



GENERAL SYNOD 2007

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The Complete Guide to General Synod 2007



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The Anglican Church of Canada

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Agrandissez le cercle, agrandissez le toujours plus!

Draw the Circle Wide. Draw It Wider Still, the theme for GS2007, incorporates concepts of inclusivity: language, race, culture, theology, and the dignity of all people. The circle, with Christ as its centre, can be infinitely wide and draws all to Christ. The circle, a symbol of creation and life, is significant to Indigenous people representing healing, sharing, and teaching. The inner circle, the Medicine wheel, contains the words of patience, humility, hope and respect. This 'inner circle' shows how we need to be with each other for the circle to be wider. The circle never blocks anyone out and we continue to learn as the circle goes round, ever widening.

Synod Venues

The main venue for General Synod 2007 will be the Marlborough Hotel, however, some delegates will be accommodated at the nearby Radisson Hotel.

The Marlborough Hotel
331 Smith Street
Winnipeg, MB R3B 2G9
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www.themarlbrough.ca

Radisson Hotel Winnipeg Downtown
288 Portage Avenue
Winnipeg, MB R3C 0B8
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www.hotel--canada.com/Hotels/radwinnipeg.html

Further information

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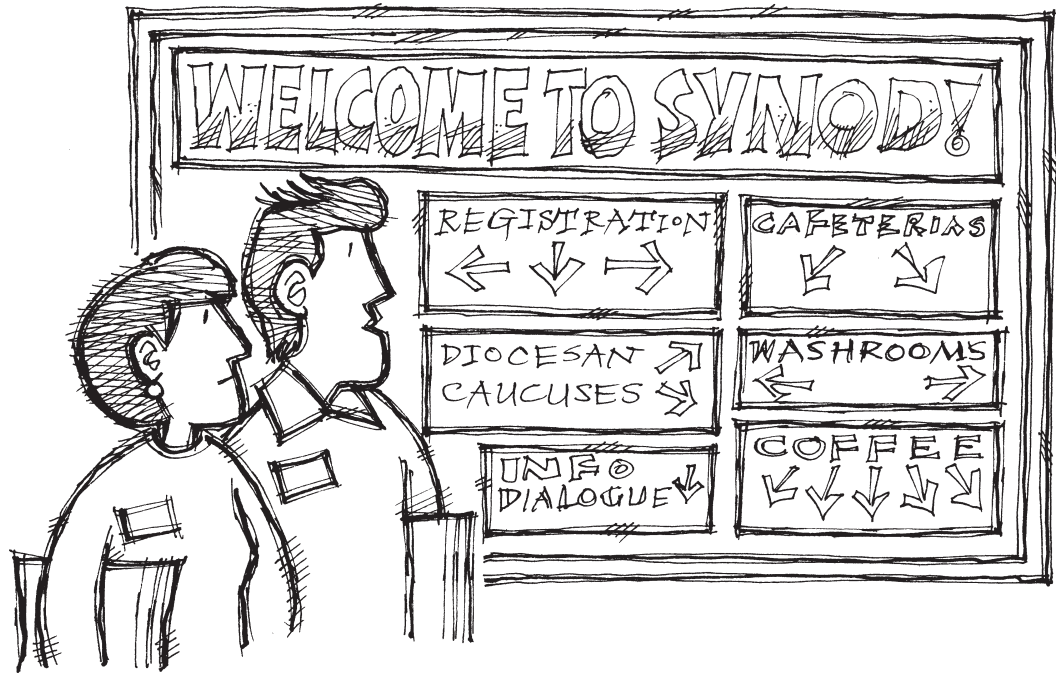
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Welcome!

On Tuesday, June 19th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. an orientation session for all members of General Synod will be held in the Plenary Hall to help equip you for the week's work. It will be important for you to attend this session, as it will make you a much more informed and useful member of General Synod.

Your diocese has elected you as a delegate to General Synod 2007. What does it mean and what happens next?

We hope this booklet will help you answer that question....and perhaps a few of the questions you would ask if you knew the answer to the first one.

You are commissioned by your diocese to share your insight and experience as both a parishioner and a member of your diocesan synod, in order to tackle some of the important national and international issues currently facing us as a Church. You will be called upon to listen, to consider, to speak, and to vote. Together with more than 300 other members, your task will be to interpret the mission of the Church and set program priorities for the next three years of national work.

We'd like to help you feel as confident as possible about your task — a considerable one — as a member of the 38th General Synod.

The Structure of the Anglican Church

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Anglican Church of Canada comprises 30 dioceses across Canada, each under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a diocesan bishop. (Parishes in the Diocese of Cariboo function as the Anglican Parishes of the Central Interior under the direction of the Metropolitan of British Columbia and Yukon.) The dioceses together comprise 2,800 congregations, organized into 1,700 parishes. Along with the bishops, each diocese sends lay and clerical representatives to the General Synod.

