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This Convening Circular is made up of six pdf files beginning with Bishop Irving's letter of invitation and then five files listed as Sections A through E.

By October 14<sup>th</sup>, Synod members will receive notices of motion, reports from the Bishop and Diocesan Council and reports from standing committees and organizations within the diocese.

This convening circular is your guidebook for Synod and it is recommended that you familiarize yourself with the circular prior to arriving at Synod.

In the following pages, you will find information that will assist you with your role as a member of Synod. Please call us at the Synod Office by phone (306) 244-5651 or by e-mail: [anglicansynod@sasktel.net](mailto:anglicansynod@sasktel.net) with any questions or assistance you may require.

***\*\*\*\* Please note\*\*\*\* If, as an elected parish lay delegate, you are unable to attend this Synod, it is your responsibility to pass this Convening Circular to the alternate from your parish who will be taking your place.***

In our effort to protect the environment, no hardcopies of the Convening Circular are being circulated to the delegates. We would ask that you print off any pages that you may wish to bring to Synod. **For those Synod delegates who do not have access to a computer, please ensure that this Synod information is made available to them (hardcopy).** One hardcopy of the Convening Circular will be available at each table as well as projected on screens at Synod.

## Prayers for Synod

### Prayer for the 70th Session of Synod

Creator God, in this Synod bless us with your light that is ever new, your spirit wind that is ever searching and your grace that transforms the world through us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### Prayer for Members of Synod

Creator God, we have gathered in this place to discover your presence in each other. Through conversation, prayer, worship and celebration let your purpose for the Diocese of Saskatoon be revealed. Help us to discern your wisdom for the church; give us the eyes to see, the ears to hear and the hearts to carry your love. Let your Kingdom come into the world through us. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

## **SYNOD MEMBERSHIP**

### **BISHOP OF SASKATOON Article 2 (1)(a)**

The Right Reverend David M. Irving

### **LICENSED CLERGY WITH APPOINTMENTS Article 2 (1) (b)(c)**

**With voice and vote**

September 21, 2010

The Reverend Dr. Jan Bigland-Pritchard

The Reverend Amy Bunce

The Very Reverend Glen Burgomaster

The Reverend Don Byrt

The Reverend Canon Colin Clay

The Reverend John Davies

The Reverend Canon Jim Halmarson

The Venerable Daniel Hughes

The Reverend Quenton Little

The Reverend Dianne Mesh

The Venerable Larry Mitchell

The Reverend Ann Marie Nicklin

The Reverend Peter Norman

The Reverend Alex Parsons

The Reverend Debbie Ramage

The Reverend Karen Sandell

The Reverend Shawn Sanford Beck

The Reverend John Seib

The Reverend Canon Michael Stonhouse

The Very Reverend Terrance Wiebe

The Venerable Peter Yeung

### **HONORARY CLERGY Article 2 (1) (d)**

**Voice but no vote**

The Reverend Paula Foster

The Reverend Walter Hannam

The Reverend Canon Beth Marie Murphy

The Reverend Reg Wickett

### **LAY INCUMBENTS**

**Voice and vote as a lay member Article 2 (1) (e)**

Ms. Emily Carr

## ELECTED DELEGATES TO SYNOD Article 2 (1)(f) (Y) Youth Delegate

### WESTERN DEANERY

#### **Battle River Parish**

Ron Dewald  
Kathy Smith  
Gordon Yarde

#### **Biggar Parish**

Geoff Cooke  
Margaret Cooke

#### **Lloydminster**

Lorna Mark  
Pat Skinner  
Dorothy Robertson

#### **Meridian Parish**

No delegates will attend

#### **Parkland Parish**

Scott Owens  
Colin Venables

#### **Unity Central Parish**

Valerie Middleton

### EASTERN DEANERY

#### **Humboldt Parish**

Barrie Broad  
Lydia Dzurich

#### **Holy Trinity**

Meghan Lofgren  
Michael Stanton

#### **St. George's**

### EASTERN DEANERY CONTINUED

#### **Lintlaw/Endeavour Parish**

Tony Carr  
Alvena Oryszczyn  
Jim Siddons

#### **Porcupine Plain Parish**

No delegates will attend

#### **Quill View Parish**

Bonnie Blenner-Hasset  
Milton Harvey  
Elizabeth Rogers

#### **Parish of Greater Watrous**

Debbie Hill  
Linda Leslie

### SASKATOON DEANERY

#### **All Saints'**

Derek Boldt  
Alan Vick  
Timothy Mason (Y)

