

Memorandum to members of the Council of General Synod
From Dean Peter Elliott, Chair—Planning and Agenda Team
Regarding meeting November 15 to 18, 2012
October 14, 2012

Greetings from Vancouver. I have just returned from the meeting of the Planning and Agenda Team: we held the Council in prayer as we planned an agenda for the upcoming November meeting. We met at Queen of the Apostles in Mississauga at the same time as the Vision 2019 Implementation Team and our two groups shared Bible Study, worship, and some agenda time. It is so good that the General Synod's leaders, committees and staff are committed to using the priorities and practices of Vision 2019 to guide decision-making.

The Planning and Agenda Team devoted a large portion of our meeting to plan the second day to fulfill the Council resolution adopted at its November 2011 meeting, *"consider clear directions and a plan for the efficient utilization of financial, staff and structural resources in the achieving of the priorities and practices set out in Vision 2019."* As in May 2012 we will devote Thursday evening and the majority of Friday to consideration of this important work. I have attached two 1 page documents to help you prepare:

- A summary of the key points arising from the "World Café" portion of the May 2012 meeting: Archdeacon P. J. Hobbs prepared these from your work in May—they capture the sense of urgency that our Primate noted and a strong desire to do things in a new way.
- A summary of the principles developed by the Officers of the General Synod to deal with an anticipated deficit in revenue for 2012 (and 2013 as well). Council will be asked to consider and adopt these principles. As you'll see they see the next period of time, beginning in November 2012 and carrying through 2013 including General Synod, as a necessary time for broad based conversations across the church about how General Synod is best to carry out its ministry as an expression of the work of the Anglican Church of Canada.

The November meeting will begin with supper at 5:30 p.m. EST at Queen of the Apostles' Retreat Centre: our first session is scheduled to begin at 6:45 p.m. The meeting will be adjourned no later than 3 p.m. on Sunday November 18th: and I urge you to be present for the whole of the meeting. It will include a farewell to Michele George, who is retiring as Treasurer of the General Synod. Sue Winn will send you a note to invite you to participate in a farewell gift.

Looking forward to seeing you in November,

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Elliott". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the name.