

Constitution and Canons

CANON 2 THE BISHOP

1. Nothing contained in this Canon shall limit or affect or be deemed to limit or affect the powers, jurisdiction and authority, spiritual and temporal, inherent in the office of Bishop.
2.
 - A. The inherent authority and jurisdiction possessed by the Bishop within the Diocese are recognized:
 - i. as being exercised under the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada and the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, and
 - ii. as being shared with clergy and laity elected to Synod and elected or appointed to its committees and boards; and
 - iii. in the obligation to consult with the Metropolitan and fellow Bishops in the Province, and with the Primate and the Canadian House of Bishops, on important matters of faith, worship, order and the mission of the Church.
 - B. The Bishop is the principal minister. Within the Diocese and to the Bishop belongs the right to ordain and confirm; to consecrate church buildings, chapels and burial grounds; to institute clerics to their charges; to hold visitations to discover the state, sufficiency and ability of the clerics and other persons holding positions or responsibility for the affairs of the Diocese; to summon all Synod and diocesan conferences and to preside thereat either in person or by such deputy as may canonically be appointed.
 - C. The Bishop either in person or acting through a deputy duly appointed and authorized shall preside at all meetings of Synod and the Diocesan Executive Council.
 - D. The Bishop has general pastoral responsibility for the people of the Diocese, which may, from time to time, be shared with the Archdeacons and Rural Deans, at the Bishop's discretion.

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- E. The Bishop shall serve as both leader and teacher of the clerics and the laity of the Diocese, and shall
- i. be the chief liturgical officer in the sacramental life of the Church in the Diocese;
 - ii. ensure the encouragement and promotion of the work of evangelism in the Diocese; reminding all of the requirement of obedience to God's will with regard to the proclamation of the Gospel in word and service;
 - iii. encourage and assist clerics and laity to grow in the knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith and in communicating of this faith in the world;
 - iv. promote the unity of the Church within the Diocese and act as its official representative and spokesperson.
 - v. The Bishop of the Diocese shall have the right to housing benefits as outlined in Synod policy statements concerning remuneration.
 - vi. All necessary travelling expenses incurred by the Bishop in the performance of official duties while on Diocesan business shall be paid out of Synod Funds.
- 3.
- A. The Bishop shall be the chief pastor and liturgical minister among those clerics whose names are on the Diocesan Roll.
 - B. The Bishop shall maintain the discipline of Christ among the clerics in the spirit of a true chief pastor.
4. Synod recognizes that the Bishop shall have the right to appoint:
- The Dean of the Cathedral
 - Archdeacons
 - The Canons of the Cathedral
 - A Chancellor and a Vice-Chancellor
 - A Diocesan Archivist
 - A Diocesan Historian
 - Personal Chaplains

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