

## **CANON ONE**

### **DEFINITIONS**

1. In these Canons,

“Act” means the *Anglican Church Act, 2003*;

“Archdeacon” means an Archdeacon appointed by the Bishop under Canon Four;

“Archdeaconry” means a Deanery or group of Deaneries under the supervision of an Archdeacon;

“Archdeaconry Greater Chapter” means a group of persons within an Archdeaconry comprising all licensed clergy, Church Wardens and the lay members of the Synod and their substitutes from each parish within the Archdeaconry;

“Assistant Bishop” means a bishop who is appointed by the Bishop under Canon Three;

“Bishop” means the person holding the office of Bishop of the Diocese;

“Bishop’s Commissary” means the priest appointed to that position under Canon Four;

“Canon”, as it relates to a Diocesan officer, includes a Canon Residentiary, an Archdeacon and a Canon of the Cathedral Advisory Chapter;

“Canon”, as it relates to the laws of the Church in New Brunswick, means a formal enactment of the Synod;

“Cathedral” means the Cathedral of Christ Church in the City of Fredericton;

“Cathedral Advisory Chapter “ means the advisory body established under the by-laws of the Cathedral Chapter;

“Cathedral Chapter” means The Bishop and Chapter of the Cathedral of Christ Church in the City and Diocese of Fredericton;

“Church” means The Anglican Church of Canada;

“Church Warden” means a principal elected lay officer of a Parish Corporation;

“Coadjutor Bishop” means a Coadjutor Bishop elected or appointed under Canon Three;

“Constitution” means the Constitution of the Synod;

“Dean” means the Dean of the Diocese;

“Deanery” means a group of parishes defined as a Deanery under Canon Four;

“Diocese” means The Diocese of Fredericton as constituted by Letters Patent issued by Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, dated April 25, 1845;

“Diocesan Council” means the Diocesan Council constituted pursuant to the Act and by the Constitution;

“fiscal year” means the fiscal year of a corporation continued or established under the Act;

“General Synod” means the General Synod of the Church incorporated by Chapter 82 of the Statutes of Canada, 1921;

"incumbent" includes a member of the clergy who is appointed under Canon Seven to the charge of a parish.

“member of the clergy” means a bishop, priest or deacon licensed in the Diocese;

“parish” means a geographical area or a community of Church members committed to the pastoral care of a Rector or other minister;

“Parish Corporation” means a corporation comprising the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of a parish continued or created under the Act;

“Provincial Synod” means the Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada;

“records” means

- (a) correspondence, memoranda, forms and other papers and books,
- (b) maps, plans and charts,
- (c) photographs, prints and drawings,
- (d) motion picture films, microfilms and videotapes,
- (e) sound recordings, magnetic tapes,
- (f) records in electronic form,
- (g) all other documentary materials regardless of physical format or characteristics, and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes records
  - (i) prepared or received by the Diocese, the Cathedral and parishes in connection with the transaction of business,
  - (ii) preserved or appropriate for preservation by the Diocese, the Cathedral or a parish,
  - (iii) containing information on the organization, functions, procedures, policies or activities of the Diocese, the Cathedral or a parish, or other information of past, present or potential value to the Diocese,

(h) any document, in any format, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing,

(i) the Constitution and Canons certified under the seal of the Synod by the Bishop and the Secretary of the Synod which shall be deemed the original record thereof,

(ii) records of the election or appointment of diocesan clergy and lay officers,

(iii) definition of the communities making up parishes, Deaneries and Archdeaconries,

(iv) copies of all grants, conveyances and wills, or all pertinent extracts therefrom, in any way relating to property granted, conveyed, bequeathed, or devised for the benefit or use of the Church in the Diocese,

(v) parish registers, minute books, records of the parish clergy, parish officers, committees and organizations and financial records,

(vi) Letters of Orders, Licenses, Induction Mandates, and other similar instruments of the Bishop,

(vii) the minutes, reports, correspondence, and other records of the Synod, its officers and agencies, committees and organizations, and any reports, surveys and studies commissioned by the Synod, and

(viii) other instruments and records of historical value, including the Bishop Medley Library;

“Rector” means the priest appointed to that position in a parish in the Diocese;

“Regional Dean” means a priest who has been appointed to assist the Bishop in a Deanery;

“Suffragan Bishop” means a Suffragan Bishop elected or appointed under Canon Three;

“Synod” means The Diocesan Synod of Fredericton as constituted and continued by the Act and by the Constitution;

“Vestry” means the lay persons who, together with the Rector and Church Wardens, comprise the Parish Corporation.

"voting member" means a person who is a baptized Christian who

i) is at least sixteen years old,

ii) worships in the parish and is a regular communicant, and

iii) has been a regular contributor, financial and otherwise, to the mission of the parish during the previous year.