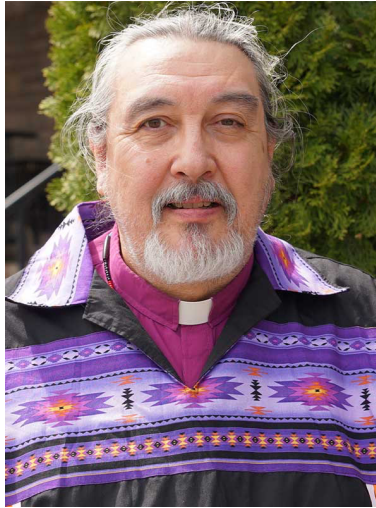


The Most Reverend Christopher Harper



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/christopher-harper/>

Name: Christopher Harper

Current Office and Location: National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, Edmonton, AB

List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):

Episcopal ministry:

- National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, 2023–present
- Bishop of Saskatoon, 2018–2022

Parish ministry:

- Indigenous Native Priest, Diocese of Toronto, 2016–2018
- Priest/Rector, Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Thunder Bay, ON, 2012–2016
- Deacon/Priest/Rector/Warden of Lay Readers, Parish of Birch Hills/Kinistino/Muskoday, Diocese of Saskatchewan, 2005-2012
- Deacon, Mission of Fort Pitt, SK; Frog Lake, AB; and Onion Lake, SK; 2005
- Intern, St. Thomas, Huron St., Diocese of Toronto, Sept.-May 2003-2004, Sept.-May 2004-2005
- Intern, Mission of Fort Pitt and Onion Lake, Saskatchewan, Summer 2003 & 2004
- Lay Reader/Lay Minister in Charge, Mission of Fort Pitt, SK; Frog Lake, AB; and Onion Lake, SK; 1996-2005

Ordination information:

- Diaconate: February 2005, Saskatchewan, The Right Rev. Anthony Burton
- Priesthood: October 2005, Saskatchewan, The Right Rev. Charles Arthurson
- Episcopate: November 2018, Saskatoon, The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson

Other accomplishments:

Education

- Doctor of Divinity HC, Huron University College, London, ON (2024)
- Doctor of Divinity HR, Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON (2019)
- Master of Divinity, Wycliffe College, Toronto, ON (2005)
- Certificate of Indigenous Anglican Theology, James Settee College, SK (2001)
- EMT-A (Advanced), Southern Alberta Institute of Technology, AB (2002)
- Emergency Medical Technician, Saskatchewan Institute of Technology (1984)

Leadership and committees

As National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop (2023-present):

- Presiding Elder of Sacred Circle
- Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples (ACIP)
- Elder for Indigenous House of Bishops
- Canadian Representative to Anglican Indigenous Network (AIN)
- Member of Anglican Indigenous Leadership Initiative (AILI)
- Member of Council of General Synod (CoGS)

As Bishop of Saskatoon (2018 – 2022):

- Chancellor of the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad
- House of Bishops representative to Joint Anglican, Lutheran Committee
- Council of Indigenous House of Bishops
- Ecumenical Ministries: LUARC (Lutheran, Ukrainian Orthodox, Anglican, Roman Catholic)
- Tri-Diocesan (Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle) Cooperation and Communication
- Covid Interfaith working group (2020-2022)
- Inter-Faith Ecumenical Services in Saskatoon and area
- Lecturer and panelist on De Margerie Lectures St. Thomas Moore College, Saskatoon, SK, and presenter at St. Peters College and Abbey, Muenster, SK
- Bishop appointee to Executive Council, Province of Rupert's Land

Personal information:

I am a cradle Anglican with a moderate blend of traditional Indigenous spiritual teachings, making my faith journey a very interesting blend, with a necessity of walking in two worlds and building of bridges between these two realities. I have lived my life both on the Indigenous reserve and off the reserve.

I come from a family with strong Indigenous roots and traditions, as well as being faithful Anglican and Roman Catholic Christians, from their ability to balance Christianity and traditional teaching being passed on to me. My grandparents and mother coming from residential school backgrounds gave me a perspective that shaped my life to this day. Their perspective, passed onto me, was that they were more than just survivors, but instruments for change and healing.

