

Provincial Synod of Canada

Position Description

Assessors

ELIGIBILITY:

The Constitution provides for the Metropolitan, in consultation with the Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor, to appoint two assessors from among the lawyers and judges who are members of the Provincial Synod. If there are none, the Metropolitan (again, in consultation with the Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor) shall appoint two assessors from among the Chancellors and Vice-Chancellors of the Dioceses within the Province. Absent the election of judges or lawyers to be members of the Provincial Synod, it has been useful to appoint the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor of the Diocese within which the Provincial Synod is held. It may be appropriate to appoint the Vice-Chancellor of the Provincial Synod to be an Assessor. The Metropolitan and Prolocutor will normally seek the advice of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor in the appointment of the Assessors.

TERM OF OFFICE:

The Assessors hold office during the Provincial Synod for which they are appointed

FUNCTIONS:

The assessors act as legal advisers to the Metropolitan (or other Chair of Synod) on the Constitution, the Rules of Order and Procedure and debates of the Synod. As such, they work cooperatively with the Synod Chair, the Chancellor or Vice-Chancellor and the Resolutions Committee and other Committees to ensure that the Synod is conducted in an efficient and effective manner.