



DIOCESAN SYNOD 2013 CERTIFICATE of ELECTION



Must be received at Synod Office by MARCH 22, 2013

I, _____ Rector/Priest-in-Charge of the Parish of _____,
Parish Number _____, in _____ Region attest that the following lay persons were
duly elected on _____ (date) at the Parish Annual General Meeting (or subsequently at
a meeting of Parish Council) to represent this Parish at the May 2013 Diocesan Synod in accordance with Canon 35
(see attached). Please note: your signature is required on the reverse, prior to the delegate registration process.

Please print or write clearly. Please do not leave email blank unless the delegate has no email.

Lay Delegate: *I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods* [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

Lay Delegate: *I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods* [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

Lay Delegate: *I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods* [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

YOUTH Delegate: *I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods* [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

Birth Date: (absolutely required for youth delegate) ** _____

Each Parish (or multiple parishes with the same rector) is entitled to elect a maximum of three lay delegates and one youth delegate. Alternate lay and youth delegates may be elected as a provision to replace someone who cannot attend. The alternate attending Synod then becomes the Member of Diocesan Synod until the next regular meeting of Diocesan Synod.

ALTERNATE Lay Delegate:

I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

ALTERNATE Lay Delegate:

I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

ALTERNATE YOUTH Delegate:

I certify this person was NOT a delegate the last TWO CONSECUTIVE Diocesan Synods [] *

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____, City/Town _____ Postal Code _____

Telephone Numbers: (902) _____ (home); (902) _____ (work); (902) _____ (cell)

Birth Date: (absolutely required for alternate youth delegate) ** _____

Signature of Rector/Priest-in-Charge

Date signed

DEADLINE: Friday, March 22, 2013

⇒ Email: jconnors@nspeidiocese.ca (scanned attachment including signature and date)

⇒ Fax: (902) 425-0717

⇒ Mail: **Diocese of NS and PEI**

Attn: Jan Connors

1340 Martello Street, Halifax, NS B3H 2Z1

ENTITLED TO VOTE

Canon 35 (18), Section (1)

At a meeting of a parish, any person who:

- (a) has attained the age of sixteen years;
- (b) is a communicant of a congregation that forms a part of the parish who customarily attends worship services in the parish; and
- (c) contributes to the support of the parish either financially or by participating in the ministries of the parish, may vote on any question before the meeting.

Canon 35, 20, Section (r)

Each annual meeting of a parish shall elect lay representatives and youth delegates to Synod “pursuant to the Constitution of Synod”. Lay representatives are members of both the Parish Council and the Church Council of the Church of which they are members (Canon 35, 8, (1)(h) and Canon 35,13, (1)(g)). Youth delegates to Synod are members of Parish Council only (Canon 35, 8, (1)(h)).

LAY REPRESENTATIVES TO SYNOD

(Constitution of the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island)

Qualifications: Constitution Section 5(3) and Constitution Section 6(2)

Section 5(3): Each Lay Representative shall be a communicant and regular attender of the full age of 16 years before his or her election or appointment who is also qualified to vote at meetings of the pastoral unit** he or she is to represent.

*** *Section 6(2):** Each youth delegate shall be a communicant and regular attender who will be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of Synod and under the age of twenty-five years upon the conclusion of Synod and who is also qualified to vote at meetings of the pastoral unit he or she is to represent. (Constitution Section 6(2))

Number of Lay Representatives: Constitution Section 5(2) and Constitution Section 6(1)

Section 5 (2) Each pastoral unit* * *may elect or appoint three lay representatives

Section 6 (1) Each pastoral unit* * *may elect or appoint one youth delegate

Alternates: Constitution Section 5 (6)

Each pastoral unit** * may elect or appoint an alternate for each Lay Representative or Youth Delegate elected or appointed.

*Term of Lay Representatives: Constitution Section 5 (8)

Lay representatives shall continue in office until their successors are elected or appointed but may resign at any time by submitting a letter of resignation to the Bishop and will not serve more than two terms consecutively where ever possible. Be it further resolved that this has effect at the next election of Synod delegates at a Parish Council General Meeting.

*** * *Note: “Pastoral unit”** has been replaced in Canon 35 by the word “parish” and means “a congregation, or two or more congregations that are, for the purpose of ministry, grouped together, served by a member of the clergy licensed by the Bishop . . . “ (Canon 35, (3),(1)(j)). This means that the maximum number of Lay Representatives for all of the congregations who are served by one licensed clergy person is three.

Pastoral Units should elect alternative Lay Representatives and Youth Delegates in the event that one or more of the elected delegates is unable to attend the next session of Synod.