



# Diocese of New Westminster

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ANGELICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

## **Biography**

### **The Most Reverend Melissa Skelton**

#### **Archbishop of the Diocese of New Westminster**

#### **Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon**

Melissa Skelton became Bishop of the Diocese of New Westminster in March 2014. She is this Diocese's first female bishop. She was elected Archbishop and Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon in May 2018, becoming the first female Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada, and the second in the Anglican Communion.

Born in the United States, Archbishop Skelton has a BA, an MBA, and a Master of Divinity. She was ordained in The Episcopal Church (USA) in 1993.

Archbishop Skelton has served as a priest in parishes in New York City, Trenton New Jersey, Castine Maine, and Seattle Washington. She has been the director of leadership and congregational development schools in the Dioceses of Olympia, Spokane and New Westminster, the Co-Founder and Principal Consultant in a consumer insight consulting partnership, Vice President for Administration of The General Theological Seminary, Vice President of Brand and Systems Development for Tom's of Maine, and a Brand Manager for Procter and Gamble.