

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: **John Organ**
- b. Diocese: **Diocese of Western Newfoundland**

2. Ordinations:

- a. Date of ordination as a Deacon: **September 6, 1987**
- b. Date of ordination as a Priest: **November 25, 1987**
- c. Date of ordination as a Bishop: **June 25, 2018**

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

A bishop “in God’s holy Church is called to be one with the apostles in proclaiming Christ’s resurrection...” BAS, p. 636

I find this statement to be of fundamental importance to the office of a bishop. To believe and proclaim the resurrection of Jesus Christ is to identify fully with the character of God and of God’s love for all people everywhere.

A bishop can have no greater principle to base their episcopacy on than to share with the apostles in proclaiming Christ’s triumph over sin and death and the consequent reconciliation of God and humanity.

From this flows the carrying out of loving God and neighbour through the particular vows made in the baptismal covenant.

A bishop rooted in Christ’s mission of reconciliation will ensure that the diocese, its people and clergy, are supported and guided in such a way that helps to “guard the faith, unity, and discipline of the Church.” BAS p. 636 Attending to the virtues of faith, hope, and love will allow service to God and neighbour to be expressed with gratitude, effective stewardship, and worship filled with holy joy.

This keeps me confident about the Church and its future. I am of the view that God is doing and will continue to do great things in and through the Church. I do not fear the Church not having a vibrant future; I am convinced it will.

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

I am very thankful and hopeful for our Ecclesiastical Province of Canada. I would even say I am very excited about our province. Imagine Anglicans from the dioceses of Montreal, Quebec, Fredericton, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador, Central Newfoundland, and Western Newfoundland (Southern Labrador)! What a tremendous hosts of witnesses to the love of God in Jesus Christ for all the people of our provinces and region of Canada! I can only be hopeful and even optimistic! We can be a tour de force in the region of our ecclesiastical province and a dynamic expression of Christianity based on Scripture, Tradition, and Reason!

We have many things in common and we have some unique differences that enrich us. We value cultural distinctiveness and at the same time we affirm the dignity of human beings of every race, language, and nation. We have geographical and economic ties that hold us together and call us to fairness and cooperation. As Anglicans we can speak meaningfully and helpfully to these and many other interests of our region of Canada and continue our valuable contribution to the common good.

The Ecclesiastical Province of Canada has an important role and place for Anglicans in our region and indeed for the Anglican Church of Canada. We must strengthen our ecclesiastical province with the resources it needs to function at its optimal level. It is a very important part of our ecclesiastical life together and through our Ecclesiastical Province of Canada we can do great good near and far.

5. Photo

