

## **Diocesan Pre-Synod Gatherings**

**Dates:** 28, 29 March 2023 6:30 pm – 8:30pm

**Venue:** On Zoom

**Purpose:** The purpose of each gathering is to give Synod delegates an opportunity to preview two important matters that will be discussed in detail at Synod 2023. Participants will listen to two presentations on 1) Diocesan Priorities and 2) Recommendations from the Taskforce on Homelessness and Housing Affordability. Folks will be placed into breakout groups to give initial impressions then facilitators will debrief in general plenary.

**Presenters:** Bishop John Stephens and Vicki Potter

### **Traditional Territorial Acknowledgement**

We are gathering on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the Coast Salish nations. We honor their history, spirituality, and culture and commit to living among them with respect and justice.

### **Respectful Communication Guidelines**

**R** = take RESPONSIBILITY for what you say and feel without blaming others

**E** = use EMPATHETIC listening

**S** = be SENSITIVE to differences in communication styles

**P** = PONDER what you hear and feel before you speak

**E** = EXAMINE your own assumptions and perceptions

**C** = keep CONFIDENTIALITY (share CONSTRUCTIVELY to uphold the well-being of the COMMUNITY)

**T** = TRUST ambiguity because we are not here to debate who is right or wrong

### **Mutual Invitation Model**

When you are invited, you have 3 options:

- Share
- Pass for now
- Pass

Then invite someone else