

# **ANIC Council Nominations**

# **Preamble**

The ANiC Council is comprised of ten members, five lay and five clerics, plus the Diocesan Bishop who chairs the Council. Three lay positions and five clergy positions have become vacant as a result of council members' terms coming to an end. In response to these vacancies, on October 20<sup>th</sup> the Board accepted the ANiC Council Nominations Committee report presenting the following slate for their consideration. This slate is now being presented to Synod for the consideration of all voting delegates.

## The Slate

Lay – Bruce Clark

Lay - Joan Deeks\*

Lay - David Gibbs

Lay - Victoria Huyer\*

Lay - Robert Jones

Lay - Matt Strolz\*

Clergy - Venerable Paul Charbonneau

Clergy - Reverend Christopher Doering

Clergy - Venerable Dan Gifford\*

Clergy – Reverend Mike Stewart

Clergy – Reverend Rob Stringer

\* Current Incumbent



## **Bruce Clark**

Bruce was born and raised in Montreal, Quebec. He encountered Jesus personally when he was 10 years old and grew in his faith through the guidance provided by Inter Varsity Christian Fellowship. Bruce graduated from McGill University with a Bachelor of Civil Engineering degree. And subsequently attended Ivey Business School at the University of Western Ontario where he obtained his MBA.

Bruce discovered the wonders of Anglican worship when he started dating his future wife, Helena. He was confirmed an Anglican by Montreal Bishop Reginald Hollis.

Bruce spent the majority of his professional career in the concrete products manufacturing business. With God's help, he co-founded and co-owned, CCI Industries Ltd., which developed into the largest concrete products manufacturer in western Canada.

Bruce served his industry both provincially and nationally. He has also served on numerous non-profit boards. He has been an active member of Rotary International for 38 years. He has served the 3 Anglican parishes which his family has attended in numerous roles including People's and Rector's Warden. Bruce feels blessed to be an active member of the ANiC Parish of Christ the King (Edmonton, AB). And also believes "the best is yet to come"!

Bruce is a father, grandfather, and a husband to Helena.



#### Joan Deeks

Joan is actively involved at Saint Matthews Anglican church (Abbotsford, BC) on the Teaching & Discipleship Committee, and as Coordinator of Children's Ministries. With a passion for assisting church leaders and teaching children, she has work with dedicated teams in the development of the ANIC Strategic Ministry Planning manual and the Kingdom Story Sunday School curriculum. She assists with the Diocesan Priorities as the Director of Strategic Ministry Planning. Joan also brings over 25 years of business experience as a HR professional and corporate leadership/management consultant. Her company, Advantis Consulting Group is involved in management, human resources, and board development training and consultation

for leaders. Prior to Advantis, she served in senior management roles with Vancouver Canucks Hockey and Entertainment, and several municipal governments in BC.

Joan is an adjunct instructor at the School of Business, Trinity Western University, which includes teaching Human Resource Management seminars in Tianjin, China. Joan has a doctoral degree from Oxford Graduate School in Tennessee, an MBA and BComm.



#### **David Gibbs**

David has worked in the child welfare field since 1989 and has been in a leadership role with the BC Provincial Government since 2008. Raised in The Episcopal Church, David moved to Canada to gain his Bachelor of Arts from Trinity Western University (1985). David returned to Anglicanism in 1991 when he and his wife settled in Fort St. John, BC in 1991. He served as a warden in the Parish of the North Peace, Fort St. John. David and his wife have been members of The Open Gate Church (ANIC) in Victoria since 2008. David currently manages a large team of child welfare workers on two worksites on southern Vancouver Island.

David is currently a member of Parish Council at the Open Gate Church. David has previously been a member of ANIC Council (2011-2014) and has served on boards of a range of non-profit societies since 1993, including the governing board of an independent Christian school for which David served as Board Chair. David's nomination offers to Council his interest and experience in governance and particularly supporting the work of our clergy in leading our Christian witness to our communities and advancing the gospel mission.



# Victoria Huyer

Victoria has served as council member for the Diocese since 2012 and is currently chair of the Canons Committee and member of the Executive Committee. She is also a director of the Anglican Relief and Development Fund Canada and an active layperson in her home parish of Blackburn Hamlet Community Church (Ottawa, ON).

In addition, she is active in pastoral and youth ministry, having been a director of the Isaiah 40 Foundation since 2004 and Crosstalk Ministries since 2009. Her volunteer work with Crosstalk includes organizing and running a week-long residential camp for teenagers each summer to help them grow in their faith.

She holds a LL.B. and B.C.L. from McGill and a LL.M. from Queen's University. Called to the bar in 2004, she works at the Department of Justice Canada and lives in Ottawa with her husband and three young children



#### **Robert Jones**

Bob is a professional Engineer with a 5 year general engineering degree majoring in Civil Engineering from Technical university of NS and a teaching certificate from U of T. Now retired, his career included a period with the RCAF as an air base engineer, employment with construction contractors, 17 years as an instructor/chairman of Civil Engineering technology in a community college and 26 years of Engineering Consulting as manager and CEO. Robert has been married to Ruth for 46 years. They moved to Hamilton area from

Northern Ontario in 2007. They have three adult children and a son who died in an accident at 12 years old.

Bob has been an Anglican for 45 five years with eight years worshipping with a community Brethren Church. He has been called to take services for the Presbyterians, Pentecostals, United Church, and Anglicans and is a past Cursillo member. He is currently a lay reader at Saint Peter by the Park (ANiC). He has taken several short term mission trips and has had many years in Christian camping and Christian education.

Robert's community activity includes past board member on eight agency Boards of economic and social services and work with youth. Bob is a member of Gideons International.

