

LCol The Rev Canon C. Shawn Samson, CD

2026 I begin my 33rd year of ordained ministry in the Anglican Church of Canada; in that time, I have served in institutions and parishes, in urban and rural settings, as well as 23 years of part-time and full-time service as a military chaplain. Graduated from Memorial University with BA in Religion & History; Queens College with a Master's of Divinity; Nashotah House, Wisconsin, with a Master's in Sacred Theology and Cardiff University, Wales, With a Master's in Canon Law. The education received allowed me to serve the people of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador, the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, the National Church, and the Anglican Military Ordinariate. I have held positions as territorial Archdeacon, diocesan Archdeacon, and, since 2013, a Canon of the Anglican Military Ordinariate.

While at the parish Saint Mary the Virgin, I was part of the initial founding of the St John's and Area Council of Churches, which was open to all the churches of the Abrahamic tradition in the Saint John's area. Furthermore, in conjunction with a newly founded Korean Presbyterian congregation in St John's and other congregations of the Anglican and United Church faiths, we reached out and established the Mission to Seafarers so that those working in the offshore industry and those travelling to Newfoundland & Labrador for the fishery would be assured of pastoral support.

In working as an Archdeacon at the territorial and diocesan levels worked on Diocesan Assessment repayment and financial matters. I have held all the senior chaplain positions a Primary reserve Chaplain can hold in the RCCHS.

In 2002, I joined the CAF as the Chaplain to the 1st Battalion The Royal Newfoundland Regiment; in 2012 I was appointed Brigade Chaplain for 37 Canadian Brigade Group; October 2015 appointed Deputy Division Chaplain 5 Canadian Division. February 2019 Appointed Deputy Army Command chaplain, in July 2020 appointed 5 Canadian Division Chaplain, currently working as DChapOps 3 in the Office of the Chaplain General

In May 2014 he was installed as a Canon of the Anglican Military Ordinate with responsibility for Canon Law, and from January 2016 until May 2020 he was responsible for PRes recruiting CAF wide for the Chaplaincy.

Through all my positions in the military and civilian Church I have valued the collaborative team ministry which I have been part of; it is this ministry and the opportunity to lead such dedicated team members that has been a fulfilling part of ministry.

Padre Samson received the Chief of Land Staff Commendation (CLS) in 2006 and the Canadian Decoration in 2015, and the King Charles Coronation medal 2024.