

**Diocese of Fredericton**  
**Roles, Committees, Elections & Appointments**  
**Last Updated: 1 December 2025**

**Diocesan Bishop**                      The Most Rev. David Edwards

**Commissary**                              The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall

**Dean of Fredericton**                      The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall

**Executive Officer**                        Ms. Cheryl Jacobs

| <b><u>Archdeacons</u></b>   |                            | <b><u>Term End</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Chatham                     | The Ven. Perry Cooper      | Jan. 31, 2026          |
| Fredericton                 | Vacant                     |                        |
| Kingston & the Kennebecasis | The Ven. Rob Marsh         | Sep. 30, 2026          |
| Moncton                     | The Ven. Brent Ham         | Oct. 7, 2026           |
| Saint John                  | The Ven. Leo Martin        | Aug. 31, 2026          |
| St. Andrews                 | The Ven. John Matheson     | Oct. 13, 2026          |
| Woodstock                   | The Ven. Maria Shepherdson | Oct. 14, 2028          |

| <b><u>Regional Deans</u></b> |                              |                 |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Chaleur-Miramichi            | The Rev. Canon Gerald Laskey | May 31, 2027    |
| Fredericton                  | Vacant                       |                 |
| York                         | The Rev. Neil Osiowy         | Oct. 31, 2025 * |
| Kingston-Kennebecasis        | The Rev. Robert Montgomery   | Oct. 31, 2026   |
| St. Andrews                  | The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko  | Jan. 31, 2026   |
| Saint John                   | The Rev. Michael Caines      | Feb. 28, 2027   |
| Shediac                      | The Rev. Chris Hayes         | Apr. 15, 2028   |
| Woodstock                    | The Rev. Canon Fran Bedell   | Apr. 30, 2025 * |

**Diocesan Council Membership**

|                            |                                           |        |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------|
| Ex-officio, Bishop         | The Most Rev. David Edwards, <b>Chair</b> |        |
| Dean                       | The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall               |        |
| Chancellor                 | Canon David Bell                          |        |
| Active Archdeacons         | The Ven. Perry Cooper                     |        |
|                            | The Ven. Brent Ham                        |        |
|                            | The Ven. Robert Marsh                     |        |
|                            | The Ven. Leo Martin                       |        |
|                            | The Ven. John Matheson                    |        |
|                            | The Ven. Maria Shepherdson                |        |
| Secretary of Synod         | Ms. Cheryl Jacobs                         |        |
| Treasurer of Synod         | Mr. Philip Shepherdson                    |        |
| Finance Committee Chair    | Mr. James Knight                          |        |
| ACW President              | Ms. Peggy Boucher                         |        |
| Youth Member               | Ms. Margaret Holder                       | Year 3 |
| Members at Large (up to 3) | Ms. Joanna DiProse                        | Year 1 |
|                            | Capt. Bonnie Hunt                         | Year 3 |
|                            | Mr. Chase McLean                          | Year 1 |

**Elected Membership:**

|                           |                                                           |        |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Chatham                   | The Rev. Canon Gerald Laskey (Derby & Blackville)         | Year 3 |
|                           | Ms. Laura McNulty (New Bandon)                            | Year 3 |
| Fredericton               | The Rev. Neil Osiowy (Ludlow and Blissfield)              | Year 3 |
|                           | Ms. Nancy Stephens (Douglas and Nashwaaksis)              | Year 3 |
| Kingston and Kennebecasis | Mr. Connor DeMerchant (Kingston)                          | Year 3 |
|                           | The Rev. Robert Montgomery (Gondola Point)                | Year 3 |
| Moncton                   | The Rev. Julian Pillay (Riverview)                        | Year 3 |
|                           | Mr. Michael Briggs (St. Philip's)                         | Year 3 |
| Saint John                | The Rev. Terence Chandra (St. Mark, SJ)                   | Year 1 |
|                           | Mr. Trevor Fotheringham (Fundy and the Lakes)             | Year 3 |
| St. Andrews               | Mr. Anthony (Tony) Munn (Pennfield) <b>Lay Vice-Chair</b> | Year 3 |
|                           | The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko (Pennfield)                   | Year 1 |
| Woodstock                 | The Rev. Harold Boomer (Andover and Denmark)              | Year 1 |
|                           | (Vacant)                                                  |        |

