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Gay and Lesbian Anglicans and friends

## MEDIA RELEASE

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From Integrity Canada on the Election of the Rt. Rev. Fred Hiltz as the Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

Integrity congratulates Bishop Hiltz on his election to the primacy.

Bishop Hiltz brings many years' experience as a bishop in the Canadian church. He is a pastor and a much loved diocesan bishop. We thank the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island for giving him to the wider church. Lesbian and gay Anglicans in the diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island know that Bishop Hiltz has long been an advocate of opening church doors to all people, and know that they are welcomed and affirmed in their church.

No matter how the vote on the blessing of same sex unions goes, there will be a great deal of healing and reconciliation to be done in the church. Bishop Hiltz's pastoral skills will be particularly needed as we all join in God's ministry of reconciliation.

We look forward to working with Primate-elect Hiltz as together we and the whole church move into a future where, to quote the theme of this General Synod, we "draw the circle wide, draw it wider still."

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**Integrity Canada** is national network of individuals and groups working toward the full inclusion of gay and lesbian people in the life and ministry of the Anglican Church of Canada.

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