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September 17, 2026

To: Members of the Synod
Re: **The 152nd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara**

Dear friends:

Greetings! I write to welcome you as a member of the Synod of the Diocese of Niagara! This year we are planning to convene our Synod in-person on **Saturday, November 7** at the [Burlington Convention Centre](#).

'Generation to Generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus' is the theme for the [152nd Synod of the Diocese of Niagara](#), as chosen by Bishop Susan Bell. Inspired by the letter to the Ephesians and the words of our doxology, this compelling and visionary theme highlights the importance of passing the faith we have in Jesus from one generation to the next. It will serve us well as a lens through which we can pray about and contemplate the matters coming before our Synod.

The Synod Agenda Committee is actively working on crafting an agenda that attends to the important business of the Church while highlighting the many uplifting stories of the Spirit working in our midst. Bishop Susan Bell will open the Synod with a charge, a report on our Mission Action Plan will be shared, the 2025 auditor's report will be received, auditors for the present fiscal year will be appointed, and the 2027 diocesan budget will be considered.

Kristen Jackson-Dockeray, the diocese's children, youth, and family missional coordinator, will share a featured presentation with Synod, highlighting our theme while introducing her ministry and the ways she is helping to equip parishes and missions. Synod will also be blessed with an opportunity to hear from both [Alongside Hope](#), our Anglican relief and development agency, and the [Anglican Foundation of Canada](#) and engage with their staff members during the breaks throughout the day.

As you know, elections for [Synod Council](#) regional representatives and [Provincial Synod delegates](#) will be conducted in advance of Synod using an electronic voting platform as we have done in recent years. Voting details will be shared in the coming weeks, but in the meantime please consider letting your name stand for election. For [Synod Council nominations, click here](#); for [Provincial Synod nominations, click here](#). The deadline for nominations is **September 30**.

I also want to invite you to register for one of our two upcoming pre-Synod meetings. Simply click on the date and time which works best for you: [Tuesday, September 29 at 1pm](#) or [Thursday, October 1 at 7pm](#). These meetings will be about an hour and a half in length and are an excellent opportunity to be oriented to the work of Synod, to learn about the proposed budget as well as to ask any questions you may have!

A few additional notes to share:

- The full and complete convening circular will be posted by mid-October, but already there is some information on [our new Synod webpage](#) and we'll be sharing more about the agenda, resolutions, and background documents as they become available.

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- If you, or someone from your parish delegation, is not able to attend Synod, or to update your contact information (an email is required for electronic voting purposes) please [contact Hannah Keller](#) as soon as possible so we can update the information and/or contact an alternate delegate.
- The Burlington Convention Centre is a wi-fi enabled facility, so you will be able to access synod-related documents on wireless devices.
- Clergy and licensed lay workers are reminded that photos will be taken on Saturday morning for use in an updated diocesan photo directory. Clergy are asked to please wear a clerical collar for their photos.
- Lunch is included on Saturday; please be sure to [email any dietary restrictions to Hannah Keller](#) no later than Thursday, October 22.
- We'll be using a consent agenda for some of the Synod's business; this allows for non-controversial resolutions to be considered collectively, by consent of the members, thus freeing up valuable time for consideration of matters which might require more rigorous discernment by Synod. Any member can write to me, as the Secretary of Synod, no later than Thursday, November 6 at 5pm, to request the removal of an item listed on the consent agenda. If this happens, that item will be removed from the consent agenda and voted on separately by members of synod.

Lastly, let me conclude by expressing my immense gratitude for your willingness to serve as a member of synod! Whether this is your first or final Synod, I hope you will find it to be a spiritually enriching experience as we join together in-person for a time of prayer, discernment, and decision-making while celebrating this milestone anniversary in the life of our diocese.

Please don't hesitate to [be in touch by email](#) if I can be of assistance as you prepare for our upcoming Synod.

Sincerely,



The Venerable Bill Mous
Executive Officer & Secretary of Synod