



# Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

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*The Right Reverend Ron Cutler, Diocesan Bishop*

To: Parishes of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island  
From: The Reverend Canon Gordon Redden, Acting Executive Secretary of Synod  
Date: February 11, 2020  
Subject: Notice of an Electoral Synod & Important Deadlines

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1. **Call for an Electoral Synod:** On Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Diocesan Council formed an Episcopal Search Committee and set the date, time and place for an electoral Synod to elect a Coadjutor Bishop to succeed The Most Reverend Ronald W. Cutler as Diocesan Bishop.

2. **The Electoral Synod will be held on:**

**Date: Saturday, May 30, 2020.** Synod will convene early on Saturday morning. Information regarding start time, registration and check-in will follow once the Synod Arrangements Team has met and deliberated.

**Place:** Cathedral Church of All Saints, 1330 Cathedral Lane, Halifax, NS

**Purpose:** To Elect a Coadjutor Bishop

#### **Eligibility to Vote:**

- a) Lay Representatives and Youth Representatives who were eligible to vote at the last regular Synod (May 23-25, 2019) are, in most cases, eligible to vote at the electoral Synod;
- b) Alternate Lay and Youth Representatives who came to the last Synod to replace a representative are now considered to be “the Members of Synod” for this electoral Synod and are eligible to vote.
- c) Postulants for ordination who have been accepted by the Bishop;
- d) All licensed clergy are eligible to vote at an Electoral Synod. Licensed clergy includes Rectors, Priests-in-Charge, Assistant and Associate Priests, and Licensed Honourary Assistants. This does not include clergy holding a letter of “Permission to Officiate”.
- e) Changes in clergy status since the last Synod can affect eligibility to vote (for example, newly retired, newly appointed priests-in-charge). If you require clarification, please contact the Synod Office.

3. **Process to be Followed:** The search, proposal, nomination and election process is determined by Diocesan Canon 1, Election, Appointment, Consecration and Resignation

of Bishops.

4. **Search Committee:** Diocesan Council has appointed a Search Committee consisting of Daphne Beeler, Robert Sheppard, Jordan Waterbury and The Reverends Brianna Andrews, Colin Nicolle and Laura Marie Piotrowicz. Council appointed Edith Marshall as Secretary to the Search Committee.
5. **The Search Committee** must prepare a written description of the qualifications and requirements of our next Diocesan Bishop for approval by Diocesan Council at a special meeting on **March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**
6. **Nominations:** Beginning on **March 14<sup>th</sup>**, names for nomination for election as Coadjutor Bishop may be proposed to the Search Committee. Further details regarding the nomination procedures will be communicated as soon as the Search Committee has met, elected its Chairperson, and laid out a timeline for its work.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gordon Z. Redden".

The Reverend Canon Gordon Redden  
Acting Executive Secretary of Synod  
Diocesan Executive Director  
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