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Dear Companion,

A small working group of the General Synod Local Arrangements Committee has scoped out some possible group activities/events for companions of General Delegates or participants who may be looking for something to do whilst their partners are busy in the work of Synod. We list four such activities/events below, two near at hand and two day trips away from the city into rural Nova Scotia. We would appreciate knowing of your intention to partake in all or any of the offerings by April 30 2010 by sending Krista an e-mail at kburden@ns.sympatico.ca so that appropriate arrangements may be made.

Halifax is an established city with all the amenities expected to be found in a large regional centre. St. Mary's University is on the Halifax peninsula, near the core downtown area, well within a good walking distance or a short bus or taxi ride of shopping, historic sites, churches, parks, cinemas, and cultural centres. The staff of local arrangements information table, which will be open throughout Synod, and the university's residence desk staff will be happy to offer you suggestions and directions for an outing to suit your fancy. If you are staying in a local hotel, the concierge desk will offer the same.

Information about our fair city and provinces may be found on the internet at the following links:

www.halifaxinfo.com

www.novascotia.com

www.tourismpei.com

We do hope that your stay with us is pleasant; do take in some of the sites and events and experience the pace and hospitality of the Maritimes.

Sincerely, your fellow servant in Christ,

The Rev. Randy D. Townsend

Chair, General Synod Local Arrangements Committee

General Synod Companions' Programs (Tentative)

All prices and information shown are tentative and based on the Synod agenda and the number of companions committed to each program.

Program # 1 - Deluxe Historic Halifax City Tour

Friday, June 4, 2010; (approx. 3 hours, starting at 1:00pm) \$50 per person.

Join a kilted driver/guide on a bus tour that will provide an excellent overview of peninsular Halifax. View: Historic Properties, the Spring Garden Road area, Province House, Old Town Clock, St. Paul’s Church, City Hall, Grand Parade, Government house, the busy port, Victorian Halifax Public Gardens, residential areas, the Titanic burial site, and much more.

Program # 2 – South Shore of Nova Scotia including Peggy’s Cove

Saturday, June 5, 2010; (full day, starting in the morning) \$50 per person.

A tour by bus to visit and learn about the communities from Halifax to the town of Lunenburg, including Peggy’s Cove, Chester, and Mahone Bay. Includes a brief tour of the town of Lunenburg where you will attend a lunch and learn about the rich and interesting history of St. John’s Anglican Church.

Program # 3 – Nature and Whale Watching Water Cruise

Monday, June 7, 2010; (approx. 2.5 hours, starting in the afternoon) \$35 per person.

Board the Haligonian III at Historic Properties for a cruise about Halifax, the second largest sea port in the world. Learn about the history and geography of the Halifax Harbour and the lobster fishing industry. An experienced guide will help to identify features of the wildlife seen in the area.

Program # 4 – Land of Evangeline

Wednesday, June 9, 2010; (full day, starting in the morning) \$55 per person.

This tour takes us as far as Wolfville in the Annapolis Valley making many stops along the way, including a tour of the Grand Pre National Historic Site (the site of the Expulsion of the Acadians in 1755), a winery, a farmers’ market, and Canada’s first Fair Trade Coffee Roster just to name a few possibilities.