to the faith and order of the Church.	(a) To study, consider, and advise the Bishop and Synod on matters relating to the faith and order of the Church.
b. To study, consider, and advise the Bishop and Synod on matters relating to liturgy and worship of the Church.	(b) To study, consider, and advise the Bishop and Synod on matters relating to liturgy and worship of the Church.
c. To encourage renewal within the Diocese by making available educational resources and consultative assistance to Parishes, either alone or in concert with other committees.	(c) To encourage renewal within the Diocese by making available educational resources and consultative assistance to Parishes, either alone or in concert with other committees.
d. To maintain liaison and co-operation with the corresponding committees of Provincial Synods and General Synods.	(d) To maintain liaison and co-operation with the corresponding committees of Provincial Synod and the General Synod.
E. ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE	**E. ECUMENICAL AND INTERFAITH RELATIONS COMMITTEE**
1. The Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee shall be composed of up to three clerical and four lay members.	1. The Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee shall be composed of up to three (3) clerical and four (4) lay members.
2. The Chairperson will be appointed by the Bishop.	2. The Chair shall be appointed by the Bishop.
3. The duties of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee shall be:	3. The duties of the Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Committee shall be:
a) To advise the Bishop and Synod on such matters as policy and plans for relations with other denominations and inter-church bodies and other faiths, and to foster and promote Christian unity and ecumenism.	(a) To advise the Bishop and Synod on such matters as policy and plans for relations with other denominations and inter-church bodies and other faiths, and to foster and promote Christian unity and ecumenism.
b) To encourage, nurture and promote harmonious relations with other Christian denominations, and an understanding of the essential unity of the Church universal.	(b) To encourage, nurture and promote harmonious relations with other Christian denominations, and an understanding of the essential unity of the Church universal.
c) To undertake dialogue with non-Christian faiths.	(c) To undertake dialogue with non-Christian faiths.
d) To advise the Bishop on opportunities for ecumenical co-operation and participation in ecumenical projects.	(d) To advise the Bishop on opportunities for ecumenical co-operation and participation in ecumenical projects.
e) To make available to Parishes educational and consultative resources on ecumenical issues, either alone or in concert with other committees.	(e) To make available to Parishes educational and consultative resources on ecumenical issues, either alone or in concert with other committees.

f) To undertake such other related activities as Synod or the Bishop may direct.	(f) To undertake such other related activities as Synod or the Bishop may direct.
g) To maintain liaison and co-operation with the corresponding committees of Provincial Synods and General Synods.	(g) To maintain liaison and co-operation with the corresponding committees of Provincial Synod and the General Synod.
F. FINANCE COMMITTEE	**F. FINANCE COMMITTEE**
3) The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, three clergy and five lay persons. The Diocesan Finance Manager shall be a non-voting member of the Finance Committee.	1. The Finance Committee shall be composed of the Bishop, the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Dean, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, three (3) Clergy and five (5) lay persons. The Finance Manager shall be a non-voting member of the Finance Committee.
4) The Finance Committee shall appoint a person to be the secretary of the Finance Committee.	2. The Finance Committee shall appoint a person to be the secretary of the Finance Committee.
5) It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to:	3. It shall be the duty of the Finance Committee to:
a) Study the financial needs and resources of the Diocese.	(a) Study the financial needs and resources of the Diocese.
b) Review each proposed annual budget, a draft of which shall have been prepared by the Bishop, Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, Diocesan Finance Manager and the Chairperson of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall submit its reviewed budget to the Diocesan Council for their approval.	(b) Review each proposed annual budget, a draft of which shall have been prepared by the Bishop, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, the Finance Manager and the Chair of the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall submit its reviewed budget to the Diocesan Council for their approval.
c) The Finance Committee shall be responsible for financial development programs in the Diocese and make available related educational and consultative resources to Parishes.	(c) The Finance Committee shall be responsible for financial development programs in the Diocese and make available related educational and consultative resources to Parishes.
d) The Finance Committee shall recommend to Diocesan Council minimum standards for compensation of the clergy and other employees.	(d) The Finance Committee shall recommend to Diocesan Council minimum standards for compensation of the Clergy and other employees.
	(e) The Finance Committee shall recommend to Diocesan Council the allowance and requirements for claiming travel expenses of Clergy, laity and staff.
G. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE	**G. LEGISLATION COMMITTEE**
1. The Legislation Committee shall be composed of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, up to three members of the clergy and four laypersons.	1. The Legislation Committee shall be composed of the Chancellor, the Vice-Chancellor, the Registrar, up to three (3) members of the Clergy and four (4) lay persons.
2. The Chancellor shall be the Chairperson of the Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee shall appoint a secretary.	2. The Chancellor shall be the Chair of the Legislation Committee. The Legislation Committee shall appoint a secretary.
3. It shall be the duty of the Legislation Committee to receive, initiate, consider and report on proposals for amendments to *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act*, the Constitution, Canons, Regulations and Policies of the Diocese and also to initiate amendments as it deems appropriate.	3. It shall be the duty of the Legislation Committee to receive, initiate, consider and report on proposals for amendments to *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act*, the Constitution, Canons, Regulations and Policies of the Diocese and also to initiate amendments as it deems appropriate.
4. The Diocesan Council may direct the Legislation Committee to prepare and submit to Synod any amendments to *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act*, Constitution and Canons or any proposal for new Canons which it may deem necessary or desirable to enact.	4. The Diocesan Council may direct the Legislation Committee to prepare and submit to Synod any amendments to *The Qu'Appelle Synod Act*, Constitution and Canons or any proposal for new Canons which it may deem necessary or desirable to enact.
5. Diocesan Council may direct the Legislation Committee to prepare and submit to Diocesan Council such amendments to the Regulations, or new Regulations, as Diocesan Council deems necessary or desirable to enact.	5. Diocesan Council may direct the Legislation Committee to prepare and submit to Diocesan Council such amendments to the Regulations, or new Regulations, as Diocesan Council deems necessary or desirable to enact.

CANON 19 · REMUNERATION OF THE CLERGY

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 19 - REMUNERATION OF THE CLERGY	**CANON 19 – REMUNERATION OF THE CLERGY**
A. **STIPEND**	A. **STIPEND**
1. The minimum cash stipend to be paid to the Diocesan Clergy shall be determined by the Diocesan Council, on recommendation of the Finance Committee.	1. The minimum cash stipend to be paid to the licensed and stipendiary Clergy shall be determined by the Diocesan Council, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee.
2. The Vestry or Parish Council in each parish shall in the preparation of its annual budget determine the amount of cash stipend to be paid to the clergy for the next calendar year. The stipend shall in no case be less than the minimum set by Diocesan Council.	2. The stipend shall in no case be less than the Standard determined in accordance with the Standard Stipend Scale set by Diocesan Council from time to time. The Vestry or Parish Council in each Parish may determine a higher amount than the Standard as the stipend of the Clergy of the Parish, but not greater than 10% of the total stipend so determined.
3. Payment of the stipend and other allowances shall be a first charge upon the funds of the parish.	3. The Bishop, the Dean, and the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon stipends shall not be subject to the Standard Stipend Scale
4. No member of the clergy shall be appointed to serve in any parish unless the Bishop is satisfied that due provision has been made for payment of at least the minimum stipend to that member of the clergy.	4. Payment of the stipend and other allowances to the Clergy of the Parish shall be a first charge upon the funds of the Parish.
5. Rules concerning holidays, sick leave, and study leave or other leave shall be as set forth in Diocesan Regulations.	5. No member of the Clergy shall be appointed to serve in any Parish unless the Bishop is satisfied that due provision has been made for payment of at least the Standard stipend to that member of the Clergy.
	6. Rules concerning holidays, sick leave, and study leave or other leave of Clergy shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
	7. Honoraria for public worship led by licensed Clergy, clergy with permission to officiate, and licensed lay ministers/readers are to be paid at the rate determined by Diocesan Council for Sunday supply.
B. **HOUSING**	B. **HOUSING**
1. As part of remuneration a parish shall provide suitable housing for the Incumbent and any assistant stipendiary clergy, either by supplying a house without any deduction from stipend, or by paying a housing allowance in lieu of a supplied house. The amount of the allowance shall be decided by negotiation between parish and Incumbent, or assistant as the case may be, and approved by the Bishop on the advice of the Finance Committee.	1. As part of remuneration a Parish shall provide suitable housing for the Incumbent, either by supplying a house without any deduction from stipend, or by paying a housing allowance in lieu of a supplied house. The amount of any housing allowance shall have been approved, as part of the compensation package, by the Diocesan Council.
2. Housing shall be deemed to include provision for such costs as are set out in the Diocesan Regulations.	2. Provisions relating to housing and the responsibilities of Parishes and Incumbents with respect to a rectory shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
3. Regulations governing housing and housing allowance shall be as set forth in Diocesan Regulations.	3. The Diocese may provide suitable housing for a non-stipendiary Clergy, serving in a parish on a Ministry with Housing basis, details of which shall be set forth in the Regulations.
C. **PENSIONS AND GROUP INSURANCE**	C. **PENSIONS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**
1. Pensions	1. **Pensions:**
(a) For the purpose of providing a retirement benefit and pensions for bishops, clergy and lay employees of the Diocese and for surviving spouses and orphans of deceased bishops, clergy and lay employees serving as such in the Diocese, the Canon of the General Synod establishing the Pension Fund of the Anglican Church of Canada together with the regulations appertaining thereto, is hereby	(a) For the purpose of providing a retirement benefit and pensions for bishops, Clergy and lay employees of the Diocese, the Canon of the General Synod establishing the Pension Plan and Pension Fund of the Anglican Church together with the regulations appertaining thereto, are hereby declared to be in force within the Diocese, insofar as they apply to matters within the jurisdiction of the Diocese.

declared to be in force within the Diocese of Qu'Appelle insofar as it applies to matters within the jurisdiction of the Diocese.	
(b) For the purpose of assisting the Pension Board of the General Synod in the administration of the Fund within the Diocese there shall be a Diocesan Pensions Officer who shall be the Director of Administration.	(b) The Finance Manager shall assist the Board of Trustees of the General Synod responsible for the administration of such Pension Plan, in the administration of the Pension Fund within the Diocese.
(c) Additional regulations concerning pensions shall be as set forth in Diocesan Regulations.	2. **Employee Benefits:**
2. Group Insurance	(a) The Diocese participates under the Anglican Church's Benefits Package administered through Anglican Church's Pension Committee which provides benefits for the Clergy and other professional church workers. Participation by employees and salary-paying sources in such package is required.
(a) The Diocesan Council has authority to implement a program of insurance to provide benefits for the clergy and other professional church workers, and to require participation by employees and salary paying sources.	
(b) Amount of premium to be paid by each employee and salary-paying source, amounts and kinds of benefits, shall be as determined by Diocesan Council and set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	
D. **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**	D. **TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT**
1. Travel allowance and reimbursement shall be established annually by Diocesan Council.	1. Travel expenses of Clergy for attendance at meetings shall be reimbursed in accordance with the compensation package or similar document approved by Diocesan Council.

