Diocese of Fredericton
Roles, Committees, Elections & Appointments
Last Updated: 9 November 2026

Diocesan Bishop	The Most Rev. David Edwards
Commissary	The Rev. Canon Christopher Hayes
Dean of Fredericton	Vacant
Executive Officer	Ms. Cheryl Jacobs

Archdeacons		**Term End**
Chatham	The Ven. Brent Ham (interim)	
Fredericton	Vacant	
Kingston & the Kennebecasis	The Ven. Rob Marsh	Sep. 30, 2027
Moncton	The Ven. Brent Ham	Oct. 7, 2027
Saint John	The Ven. Leo Martin	Aug. 31, 2027
St. Andrews	The Ven. John Matheson	Oct. 13, 2027
Woodstock	The Ven. Maria Shepherdson	Oct. 14, 2028

Regional Deans		
Chaleur-Miramichi	Vacant	
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	Vacant	
Woodstock	The Rev. Canon Fran Bedell	Aug. 31, 2027
		* temp. extended

Diocesan Council Membership		
Ex-officio, Bishop	The Most Rev. David Edwards, **Chair**	
Dean	Vacant	
Chancellor	Canon David Bell	
Active Archdeacons	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. Diane Todd	
Youth Member		
Members at Large (up to 3)	Ms. Joanna DiProse	Year 2
(to be confirmed)	Capt. Bonnie Hunt	Year 4
	Mr. Chase McLean	Year 2

Elected Membership:

Chatham	The Rev. Dr. Chukwuebuka Chukwuemeka (Newcastle-Nelson-Hardwicke)	Year 1
	Ms. Laura McNulty (New Bandon)	Year 5
Fredericton	The Rev. Neil Osiowy (Ludlow and Blissfield	Year 5
	Dr. Ken Brien (St. Margaret's)	Year 1
Kingston and Kennebecasis	Mr. Connor DeMerchant (Kingston)	Year 5
	The Rev. Robert Montgomery (Gondola Point)	Year 5
Moncton	The Rev. Julian Pillay (Riverview)	Year 5
	(Vacant)	
Saint John	The Rev. Terence Chandra (St. Mark, SJ)	Year 3
	Ms. Margaret Holder (Portland)	Year 1
St. Andrews	Ms. Dawn Clark (Pennfield)	Year 1
	The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko (Pennfield)	Year 3
Woodstock	The Rev. Harold Boomer (Andover and Denmark)	Year 3
	Ms. Marilyn Wilson (Richmond)	Year 1

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. Philip Shepherdson
Clergy Members (min. 6)	The Ven. Brent Ham
	The Ven. John Matheson
	The Rev. Robert Montgomery
	The Rev. Julian Pillay
	The Ven. Maria Shepherdson

Delegates and Alternates to General Synod (2028)

Clergy	The Rev. Jasmine Chandra
	The Ven. Brent Ham
	The Ven. Leo Martin (possible alternate)
	The Rev. Julian Pillay (alternate)
	The Ven. Maria Shepherdson (alternate)
Laity	Canon Shawn Branch
	Ms. Victoria Whitenect
	Ms. Lesa Scott (possible alternate)
	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
	Ms. Victoria Whitenect
	Ms. Lesa Scott (alternate)
Youth	Ms. Rochelle Young

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
	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		
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, Vice-Chair	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 or Bishop's representative	The Most Rev. David Edwards	
Diocesan Council (min. 2)		
Members at Large	Mr. Trevor Fotheringham	2023
(min. 2)	Mr. Rick Haddad	2024
	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	The Rev. Harold Boomer	2026
(7-9)	Mr. Michael Briggs	2021
	Ms. Susan Jack, Chair	Chair, 2026
	The Ven. Robert Marsh, Vice-Chair	2021
	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
Members	*(this committee is currently in abeyance)*

Other Committees

Archives Committee

Ex officio, Bishop	The Most Rev. David Edwards
Diocesan Archivist	The Rev. Canon David Barrett
Provincial Archives	Current liaison
Secretary of Synod	Ms. Cheryl Jacobs
Members	*(this committee is currently in abeyance)*

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. 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
Rothesay 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. Diane Todd
Vice-President	Ms. Melanie Wade
Secretary	Ms. Carolyn Pellow
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

Director	Mr. Brad Brymer

Camp Medley

Director	The Rev. John Galbraith

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	The Rev. Canon Cathy Laskey
Fredericton (part-time)	Ms. Eva Morton

Layreaders

Warden	The Rev. (Canon) Bruce Glencross, CD1

Mothers' Union

President	Mrs. Lilian Ketch
Treasurer	Mrs. Susan Crawford
Chaplain	The Rev. Caleb Twinamatsiko

Provincial Court of Appeal

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

University of Kings College Representatives

Board of Governors	Ms. Ashley Hill	June 30, 2028
	Ms. Jodi Misheal	June 30, 2028
	The Most Rev. David Edwards	

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
Communications Manager	Mr. Jonathan DesRoches
Synod Administrative Assistant	Ms. Susan Dickie
Bishop's Office Coordinator	Ms. Kinshi Ladipo-Daniel
Synod Accountant	Mr. Justin McCoy
Director of Camp Medley	The Rev. John Galbraith
Chaplain to Saint John Hospitals	The Rev. Canon Cathy Laskey
Missioner for Christian Formation	Mr. Kurt Schmidt