My family formation was from the blessing of being able to sit beside my “Moshum” (Grandfather) and being taught by his life, stories and faith. Community and family traditional teachings were from my “Kokum” (Grandmother), who taught me the importance of knowing who I am, to always offer my best and have an open door to learn from the life stories of others. From my family I have learned the importance of faith and going forward not in the shape of someone else, but ourselves, and lastly, to offer our best in all we say and do.

Family: Tracy and I have been married for 46 years and our blessing of two children and four grandchildren, our son Nathan (Charlotte) and daughter Brandy-Lynn (Jamie), grandchildren Ellaura-Lynn, Rhiannon, Victor and Tristan.

I enjoy music and attempting to play guitar, gardening with my wife Tracy, reading and visiting with family and extended family as time allows.

A statement by the nominee of his vision of the role of the Primate:

The Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada should be a unifying presence and voice of the church. Especially so in this season and time where there is such perceived and realized division and financial uncertainty, as well as, I observe, a desire to distance from leadership and pull toward a congregational model. But this is not what our Anglican church is. We are a body of believers in Jesus Christ, upholding a historic episcopate form of leadership wherein the Primate is to be a Bishop to the Bishops, a Priest to the clergy, a Deacon to the church and body of Christ. Our Primate is also called to be a voice and a presence nationally and internationally among the Anglican Communion, witnessing to the ministry of the Canadian Church in our context.

It is this ‘our context’ which differs from other provinces of the Anglican Communion. The Primate represents as our head Bishop or Archbishop, and thus is the face for General Synod, the Bishops and ministry of the church in our Province within the Anglican Communion. We, the Anglican Church of Canada, stand apart in the context of our missional history, and structural diversity and polity. Our Primate is asked to navigate the church

through these significant and important points of division and diversity, and yet seek to keep us unified, safeguarding the ministry, and witnessing the peace, promise and call, to be one in the body of Christ. As each parish differs within the Diocese, as each Diocese differs and Bishops differ, it is this diversity of church which can be uplifted to the glory of God as we support and walk with each other in unity, supporting the Primate to lead and guide as one in the body of faith.

Our Primate needs to be prayerful, supportive, enabling, and approachable, with an open heart, listening ear, willing to take counsel from all experts within their field. The Primate should also be fully human, acknowledging in humility that they will never be perfect, thus leaning on the cross, prayerfully guided by the Holy Spirit and going boldly knowing that the prayers of the church and body of faith are with and upon our Primate.

What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?

Today the Anglican Church of Canada stands at the crossroads of change and renewal. Change just naturally opens the doors of uncertainty and apprehension because of the inherent pull to do something new. But change is not a negative, it is our opening to plan and seek out answers to what is crucial in the steps going forward. Like the gardener in the spring who plots out the garden, prepares the land and seeds, what seeds of faith will we offer up in this, the spring of the church?

It needs to be acknowledged that we as Christians have failed to live into the Gospel truth, we have been distracted by the rush and roar of the world around us, we have focused on our own specific scenes without lifting our eyes to the greater whole around us, like those lost in their cell phones. The Gospel speaks of our reality that we are sojourners in this world, seeking the face of God before us, but if we do not lift our eyes, we continue lost and alone. We are called, anointed and set aside to be better, to pray and serve, to bless and forgive, to listen, learn and change.

The opportunity before us is that in renewal and acknowledgement of change, we can open ourselves to come before the healing and grace of God. We the church have this moment to lift up the Gospel truth and to walk in the peace of Christ, reaching out the hand of inclusion and hope, wherein there is room for all at the table of our Lord. Healing happens when we acknowledge that we are hurting and that needful change has to happen so that we might go forward together in peace, faith and hope. Renewal and growth of the church comes from faithful and bold proclamation of the Good News of Jesus Christ. We the church are called to be the church in uncertain and troubled times. We the church are called to go forward to be the hands of Christ in a broken world, to be the voice of the voiceless, and to speak and live truth in all that we say and do.

