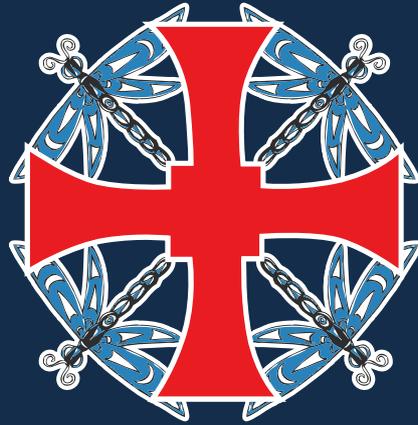


# Order of the Diocese of British Columbia

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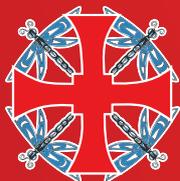
2025 RECIPIENTS

October 25, 2025  
Christ Church Cathedral  
Victoria, BC



The Order of the Diocese of British Columbia honors and gives special recognition to members of the diocese (and in the case of honorary awards, those not part of the diocese) who have given outstanding service over a significant period of time in their baptismal ministry.

The Order is composed of the incumbent bishop of the diocese as the head of the Order, former bishops of the diocese, officers of the Order, honorary officers, members of the Order, and honorary members.



October 2025

Dear friends,

It is a privilege and an honor to be with you today as we invest 43 individuals to the Order of the Diocese. This occasion is one of my favourite diocesan celebrations as it is the time that we honor and recognize the lay people who selflessly give so much of themselves, their time and their energy to the common good. Each person that comes up to be honored this morning represents countless hours of humble service. Moreover, these folks are the font of prayerfulness, discernment, sound judgement, grace and generosity without which we could not exist.

That our new Primate, The Most Reverend Shane Parker, is here with us to celebrate is also a special blessing. Shane connects us to the work done by countless other lay people across our vast and beautiful church. As part of today's service, Shane will also be presenting the Anglican Award of Merit to Canon Ian Alexander. Ian's work serving and leading the National Church has and continues to be extraordinary.

Whoever you are and whatever brought you here today, we are so pleased that you are here to celebrate with us. May today's service inspire you in your own acts of justice, generosity and service.

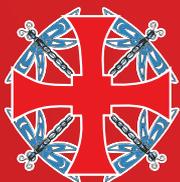
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anna Greenwood-Lee'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A'.

The Right Reverend Anna Greenwood-Lee  
Bishop

## MEMBERS

### Cowichan Mid-Island

These individuals were nominated by their parish for the outstanding voluntary work they have done towards the life of their parish for a considerable time.



#### **St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill** **Bonnie Claire Wadds**

Bonnie, always cheerful and vibrant, has an unparalleled level of energy which she uses in caring for her horses, husband, family and friends. Any excess she channels into ministry for her church and community. She serves as a reader, lay administrator, choir member and bell ringer, completed EFM, and is ACW President. In addition, Bonnie organizes regular reduce, reuse, recycle occasions to clear out clutter. She has retired from scaling the bell tower to replace the rope when it breaks.



#### **St. John the Baptist, Duncan** **Carole Ann Gill**

Carole is a lifelong Christian and member of the Anglican church, who is committed to the life of the church. She models the 3 T's of a Christian, giving freely of her time, talent and treasure. If you are looking for someone to do it, Carole will be amongst the first to volunteer to make sure what is needed for the life of the church just happens.



#### **St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus** **Patricia Lynne Sunderland**

Patricia has been an inspiration to the Church wherever she has been: The Council of the North, Venezuela, Chile, Ghana and Chemainus where for 20 years she has inspired and energized the life of the parish. Deeply concerned over the needy, committed to Christ, the Anglican church and unfailingly loyal, she ensures any task undertaken is completed with energy and grace. Loved and admired by the parishioners, she brings creativity, fun and joy to the church and the wider community.

**St. Mary's, Nanoose Bay  
Valerie Davies**

Valerie has been a devoted member of St. Mary's for 35 years. Her love for people has involved youth work locally and overseas with orphans in Tanzania. As People's Warden she cares for parishioners with compassion and trust. Valerie's love of detail is evident in her meticulous record keeping for Safe Church and Parish Archives. Her determined and dedicated efforts were rewarded by the consecration of St Mary's cemetery in perpetuity in 2022. Valerie's faithful service to St Mary's inspires us all.



