

Ecclesiastical Province of Canada
Metropolitan Election 2020
Request for profile Information Form

The names of all Diocesan Bishops of the Province of Canada will be on the ballot. Each Bishop is asked to provide the following **profile information and a photo** to be distributed to all eligible synod delegates.

1. Basic Information

- a. Full Name: **David John Edwards**
- b. Diocese: **Fredericton**

2. Ordinations:

- a. Date of ordination as a Priest: **1996-09-29**
- b. Date of ordination as a Bishop: **2014-09-20**

3. A short statement (about 100 words) their understanding of episcopal ministry.

In my view, the first function of the bishop is to provide a point of unity for the diocese; everything else flows from this. The sustenance for episcopal ministry is prayer and worship, without which none of the following is sustainable. This enables the bishop to lead in three different directions: pastoral care to both clergy and laity, to be responsible for the administration of the diocese and to lead in mission. The bishop is also to be a role model for clergy and others in self care and to be concerned about the self care of others.

4. A short statement (about 100 words) outlining their view on the mission and vision for the Province of Canada.

To have a clear vision for the Province at present is difficult because it is unclear what the effects of the current pandemic will be. I think that we are likely to have to be more supportive of each other across the dioceses in the future, in particular with the development of mutual mission and ministry models. It is likely that we will have to revise our provincial vision in order to help us all to adapt to whatever the “new normal” is. It is my suspicion that the Province will play a key role.

5. Photo

