

POSITIONS FOR WHICH ELECTIONS WILL BE HELD **AT PROVINCIAL SYNOD**

The Synod will elect a Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor, as well as members to serve on the various committees of Synod, as outlined below.

Executive Council:

Consists of the Officers of the Province (Metropolitan, Prolocutor, Deputy Prolocutor, Provincial Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, Chancellor), **plus 1 elected bishop, 2 elected clergy and 2 elected lay members, plus appointed members (after elections have taken place)**, which ensures each diocese is represented on the Council.

The Executive Council exercises the power and authority of the synod between synods, with specific exceptions. Meets at least annually. The role of the Executive Council is established by Constitution.

Provincial Panel:

Comprised of the **Order of Bishops and (4) four members of each of the Orders of Clergy and Laity elected at each regular session of Synod by the three orders of the Synod voting collectively.**

Whenever the Metropolitan receives notice of a **vacancy in a See**, he shall form a **Search Committee**, which shall be composed of **one bishop, one member of the order of clergy and one member of the order of laity** whom are drawn from the Provincial Panel, to assist members from the jurisdiction requiring the Bishop.

Provincial Court:

Comprised of the Metropolitan, (2) two bishops, (2) two clerical members of Synod, each residing in the Province and having at least ten years in holy orders; and (2) two lay members of Synod, each being a communicant in good standing of the Anglican Church of Canada, residing in the Province, and at least one of whom is or has been a member of the Bar of the civil jurisdiction in which he or she resides for at least ten years.

The Court has jurisdiction pursuant to section 3(b) of the Discipline Canon with respect to the discipline of a bishop charged with the commission of an ecclesiastical offense where the Metropolitan refers the determination of whether an ecclesiastical offense has been committed or the determination of a penalty to the court without exercising the initial jurisdiction described in section 3(a) of the Discipline Canon.

Committee on Constitutions & Canons

Comprised of **(1) one bishop, (1) one priest and (4) four lay persons, one of whom shall be the Provincial Chancellor and two of whom shall be diocesan chancellors**, with power to co-opt additional members on approval of the Executive Council.

This Committee shall conduct a general review of the Constitution & Canons after each session of Synod in light of decisions taken at Synod; the Committee will also consider advisability or feasibility of proposed amendments to the Constitutions and Canons of the Province; obtain and report on any changes in the Constitution and Canons of General Synod, which affect the Province.

Ministry Committee

Comprised of not ***fewer than (2) two members from each order, the Provincial Secretary of ACPO or ex officio, and further members as the Committee may from time to time appoint.***

This Committee has the responsibility to serve as the Synod's representative on matters relating to: Education, rural work, urban work, chaplaincies, Auxiliary and non-stipendiary ministries. The Committee shall also recommend policy on selection and education of persons for holy orders, including post-ordination training; promote, encourage and develop the ministry of laity and consider policies for lay education; consider and recommend policies and proposals related to employed and voluntary lay persons working for the church and related agencies, and provide continuing study for development of new ministries.

Nominations for Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor are taken from the floor of synod at the time. Below is an outline of the roles and responsibilities of these two positions (as taken from the Provincial Constitution:

Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor

3.09 There shall continue to be a Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor who shall be elected at each regular session of the Synod.

3.10 The Prolocutor shall be elected by the Orders of Clergy and Laity in Synod immediately prior to the election of members of the Executive Council.

3.11 Any clerical or lay member of Synod may be nominated for the office of Prolocutor and the nominee receiving the majority of the votes shall be declared elected.

3.12 Where no nominee receives a majority of the votes, the name of the nominee receiving the least number of votes shall be dropped and another poll taken until a majority is achieved.

3.13 The Deputy Prolocutor shall be elected in a like manner as the Prolocutor.

3.14 The Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor shall take office on the prorogation of the session of the Synod in which they were elected and continue in office until the prorogation of the next regular session of the Synod.

3.15 Where the office of the Prolocutor becomes vacant or where the Prolocutor is unable to act, the Deputy Prolocutor shall have all the powers of the Prolocutor and shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of the Prolocutor.

3.16 Where neither the Prolocutor nor the Deputy Prolocutor is able to perform the duties of the office of Prolocutor or their offices become vacant, the Executive Council shall, at its next meeting, appoint a qualified person to be Deputy Prolocutor to perform the duties of the office of Prolocutor until a successor is elected and takes office.

3.17 The Prolocutor shall be
(a) Chair of all meetings of the Orders of Clergy and Laity,
and
(b) ex officio a member of all committees.

3.18 The Prolocutor shall, at the request of the Metropolitan, substitute as the Chair of the Synod.