

**DIOCESE OF OTTAWA - NOMINATIONS 2016**  
**Biographical Sketches**

<p><b>The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah</b>          Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments</p>	<p>The Rev. Canon Catherine Ascah has been the Vicar at Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, since 2008. Ordained in 2005 in the Diocese of Huron, she served as Interfaith Chaplain at the London Health Sciences Centre in London, Ontario, in 2005, and was the Rector of the Anglican Parish of North Lambton, a newly reconfigured multi-point rural parish from 2005–2008. Previous to her ordination, Catherine worked in the private sector for 10 years in customer service, internal business relations, rules administration, compliance and dispute resolution. Catherine is currently the Diocesan Master of Ceremonies, a member of the Diocesan Clergy Development Team, a director on the Huron University College Alumni Executive Board and a member of Huron University College Corporation. She was appointed a supporting chaplain for the RCMP in the Ottawa area in March 2012. In the past, she was Co-Chair of the Friends of the Bishop Committee, the Anglican Co-Chair of the Worship Committee for Joint Assembly/General Synod 2013, and Chaplain to the National ACW Conference held in Ottawa (2011). Catherine has also been a member of Diocesan Council (Huron), a member of the Diocese of Huron’s Sesquicentennial Committee, and Recording Secretary at Provincial Synod (2006).</p>
<p><b>The Rev. Canon David Clunie</b>          Trinity College Corporation</p>	<p>The Rev. Canon David Clunie is the Incumbent of St. Bartholomew’s, Ottawa. He has served as chair of the Benefits Subcommittee and as a member of the Property and Finance Committee. David is currently a co-leader for the Fresh Start Program for clergy newly appointed to parishes. He is a graduate of Trinity College.</p>
<p><b>David Jeanes</b>          Trinity College Corporation</p>	<p>David Jeanes, B.A.Sc., M.Eng., P.Eng., is a retired professional engineer and a Trinity alumnus (6T9). He was resident at Trinity as a non-arts student for his four undergraduate years and was fully engaged with college life. He was treasurer of his first-year class, was head sidesperson and head server for the Chapel, played leading backstage roles with the Dramatic Society, and contributed to social events such as the Homecoming parade float, year dances in the Buttery, and the Conversat. He receives the alumni newsletter and has attended College reunion events. His wife, Helga (Dawson) is a Trinity grad (7T1), and they were married in the College Chapel. David has been a member of Trinity College Corporation for two years.</p> <p>For his parish of St. Martin’s, Ottawa, David has been parish outreach coordinator, a Synod member (11 years total), and churchwarden (6 years). He has been a Sunday School teacher and coordinator, and is a regular sidesperson and reader. He had a lead role for his parish in the pilot phase of the 2011 GIFT campaign. He is currently parish rental coordinator, audio-visual coordinator and property redevelopment chair.</p> <p>David has a long record of volunteer service to charities. He was David was a group committee member and chair for Scouts Canada for 10 years. Since 2002, he has been a director, vice-president, treasurer, and will shortly be president of Heritage Ottawa, which promotes built heritage in the National Capital. Since 1989, he has been treasurer or president of Transport Action Canada, a national advocacy group for public transportation. He has also served as a volunteer on the organizing committees for Doors Open Ottawa (14 years) and the Railfair model railway exhibition (35 years).</p>

