

GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

for the 68th Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton (October 21-22, 2022)

Elections will be held for the following positions:

* **Executive Council**

- Executive Council acts like Vestry for the Diocese. It meets about every 2 months, on the third Thursday of the month.
- 1 clerical and 2 lay delegates from each region (Battle River, Cold Lake, Edmonton West, Whitemud, Yellowhead)

* **Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton**

- The function of the Court is to hold a hearing of any member of the Clergy charged with any offence relating to discipline. (It has never met in the history of the Diocese)
- 2 clerical and 2 lay delegates (1 to be a member of the Law Society of Alberta)

* **General Synod (date to be announced)**

- General Synod is the meeting of the Anglican Church of Canada, with lay, clergy and bishop representatives from all dioceses in Canada.
- We send 2 clerical, 2 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate
- Those nominated as youth delegates to General Synod must be between the ages of 18 and 25 at the time of General Synod.
- Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend General Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

* **Provincial Synod – Province of Rupert’s Land (date to be announced)**

- Provincial Synod is the meeting of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert’s Land (basically Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and the Arctic), with lay, clergy and bishops representatives from the dioceses in the Province.
- We send 3 clerical, 2 lay members and 1 youth delegate
- Those nominated as youth delegates to Provincial Synod must be between the ages of 16 and 25 inclusive as of May 1st of the year of Provincial Synod.
- Those people nominated but not elected at this Diocesan Synod become the alternates in order of number of votes received, and would attend Provincial Synod if any of the elected delegates cannot attend.

Clerical and Lay Recorders of Synod (for the 69th Synod) (that's the next Synod, not this one)

- The clerical and lay recorders keep minutes of the sessions of Synod and prepare them for the Secretary of Synod to publish.
- 1 clerical recorder and 1 lay recorder

Please note that any persons nominated for Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod, and Diocesan Court must be members of our Diocesan Synod.

Deadline for nominations has been extended to July 31, 2022. We plan to hold the elections on Friday evening, October 21. There will be no nominations from the floor of Synod except with the consent of Synod.