



Memorandum re. Episcopal Election

To: All clergy, vestries and parishes of the Diocese of Edmonton
From: The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek
Date: 12th February, 2021

Dear friends in Christ,

Following the pastoral letter from Bishop Jane announcing her resignation as Bishop of Edmonton, I am writing to you on behalf of the Diocesan Working Group to give some information on what happens next.

- 1) At a meeting of Executive Council on February 11th, 2021, in accordance with Diocesan Canon 2.13 and 2.14, Dean Alexandra Meek was appointed to be Administrator of the Diocese of Edmonton from the effective date of Bishop Jane's resignation until the consecration/seating of her successor as Bishop of Edmonton.
- 2) A timeline for the Episcopal Election, Guidelines for the Election of a Bishop and Provincial Canon IX will be posted on the Diocesan website and sent to all clergy, vestries and parishes in the Diocese, after the Metropolitan issues the notice of the Electoral Synod, likely in Mid-March.
- 3) As the date for the Electoral Synod is being planned for early summer, our timetable for the electoral process is quite tight. Therefore, Executive Council established a small working committee (composed of the Dean, the Archdeacons, the Chancellor and a member of the laity from Executive Council) to do some of the ground work necessary for the Diocesan Search Committee prior to its creation on March 18th, 2021.
- 4) A Diocesan Search Committee will be struck at the March 18th meeting of Executive Council (a letter inviting nominations is attached). At that meeting Executive Council will elect three clergy and three lay members to the Search Committee. The Metropolitan will appoint three more members, all drawn from outside the Diocese; one bishop, one clergy and one lay. Please prayerfully consider who you might wish to nominate to this committee.
- 5) The Working Group invites vestries and parishes to pray for Bishop Jane and for where God is leading the Diocese of Edmonton at this time. The Working Group will seek to actively engage with parishes across the diocese to listen and report to the search committee the cares, concerns, and hopes of the diocese so they can adequately prepare the diocesan profile. Resources to aid in this prayerful consideration will be sent out in the coming weeks.

As we move into a time of transition in the diocese I encourage to you to remember that God is present with us, guiding and directing us. May we faithfully listen together to God's calling, and then have the courage and strength to follow where God leads.

In Christ

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Meek'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a small cross-like mark at the end of the final stroke.

The Very Rev. Alexandra Meek
Administrator Designate