



# The Periodic... SYNOD EDITION

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## SO WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR ANIC SYNOD

**Lois & Paul Cater and I** attended our first Anglican Network in Canada (ANiC) synod this past week in Ottawa. It was primarily a business meeting, which included the ANiC budget, minor changes to by-laws, election of a new council and presentation from several groups and ministries within ANiC. It was a good synod and it was great to make connections, build relationships and get a better idea of where ANiC is right now and where we want to go in the future.

The biggest news of the week was the election of the new Moderator. What is a Moderator? (Good question). The whole of Canada makes up one diocese within the Anglican Church in North America (ACNA) comprising of about 70 parishes in all but two provinces. The Moderator is the diocesan bishop, who along with other duties represents us to ACNA, the global Anglican family and to other denominations. Since Canada is a large diocese we have regional or suffragan bishops, Bishop Trevor Walters for the west, Bishop Charlie Masters for the east and Bishop Stephen Leung for Asian & multicultural churches. Bishop Don Harvey, who has been serving as Moderator for the past 5 years, will be stepping down July 1, 2014 and so this year synod elected his replacement.

**The Rt Rev Charles F Masters** was born in 1951 into a wonderful Christian family, raised in Lennoxville, Quebec and later Guelph Ontario where he completed his high school and then graduated from University of Guelph in Physical Sciences in 1972. While at the University of Guelph, Charlie made a clear commitment to Christ which has changed everything ever since.

From 1972 to 1975, Charlie worked for the Navigators at the UBC, Vancouver. While there, he received a Teachers' Certificate as a high school teacher, received a clear call to ordained ministry and met Judy who by December 1975 became his wife. They are parents to Matthew and Suzie.

From 1975 to 1978, Charlie did his theological training at St. John's College, Nottingham, England. While there, Charlie and Judy were fortunate to be able to participate in a number of very exciting churches which became for them a vision and model of thriving Anglicanism.

In 1978, Charlie was ordained deacon and then in 1979 priest. He served as Curate at St. Luke's Burlington 1978-1980. In 1980 +Charlie was appointed rector of the Parish of St George's Lowville and St John's Nassagaweya and served there until 2008. From 2002, he was released part-time to serve as National Director of Anglican Essentials while continuing as rector of St George's.

In February 2008, he and St George's Lowville seceded from the Diocese of Niagara and were welcomed into the Anglican Network in Canada. In June 2008, he stepped down as rector to become Executive Archdeacon and later in 2009 along with Bishop Trevor and Bishop Stephen was consecrated and became a Suffragan Bishop of ANiC now serving in Eastern Canada as a Bishop and also as National Director under Moderator and Diocesan Bishop Donald Harvey. +Charlie has served in the Common Cause leading to the formation of ACNA as General Secretary and Vice Chair and now is a member of the ACNA Cabinet serving our Primate, Archbishop Duncan.

**Next year there will be regional assemblies** instead of a national synod held April 17-20 in Vancouver & Burlington. This will be an opportunity not for just clergy and synod delegates but for all the laity to participate and celebrate together.

If you want any greater detail please feel free to speak with Lois or me.

God Bless