I believe that we alone can do nothing, but with Christ and all in the family of God, we the children of God's creation can do so much more than we could ever ask or imagine. We in the Anglican Church of Canada walk with our relatives in the Anglican Communion, a body of believers, needful followers of Christ, servants of peace and God's love. I believe that the

Primate needs to see the world of faith with an open prayerful heart, one who can listen and serve with all in the faith family, enabling all from our bishops to the parishes, going forward with a long vision of the hope and the cross, and confident in God's promise to say "Here am I, Lord, humble and heal me to be your servant, accept my offering and guide me in your will. Amen."

The Most Reverend Gregory Kerr-Wilson



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/gregory-kerr-wilson/>

Name: Gregory Keith Kerr-Wilson

Current Office and Location: Archbishop of Calgary and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, Calgary

List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):

Episcopal ministry:

- Archbishop of Calgary & Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of the Northern Lights, June 2015–present
- Bishop of Calgary, September 2012–present
- Bishop of Qu'Appelle, May 2006–September 2012

Parish ministry:

- Rector of All Saints' Cathedral and Dean of the Diocese of Edmonton, September 1998–April 2006
- Regional Dean, North Peel Deanery in the Area of the Credit Valley, Diocese of Toronto, October 1996–June 1998
- Incumbent, Church of the Holy Family, Brampton, January 1991–August 1998
- Assistant Curate, St. Paul's, Bloor Street, June 1989–January 1991

Ordination information:

- Diaconate: May 14, 1989, Toronto, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay
- Priesthood: May 13, 1990, Toronto, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay
- Episcopate: May 23, 2006, Qu'Appelle, The Most Rev. John Clark

Other accomplishments:

It is always difficult to speak of ministry accomplishments as one member in the life of the Church. Christian growth, mission and ministry, in my experience, are accomplished by the working of the Holy Spirit through mutual and shared prayer and work. It is almost always accomplished by the exercise of the gifts and abilities of various people acting together in the Body of Christ.

In most, if not all, of my ministry I have been called into places of transition. That has meant either conflicted history that needed to be addressed and/or situations where things needed to be moved along into new or different stages of ministry and mission. Providing conditions for conversation, prayer, mutual sharing and then reconciliation in the context of worship, scripture study and ministry has been core in the work I have been called to do.

Besides parish and diocesan ministry, other contexts in which I have been and/or am involved in ministry include: Metropolitan Ministry in the Province of the Northern Lights; Council of General Synod 3(Triennia); Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee; ACPO Bishop; Ordinal Revision Taskforce; Coordinator for the Urban Indigenous Network; supporting the work of Bible translation into Blackfoot; President of Council – Emmanuel St. Chad College; board member for Nashotah House Episcopal Seminary, St. Mary's University, Calgary, Sanctum Retreat, Entheos Retreat Centre; retreat leader in various settings; episcopal consultant – N. American Chapter, Oratory of the Good Shepherd.

Personal information:

I am a life-long Anglican who over the years has experienced various aspects of our Anglican family. From my earliest experiences of God in worship and in creation, to accepting Jesus as my Lord and Saviour, an experience of baptism by the Holy Spirit, in weekly small group Bible Study and community, through the exercise of various lay ministries, and then in theological and liturgical formation at an Anglican "catholic" seminary setting, I have received, appreciated and valued the various facets that make up the proper wholeness of our Anglican Christian faith.

My undergraduate degree in bio-resource engineering taught me to think in terms of "applied science," which became in ministry for me a way of thinking about ministry as applied theology, in the various aspects of worship, pastoral care and re-shaping ministry in changing times in a way that holds true to the foundations of the received faith of our Church. When asked to describe my churchmanship I have often said that I am an Evangelical, Charismatic Catholic, with liberal and conservative tendencies. This reflects for

me an understanding that the Church's life and ministry must be a comprehensive and interconnected whole in which our life of worship, our shared unity in fellowship, our core teaching, our loving service and pursuit of justice in the world, and our proclamation of Jesus before and to the world are all interconnected and mutually inform one another; and that we must be a church which is both open and responsive to the changing context and needs of our world, while grounding our response to it on the faith and witness of scripture as we have received it in Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I am married and have three grown children. I enjoy cooking, music and outdoor activities, including hiking, camping and canoe trips, as well as reading on a range of subjects from theology and spirituality to history and science—and almost anything pertaining to the Lord of the Rings.