**Diocesan Council Executive Committee**

|                         |                                            |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Ex-officio, Bishop      | The Most Rev. David Edwards                |
| Lay Members (min. 6)    | Canon David Bell, Chancellor               |
|                         | Ms. Joanna DiProse                         |
|                         | Ms. Laura McNulty                          |
|                         | Mr. Tony Munn                              |
|                         | Mr. Philip Shepherdson, Treasurer of Synod |
|                         | Ms. Nancy Stephens                         |
| Clergy Members (min. 6) | The Ven. Brent Ham                         |
|                         | The Rev. Canon Gerald Laskey               |
|                         | The Ven. John Matheson                     |
|                         | The Rev. Robert Montgomery                 |
|                         | The Rev. Julian Pillay                     |
|                         | The Ven. Maria Shepherdson                 |

**Delegates and Alternates to General Synod (2025)**

|        |                                        |
|--------|----------------------------------------|
| Clergy | The Ven. Leo Martin                    |
|        | The Ven. John Matheson                 |
|        | The Rev. Julian Pillay                 |
|        | The Ven. Maria Shepherdson (alternate) |
|        | The Rev. Paul Gwese (alternate)        |
| Laity  | Canon David Bell                       |
|        | Canon Shawn Branch                     |
|        | Ms. Nancy Stephens                     |
|        | Dr. Ken Brien (alternate)              |
| Youth  | Ms. Rochelle Young                     |

**Delegates and Alternates to Provincial Synod (2027)**

|        |                                 |
|--------|---------------------------------|
| Clergy | The Rev. Julian Pillay          |
|        | The Ven. Maria Shepherdson      |
|        | The Rev. Paul Gwese (alternate) |
| Laity  | Ms. Jessica Smith               |
| Youth  |                                 |

## **Council Standing Committees & Subcommittees**

### **Year Added**

### **Constitution & Canons**

|                             |                                        |      |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------|------|
| Ex-officio, Chancellor      | Canon David Bell, Chair                |      |
| Ex-officio, Vice-Chancellor | Dr. Kelly VanBuskirk, K.C., Vice-Chair |      |
| Members (min. 10)           | Dr. Ken Brien                          | 2023 |
|                             | The Rev. Perry Cooper                  | 2023 |
|                             | Canon Charles Ferris                   | 2023 |
|                             | The Ven. Brent Ham                     | 2023 |
|                             | The Ven. Robert Marsh                  | 2023 |
|                             | The Ven. Leo Martin                    | 2023 |
|                             | The Ven. John Matheson                 | 2023 |
|                             | Ms. Kirsten McKnight                   | 2023 |
|                             | The Rev. Canon David Peer              | 2019 |
|                             | The Rev. Canon Raul Ranson             | 2023 |
|                             | Mr. Clyde Spinney                      | 2023 |
|                             | The Rev. Canon Kevin Stockall          | 2023 |

### **Finance Committee**

|                        |                             |             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Bishop                 | The Most Rev. David Edwards |             |
| Dean of Fredericton    | The Very Rev. Geoffrey Hall |             |
| Territorial Archdeacon | The Ven. Robert Marsh       |             |
| Secretary of Synod     | Ms. Cheryl Jacobs           |             |
| Treasurer of Synod     | Mr. Philip Shepherdson      |             |
| Chancellor             | Canon David Bell            |             |
| Members                | Mr. Michael Briggs          | 2025        |
| (min. 6, min. 4 lay)   | Ms. Susan Jack              | 2025        |
|                        | Mr. Jim Knight, Chair       | Chair, 2025 |
|                        | The Ven. John Matheson      | 2025        |
|                        | Ms. Laura McNulty           | 2023        |
|                        | Mr. Jeffrey Mills           | 2025        |

### **Human Resources Committee**

|                               |                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Ex-officio, Bishop            | The Most Rev. David Edwards   |             |
| Ex-officio, Synod Secretary   | Ms. Cheryl Jacobs             |             |
| Ex-officio, Personnel Officer | Mr. Ben Bourque               |             |
| Ex-officio, Archdeacon        | The Ven. Brent Ham            |             |
| Clergy Members                | The Rev. Canon Roderick Black | 2024        |
| (min. 3)                      | The Rev. Harold Boomer        | 2025        |
|                               | The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko   | 2025        |
| Lay Members                   | Mr. Michael Briggs, Chair     | Chair, 2023 |
| (min. 3)                      | Mr. John Bailey, Vice-Chair   | 2024        |
|                               | Mr. Anthony Munn              | 2023        |
|                               | Ms. Nancy Stephens            | 2023        |

