## The Territory of the People Anglican Church

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<u>To:</u> Territory of the People, Parishes and People

Electoral Assembly Clergy, Lay, Indigenous and Youth Delegates

<u>From:</u> Territory Electoral Committee

<u>Subject:</u> Electoral Assembly Process and Call for Nominations

Date: October 8, 2019

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers, patience and ongoing support. Since my last piece of correspondence sharing that the Coordinating Council had rescinded the summons for the extraordinary session of the Assembly scheduled for September 2019, and had requested that the Electoral Committee draft a new timeline for the election of a Bishop, many conversations and much work has taken place. Coordinating Council has approved a timeline for the Episcopal Election and summons an extraordinary session of the Assembly.

The election of the first Bishop for the Territory of the People is scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020 at St. Paul's Cathedral, Kamloops.

In accordance with Territory Policy (1.11: Nominating and Electoral Procedure for the Election of a Bishop for the Territory of the People Anglican Church) the Electoral Committee issues this call for nominations.

## **Call for Nominations**

Our policy specifies the following:

- Nominations for the Office of Bishop may come from two members who are:
  - o a Territory Assembly Delegate;
  - o a member of a Parish Council within the Territory of the People;
  - o any member of a parish may propose a name for nomination through either their Territory Assembly Delegate or Parish Council Member.
- A nomination must have the consent of the nominee.
- The two nominators as named above do not need to be members of the same body.
- Nominators may only nominate one candidate.

The Holy Spirit does surprising things and we do not know where our next Bishop is going to come from. It is important for all members of our church family to consider prayerfully whether they know of someone who may be called to be our next Bishop. We encourage this letter and call for nominations to be shared in all Territory parishes and encourage members to talk about engaging in conversations with those who they feel may be being called to consider allowing their name to be nominated.

Nomination forms are part of this package and available on the Territory website.

## NOMINATION FORMS <u>MUST BE RECEIVED</u> BY EMAIL (<u>territoryelection@gmail.com</u>) BY THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE <u>MIDNIGHT PDT ON FRIDAY</u>, <u>NOVEMBER 8</u>, <u>2019</u>.

Details about ongoing administrative and pastoral support within the Territory during this process will be shared with the Territory in the coming weeks.

<u>Assembly Delegates:</u> an email will be circulated in the upcoming weeks with more details about the Assembly, a draft agenda, Assembly registration form and accommodation information.

Please continue to pray that our Territory will be guided by the Spirit in all we do and that we find the Bishop we need to take us where God is calling us to go.

If you have any questions please contact Melissa Green, Chair of the Electoral Committee at territoryelection@gmail.com or at 250-682-4866.

Blessings,

Melissa Green

Chair, Electoral Committee

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on behalf of the Electoral Committee