CANON 20 · THE CLERGY	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 20 - THE CLERGY	**CANON 20 – THE CLERGY**
A. **GENERAL**	A. **GENERAL**
1. No member of the clergy shall officiate within the Diocese without the written license or written permission of the Bishop. Such license or permission shall remain in force during the Bishop's pleasure.	1. No member of the clergy shall officiate within the Diocese without the written licence or written permission of the Bishop.
2. Prior to ordination, or licensing to any office or appointment in the Diocese, a priest or deacon shall take such oaths and subscriptions as are required by the Constitution and Canons of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land, and such other oaths upon such other occasions as required by the Bishop.	2. Prior to ordination, or licensing to any office or appointment in the Diocese, a priest or deacon shall take such oaths and subscriptions as are required by the Constitution and Canons of the Provincial Synod, and such other oaths upon such other occasions as required by the Bishop.
3. Every priest or deacon holding the Bishop's license or appointment within the Diocese shall:	3. Every priest or deacon holding the Bishop's licence or appointment within the Diocese shall:
(a) Faithfully perform the duties both spiritual and temporal of the office to which the person is licensed or appointed;	(a) Faithfully perform the duties both spiritual and temporal of the office to which the person is licensed or appointed;
(b) Ensure that every parish or congregation covered by such license or appointment adheres to and complies with the Constitution, Canons, and Regulations of the Diocese;	(b) Ensure that every Parish or Congregation covered by such licence or appointment adheres to and complies with the Constitution, Canons, and Regulations of the Diocese;
(c) Defer to and respect the discipline and authority of the Bishop in all matters within the jurisdiction and authority of the Bishop;	(c) Defer to and respect the discipline and authority of the Bishop in all matters within the jurisdiction and authority of the Bishop;
(d) Accept appropriate responsibility in the life of the church beyond the parish.	(d) Be an active participant in the broader life of the local community and in the life and ministry of the Diocese.
4. The Bishop may grant temporary permission to officiate to a member of the clergy provided that such permission may be renewed or revoked at the pleasure of the Bishop.	4. The Bishop may grant temporary permission to officiate to a member of the clergy provided that such permission may be renewed or revoked at the discretion of the Bishop.
5. Without the authorization of the Bishop no member of the clergy of any other denomination shall be permitted to officiate in any Service of the Church.	5. Without the authorization of the Bishop no member of the clergy of any other denomination shall be permitted to officiate in any service of the Church.
6. Without the consent of the Incumbent thereof, no member of the clergy shall officiate at any religious service, public or private, or administer any rite or ordinance of the Church within the boundaries of any parish to which he or she is not licensed. If the parish be vacant, consent of the Bishop is required.	6. Without the consent of the Incumbent thereof, no member of the Clergy shall officiate at any religious service, public or private, or administer any rite or ordinance of the Church within the boundaries of any Parish to which the Clergy is not licensed by the Bishop. If the Parish does not have an Incumbent, consent of the regional Archdeacon is required.
7. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent any member of the clergy from ministering to any person or persons who is or are in the habit of attending Divine Service in the Parish wherein that member of the clergy is licensed to minister; or giving spiritual comfort and counsel to anyone definitely seeking same if the member of the clergy considers it advisable so to do.	7. The Bishop may license a member of the Clergy to officiate as chaplain in any public institution, or to any branch of the Canadian Forces, within the boundaries of any Parish.
8. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Bishop licensing a member of the clergy to officiate as chaplain in any hospital, gaol, penitentiary, school, or other public institution, or as chaplain to any branch of the Canadian Forces, within the boundaries of any parish.	
9. Provided notice is given to the Incumbent of the parish, a member of the clergy not licensed in that parish may hold or take part in a community service, funeral service or memorial service, under the auspices of any society or organization, the work of which is approved by the Bishop.	

B.	**APPOINTMENT**	B.	**APPOINTMENT**
1.	The Bishop shall make all appointments of members of the clergy in the Diocese.	1.	The Bishop shall make all appointments of members of the Clergy in the Diocese.
2.	The Bishop shall be assisted by a Parish Search Committee consisting of:	2.	The Bishop may be advised by a Parish Search Committee consisting of:
	(a) In a parish consisting of a single congregation, the Churchwardens and the Elected Delegates, and two parishioners elected at the parish annual meeting.		(a) In a Parish consisting of a single Congregation, the Wardens and the Elected Delegates, and two (2) Eligible Members elected at the Parish Annual Meeting.
	(b) In a parish consisting of more than one congregation, the Chair of Parish Council and the Elected Delegates, plus one Churchwarden from each of the congregations not otherwise represented, together with two persons elected by the Parish Council at its first meeting of the calendar year.		(b) In a Parish consisting of more than one (1) Congregation, the Chair of Parish Council and the Elected Delegates, plus one (1) Warden from each of the Congregations not otherwise represented, together with two (2) persons elected by the Parish Council at its most recent annual meeting.
3.	The procedures for making appointments of members of the clergy in the Diocese shall be as contained in the Canons or the Diocesan Regulations.	3.	The procedures for making appointments of members of the Clergy in the Diocese shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
4.	The Bishop may appoint a member of the clergy to serve in a parish on an interim basis. The terms and conditions of such appointment shall be as set out in Diocesan Regulations and as determined by the Bishop.	4.	The Bishop may appoint an Interim Priest to serve in a Parish on an interim basis. The terms and conditions of such appointment shall be as set forth in the Regulations and as determined by the Bishop.
5.	A member of the clergy holding any office or appointment in the Diocese shall be deemed to have resigned such appointment on attaining the full age of 72 years. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Bishop licensing retired priests for non-stipendiary ministry; in accordance with section 4 of the Constitution such priests shall be voting members of the Synod.	5.	The office or appointment of any member of the Clergy holding any office or appointment in the Diocese shall automatically be terminated on the date of their seventy-second (72nd) birthday. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Bishop from licensing retired priests for non-stipendiary ministry; and in accordance with section 4 of the Constitution, such licensed priests shall be voting members of the Synod.
6.	Whenever it is represented to the Bishop that any parish is suffering from the inability of the Incumbent, through infirmity or any other cause, from neglect by the Incumbent to discharge the duties of the appointment, or that a controversy has arisen between the Incumbent and members of the congregation which cannot be settled by the parties themselves, and is such as to injure the peace and prosperity of the parish, the Bishop shall notify the Incumbent of such representation, and take such action as the Bishop deems appropriate.	6.	If the Wardens are of the opinion that the Incumbent is unable to fulfill the Incumbent's duties in the Parish by reason of mental or physical disability, they shall so notify the Bishop. The Bishop shall take appropriate pastoral action.
7.	It is hereby declared that Canon XVIII of Discipline of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, as adopted by the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land, is in full force in this Diocese.	7.	If the Wardens determine that a conflict, controversy, or neglect are hindering effective ministry in the Parish which cannot be settled by the parties themselves, the matter should be raised with the regional Archdeacon who will determine whether Canon 28 should apply.
		8.	It is hereby declared that Canon XVIII - Discipline of the General Synod, as adopted by the Provincial Synod, is in full force in the Diocese.

CANON 21 · PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS

CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change
CANON 21 – PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS (amended 2017, 2025)	**CANON 21 – PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS**
A. **ORGANIZATION**	A. **ORGANIZATION**
1. A parish may consist of one or more organized congregations.	1. A Parish may consist of one (1) or more Congregations.
2. The formation of new parishes, or the establishment of new parishes or congregations within the limits of existing parishes, or the defining or alteration of parish boundaries, or disestablishment of existing parishes or congregations, shall be vested in the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, and in consultation with the affected parishes or congregations, in accordance with these Canons and the Diocesan Regulations.	2. The formation of new Parishes, or the establishment of new Parishes or Congregations within the limits of existing Parishes, or the defining or alteration of parish boundaries, or disestablishment of existing Parishes or Congregations, shall be vested in the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, and in consultation with the affected Parishes or Congregations, in accordance with these Canons and the Regulations.
3. Every parish and congregation shall adhere to and be governed by the Constitution, Canons and Regulations of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.	3. Every Parish and Congregation shall adhere to and be governed by the Constitution of the Synod, the Canons and the Regulations.
4. In every congregation there shall be kept a list recording the names of all Members and Eligible Members of the Congregation, as defined in Canon 1.A.8. Such list shall constitute the Parish Roll.	4. In every Congregation there shall be kept a list recording the names of all Members and Eligible Members of the Congregation (as each such term is defined in Canon 1.A.). Such list shall constitute the Parish Roll. With respect to the Parish Roll:
(a) It shall be the duty jointly of the Incumbent and Churchwardens in each congregation to record, revise and maintain the Parish Roll in such a way that it enumerates the membership of the congregation.	(a) It shall be the duty jointly of the Incumbent and Wardens in each Congregation to record, revise and maintain the Parish Roll in such a way that it enumerates the membership of the Congregation.
(b) The Parish Roll shall be reviewed at least once in each calendar year, and shall be posted in a prominent place in the church building.	(b) The Parish Roll shall be reviewed at least once in each calendar year, and at such other times and in the manner as may be set forth in the Regulations.
(c) Other requirements concerning the recording, revising and maintaining the Parish Roll shall be as set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	(c) Other requirements concerning the recording, revising and maintaining the Parish Roll, including the information required to be recorded in the Parish Roll, and rights of access to the Parish Roll, shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
5. The Parish officers, together with the Incumbent, shall by March 31 in each year prepare and submit the Annual Parochial Return, reporting on the state of the Church in the form prescribed by the Diocesan Regulations.	5. The Parish officers, together with the Incumbent, shall by March 31st in each year prepare and submit to the Diocesan office the Annual Parochial Return, reporting on the state of the Parish, in the form prescribed by the Regulations.
B. **VESTRY AND PARISH COUNCIL**	B. **VESTRY AND PARISH COUNCIL**
1. The management of the affairs of a parish shall be the responsibility of:	1. The management of the affairs of a Parish shall be the responsibility of:
(a) The Parish Council, in every parish where there is more than one congregation;	(a) The Parish Council, in every Parish where there is more than one (1) Congregation; or
(b) The Vestry, in every parish consisting of a single congregation.	(b) The Vestry, in every Parish consisting of a single Congregation.
2. In any parish where there is more than one congregation there shall be a Parish Council consisting of the Incumbent, any assistant or associate clergy, the Churchwardens and treasurers of each congregation, and one representative of each congregation elected by each Vestry from its membership.	2. In any Parish where there is more than one (1) Congregation, there shall be a Parish Council consisting of the Incumbent, any assistant or associate Clergy, the Wardens and Treasurers of each Congregation, and one (1) representative of each Congregation elected by each Vestry from its membership.
(a) The Parish Council shall manage such affairs of the parish as are common to all the congregations.	(a) The Parish Council shall manage such affairs of the Parish as are common to all the Congregations.
(b) The Chair, secretary, and treasurer of Parish Council shall, with the Incumbent, and subject to the approval of the Parish Council, be the agents and legal representatives of the Parish Council in matters concerning the affairs of the parish.	(b) The Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer of the Parish Council shall, with the Incumbent, and subject to the approval of the Parish Council, be the agents and legal representatives of the Parish Council in matters concerning the affairs of the Parish.
(c) Responsibilities and procedures pertaining to Parish Councils shall be as set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	(c) Responsibilities and procedures pertaining to Parish Councils shall be as set forth in the Regulations.

