

March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

To the Clergy and Faithful of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland,

Dear Friends in Christ,

The first nomination period officially closed on March 6<sup>th</sup>. It is important to note that this does not mean that nominations themselves have closed. In pursuant to Provincial Canon 3.15 which handles further nominations, members of Synod are still able submit their nomination to the secretary of the Search Committee Rhonda Green. rhonda.green@live.ca

***Further Nominations***

*15. At an electoral synod where a diocesan bishop or a coadjutor bishop is to be elected, or where a suffragan bishop is to be elected pursuant to subsection 9(3), any two members of the synod may nominate any person who meets the canonical requirements for election for election and who has consented in writing to be nominated if, at least 72 hours before the commencement of the electoral synod, such members have provided to the Secretary of the Search Committee written notice of their intention to nominate, the intended nominee's written consent to nomination, and a brief curriculum vitae of the intended nominee in a form prescribed by the Council or approved by the Search Committee.*

As the Search Committee our next task is to gather the necessary information on all those who have offered themselves to this process.

In keeping with Provincial Canon 3, which dictates our process, once we have gathered all this documentation, we will submit the names of those whom the Committee is nominating, with related materials, to the convening authority, which is our Synod Executive, for general release. This will occur not later than April 10<sup>th</sup>.

*14. At least two weeks before the electoral synod **the convening authority shall send to each member of the synod a list of the persons nominated by the Search Committee pursuant to clause 12(1)(j) or by the diocesan bishop pursuant to subsection 13(1), a copy of the information prepared pursuant to clause 12(1)(i) or 13(2)(b), where the election is of a diocesan bishop or a coadjutor bishop or of a suffragan bishop pursuant to subsection 9(3), a description of the procedure for further nominations pursuant to section 15, and a description of the procedures to be followed at the electoral synod.***

The next Synod Executive meeting is scheduled for March 26.

Your search committee has been and remains committed to updating the clergy and all people of the diocese on each stage we have been tasked to complete in this electoral synod process.

We ask for your prayers as we continue this work with sincere hearts and minds.

Blessings in Christ,

*Joshua+*

The Rev. Canon Joshua Haggstrom  
Chair of the Search Committee