<p><b>Pat Leach</b> Diocesan Council</p>	<p>Pat Leach is a fifth generation member of St Stephen’s Anglican Church in the Parish of Stafford-Whitewater where he was born and raised. He is 63 years old and semi-retired from farming. His family includes his wife Lorna, son and daughter-in-law Nat and Jen and he is a proud papa to Paityn and Ella.</p> <p>Pat has been a warden of the church for many years and a member of the cemetery committee. In 2012 he completed the Education for Ministry program. He served on the Parish Growth and Renewal – Embracing God’s Future committee. He presently sits on the Priority 1 Working Group and attends the Diocesan Council as a consulting member.</p>
<p><b>John McBride</b> Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments</p>	<p>In parish life, John has been a warden on two occasions and is currently Co-Chair of St Matthew’s Altar Guild. He also sings (or croons) in the choir. In diocesan life, he is Chair of the Audit Committee and a member of the Insurance Committee. John was previously on the Executive Committee, the Investment Committee and the Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments. He is currently the Administrator of Christ Church Cathedral, overseeing all financial and administration issues of the Cathedral.</p> <p>John is currently a trustee/director of several private investment corporations, as well a member of the Bank of Montreal Independent Review Committee. He is a director on the Board of the National Youth Orchestra of Canada and Chair of Volunteer Canada’s Audit Committee. He also assists individuals in the administration of their financial affairs.</p> <p>Having previously attended two General Synods, John understand the process and was a member of General Synod’s Pension Committee. He hopes to combine his understanding and experience of church life and issues with his financial, pension and investment experience to help General Synod achieve its mission.</p>
<p><b>Alan Preston</b> Diocesan Council</p>	<p>Alan Preston is a member of St. James, Perth. He has served in this parish and in others in Toronto and Ottawa, variously as churchwarden, parish council chair, choir member, lay reader and member of Synod. He is a current member of the Bishop’s Postulancy Assessment Advisory Panel. With skills in the areas of communication, ethics, governance, management and human resources, and as a psychiatrist with an extensive academic and university-level teaching background, Alan brings to the table much that has allowed him to “support many and varied Anglican Church activities,” and which will be most helpful for the future work of Diocesan Council.</p>
<p><b>The Rev. Doug Richards</b> Diocesan Council</p>	<p>The Rev. Douglas Richards is the Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Hawkesbury, with the Parish of Grenville and Calumet (Diocese of Montreal). Ordained in the Diocese of Ottawa in 1992, Doug has spent the last number of years as a priest in the Diocese of Ontario, where he served on the Diocesan Training and Development Committee and on the Board of Camp Hyanto. He has also served on the Board of Directors of a Community Health Centre, where he chaired its Governance Committee for two years. He feels that these professional experiences allow him to offer many gifts to the life of the Diocese.</p>
<p><b>The Rev. Canon Jim Roberts</b> Advisory Panel on Termination of Clerical Appointments</p>	<p>Ordained to the Diaconate in May 1989 and to the Priesthood in November 1989. Served as Assistant Curate at St. Aidan’s 1989-1991. Incumbent in Parish of Combermere 1991-1996. Incumbent in Parish of Metcalfe-Greely-Vernon 1996-2001. Incumbent in St. John the Evangelist, Smiths Falls 2001-2016 Interim Priest-In-Charge St. Mark the Evangelist, Ottawa 2016.</p>

<p><b>Ashley Russell</b> Diocesan Council</p>	<p>A parishioner at the Church of the Ascension, Ottawa, Ashley Russell has been active in the children and youth programs in her parish, introducing the Godly Play model to the younger classes of the Sunday school and making the senior youth classes more accessible to the participants by teaching in both French and English. At the deanery level, she has helped in the development of the Ottawa Centre Deanery Youth Leaders, a group that works together to run deanery-wide programs (six in the past year) and to offer support to each other in their work. (This group has now expanded to become the Ottawa Anglican Youth Leaders.) Other areas of interest for Ashley include services for immigrants, food security, homelessness, “and how to connect the church more with the community that surrounds us.”</p>
<p><b>Jane Waterston</b> Trinity College Corporation</p>	<p>Jane Waterston is a member of the Communications Advisory Panel and will be one of the women of the Diocese travelling to Jerusalem this November. She has also been a member of the Governance Committee, and helps with diocesan communications projects. Jane is Rector's Warden at St. Margaret's, Vanier, which merged with All Saints, Sandy Hill, last year and is working in community with our Inuit congregation. She graduated from Trinity College in 1974.</p>
<p><b>The Rev. Canon Roger Young</b> Trinity College Corporation</p>	<p>The Rev. Canon Roger Young is a retired priest of the Diocese of Ottawa, who retired in 2015 after forty years of ordained ministry in the Diocese. He has served as Incumbent of the parishes of Emmanuel, Arnprior, Clarendon, Trinity, Ottawa South, Fitzroy Harbour, Clayton, and St. Matthew's, Ottawa. He has been Regional Dean of Clarendon, Arnprior, and Ottawa Centre. He is a past member of the Faith, Worship and Ministry Commission and of the Clergy Development Committee, and has served as Diocesan Master of Ceremonies. He has been a member of General Synod and the Diocesan Executive Committee, as well as on a number of other diocesan committees. Roger has been served in this position in the past and is a current member of Trinity College Corporation.</p>