A statement by the nominee of his vision of the role of the Primate:

I am convinced that it is time to change the role of the Primacy and how it functions within the Anglican Church of Canada. For reasons that involve both our understanding of episcopal ministry and practical matters involving finances and ministry focus, I believe it is time to recover a model of primacy that used to be in Canada and is to this day in every other Province of the Anglican Communion except the United States.

That is, that the Primate continues to be a Diocesan Bishop—participating in the day-to-day affairs of the ministry of the Church as a bishop and fulfilling the core ministries of a bishop in preaching, teaching, ordaining, confirming, and leading in mission—while taking on the role of convening General Synod, COGS, and the House of Bishops (much as Metropolitans do within Provinces), and representing the Anglican Church of Canada at Primates' meetings and other required participation at the international level.

This would involve, of course, a careful readjustment of expectations — with a greatly reduced expectation of travel across Canada and internationally — and a sharing out of some ministry functions to other Metropolitans and Bishops according to the gifts and skills available.

My aim as Primate would be to spend the next three years putting in place the changes required so that at General Synod 2028 a new Primate could be elected to take on the role in the renewed model. I believe this would re-ground and re-focus the work of General Synod in the day-to-day ministry of the Church at large.

What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?

At a glance, the ongoing decline of membership and attendance for the Anglican Church of Canada would appear to be the most important challenge for our Church. However, flipping it over, it seems to me that the most important challenge is actually re-learning, developing

and deepening our ability to make disciples of Jesus Christ, under the guiding and empowering of the Holy Spirit—providing the means by which we first grow in our faith, and then grow in our witness—becoming ever more fully “salt” and “light” in our local communities as part of the local church.

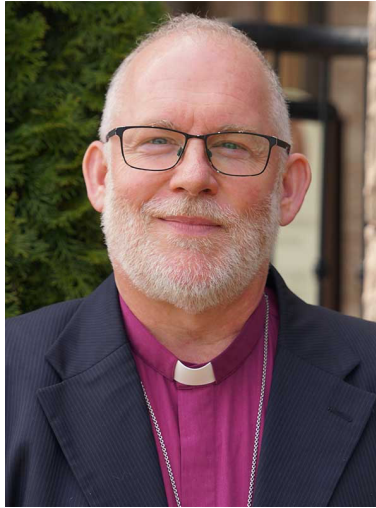
The work is, of course, carried out primarily and foundationally in the parishes of Dioceses with Provincial and General Synods providing supporting roles. The Provincial Synods provide the means for electing and consecrating new bishops to lead in that work as part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. The role of the General Synod is to be a means of sharing resources between dioceses that have them and Dioceses that need them across the Anglican Church of Canada so that work may be carried out, as well as providing common foundations for dealing with issues of doctrine, discipline and worship in our context. The General Synod also provides communication and connection both across Canada and the more formal connections with the greater Anglican Communion.

The challenge then in our current context for the General Synod is to look at and make changes to the current structures and ways of engaging that ministry in a context of shrinking resources—including changing the model of Primacy which we currently have, to both funnel resources more effectively to the ministry on the ground, while also grounding the leadership of the General Synod upon the priority of supporting the work of parishes and dioceses where the most important mission and ministry of the Church take place.

I have many times in my ministry as a bishop quoted Jesus’ words “those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.” We are not called to seek institutional survival and focus our energies on attempting to increase our status and influence as a church; if we seek to proclaim our faith in Jesus and his ways, and invite others into that journey, then we are accomplishing the purpose for which we exist as a church.

Our greatest opportunities include the apparent rise in interest in faith and spirituality amongst younger people and young families. The ongoing work of celebrating and embracing the gifts of our Indigenous communities which are renewing and refreshing our understanding of our faith. We are also being gifted at this point in time, it seems, with an increase of immigrant families who in many parts of our church are bringing an energy and faithfulness that carries much potential for growth and for enriching our lived practice of Christian faith.

