**66th DIOCESAN SYNOD UPDATE #1 – July 24, 2019**

***\*\*\* PLEASE PASS THIS ON TO ALL DELEGATES IN YOUR PARISH!\*\*\****

***This Update is being sent to those synod delegates and alternate delegates on the Parish Officers form for 2019 for whom we have email contact information. If any of your synod delegates do not have access to email, please print this and give it to them.***

***Online Registration for Synod***

Online Registration for Diocesan Synod is now open: <https://synod66.eventbrite.ca>

The deadline for registration is **September 13, 2019**.

Each delegate is responsible for registering yourself. If the parish wants to coordinate the registration of all your delegates, you may do so. All delegates expecting to attend Synod must be registered.

***Bishop’s Appointees, Members of Executive Council, General Synod and Provincial Synod, and Diocesan Officers***

As a member of each of the above bodies, you are also a member of Diocesan Synod. If you are already a parish delegate, please register as a parish delegate. If you are attending in a capacity other than a parish delegate, then please complete the registration form for yourself.

If you have any problems with the online registration, please call Margaret at the Synod Office at 780-439-7344.

***Cost for Synod***

The cost for Synod is $50 for each delegate, lay and clergy. Parishes are asked to submit payment to the Synod Office, marked “Synod Delegates”. Cheques may be made payable to the Diocese of Edmonton. Do not pay on Eventbrite. There is no cost to Appointees; Members of Executive Council, General Synod, Provincial Synod; and Diocesan Officers – the Synod Office pays for you.

***Theme for Synod***

Our theme is based on the following quote from *Befriending the Stranger* by Jean Vanier:

"In the midst of all the violence and corruption of the world God invites us today to create new places of belonging, places of sharing, of peace and of kindness, places where no-one needs to defend himself or herself; places where each one is loved and accepted with one’s own fragility, abilities and disabilities.

“This is my vision for our churches: that they become places of belonging, places of sharing, places of love."

Jean Vanier, *Befriending the Stranger*

***Prayers***

Two prayers are posted on the website for your use in the coming months as we prepare for this Synod:

<https://edmonton.anglican.ca/synod/66th-synod-2019/pages/prayers--217>

***Nominations and Elections***

Nominations are sought for representatives for the following:

* Executive Council
* Provincial Synod
* General Synod
* Court of the Synod of the Diocese of Edmonton
* Lay and Clerical Secretaries for the 67th Synod

More information will follow. We encourage you to consider letting your name stand for any of these positions.

***Reports from Committees, Groups, etc.***

A Reminder that reports are due in the Synod Office by September 6th. Please email them to Margaret at churched@edmonton.anglican.ca.

***Notices of Motions***

Notices of motions should be received by September 6th in order to be included in the Convening Circular. Those received after this date, but before September 20th, will be considered by the Resolutions Committee, but might not be included in the Circular.

Please address correspondence to the Synod Office at churched@edmonton.anglican.ca or to me at the address below.

Yours in Christ,

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***All Synod information will be posted on the Diocese of Edmonton website:*** [***www.edmonton.anglican.org***](http://www.edmonton.anglican.org) ***> homepage menu SYNOD > 66th Synod – 2019.***