

62nd DIOCESAN SYNOD UPDATE #1 – August 6th, 2010:

Dear Clergy and Delegates to the 62nd Diocesan Synod:

Dates of Synod:

The next Diocesan Synod will be held on **Friday, October 15th, 2010** beginning at 7:00 p.m. at All Saints' Cathedral, and on **Saturday, October 16th, 2010** beginning at 9:00 a.m. at St. Matthias Anglican Church. The theme for this Synod is from John 4:35 – *“Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.”* This will help focus us as we move forward in embracing the opportunities for mission in our parishes and communities. We will also consider the regular business of Synod. We will send more information about the agenda at a later date.

Official Notice:

Please see the Official Notice which is posted on the Diocese of Edmonton website – www.edmonton.anglican.ca.

Prayers:

Two prayers are posted on the web site for your use in the coming months as we prepare for this Synod.

Parish Delegates:

We have made a database of all the delegates, including the alternate delegates, from the information on the Parish Officers forms.

Please ensure that the Synod Office is notified of changes to your Synod Delegates as soon as possible, so that we are able to keep in touch directly with further notices and news. Also please keep us informed of any changes of contact, particularly email addresses, of any of the delegates from your parish.

Correspondence:

We will do much of the communication about Synod via e-mail if possible. **Please be sure that Margaret in the Synod Office has your correct e-mail address, and that of each warden, delegate, and member of clergy from your parish.**

I would ask that you check with other delegates from your parish to see if they received this update, and bring them up to date if they did not receive it. If they would rather receive any correspondence from the Synod Office by print mail, please ask them to let us know.

Electronic Access:

We plan to post many of the documents, including the Convening Circular, on the web. If any of the delegates from your parish do not have access to the internet to retrieve documents, we would ask that the parishes provide assistance, or call the Synod Office to print documents for them.

Notices of Motions:

Members of Synod are invited to submit notices of motions (ie. Resolutions) to the Synod Agenda and Resolutions Committee before **Friday, September 3rd, 2010**. Those notices received by this date will be included in the Convening Circular. If they are received after September 3rd, but before October 8th, they will be considered by the Resolutions Committee, but might not be included in the Circular.

Reports:

Committees and ministries associated with the Diocese are asked to submit written reports to the Synod Office before **Friday, September 3rd, 2010**.

Nominations:

Nominations are being sought for representatives for the following:

- Executive Council
- Provincial Synod
- Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
- Lay and Clerical Secretaries for the 63rd Synod

More information will follow.

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Yours in Christ,

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