Dioceses are organized into districts called ecclesiastical provinces, to allow them to gather and function regionally. Canada has four provinces, each headed by a Metropolitan: British Columbia and Yukon (B.C. and Yukon), Rupert's Land (Prairie provinces and the Arctic), Ontario, and Canada (Quebec and Atlantic Canada).

General Synod consists of elected lay and clerical members and the bishops from across Canada who gather to discuss national and international concerns of the Church. General Synod meets every three years for about a week and is the governing body of the national Church. The Primate is the chair of the proceedings of General Synod. From time to time the responsibility for chairing sessions of the General Synod may be delegated to the Prolocutor of General Synod.

Council of General Synod is the body that oversees the implementation of General Synod decisions, and exercises executive powers of Synod between sessions. It includes an elected representative (episcopal, clerical or lay) member from each of the dioceses; members-at-large; officers of General Synod and partners.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION

The Anglican Communion is a world-wide family of autonomous, interrelated, and interdependent provinces and national churches, all of which are in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury. Anglicans speak many languages, come from many races and cultures, and are spread around the world. The Anglican Church is episcopally led (that is, by bishops) and synodically governed (that is, elected lay and clergy members together with the bishops).

Lambeth Conference, chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury, meets every ten years and is attended by bishops from around the world. It is a forum for sharing and consultation rather than for legislation.

The Anglican Consultative Council (ACC) assembles every three years, with up to three representatives from each national church within the global Anglican Communion. ACC is a synodical body. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the President of the Consultative Council and its proceedings are chaired by one of its members.

Background to General Synod

The first General Synod met in Toronto over a century ago (1893). Three fundamental decisions were made at that time; that Synod consist of three orders (bishops and equal members from the clergy and laity); that the Provincial system be maintained; and that the Solemn Declaration be adopted as the basis of the constitution. The balance of clergy and laity was modified in the early seventies when one youth member (usually lay) from each diocese was added; today there are four ecclesiastical provinces instead of two. General Synod continues to adhere to the Solemn Declaration, which cannot be amended, as the basis for doctrinal decisions.

The first General Synod also laid out specific areas of responsibility delegated by the dioceses to the national body. These responsibilities include such matters as doctrine and worship, and relations with the Anglican Communion, other denominations, and other faiths — areas where it was seemed important to have a common national vision.

But much has changed since the first Synod. In the early days, Synod concerned itself mostly with the internal government of the Church. Gradually, that changed as the Church began more and more, to see itself as an active player in the life of the nation. During World War II, Synod discussed the internment of the Japanese. The Hendry Report of 1969 was a landmark document calling for changes in the way church and society related to aboriginal peoples. In 1983, General Synod called on the government and the Church to fight the nuclear arms race, reaffirming its stand of 1955, 1962 and 1965. In 1989, Synod discussed the ethics of surrogate motherhood. In 1995 the minimum age of youth members was changed from twenty-five to sixteen years old.

Another significant change took place in 1969 when Synod moved to a unicameral system. Formerly, the upper house (the House of Bishops) and the lower house (clergy and laity) met separately and communicated with each other by relaying messages. The change means that there is common debate and bishops now vote publicly, whereas before, the actual breakdown of the bishops' vote was confidential.

Due to downsizing in the early 1990s and a need for a new vision for the church the 34th General Synod passed, in 1995, a new strategic plan called *Preparing the Way*. This plan for the national church was revised at General Synod in 2001 and authorized the Council of General Synod to begin work on a new plan. In 2004, in response to a comprehensive review of *Preparing the Way* (a strategic plan from 1995), General Synod adopted a new framework for the work of the Church, called *Strengthening the Church, Serving God's World*, setting the priorities for the triennium 2004–2007.

Generally speaking, Synods today are less formal, less confrontational, and more open and conciliatory that they once were. The formal gowns and lengthy speeches have given way to a more relaxed atmosphere and a sense of being “in this together” — not to mention shorter speeches!

Preparation for General Synod

With this booklet you received your registration form. Please return it as quickly as possible. In the first week of May we will be mailing out a very large and crucial set of documents called *The Convening Circular*. It will contain the agenda, the reports and proposed resolutions from the standing committees and councils of General Synod; “Memorials” from dioceses and provinces; and other relevant information. Its sheer volume may be daunting, but it is very important that you take the time necessary to become familiar with the contents. One way to do this is to meet with other members of your diocese before General Synod, if possible. Preparation will enable informed discussion and decision-making at Synod.