**St. Paul's, Nanaimo  
Joanne Gloria Bevis**

Joanne Bevis personifies the words written in Hebrews 12: 1-2, "let us run with perseverance, the race marked out for us." By age 15, Joanne was a competitive runner, exhibiting both athletic perseverance and excellence, and leading Youth Bible Camps. At age 91, Joanne still successfully runs the race, with God's gifts of vision, boundless energy, empathy, courage, grace, and perseverance.



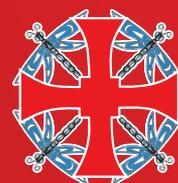
**St. Peter's, Quamichan  
Mary Eileen Curtis-Snider**

Eileen cares as much about how and why we do things as the way we do, as she does about what we do. As the parish treasurer, she is often the quiet observer who asks the awkward questions holding the community to its highest possible standards. Eileen knows that someone has to "sweat the small stuff" and yet she is every bit as devoted to the soul of the Church and to its liturgy as she is to administration.



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### **St. Philip's By-the-Sea, Lantzville Nicole Michelle McDaid**

Nicole sees the positive in every person. She is able to motivate parishioners to join her in recycling, the proceeds of which go to outreach, the Advent collections for the Loves & Fishes Food Bank, Christmas toy drive, the unhoused, and Alongside Hope. Nicole encourages volunteers to read in services and lead the prayers, never asking anyone to do something she wouldn't do herself. In this lay-led parish, we thank God for her positive example, enthusiasm, motivation, faith and good humour.

**Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria  
Judith Nelson**

For decades, Judi has been an active and steadfast member of Christ Church Cathedral parish. She has been part of the Family Life ministry, taught Sunday school and been part of the Altar Guild. She has volunteered at the Saturday breakfast, was a welcoming face as a sides person and busy at every Christmas bazaar. Most recently, Judi has led the Sunday coffee time with Jeff, also volunteering at the “In Conversation” potluck dinners and funeral receptions, Shrove Tuesday dinner and the Advent Carol service.



**St. Dunstan's, Gordon Head  
Debra Brown**

Deb has been a warden at St. Dunstan's for a total of nine years of her 15 year history in the parish. Most notably, when the Rector's Warden died unexpectedly in 2022, Deb stepped in; the parish had just hired a new administrator and was also preparing for a new incumbent. She has been instrumental in cheerleading St. Dunstan's through much uncertainty and has been working tirelessly to bring the parish into a new relationship with Two Saints.



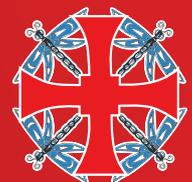
**St. George the Martyr, Cadboro Bay  
Margaret Smart**

Margaret's involvement with “extra duties” began at St. George's as soon as she first stepped through our doors in 1999! Both within the Social Justice and Outreach team, and independently, she has exemplified her deep commitment to outreach in general and especially to an ongoing shared journey with First Nations, through her work with Aboriginal Neighbours. Margaret demonstrates her faith through action and commitment: with our Refugee Committee, leadership roles in Sunday worship, pastoral care, always with quiet humility and kindness.



**MEMBERS**

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Victoria**



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### Greater Victoria



#### **St. John the Divine, Victoria** **Graeme William Brown**

Scotland's loss is certainly our gain. Graeme brings a quiet but focused dedication to his faith. His organizational and technical skills have been put to great use in implementing the first computer network at St. John's; chairing and co-managing large projects, serving as warden, with the St. John's Society, volunteering at the food bank, as a member of the Transforming Futures Committee and managing the complex broadband project during Covid-19, enabling staff to continue their vital work. Thank you, Graeme.



#### **St. Luke's, Cedar Cross Rd.** **Barbara Ann Prescott**

Integrity, intelligence, Christian values and positivity are evident in all Barb does. Her knowledge of St. Luke's, both past and present, is extensive. Calm, efficient and meticulous, she works selflessly and quietly, taking joy in sharing her many talents. Barb's compassion and commitment to serve governs her sound decisions. While assisting in daily functions, she never loses sight of our overall vision and mission, making her advice trusted and respected. Loyal and dependable, Barb is truly a gift.



