

CANON 4

THE APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSARY OR AN ADMINISTRATOR

1. If the Bishop is or is about to be absent from the Diocese, is otherwise unable to attend to diocesan duties, or is of the opinion that the business or affairs of the Diocese so require, the Bishop may issue a written commission to a Commissary to perform designated duties for or on behalf of the Bishop or to act as the Bishop's representative. The Bishop may revoke such a commission at any time.

2. In the case of a vacancy in the See, or of the Bishop being from any cause unable to attend to diocesan duties and in the opinion of the Diocesan Council, called together on the requisition of five members, incapacitated from naming a Commissary, then the Bishop Coadjutor or if there be no Bishop Coadjutor, then the Bishop Suffragan, or if there be no Bishop Suffragan, then the Dean of the Diocese or if there is no Dean of the Diocese, then the member of the Clergy who has served longest in the Diocese and who at that time is an incumbent in the Diocese shall be the administrator of the Diocese, with power to discharge all the administrative functions of the Bishop of the Diocese of Rupert's Land until the See is filled or the Bishop is again capable of performing the duties of the office of the Bishop.