



# The Diocese of Rupert's Land

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Dear Lay and Clergy Delegates to Synod:

As Secretary of Synod, it is my responsibility to advise that The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips has called for a **brief special Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, to be held on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017, at Douglas Mennonite Church, 1517 Rothesay Street, in Winnipeg.** This 114th Session of Synod will convene within the context of Faith Horizons.

Details of the reason for the Bishop's calling of the Synod are explained in the following pages of the Convening Circular.

**Registration opens at 8:00 am on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.** The 1<sup>st</sup> sitting of Synod will be the **Opening Eucharist at 11:25 am** held within the context of Faith Horizons. The 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting of the Synod will commence at **3:45 pm** (following the conclusion of Faith Horizons) to consider the business for which the Synod has been convened. Registration for the Synod will close at 3 pm on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

This notice and the Convening Circular for Synod is being sent via email to all clerical and lay delegates, where possible. A hard-copy has been automatically mailed to you if we do not have an email address in our data base for you. Additionally, the Convening Circular will be posted on the Diocesan website, [www.rupertsland.ca](http://www.rupertsland.ca), as a downloadable PDF. These actions are being taken in an effort to be responsible stewards of our resources.

Let us continue to pray for our Bishop, and one another, as we prepare ourselves to gather as a Synod on October 21<sup>st</sup>.

Yours in faith,

Bob Wedlake  
Secretary of Synod

**Convening Circular for the 114th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land**  
Business item for the Special Synod: Election of a Co-Adjutor Bishop

Background

Bishop Donald Phillips has communicated to the Diocesan Council (and to the Provincial Metropolitan) that he wishes to retire as diocesan bishop sometime in the next 12 – 18 months. He has given this “notice of intention to retire” at this time in order to allow our diocese to decide on the best route through this transition in episcopal ministry. Outlined below are the two possible routes available to the diocese.

**Two paths for Episcopal Transition**

A. Retire and Elect

- Bishop resigns to Metropolitan – then announces date of retirement.
- Provincial Constitution (Sec. 6) and Canons (Canon 9) outline the procedure to be followed. (Diocesan Council elects/appoints 6 Diocesan Search Committee members to which the Province adds its 3 members resulting in a 9 member Committee. The Committee elects its own Chair and appoints a Secretary.)
- The process can begin 30 days before the date of retirement (and must begin no later than 30 days after the date of retirement).
- The date of the Electoral Synod should be no less than 84 days and no more than 112 days from the date that the Notice of the Synod is issued.

This will automatically result in a period of about 3 – 5 months from the current bishop's retirement to the electoral synod, and usually another 3 months prior to the consecration of the new bishop and the beginning of his/her ministry. In the last transition from Patrick Lee to Donald Phillips, there was 7 month gap in episcopal leadership.

B. Elect a Co-Adjutor Bishop prior to retirement – becomes Diocesan upon retirement

From the Constitution of the Province of Rupert's Land:

*Sec. 6.39 A bishop coadjutor ... in a diocese shall, in the exercise of his/her duties, powers and privileges, be subordinate to the Diocesan Bishop of that Diocese.*

*Sec. 6.40 The Bishop Coadjutor in a diocese shall, without further election, become and be the Diocesan Bishop when that office becomes vacant ...*

- Diocesan Synod must be called in order to formally request permission of Provincial Synod (or Prov. Executive Committee) to elect a Co-Adjutor bishop. If the Metropolitan receives this request more than 6 months prior to a Provincial Synod, then the request is dealt with by the Provincial Executive. (meeting Nov. 16-17, 2017 in Edmonton)

- After that Provincial approval, following consultation with the Metropolitan, the bishop with Diocesan Council determines the date for the electoral Synod.
- Once the date for the election of a Co-Adjutor Bishop is determined, Diocesan Council elects/appoints 6 Diocesan Search Committee members to which the Province adds its 3 members, and the present diocesan Bishop also becomes a member, resulting in a 10-member Committee. The Committee elects its own Chair and appoints a Secretary.
- Time lines as set forth in the Provincial Canon for the preparation of the Profile and the circulation of the personal material of the nominees still apply once the date of the electoral Synod is set.

With this path there is no gap in episcopal leadership and also provides for the opportunity of a brief overlap of the retiring diocesan and the Co-Adjutor bishop. Because both bishops would need to be remunerated, it is likely that this overlap will be brief – likely 1 or 2 months maximum. The intended goal would be to have the Co-Adjutor elected, begin the overlap period with our current bishop, and have Bishop Donald retire toward the end of 2018.