#### **St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay** **Anne Underhill**

Anne Underhill has contributed greatly to the life of St. Mary's since 1997 with her faithful service to several ministries. Her conscientious record keeping as envelope secretary has been appreciated by parishioners, staff members and our treasurer! Her gift of time in welcoming concert goers, and Church mouse visitors, both parishioners and the wider community, have been instrumental in establishing St. Mary's as a community gathering place. Anne's deep Christian faith, and commitment to these ministries has been an inspiration to all.



**St. Matthias, Victoria  
Dorothy Robertson**

Dorothy is greatly valued in the Parish of St. Matthias, Victoria, for her ministry of healing prayer she began in 1964, after being inspired by Canon Rowe, the founder of the Guild of Health. Dorothy has offered this ministry twice a month for decades, after Sunday's communion service. She has also brought others into this important ministry. Dorothy is known as a faithful follower of Christ, a person of deep prayer and an inspiration to us all.

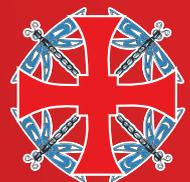


**Two Saints Ministry, Victoria  
Sheila Simpson**

Sheila has always had a gift for hospitality. She has been a willing and able volunteer for virtually every committee a church could imagine. As a warden, she brings a calm and sensible voice to every discussion.

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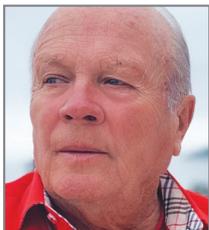
#### **St. Anne & St. Edmund, Parksville Robert William Olmsted**

An active member of the St. Edmund's community since 1975, Bob is truly one in a million. He has served the community in both works and worship for 50 years. From the Parish Council to Christmas cakes, assisting at worship services, to leading fellowship, Bob has truly done it all. Bob is always ready to step in to help with a smile and encouraging word. We are so thankful for his continued commitment to our community.



#### **St. John the Divine, Courtenay Kathy Coulthart-Dewey**

Kathy has faithfully served St. John the Divine, Courtenay since her arrival, tirelessly contributing to the life of the parish. Wearing many hats, she has been a dedicated parish council secretary and key member of the property committee, overseeing major projects like the new church flooring, sacristy upgrades and accessibility improvements. Her leadership extends to the church cemetery and rectory, ensuring thoughtful stewardship.



#### **St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill Craig Fraser Murray**

Craig works tirelessly to keep St. John Gualbert the vital and outward facing parish that it is. Whether it is putting in a generator so that the church can keep the community warm and fed during power outages, to getting a greenhouse built so that the food program can grow and give away fresh vegetables. He is a true servant leader who works in the background to help those in need, an example of what it is to love and serve thy neighbour.

**St. Mark's, Qualicum Beach  
Richard de Candole**

For over three decades, Richard has energetically taken both supportive and leadership positions in activities at St. Mark's church. From Parish Council and People's Warden to the St. Mark's Fair and Men's Club; and from parish choir, praise choir, Alpha and Taize, to the Nanaimo prison ministry; for the benefit of St. Mark's and its community. Recognition of Richard's enthusiasm and commitment is long overdue.



**St. Peter's, Campbell River  
Susanne Elizabeth Vickery**

Sue serves as liturgical assistant, sides person, leads the parish prayer chain and assists the priest with prayers and readings at healing services. Sue brings a sense of kindness, safety and love to the bereaved during funeral teas, as well energizing volunteers with skill and tact. Sue is a servant leader in her ongoing pastoral ministries. Her many talents in communications and unwavering patience continue to enrich lives at St. Peter's. May she be blessed as she is a blessing.



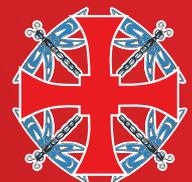
**St. Peter's, Comox  
James Peacock**

Jim has been a dedicated member of St. Peter's since 2004, involved in most aspects of church life over the years. Notably, he uses his professional photography skills, both in the church and in his volunteer work at St. Joe's Hospital and Courtenay Museum. He is always cheerful, always willing, and has a surprising energy. Lately, this has led him into leadership as Deputy Warden, counter, Partners in Mission leader, Blessings Boutique volunteer, and other supportive roles.



