

June 22, 2026

Dear Synod Delegates,

This letter is going to all elected synod representatives (and alternates) in preparation for our Synod on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026. Synod will begin with a worship service at the Cathedral at 7:00 pm on the Friday evening. On Saturday we will open registration at 8:30 am at the Baumann Centre, 925 Balmoral St., Victoria. We plan to be finished at lunchtime and to share a simple lunch before making our way home.

Clergy are expected to vest and process for the opening worship. The color will be green. Please click [HERE](#) to register. If you are unable to vest and process at the service, you must obtain the bishop's permission not to do so.

All synod delegates, please click [HERE](#) to register and confirm you are attending. Lay delegates, if you know you are unable to attend, please direct one of the alternates to fill out the form in your place. Clergy delegates, you must have the bishop's permission to not be present.

As we prepare for Synod, here are a few things you should know and a few dates we ask you to mark:

### Travel & Accommodations

We understand that due to the multi-day nature of this event, many delegates will be travelling. Please see the [Diocesan Travel Reimbursement](#) and [Car Rental](#) policies for information on mileage and accommodation reimbursement.

We have negotiated corporate rates of approximately \$200/night with two local hotels. This rate may increase between now and the November event. All hotels are within a ten-thirty-minute walk from the conference venue. We offer them for your consideration. Please note that these rates may change before the event. Please call and let the hotel know that you want the corporate rate negotiated by the Diocese of British Columbia for the night associated with the event (November 20<sup>th</sup>). The hotels are:

- Quality Inn Downtown Inner Harbour: approximately \$120/night+tax. The Quality Inn is in downtown Victoria and a 15-minute walk to the venue. ([www.choicehotels.com/en-uk/british-columbia/victoria/quality-inn-hotels/cn376](http://www.choicehotels.com/en-uk/british-columbia/victoria/quality-inn-hotels/cn376))
- Inn at Laurel Point: starting at \$184/night + tax. The Laurel Point is about a 25-minute walk to the Cathedral. You can book by following [this link](#) or calling 1-800-663-7667 and asking for the corporate rate for the Anglican Diocese of BC.

## Regional Conferences and Diocesan Council Elections

In preparation for Synod each of the four regions of the Diocese hold a Regional Conference. Please mark the date and plan to attend the meeting for your region. These meetings are a great way to make connections with the other people and parishes in your region. Clergy, wardens, treasurers, and synod delegates and alternates all have both voice and vote at these meetings; all others from the region are welcome to attend. The dates for the meetings are as follows:

October 3<sup>rd</sup> – Western Peninsula and Gulf Islands Regional Conference: Register [HERE](#)

October 17<sup>th</sup> – Mid Island Regional Conference: Register [HERE](#)

October 24<sup>th</sup> – Greater Victoria Regional Conference: Register [HERE](#)

October 24<sup>th</sup> – North Island Regional Conference: Register [HERE](#)

Each regional conference will elect a lay and a clergy representative from their region to serve on Diocesan Council. If you are willing and able to stand for election at your regional conference for membership on Diocesan Council, you are asked to provide a short biography (approx. 200 words and no more than 250 words) and a picture to [synod@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:synod@bc.anglican.ca). The deadline for nominations for Diocesan Council is September 15<sup>th</sup>. The nominations will be posted on the Synod website so that delegates can access them prior to voting at the regional meetings.

Diocesan Council meets five times a year, usually during the day on a Thursday, and occasionally more often at the call of the chair. The first meeting of the new council will be at 10am on Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> on Zoom. There will then be in person meetings (usually at St Peter, Quamichan) on January 21<sup>st</sup>, March 18<sup>th</sup>, May 27<sup>th</sup>, September and November (dates TBD). For more information of the role of Diocesan Council, visit <https://bc.anglican.ca/programs/diocesan-council>.

If a delegate wishes to bring a motion to Synod, that motion needs to be in writing, moved and seconded by synod delegates, and delivered to the Resolutions Committee by September 15<sup>th</sup>. As chair of the Resolutions Committee, the Chancellor is happy to receive all motions at [chancellor@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:chancellor@bc.anglican.ca). The Resolutions Committee then needs to seek approval by Diocesan Council for each motion to be brought to Synod pursuant to Article X of our Constitution. Once a motion has been approved, it will be included in the convening circular for Synod.

While motions may be brought to the floor of Synod that have not been through this process, they would require a majority vote of both orders (clergy and laity) before they could be considered. Therefore, it is hoped that any motions delegates might wish to bring to Synod would be provided to the Resolutions Committee by the September deadline.

## Nominations

The chair of the Nominations Committee is Archdeacon Lon Towstego. The Committee is seeking nominations from the delegates to Synod for the positions listed below. If you are willing to let your name stand for one of these positions, please consult the diocesan canons for information about the

position. Should you have any questions or wish to submit your name for nomination, please email [synod@bc.anglican.ca](mailto:synod@bc.anglican.ca). All nominations must be received by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

1. Diocesan Roles

- Treasurer
- Clerical Secretary
- Lay Secretary
- Diocesan Court (one clergy member and two lay members)

2. Delegates to General Synod

General Synod is scheduled for May 8- 14<sup>th</sup>, 2028 in St. John's, Newfoundland. The Diocese sends three lay and three clerical representatives and may also send one youth representative (who must be between the ages of 16 and 26 at the time of General Synod). The Diocese will cover the cost of travel. Those letting their name stand should know that there is an expectation that a good portion of those who go to General Synod also serve on other national church bodies and consider letting their names stand for the Council of General Synod. *You need not be a member of the diocesan synod to let your name stand, but you must be eligible to be a member of the diocesan synod.*

3. Delegates to Provincial Synod

Provincial Synod will next meet September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2027 at the Sorrento Centre in Sorrento, BC. The Diocese sends three lay delegates and two clergy delegates. Again, there is an expectation that a good portion of those who go to Provincial Synod considering letting their name stand for the Provincial Executive or in other roles in the Ecclesiastical Province.

These are all important roles in the life of the diocese and the wider church, and I would ask that you prayerfully consider whether you are called to offer yourself to stand for one of them.

Thank you for the time you are giving and the commitment you have made to serving in the councils of the church. All of us on the synod staff look forward to gathering with you in November. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or we can support you in any way.

Peace,



The Venerable Jenny Repogle  
Executive Archdeacon