

Memo Regarding the 141st Session of Diocesan Synod



To: Synod Lay and Licensed Clergy/Evangelist Delegates and Lay Substitutes
From: Cheryl Jacobs, Secretary of Synod
Date: June 3, 2026
Re: Initial information about the Diocesan Synod session on November 7, 2026

Please note the following information regarding the upcoming 141st Session of Diocesan Synod on Saturday, November 7, 2026. The Synod will take place at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton.

Synod Information and Communication

Synod meeting information can be found at the [Synod Sessions page](#) on the diocesan website. Most information will be communicated by e-mail or found on the website. As you begin to prepare, please review [Policy B-2 Responsibilities of a Member of Synod](#).

A full version of the convening circular will be available online in October. If you require a printed copy, you will be able to indicate this on a pre-synod survey.

Preparation, Planning Dates and Deadlines

As preparation for the upcoming meeting of the Synod begins, the members of Synod are asked to be intentional in prayer over the summer.

The following are milestones in our synod session planning:

Date	
September 16	Reception of reports for the convening circular
September 23	Deadline for submitting notices of motion affecting Synod Constitution or Canons
October 12	Convening circular distribution
October 19 – 29	Greater Chapter meetings
October 31	Deadline for results of Archdeaconry elections to Diocesan Council
October 31	Deadline for nominations to Provincial and General Synods for printed ballot
October 31	Deadline for registration package items

Archdeaconry Greater Chapter Meetings

It is critical for all delegates and substitutes to participate in their archdeaconry Greater Chapter meetings when called by the archdeacon. These smaller gatherings in October, prior to the synod session, are where some of the discussion and clarifications are more suitably dealt with, rather than on the floor of Synod. Please watch for an archdeaconry announcement or check the [website session page](#) for dates for Greater Chapter meetings.

Nominations

Delegates to the 2028 General Synod will be elected at this session as well as some spots for the 2027 Provincial Synod. The nomination form is [available here](#). Nominations will be solicited at each of the Greater Chapter meetings prior to the Synod as well as from the floor at the Synod session. In addition, each Greater Chapter will need to elect one lay and one clergy member for Diocesan Council. Further information can be found at:

- [Diocesan Council](#) | [Ecclesiastical Province of Canada](#) | [Anglican Church of Canada](#)

Motions

No motion to change the Constitution or Canons can be debated at the synod session unless submitted to the Synod Secretary six weeks prior, that is, by September 23. Other types of motion can be submitted later, but preferably well before November 7. Synod rules of order require motions to be reviewed by the Session Resolutions Committee so please leave adequate time for this. A PDF [form for drafting resolutions](#) is available from the Synod Sessions web page.

Meals

Lunch as well as refreshments during registration and breaks will be provided.

Parish clergy and/or church wardens

Specific requests:

- 1) Please ensure that each elected synod delegate and substitute receives this memo and B-2 Responsibilities of a Member of Synod, particularly those without email.
- 2) Ensure that the information in the [Diocesan Information Management System \(DIMS\)](#) is current, particularly elected parish officers and synod delegates and substitutes.

In Memoriam

We wish to remember former lay members of Synod who have passed away since the 2024 session in the In Memoriam section of the convening circular. I am asking your help to identify these persons by submitting names using the [form](#) here or by email to office@anglican.nb.ca.

Prayer Request

Please pray as we prepare to gather together as a diocesan synod community, that our efforts may be Christ-centered and Spirit-driven, and that all may participate fully in the work of Synod for God's glory. Please also continue to pray for efforts to move forward with the Christ Church Cathedral restoration items.

I am grateful for your work in our shared ministry.