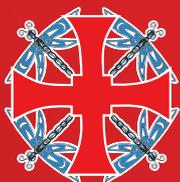
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### Mid-North Island



### **Trinity Anglican & Lutheran, Port Alberni Alison Patricia Cowan**

Alison is an original member of Trinity Anglican Lutheran Church. She was baptized, confirmed and married here in Port Alberni. She is a Church Warden, a member of the Altar Guild and an administrator. Alison is an encourager, a loyal leader and quiet supporter. She is known especially for her organization, creativity and unmatched hospitality. When no one is watching, you will find Alison decorating for the season and all major events at Trinity.

**Church of the Advent, Colwood  
Barbara Lynn Gossman**

A member of the Church of the Advent since the 1980s, Barbara brings grace, humour, competence, compassion and a robust faith to her many ministries. Her roles as a long-time Sunday School teacher and coordinator, organizer of the annual Christmas pageant, Warden for two terms in the 1990s, a key volunteer at the annual fund-raising events and, for the last ten years, parish gift secretary, has enriched parish life within the Church of the Advent community in so many ways.



**Parish of Central Saanich  
Barbara Lynn Fallan**

Lynn's service has included Youth Group, Prayer team Alpha Support, First Nations Outreach, fundraising Coordinator, summer camps and comfort ministry, and liaises with the Saanichton Community Association when they hold their pasta night and breakfast with Santa in the church hall. Within the community, she supports the Blue Bus snack program, Sidney Food Bank and the First Nations elders' gathering. Lynn's volunteering has taken her to Haiti three times and she continues to support the Canadian Foundation for Children of Haiti.



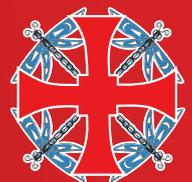
**Parish of Pender & Saturna Islands  
Patricia Callendar**

Patricia has and does serve the parish in so many ways: Parish Council member, beautiful flowers for Sunday and special services at St. Peter's, a member of the Altar Guild and lead person of the garden maintenance. Patricia is the parish member responsible for the Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender and its Memorial Garden. A lifelong Anglican, Patricia sets high preparation standards, so services may run smoothly, and serves as a choir member and excellent reader.



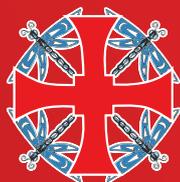
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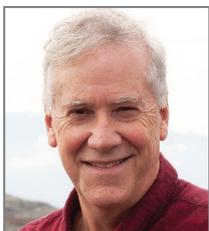
#### **Parish of Salt Spring Island Dolores Devindisch**

Lolla has been an integral part in the Parish of Salt Spring Island since her arrival in 1981. She was deeply involved in the building of All Saints by-the-Sea in 1994. She is a founding member of Music Makers, an outreach group that promotes musical performances, and of the Star of the Sea Centre for Spiritual Living and Practice. Lolla offers liturgical dance, leads poetry, movement, and dance workshops, and has written service music with the Music Director, David Storm.



#### **St. Andrew's, Sidney Marjorie May Nelson**

Whether she is holding an emaciated dying man in her lap in Nigeria, sharing God's Good News with fellow expats in Florida, faithfully sharing comforting Bible verses to shut-ins in Greater Victoria nursing homes, advocating for the rights of the disabled, or offering solace to victims of despair, abuse or social injustice, Marj's whole life can be said to have been a compassionate embodiment of Christ's new commandment "As I have loved you, so you must love one another."



#### **St. Margaret of Scotland, Galiano Island Garth Walmsley**

Garth is the kind of person you want to show up on your church steps. His faith, enthusiasm, leadership skills, love of music and hosting/sharing communal meals build and strengthen parish life. He is unflagging in his efforts to live out and support the parish in ways that are inclusive, collaborative, practical, and outward looking, including going above and beyond expectations for two refugee children sponsored by the parish. Garth has been instrumental in providing vitality and hope for lasting parish renewal.

**St. Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin  
Edward Bennington**

Ed is a steady, positive, compassionate member of the congregation. Since he and his wife, Ruth, moved to Metchosin and joined St. Mary of the Incarnation, he has continuously served on the Parish Council, several years in Warden positions. He also serves through other ministries, including maintenance and repair of two church buildings and grounds, sides person, greeter and the Blackberry Festival. Our church could not have grown and evolved without his many ministries, and calm, warm and wise presence.



**St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island  
Mary Jane Weeks**

It is a pleasure to have Mary Jane in our Parish. She has been an active, faithful individual who has served for several years. She gives of her time extensively with the work of Women's Auxiliary, Altar Guild, Parish Council, Lay Preaching, leading worship, to name just a few. She also offers hospitality in putting on dinners for the community of Mayne Island on behalf of the parish. Her ministry is seen as a combination of faith and faithfulness.



