

MEMORANDUM:

TO: All Members of Synod
FROM: The Rev. Canon Gordon Redden, Acting Executive Secretary of Synod
REGARDING: Important Information for the Electoral Synod
DATE: Friday, May 2nd, 2008

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE ELECTORAL SYNOD

DATE: Friday, May 23rd, 2008
PLACE: All Saints Cathedral, Martello Street, Halifax, NS
REGISTRATION: Registration Time: 8:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Worrell Hall
*Please register as early as possible to ensure that all delegates can be registered
Before Synod begins at 10:00 a.m.*

*PERSONS WHO DO NOT REGISTER OR WHO ARRIVE AFTER REGISTRATION IS CLOSED AND VOTING
HAS BEGUN WILL NOT BE ABLE TO VOTE.*

PARKING: There is no special provision for parking. There are several public parking lots along Spring Garden Road, and metered parking in the Cathedral area. Park prudently. The Diocese DOES NOT cover the cost of parking or parking violation tickets.

LUNCH PROVISIONS: Lunch will be provided for those who wish it. The food supplied will be simple and simply served. Others may wish to go out and there are many restaurants and fast food providers close by on Spring Garden Road.

THE ELECTORAL SYNOD BEGINS: 10:00 AM, in All Saints Cathedral. There are reserved sections for Lay delegates, Clerical delegates and for Observers. When voting is underway, delegates must be in their proper section.

AGENDA OF THE ELECTORAL SYNOD:

- Synod begins at 10:00 AM with a Service of Holy Communion.
- Notice of registration and quorum.
- Presentation of the report of the Search Committee and nomination of the persons listed pursuant to clause (g) (Chair of Search Committee). See Canon 1, 9, (j).
- The names of all nominees are read; nominees are introduced.
- Voting begins, by secret ballot.
- Reporting of results
- Voting continues until a nominee is elected, or Synod takes other actions according to Canon 1.

NOTES ABOUT ELECTION PROCEDURES:

1. Registration and the badge given at registration admits one to the Electoral Synod. Registration will close before the first vote is taken and will not be reopened. Quorum is determined on the basis of the number of Lay and Clerical delegates registered when registration closes.
2. During voting, Clerical and Lay delegates will be seated on different sides of the Cathedral, and will vote separately. Voters must be wearing their registration badge: no badge, no ballot.
3. Balloting will be by paper ballot. Voters will write on their ballot the name of the person they are voting for. Please bring pen or pencil to mark your ballot.
4. Ballots will indicate: Clergy ballot, Lay ballot and ballot sequence (first ballot, second ballot, etc). The correct sequence ballot must be used for each vote. A properly marked sequence ballot will be passed out for each vote. Ballots out of sequence will not be counted.
3. A section of the Cathedral will be reserved for Observers. Observers are not to sit in the sections reserved for Lay and Clerical voters. Lay delegates are not to sit in the section reserved for Clergy or Observers. Clerical delegates are not to sit in the section reserved for Lay delegates or Observers.
4. When a ballot is out of sequence, is unmarked, or is so marked that the scrutineers cannot determine which nominee the ballot is cast for, that ballot will be declared a spoiled ballot.