

## **VOLUNTEER JOB DESCRIPTION FOR MEMBERS OF GENERAL SYNOD**

### **July 13 – 17, 2022**

**Nature of the Position:** To participate in the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada which is held on a triennial basis, and which takes place in various parts of Canada. Issues that come before General Synod may include: governance reform, doctrinal and liturgical principles, justice issues, global partnerships, ecumenical and interfaith relationships, finances of the national church.

#### **Outline of Responsibilities**

- To represent the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, along with other clergy and lay people, at General Synod.
- Some General Synod delegates with specific areas of expertise serve on the Council of General Synod and its committees between synods.
- Attending advance meetings organized by the Diocese.

#### **Skills and Experience**

- Delegates will be able to bring their knowledge of issues currently before the church, to reflect prayerfully and to participate actively in issues before the Synod.
- An understanding of the range of diocesan culture and values.
- An ability to absorb written and oral material and make decisions based on that material

#### **Support, Supervision and Training**

- Most support is peer based. There is some preparation and orientation by the Diocesan Bishop and Secretary of Synod prior to the Synod.

#### **Participation Group**

- A small number of clergy and lay people who are also delegates to General Synod from the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. Other dioceses send a similar group of diocesan representatives.
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#### **Volunteer Screening Requirements**

- Member in good standing of Diocesan Synod. Able to provide and share Proof of Vaccination, Covid 19.

#### **Length of Term**

- Nominations are sought for every General Synod. There is a limitation of term based on participation in three successive General Synods.

#### **Benefits to the Volunteer**

- This is an opportunity to learn about and participate actively in issues before the wider church, beyond Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, and influence the future direction.