You will also need to get to know the Rules of Order and Procedure found in the Handbook of The General Synod. There will be an opportunity at the orientation session on June 19 to practice some of the procedures. The Handbook is available online at <http://www.anglican.ca/handbook/index.htm> and a copy of the Handbook will be available at each table in the Plenary Hall. Should you wish to have a printed copy of the Handbook sent to you, please contact Dianne Izzard, dizzard@national.anglican.ca; 416-924-9199 ext. 275; 80 Hayden Street, Toronto, ON M4Y 3G2.

Travel plans

UNIGLOBE Enterprise Travel has been designated the official travel agent for General Synod 2007. Delegates *are required* to make their arrangements for air and train travel through UNIGLOBE Enterprise Travel. Transportation to and from the Marlborough and the Radisson hotels will be provided from the Winnipeg International Airport and also from the bus terminal starting on June 18th.

Please contact UNIGLOBE Enterprise Travel and make your travel plans well in advance.

Many delegates will drive to Winnipeg. General Synod will reimburse the driver at the rate of 40 cents per kilometre. Delegates from areas outside the Greater Winnipeg area who wish to drive will be reimbursed up to the cost of the least expensive airline ticket from their home city or town. A form to claim expenses will be enclosed in a subsequent mailing.



"I've always hated 'Max'."

Registration

Registration for all delegates will take place in the lobby of the Marlborough Hotel on Monday, June 18 beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continue through Tuesday, June 19 until 4:30 p.m. Delegates staying at the Radisson Hotel will register at the Marlborough Hotel.

General Synod delegates arriving by automobile and staying the Marlborough Hotel, will be provided with a parking permit for the parking facility directly opposite the hotel. Delegates staying at the Radisson will also be provided with a permit for the hotel parking facility.

For members who are registering late, that is after supper on June 19th or who have questions about accommodation, meals, etc. there will be an information table in the lobby of the Marlborough Hotel to assist you.

Upon registration, you become a Member of General Synod. You are asked to wear your official nametag at all times during General Synod.

If you have signed up for the meal plan you *will receive a meal pass* in your registration package, which will entitle you to meals in Eton Hall and Kensington Room on the Mezzanine Level of the Marlborough Hotel, starting with the first meal indicated on your registration form.

Important information

to make your time at General Synod more enjoyable

Where will we be meeting? The General Synod will be held in The Marlborough Hotel located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg, just three short blocks from the famous corner of Portage and Main. Our plenary meeting space is located on the 8th floor of The Marlborough in the Skyview Ballroom — a lovely room with windows all around! The hotel is equipped with four elevators; however, *we encourage people who are able to use the stairs.*

Delegates will be seated at round tables, normally with members from your diocesan delegation. A raised stage will make the Chair of the Synod visible to all. A large screen will be used to provide better view of those addressing the Synod. Microphones will be placed at various locations throughout the meeting space.

A map of the meeting space and associated rooms will be provided in your information packet available at registration.

Where will we be staying? Members of General Synod will be housed in one of two hotels: The Marlborough Hotel (331 Smith Street) and the neighbouring Radisson Hotel, (288 Portage Avenue) one-half block from The Marlborough. Accommodation will be either single or double occupancy, depending on what your diocese has requested.

Financial Responsibility: Your diocese will pay for room and taxes and your meal pass and, if you drive to General Synod, your parking charges will be covered. ***You are responsible for all other charges with the hotel; such as, local and long distance telephone calls, pay for view TV, restaurant or room service meals, etc.*** Room to room calling is free of charge within the hotels.

Hotel Amenities: All rooms are air-conditioned and come fully equipped with telephone and wireless internet access — wireless at the Marlborough, hard wired high speed internet at the Radisson, at no cost. Both hotels offer exercise areas, as well as pool/waterslides for exercise and relaxation.

Meals: All meals will be taken at The Marlborough Hotel, including breakfasts — even for those staying at the Radisson Hotel. Delegates may opt to eat elsewhere but at their own cost. We expect the meals to be well balanced, tasty and plentiful, and will take into consideration dietary restrictions provided this information is indicated on the registration forms.

Contact information:

The Marlborough: 204-942-6411 The Radisson: 204-956-0401

Messages will be posted on a General Synod notice board located in the main foyer of The Marlborough Hotel. Calls to the above numbers may be transferred

directly to your room. Please make certain you leave both numbers with family until you are certain in which hotel you will be housed.

How to Dress: Dress for General Synod is business casual; however most delegates will dress more formally for the Diocesan Banquet/Primate's Farewell and the Installation of the new Primate at the closing service of the Synod.

What's the weather like in Winnipeg, in June? It can be quite warm in Winnipeg at the end of June. Normal maximum day-time highs for June is 23 degrees Celsius; with minimum lows around 10 degrees Celsius. However, it can get very warm so please check the local forecast for trends. *Both hotels are fully air-conditioned.*

Depending on rainfall, mosquitoes can sometimes be a nuisance outdoors in the evenings, but a long-sleeved sweater and mosquito spray will alleviate this potential concern. Evenings are delightfully long with daylight until after 10:00 pm.