3. In every organized congregation there shall be a Vestry consisting of the Incumbent, any assistant or associate clergy, the Churchwardens, the Elected Delegates to Synod, and not less than two nor more than eighteen Vestry members to be elected by the parishioners at the Annual Meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose.	3. In every Congregation there shall be a Vestry consisting of:
(a) In the case of a parish consisting of a single congregation, the Vestry shall manage the affairs of the parish in accordance with Diocesan Regulations.	(a) the Incumbent,
(b) In the case of a parish consisting of more than one congregation, each Vestry shall manage the local affairs of its congregation, subject to any direction received from the Parish Council.	(b) any licensed assistant or associate Clergy,
(c) Responsibilities and procedures pertaining to parish and congregational vestries shall be as set forth in Diocesan Regulations.	(c) the Wardens, and
(d) Every elected member of the Vestry shall subscribe to and make a declaration in the form as set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	(d) not less than one (1) or more than eighteen (18) additional lay members, being:
C. **CHURCHWARDENS**	(i) the Elected Delegates to Synod;
1. In every organized congregation there shall be two Churchwardens appointed or elected at the Annual Meeting. One warden shall be appointed by the Incumbent, and one warden shall be elected by the members of the congregation.	(ii) other Eligible Members; and,
2. The Churchwardens shall, with the Incumbent, and subject to the approval of Vestry, be the agents and legal representatives of the congregation in matters concerning the affairs of the congregation.	(iii) if possible, one (1) Youth Member,
(a) Other duties of the Churchwardens shall be as set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	all of whom are to be elected by the Eligible Members of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose.
3. Any Eligible Member of the congregation shall be eligible for appointment or election as a Churchwarden.	4. In the case of a Parish consisting of a single Congregation, the Vestry shall manage the affairs of the Parish in accordance with the Regulations.
4. Should there be no Incumbent in the congregation at the time of the Annual Meeting both Churchwardens shall be elected at the meeting for the ensuing year.	5. In the case of a Parish consisting of more than one (1) Congregation, each Vestry shall manage the local affairs of its Congregation, subject to any direction received from the Parish Council.
5. Should the Incumbent neglect, refuse or be unable to appoint a warden, then both Churchwardens shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.	6. Responsibilities and procedures pertaining to the Vestries of Parishes and Congregations shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
6. The Vestry may declare the office vacant if a Churchwarden refuses to act, resigns the office, leaves the congregation, discontinues frequent attendance at the services of the congregation in which appointed or elected, or dies. The vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with these Canons and the Diocesan Regulations.	7. Every elected member of the Vestry shall subscribe to and make a declaration in the form set forth in the Regulations.
7. Every Churchwarden upon being appointed or elected shall subscribe to and make a declaration in the form as set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	C. **WARDENS**
D. **MEETINGS OF PARISHIONERS**	1. In every Congregation there shall be two (2) Wardens who are Eligible Members and who are appointed or elected (as applicable) at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation. One (1) Warden shall be appointed by the Incumbent, and one (1) Warden shall be elected by the Eligible Members of the Congregation.
1. General	2. The Wardens shall, with the Incumbent, and subject to the approval of Vestry, be the agents and legal representatives of the Congregation in matters concerning the affairs of the Congregation. The Wardens shall fulfil such other duties as are set forth in the Regulations.
(a) The Annual or a special meeting of the parishioners shall be convened by the Incumbent, but if there be no Incumbent, or if the	3. Any Eligible Member of the Congregation shall be eligible for appointment or election as a Warden.

	Incumbent be absent or unable to act, the Churchwardens, or one of them, shall convene such meetings.		
(b)	Notice of every meeting of the parishioners shall be given not fewer than ten	4.	If the Incumbent resigns or dies, the Rector's Warden shall remain as a Warden until the next Annual Meeting of the Congregation.
	(10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting by announcement during divine service, posting on the church bulletin board, publication in the parish bulletin, pew leaflet, newspaper or magazine, and in any other manner approved by the Vestry. If such meeting is convened for a special purpose or if it is proposed to submit any special business to the Annual Meeting, notice of the purpose of the special meeting or of the special business to be considered by the Annual Meeting shall be given in the convening notice. For the purpose of this Canon, special business shall be any business other than that described in D.2(b).	5.	If there is no Incumbent in the Congregation at the time of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, two (2) Wardens shall be elected by the Eligible Members of the Congregation for the ensuing year at the Annual Meeting.
(c)	Each Eligible Member shall be entitled to only one vote on each motion.	6.	If the Incumbent neglects, refuses, or is unable to appoint a warden, then two (2) Wardens shall be elected by the Eligible Members of the Congregation at the Annual Meeting.
(d)	At every meeting of parishioners a quorum shall consist of the Incumbent, or one Churchwarden, or the Archdeacon or Regional Dean having jurisdiction, together with fifteen percent of Eligible Members, hereinafter in this section called a "Quorum".	7.	The Vestry may remove a Warden who refuses to act, resigns the office, leaves the Congregation, discontinues frequent attendance at the services of the Congregation in which appointed or elected, or dies. The vacancy so created shall be filled in accordance with these Canons and the Regulations.
(e)	In the event a Quorum is not present within one-half hour of the time appointed for the meeting, then the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day at the same hour of the week next following. Such adjourned meeting shall be called the "Adjourned Meeting".	8.	Every Warden, upon being appointed or elected, shall make a declaration in the form set forth as an Appendix to the Regulations.
(f)	Written notice of the Adjourned Meeting shall be given to every Eligible Member either personally or by ordinary mail addressed to the member at the address for such member shown on the Parish Roll. Such notice shall be posted at least four days prior to the adjourned date.	**D.**	**MEETINGS OF PARISHES AND CONGREGATIONS**
(g)	In the event a Quorum is not present within one-half hour of the time appointed for the Adjourned Meeting, then the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day	1.	**General – Parishes:**
	at the same time of the next week following. Such adjourned meeting shall be called the "Final Meeting".	(a)	The Incumbent shall call an Annual Meeting of parishioners each year at the time specified in Canon 21.D.2.(a) and shall call any Special Meeting of the parishioners, but if there is no Incumbent, or if the Incumbent is absent or unable to act, one of the Wardens shall convene such meeting.
(h)	Notice of such "Final Meeting" shall be given to the same persons in the same manner as set forth in paragraph (f) hereof.	(b)	Notice of every meeting of the parishioners shall be given not fewer than ten (10) days nor more than thirty (30) days before the date of the meeting by announcement during liturgy, and publication of notice by any means, whether in print or digital form, approved by the Vestry or Parish Council. If such meeting is convened for a special purpose or if it is proposed to submit any special business to an Annual Meeting of the parishioners, the notice of the Special Meeting of parishioners or of the Annual and Special Meeting of the parishioners (as the case may be) shall state the nature of the special business to be considered in sufficient detail to permit the Eligible Members to form a reasoned judgment concerning that business. For the purpose of this Canon, special business shall be any business other than that described in Canon 21.D.2.(d). A copy of such Notice shall be sent to the Archdeacon and/or Regional Dean by electronic or printed means.

(i) A quorum for the "Final Meeting" shall consist of the Incumbent, or one Churchwarden, or the Archdeacon or Regional Dean having jurisdiction, together with such Eligible Members as are in attendance at such meeting.	(c) If a Parish has more than one (1) Congregation, the Eligible Members of each Congregation shall be entitled to attend and vote at any meeting of the parishioners. Each Eligible Member shall be entitled to only one (1) vote on each motion that is put to a vote. Clergy are not Eligible Members and are not eligible to vote, move motions, or break tied votes.
(j) The first order of business shall be the election of a Chair.	(d) At every meeting of parishioners, a quorum shall consist of at least one (1) of the Incumbent, Warden, Archdeacon and Regional Dean having jurisdiction, together with twenty-five percent (25%) of Eligible Members.
(k) At every meeting of parishioners a secretary shall be elected to take the minutes of that meeting.	(e) In the event that a quorum is not present within one-half (1/2) hour of the time appointed for the meeting, then the meeting shall be adjourned to the same day at the same hour of the week next following.
(l) Voting at meetings of the parishioners shall be by show of hands, or by standing vote, or by ballot at the request of any Eligible Member, except in the case of election to office when voting shall be by ballot under the supervision of two or more scrutineers appointed by the Chair. A motion or resolution receiving a majority of votes shall be carried and thereupon be binding upon the parish. The Chair shall have the same right to vote as if he or she were not in the Chair but shall not have a second vote, and if there should be an equality of votes the motion shall be deemed to be lost.	(f) At such adjourned meeting, those Clergy and/or Eligible Members present shall be deemed to constitute a quorum.
(m) The right of adjournment shall be in the meeting and a motion to adjourn shall be decided without discussion. It shall be the duty of the Chair to remain in the Chair until adjournment.	(g) At every meeting of the parishioners, a secretary shall be elected or appointed to take the minutes of that meeting.
(n) It shall be the duty of the Chair of any meeting of parishioners at which elections are held or appointments made of Churchwardens and Elected Delegates to Synod and substitutes, within fourteen (14) days after the date of such meeting, to give notice of such elections or appointments, as the case may be, to the Diocese.	(h) Meetings of organizations or groups within a Congregation (for example, Altar Guild, Anglican Church Women, men's breakfast group, knitting groups, and quilting groups) that are authorized pursuant to Canon 23.B. may be run as the group internally deems fit and shall provide an annual report to the Annual Meeting.
	(i) Voting at Annual Meetings and Special Meetings of the parishioners shall be by show of hands, or by standing vote, or by ballot at the request of any Eligible Member, except in the case of election to office when voting shall be by ballot under the supervision of two (2) or more scrutineers appointed by the Chair. A motion receiving a majority of votes shall be carried and thereupon be binding upon the Parish. If there is an equality of votes, the motion shall be deemed to have failed.
	(j) Any motion to adjourn a meeting shall be voted upon without discussion. It shall be the duty of the Chair to remain in the Chair until adjournment.
	(k) It shall be the duty of the Chair of any meeting of parishioners at which elections are held or appointments made of Wardens and Elected Delegates to Synod and substitutes, within fourteen (14) days after the date of such meeting, to give notice of such elections or appointments, as the case may be, to the Diocese.
(o) All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.	(l) All meetings shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Annual Meeting	2. **Additional Provisions Regarding Annual Meetings – Parishes:**
(a) In every congregation an Annual Meeting of parishioners shall be held before the 15th day of February each year, provided that in the event that notice of the Annual Meeting has not been given on or before the first day of February in any year, the Executive Officer shall notify the Archdeacon who shall forthwith give notice of the Annual Meeting.	(a) In every Parish, an Annual Meeting of parishioners shall be held before the last day of February each year, provided that in the event that notice of the Annual Meeting has not been given on or before the 1st day of February in any year, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall notify the Archdeacon who shall forthwith give notice of the Annual Meeting.