#### **Christ Church**

Ruth Black  
Wilma Miller

#### **St. Matthew's**

Chris Roberts  
Alice Brown

#### **St. Stephen's**

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Peter Coolen  
Lauren Jardine

Nestor Michasiw  
Donna Neufeld  
Ruth Skinner  
Chris Wood

**St. James'**  
Jason Coutu  
Linda Popkin  
Scott Verity  
Mary McKay

**St. Timothy's**  
Betty Lloyd  
Peter Wallace  
Alexa Wallace (Y)

**Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist**  
Arne Paus-Jenssen  
Jonathan Moore-Wright  
Verity Moore-Wright  
Karen Bawden  
Jocelyn Thresher (Y)

**Good Shepherd**  
Gloria Rogue  
Doris Pattison

**St. Mark's**  
Barb Clay  
Tom Rogers  
Ray Bannister

**River Valley**  
Bonnie Milman  
Monty Zadorozny

**The Chancellor and Solicitor Article 2 (1)(g)(i)**  
Dr. Beth Bilson

**The Registrar Article 2(1)(h)**  
Mr. Andrew Mason

**The Secretary and Treasurer Article 2 (1)(K)(L)**  
The Venerable Canon Dr. Henry Comerford

**PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE Article 2 (3)(a)(b)**  
**Voice but no vote**

The Reverend Gordon Lines

**RETIRED CLERGY Article 1 (c)  
Voice but no vote**

The Right Reverend Rodney Andrews  
The Reverend Canon Glenn Ash  
The Reverend Canon Matthew S. Borden  
The Reverend Robert Bryce  
The Reverend Donald W. Cochran  
The Reverend Canon Stan Cuthand  
The Reverend Canon John M. Flynn  
The Reverend Canon Lewis F. Gill  
The Reverend Canon Howard E. Green  
The Reverend Canon William H. Hill  
The Venerable Geoffrey R. Huggill  
The Reverend Barbara G. Huston  
The Reverend Dr. Gerald G. Janzen  
The Right Reverend Thomas O. Morgan  
The Reverend M.E (Beth) Paton  
The Reverend Dr. David M. Paton  
The Reverend Douglas Reeves  
The Venerable Richard Spencer  
The Venerable Thomas Thurlow  
The Reverend Canon David Turvey

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**70<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod - October 29, 30, 31, 2010**

**Agenda**

**FRIDAY, October 29, 2010 at St. John's Cathedral, 814 Spadina Crescent East,  
Saskatoon**

4:30 pm to 6:45 pm	Registration at St. John's Cathedral Church	
7:00 pm to 8:00 pm		Opening Service, Bishop's Charge
8:00 pm to 8:30 pm		Opening Formalities, Appointment of Clerical and Lay Secretaries, Declaration of Attendance, Appointment of Scrutineers,
8:30 pm to 10:00 pm		Bishop's Reception in Cathedral Hall

**SATURDAY, October 30, 2010 at Christ Church, 515 - 28<sup>th</sup> Street West, Saskatoon**

8:30 am to 8:45 am		Registration for late registrants
9:00 am to 9:30 am	Display Visits	Morning Prayer, Call to Order/Announcements
9:30 am to 11:15 am		First Address - Vocational Diaconate - Reverend Chris Ross Refreshments/Break, Round Table Discussion Groups - Parish Viability and Growth
11:15 am to Noon		Financial Reports, Report from the Nominating Committee Approval of previous Synod proceedings
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm	Display Visits	Lunch
1:00 pm to 4:30 pm	Display Visits	Report of Constitution and Canons committee, Nominations Close/Resolutions Close, Announcements, Reflections of General Synod, Refreshments/Break, Final report of Resolutions Committee, Motions Ballot distribution/voting,
4:30 pm to 5:30 pm		Presentation: Locally Raised Clergy - Reverend Delta Kelly
5:30 pm to 6:00 pm		Evening Meal Preparations
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm		Supper and Evening Entertainment