Other Amenities: General Synod will be held in the heart of downtown Winnipeg with easy access to shopping, ATM's, drug stores, and a number of restaurants.

Synod off-site Events: The Opening Service of the Synod, June 19th, will be held in the historic Cathedral of St. John, located on the banks of the Red River. The Cathedral of St. John will be celebrating its 187th Anniversary making it the oldest Anglican congregation in Western Canada. Buses will transport delegates the short 15-minute drive to The Cathedral.

A joint day with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada, June 21st will be held at the Winnipeg Convention Centre, a pleasant walk from both downtown hotels.

The Primatial election, June 22nd will be held at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, located one-half block from the hotels at 256 Smith Street. Holy Trinity is a lovely, stately church.

The final Service of the Synod will be held June 25th. This will be a grand celebration to mark the closing of the synod and the installation of our new Primate.

The work begins



You know why you're here and where you're going (...more or less). Now the work begins. As you can see from the agenda, you'll have a very full schedule over the course of a few days. You will do well to arrive rested and prepared to work "overtime".

All that we do at General Synod will be grounded in worship.

Concerning Worship During General Synod

I was glad when they said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'
Psalm 122:1

When we are gathered in corporate worship –
listening to God's Word,
offering our prayer and thanksgiving,
celebrating the sacraments –
our identity as the Body of Christ in the world
is revealed and deepened.

It is with this in mind that the worship for this 38th General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada has been planned. *In the liturgies which mark our days together, we seek to embrace the richness of our heritage, celebrate God's grace in this present time and open ourselves to the leading of the Holy Spirit as we are called into the future.* Several fundamental assumptions have guided the design of our common worship:

- An understanding that God is at the centre of all that we are and do in Synod;
- A commitment to discern God's word for us today;
- An attentiveness to the theme of the Synod;
- An honouring of the diversity within our church;
- An awareness that in these times we are called to confess our failures, to turn and be reconciled to Christ and to one another, that we may follow and proclaim him in a broken world;
- An acknowledgment that extraordinary gatherings need not replicate the worship of a local faith community.

With these fundamental points in mind, the planning committee has sought to keep the worship of Synod simple, appropriate to the gathering and the space, and to provide symbols that are visual and tactile reminders of who we are and to whom we belong.

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits –
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life
who satisfies you with good
Psalm 103: 1-5

Members and partners of General Synod will be assigned to home groups that will gather on most mornings of the Synod. They will provide opportunities for study and prayer, to reflect on the events of Synod together. At an initial meeting, members will have a chance to meet one another; at subsequent meetings, members will participate in Bible study designed to prepare us for the work of the day that lies ahead and to reflect on what has gone on before.

General Synod takes place in a context of worship, opening with a Eucharistic celebration at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 19, at *The Cathedral of St. John, located in the North end of Winnipeg which is a 15 minute bus ride from the General Synod hotels*. The Primate will preside at the Eucharist and will deliver the Opening Address of General Synod as part of the liturgy. We will close Synod with another great celebration of the Eucharist as we install the next Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. The preacher will be the Most Reverend John Sentamu, Archbishop of York in the Church of England.

Corporate worship as the whole gathering of General Synod will open and close our days. Morning prayers will begin in Home Groups, and be completed when all gather in the plenary hall. We will take time in the middle of each day for midday reflections and a brief time of prayer. We will end each day with evening prayers, in forms ranging from Choral Evensong to Taizé, Jazz Vespers and Night Prayer. There will be opportunities to pray from the *Book of Common Prayer*, the *Book of Alternative Services* and the new *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.

There are two special days within the gathering that will also be lifted in a special way by our worship. Thursday June 21st is the National Aboriginal Day of Prayer. Members and visitors will be encouraged to attend a sunrise celebration hosted by local Aboriginal communities, and the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples will host Night Prayer that evening. In between, we will share the day with the delegates to the National Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada – a day to celebrate our Full Communion relationship and learn together. The theme will be “water” and both the themes of eco-justice and unity in Christ will be explored during a day that will take the form of a day-long Eucharist.

Second, on Friday June 22nd General Synod members will elect the next Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada. We will open the day with Eucharist at *Holy Trinity Anglican Church*, and the remainder of the day's proceedings will be held in an atmosphere of retreat.

Sunday's celebration of the Eucharist will take place in our Plenary Hall, high atop the Marlborough Hotel in the centre of downtown Winnipeg. On those days when we do not have a special full-gathering Eucharistic celebration planned, there will be early morning celebrations of the Eucharist in our chapel space within the Synod venue.

Music is an important part of our gathering, and our General Synod musician, Rick Morgan will help us to lift our voices in songs of praise. Early in our time together we will form a volunteer choir of General Synod members. Any member of General Synod who wishes to will be welcome to be part of this group.

