

I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO ATTEND SYNOD!
These are the things you need to know or questions you need to ask!!

Questions: Am I being asked to attend Diocesan Synod or Youth Synod? What is the difference?
 Here's the scoop...

	Diocesan Synod	Youth Synod
What is it?	An annual meeting of clergy and lay people from across the diocese	An annual gathering for young people to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the church and the world
What do they do?	Passing an annual budget, information sharing and making important decisions about the church, participate in worship	Youth members write and debate motions, participate in contemporary worship and take part in socials and get to know one another
Who gets to go?	Clergy, elected adults, and one elected youth (aged 16-25) from each parish	Up to three youth delegates (ages 13-21 as of January that year) per parish may be elected or designated
When is it?	November	Takes place before Diocesan Synod, typically in October
Where is it held?	At Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton or conference center	Takes place at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton
How many people attend?	Approximately 300 voting delegates	Approximately 30 youth from across the diocese and 8 volunteers

Why would I want to attend Diocesan Synod?

- I care about the Anglican Church and how it includes and listens to youth.
- I care about my parish and want to speak on their behalf.
- I want to meet other young people from across the diocese.
- I want to know about the issues that are important to our diocesan, Canadian and global church.
- I want to have a say in the diocesan budget.

Why does Diocesan Synod need you?

- Young people are full members of the church. For our church to be healthy, it needs to hear from members of varying ages.
- Young people bring much needed energy, enthusiasm, and hopefulness to this meeting.
- It is good for adults to be among and hear from young people who care about the Anglican Church.

Why would I want to attend Youth Synod?

- I care about the Anglican Church and how it includes and listens to youth.
- I care about my parish and want to speak on their behalf.
- I want to hear what is important to other young people in the church.
- I want my voice heard about issues that are important to me.
- I want to meet other young people from across the diocese.
- I want to take part in diocesan contemporary worship.
- We have lots of fun at this event too!