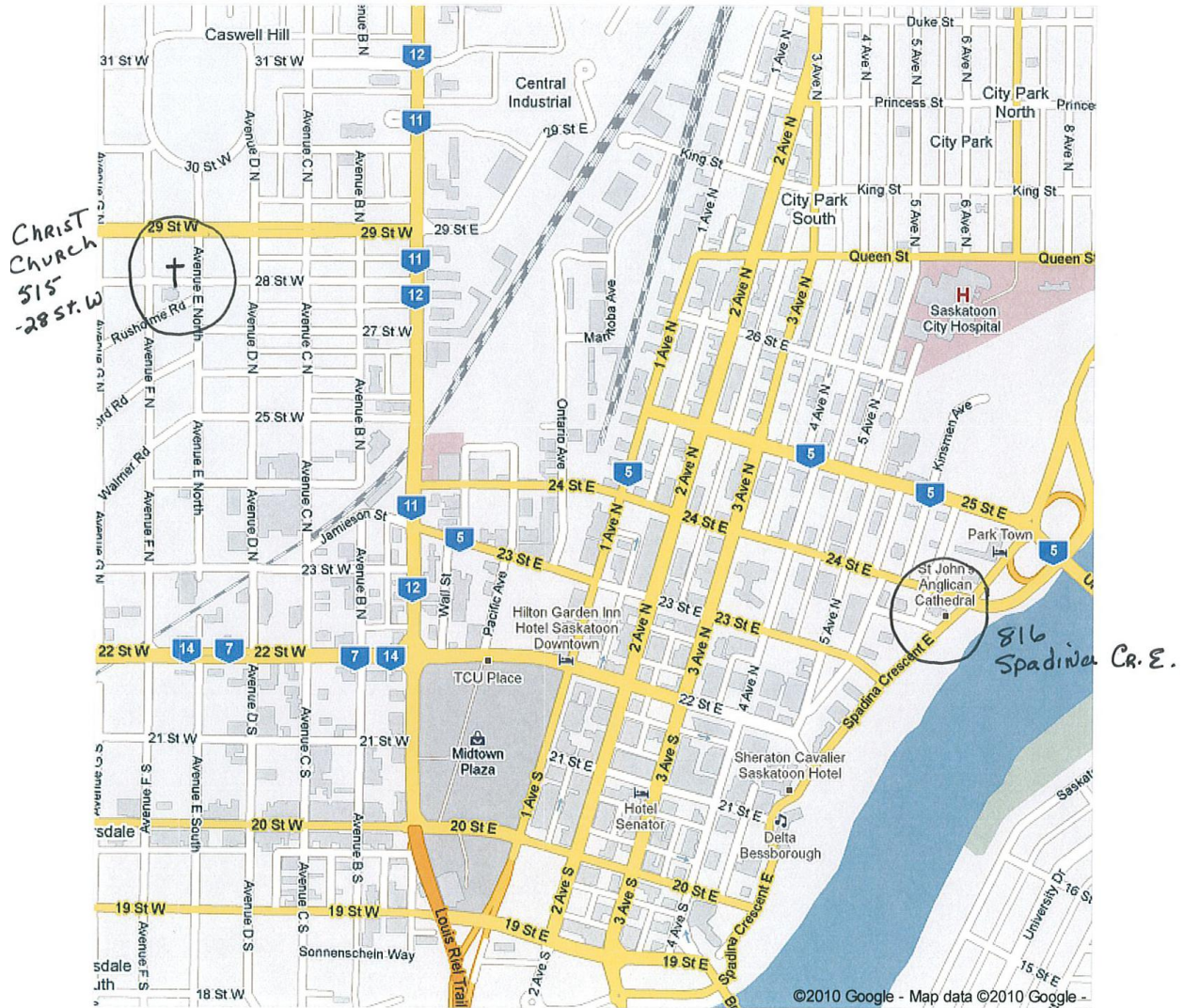
**SUNDAY, October 31, 2010 at Christ Church, 515 - 28<sup>th</sup> Street West, Saskatoon**

<p>9:00 am to 12:30 pm</p>	<p>Display Visits</p>	<p>Morning Prayer, Discussion Groups/Mission/Outreach/Diocesan Event/ Companion Diocese - Past and Present Primate's World Relief and Development - Refugee Presentation Notice of Future Motions, Announcements, Election Results, Motion to destroy Ballots, Motion of Thanks, Bishop's concurrence, Adjournment, Lunch</p>
<p>1 : 3 0 p m</p>		<p>Closing of Synod, Closing Service at Christ Church</p>

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## Map for Cathedral Church of St. John the Evangelist and Christ Church Anglican



## INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES

**Registration** All clergy and lay delegates must register for Synod. Registration will take place at St John's Cathedral commencing at 4:30 pm at the rear of the church. Locate your Deanery's table, sign the registration form and receive any additional material that may be handed out at Synod. Please register as early as possible. If you are unable to attend Synod, please pass on all materials to the alternate lay or youth delegate as soon as possible. When the full quota of delegates from a parish has registered, no substitutes for the parish may be made, even if some of those who have registered are unable to attend all Sessions of Synod.