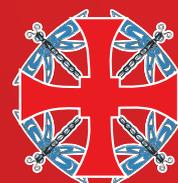
**St. Michael & All Angels, Royal Oak  
Stanley Willow**

When we think of the steady, faithful ones who carry our parishes through all the changes and chances of life, Stan is the embodiment of that at St. Michael's and All Angels. Stan's calm leadership as a warden has reassured this parish through the uncertainties of multiple clergy transitions over the last few years. Always ready with a smile and reassurance that all will be okay, Stan's presence is an anchor that has allowed St Michael's to continue on and look forward to all that lies ahead.



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## Bishop's Members

These individuals are recognized by the bishop for their work with their parish and community and are in addition to any nomination that may or may not have been received from their parish.



**Joanne Marie Beagle**  
**St. Dunstan's, Gordon Head**

Joanne has been a faithful member of St. Dunstan's for over 25 years, in recent years offering extraordinary leadership as a warden. Through the instability of Covid-19 and clergy transitions to the recent years of discernment about the future of St. Dunstan's, Joanne has worked tirelessly in difficult times, organizing wonderful fellowship opportunities through it all. Her steady presence has continued as the parish began worship with Two Saints Ministry. Through it all, Joanne never forgets to point the church to the heart of ministry.



**Amanda Louise Conrad**  
**Two Saints Ministry, Victoria**

Mandy was introduced to church life at St. Matthias at a very early age, with active parents holding various positions whilst modelling servant leadership. Mandy followed in their footsteps and held positions of leadership and helped wherever needed. Later, Mandy and her husband joined St. Peter, now Two Saints. She has coordinated Alpha and Life Worth Living programs, hosted a home group and she continues to administer the Chalice, member of a Prayer Team and has served as Warden since 2018.



**Geraldine Marea Hinton**  
**Dawson Heights Housing Society**

Geri has been on the board of Dawson Heights for over ten years, and was also on the Board of Mount Douglas Court. She brings a wealth of experience with seniors' issues, from her time with the Seniors' Advocacy office. Geri is a member of the Parish of Central Saanich, where she has long been a voice and advocate for seniors, in particular those with Alzheimer's Disease. Contributing to both reading and music ministries, she has also supported interning clergy at the parish



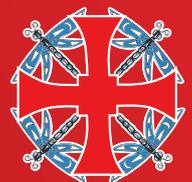
**Jeffery Searley Nelson**  
**Christ Church Cathedral Building Ltd**

Jeff has deep roots in the Cathedral community. He is a member of the Christ Church Cathedral Buildings Board, and for the past 40 years, he has made significant contributions to the maintenance of the buildings on the Cathedral precinct, ensuring that these are safe and functioning spaces for worship and ministry. Jeff has donated his time and skill to a myriad of functions, including Parish Council, parish choir, Sunday coffee hour, Shrove Tuesday dinner and fundraising for parish needs.



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## Honorary Members

The Honorary Member was established to recognize non-Anglicans whose work within the geographic area of the diocese exemplifies our diocesan vision.



### **Cheryl Diebel** **New Roads, Our Place Society**

Cheryl became Director of New Roads Therapeutic Recovery Community (TRC), a Treatment Centre for those facing addictions, with 40 beds for men and 20 for women. Through tireless work, deep dedication, and strong and loving leadership she has turned it into a model of excellence in the field of addiction treatment. Initially only for men, in 2025, Cheryl opened the women's therapeutic recovery community, the result of over three years of tireless work. New Roads' success would not have been possible without Cheryl.



**Ian David Alexander**  
**Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese,**  
**Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria**

Ian has honed the baptismal charism of administration in every corner of our Church, and in roles ranging from cathedral warden to prolocutor of General Synod. He is a crisp thinker, able to wrestle complexity to the ground while protecting nuance. Rare amongst leaders, he can think outside the box, and yet operate within it. He is diligent, persistent – even stubborn – and unstinting in his service. Ian’s “yes means yes,” and with his strong sense of duty, steeped in passion and joy, his yes says a lot.