The Right Reverend David Lehmann



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/david-lehmann/>

Name: David Thomas James Lehmann

Current Office and Location: Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, BC

List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):

Episcopal ministry:

- Bishop of Caledonia, Prince Rupert, BC, 2018–present

Parish ministry:

- Rector, St. John's Anglican Church, Fort Smith, NT (Arctic), 2012–2018
- Rector, St. George's Fort Saskatchewan, AB (Edmonton), 2005–2012
- Rector, Cold Lake, Bonnyville, St. Paul, Ashmont, AB (Edmonton), 2000–2005
- Incumbent, Deh Cho Parish, Fort Simpson, NT (Arctic), 1994–2000
- Intern, All Saints Cathedral (Edmonton), 1992–1993

Ordination information:

- Diaconate: May 22, 1994, Arctic, The Right Rev. Chris Williams
- Priesthood: March 26, 1995, Arctic, The Right Rev. Chris Williams
- Episcopate: January 18, 2018, Caledonia, The Most Rev. John Privett

Other accomplishments:

1990	BA – History – Camrose Lutheran College
1991 – 2010	Naval Reserve Officer (Chaplain and Cadets – various posts and locations)
1994	MDiv – Wycliffe College, Toronto
1997 – 2000	PWRDF Diocesan Coordinator (Arctic)
1996 – 2000	Chair – Justice and Social Responsibility Committee (Arctic)
2000 – 2003	Diocesan Youth Coordinator – East (Edmonton)
2003 – 2005	Chaplain – Cold Lake Regional Hospital
2003 – 2018	Chaplain – Royal Canadian Legion (various locations)
2008 – 2011	Regional Dean – Cold Lake (Edmonton)
2010 – 2012	Chaplain – Fort Saskatchewan Fire Department
2013 – 2017	Chair of the Fort Smith Health Centre Ethics Committee
2012 – 2017	Chaplain – Fort Smith RCMP Detachment
2014 – 2017	Chair of the Board Northern Life Museum and Cultural Centre
2014 – 2017	Regional Dean – Upper Mackenzie (Arctic)
2015 – 2017	Chair of the Advisory Board for Culture – Fort Smith, NT
2017	Member of the Board of Governors for the National Trust of Canada
2018	DD – Wycliffe College, Toronto
2018 – 2024	Member of the Provincial Council for BC & Yukon
2019 – 2023	BC&Y member for the National House of Bishops Agenda Committee
2019 – present	Member of the House of Bishops Standing Committee for Religious Communities
2019 – present	Chair of the Council of the North
2023 – present	Chair of the Board of Governors for the Vancouver School of Theology
2023 – 2025	Member of the Council of General Synod

Personal information:

For over 200 years, my family farmed east of Toronto near the village of Norwood. My generation was the first to be raised off the farm. My pre-school years were spent in Toronto and Edmonton. When my parents were hired into the Northwest Territories, I followed them. I am not a cradle Anglican for I was not raised in the faith. A family friend was ordained to the priesthood and as a teenager without any preparation, I was baptized. (It was made apparent that baptism permitted me to be married and buried in the church. Neither of which I have experienced, yet.)

My faith became a central part of my life in my late teens. On December 23, 1986, I felt called by God to pursue ordained ministry. Camrose Lutheran College was an incredible school where my faith formation continued and an appreciation for ecumenism was fostered. Additionally, there was an emphasis on servant leadership at the college, which I have valued greatly. The intentional focus of Wycliffe College on Biblical and theological studies continued my formation. The Institute for Evangelism formed a curiosity about the necessity of taking the Good News into an ever-changing world.

During seminary, I needed an income, and the Naval reserves provided that. The bonus was an education in pastoral care. Putting aside the stereotype of the military, my experience was less about power and barking orders, and more about care and compassion for fellow service members. The joy in participating in a spontaneous lay-led Bible study and prayer group during basic training, for example. Witnessing this model of ministry inspired me to continue with chaplaincy work throughout my ministry in a variety of forms.