Many of our worship and Bible study resources will be posted on the General Synod website, as an encouragement to the wider church, parishes and individuals not present at the gathering in Winnipeg, to pray and study along with us.

We look forward to worship being a focus of our time together and to forming a prayerful and active community while we are together.

A Prayer in Preparation for General Synod

Eternal One, whose love draws the circle wide,
prepare a place in our hearts for you
as we prepare for General Synod.

Open our hearts to the communion you have given us in your Son,
that in beholding each other
we may honour that gift of life together in You.

Open our lives to share your love and mercy
as we look on each other and see Jesus
our joy, our way, our truth our life. Amen.

A Meditation

Holy One, Author of all creation,
the circles of our lives are drawn together
in your wisdom, joy and self-giving love.

Draw us together in compassion,
that we may behold one another in Christ.
Give us humility to confront, confess and forgive
all that falls short of your vision.

As you ever widen the circle of Jesus' embrace,
make us one in your healing and reconciling grace.
With boldness may we seek your peace,
do your justice, and tend the wounds of your world
till the circle is unbroken in the eternal dance of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Collect for the General Synod

God, your boundless love formed the whole of creation.
Shape the gathering of this General Synod,
that knowing you as our centre, we may join in your creative work,
drawing our world into the wide and ever wider circle of your embrace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Companion's Program

The Diocese of Rupert's Land Local Arrangements Committee is very excited to offer three excursions for the companions of General Synod members. All are historical in nature, capturing the great wealth of history this area of our country holds. Details and registrations are included in the mailing to General Synod members.

People Overseeing the Actions of the General Synod

General Synod is people. The decisions made, and the spirit in which they are made, depend on the collective wisdom of all members. At General Synod, you contribute your experience, skills, interests, ideas, and convictions to decisions and processes that affect the health of the Church as a whole.

ELECTIONS

The Primate: An important task for this General Synod will be to elect a new Primate. The "upper house" of General Synod (the House of Bishops) will nominate candidates from among its members prior to the convening of Synod. Election day Friday, June 22nd will begin with a celebration of the Eucharist, at Holy Trinity Anglican Church after which the House of Bishops will withdraw to another venue and the "lower house" (the Orders of Clergy and Laity) will vote. The Prolocutor, (next to the Primate, the Senior Officer of Synod) will convene the sitting and preside.

The Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor: In addition, elections will be held for Prolocutor and Deputy Prolocutor of General Synod. The Prolocutor will be elected on Thursday, June 21st and the Deputy Prolocutor on Saturday, June 23rd. Members of standing committees and councils will also be elected at Synod.

Council of General Synod: Each diocese is asked for three nominations from among its own members for the Council of General Synod (CoGS): one each from the Orders of Bishop, Clergy and Laity. One of these will be elected at the provincial caucus meeting during Synod to represent your diocese on CoGS. While the election process itself can get complicated, experience has proven that the procedure works. Instructions will be given at election time. You may also want to consult Appendix G in the Handbook of General Synod.

Standing Committees: Prior to General Synod we encourage you to meet with other members from your diocese to nominate persons to stand for election to the standing committees. Involvement with a committee can be a very rewarding experience as you work together with others from across the country. It also involves a time commitment over a three-year period, including some weekend travel and weekday meetings. Talk to current members of such bodies to find out more.

If you would like to be nominated, speak to your diocesan caucus. Membership on standing committees is not limited to members of General Synod as there are, in most cases, specific skills needed by the committees. It is up to the Nominating Committee to review the nominations and see that those needs are met and that committees reflect the variety of the Anglican Church in Canada. Standing committee nominations must be submitted to the Nominating Committee on the prescribed form and must have the consent of the nominee

STRUCTURAL AND PROCEDURAL MATTERS

Enabling Ideas to Become Actions

SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

Sessional Committees are put in place at the beginning of Synod to ensure that Synod accomplishes the goals of the session. For example, the Agenda Committee monitors the daily progress of the agenda and makes necessary adjustments; the Resolutions Committee determines the priority of resolutions and motions; the Nominating Committee receives nominations and produces the ballots; the Expenditures Committee assesses the cost implication of actions proposed to the Synod. The committees are appointed by the Council of General Synod, in consultation with the Prolocutor, prior to General Synod. Details of the membership of these committees will be forwarded to you in the May mailing.

STRUCTURE

There are a great number of decisions made on the floor of Synod that are of a structural nature. These range from procedural motions to adopt the minutes of the previous session of General Synod, or extend “courtesies of the house” to guests, to motions that determine the mechanisms by which the Church will operate over the long term, such as changes to the Declaration of Principles, Constitution, Canons and Rules of Order.