(b) The business of the Annual Meeting shall be to receive and consider the reports of the Incumbent, Churchwardens and congregational organizations; to receive and review the financial statements of the preceding year and the budget for the current year; to accept the Churchwarden appointed by the Incumbent, and to elect one Churchwarden as provided elsewhere in these Canons; to elect Vestry	(b) The Incumbent shall chair any Annual Meeting of the parishioners. If the Incumbent is absent or incapacitated, a Warden shall chair such meeting.
members and nominate or elect delegates to Synod and substitutes and elect members of the parish search committee and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.	(c) The business of the Annual Meeting shall be to receive and consider the reports of the Incumbent, Wardens and Parish organizations; to receive and review the financial statements of the preceding year and the budget for the current year; to acknowledge the Warden appointed by the Incumbent, and to elect one (1) Warden in accordance with this Canon 21; to elect Vestry members and nominate or elect delegates to Synod and substitutes and elect members of any Parish search committee; and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
(c) The Annual Meeting shall consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Vestry, Parish Council, the Bishop or Diocesan Council, and business of which due notice shall have been given.	(d) The Annual Meeting shall consider such other matters as may be referred to it by the Vestry, Parish Council, the Bishop or Diocesan Council, and such other business of which due notice shall have been given.
(d) If a congregation is part of a Parish Council, it shall receive a report from the Parish Council which shall include financial statements from the previous year and the budget for the current year, and elect delegates to Parish Council.	(e) If a Congregation is part of a Parish comprising several Congregations, the Parish Council shall provide to the Congregation, and the Congregation shall receive, a report from the Parish Council which shall include the annual financial statements from the previous year and the budget for the current year, and it shall elect delegates to Parish Council at a properly called meeting of the Congregation.
3. Special Meetings	3. **Additional Provisions Regarding Special Meetings – Parishes:**
(a) The Incumbent may call a special meeting of the parishioners at any time.	(a) The Incumbent may call a Special Meeting of the parishioners at any time.
(b) The Incumbent shall, upon the written request of one Churchwarden or any ten Eligible Members stating the purpose for which such meeting is required, convene a special meeting of the parishioners in the manner herein provided. If the Incumbent, within ten days after receiving such request to convene, should neglect or fail to convene such special meeting, the Churchwarden or the Eligible Members making the request shall report such fact to the Archdeacon, who shall take such steps as the Archdeacon may deem necessary under the circumstances. Should the Archdeacon neglect or fail to take any steps in the matter, the Churchwarden or the parishioners making the request may appeal to the Bishop.	(b) The Incumbent shall, upon the written request of one (1) Warden or any ten (10) Eligible Members stating the purpose for which such meeting is required, convene a special meeting of the parishioners in the manner herein provided. If the Incumbent, within ten (10) days after receiving such request to convene, should neglect or fail to convene such special meeting, the Warden or the Eligible Members making the request shall report such fact to the Archdeacon, who shall take such steps as the Archdeacon may deem necessary under the circumstances. Should the Archdeacon neglect or fail to take any steps in the matter, the Warden or the Eligible Members making the request may refer the matter to the Bishop.
	(c) Chair at Meeting – The Incumbent shall chair any Special Meeting of parishioners. If the Incumbent is absent or incapacitated, a Warden shall chair such meeting.
	(d) The business of the Special Meeting shall be such business for which the Special Meeting was convened and of which due notice shall have been given.
	4. **Meetings of Congregations:**
	(a) The provisions of Canon 21.D.1, Canon 21.D.2 and Canon 21.D.3 apply to calling and holding meetings of the congregants of Congregations, as if those provisions had been fully set forth herein, with such changes as to grammar, tense, syntax and like concepts as are necessary to effect the application of these provisions to calling and holding meetings of the congregants of Congregations.

E.	**PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES**	E.	**PARISH AND CONGREGATIONAL FINANCES**
1.	General	1.	**General:**
(a)	All monies received by a parish or congregation from whatever source and for any purpose shall forthwith be deposited to the credit of the parish or congregation in an account or accounts in a bank, credit union or trust company licensed to do business in Saskatchewan.	(a)	All monies received by a Parish or Congregation from whatever source and for any purpose shall forthwith be deposited to the credit of the Parish or Congregation in an account or accounts in a bank, credit union or trust company licensed to do business in Saskatchewan.
(b)	Funds contributed for special purposes or in response to special appeals shall be deposited in a separate trust account, and such funds shall be used only for the purpose for which they were contributed.	(b)	If a Parish or Congregation receives a bequest or other gift in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand ($25,000) Dollars, the Parish or Congregation shall report the details of such bequest or other gift to the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon.
(c)	Monies deposited in an account in any bank, credit union or trust company shall be withdrawn or disbursed only by means of cheques signed by two, or two or more persons, authorized by the Parish Council or Vestry to act as signing officers.	(c)	Funds contributed for specific purposes or in response to special appeals shall be deposited in a designated account or restricted fund, and such funds shall be used only for the specified purpose (for example, new roof, capital expenditures, Alongside Hope) for which they were contributed.
(d)	Payment of the stipend and allowances of the clergy shall be a first charge upon the funds of the parish. Such payment shall include remitting to the Diocese assessments due for pension and other benefits as required by Diocesan Council.	(d)	Monies deposited in an account of a Parish or Congregation in any bank, credit union or trust company shall be withdrawn or disbursed by means of cheques signed by at least two (2) persons or electronic transfers approved by two (2) persons, who are authorized by the Parish Council or Vestry to act as signing officers.
(e)	The parish shall remit to the Diocese each month an amount equal to one-twelfth of the total annual amount due from that parish as its share of operation of the Diocese, as determined under the formula set out in the Diocesan Regulations.	(e)	Payment of the stipend and allowances of the Clergy shall be a first charge upon the funds of the Parish. Such payments shall include remitting to the Diocese assessments due for pension and other benefits payable for the Clergy as approved by Diocesan Council.
(f)	All parish or congregational accounts shall be audited each year and presented to the Annual Meeting. In the case of Parish Council the auditor's report shall be submitted to the Annual Meeting of each congregation.	(f)	The Parish shall remit to the Diocese each month an amount equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the total annual amount due from that Parish as its share of operation of the Diocese, as determined under the formula set forth in the Regulations (also known as the "fair share").
(g)	In place of the audit referred to in sub paragraph (f), the Annual Meeting of parishioners may appoint an individual familiar with the principles of financial accounting who is at arm's length from all individuals who are involved in any of the record keeping, formal reporting, or management functions of that Parish or congregation within that Parish. The appointment is valid only until the next Annual Meeting. The individual appointed shall present a report to the next Annual Meeting. In the case of a Parish with more than one congregation, the Parish Council may similarly appoint an individual under the same terms. The report on the year-end financial statements of Parish Council shall be submitted to the Annual Meetings of each congregation of the Parish.	(g)	Every Parish and Congregation shall prepare annual financial statements, which shall include
(h)	Every Parish Council and Vestry shall elect a treasurer to manage the financial affairs of the parish or congregation under the direction and control of Parish Council or Vestry and in conformity with these Canons and the Diocesan Regulations.	(i)	a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Parish or Congregation in the form of a balance sheet; and
2.	Budget	(ii)	a statement of the revenue and expenditures of the Parish or Congregation.
(a)	The Parish Council shall no later than November 15 of the current year adopt the budget of the parish for the next ensuing year. Such budget shall include the amount to be paid by each congregation toward the parish budget.	(h)	The annual financial statements must be prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as set forth in the CPA Canada Handbook – Accounting, as amended from time to time. The annual financial statements shall be audited each year in accordance with applicable

	legal requirements, and shall be presented together with the auditor's report to the Vestry and Parish Council, if applicable, for approval. Following such approval, the annual financial statements and auditor's report shall be presented to the Annual Meeting of the parishioners of the Parish. In the case of a Parish with several congregations, the audited financial statements and auditor's report shall be submitted also to the Annual Meeting of the congregants of each Congregation.
	(i) In place of the audit referred to in Canon 21.E.1.(h), at an Annual Meeting of the parishioners or congregants, the parishioners or congregants, as the case may be, may appoint an independent and qualified public accountant to conduct a review engagement for the annual financial statements of that Parish or Congregation. The appointment is valid only until the next Annual Meeting. In the case of a Parish with more than one (1) Congregation, the Parish Council may similarly appoint a reviewer under the same terms. The annual financial statements of the Parish or Congregation and the reviewer's report shall be presented and approved in the manner set forth in Canon 21.E.1.(h).
	(j) Every Parish Council and Vestry shall elect a Treasurer from among Eligible Members to manage the financial affairs of the Parish or Congregation under the direction and control of Parish Council or Vestry and in conformity with these Canons and the Regulations
	(k) Where the Diocese holds an unrestricted temporary fund for an active Congregation under the direction of the Bishop and Diocesan Council, the Diocese may access those funds to address any outstanding and overdue debts or obligations of the Parish, whether to the Diocese or to a third party.
	(l) All reports and other documents submitted to the Diocesan office or to Diocesan Council shall be in the English language.
	2. **Budget:**
	(a) The Parish Council shall no later than November 15th in each year adopt the budget of the Parish for the next ensuing year. Such budget shall include the amount to be paid by each Congregation toward the Parish budget.
(b) Each congregation in a parish where there is a Parish Council shall adopt a budget for local purposes, which shall include the amount allocated by Parish Council as its share of the parish budget.	(b) Each Congregation in a Parish where there is a Parish Council shall adopt a budget for local purposes, which shall include the amount allocated by Parish Council as its share of the Parish budget.
(c) The Vestry of a parish with a single congregation shall no later than November 15 of the current year adopt the budget of the parish for the next ensuing year.	(c) The Vestry of a Parish with a single Congregation shall no later than November 15th each year prepares a draft budget of the Parish for the next ensuing year.
(d) The Parish Treasurer shall forward a copy of the parish budget to the Diocese no later than December 1 of the current year.	(d) The Parish Treasurer shall forward a copy of the Parish draft budget for the next ensuing year to the Diocese no later than December 1st in each year.
(e) The parish budget shall include, without excluding other matters, the amount of stipend and allowances to be paid the clergy and lay employees, amounts to be remitted to the diocese as parish share of employee benefits, and the amount to be paid to the diocese as the parish share of the diocesan budget.	(e) The Parish budget shall include, without excluding other matters, the amount of stipend and allowances to be paid the Clergy and lay employees, amounts to be remitted to the Diocese as the Parish's share of employee benefits, and the amount to be paid to the Diocese as the Parish share of the Diocesan budget.
3. Financial Development	3. **Financial Development:**
(a) Every parish and congregation shall promote among its members the making of systematic voluntary contributions to support the work of the Church in parish, Diocese, and the wider church.	(a) Every Parish and Congregation shall promote among its members the making of systematic voluntary contributions to such Parish or Congregation to support the work of the Church in the Parish, Diocese, and the wider Church.

