



Diocese of New Westminster

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**Press Release from the Episcopal Election Committee
The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul
29 June 2020**

To All Our Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The Most Rev. Melissa Skelton, Archbishop of New Westminster, has called for the election of a Coadjutor Bishop for the Diocese of New Westminster. This election is to be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020, in a manner to be determined by the Episcopal Election Committee.

Nominations open on Wednesday, July 1, 2020, and close on Friday, July 31, 2020, at midnight Pacific Time. Nominations must be made in accordance with the Diocesan Canons and Regulations. The requisite information for nominations is found at <https://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/seeking-our-next-bishop/nomination-process>. The Episcopal Election Committee can be contacted directly at eec@vancouver.anglican.ca.

The Episcopal Election Committee invites everyone in the diocese, and especially Synod Delegates who are responsible for nominating candidates and electing the new Bishop, to pray deeply and courageously about whom they believe God is calling to be our next Bishop. In the spirit of celebrating the diversity of God's people, we ask you to reach out widely to the many networks to which you are connected. We are seeking a diverse and inclusive set of nominees, especially nominees who are members of communities who have been under-represented or not represented in episcopal elections.

To this end we ask every parish and worshipping community of the diocese to share this information on your webpages and social media.

As the Committee began its work together, we commissioned a prayer asking God to guide and direct the diocese through the electoral process. We offer it to you for use in all private and communal worship within our diocese in the months ahead. May it be food for our journey towards the election of the Coadjutor and pave the way for the beginning of a new episcopate in the year to come.

Trusting in the grace of our God,

(The Ven.) Richard Geoffrey Leggett: Chair

A Prayer for the Diocese

Triune God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three,
you created the Church to embody your mission in the world.

We thank you for the gift of your presence,
so that we may be still and know your will for us.

We thank you for Jesus
who taught us that strength and growth
come through acts of humble service.

We thank you for the Holy Spirit
sent to lead us into all truth.

Bless the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster
as we prepare to elect a Bishop Coadjutor.

Keep us steadfast in faith,
united in love and courageous in action,
so that we may manifest your love for this world.

This we ask through Jesus Christ, our Friend and Helper. **Amen.**