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## GENERAL SYNOD 2010

*Feeling the Winds of God – Charting a New Course*

*June 3-11, 2010, Halifax, Nova Scotia*

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## A Prayer as we Prepare for General Synod

*Loving and Gracious God,*

*you call us ever to new life in Jesus your Son.*

*As we reach out to feel your winds stirring in our lives,*

*be with all members of your beloved Church*

*as we prepare for General Synod in Halifax in June.*

*Grant us a spirit of generosity and excitement*

*as we prepare to gather together under your*

*gentle leadership, for yours is the course our souls*

*are charting, and we glorify you through your Son,*

*in the power of the Spirit, now and always.*

*Amen.*

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# Worship at General Synod

Worship at General Synod will be engaging, fresh, and different. From a grand opening service in the Cathedral in Halifax on the evening of June 3, to a very special eucharist for General Synod at historic St. Paul's Church, through to a closing Eucharist sending us out together. There will be daily Eucharist and daily prayer. These are designed to help members, partners and staff to do the work of the Synod. Special guest musicians, including the incomparable Paul Halley, Chaplains on site, and special attention to as 'green' a Synod as possible all are part of the exciting work of the General Synod Worship Committee. All those at the Opening Service are being invited to vest according to order—Laity, Deacons, Priests as well as Bishops—alb & stole, cassock & surplice, rochet & chimere, lay awards, choir medals, etc.—we hope for a glorious procession full of colour! Those interested in helping with liturgies are being asked to indicate on their registration material. We are confident that our worship together at this Synod will be uplifting, comforting, innovative, and sacred. We are looking forward to it!



Interior of the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax



Interior of St. Paul's Church, Halifax



# Getting to Know One Another at Synod

## Drawing Together Friday, June 4

Delegates will join together in this interactive plenary session designed to help build our General Synod community. Delegates will get to know one another, meet Galley Group members, and begin to chart a new course together.

*Galley Groups:* table groups made up of members, partners and guests from various parts of the country

## Preparing to Set Sail Saturday, June 5

Our ability to listen to one another, engage in meaningful dialogue, solve problems, and make decisions is critical to the success of General Synod. This plenary session will provide opportunities for delegates to practice these critical skills with one another in an interactive and engaging environment.

## Almost Paperless Synod

If you are a delegate to Synod you will know that the General Synod Planning Committee (GSPC) has decided, in response to calls for a “greener” Synod, to send the Convening Circular to your computer via “Box.net”.

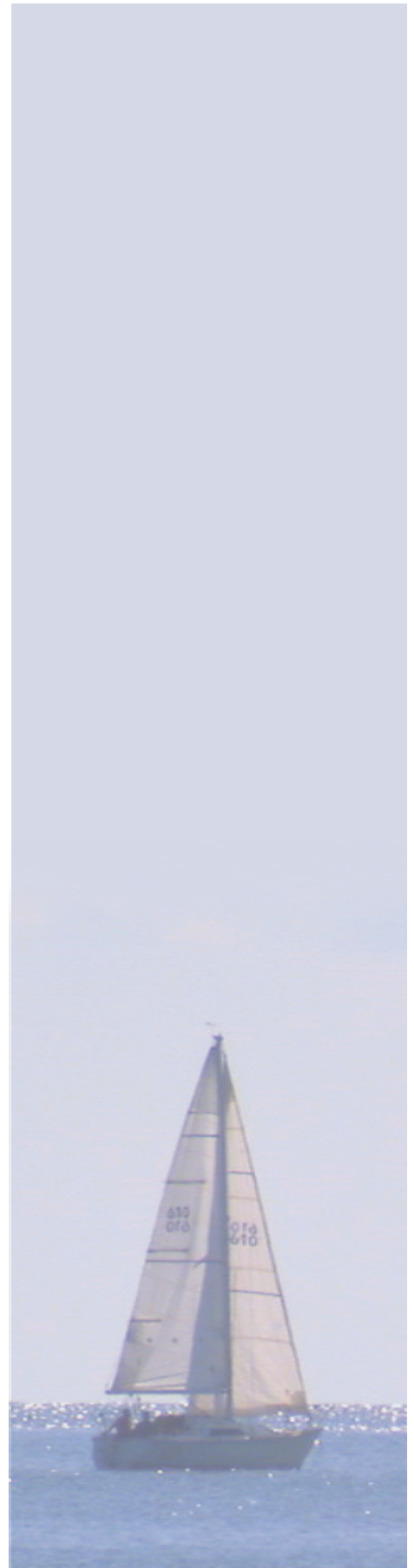
As usual, all resolutions, presentations and worship hymns, prayers, etc. will be projected on two large screens in the Plenary Hall.

When you arrive at General Synod you will receive a DVD containing the entire contents of the Convening Circular. In addition, a few printed copies will be available in a designated spot in the Plenary Hall.

Print copies of the Governance Working Group, Vision 2019 and the Primatial Role Task Force reports will be distributed at General Synod.

You may bring a computer to General Synod for use in the Plenary Hall. A table will be set up in the Plenary Hall so delegates can charge computer batteries. It will be your responsibility to ensure that your computer is secure while the battery is being charged.

The Convening Circular will be posted in late April. Notification of posting will be sent to all delegates, partners, staff, etc.



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# Setting Sail

## Conversations before General Synod

### —a web forum

This web forum is a place to discuss the major topics that will arise at General Synod—from governance to sexuality. You are invited to join the conversation by going to:

<http://www.ministrymatters.ca/settingsail/join-us-in-preparing-for-general-synod-2010/#comments>

Some of the agenda topics that will be discussed:

- Vision 2019—to set priorities for the next three triennia
- Governance—to consider the role, jurisdiction, size and membership of General Synod, and to honour the desire of our Indigenous members for self-determination
- Primacy—to examine the roles and responsibilities of the Primate
- Philanthropy—to learn about our new Philanthropy department which is working on achieving financial equilibrium and encouraging a culture of generous giving.
- Human sexuality—in continuing discernment over the matter of human sexuality
- The Anglican Communion and the proposed Anglican Covenant

## Partners at General Synod

Partners are an important part of our General Synod bringing with them the richness of their culture and denomination and giving delegates the opportunity to learn from them during the Synod. This General Synod will be no exception.

Indigenous members of Synod will be joined by members from the Anglican Council of Indigenous People.

Synod has invited:

### The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Bishop Susan Johnson, National Bishop, ELCIC

The Rev. Doug Reble, ELCIC partner to the Council of General Synod

### Overseas partners

Ms. Sooriyakumari Sinnathamby, Director, Sri Lanka office of the Organization for Eelam Refugees and Rehabilitation

Bishop Miguel Tamayo, Bishop of Cuba, and Mrs. Martha Tamayo,

Bishop Suheil Dawani, Bishop of Jerusalem and his wife Shafeeqa Fu'ad Massad

Ms. Hellen Wangusa, Anglican Observer to the United Nations.

### Ecumenical Partners

The Rev. Bruce Adema, President, the Canadian Council of Churches

Bishop Pierre Morissette, President, the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church, Ms. Martha Gardner, Episcopal Church Partner to the Council of General Synod.