

# Synod Council Member Job Description

## Responsibilities:

- to prayerfully consider the matters that come before synod council
- to read minutes and background information provided
- to participate in up to ten meetings per year;
- to interpret decisions and actions of synod council to your ministry circles and the wider diocese
- to participate in the working groups, committees and business of synod council

## Term of Office:

- Regional representatives - two years
- Vision, FAC, and Canterbury Hills representatives - one year (renewable)
- Bishop's Appointees - one year (renewable)
- Directors, Archdeacons and Office Holders – during the term of office

## Time required:

- one meeting per month of up to four hours (usually a Tuesday, and generally, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., in Hamilton)
- as much as three hours per month for reading and prayerful consideration

## Support:

- orientation session to the work of synod council
- telephone and email access to the secretary of synod and other diocesan staff

## Accountable to:

- the Bishop as chair of synod council

## Participation Group & Screening Requirements:

- Synod council usually includes one or two youth over the age of 16 and may include vulnerable adults. Members will receive an orientation to the diocesan sexual abuse/sexual harassment policy and will sign off on it (if they have not already done so) at the first meeting of the year

## Benefits:

### For you:

- an opportunity to help shape the missional direction of the diocese and participate in its governance
- an opportunity to learn more about diocesan life and to understand your own parish better
- an opportunity to learn new skills and for support in your own ministry
- an opportunity to meet people from other regions of the diocese

### For your parish:

- better access to information about what's happening in the diocese
- a member with current knowledge of resources and approaches
- an enhanced pool of skills in the parish
- an opportunity to share your parish's learnings with others in the diocese

### For the Diocese:

- better connections with the grassroots of the church
- increased cohesion in the diocese as people from different regions work together
- enhanced capacity to share the good work undertaken by our diocese

