

## Nomination for Prolocutor and/or Deputy Prolocutor General Synod 2019

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*Nominee:*

**The Rev. Dr. Karen L Egan** *of the Diocese of Montreal*

*Nominated by:*

Ms. Cynthia Haines Turner *of the Diocese of Western Newfoundland*

*Provide a brief biographical description of yourself (max. 150 words) with specific reference to involvement in the life of the Church at the local, diocesan, provincial or national level:*

Raised up in the Montreal Cathedral as a Sunday school superintendent, I studied and was ordained 2003 (deacon) 2004 (priest). After a short curacy, served as incumbent at St. Andrew and St. Mark's Church in Dorval 2005-2013, subsequently became Director of Pastoral Studies at the Montreal Diocesan Theological College 2013-2019, and Acting principal 2016-17.

At the diocesan level I have been the chair of the Bishop's Commission on Ministry 2006-2009, and 2013-2018. ACPO Accessor 2008, 2019. Diocesan Finance committee between 2005-2011 and 2014- current presently the chair. Member of the Clergy Conference planning committee 2004-2012, as well as various diocesan visioning and planning processes.

General Synod delegate in 2007, 2010, and 2013, member of the Council of General Synod in 2013, and member of the Planning and Agenda Team (PAT) for CoGS in 2013-2016, and co-chair of PAT 2016-2019. Member and chair of Communications and Information Resources Committee 2013-2019.

*Provide a brief biographical description of yourself (max. 150 words) with specific reference to experience, skill, abilities and gifts that you would bring to the work:*

My main experience and skills are ones that I learned along the way, while serving the church in a wide variety of ways. I am an experienced chair, aware of both the need for a free conversation and the benefits it can bring to decision making processes. I look actively for ways to turn such conversation towards sound decisions. I am as confident in the skills of preaching and leading liturgy as I am administration, whether at the parish level, or within a Synod setting. I feel privileged to have done substantial work at the national level of this church and have found it a particular blessing to meet new people and to hear how the gospel

is celebrated in their own contexts. I love the church and find my own sense of hope nurtured by the faithful Anglicans I have met in my work across the church.

*Reflect briefly (max. 150 words) on the challenges and opportunities facing the Church national as it seeks to further God's mission:*

The Anglican Church is experiencing varying amounts of decline across this country, but whether that means strain on finances, or shrinking congregations, or church closures, it is probably something that every church or diocese is experiencing in one way or another. It is not enough to say that the challenge for the church is to reverse these trends, but rather, we are called to lay aside our anxieties, and trust that God provides everything we need to bring the gospel of love into His hurting world. The National church is poised in a moment of history where reconciliation has begun between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities, and we are so blessed to have this ministry of reconciliation before us. Our call is to equip our communities to serve as agents of reconciliation across this country, and I personally feel privileged to serve in this hopeful time in our life together.