I have been blessed with ministry in small remote communities. (Remote by southern standards, not always mine.) Being in and forming intentional community has been important to me. These need not be long-lived communities, but community life requires work as ruptures and repairs are normal and a healthy expression of reconciliation in action. Community draws me out of myself and into care for others and their journey of faith.

My personal interests have included hiking, kayaking, reading, and cooking. (I have had to be creative in the latter as a bishop for I missed cooking for large crowds.) A love of history has led me to work with museums and heritage boards. As a lifelong learner, I have sought out courses in adult education, theology, anthropology, sociology, and Indigenous languages. Letters mean less to me than the experience and opportunities to engage with fellow students.

God's love has taught me to find joy in all aspects of life. The Peace of Christ is ever present, especially in difficult conversations and tragic moments. Sometimes I have found that I need to sit and breathe into it. It is said that laughter is the best medicine — this is true as it reflects the joy we have as an Easter people in the power of the Spirit.

A statement by the nominee of his vision of the role of the Primate:

There are times when ministry can be compared to a map. Most ministry in a parish or institution (school, hospital, prison, military contexts, for example) is a Street View. The focus is on the local context. Episcopal or diocesan ministry takes places at 32,000 feet. This provides for a regional overview and an extended perspective. The Primate would be in geosynchronous orbit. This view is expansive, with opportunity to focus in on both local and global matters. It is from this perspective that the Primate can serve a vast church while taking care to connect the common bonds.

General Synod has embarked on a process of listening and visioning. The work of the Primate's Commission has outlined critical areas of conversation and tension within the church. It is vital to the life of the church that we don't shortchange this process, but lean into it. Trusting God's guidance and being open to the Spirit's leading will direct the next steps of General Synod and the Council of General Synod.

My commitment would be to a three-triennium Primacy. The first triennium would focus on the completion of the Pathway's process and establish with the Council of General Synod, Provincial Synods, Dioceses, and other partners the detailed steps to move forward for an implementation over the next two trienniums. Our governance and policies should be in alignment with our vision and mission. Having conversations in years prior to General Synod so that consensus may be built for implementation of changes to our structures would be life-giving and a shift in our practices.

Another goal is to witness with the National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, ACIP, and Sacred Circle the continued growth of the self-determining Indigenous Church within the Anglican Church of Canada. Significant steps have been taken and there is much to praise God for. The ongoing work of reconciliation will take decades and this the good work of the people of God.

Personally, I want to see joy in the church. Yes, these are days with many stressors and temptations. This should encourage us to rejoice always and show the world that what was old is being made new! God's goodness cannot be denied, so I want to share that with all the world.

What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?

After General Synod 2019, the Holy Spirit reminded me repeatedly of Pilate's question: "What is truth?" Seeing the deep pain that was expressed triggered for me a need to examine my pain and personal journey. This has required brutal honesty and grace.

I share this, as I feel the greatest challenge for the Anglican Church of Canada is *ourselves*. The history and heritage of the Anglican Church of Canada is a mixed bag. It might be said that Anglicans enjoy being on a spectrum for every subject. It is as if we take Platonic dualism as a challenge and then struggle to find every expression between extremes. It is not my intent to be flippant, but as I see it, part of the role of the Primate is to hold up the mission and vision of the church and ensure that they are in alignment with what we are doing.

The rules of General Synod are part of the troublesome dynamic we continue to experience. As a body we have a legislative function, but it is in service to our mission and vision. We cannot continue to avoid the hard conversations. Grappling in love with these is the task of the Primate and requires compassion and conviction.

I have observed in my personal and communal journeys that there is a natural draw to return to established patterns. The post-pandemic rush to return to pre-pandemic life, for example. Or the more problematic longing to return to Christendom in a post-modern world. Or the chocolate binge on Easter Day as a Lenten observance is finally over. Understanding this lure, I would strive to complete the transformational work we have begun and avoid relapsing.

The most important opportunity is *ourselves* too! You are reading this document! Some will be taking time to travel and be present at General Synod. You are committed to the life and mission of Christ's Church in Canada. You are awesome, and I thank God for you and all within Christ's church. As the body of Christ, we need to celebrate the blessings we have and share them. I would work for a communication plan that includes more positive stories from across Canada, as we have much to rejoice in.

