

Convening Circular for the Electoral Synod

As you are aware, this year our Synod will have two sections to it. On the first day, Nov. 14th, 2012 we will meet as an “electoral body” to discern how God is directing us in our choice of a Bishop Coadjutor who automatically will assume the Office of Moderator (Diocesan Bishop) on July 1, 2014. In the interim this person will work closely with the present Moderator to ensure an orderly transition. The second part of Synod (beginning Thursday morning) will be our regular annual Synod.

When you register on Tuesday night / Wednesday morning, the packet you receive will give detailed instructions and important papers such as ballots etc. It will be important that you read this material carefully and that *you bring the necessary documents to the Wednesday sessions.*

It may be helpful if we were to outline some aspects of the Electoral Synod for you to consider and reflect on as we circulate the brief biographies and vision statements of our three candidates.

1. All activities on WEDNESDAY (*with the exception of breakfast which will be at the Lord Elgin Hotel*) will take place at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul .
2. We start with the Opening Eucharist at which all clergy will be expected to vest.
3. As the service will be a Votive Eucharist invoking God's Holy Spirit on our deliberations the liturgical colour will be RED.
4. It is expected that the Primate will deliver the Homily.
5. There will be a brief Question and Answer period *on procedural matters only* before we break for Lunch.
6. The afternoon session will resume at 2 pm sharp.
7. This will be a CLOSED SESSION and ID Cards issued at Registration will have to be shown to ushers at the door.
8. Clergy will be seated on one side of the church and Lay Representatives on the other.
9. The Registrar, assisted by the Clerical and Lay Secretaries, will call the roll in all three Houses.
10. When the roll call is completed the doors will be closed and no other persons will be admitted.
11. The Registrar will report to Synod the totals for each House and the number of ballots required in the Houses of Clergy and Laity (voting separately) that will be required to make the 2/3 majority required for an election. While the Bishops sit as a separate House, they will vote with the clergy.
12. The Primate will conduct the election.
13. The first ballot paper will have the names already printed, in alphabetical order.
14. Synod members will come forward in an orderly fashion and deposit their ballots in the appropriate box.

15. If you are undecided it is possible to abstain *but in such cases your unmarked ballot still has to be deposited.*
16. The Primate will declare balloting closed when appropriate.
17. The Chief Electoral Officer and his team will remove the ballot boxes and begin the counting process.
18. While the ballots are counted a prayerful atmosphere will be maintained and a person will be assigned to conduct a series of devotions. This will happen as well between subsequent balloting as required.
19. When the counting is completed, the Chief Electoral Officer will bring a written report to the Primate.
20. The Primate will announce the results (including numbers) to the Synod.
21. Immediately afterwards the same results will appear on the screen.
22. If one candidate has the required majorities in both Houses, the Primate will announce that an election has been attained.
23. If no candidate has the required majority, the one with the fewest ballots will be removed from the list.
24. Each of the remaining candidates will be given the opportunity to withdraw, should they so desire.
25. The Primate will announce the second ballot, and the colour of the ballot paper to be used. The names for the second (and subsequent ballots) will be displayed on the screen.
26. Voting will recommence as outlined above.

The important thing to remember is that a spiritual and reflective atmosphere should be maintained throughout the afternoon and that no lobbying whatever will take place.

Should it appear that no candidate is able to attain the desired majority, the Primate, at his discretion, can declare the process closed and request Synod to arrange a new election at a later date.

The Nominating Committee has nominated 3 candidates who have agreed to stand for election. By the deadline of September 14th 2012 no further nominations had been received. The nominees are:

The Rt. Rev. Ronald Ferris
The Rt. Rev. Charles Masters
The Rt. Rev. Trevor Walters