(b) Every Eligible Member shall be invited by the parish or congregation at least once each year to indicate the level of giving the parish can expect.	(b) Every Eligible Member shall be invited by the Parish or Congregation at least once each year to indicate the level of giving that the Parish can expect to receive from the Eligible Member in the following year.
(c) No person shall solicit funds for the purposes of any parish beyond the boundaries of such parish unless the person from whom such funds are solicited be a member of such parish or usually attends the Services of the Church in such parish, except in extraordinary circumstances, and then only with the approval of the Bishop.	(c) No person shall solicit funds for the purposes of any Parish beyond the boundaries of such Parish unless the person from whom such funds are solicited is a member of such Parish or usually attends the services of the Church in such Parish, except in extraordinary circumstances, and then only with the approval of the Bishop.
(d) No person shall be permitted to solicit funds in any parish for the work of the Church unless so authorized by the Constitution, Canons or Regulations, except with the consent of the Bishop and the Incumbent.	(d) No person shall be permitted to solicit funds in any Parish for the work of the Church except as permitted by the Constitution, these Canons or the Regulations or with the consent of the Bishop and the Incumbent.
(e) Other matters pertaining to parish and congregational finances shall be set out in the Diocesan Regulations.	(e) Other matters pertaining to the finances of Parishes and Congregations shall be set forth in the Regulations.
B. MISSIONS (NEW START MINISTRIES)	**C. MISSIONS (NEW START MINISTRIES)**
1. A worship community in the Diocese may be designated a Mission (also called a New Start Ministry) at the initiative of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, in order to:	1. A worship community in the Diocese may be designated a Mission (also called a New Start Ministry) at the initiative of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, in order to:
(a) establish a new diocesan worship community in a place where there has been no official Anglican presence, or	(b) establish a new Diocesan worship community in a place where there has been no official Anglican presence, or
(b) re-establish a diocesan worship community where an Anglican community has been previously disestablished and conditions are now favorable for renewal.	(c) re-establish a Diocesan worship community where an Anglican community has been previously disestablished and conditions are now favorable for renewal.
2. The pastoral leadership (lay or ordained) of a Mission may be appointed as Missioner by the Bishop who may issue the relevant licence.	2. The pastoral leadership (lay or ordained) of a Mission may be appointed as Missioner by the Bishop who may issue the relevant licence.
3. At a Mission, the typical functions of a vestry shall be fulfilled by a Board of Directors made up of not more than eight people selected and appointed by Diocesan Council. The Board of Directors shall include two individuals who shall fulfill the functions of churchwardens. The Diocesan Council shall appoint those two individuals. The terms of service of the Board Members shall be two years, renewable by Diocesan Council.	3. At a Mission, the typical functions of a vestry shall be fulfilled by a Board of Directors made up of not more than eight (8) people selected and appointed by Diocesan Council. The Board of Directors shall include two (2) individuals who shall fulfill the functions of Wardens. The Diocesan Council shall appoint those two (2) individuals. The terms of service of the Board members shall be two (2) years, renewable by Diocesan Council.
4. As an alternative to a Mission Board of Directors, the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, may designate another Parish in the Diocese to sponsor the Mission. In such cases, the vestry or parish council, the churchwardens and the Incumbent of the sponsoring Parish shall fulfill the functions of the vestry, churchwardens and Incumbent of the Mission.	4. As an alternative to a Board of Directors, the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, may designate another Parish in the Diocese to sponsor the Mission. In such cases, the Vestry or Parish Council, the Wardens and the Incumbent of the sponsoring Parish shall fulfill the functions of the vestry, Wardens and Incumbent of the Mission.
5. The Board of Directors of the Mission, or the vestry or parish council of the sponsoring Parish, shall provide a written annual report to Diocesan Council.	5. The Board of Directors of the Mission, or the Vestry or Parish Council of the sponsoring Parish, shall provide a written annual report to Diocesan Council.
6. The Mission shall count in its records all individuals who habitually attend worship at the Mission. If the Mission is sponsored by another Parish in the Dioceses, the services and habitual worshippers of the Mission shall be entered in the records of the sponsoring Parish.	6. The Mission shall count in its records all individuals who habitually attend worship at the Mission. If the Mission is sponsored by another Parish in the Diocese, the services and habitual worshippers of the Mission shall be entered in the records of the sponsoring Parish.
7. As a Mission develops and grows, it is anticipated that it will eventually participate in the financial support of the Diocese.	7. As a Mission develops and grows, it is anticipated that it will eventually participate in the financial support of the Diocese.
8. All designations of Mission will be reviewed at least every three years by the Diocesan Council, upon the request of the Executive Officer, who shall keep a record of the anniversary dates for each Mission.	8. All designations of Mission will be reviewed at least every three (3) years by the Diocesan Council, upon the request of the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon, who shall keep a record of the anniversary dates for each Mission.

9. At the discretion of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, a Mission may send one observer to Synod, who shall have the right to attend and participate in discussions, but not to vote.	9. At the discretion of the Bishop, acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, a Mission may send one (1) observer to Synod, who shall have the right to attend and participate in discussions, but not to vote.
D. CHAPELS OF EASE	**D. CHAPELS OF EASE**
1) A Chapel of Ease is a designation of a church building that is used only rarely or seasonally for continuing pastoral care to a local community when sustaining the site as a full point of a multi-point Parish, or as a stand-alone Parish, is not viable. A Chapel of Ease remains consecrated for worship services.	1. A Chapel of Ease is a designation of a church building that is used only rarely or seasonally for continuing pastoral care to a local community when sustaining the site as a full point of a multi-point Parish, or as a stand-alone Parish, is not viable. A Chapel of Ease remains consecrated for worship services.
2) The designation of a church building as a Chapel of Ease shall be vested in the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, and in consultation with the affected Parish or Congregations, if any.	2. The designation of a church building as a Chapel of Ease shall be vested in the Bishop acting with the advice and consent of Diocesan Council, and in consultation with the affected Parish or Congregations, if any.
3) The designation of a building as a Chapel of Ease and other matters related to Chapels of Ease are set out in the Regulations.	3. The designation of a building as a Chapel of Ease and other matters related to Chapels of Ease are set forth in the Regulations.

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CANON 22 - CHURCH PROPERTY (amended 2025)	**CANON 22 – CHURCH PROPERTY**
A. **GENERAL**	**A. GENERAL**
1. The title to all real property in the Diocese and used for church purposes whether it be acquired by purchase, gift, bequest or otherwise for the use of the Church or for any Parish in the Diocese shall be vested in the Synod and all Incumbents, churchwardens, trustees and other persons having custody of or receiving any titles, deeds, mortgages, agreements or other document in any way affecting any such real property shall transmit and deliver same to the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon for safekeeping.	1. The title to all real property in the Diocese and used for church purposes whether it be acquired by purchase, gift, bequest or otherwise for the use of the Church or for any Parish in the Diocese shall be vested in the Synod. All Incumbents, Wardens, trustees and other persons having custody of or receiving any titles, deeds, mortgages, agreements or other document in any way affecting any such real property shall transmit and deliver same to the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon for safekeeping.
2. Should any Parish at any time require any of the documents in the preceding paragraph mentioned for any purpose, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall return same to the Incumbent or to a Churchwarden for such purpose and any such Incumbent or Churchwarden shall, as soon as the purpose for which it has been received is attained, or satisfied, return the same to the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon.	2. Should any Parish at any time require any document that is mentioned in Canon 22.A.1. and is held by the Diocesan office, for any purpose, the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall provide such document to the Incumbent or to a Warden for such purpose and any such Incumbent or Warden shall, as soon as the purpose for which it has been received is attained, or satisfied, return the same to the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon.
3. Land or a building or buildings acquired for the use of the Church in any Parish shall not be sold, exchanged, alienated or disposed of or mortgaged, leased or otherwise encumbered except with the consent of the parishioners given at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the matter, and with the consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. Provided that a rectory or other building not being a Church building and not immediately required for the use of the Parish may be leased for any term not exceeding one year by the Incumbent and Churchwardens with the approval of the Vestry and of the Bishop.	3. Land or a building or buildings acquired for the use of the Church in any Parish shall not be sold, exchanged, alienated or disposed of or mortgaged, leased or otherwise encumbered except with the consent of the Eligible Members of the Parish given at a meeting duly called for the purpose of considering the matter, and with the consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council. A rectory or other building that is not a church building and that is not immediately required for the use of the Parish may be leased by the Incumbent and Wardens, on behalf of the Parish, to an appropriate tenant for any term not exceeding one (1) year, with the approval of the Vestry and of the Bishop.
4. When any property is purchased or acquired by gifts, bequests, or otherwise by any Parish it shall be vested in the name of the Synod, and when any such property is sold the proceeds of such sale shall be immediately deposited with the Synod which shall hold the same in trust and such proceeds shall be dealt with in accordance with the Regulation to this Canon.	4. When any property is purchased or acquired by gifts, bequests, or otherwise by any Parish, it shall be vested in the name of the Synod, and when any such property is sold the proceeds of such sale shall be immediately deposited with the Synod which shall hold the same as an internally restricted parochial fund, and such proceeds shall be dealt with in accordance with the Regulation to this Canon.
5. Where it is proposed to buy land or a building or to build a building or carry out any structural alterations or additions estimated to cost more than an amount set forth from time to time in the Regulations to an existing building for the use of the Church in any Parish the procedure shall be as set forth in the Regulations.	5. Where it is proposed to buy land or a building or to build a building or carry out any structural alterations or additions to an existing building for the use of the Church in any Parish, estimated to cost more than an amount set forth from time to time in the Regulations, the procedure shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
6. If an application to the Diocesan Council is made to mortgage or otherwise encumber land used for Church purposes the Diocesan Council shall in no circumstances give leave to mortgage or encumber same to an amount in excess of 50% of the value thereof as determined by the methods of appraisement used by loan companies engaged in the business of lending money upon mortgage security.	6. If an application to the Diocesan Council is made to mortgage or otherwise encumber land used for Church purposes, the Diocesan Council shall in no circumstances give leave to mortgage or encumber same to an amount in excess of fifty percent (50%) of the value thereof as determined by the methods of appraisal used by loan companies engaged in the business of lending money upon mortgage security.
7. The consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council shall not be given to the sale or other disposition of any church building, of a disused church building which has been consecrated, nor to the demolition or removal of same from the land on which it stands until the Sentence of Consecration shall have been revoked in a form to be prescribed by the Bishop.	7. The consent of the Bishop and the Diocesan Council shall not be given to the sale or other disposition of any church building, or any disused church building which has been consecrated, nor to the demolition or removal of same from the land on which it stands, until the Sentence of Consecration shall have been revoked in a form to be prescribed by the Bishop.

8. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon with the approval of the Diocesan Council shall maintain a list of real property and any other property at any time acquired or held for the use of the Church in the Diocese. Any real property, any building situated thereon, or any other property placed on such list, shall be deemed to be held for the use of the Church in the Diocese rather than the Church in a Parish and may be dealt with as provided in this Canon.	8. The Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon shall maintain a list of real property and any other property at any time acquired or held for the use of the Church in the Diocese. The list shall be organized into "active" and "redundant" properties.
9. No Parish shall be established within a 40 km distance of any other Parish in the Diocese with the prior approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.	9. No Parish shall be established in the Diocese without the prior approval of the Bishop and Diocesan Council.
10. All cemeteries must comply with *The Cemeteries Act, 1999* (Saskatchewan).	10. All cemeteries must comply with *The Cemeteries Act, 1999 (Saskatchewan)*.
B. INSURANCE	**B. INSURANCE**
1) All church property, both real and personal, shall be insured with loss payable to the Synod.	1. All church property, both real and personal, shall be insured against fire and other perils in accordance with prudent industry standards with loss payable to the Synod.
2) Public liability and property damage insurance and personal injury liability insurance with respect to all property owned by the Diocese and the use and occupancy thereof, for personal injury or death or damage to property of others, including others, the amount of at least $5,000,000 with respect to one accident or occurrence shall be maintained at all times.	2. Public liability and property damage insurance and personal injury liability insurance with respect to all property owned by the Diocese and the use and occupancy thereof, for personal injury or death or damage to property of others, including third parties, the amount of at least Five Million ($5,000,000) Dollars with respect to one (1) accident or occurrence shall be maintained at all times.
3) It is the responsibility of the Parish to reimburse the Diocese for all insurance premiums related to the Parish when due.	3. It is the responsibility of the Parish to reimburse the Diocese for all insurance premiums related to the Parish when due.
4) In the case of loss all insurance moneys payable in respect thereof shall be paid to the Synod to be held in trust for the Parish concerned and to be expended in repairing, restoring, rebuilding, refurnishing or otherwise with the approval of the Diocesan Council.	4. In the case of a total loss of any building used by a Parish, all insurance monies payable in respect thereof shall be paid to the Synod, to be held as an internally restricted fund for the Parish concerned until such time as the Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Parish, establishes an approved future plan.
	5. In the case of damage to any building, the Parish shall report to the Diocesan office all relevant details of the damage, may submit a claim to the insurer and work with them to repair, restore, rebuild, or refurnish the loss or damage, and shall report on all progress made in resolving the claim to Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon. These matters shall be conveyed to Diocesan Council.
C. MEMORIALS AND ORNAMENTS IN CHURCH BUILDINGS	**C. MEMORIALS AND ORNAMENTS IN CHURCH BUILDINGS**
1. No fixture or furnishing, whether presented as a memorial or not, shall be erected, placed in, installed or used in any church building, or be removed, discarded, or destroyed, unless the permission of the Bishop has first been obtained. Procedures for obtaining such permission shall be as set forth in the Diocesan Regulations.	1. No fixture or furnishing, whether presented as a memorial or not, shall be erected, placed in, installed or used in any church building, or be removed, discarded, or destroyed, unless the permission of the Bishop has first been obtained. Procedures for obtaining such permission shall be as set forth in the Regulations.
2. The words "fixture or furnishing" used in this Canon shall, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, include equipment, furniture, fittings, decorations, windows, pictures, lights and ornaments of every description.	2. The words "fixture or furnishing" used in this Canon shall, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, include equipment, furniture, fittings, decorations, windows, pictures, memorial plaques, lights and ornaments of every description.
3. The property of all such memorials, fixtures or furnishings heretofore or hereafter placed in or on any church building shall be vested in the Synod of the Diocese.	3. The property of all such memorials, fixtures or furnishings heretofore or hereafter placed in or on any church building shall be vested in the Synod.

CANON 23 · MINISTRY BY LAY PERSONS	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 23 - MINISTRY BY LAY PERSONS	**CANON 23 – MINISTRY BY LAY PERSONS**
A. **GENERAL**	**A. GENERAL**
1. The Bishop may license or commission lay persons for specific ministries in the parish or Diocese, under such terms and conditions as the Bishop may determine.	1. The Bishop may authorize, license or commission lay persons for specific ministries in a Parish or the Diocese, under such terms and conditions as the Bishop may determine.
2. Lay persons may lead worship in a congregation, using such services or parts of services as authorized from time to time by the Bishop.	2. Authorized lay persons may lead worship in a Congregation, using such services or parts of services as authorized from time to time by the Bishop.
3. Lay persons may assist in the distribution of the Sacrament at the Communion of the People in accordance with regulations issued from time to time by the Bishop.	3. Authorized lay persons may assist in the distribution of Communion in accordance with regulations issued from time to time by the Bishop.
4. Lay persons exercising a ministry within the parish or congregation shall do so with the approval and under supervision of the Incumbent, together with Parish Council or Vestry; if there be no Incumbent, the Bishop, together with Parish Council or Vestry, shall exercise such approval and supervision.	4. Authorized lay persons exercising a ministry within the Parish or Congregation shall do so with the approval and under supervision of the Incumbent, together with Parish Council or Vestry. If there is no Incumbent, the Archdeacon, together with Parish Council or Vestry, shall exercise such approval and supervision.
B. **ORGANIZATIONS**	**B. ORGANIZATIONS**
1. Subject to the approval of the Incumbent and Vestry, there may exist or be formed within a congregation such guilds, societies, auxiliaries, clubs, or other organizations whose aims are consistent with the mission of the Church. Such organizations shall at all times be subject to the authority of the Incumbent and Vestry, who shall have power to withdraw approval.	1. Subject to the approval of the Incumbent and Vestry, there may exist or be formed within a Congregation such guilds, societies, auxiliaries, clubs, or other organizations whose aims are consistent with the mission of the Church.

CANON 24 · HARDING-JACKSON FUND	
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CANON 24 - HARDING-JACKSON FUND	**CANON 24 – HARDING-JACKSON FUND**
There shall be a fund, called the Harding-Jackson Fund, the capital-principal of which shall accrue from the sale of the College Avenue campus property; the said capital-principal to be held intact at not less than Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand ($750,000.00) Dollars, plus additions which may be made to the said capital-principal from time to time.	There is a fund that was created from the sale of College Avenue Campus property, called the Harding-Jackson Fund. The principal amount of this fund is to be held intact at not less than Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand ($750,000.00) Dollars.

CANON 25 · CANONS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD

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CANON 25 - CANONS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD	**CANON 25 – CANONS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD AND PROVINCIAL SYNOD**
A. **GENERAL SYNOD**	A. **GENERAL SYNOD**
1. That subject to any act of the Provincial Synod limiting or restricting such right, this Synod does recognize and accept the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal of General Synod as established by Canon XX of the General Synod.	1. Subject to any act of the Provincial Synod limiting or restricting such right, this Synod does recognize and accept the jurisdiction of the Court of Appeal of General Synod as established by Canon XX of the General Synod.
2. It is hereby declared that the following Canons of the General Synod and as the same may be hereinafter amended, are in full force and effect within the Diocese:	2. It is hereby declared that the following Canons of the General Synod and as the same may be hereinafter amended, are in full force and effect within the Diocese:
(a) CANON XIII Of Deaconesses	(a) CANON XIV The Book of Common Prayer;
(b) CANON XIV Of The Book of Common Prayer	(b) CANON XVII The Licensing of Clergy;
(c) CANON XVII Of Episcopal Jurisdiction Respecting the Clergy	(c) CANON XVIII Discipline;
(d) CANON XVIII Of Discipline	(d) CANON XIX Relinquishment or Abandonment of the Ministry;
(e) CANON XIX Of Relinquishment and Abandonment of the Ministry	(e) CANON XXI On Marriage in the Church.
(f) CANON XXI Of Marriage	
B. **PROVINCIAL SYNOD**	**B. PROVINCIAL SYNOD**
1. It is hereby declared that the following Canons of the Provincial Synod and as the same may be hereinafter amended, are in full force and effect in the Diocese:	1. It is hereby declared that the following Canons of the Provincial Synod and as the same may be hereinafter amended, are in full force and effect in the Diocese:
(a) CANON IV The Right to Inhibit	(a) CANON C4.00 The Licensing and Inhibition of Clergy;
(b) CANON V On the Use of Various Services	(b) CANON C5.00 On the Use of Various Services;
(c) CANON VI Oaths and Subscriptions	(c) CANON C6.00 Oaths and Subscriptions;
(d) CANON IX Election of a Bishop	(d) CANON C9.00 Election of a Bishop.

CANON 26 · AMENDMENT OF THE CANONS	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 26 - AMENDMENT OF THE CANONS	**CANON 26 – AMENDMENT OF THE CANONS**
A. **GENERAL**	A. **GENERAL PROCEDURE**
1. Amendments or additions to the Canons may be initiated by recommendation of the Legislation Committee, by the Diocesan Council or by motion at any regular or special meeting of Synod.	1. Amendments or additions to the Canons may be initiated by recommendation of the Legislation Committee or by a request or motion from the Diocesan Council or by motion at any regular meeting of Synod. Any such proposed amendments or additions that are not initiated by the Legislation Committee shall be received and referred to the Legislation Committee for review, and returned for consideration to the next regular meeting of Synod.
B. **PROCEDURE**	B. **ALTERNATIVE PROCEDURE**
1. Notice of motion to amend or add to the Canons other than upon the recommendation of the Legislation Committee or of the Diocesan Council shall be in writing and be sent to the Executive Officer at least three months prior to the date of a regular or special meeting of the Synod.	1. Notice of any motion to amend or add to the Canons other than upon the recommendation of the Legislation Committee or of the Diocesan Council must be submitted in writing by the Chair of any Diocesan board, committee, or council, Parish Council, or Vestry of a Parish, and be sent to the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon at least three (3) months prior to the date of a regular or special meeting of the Synod.
2. Any such notice of motion shall be transmitted by the Executive Officer to the Chair of the Legislation Committee and such committee shall report thereon in time for the inclusion of such report in the convening circular.	2. Any such notice of a motion shall be transmitted by the Executive Officer/Executive Archdeacon to the Chair of the Legislation Committee, and such committee shall report thereon in time for the inclusion of such report in the convening circular for the next regular meeting of the Synod.
3. Amendments or additions to the Canons of which due notice has been given as aforesaid shall come into force if approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.	3. Amendments or additions to the Canons of which due notice has been given as aforesaid shall come into force if approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and entitled to vote at a meeting of the Synod.
4. When any proposed Canon or proposed amendment to a Canon is regularly before the Synod for discussion in accordance with the Canons and rules of the Synod, any amendment to such proposed Canons or proposed amendment is in order without notice.	4. When any proposed Canon or proposed amendment to a Canon is appropriately before a meeting of the Synod for discussion in accordance with the Canons and rules of the Synod, any amendment to such proposed Canons or proposed amendment is in order without notice.