We underrate what we as Anglicans have done and can do. The resilience of the Indigenous Church and the strides being made with their governance and visioning is thrilling. The care and concern expressed by the Provinces of BC & Yukon and Ontario for the Council of the North is heartwarming. Not to forget, the support given for the victims of war in Ukraine and Gaza through Alongside Hope. The Anglican Foundation's "Say Yes To Kids" campaigns demonstrate how creative and compassionate we are. The Primate celebrates these while pointing to the deeper theological truths of grace and reconciliation these acts of kindness represent. Fostering and encouraging this work is essential to our life and witness to a broken world. This is the joyous work of the Primate.

The Right Reverend Riscylla Shaw



Pre-election Interview video: <https://gs2025.anglican.ca/election/riscylla-shaw/>

Name: Riscylla Shaw

Current Office and Location: Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto, Toronto

List of ecclesiastical offices held including dates (most recent to least recent):

Episcopal ministry:

- Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto, 2017–present

Parish ministry:

- Incumbent, Parish of Christ Church, Bolton, Diocese of Toronto, 2009–2016
- Incumbent, Parish of Minden-Kinmount, Diocese of Toronto, 2003–2009
- Assistant Curate, St. Stephen's Maple and All Saints King City, 2000–2002
- Youth Minister, St. Mary's Richmond Hill and Holy Trinity Thornhill, 1999–2001
- Chaplain, Sibbald Point Provincial Park, 1998
- Student Chaplain, Toronto General Hospital, 1996–1997

Ordination information:

- Diaconate: May 6, 2001, Toronto, The Most Rev. Terence Finlay
- Priesthood: November 18, 2001, Toronto, The Right Rev. George Elliott
- Episcopate: January 7, 2017, Toronto, The Most Rev. Colin Johnson

Other accomplishments:

Education

- Palestine of Jesus course, St. George's College, Jerusalem (2023)
- International Master's Program in Management, Lancaster University (2018-2020)
- Indigenous Knowledge course, Humber College (2015)
- Master of Divinity, University of Toronto, Wycliffe College (1999)
- Bachelor of Arts, Honours, University of Toronto (1996)

Local & National Leadership

- Retreat leader & guest speaker: Sisters of St. John the Divine, Dioceses of Ontario, Yukon, New Westminster, Montreal, Queens Theological College – Newfoundland
- Councillor with Oshawa Durham-Region Métis Council (2018-2025)
- Diocesan Regional Dean, member of Area Council, Synod Council, Committee on Spiritual Renewal, Intercultural Committee/Antiracism training; Continuing education leader, mentor
- Sacred Circle: 2015 Port Elgin, 2018 Prince George, 2021 online, 2023 Orillia
- General Synod: 2016 Richmond Hill, 2019 Vancouver, 2023 Calgary

International Leadership

- Anglican Consultative Council member, 2023 held in Ghana
- World Council of Churches, Central Committee member 2022- present
- Lambeth Conference 2022

Indigenous Leadership

- Ambassador & Animator of Reconciliation, Canada's Truth and Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools (TRC); (2009 – Present)
- Actively present as a witness at all seven TRC national events, 2010-2015
- Contributor to publications on TRC Call to Action #6 Decolonizing Discipline (2020), Indigenous Realities (2022), Faith As Protest (2023)
- Voices of Indigenous Followers of Jesus in the Ecumenical Movement, Canadian Council of Churches, presenter (2023)
- Lulea, Sweden, Canadian Indigenous Anglican partnership, international witness to Sweden's Apology to the Sámi Peoples (2022)
- Road to Warm Springs, The National Consultation on Indigenous Anglican Self-Determination (2017)

As Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Toronto:

- Serving the North & East Archdeaconries, which consist of 90 rural and small-town parishes and ministries, including the cities of Barrie, Peterborough, and Durham Region
- Prioritizing 1) development of regional ministries in innovative and collaborative partnerships; 2) supporting good governance and new models for financial sustainability; and 3) fostering a unified vision of the Anglican Church of Canada that celebrates our diversity.
- 2024 – present Episcopal Visitor, Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit
- 2023 – present Anglican Consultative Council member
- 2023 – present Diversity Officer, Diocese of Toronto
- 2022 – present World Council of Churches, Central Committee member
- 2019 – present Jubilee Commission member
- 2019 – 2023 Reconciliation Pathfinders
- 2014 – 2019 Primate’s Commission on Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice, member and co-chair