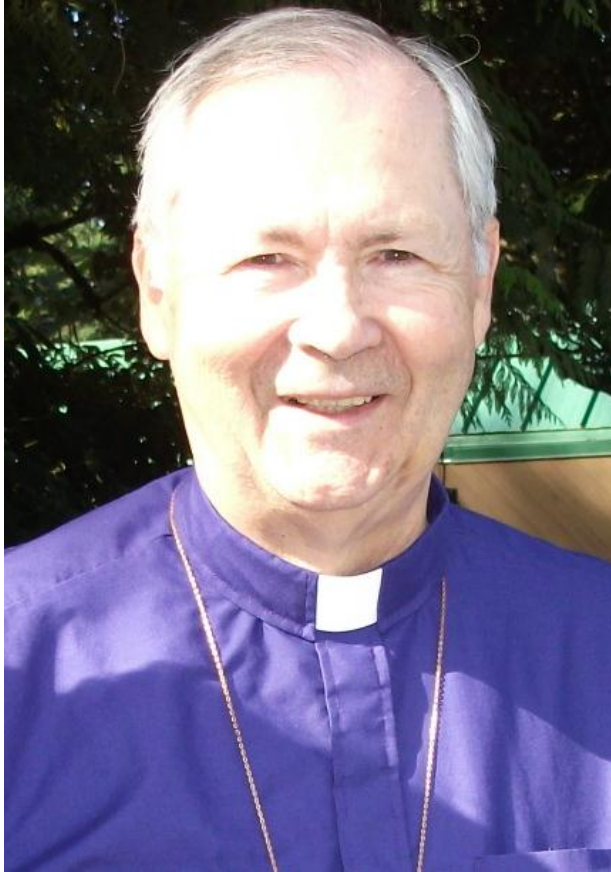
Attached you will find Biographies and Vision Statements of our three candidates. Please join us in prayer for them and for this election.

On behalf of the Nominating Committee

Claus K. Lenk, Chair

Biographies and Vision Statements

The Rt. Rev. Ronald C. Ferris



I grew up to love God in a Christian home. After a few years away from the Church, I became involved with a youth group. God convicted my heart through hearing the Epistles preached. I committed my life to Christ, and at age 15 I had a clear inner calling to be a priest.

Jan and I were married and went to serve as lay workers in Yukon. Following ordination and theological studies in London, Ontario, we served in the isolated Gwitchin community of Old Crow. We were immersed in their rich culture and missionary history.

Following further studies, I became rector of a suburban parish in London. Through God's goodness and much teamwork, the parish grew from under 100 to over 400 per Sunday. As spiritual director, a diocesan Cursillo movement was launched. It grew to over 1000 participants, with a similar program for teens.

I was elected Bishop at age 35. Through 28 years, I served Yukon, then Algoma. I gained familiarity with over 100 parishes, and was blessed to ordain and mentor over 60 priests.

Our participation in 3 Lambeth Conferences was formative for us. We became enthusiasts for the Anglican Communion and the Global South. In 1998 I advanced the sub-section motion which was to become the foundational Lambeth Resolution 1:10.

Early in 2009, I joined ANiC to establish a new parish in Langley. As Assisting Bishop I was a signatory for the founding of the Anglican Church in North America. I gave court evidence on behalf of ANiC parishes in Vancouver. I have been active in the Church Planting Working Group and a keen supporter of Anglican 1000. My future goals are to support church planting and to mentor the next generation of leaders.

Jan and I have 6 grown children and 7 grandchildren.

VISION FOR ANiC

Ronald C. Ferris

I believe that key priorities for the future should be: growing new parishes, developing the next generation of leaders, and fostering our missionary “DNA”.

We should continue the vision of our Moderator and Synod, which includes exploring the creation of new dioceses to accommodate our expansive geography.

Our multicultural ministries are an invaluable reflection of the new global Anglican reality. Lambeth 98 represented 164 language groups and 163 countries. Canada is uniquely poised for mission links with the world!

Our missionary efforts will rely upon high morale amongst our clergy and lay leaders. A diocese is primarily a missionary band, not an administrative unit. ANiC should take care not to over program our leaders, but free them for exceptional achievements.

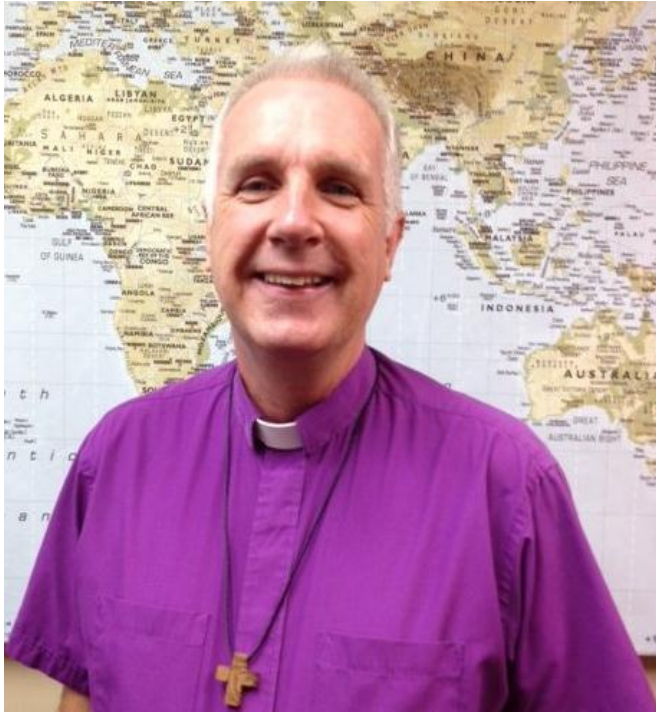
Tithing liberates us from endless fundraising. The Diocese should “travel light” and shape its life in accordance with this generous provision. I would also like to explore practical ways to “jump start” new churches by utilizing teams of lay workers, college students, retirees and youth.