**Therefore, at this session of Synod, we are deciding only which path of episcopal transition we believe we should follow. If we pass the resolution below, we would follow Path B (above) and elect Co-Adjutor just prior to Bishop Don's retirement. If we defeat the resolution below, we would follow Path A (above) and elect a new bishop following Bishop Don's retirement.**

**At the Sept. 30, 2017 meeting of the Diocesan Council, a resolution was passed recommending that the following motion be approved by a meeting of Diocesan Synod.**

**Notice of Motion: B-1 (2017)**

**Moved by: The Ven. Godfrey Maweje**

**Seconded by: The Ven. Jennifer Sisson**

**RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land request permission from the Metropolitan of the Province of Rupert's Land to elect a Co-Adjutor Bishop in 2018 prior to the retirement of the current Bishop.**

*(Please refer to the FAQ sheet for more information)*

FAQ sheet for Session of Synod concerning the election of a Co-Adjutor Bishop

1. *When will Bishop Donald be retiring?*

Bishop Donald has indicated his desire to retire at some point in 2018. If the diocese decides not to elect a Co-Adjutor Bishop he will likely retire around the middle of the year. If the diocese does decide to elect a Co-Adjutor Bishop it would be sometime after the Fall 2018 Diocesan Synod.

2. *What is a Co-Adjutor Bishop?*

As outlined in the Province of Rupert's Land Constitution and Canons, a Co-Adjutor Bishop assists the diocesan bishop in the episcopal ministry of the diocese, and automatically becomes the Diocesan Bishop when the current Diocesan leaves office. There are other instances, besides a pending retirement, for electing a Co-Adjutor – especially in instances when the current Diocesan Bishop (often for medical reasons) is not able to fulfill of his/her duties.

3. *Are other Canadian dioceses electing Co-Adjutor Bishops?*

Yes. Most recently the dioceses of Quebec, Western Newfoundland and now Toronto are adopting this path for episcopal transitions.

4. *Is there an additional expense for having both a Diocesan and Co-Adjutor bishop?*

Yes. Both bishops are remunerated during the overlapping term. This term will be 1 – 2 months and will cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000. The Treasurer and Director of Finance have determined that this can be covered by trust income and discretionary funds.

5. *Why are we moving quickly to make the decision about a Co-Adjutor Bishop?*

The Provincial Canon on the Episcopal elections states that a Diocese must make such a decision at a meeting of its Synod and then make the request to the Provincial Metropolitan. However, if the Metropolitan receives such a request less than 6 months before an upcoming meeting of Provincial Synod, the request must wait and be considered by the Synod. (The next Provincial Synod begins its session on May 3, 2018.) If the Metropolitan receives the request more than 6 months in advance of a meeting of Provincial Synod, the request is forwarded to the Provincial Executive Council for a decision. The Metropolitan must receive our request before November 3, 2017 if it is to be considered by the Provincial Executive Council, which will be meeting on Nov. 16, 2017. A decision made by the Provincial Executive will allow Rupert's Land much more time to make plans that best suit its needs through 2018.

6. *What is the process to elect a bishop – either Co-Adjutor or Diocesan?*

The process is governed by, and outlined in detail in, Canon 9 of the Province of Rupert's Land Canons. The first action of the Diocesan Council, in consultation with the Metropolitan, is to set the date for the Electoral Synod. At the same time, the Diocesan Council appoints the Diocesan members of the Search Committee – 3 clergy and 3 lay. The Metropolitan then appoints 1 lay person, 1 clergy and 1 bishop from the Provincial Panel - which is elected/appointed by Provincial Synod. The Search Committee then elects its Chair and appoints a Secretary.

The Diocesan Profile is prepared by the Search Committee, in consultation throughout the Diocese. The Profile must be completed at least 65 days prior to the date of the Electoral Synod. The Search Committee also receives the names to be considered for nomination from any member of Diocesan Synod or the Provincial House of Bishops. The Search Committee then determines which of the proposed names meet the canonical requirements for election, obtains consent from the proposed nominees and then draws up a list of those who are being nominated. Supporting material is received from the nominees and circulated to the delegates of Diocesan Synod at least 3 weeks before the Electoral Synod.

7. *How soon after election does the new bishop (Co-Adjutor or Diocesan) begin their ministry?* The consecration of the new bishop usually takes place about 3 months after the election – though this is entirely dependent on the ability of the newly-elected bishop to leave their present post, as well as the calendar of the Metropolitan who presides at the consecration.

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October 21, 2017

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*\*means only 4 of 5 will be eligible to attend in accordance with the Constitution. A decision had not been made about which will be the delegates at the time of printing.*