Many of the decisions determining structure are made towards the beginning of Synod. Certain structural decisions require more complex procedure than others. Amendments to the Declaration of Principles, for example, require two-thirds majority approval in each Order at two successive sessions of Synod, and in some cases, consent from each Provincial Synod. You should be familiar enough with the Handbook of General Synod to quickly access the procedural guidelines and stay on top of the flow of proceedings.

The intention of what may often seem tedious and time-consuming is to make sure that the rules and structures reflect the Church’s goals and enable the Church to carry out its mission.

RULES OF ORDER

Considering how many decisions need to be made by such a large and diverse group, it’s not surprising that the Rules of Order and Procedure (in the Handbook

of General Synod) govern virtually everything that takes place, or can take place, on the floor of the Synod. In cases where the answer to a procedural question isn't clear, the Chairperson decides what procedures will be followed, perhaps after seeking the advice of the assessors.

In any case, the rules are intended to enable, not stifle, Synod or its members. While you should be familiar with the rules, it is no embarrassment to breach a rule unintentionally. You may wish to consult an assessor for a particular situation, or just use common sense. Usually a mistake is easily corrected.

For a discussion of some specific rules for making, debating, and voting on a motion, see *The Decision Process*, and for information about elections check the *Handbook of General Synod* <http://www.anglican.ca/handbook/index.htm> or speak to a member of the Nominations Committee.

The Decision Process

Turning Ideas to Become Actions

RESOLUTIONS AND MOTIONS

"Ideas" reach Synod in the form of Resolutions, which have been developed by the various standing committees of General Synod or by members of General Synod. Ideas are also in the form of memorials, which come from provinces, dioceses and individuals and express a concern or opinion. In order for a memorial to reach the floor of Synod, the authors need to shape it into a resolution. Resolutions are motions requesting Synod to take specific actions relating to the mission of the Church. They are found in the Resolutions section of your Convening Circular.

The Resolutions Committee has clear guidelines on the order in which resolutions come to the floor. Motions from standing committees are given the highest priority. Resolutions not already included in the Convening Circular must be written on the prescribed form (included in the Circular) and submitted to the General Secretary for consideration by the Resolutions Committee, prior to the deadline established at the beginning of Synod.

Often amendments to resolutions, or amendments to amendments, are proposed while a resolution is under consideration. Amendments, like motions, must be seconded and put in writing. Only one amendment to a motion or an amended motion is in order at one time. The procedure can get complicated, so it's important to attend to the Chairperson's directives.

Procedural motions can influence the flow and length of debate, the style of voting, and the order of proceedings on the floor of Synod. Consult the "Motions and Debate" section of the Rules of Order and Procedure in the Handbook.

DEBATE

Effective participation in debate is an art. The finest debate artists are those who speak only when they know they have something useful to say. Don't be overly concerned if your contribution is not as articulate as it might be. There will always be members who are more articulate, or less articulate, than the one speaking.

The mover of a motion is allowed to speak for a maximum of five minutes, and the seconder and other speakers for a maximum of three minutes. No one but the mover, who may speak for an additional three minutes at the close of debate, may speak more than once to a single motion. Only members of Synod may speak in debate.

VOTING

When the Chairperson perceives that the debate is ended, or when Synod votes to end debate, the "question" will be "put" to a vote and no more debate is allowed. Bishops vote as one order, and clergy and laity usually vote together, with the issues decided by a simple majority in both groups. There are some types of motions, which require larger majorities, or "Votes by Orders" [i.e. bishops, clergy and laity voting separately]. A vote by diocese may also be requested. Where a special type of vote is required the chairperson will announce it.

In any case, *every member must vote*; abstentions are allowed only for reasons of conflict of interest, and the chairperson must be notified.

A WORD ABOUT FINANCING

Decisions about what actions the Church takes have financial implications. Staff, administration, travel and communication are just a few of the factors involved. In addition, the national Church financially supports the work of church partners overseas, ecumenical coalitions, and the Council of the North, which provides financial assistance to certain dioceses within Canada.

If a motion involves expenditure of new or additional funds, it must be referred to the General Synod Expenditures Committee for review. The Committee will report on whether or not funds are available and from what source.

The General Synod Budget provides for essential services to keep General Synod going. It pays for such things as national staff salaries, meeting expenses, national archives, Anglican Journal and national programs. A formula is used to calculate the proportional fair share, but actual payments reflect the diocese's ability to pay and its commitment to the national program.

Electronic Devices

Cellular telephones, pagers, cameras, Blackberry devices and any other technological devices can be disturbing and intrusive in the plenary area at General Synod. While in session our attention needs to be toward the business or presentation at hand. We ask that all devices be turned off, or not brought into the plenary area during the whole of General Synod. Communication through e-mails and electronic messaging can be very disturbing to other members.