ANiC has a unique place in our Province as one of a minority of dioceses that supports the ordination of women. I uphold our position for theological reasons. Our unique Provincial Constitution protects churches and dioceses that hold alternate views. I will advocate for both viewpoints to work together generously.

ANiC will need creative patterns for theological preparation. I have utilized such patterns in Yukon and Algoma. While maintaining high standards, our focus should be “training the called instead of calling the trained”.

We are a diverse Diocese combining evangelical, renewal, and catholic streams. Together we proclaim Christ and advance scriptural Christianity to our world. We praise God for our participation in Anglican 1000, ACNA, and the Global Anglican Fellowship!

The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Masters



I was born in 1951 into a wonderful Christian family, with a father whose theme verse was “as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

In 1966 we moved to Guelph where I completed my high school studies and then an undergraduate science degree in physical sciences. During university I made a clear commitment to Christ.

In 1972 I was invited to work with the Navigators at UBC. While there, I completed my qualifications to be a high school science teacher, met the person who is now my wife and was fortunate to *develop a love of the Word, of teaching it and of personal evangelism and disciple-making.*

In 1975 I began my theological studies at Nottingham. Christmas, 1975 Judy and I were married. By 1978, having completed my postgraduate theological studies, Judy and I returned to Canada. While in England *I developed a love for the Anglican Way, saw Anglican churches thriving and returned home with a passion to be a pastor.*

From 1980 to 2008, it was my joy to be Rector of St. George's Lowville and St. John's, Nassagaweya.

High points were:

- *Blessed with two children: Matthew and Suzie both of whom are married with one grandchild*
- *the parish grew very substantially in numbers-- we saw many come to Christ*
- *loved teaching the word and leading a growing team of clergy and lay leaders*
- *commissioned a church plant, developed a centre for lay ministry and a centre for youth ministry*
- *wrote a small booklet entitled “The Gospel Still Works” distributed across the country*
- *February, 2008, St. George’s voted overwhelmingly to become part of ANiC*

From 2002-2007 I served as National director of Essentials and from 2007 continue as National Director of ANiC.

What a joy it has been to:

- *be involved right from the start in all aspects of the development of ANiC as national diocese*
- *get to know Canada from coast to coast*
- *be involved as General Secretary in the formation of ACNA and continue on its cabinet*
- *be consecrated a Bishop, responsible under Bishop Don for Eastern Canada*
- *have a growing love for being a pastor of pastors and of caring for congregations and stimulating church planting*

VISION FOR ANiC

Charles F. Masters

Building through the next five years

ANiC is committed to Building *“Biblically-Faithful, Gospel-Sharing Congregations.”*

THE LORD MUST DO THE WORK

“Unless the Lord builds the house they labour in vain who build it.” (Psalm 127:1) “Be careful how you built for no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 3:10,11)

The scope of the work before us requires a major work of God. Prayer and fasting in all sorts of groups will be important and bring glory to God.

GOING FORWARD With the Lord

“Tell the people - go forward” (Exodus 14:15)

My Vision for the next Five years includes successful action plans in the following key areas:

Making disciples

- **Evangelism**- training every member of ANiC churches from the youngest to the oldest how to share the gospel and invite people to respond
- **Personal study**- emphasis on **the Word** both in memorization and **preaching the word** and faithful mighty proclamation
- **Children’s and youth ministry growth**, including ministry in colleges and universities.
- **Apologetics** continue to help people **grow in** and stand up for the faith.