His hobbies are fishing, gardening, Studying Church history and theology, travelling and journalism.



## **Matt Strolz**

Matthew Strolz is a husband and father of 3 children. He's been a lifelong follower of Christ Jesus and has been actively involved in church life since his youth, including a period as a paid youth director. Matthew has attended St Johns Vancouver for the past eight years and has the pleasure of participating in several aspects of church ministry.

He is currently employed by NAV CANADA, where he has served as an air traffic controller, a supervisor, and in various operational management roles which have involved in policy-setting, business strategy and management.



The Venerable Paul Charbonneau

Archdeacon of Southern Ontario

Archdeacon Paul currently serves as Rector of St Hilda's Church in Oakville, ON.

Pastor Paul came to faith in Jesus in 1978 during the tail end of the Jesus People Movement. Immediately after graduating and working in Forestry for a short time he went into full-time studies for ministry at McGill University. He graduated and was ordained in 1984. He is interested in helping to encourage, mentor and coach young clergy.

Paul married Joanne, the love of his life and high school sweetheart, in 1980. They have three children and a wonderful daughter-in-law and son-in-law.

Paul loves playing hockey (he is a legend in his own mind), golf, and music. He also enjoys artwork and the various pets that roam around their home. Paul and Joanne's goal in life can be summarized as: "The purpose for our lives is to grow in – and bring people to – the love of God the Father through faith in Jesus Christ, equip them to worship, pray, demonstrate grace and fellowship in the Church and world through the power of the Holy Spirit."



# The Reverend Christopher Doering

Chris is the Lead Pastor and Rector at Living Waters Anglican Fellowship in Kingston, ON. He holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree in English and History (1993) and a Bachelor of Education (1994) from Queen's University, in Kingston; and a Master's of Divinity from Wycliffe College, University of Toronto (1997).

Chris served for 18 years in the Diocese of Ontario (ACoC), as Assistant Curate and Priest-in-Charge of St. George's Cathedral, Kingston (1997-2000); and as Rector of St. John's Portsmouth, Kingston (2000-2015). During that time, Chris was a Canon of St. George's Cathedral, Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, and Regional Dean of Frontenac. He served as Chair of the Diocesan Training & Development Committee and the Synod Nomination Committee; and was a member

of the Diocesan Finance Committee and the Diocesan Worship Task Force.

Chris is a preacher and teacher. He has a passion for the Gospel and is committed to helping others encounter Jesus in real and meaningful ways, equipping them to live out their faith in their everyday lives. His message centers on the unconditional love, grace, and forgiveness of God, as witnessed in his own life.

In addition to his church responsibilities, Chris works as a Civilian Chaplain with the Canadian Armed Forces, serving the Joint Signals Regiment at CFB Kingston. He also serves on the boards of the Kingston Christian School and Samaritan's Heart Ministries.

Chris has been married to Kathy for 20 years and together they have three incredible children – Jonah (17), Gracie (Grade 15) and Annie (13).



### The Venerable Dan Gifford

Vicar at St John's Vancouver (BC); Archdeacon, BC Mainland

Dan is currently the vicar of St John's Vancouver Anglican, serving with David Short who is rector of that parish. He graduated from Wycliffe College Toronto in 1990 (MDiv), and was ordained to the priesthood in 1991. After a two-year curacy on the Sunshine Coast of BC (a name he often found to be somewhat misleading), he was appointed the first rector of St. Andrew's Pender Harbour, BC where he ministered for a very happy six years. In 1998

he left St. Andrew's to join the staff of St. John's where he feels very blessed to have served until the present day. Catechism, evangelism, cross-cultural mission, and preaching are some of the areas of his ministry that are particular blessings to Dan. He is also archdeacon for Vancouver and surrounding area, is a member of the ANiC finance committee and serves on the ANiC diocesan council.

He and his wife Cathryn met at St. John's and married in 2001. They have two boys Alexander and Nicholas who are 14 and 11 years old. Dan enjoys spending time with his family especially doing outdoor activities. He loves snowboarding, playing tennis (when it's not raining in BC), reading and, with certain hope, supporting the incomparable Minnesota Vikings in their quest for that Super Bowl win that has eluded them for so long.



#### The Reverend Mike Stewart

Mike is the Rector of Saint Matthew's Anglican Church (Abbotsford. BC). He trained at Saint John's Theological College in Nottingham, UK. He was ordained Deacon in the Diocese of London in 1989 and ordained Priest in 1990. Mike served as Curate at St. Paul's. Ealing, in West London for four years, and for nine years was the Priest-in-Charge and Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, North Wembley.

Mike came to Saint Matthew's as Associate Priest in 2002 while the Parish was still within the Anglican Church of Canada, in the Diocese of New Westminster. He was made Rector in 2009 under the Anglican Network in Canada. Mike is a Priest who delights in proclaiming ancient faith for today's world for the glory of Jesus. Mike and Marianne have been married for 24 years and have 5 wonderful children.



# The Reverend Rob Stringer

Rector Grace Anglican Church (Calgary AB)

Originally from the Lower Mainland, Rob found his call to ministry included moving east of the Rockies. In Saskatchewan, he served in a multi-point, and multi-denominational, parish for over eight years. Rob left that position in 2013 to join ANIC, and Grace Anglican in Calgary, Alberta. He loves to teach the Bible and help people understand, receive, and apply the Gospel to their lives.

Rob attended Regent College in Vancouver, graduating in 2004. He has been married to Kristin since 1996 and is the proud father of three teen and pre-teen aged children. Rob enjoys reading, jogging, and still cheers for the Vancouver Canucks.