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The Election, Installation, Office and Work of the Metropolitan Bishop

1(1) When the Office of Metropolitan becomes vacant or will become vacant on a fixed future date, the Prolocutor shall

(a) if the vacancy occurs or will occur more than six months before the next regular meeting of the Provincial Synod, supervise the election of a Metropolitan by electronic means; or
(b) if the vacancy occurs or will occur less than six months before the next regular meeting of the Provincial Synod or during a regular meeting, convene the election of a Metropolitan during such meeting.

1(2) The Prolocutor shall preside at the election of the Metropolitan.

1(3) The Provincial Synod shall elect the Metropolitan from among the diocesan bishops of the province.

1(4) The Election shall be by secret ballot taken by orders and the voting shall continue by consecutive ballots until a bishop receives a majority of those present and voting in each order.

1(5) A diocesan bishop may withdraw from the Metropolitan election by written or electronic notice to the Prolocutor who shall inform the electors of the withdrawal.

2(1) The See of the bishop who holds the office of Metropolitan is the Metropolitan See.

2(2) The Metropolitan shall bear the title of Archbishop of the diocese of which the Metropolitan is Bishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada.

3(1) The Metropolitan shall preside over the House of Bishops, the Provincial Synod and the Provincial Council and shall arrange for the consecration of bishops elected in the province.

3(2) The Metropolitan has a pastoral relationship to the whole ecclesiastical province and, in particular, shall give pastoral care to the bishops of the province.

4. A diocesan synod, by a two-thirds majority of the orders of clergy and laity, may request the Metropolitan, after consultation with the House of Bishops, to assume visitatorial powers.

5. When the Metropolitan is incapacitated or when the office is vacant, the diocesan bishop senior by consecration shall have all the rights, duties, powers, privileges and prerogatives of the Metropolitan.

6(1) The office of Metropolitan is vacated when the Metropolitan ceases to be a diocesan bishop or his or her resignation as Metropolitan is accepted.

6(2) The Metropolitan may resign the office by submitting a written resignation to the diocesan bishop senior by consecration but such resignation does not take effect until it is accepted by the House of Bishops of the province.

6(3) The title of the Metropolitan shall continue to be “Archbishop” after he or she ceases to hold office.

7. The Provincial Council may, with the approval of the Provincial House of Bishops, adopt by regulation forms relating to the election, installation, office and work of the Metropolitan Bishop.

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