

Pre-Synod Memo

To: Synod Lay and Licensed Clergy/Evangelist Delegates and Lay Substitutes
From: Cathy Laskey, Secretary of Synod (to June 30)
Date: June 28, 2019
Re: Initial Information about Diocesan Synod 2019



Please note the following information regarding the upcoming 137th Session of Diocesan Synod on Saturday, November 2, 2019. The Synod will take place in Fredericton at Christ Church (Parish) Church. As a delegate to Synod, or substitute, please ensure that you have a copy of [Policy B-2 Responsibilities of a Member of Synod](#) and become familiar with its contents.

Synod Information and Communication

Synod meeting information can be found at the [Synod Sessions page](#) on the diocesan website. Most information will be communicated by e-mail or found on the website.

Note: Regarding the convening circular, our current plan is to just print the sections with significant updates. Delegates should also have the printed 2018 version if not planning to use electronic format. Please ensure the copies distributed last fall get passed on to the right people. A combined 2019 convening circular will be published in an electronic format.

Preparation, Planning Dates and Deadlines

August 12	Finalization of delegate/substitute list
Sept. 6	Deadline for reports for the convening circular
Sept. 20	Deadline for submitting notices of motion affecting the Synod Constitution or Canons
Oct. 11	Convening circular addendum distribution
Oct. 12-24	Greater Chapter meetings
Oct. 25	Deadline for results of archdeaconry elections to Diocesan Council
October 25	Deadline for nominations to Provincial and General Synod for printed ballot
Oct. 28	Deadline for registration package items

Archdeaconry Greater Chapter Meetings

It is critical for all delegates and substitutes to participate in their archdeaconry Greater Chapter meetings when called by the archdeacon. These smaller gatherings, especially those prior to Synod in October, are where some of the discussion and clarifications are more suitably dealt with, rather than on the floor of Synod. Please watch for an archdeaconry announcement or check the [website session page](#) for dates for Greater Chapter meetings.

Orientation to Synod

To save some time and in response to feedback received, all delegates and substitutes will be expected to view the [2018 Synod orientation video](#) on their own prior to Synod.

Nominations

Delegates to Provincial and General Synod will be elected at this session. The nomination form is [available here](#). Nominations will also be solicited at each of the Greater Chapter meetings prior to the Synod as well as from the floor at the Synod session. In addition, each greater chapter will need to elect one lay and one clergy member for Diocesan Council. Further information can be found at:

- [Diocesan Council](#)
- [Ecclesiastical Province of Canada](#)
- [General Synod 2019](#)

Motions

No motion to change the Constitution or Canons can be debated at Synod 2019 unless submitted to the Synod Secretary six weeks prior to November's Synod. Other types of motion can be submitted later but should be submitted to the Resolutions Committee well before Synod day as Synod rules of order require them to be reviewed by the Committee. A PDF [form for drafting resolutions](#) is available from the Synod Sessions web page.

Meals

Lunch as well as refreshments during registration and breaks will be provided.

In Memoriam

We wish to remember former lay members of Synod who have passed away since the 2017 session in the In Memoriam section of the convening circular. I am asking your help to identify these persons by [submitting names to form here](#) or by email to office@anglican.nb.ca.

Parish clergy and/or church wardens

Specific requests:

- 1) Please ensure that every elected synod delegate and substitute receives this memo and B-2 Responsibilities of a Member of Synod, particularly those without email.
- 2) Ensure that the information in the [Diocesan Information Management System \(DIMS\)](#) is current, particularly elected parish officers and synod delegates and substitutes. Please note there are now four categories: two adult and two youth. If more than one delegate/substitute fits the youth criteria, please add them to the appropriate youth category.

Prayer Request

Please pray that, as we prepare and gather as a Spirit-driven diocesan synod community of love, our efforts may be kept Christ-centered and that all may participate fully in the work of Synod for God's glory. May we continue to intentionally seek out opportunities and engage in blessing others, eating with others, listening to our Lord, learning more about God and being sent as those who love God and love our neighbour.