**Wendy Mae Carriere**  
**Diocese, St. Mark's, Qualicum**

Wendy was nominated in appreciation of 25 years of tangible and significant dedication to the fiscal responsibility of the Anglican Church of Canada, in particular the Diocese of Huron and Diocese of British Columbia, and her contribution to education.

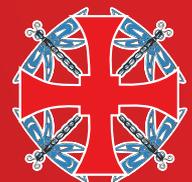


**Joel Thomas Hefty**  
**Diocese, St. John the Divine, Victoria**

Joel Hefty has brought his considerable experience in finance and risk management, not to mention his deep faith, impeccable character and warmth of spirit to his role Diocesan Treasurer. Joel has made countless improvements to procedures and processes; he truly is a faithful steward of our shared assets. As the finance department transitions, Joel has worked almost full-time, pro bono, with good humour and diligence, whilst not neglecting St. John the Divine. A trusted advisor and a vital leader in our collective ministry, he truly is a blessing.



**Officers**



## Officers



**Sharron Lynn Schumacher**  
**Diocese, Parish of Central Saanich**

Lynn has been involved with parish, regional and diocesan work for over 50 years. She is presently active at the Parish of Central Saanich, serving as a licensed lay minister and as parish treasurer. Lynn is diocesan representative to Alongside Hope also known as PWRDF, which is a part of the National Church, and was an active member of the group charged with finding this new name to better reflect the relief work of our Anglican Communion around the world.



**Isabel Martha Weeks**  
**Diocese, Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria**

Isabel served as a Warden of Christ Church Cathedral, before being appointed in 2021 to the position of Vice Chancellor, and assuming the Chancellor role in 2023. As Chancellor, she works tirelessly providing valuable advice and guidance to the Bishop and Diocesan Council on a wide variety of legal issues. She chairs the Canons Committee and Human Resources Committee, with primary responsibility for an extensive review and re-write of the Canons and an ongoing review of the Respectful Conduct Policy.



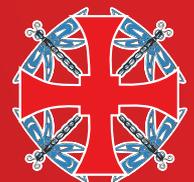
**Frances Hunt-Jinnouchi**  
**Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness**  
**Society**



As a Kwakiutl-Quatsino woman, Fran's life has been dedicated to building capacity and seeking justice for Indigenous people. Apart from her current role as Executive Director of the Aboriginal Coalition to End Homelessness (ACEH), Fran is also the inaugural Director of the Office of Indigenous Affairs at the University of Victoria. Her work at ACEH includes developing the Dual Model of Housing Care, which provides culturally supportive housing alongside decolonize harm reduction; this approach is in now in practice at Kwum kwum Lelum, House of Courage and Speqəhéutxw (SPAKEN) House, and being shared with Indigenous and non-Indigenous housing providers nationally.

The Diocese is also grateful to Fran for her work with the Wellness House that will adjoin St. John the Divine, Victoria and that will be provide culturally supportive housing for First Nations, Inuits and Metis people at risk of homelessness. Fran's is an example to us of the work of loving our neighbours and respecting the dignity of every human being.

**Honorary**  
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**Ian David Alexander**  
**Anglican Church of Canada, Diocese,**  
**Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria**

The Anglican Award of Merit is given in recognition of the Christian witness of lay people who have made an outstanding contribution to the life and work of the Church nationally or internationally. First presented in 1986, the Anglican Award of Merit is granted by the Council of General Synod.

Canon Alexander has served in numerous capacities at the national level, including as Prolocutor and as a member of the Communications Committee, the Strategic Planning Working Group, the General Synod, and the Council of the General Synod. He has been instrumental in developing the governance structure of the Anglican Journal Editorial Board, as well as establishing operational guidelines for the Journal, and has worked to assist Anglican Deacons Canada in developing their strategic plan. We are honoured to present this award to Canon Alexander for his exceptional contributions to the life of our Church.





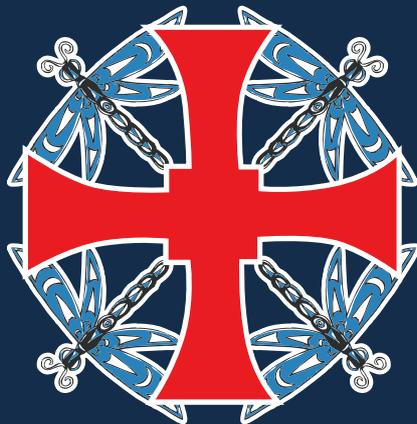
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