CANON 27 · THE QU'APPELLE DIOCESAN HOUSING COMPANY	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 27 - THE QU'APPELLE DIOCESAN HOUSING COMPANY	**CANON 27 – THE QU'APPELLE DIOCESAN HOUSING COMPANY**
The Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle. The Board of Directors of the Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company is appointed by the Diocese of Qu'Appelle, the sole shareholder, and the Board reports to the Diocese although the Diocese does not manage the affairs of the Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company. The process for appointment of the Board of Directors shall be as set out in the Diocesan Regulations.	The Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of the Synod. The directors of The Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company are elected by the Diocese, as the sole shareholder. The Board of Directors of The Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company is responsible for the management and supervision of the affairs of The Qu'Appelle Diocesan Housing Company.

CANON 28 · DISCIPLINE	
CANON AS PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED	**CANON AS PROPOSED 2026 ★ Yellow = substantive change**
CANON 28 - THE COURT OF THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE	**CANON 28 – DISCIPLINE**
This Canon recognizes the desirability of reconciling differences through consultation, negotiation, and agreement, rather than resorting to the expense, pain, and scandal of litigation in the church or civil courts. Should efforts to reconcile differences by other, less formal means prove unsuccessful, this Canon provides a formal procedure of grievance through a Diocesan Court. The process is based on principles of "natural justice" and governed by the Canons of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada and of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.	**A. PURPOSE**
A. **CREATION AND CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT OF THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE**	1. The purpose of this Canon is to provide for the discipline of:
1. Subject to the provisions of this Canon, the Bishop may refer to a Court entitled "The Court of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle" for the hearing of a matter relating to the alleged commission of an ecclesiastical offence as set out in the Canon of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada.	(a) priests, deacons and lay persons who hold a licence from the Bishop, or any permission, office, appointment or authorization under the jurisdiction of the Bishop;
2. The Court shall consist of the following:	(b) persons who are otherwise subject to the Bishop's jurisdiction or are receiving any allowance from or discharging any duties for the Synod, or any Parish, including clergy formerly licensed in the Diocese in respect of allegations arising during the period of their licence, permission, office, appointment, or authorization; and
(a) The Chancellor who shall act as President of the Court;	(c) any Bishop or former bishop of the Diocese in a manner that is fair, pastorally responsible, transparent, and consistent with the doctrine, discipline, and order of the Anglican Church.
(b) Two Eligible Members to be elected by the Synod; and	2. Every such person who is under the jurisdiction of the Bishop may be subject to a complaint pursuant to this Canon with respect to alleged conduct which, if admitted or proven:
(c) Two clergy members to be elected by the Synod provided that the Bishop shall not sit as a member of the Court.	(a) is an ecclesiastical offence, as such term is defined in Canon XVIII of the General Synod, as amended, supplemented or replaced from time to time (such offence being referred to below in this Canon as an "ecclesiastical offence", and such Canon, "Canon XVIII"); or
3. The President of the Court may appoint such persons as may be necessary to act as Clerks of the Court.	(b) is not an ecclesiastical offence.
4. Members of the Court shall hold office until their successors are elected by the Synod. Should a vacancy occur in the membership of the Court, the same may be filled by appointment by the Diocesan Council, and the person appointed shall hold office until the next election of members of the Court of the Synod.	Canon XVIII may be found in the Handbook of the General Synod which is available on the website of the General Synod.
B. **JURISDICTION OF THE COURT**	3. There shall be a Diocesan Discipline Procedure for the Diocese, adopted by Synod, which sets out procedures to be used in making complaints, and in dealing with complaints, alleging the commission of each of the above types of offences.
1. Any Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or layperson holding the license of the Bishop of the Diocese, or any office or appointment or charge under the jurisdiction of the Bishop of the Diocese, or receiving any allowance from or discharging any duties for the Synod, or any parish of the Diocese, shall be liable to be charged with an ecclesiastical offence and upon such charge being admitted or proven shall be subject to the sanctions set out in this Canon.	**B. COMPLAINT ALLEGING CONDUCT WHICH IS NOT AN ECCLESIASTICAL OFFENCE**

2. The Court shall also have jurisdiction to hear all grievances by any Member from any decision of the Bishop. A Member who is dissatisfied with a decision made by the Bishop may, within 30 days of the decision of the Bishop, request in writing addressed to the Court at the Synod office that the Court review the Bishop's decision. The Court shall then conduct such review as it deems necessary and thereafter may either confirm or overturn the determination of the Bishop.	1. The Diocesan Discipline Procedure shall govern the process for receiving, considering, investigating, resolving, adjudicating, and recording complaints against persons who are subject to the Bishop's jurisdiction, where the alleged conduct is not an ecclesiastical offence.
3. It is hereby reaffirmed that the Bishop of the Diocese has by virtue of the office of Bishop, ecclesiastical jurisdiction, authority and power of discipline over all members of clergy and laity, members of the Anglican Church within the Bishop's Diocese, and all offenses against the laws ecclesiastical.	2. The Diocesan Discipline Procedure may provide for panels, hearings, reviews, consent orders, pastoral directions, or other processes for the handling of such complaints, provided that such processes do not remove or impair any right of review, appeal, or adjudication required by the Canons of the Provincial Synod or the General Synod.
4. Nothing contained herein shall limit the jurisdiction and authority of the Bishop over any member of the clergy holding the license of such Bishop in respect of any offence alleged to have been committed by such clergy in a Diocese other than the Bishop's own for which act the clergy would be subject to discipline if resident within the Bishop's own Diocese, nor in respect of any offence alleged to have been committed in respect to any license held by such clergy or any Bishop.	3. The Bishop may, subject to the Diocesan Discipline Procedure, address such complaints by means of personal enquiry, consultation, pastoral direction, admonition, mediation, conciliation, supervision, inhibition, or referral to a disciplinary hearing or other competent canonical authority.
5. Nothing in this Canon shall be interpreted as impairing, diminishing or affecting the authority and jurisdiction of the General Synod. Where the provisions of this Canon conflict with the provisions of the General Synod, the provisions of the General Synod shall prevail.	4. Any complaint in which the alleged conduct is not an ecclesiastical offence shall be made within twelve (12) months of the date of the act or omission giving rise to the allegation.
C. **COMPLAINT**	C. **COMPLAINT ALLEGING COMMISSION OF AN ECCLESIASTICAL OFFENCE**
1. Whenever it shall come to the knowledge of the Bishop or by way of complaint or report made by	1. This Canon, insofar as it applies to an allegation that an ecclesiastical offence has been committed, is enacted pursuant to, and is supplemental to, Canon XVIII of the General Synod.
(a) the Chancellor, or	2. Where a complaint alleges that a priest, deacon or lay person under the jurisdiction of the Bishop has committed an ecclesiastical offence (such person being referred to below as the "respondent"):
(b) any Archdeacon, or	(a) the Bishop shall have initial jurisdiction with respect to the determination of whether an ecclesiastical offence has been committed and the penalty for the commission of the offence; or
(c) any three or more members of clergy, or	(b) the Bishop may, without exercising such initial jurisdiction, refer the determination of whether an ecclesiastical offence has been committed or the determination of a penalty, or both, to the Diocesan Court, for consideration by the Diocesan Court.
(d) a churchwarden and four members of any congregation	3. The Diocesan Court shall be formed in accordance with the Diocesan Discipline Procedure and shall, subject to Canon XVIII and the Diocesan Discipline Procedure, establish the procedures respecting the matters to be heard by it.
(e) that scandal or evil report exists concerning any Bishop, Priest, Deacon, or layperson holding the license of the Bishop of the Diocese, or any office or appointment or charge under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, or receiving any	4. If the Bishop exercises the Bishop's initial jurisdiction:
allowance from or discharging any duties for the Synod, or any parish of the Diocese or that any such person has been found guilty or is alleged to be guilty of any ecclesiastical or criminal offence, or whenever any Members request that a report injurious to any such person's character should be investigated, such complaint, report or request shall be reduced to writing,	(a) the Diocesan Discipline Procedure shall govern the process for receiving, investigating, resolving, adjudicating, and recording complaints or allegations that an ecclesiastical offence has been committed;

signed by such persons and (unless the Bishop be the complainant) sent by registered post to the Bishop, accompanied by the names of all known witnesses, the probable purport of their evidence, and such particulars as to time, place and circumstance as may assist in the full investigation of such complaint, report or request.	
2. Several alleged offenses may be included in any such complaint, report or request.	(b) the Bishop shall render a written decision, containing reasons, and shall provide a copy to the respondent; and
3. Any complaint of heresy in order to be relevant, shall be in writing, and must aver that the respondent holds and has taught, maintained, preached, written, printed, or circulated some doctrine or opinion repugnant to or at variance with the Faith and Doctrine of the Church as contained in the Solemn Declaration of 1893 or other authorized formularies of the Anglican Church of Canada, and shall specify the particular statements of the respondent which may be the subject of the charge and the particular passages of such standards and formularies to which such statements are repugnant or at variance. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Bishop shall first notify the complainant of his or her accountability in bringing any charge or report.	(c) any finding by the Bishop that an ecclesiastical offence has been committed or the penalty, or both, may be reviewed by the Diocesan Court, and the decision of the Diocesan Court may be appealed from, in the circumstances and in the manner provided in Canon XVIII and the Diocesan Discipline Procedure.
4. On receipt of said complaint, report or request, the Bishop, in the Bishop's discretion may:	5. If, without exercising the Bishop's initial jurisdiction, the Bishop refers the determination of whether an ecclesiastical offence has been committed or the determination of a penalty, or both, to the Diocesan Court:
(a) if of the opinion that any complaint alleged against the respondent is frivolous or vexatious, dismiss such complaint and shall state such decision in writing with reasons therefore, and shall cause a copy thereof to be sent to the complainant;	(a) the Diocesan Court shall make such determination by a written judgment or order of the Diocesan Court; and
(b) request or cite the respondent to appear before the Bishop to make such statement as the respondent may desire to make voluntarily;	(b) any judgment or order of the Diocesan Court may be appealed from as provided in Canon XVIII.
(c) solely investigate such complaint, report or request;	6. Disciplinary proceedings arising out of the alleged commission of an ecclesiastical offence shall be commenced within the applicable time periods specified in Canon XVIII.
(d) issue a Commission of Inquiry as herein provided; or	7. Where it has been determined that a person has committed an ecclesiastical offence, the penalties which may be imposed against the person are as provided in Canon XVIII.
(e) cite the respondent to appear before the Court without issuing a Commission of Inquiry.	**D. ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS**
5. In case the Bishop considers a Commission of Inquiry desirable, the Bishop may issue a commission under the Bishop's hand and seal appointing 5 persons, one of whom shall be an Eligible Member who is a member in good standing with the Law Society of Saskatchewan or a judge of a court of record, at least two of whom shall be Eligible Members and at least two of whom shall be members of clergy requiring them to investigate the truth of such complaint, report or request by such method of inquiry, and in such manner as the Bishop may determine and as hereinafter provided.	1. **Bishop's Pastoral and Disciplinary Authority:**
(a) It shall be the duty of any person so appointed by the Bishop, to act as a member of the Commission but the Bishop may excuse any person so appointed, for reasonable cause set forth in writing.	(a) Nothing in this Canon shall be interpreted as impairing, diminishing or affecting the inherent pastoral, or disciplinary aspects of the jurisdiction and authority of the Bishop over all clergy and lay members of the Anglican Church within the Diocese or under the jurisdiction of the Bishop, except to the extent set out in Canon XVIII, this Canon and the Diocesan Discipline Procedure.