Personal information:

In Romans 8.38-39, Paul writes “nothing shall separate us from the love of God.” One of my favourite verses, it reminds me of the divine grace in which we are constantly upheld. Being upheld does not mean sitting in simplistic platitudes or sentimental pep talks. It often looks like collective grief at the suffering in the world. In my church leadership, it also looks like taking agency, coming together in worship, prayer, laughter and tears, the whole breadth of our humanity.

As a follower of Jesus, I pray and act concretely to build communities of hope, compassion and courage. Our work is to heal and to bring hope; it is also to challenge unjust and oppressive structures of varying kinds — political, economic, and social.

Embracing continuity and change is in my DNA. As a Canadian and a Red River Métis citizen, I value building bridges between communities, worldviews and institutions. This work is complex. To do it with integrity, respect and courage requires deep listening and willingness to hear with the ears of my heart.

I am both a cradle-Anglican, and the child of a church organist who played at every church in town. The second of four children, we were raised on a farm in the Diocese of Algoma. I was formed by the faith of my Mother and my maternal Grandfather, a survivor of Residential School and veteran of World War II. Our home was filled with music, hospitality, commitment to service and courage in the face of challenge.

I am married to my husband of more than 27 years. We have two dynamic and creative young adult children and two lively little dogs. I love the northern lights, fresh air, and finding fossils and rocks on the beach. During my sabbath leave last summer, I deepened

friendships and studied the Gospel and culture with the Māori Anglicans in New Zealand, broke bread with our Anglican siblings in Hong Kong, and walked the Camino del Norte in Spain on a solo, unsupported journey of over eight-hundred kilometers. In this experience of solitude and prayer, physical exertion, testing and discernment I was “blessed beyond measure.”

What is the most important challenge, and the most important opportunity, facing the Anglican Church of Canada today, and how would you address them as Primate?

There are many challenges facing the Anglican church today. Everyone shares a different priority: declining attendance, climate emergency, reconciliation with Indigenous communities, youth engagement, worship and renewal. Each perspective is valid, and each one reflects a piece of the whole picture. The biggest opportunity this presents the Anglican Church of Canada today is to work together as the Body of Christ, within our competing concerns. This is not a simple task, as the reality is that our intentions are in tension with each other.

Paul reminds us of this in his first letter to the Corinthians when he writes “together, with our many parts, we form the one body of Christ.” As Christ’s Church, we have the opportunity to share our values as a unified church with the world. What we all bring is vital to the flourishing of the whole.

My vision is to nurture our diversity into the strength of the church. I would address this by using collaborative and adaptive leadership, in which we set a course together to navigate the future. Key roles of Primatial leadership include asking discerning questions, careful listening, courageously looking directly at what is taking place in our communities, our country, our world, and prayerfully challenging the church to adapt and respond in faith and witness to God’s radical, inclusive Gospel love.

The Primate will champion the work of “Creating Pathways for Transformational Change” from the Primate’s Commission in a sustained, long-view perspective. This work will bridge connections across regions, cultural and theological differences, by fostering relationships and supporting mutual flourishing.

We must do this in ways that recognize the suffering in our communities, the identity crisis in our public life, unequal socio-economic systems, the ways that our church continues to be complicit in harms to Indigenous peoples, and the ways the “earth groans” because of unsustainable human activity. And we must do this in ways that acknowledge the contradictions and messiness of our task ahead. We need to have hard conversations about our role as an urgent prophetic voice in Canadian society, even with our declining numbers and the reality of our own economic situation in the Anglican Church. I welcome all as we do this together. We need to bring our competing concerns as gifts to the table, trusting that we are incomplete without the insights of neighbour. This is how I see the church seeking God’s way forward: breaking bread together, as one body: one Church.