

REGIONAL DEANS

1 Appointment

- a) In accordance with [Canon Four](#), s. 8(3), the Bishop, on the nomination by ballot by the Deanery Clericus within a regional deanery, shall appoint a priest licensed to a parish in the Deanery, to serve as a “regional dean.”
- b) The term of office of a regional dean shall be three years, or at the Bishop’s pleasure, and the Bishop may renew the term of office of the Regional Dean for one further term of three years.
- c) In the event of a vacancy in the Deanery, the Bishop may appoint an interim regional dean.

2 Accountability

The Regional Dean is responsible and accountable to the Bishop.

3 Purpose and Function

- a) The purpose of the Regional Deanery is to enable the Whole People of God within its boundaries to together deal with areas of mutual concern in the work and ministry of the Church.
- b) The function of the Regional Dean is to foster and enable the clergy and people of the Deanery to fulfill and achieve the purposes of the Deanery within the life of the Diocese.
- c) The Regional Dean shall:
 - provide leadership among, and ministry to, the clergy of the Deanery by convening and chairing regular and frequent meetings of the clergy for fellowship, coordination of activities, and mutual support and encouragement;
 - provide assistance to the Archdeacons in the exercise of their duties when requested and as outlined in [8.5 Archdeacons](#);
 - provide support for clergy and their families in the Deanery to fulfil their ministry;
 - serve on the Committee of Dean, Archdeacons and Regional Deans (D.A.R.D) and communicate to the clergy of the Deanery any messages from the office of the Bishop and the Diocesan Synod, and to communicate matters of importance to the Bishop and the Synod Office.

4 Reimbursement of Expenses

The Diocesan Synod shall reimburse the Regional Dean for expenses incurred in the performance of his/her duties.