



Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward Island

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Dear Synod Delegates:

Our Special Synod is only days away! Thankfully, we will be able to gather together, to worship and pray, and to choose from among some very worthy candidates, our delegates to General Synod 2022. Let me take this opportunity to offer a special thank you to those who have agreed to let their names stand for this important work in our Church.

Attached to this document you will find several pieces of information: the Agenda, the vetted nominees for General Synod from Clergy (red/pink), Laity (blue), and Youth (yellow). During the Special Synod, there will be an opportunity to make further nominations from the floor. We will be electing *2 Clergy delegates, 3 Lay delegates, and 1 Youth delegate*. You will vote for the person representing your order. This means that at the time of voting, clergy will vote for the clergy delegates, lay for the lay delegates, and youth for the youth delegates. At the end of Synod, via a motion based on Canon 7, the entire body of our Special Synod will have an opportunity to ratify this election.

We anticipate being finished by lunchtime (or shortly thereafter). A few tips and reminders for the morning:

1. Registration will open at 8 am at your assigned regional gathering.
2. You must be registered before the delivery of the Quorum Report in order to vote.
3. You will receive your ballot at registration. Please make sure you have the correct colour (clergy: red/pink, laity: blue, youth: yellow). It is your responsibility to safeguard this blank ballot until the time of voting.
4. As this is not a calendared worship service, you will need to provide Proof of Vaccination to attend and participate in this Synod.
5. Once you arrive and are seated, we ask that you remain in place following the directions of your hosts regarding personal hygiene breaks, snacking, and any directed movement about the facility.
6. There will be no food or drink service provided, but you are welcome to bring your own snacks and beverages as required. Please remember that you must continue to wear your mask throughout Synod other than those times when you are actively eating or drinking.
7. Please bring a pen to complete your ballot.

Each Synod site will have a host and a team of individuals working to make the day run smoothly. If you have questions or concerns during the Special Synod, please contact your Site Host and they will have the resources to address your concerns. If you have questions prior to the day, please reach out to myself (see below), or our Executive Director, Rev'd Ann Turner (executivedirector@nspeidiocese.ca).

The destination for each region is as follows:

Prince Edward Island – St. Paul, Charlottetown, 101 Prince Street, Charlottetown, PEI

Cape Breton – Saint Mary, Glace Bay, 8 Marconi Street, Glace Bay NS

Northumbria – Christ Church Stellarton, 50 Bridge Avenue, Stellarton NS

Eastern Shore – Christ Church Dartmouth, 61 Dundas Street, Dartmouth NS

Dartmouth – Church of Saint Andrew, Cole Harbour 2 Circassion Drive Dartmouth NS

Chebucto – Saint James Armdale, 2668 Joseph Howe Drive, Halifax NS

Fort Sackville – Saint Francis by the Lakes 192 First Lake Drive, Lower Sackville NS

Valley Region – Saint James 18 Prospect Avenue, Kentville NS

South Shore – Holy Trinity 78 Alexandra Avenue, Bridgewater NS

Chignecto – Saint John 23 Church Street, Truro NS

As we prepare for this Special Synod, I invite you to join me in praying for our time together:

from the Book of Alternative Services

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honour and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

from the Book of Common Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, who by thy Holy Spirit didst preside in the Council of the blessed Apostles, and hast promised, through thy Son Jesus Christ, to be with thy Church to the end of the world: We beseech thee to be present with the Synod of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, soon to be assembled in thy Name. Save its members from all error, ignorance, pride, and prejudice; and of thy great mercy vouchsafe so to direct, govern, and sanctify them in their deliberations by thy Holy Spirit, that through thy blessing the Gospel of Christ may be faithfully preached and obeyed, the order and discipline of thy Church maintained, and the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour enlarged and extended. Grant this, we beseech thee, through the merits and mediation of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In shared ministry,

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