



The Diocese of Rupert's Land

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MEMORANDUM

December 20, 2017

To: Diocesan Clergy and Current Members of Synod

Re: Date of Electoral Synod

Dear Friends;

In accordance with Canon 9 of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land (Election of a Bishop) and after consultation with the Metropolitan and our Diocesan Council, Bishop Donald Phillips has called for the 115th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land to convene on the morning of Saturday, June 16th, 2018 (*exact time to be determined*) in St. John's Cathedral for the purpose of electing a Coadjutor Bishop for our Diocese. The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Metropolitan, will chair this Electoral Synod.

Further specifics as to time and the process leading up to this Synod will be communicated directly to Synod delegates as details are determined, and information will also be posted on the Diocesan Website (www.rupertsland.ca) and in the Rupert's Land News Magazine. *If you are not already an on-line subscriber to the RLNews I would encourage you to do so at this time.* (www.rupertslandnews.ca)

Any member of Synod may submit in writing to the Secretary of the Diocesan Search Committee (*who will be appointed at the initial meeting of the Committee in January, 2018*) the name or names of any person or persons proposed by that member to be considered for nomination as bishop. This submission must be made no later than 42 days prior to the date of Synod. (*Sat. May 5, 2018*)

The Diocesan Council has appointed the following six persons to the Diocesan Search Committee:
Archdeacon James Dugan, The Rev. Helen Kennedy, Canon David Widdicombe,
Mrs. Heather Birtles, Mr. Ted Henderson and Mr. Gary Russell.

In addition, the three appointed members from the Province are: Bishop Rob Hardwick (Qu'Appelle), The Rev. Dr. Scott Sharman (Edmonton), and Ms. Karen Larsen (Calgary). While the diocesan bishop is also a member of the Search Committee for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop, Bishop Don has received permission to step back from this role and will instead act as a resource and consultant to the Search Committee.

This memorandum is being circulated to all Diocesan Clergy for information (*the Constitution determines which clergy are eligible as members of Synod*), and all 'current' lay delegates to Synod. Depending on the outcome of the elections of lay delegates at 2018 Parish AGM's, lay delegates from your parish may change. (If you are a lay delegate now but are not re-elected or eligible for re-election, you will no longer be a delegate to synod). I wish to remind parish clergy that it is imperative that the Certificate of Election of Lay Delegates (and Churchwardens) be completed and returned to the Synod Office as soon as possible after parish AGM's to ensure the Synod Office has the correct 2018 lay delegates names and can communicate directly with them prior to Synod.

Over the coming 12 days of Christmas we will gather to celebrate and give thanks for the Son of God, Jesus Christ the Lord.

Blessings of Christmas to you and yours.

In faith,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob Wedlake". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "B".

Bob Wedlake
Secretary of Synod