

The Diocese of Rupert's Land

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MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2019

To: The Members of (2018) Diocesan Synod

Re: Election of Delegates to General Synod at October 2018 Diocesan Synod

I am writing to inform you of a change in the number of delegates that the Diocese of Rupert's Land (RL) is entitled to send to General Synod (GS) in June 2019. After submitting the names of the persons elected at the October 2018 Diocesan Synod to the General Synod office, they advised us that Rupert's Land was only entitled to 2 clergy delegates, 2 lay delegates, and 1 youth delegate in addition to the Bishop.

Background:

In June 2018 a staff member from the Diocesan Office contacted the General Synod Office to inquire about the number of elected Lay & Clergy delegates to which our Diocese was entitled for GS 2019. At that time General Synod staff was not able to provide us with that information, so the plan was to proceed with the previous allowance from GS 2016, namely 3 clergy delegates, 3 lay delegates, and 1 youth delegate, in addition to the Bishop, as we prepared for Diocesan Synod.

Regretfully, our staff did not check back with the General Synod in the fall, prior to our Synod, due to the heavy workload. We regret this oversight. However, General Synod staff did not follow up on our request from June to provide us with the numbers when they became known. Prior to the last General Synod (2016) the Diocese received a letter from the General Secretary advising of the number of lay delegates to which our Diocese was entitled. That did not happen in 2018 and so we proceeded on the assumption the numbers had not changed as we had not been notified.

Consequently, Synod proceeded to elect 3 clergy delegates, 3 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate. The results of the balloting were shared during Synod and the forms submitted to the General Synod. It was only then that the Diocesan office was advised that RL was entitled to only 2 clergy, 2 lay and 1 youth.

In future years when we are electing for General Synod, we will send a letter to the General Synod Secretary requesting that Dioceses be informed by letter the year prior to a General Synod confirming the number of General Synod Delegates to which each diocese is entitled. Additionally, Diocesan staff will confirm this information in writing prior to the Synod at which the election of delegates to General Synod will take place.

As a result of this change in delegate allotment, our 2019 General Synod delegates will now be as follows:

General Synod

CLERGY Elected (listed in order of votes received)

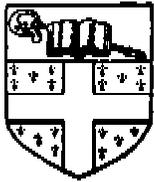
Kennedy, Helen,

St. George, Transcona

Still, Murray,

St. James, Winnipeg

Clergy alternates (listed in order of votes received; * = tie):



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Johnson, Paul N.,
Collier, Norman
McCance, Heather
*Ford, Brian
*McIntosh, Wayne
Parsons, Eric
Labdon, Dave
Thagard, Dan
Pow, Enid

St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg
Special Ministries
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St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg
St. Francis, Winnipeg
St. Margaret, Winnipeg
St. Aidan, Wpg.
St. George, Transcona
Holy Trinity, Winnipeg

LAITY Elected (listed order of votes received)

Wedlake, Robert

Blaikie, Connor

Blaikie, Brynne ^

^**YOUTH Delegate:** *Brynne Blaikie was designated as the Youth delegate.*

Ex-officio Members

Youth Appointees

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Lay alternates (listed in order of votes received; * = tie):

Tannis Webster
Roe-Finlay, Susan
Russell, Gary
Thagard, Claudine
Terlinski, Matthew,
*Larson, Barbara
*Robinson, Theo
Vezina, Marcella
Pilbeam, Richard
Juras, Brayden

St. Mary Magdalene
St. Luke, Winnipeg
Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church
St. George, Transcona
St. Thomas, Weston
St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
St. George, Transcona
St. Philip, Scanterbury
St. Paul, Fort Garry
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Please note that this memo will be appended to the official copy of the Synod minutes to reflect the change in entitlement to 2 clergy and 2 lay, along with the Youth delegate and Bishop. We will also append this memo to the last page of the Synod minutes on the Diocesan website.

Bob Wedlake
Secretary of Synod