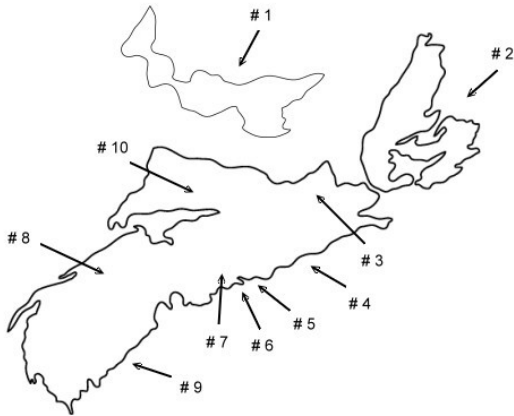


# Regions and Archdeaconries of the Diocese

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## Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island



## The Ministry of Archdeacons

### Prayer For Regional Ministries

Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of your  
faithful people is governed and  
sanctified, receive our supplications  
and prayers, which we offer before you  
for all members of your body Church,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may truly and devoutly serve you;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus  
Christ, who lives and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one  
God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## About Archdeacons

### Who Are We?

We are ten parish clergy, appointed by the Diocesan Bishop to enhance the ministries in the districts in which we serve.

### What is our leadership role?

As this is a large diocese, we help provide pastoral care, as the bishops cannot frequently visit all parishes. Particularly, we help around the time of clergy transitions, and if there is some tension in the life of a parish.

### How does one become an Archdeacon?

We are appointed by the Diocesan Bishop, usually for a five-year term. It is understood that the work of an archdeacon is not supposed to take up more than 20% of our ministry time.

### When do we meet?

We typically meet together about three times per year, often meeting with Regional Deans who have administrative responsibilities. Some of these meetings have been educational opportunities with a variety of consultants.

## Our Pastoral Role

### For the Diocese

- ✘ Extend pastoral ministry of the bishops.
- ✘ Enhance communication.
- ✘ Work with Regional Deans.
- ✘ Serve on the Bishop's Advisory Council.
- ✘ Work with the Dean and Chapter

### For the Region

- ✘ Preside at Celebrations of New Ministry for the Installation of new Regional Deans.
- ✘ Work in partnership with Regional Deans

### For the Parishes

- ✘ Facilitate process and work leading to the appointment of new clergy.
- ✘ Help parishes develop a parish profile to describe their location, congregation, ministries, etc. for prospective clergy.
- ✘ Oversee the preparation and signing of a Covenant in Ministry between new incumbents and parishes (and assisting clergy if applicable) which outlines how each party is to carry out ministry and share responsibilities with one another.
- ✘ Preside at services for the Celebration of New Ministry.
- ✘ Provide resources in times of transition and conflict.
- ✘ Archdeacons are committed to spending more of their time helping parishes become healthier faith communities.

## History of Archdeacons

The ministry of a deacon, or “servant,” dates from the time of the apostles (see Acts, chapter 6). Traditionally, deacons have assisted the bishop in serving the Christian community, and ministering in the world outside the Church.

In the Western Church, archdeacons are usually priests who have special responsibilities to care for the wider Church on behalf of the bishop.

The ministry of archdeacons was reintroduced to the diocese by Archbishop Arthur Peters in 1992.

Archdeacons see themselves as helping the diocese carry out its priorities as identified by the Diocesan Vision:

- ✘ Developing Healthy Congregations
- ✘ Supporting Anglican Christian Formation
- ✘ Providing Organizational Efficiency and Effectiveness
- ✘ Encouraging Youth