(b) The complainant shall be disqualified from acting on any such Commission of Inquiry.	2. **Safeguarding and Civil Authorities:**
6. It shall not be necessary for the Bishop to notify the respondent that any such complaint or report has been made or received, or that a Commission of Inquiry has been issued or is about to be issued, nor shall the absence of the respondent from such inquiry whether notified or not, or from the Diocese or from Canada be a bar to such inquiry.	(a) Where a complaint or allegation involves abuse, exploitation, harm to a child or vulnerable adult, criminal conduct, or any matter requiring reporting to civil authorities, the Diocese shall act in accordance with applicable law and safe church policies of the Diocese.
7. The Bishop may in the Bishop's absolute discretion furnish the respondent with a copy of the complaint or such portion thereof as the Bishop deems desirable, and if the Bishop deems it desirable, with a written statement of the reasons for issuing the Commission.	(b) No action taken under this Canon or the Diocesan Discipline Procedure shall delay or prevent any report or referral required by law or necessary for the protection of persons.
D. **COMMISSION OF INQUIRY**	3. **Natural Justice:**
1. The said Commission or a majority of the Commissioners, may require the attendance of witnesses and may examine all witnesses whom they deem it necessary to summon or whose evidence may be tendered to them, whether for or against the respondent, and may take evidence by statutory declaration under the Canada Evidence Act or other method allowed by the laws of the Province and may examine the records of any court, parish, institution, person or corporation, or obtain information by correspondence or observation, and at such times and places as they may determine, and may require the production of documents, correspondence, records and writings for the purpose of prosecuting fully the inquiry and determining whether there is sufficient *prima facie* grounds for instituting further proceedings. The Commission shall act as expeditiously as reasonably possible in undertaking and completing its investigations.	(a) All proceedings under this Canon and the Diocesan Discipline Procedure shall be conducted in accordance with the principles of natural justice and procedural fairness, including notice of the allegation, opportunity to respond, impartial adjudication, appropriate confidentiality, and rights of representation.
2. A record shall be made by the Commission of all evidence and information obtained by them, and for this purpose the Commission may employ a stenographer or clerk.	**E. ALLEGATIONS AGAINST BISHOPS**
3. The Complainant or respondent or the agent of either, may in the discretion of the Commissioner or Commissioners attend the proceedings of the Commission and examine any of the witnesses.	1. Where it is alleged that the Bishop or a former bishop of the Diocese has committed an ecclesiastical offence, the allegation shall be made to the Metropolitan and handled in accordance with the Constitution and Canons of the Provincial Synod or the Constitution and Canons of the General Synod, as applicable.
4. All such preliminary proceedings shall be held in camera.	**F. INTERPRETATION, AMENDMENTS**
5. The Commissioner or Commissioners, or a majority of those present, may adjourn the hearings from time to time, and from place to place.	1. Inconsistencies:
6. Every notice, summons or other paper to be served or delivered in pursuance of this Canon, shall be served on the person to whom the same respectively relates, either personally or by sending such notice addressed to such person by registered mail, prepaid, to his or her usual last known place or residence; or in case the respondent shall have designated in writing any person or counsel or agent upon whom or any	(a) If there is any inconsistency between this Canon and/or the Diocesan Discipline Procedure and the applicable Constitution or a Canon of the General Synod or of the Provincial Synod, the following order of precedence applies: first, the Constitution or Canon of the General Synod; second, the Constitution or Canon of the Provincial Synod; third, this Canon; and fourth, the Diocesan Discipline Procedure.
place at which such notice, citation or papers may be served, then in such manner upon such person or counsel or agent.	2. Amendments:
7. Within five days from the date of the last hearing, the said Commission, or a majority of Commissioners, shall transmit to the Bishop the depositions of the witnesses and the report of the majority of the Commissioners present at such inquiry, whether there is or is not sufficient *prima facie* ground for instituting further proceedings against the respondent.	(a) No amendment to this Canon or to the Diocesan Discipline Procedure that has taken effect shall affect any disciplinary proceedings already commenced unless the amendment is procedural only and does not prejudice the rights of any party, or the parties mutually consent in writing that the amendment applies to such proceedings.

8.	The Commission:	
	(a) shall recommend that there is not sufficient prima facie grounds for instituting proceedings against the respondent in respect of the said complaint or any matter arising out of the inquiring; or	
	(b) shall recommend that there is sufficient prima facie grounds for instituting proceedings against the respondent in respect of the said complaint or any matter arising out of the inquiring; and	
	(c) may make any other recommendation to the Bishop that it deems appropriate in the circumstances	
9.	The Bishop shall, upon the application of the respondent or the complainant, cause to be delivered to the respondent or the complainant as the case may be a copy of the said report.	
E.	**PROCEDURE AND POWERS OF THE COURT**	
1.	If, upon receipt of the report of the Commission of Inquiry, the Bishop shall determine to institute further proceedings, or if the Bishop should determine to cite the respondent to appear before the Court without issuing a Commission of Inquiry, the Bishop shall serve or cause to be served personally upon the respondent, a notice in writing under the Bishop's hand addressed to the respondent at his or her last known place of residence, specifying the charge against the respondent.	
2.	Every person charged with an offence shall be personally served at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of hearing with a Notice of Hearing naming such person as Respondent. Service may be proven by an Affidavit of Service of the person who served the Notice of Hearing.	
3.	The Notice of Hearing shall specify:	
	(a) the offence or offenses with which the Respondent is charged;	
	(b) a summary of the facts or events upon which the offence is based;	
	(c) a date, time and place at which the Respondent is to appear before the Diocesan Court to plead the charge; and	
	(d) the names of members of the Diocesan Court.	
4.	Subject to the provisions of this Canon, the Court shall not be bound by formal rules of evidence and in all matters relating to rules or the nature and inadmissibility of evidence, the decision of the President of the Court shall be final.	
5.	Where the Respondent appears before the Court, the substance of the charge shall be stated, and the Respondent shall be asked to enter a plea of guilty or not guilty to the charge.	
6.	Where the Respondent does not appear, a plea of not guilty will be entered.	
7.	Where a plea of guilty is entered, the Diocesan Court shall make its judgment accordingly.	
8.	Where a plea of not guilty is entered, the Diocesan Court shall set a date and time for a trial of the matter.	
9.	A barrister appointed by the Bishop shall prosecute the charge.	
10.	The Respondent may admit any fact alleged for the purpose of dispensing with the proof thereof.	

11.	The Respondent shall have the right to be represented by counsel and may give evidence and may examine, cross examine and re-examine witnesses, as in a Court of civil law.	
12.	If the Respondent does not appear at the time set for trial the Diocese Court may proceed in the Respondent's absence.	
13.	The Diocesan Court shall keep a record of all evidence taken in any proceeding.	
14.	The Court may subpoena the testimony of any such person it deems necessary for the trial of the matter except the Bishop or a member of the Court.	
15.	Every witness examined in any proceeding before the Court shall give evidence upon solemn declaration as provided by the Canada Evidence Act.	
16.	The Diocesan Court in its discretion may award costs to either party. If costs are awarded in favour of the Respondent the costs shall be paid from the funds of Synod.	
17.	The Diocesan Court may from time to time make, revoke and alter rules of practice and procedure with regard to the conduct of matters before it.	
18.	The Diocesan Court shall deliver judgment within one month from the date of the conclusion of the trial or such other time as allowed by the Bishop.	
19.	The judgment shall be in writing accompanied by reasons as to the truth or falsity of the charge against the Respondent as proven on a balance of probabilities. The judgment shall be in accordance with the disposition proposed by the majority.	
20.	The Court shall give a copy of the judgment to the Respondent and to the Bishop, together with any recommendation in respect of the charge.	
21.	If the Bishop learns that new and important evidence favourable to the Respondent has been discovered following the trial, but before sentence has been pronounced, the Bishop may remit the proceedings to the Diocesan Court, which shall proceed to hear evidence and may either confirm, reverse or amend its former judgment.	
22.	The Court may, without limitation, impose any of the following sentences upon the Respondent:	
	(a) admonition, either private or public;	
	(b) suspension from the exercise of ministry or office for a defined period of time and under conditions imposed by the Court;	
	(c) deprivation of office; or	
	(d) deposition from the exercise of ministry, which sentence shall be delivered by the Bishop.	
23.	The penalty or penalties imposed shall be consistent with the gravity of the offence proved.	
24.	During a suspension, the person suspended shall not exercise the function of ministry anywhere in the Diocese on pain of deprivation.	
25.	The Court may deprive the suspended priest or deacon of the whole or part of the stipend, income or emoluments of his or her parish or mission during the suspension.	
26.	Upon a sentence of deprivation or deposition being pronounced, the connection between the offender and his or her parish, mission or congregation shall be severed and the offender's stipend, income or	

	emoluments shall cease. The Bishop may publicize the deprivation or deposition in any manner the Bishop considers appropriate.	
F.	**RIGHT TO APPEAL FROM A DECISION OF THE COURT**	
1.	The Respondent in proceedings under this Canon may appeal from either the judgment of the Diocesan Court or any sentence pronounced by the Bishop, within 30 days of the date of judgment or pronouncement.	
2.	An appeal shall be to the Provincial Court of Appeal, as provided in the Canon governing appeals enacted by the Provincial Synod.	
3.	Subject to any interim order of the Court of Appeal, a judgment or sentence appealed from shall stand until reversed or amended by the Court of Appeal.	

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