

## Pre-Synod Memo

To: Synod Lay and Licensed Clergy/Evangelist Delegates and Lay Substitutes  
From: David Peer, Secretary of Synod  
Date: May 30, 2024  
Re: Initial Information about the Diocesan Synod (November 2, 2024)



Please note the following information regarding the upcoming 139<sup>th</sup> Session of Diocesan Synod on Saturday, November 2, 2024. The session will take place at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton. As a delegate or substitute to synod, 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 on the [synod session page \(nb.anglican.ca/synod2024\)](https://nb.anglican.ca/synod2024) on the diocesan website. Most information will be communicated by e-mail or found on the website.

Note: Regarding the convening circular, the full version with all content will be available online. If you require a printed copy, you will be able to indicate this on a pre-synod survey. Printed copies will only be available for those who have requested one.

### Planning Dates and Deadlines

The milestones for our synod planning, in the table below, will give you an idea how preparations will progress for the 139<sup>th</sup> session.

Date	
May 30, 2024	Notice of synod memo to clergy and lay delegates/substitutes
June 7 / Sept. follow-up	Memo to committee Chairs to submit reports for convening circular
August 12	Finalization of lay delegates/substitutes
September 10	Deadline for convening circular items
September 20	Deadline for submitting notices of motion - affecting Synod Constitution or Canons / for inclusion in the circular (6 weeks)
September 30	Convening circular copying
October 10	Convening circular distribution
October 13 - 26	Greater Chapter meetings
October 26	Deadline for nominations to Provincial Synod and General Synod for printed ballot
October 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 gatherings prior to the synod session will be 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.

### Nominations

Delegates to Provincial and General Synods will be elected at this session. The nomination forms are [available here](#). Nominations may be received 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](#)

### Motions

No motion to change the Constitution or Canons can be debated at Synod 2024 unless submitted to the Synod Secretary six weeks prior to November's session ie. September 20<sup>th</sup>. Other types of motions can be submitted later but should be submitted to the Resolutions Committee well before synod day as the synod rules of order require them to be reviewed by the Committee. A PDF [form for drafting resolutions](#) is available from the synod session web page.

### Meals

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

### Note to parish clergy and/or church wardens

- 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 synod delegates and substitutes are accurate in the Diocesan Information Management System (DIMS). Please note the synod delegate/substitute categories are designated by age range: 35+ and 16-35 and be sure to add delegates and substitutes to the appropriate category.
- 3) Please ensure that parish delegates or substitutes attending synod either have a printed circular or the means to view it electronically.

### In Memoriam

We wish to remember former lay members of Synod who have passed away since the 2022 session in the In Memoriam section of the convening circular. I am asking your help to identify these persons by [submitting names using the form here](#) or by email to [office@anglican.nb.ca](mailto:office@anglican.nb.ca).

### Prayer Request

Please pray as we prepare to gather together as a diocesan synod community, that our efforts may be kept Christ-centered and that all may participate fully in the work of Synod for God's glory.