### **Nominating Committee**

|                                                  |                                |      |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Ex-officio, Bishop<br>or Bishop's representative | The Most Rev. David Edwards    |      |
| Diocesan Council                                 | The Rev. Canon Gerry Laskey    | 2023 |
|                                                  | Mr. Trevor Fotheringham, Chair | 2023 |
| Members at Large                                 | Mr. Rick Haddad                | 2024 |
| (min. 2)                                         | Mr. Paul Mills                 | 2024 |

**Property Committee (Sub-committee of Finance)**

|                              |                                   |      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------|
| Ex-officio, Chair of Finance | Mr. James Knight                  |      |
| Ex-officio, Synod Secretary  | Ms. Cheryl Jacobs                 |      |
| Ex-officio, Synod Treasurer  | Mr. Philip Shepherdson            |      |
| Members                      | Mr. Michael Briggs                | 2021 |
| (7-9)                        | Mrs. Claire Fracker               | 2021 |
|                              | Ms. Susan Jack (acting chair)     | 2025 |
|                              | The Rev. Robert LeBlanc           |      |
|                              | The Ven. Robert Marsh, Vice-Chair |      |
|                              | The Rev. Michael O'Hara           | 2021 |
|                              | The Rev. Steven Scribner          | 2021 |
|                              | Mr. William Tracy                 | 2021 |

**Investment Committee (Sub-committee of Finance)**

|                    |                              |
|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Ex-officio, Bishop | The Most Rev. David Edwards  |
|                    | Mr. Michael Briggs           |
|                    | Mr. Scott Fairweather, Chair |
|                    | The Rev. Canon David Peer    |

**Other Committees****Archives Committee**

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Ex officio, Bishop  | The Most Rev. David Edwards      |
| Diocesan Archivist  | The Rev. Canon David Barrett     |
| Provincial Archives | Ms. Anjali Pabari                |
| Secretary of Synod  | Ms. Cheryl Jacobs                |
| Members             | Canon Charles Ferris, Vice-Chair |

**Companion Diocese Committee**

|                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ex officio, Bishop | The Most Rev. David Edwards |
| Members            | Mr. Robbie Griffin, Chair   |
|                    | Ms. Lilian Ketch            |
|                    | Ms. Gisele McKnight         |
|                    | Mr. Robert Taylor           |

**Misconduct Committee**

|         |                        |
|---------|------------------------|
| Members | Mrs. Shara Golden      |
|         | Mrs. Susan Jack, Chair |

**Panel of Investigators**

Professor John McEvoy  
Mrs. Elizabeth Chisholm  
Vacant

**Panel of Mediators**

The Rev. David Alston  
Professor John McEvoy  
Vacant

**Committee on Racial Reconciliation (ad hoc)**

The Rev. Terence Chandra (Chair)  
The Rev. Robert Montgomery  
The Rev. Canon David Peer  
The Rev. Julian Pillay  
The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko

**Other Roles and Groups**

|                                                                   |                                      |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Diocesan Ecumenical Officer                                       | Vacant                               |
| Diocesan e-Offering Administrator                                 | Synod staff                          |
| Diocesan Misconduct Complaints Officer                            | Mrs. Ann Whiteway Brown, K.C.        |
| Assistant Misconduct Complaints Officer                           | Ms. Victoria Hachey                  |
| Diocesan Privacy Officer                                          | Mr. Ben Bourque                      |
| Diocesan Registrar                                                | The Rev. Canon Jon Lownds            |
| Diocesan Refugee Response Coordinator                             | Vacant                               |
| Diocesan Stewardship Officer                                      | Vacant                               |
| Alongside Hope (PWRDF) Coordinator                                | Mrs. Deborah Edwards                 |
| Rothsay Netherwood School Chaplain                                | The Rev. Robert Montgomery           |
| School of Church Music/Choir School                               | Robert Taylor and Mary Louise Belyea |
| Diocesan Representative to Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (Canada) | The Rev. Debbie Edmondson            |
| Diocesan Representative to the Anglican Foundation of Canada      | Mr. Clyde Spinney                    |