Planting and building congregations strategically across the country. The congregation is the platform for evangelism and all ministries. This is where the action is and the job of the Diocese is to support, encourage and coach each congregation at whatever level it is, towards fruitfulness and also the planting of more churches from each congregation.

Taking our place as Anglicans in the world -- enjoying our Anglican Way, becoming world Christians and connecting through ACNA and participating locally in the world and through groups like ARDFC reaching out to the world.

The Rt. Rev. Trevor Walters



Trevor Walters was born on July 3rd, 1949 in London, England. He came to know the Lord at age 15, began to attend a Baptist church and was mentored by a Plymouth Brethren teacher. Trevor attended Avery Hill College (London University), where he completed his qualification to teach high school. He specialized in Religious Studies and Physical Education. Trevor taught for two years before joining the Barnabas Fellowship, which was one of the first charismatic communities in the UK at that time. It was here that Trevor learned to pray for people in depth and was taught by inspirational leaders from around the world. Trevor

spent his seminary days in Salisbury and Wells, an Anglo-Catholic College, due to its relationship to Barnabas Fellowship.

Trevor was Ordained in Salisbury Cathedral in 1978 and sent to Calgary to serve as a Curate at a parish. The next four years of his life were spent studying courses in pastoral counselling. He was certified as a Specialist in Pastoral Counselling with CAPPE. In 1981, Trevor was honored to be chosen as the University Chaplain at the University of Calgary. After more coursework in counselling, Trevor joined the Doctor of Ministry program at the University of Edmonton and graduated in 1990 with a D. Min.

In 1991, Trevor became the Rector at St. Matthew's Anglican Church in Abbotsford, Canada. He had the opportunity to serve on the Master's of Theology Council at the University of Edmonton for the next five years.

On June 15th 2002 in the defence of Orthodoxy, Trevor had the privilege and challenge of leading 11 parishes out of the Synod of New Westminster. In the next five years, The Anglican Communion in New Westminster was formed under his leadership.

February 2007 saw the death of Julie his wife of 30 years after a 25 year battle with several life threatening illnesses.

In 2008, Trevor Walters was appointed the Chair of the Mediating Committee of the Anglican Church in North America, and in 2009, he became a Circuit Civil Mediator with the Supreme Court of Florida. He was consecrated Suffragan Bishop in ANiC in November of 2009.

In March 2011 Trevor married Dede Johnson after permission from his Bishop and Archbishop, as Dede's first husband left her for another, after 30 years of marriage.

In anticipation of standing for election as Moderator, Trevor again sought permission from his Archbishop and bishop, that if elected they would support the decision. Given that Dede's divorce clearly complies with Matthew 19:9, (Jesus giving permission to the innocent party to remarry, after a divorce as a result of adultery) permission was given in June to Trevor by Archbishop Bob Duncan to stand for the election of Moderator.

In Sept. 2012 Trevor was asked by Archbishop Bob to chair the House of Bishops Strategic Planning Committee on Overlapping Diocesan boundaries.

In the last three years Trevor has functioned as a Bishop, Mediator, preacher and lecturer in Canada, Cuba, Sudan, UK and the USA.

VISION FOR ANiC

Trevor Walters

The Anglican Network in Canada's Future

In the next five years, The Anglican Network in Canada needs qualitative growth, as well as quantitative growth, retaining the goal to help plant 1,000 new churches in North America. What is needed is a vision for who we are and where we are headed. A new vision is needed due to lost denominational status and buildings, in addition to a lack of young congregants. My vision is to attract a greater number of young people to ensure the future viability of the church. In this plan, the older parishioners would support, encourage and empower the younger members to lead and serve. If this vision is embraced, we will have to face the conflict that change brings, as chaplaincy gives way to a church with a strategic plan for a kingdom purpose.

Our future lies in our ability to effectively preach the Gospel beyond our four walls. The task of the Moderator will be to hold up the transforming message of Jesus and to be both a warrior and a peacemaker. One area requiring redefinition is the Board/Bishop relationship. Mutual respect and a shared vision need to define the relationship. A strategic plan will be developed at the Board Meetings and will be given voice by the Moderator in his charge to Synod. The deciding factor in subdividing the diocese should be necessitated by the addition of many more churches. Within five years, I see the Reformed Episcopal, the Anglican Communion in Canada and the ANiC joining together, as the Anglican Church in North America. ANiC seems to be the partner that can broker that unity. Longer term, this new Anglican Province in Canada will become independent from the USA and the replacement jurisdiction for the Anglican Church in Canada.