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## THE DIOCESE OF QU'APPELLE

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### **Annual General Meeting Bishop's Letter**

As you prepare for your Annual General Meetings, I want to offer my thanks and encouragement to each parish across our Diocese.

AGM season can sometimes feel like a necessary task to get through — reports to finish, numbers to balance, meetings to organise. And yet, at its heart, an AGM is something far richer: it is a gathering of family. It is a moment to pause, to look back with gratitude, and to look ahead with hope, together.

Our Diocese stretches across a vast and beautiful expanse of Saskatchewan. Many kilometres separate our towns, villages, and cities. We worship in different buildings, in different communities, with different local joys and challenges. And yet, we are not isolated or alone. We belong to one another. We are part of one diocesan family, held together by our shared faith in Christ, our common prayer, and our commitment to walk together as the people of God. Your AGM is one expression of that connectedness. It is a time when voices are heard, gifts are named, leadership is affirmed, and responsibility is shared. It is a moment when stories of faithfulness — often quiet and unseen — are given space to be told. In these gatherings, the life of the Church becomes visible.

I encourage you to approach your AGM not simply as a business meeting, but as an act of community building and caring for each other. Give thanks for those who serve — wardens, treasurers, council members, volunteers, clergy — and for those who quietly sustain the life of your parish through prayer, presence, and generosity. Know also that what you do locally strengthens us diocesan-wide. When one parish flourishes, we all rejoice. When one parish struggles, we carry that concern together. We are bound not by geography, but by love — the love of God that calls us into relationship with one another.

May your AGM be marked by honesty, grace, and hope. May it strengthen bonds of trust and renew your sense of belonging. And may you be reminded, once again, that you are not walking this journey alone, but as part of a faithful, resilient, and caring diocesan family.

With every blessing as you gather,

+ *Helen Kennedy*

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