



A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



THE FRIENDS OF THE BISHOP
Anglican Diocese of Nova Scotia &
Prince Edward Island

For 45 years, by supporting the work of the Friends of the Bishop (formerly The Bishop's Men), dedicated members of the Diocese have provided a fund for the Diocesan Bishop, to provide for special needs that arise from time to time for the clergy.

This support allows me, in consultation with the Archdeacons, to respond quickly to emergencies facing any of the clergy or their families. In this way, we are able to care for our clergy as they care for members of their congregations.

As well, I am able to support postulants and clergy in taking advantage of unique opportunities that become available and are not within the normal budget.

In addition, the Friends of the Bishop now sustains, The Pete Stanfield Bursary, which was started by the Bishop's Men. The bursary supports a deserving student studying for ordained ministry.

In the future, I look forward to hosting regional annual dinners for members and friends.

I am thankful for your assistance.

Many Blessings.

+Ron

The Most Reverend Ron Cutler
Archbishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island
Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

The **Executive Committee** of the Friends of the Bishop is made up of:

Steven Beeler, Chair

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THE FRIENDS OF THE BISHOP HISTORY & GOVERNANCE

The Bishop's Men of the Anglican Diocese of NS/PEI was founded in 1974 with a mandate "to assist the Bishop with both finances for a discretionary fund and advice".

Since that time, the Friends of the Bishop - the name was changed in 2008 to reflect evolving membership - has provided the Diocesan Bishop with discretionary funds and general support.

In the beginning, the Friends of the Bishop has held an annual dinner with members to provide opportunities for fellowship & support to the Bishop.

Today, regional dinners held in conjunction with the Bishop's regional visits provide an expanded opportunity to reach out to members and other interested Anglicans.

Membership fees and future planned events raise much-needed funds and, more importantly, raise awareness of the wonderful work carried out by the Diocese of NS/PEI.

An Executive Committee, consisting of members of the Friends elected by its membership, manages the affairs of the Friends of the Bishop.

THE FUND(S)

Each year, the Friends of the Bishop provides a pool of discretionary funds for our Bishop to come to the aid of clergy and their families with emergency needs.

From time to time, as funds permit or through special appeals, monies are also provided for programs or projects that strengthen the life of the Diocese.

Examples include:

- school support for children
- bursaries for post-secondary education
- counselling for clergy & family members
- special projects to support extraordinary initiatives to enrich the life of the Diocese

Funds are raised annually through membership fees and voluntary donations from members. A future goal is the creation and growth of an endowment fund.

G.D. "Pete" Stanfield Bursary Fund

The Friends of the Bishop also manages the G.D. "Pete" Stanfield Bursary Fund, named after the Friend's founding member. The fund makes an annual award to an Anglican student studying at AST for full time ministry, ordained or lay, in the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

This award is intended to recognize academic ability and demonstrated contributions to the building up and support of the Anglican community at AST. The recipient attends and speaks at the Annual Dinner.

BECOME A MEMBER / LEVELS / BENEFITS

In previous years, membership was based on sponsorship by an existing member. In 2008, membership was changed to a fee-based system and is now based on an annual gift to the Friends of the Bishop.

Gifts of any amount are welcome and are cumulative, building toward lifetime membership in the Friends of the Bishop.

Fees:

Annual Membership Fee	\$150
Gold Level Annual Fee	\$1000
Annual Gift to G.D. "Pete" Stanfield Bursary Fund	\$50
Annual Dinner	\$50
Lifetime Member	\$15,000

All members receive:

- Tax receipt for the full amount of gifts and fees (excluding Annual Dinner fee)
- Invitation to all Friends of the Bishop events

Planned Gifts:

There are many ways to share our resources to ensure the future of our church and its mission. Prayerfully arranging a gift to the Friends of the Bishop either through your Will or as an immediate gift, can be done in a tax efficient manner meeting your needs and those of your family. For more information on a custom solution for you, please contact the John Robertson, National Gift Planning Consultant, at jrobertson@national.anglican.ca or 1.888.439.GIFT