Please refrain from messaging within the plenary area; if devices must be left on, please set to vibrate or silent mode. Please leave the plenary area to answer calls and messages.

While press and other media are present and will be photographing and filming much of General Synod, members and visitors are asked to refrain from taking photographs during plenary sessions.

Glossary

This is a short glossary of some of the more common terms you will find used in this booklet, in the Convening Circular and at General Synod. A more complete glossary is found on page 1 of the Handbook of General Synod.

ACTING PRIMATE: The Provincial Metropolitan, senior by election, who functions in the place of the Primate in the event of a vacancy in the Primacy or during the incapacity of the Primate. The Acting Primate has authority to perform all duties of the Primacy.

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA: The communion of Anglican dioceses in the nation of Canada. The Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican Church of Canada) comprises 30 dioceses across Canada each under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a diocesan bishop. The dioceses together comprise approximately 2,800 congregations organized into approximately 1700 parishes.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION: The worldwide family of autonomous, interrelated, and interdependent provinces and national churches all of which are in communion with one another and the Archbishop of Canterbury.

ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL: A synodical body that assembles every three years with up to three representatives from each national

member church of the global Anglican Communion. The Archbishop of Canterbury is the President of the Consultative Council and its proceedings are chaired by one of its members.

ANGLICAN COUNCIL OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES [ACIP]: A Council established by the 1975 and 1980 General Synods giving ACIP members the responsibility to carry concerns of indigenous people directly to the Council of General Synod and General Synod. Members must be indigenous people and representatives from dioceses with indigenous congregations or urban indigenous populations.

ARCHBISHOP: A bishop elected by clerical and lay delegates of the synod of an ecclesiastical province; the senior official of an ecclesiastical province. Takes the title of archbishop of the diocese (e.g. Archbishop of Moosonee) and the metropolitan of the province (e.g. Metropolitan of Ontario). The Primate carries the title of Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada.

BISHOP: An order of the ordained ministry in the Anglican Church. Bishops are elected by the diocese

or by the province, according to the particular canons of the diocese. A bishop almost always presides over a diocese and is sometimes called “the Diocesan”. The Canadian House of Bishops is a twice-yearly meeting of all bishops across Canada. The House of Bishops makes recommendations to General Synod on matters of church policy and nominates candidates for Primate.

CANON: An ecclesiastical law or regulation of the diocesan, provincial, or national Church or an honorary title conferred by a bishop on a priest or (if the canons of the diocese permit) on a lay member of the Church.

CHANCELLOR OF THE GENERAL SYNOD: A judge or barrister, who is an officer of the General Synod, appointed to advise the Primate.

CHURCH HOUSE: The common name used to refer to the national offices of the Anglican Church of Canada located at 80 Hayden Street in Toronto, Ontario.

COMMISSION: A group of people appointed to undertake a particular task for the Church.

CONVENING CIRCULAR: A publication containing reports, notices of motion, resolutions, memorials and petitions related to the business of the General Synod and circulated to its members before the convening of the Synod.

COUNCIL OF GENERAL SYNOD: The body elected at a General Synod that exercises executive powers of Synod between sessions to oversee the implementation of General Synod decisions.

COUNCIL OF THE NORTH: A Council that identifies needs of the Anglican Church of Canada Church in the north; develops strategies for mission and for enhancing the relationships between the Anglican Church of Canada in the north and in the south.

COURTESIES OF THE GENERAL SYNOD: An invitation extended to certain persons who are not members of Synod to sit with and/or address the General Synod, but with no right to participate in debate or to vote.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: A sessional committee constituted to report to Synod the credentials of all the persons who claim membership

in the General Synod and to advise the chairperson as to the present quorum of each Order.

DEACON: A person ordained by a bishop to serve in a diaconal ministry, to model servanthood by personal example and in liturgical action. There is currently a movement in the Anglican Church to restore the office of Deacon so it is not limited to candidates for the priesthood.

DEPUTY PROLOCUTOR: An officer of the Synod elected by the members of General Synod from the Orders of Clergy and Laity at each session but not from the same Order as the Prolocutor.

DIOCESE: The area or district under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a bishop.

ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCE: A group of dioceses under the jurisdiction of a provincial synod and presided over by a metropolitan. In the nation of Canada there are four ecclesiastical provinces: British Columbia, Rupert’s Land, Ontario, and Canada.

EX-OFFICIO: A position or office that is granted to an individual because that person holds another specified office.

GENERAL SYNOD: The governing body of the Anglican Church of Canada (ACC) that consists of elected lay and clerical (priests and deacons) members and the bishops from across Canada who come together to discuss and take action for the national and international concerns of the Church.

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS: A publication of the day-by-day decisions and activities of a session of Synod together with reports and other related material.

LAITY / LAY PERSONS: All baptized members of the Church who are not ordained to a clerical order (Bishop, Priest, or Deacon).

