



The Synod of the Diocese of Niagara

Anglican Church of Canada
The Right Reverend Susan J.A. Bell, Bishop

Welcome Letter to the 2nd Session of the 144th Synod of the Diocese of Niagara



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From: The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell,
Secretary of Synod

To the Members of the 144th Synod of the Diocese of Niagara:

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Second Session of the 144th Synod of the Diocese of Niagara on Saturday, November 3, 2018. It will be the first Diocesan Synod chaired by the Right Reverend Susan Bell, Bishop of Niagara. Our registration will begin at 8:00 am, and Synod will be convened promptly at 9:00 am.

We pray that you will be enriched by this experience of the wider church. You may already be aware that the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Niagara is the legal entity (established by statute of the Legislature in the Province of Ontario) with responsibility for the dealings of the Anglican Church within our diocesan boundaries. At Synod we seek God's intention for us as we pray, discern, talk, listen and work at being the Church in the diverse community that is the Diocese of Niagara.

This session of Synod, a 'one day Synod', will convene on **Saturday, November 3rd at 9:00 am**. Registration in Myler Hall will begin at 8:00 am that day. In Myler Hall you will receive your nametags, voting cards, and any other registration information. This year we are producing a photo directory, and for clergy and licensed lay workers, you will have an opportunity to have your photograph taken at that time. Lunch will be catered by local bakery Cake and Loaf. The cost of delegate registration, including your meal will be invoiced to your parish later in November. Regular, vegetarian and gluten free lunches will be available. Please be sure to forward any dietary restrictions to maryanne.grant@niagaraanglican.ca, no later than Wednesday October 24.

As stewards of creation, this year, we aim to tread more lightly on our planet. We will be serving fair trade coffee; using compostable or reusable materials; providing water in coolers. The food we will serve will be purchased from local, sustainable sources. Your assistance in caring for our environment would be appreciated. Please remember to “Lug a Mug” for tea and coffee and bring a refillable water container.

For our ‘one day’ Synod, tables will not be part of our physical set up. Instead, we will sit in the new red chairs in a semi-circular form.

The theme of Synod this year is from Isaiah 43:

“See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”

Bishop Bell will lead us through Synod as together we reflect on the direction upon which we are embarking in our Diocesan life.

This is the third year of our changed process for the nomination and election of Regional Representatives to Synod Council. Time for this process at regional caucuses will be built into our agenda.

Important Details:

Attached to this package is a map showing City of Hamilton parking lots to enable you to park close to the Cathedral. As parking is limited, please carpool or use alternative methods of transportation.

All motions and other important information at Synod will be presented on a large central screen so you may choose not to print the circular. If you wish to print portions of the information provided online and do not have a printer, please contact your parish for assistance.

The Cathedral is a Wi-Fi enabled facility which will facilitate delegates accessing Synod-related documents on wireless devices. It will also enable us to share the work of Synod widely through our Facebook page (Anglican Diocese of Niagara) and Twitter feed (@NiagaraAnglican). If you are using Twitter, please use #synodniagara as the hashtag for Synod-related posts. While you are at Synod, please set your phones to silent or vibrate as a courtesy to the people and process of Synod. In case of an emergency you if you are without a cell phone, the main switchboard number is: 905-527-1316, Ext. 200.

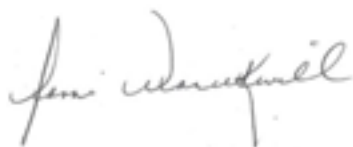
The complete Convening Circular will be posted no later than Friday October 19th.

We ask clergy to please distribute all relevant information distributed to any of their lay delegates who do not have access to email or a computer.

Other Questions?

Please contact Mary Anne Grant: maryanne.grant@niagaraanglican.ca or 905-527-1316 extension 380.

See you at Synod, on November 3rd!



The Reverend Canon Marni Nancekivell
Secretary of Synod