

## **136th Session of Synod Saturday, November 13, 2010**

To Clergy and Lay delegates,

- As you are aware, we have attempted to more environmentally friendly and as such have not printed the convening circular for every person attending synod. We have opted to allow clergy and delegates to choose to print all, or the parts relevant to them specifically, for themselves. However, there are some who do not have the capacity to print the circular locally. This being the case, there will be provided a convening circular on each table as well as hard copies of the proposed budget.
- It has been a number of years since there was a Diocesan Photo Directory produced. As such, we have contacted a company IPC Canada to produce a new one for us so we are asking all clergy, licensed lay people and Cathedral Place employees to come to synod dressed in the attire you believe appropriate for such a thing.
- There will be no synod displays this year. The reason being is that many of the displayers believed it was a great deal of work for a one day synod and it was not worthwhile. As such displays will be offered the years we have two day synods.
- For those interested in bringing laptops, unfortunately there is no power available at individual tables but there are outlets around the outside walls. There is however Wi-Fi available at the convention centre.
- Our Diocesan Synod will be participating in the Silent Night Project which is a follow up to the immensely successful Amazing Grace project. We will sing Silent Night at the beginning of Synod. The Primate has asked that each singer consider donating a toonie to support the ministry of Anglican military chaplains, who work among the women and men of the Canadian Forces. Funds from the Silent Night Project will bolster chaplains' ministry by supporting the work of their pastoral leader, the Bishop Ordinary. Together, the Bishop Ordinary and the chaplains carry out an essential ministry: witnessing to God's transformation in a broken world.