LAMBETH CONFERENCE: A meeting of bishops invited from the member churches of the Anglican Communion that gathers once every ten years. It is a forum for sharing and consultation rather than for legislation and it is chaired by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

MEMORIAL: A formal written statement describing

a position taken by an individual or organization such as a diocesan synod.

METROPOLITAN: An archbishop with jurisdiction over an ecclesiastical province or a national Church (Primate).

NOTICE OF MOTION: A formal notice by a member that he or she intends to present a resolution on a particular stance. The resolution wording may be included in the notice.

ORDERS: Refers to membership of the General Synod: the Order of Bishops, and the Order of Clergy, The Order of Laity.

ORDERS OF THE DAY: A detailed agenda for Synod distributed each day

PARISH: The local unit of the Anglican Church presided over by a Priest at the pleasure of the Diocesan Bishop that may be comprised of one or more congregations.

POINT OF ORDER: An appeal to the chair that the procedures of the meeting are at variance with the Rules of Order or Canons.

PRIEST: A person ordained by a bishop to be a servant of the Church through Word and Sacrament. Prior to ordination to priesthood, a priest has served as a Deacon for a period of time.

PRIMATE: The presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of Canada. The Primate is the senior metropolitan of the Church, the chairperson of the House of Bishops, and the president of General Synod. The Primate carries the title of Archbishop.

PROLOCUTOR: An officer of the General Synod elected at each session by the members of the General Synod from the Orders of Clergy and Laity. Next to the Primate, the Prolocutor is the senior officer of the General Synod.

QUESTION (PUTTING THE, CALLING THE): Placing a formally moved and seconded motion before the Synod for a vote.

RESOLUTION: A formal written proposal for action to be considered by the General Synod.

REFER (A MOTION): To send to another group to deal with.

ST. MICHAEL REPORT: A report released in May 2005 from the Primate's Theological Commission of the Anglican Church of Canada on the Blessing of Same-Sex Unions. The Commission was mandated by General Synod 2004 to review, consider, and report to the Council of General Synod on whether the blessing of committed same-sex unions is a matter of doctrine.

SESSION: The term used for the period of several days during which the Synod meets.

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE: A committee struck for the duration of a session of General Synod to facilitate the work of the session.

SOLEMN DECLARATION: The statement made at the General Synod of 1893 declaring the fundamental faith and doctrine of the Church as constituting the foundation of the Synod structure. As a historic statement, the Solemn Declaration cannot be amended.

STANDING COMMITTEE: A committee whose work extends through several sessions of General Synod and deals with ongoing needs. The Standing Committees of the General Synod are listed in Article VIII of the constitution found on page 26 of the Handbook of General Synod.

TABLE (A MOTION): To postpone temporarily.

WINDSOR REPORT: A report released in October 2004 from a Lambeth Commission mandated in October 2003 by the Archbishop of Canterbury to consider ways in which communion and understanding could be enhanced where serious differences threatened the life of a diverse worldwide Church. The specific issues that gave rise to the Commission were the ordination of bishop of a gay man in a partnered relationship in the Episcopal Church USA and the authorization of Public Rites for the blessing of same-sex unions in the Diocese of New Westminster. In short, how does the Anglican Communion address relationships between its component parts in a true spirit of communion and might structures and processes be put in place to strengthen communion at the global level?

Do You Know Your ABC's

A few of the acronyms you're most likely to run across at Synod:

ABC	Anglican Book Centre	EC	Episcopal Church, USA
ACC	Anglican Church of Canada, and Anglican Consultative Council	EJC	Eco-Justice Committee
ACIP	Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples	ELCIC	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
ACW	Anglican Church Women	FMDC	Financial Management and Development Committee
BAS	Book of Alternative Services	FWMC	Faith, Worship and Ministry Committee
BCP	Book of Common Prayer	GWG	Governance Working Group
CCC	Canadian Council of Churches	JPIC	Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of Creation (WCC)
CCCB	Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops	MT	Management Team, Church House
CCJP	Canadian Churches for Justice and Peace	NGO	Non-government Organization
CIDA	Canadian International Development Agency	NIAB	National Indigenous Anglican Bishop
CIRC	Communications and Information Resources Committee	PIMC	Partners in Mission Committee
CoGS	Council of General Synod	PWRDF	Primate's World Relief and Development Fund
CoN	Council of the North	UCC	United Church of Canada
DIFT	Dignity, Inclusion and Fair Treatment (statement adopted by General Synod 2001)	VIM	Volunteers in Mission
		WCC	World Council of Churches



*"This afternoon we'll hear from P.W.R.D.F. and I.R.C.,
in connection with P.I.M., A.C.I.P. and E.J. ...
now let's go for some L.U.N.C.H."*