**Anglican Church Women**

|                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| President                       | Ms. Peggy Boucher       |
| Vice-President                  | Ms. Diane Todd          |
| Treasurer                       | Ms. Cathy Lutes         |
| Pickett-Scovil Fund Coordinator | Mrs. Rosemarie Kingston |

**Atlantic School of Theology Representatives**

|                    |                             |               |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Board of Governors | The Rev. Julian Pillay      | June 30, 2028 |
|                    | The Ven. Maria Shepherdson  | June 30, 2027 |
| Senate             | Canon Shawn Branch          | June 30, 2028 |
| AST Founders       | The Most Rev. David Edwards |               |

**Diocesan Camps****Camp Brookwood**

|                           |                       |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Committee Chair / Contact | Ms. Mary Lee Phillips |
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**Camp Medley**

|          |                         |
|----------|-------------------------|
| Director | The Rev. John Galbraith |
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**Ecclesiastical Court Pool**

|             |                                  |
|-------------|----------------------------------|
| Clergy (10) | The Rev. Canon Rod Black         |
|             | The Rev. Jasmine Chandra         |
|             | The Rev. Ann Fairweather         |
|             | The Rev. Bruce Glencross         |
|             | The Rev. Dr. Daniel Goodwin      |
|             | The Rev. Canon Sandy MacPherson  |
|             | The Ven. Leo Martin              |
|             | The Rev. Canon Richard McConnell |
|             | The Rev. Steven Scribner         |
|             | The Rev. Canon Allen Tapley      |

Lay (10)

Mr. Clarence Bennett, K.C.  
Dr. Kenneth Brien  
Ms. Janice Cook  
Canon Charles Ferris  
Mrs. Siobhan Laskey  
Ms. Kirsten McKnight  
Mrs. Barbara Richards  
Mr. Clyde Spinney, K.C.  
Ms. Deidre Wade, K.C.  
Mrs. Ann Whiteway Brown, K.C.

### **Hospital Chaplaincies**

Saint John  
Fredericton (part-time)

The Rev. Canon Cathy Laskey  
The Rev. Debbie Edmondson (p-t)

### **Layreaders**

Warden  
Archdeaconry Wardens  
Chatham  
Fredericton  
Kingston & the Kenn.

Vacant

The Rev. Rose Steeves, the Rev. Canon Sandy MacPherson  
The Rev. Canon Wandlyn Snelgrove  
The Rev. David Turner

Moncton

The Rev. Dr. Dan Goodwin, the Rev. Bruce Glencross  
The Rev. Chris Hayes

Saint John  
St. Andrew's  
Woodstock

Mrs. Linda Ellis  
The Rev. Canon Fran Bedell

### **Mothers' Union**

President  
Treasurer  
Chaplain

Mrs. Lilian Ketch  
Mrs. Susan Crawford  
The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko

### **Provincial Court of Appeal**

Lay

Dr. Kelly VanBuskirk, K.C.  
Ms. Deidre Wade, K.C.  
The Rev. Canon Dr. Ross Hebb  
The Rev. Canon Richard McConnell

### **University of Kings College Representatives**

Board of Governors

Vacant  
Mr. Hugh Wright  
The Most Rev. David Edwards

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**Bishop's Office / Synod Office Staff**

|                                   |                             |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Executive Officer                 | Ms. Cheryl Jacobs           |
| Comptroller                       | Mr. Philip Shepherdson      |
| Personnel Officer                 | Mr. Ben Bourque             |
| Director of Mission and Ministry  | Canon Shawn Branch          |
| Bishop's Secretary                | Ms. Donna Beek              |
| Synod Administrative Assistant    | Ms. Susan Dickie            |
| Synod Accountant                  | Mr. Justin McCoy            |
| Diocesan Communications Officer   | Ms. Gisele McKnight         |
| <br>                              |                             |
| Director of Camp Medley           | The Rev. John Galbraith     |
| Chaplain to Saint John Hospitals  | The Rev. Canon Cathy Laskey |
| Director of Young Adult Formation | Mr. Kurt Schmidt            |