### Costs

Each parish is responsible for the payment of the costs of its clerical, lay and youth delegates when attending sessions of the Synod. Delegates are encouraged to travel pool as much as possible.

### Meals

Friday supper - individuals will arrange their own.

Saturday and Sunday Breakfast - individuals will arrange their own.

Saturday and Sunday Lunch - will be provided.

Saturday Supper - will be provided.

Parishes will be billed for lunches, supper and miscellaneous costs at a later date.

**\*\*\*\*If you have special dietary needs, please notify the Synod Office by e-mail to [anglicansynod@sasktel.net](mailto:anglicansynod@sasktel.net), or by mail to Synod of the Diocese of Saskatoon, PO Box 1965, Saskatoon, SK, S7K 3S5.**

### Accommodations

If you wish a billet, please contact the Synod Office by October 8, 2010 with your request.

### Attendance

All delegates are asked to be present at all sessions of Synod.

## Practices and Procedures of Synod

### The Presider

Our Diocesan Bishop, The Right Reverend David Irving, chairs the proceedings of Synod.

### Rules of Order

Rules of Order govern virtually everything that may take place on the floor of Synod. In cases where the answer to a procedural question may not be clear, the Chair decides what procedures will be followed. The Chair may seek the advice of the Diocesan Chancellor on any point of order. The following rules of order enable members of Synod to conduct the business of Synod effectively and efficiently. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to consult with the Chancellor, your priest or another lay representative.

## **Resolutions, Motions and Amendments**

Ideas reach Synod in the form of Resolutions, which have been developed by members of Synod and the various committees of Synod. Resolutions are motions requesting Synod to take specific action. You will find Notice of Motions in your Convening Circular which will follow at a later date and not later than October 14, 2010. All resolutions not already printed in the Convening Circular, except for those of procedural or courtesy nature or that arise in the course of debate, will be written on the resolution form (a copy is enclosed in this Convening Circular) and submitted to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee, The Venerable Dr. Henry Comerford, for consideration by the committee before being put to Synod. Any resolution presented must include an explanatory note and or background information. Decisions about what actions the Diocese takes can have financial implications. If a motion involves expenditures of new or additional funds, please indicate this.

## **Debate**

Resolutions may call for amendments to our Constitution, our Canons or give direction for action to be taken in our Diocese.

When a motion is introduced, the mover of the motion is allowed to speak for maximum of three minutes. The seconder to the motion is also given an opportunity to speak, up to a maximum of two minutes. Once the mover and seconder have had their opportunity to speak, other members of Synod are given the opportunity to speak, up to a maximum of three minutes. As a member of Synod, you are encouraged to share your experience and thoughts as they help to facilitate discussion and consideration of an issue. If you wish to speak to Synod, proceed to the nearest microphone so you may be recognized by the Chair. When recognized by the Chair at the microphone, please state your name and the name of the parish your represent.

## **Voting at Synod**

When the “question is called”, you will have an opportunity to express your vote and voting may be done in variety of ways. The Chair will give direction on how the vote will take place.

## **Elections**

An important part of the work of Synod is the election of representatives to Diocesan Council and its standing committees, and to Provincial and General Synods. You will receive an election ballot with the names of those who have been nominated for election.

## **Quorum of Synod**

A quorum is the minimum number of members of the Diocesan Synod required to conduct business. A quorum of the Synod shall consist of a least one-quarter of the clerical delegates and one-quarter of the lay delegates.

## **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

**Archdeacon:** An archdeacon is appointed by the Diocesan Bishop to preside over an Archdeaconry.

**Canadian House of Bishops:** This House meets twice yearly when all bishops across Canada assemble in a forum chaired by the Primate. This consultation among bishops provides for unity within the church and gives national leadership.

**Canon:** 1) an ecclesiastical law or regulation of the diocese/province/national Church. 2) A title conferred by a bishop on a priest or on a lay member of the Church.

**Chancellor of a Diocese:** A judge or barrister who is appointed to assist and advise the Diocesan Bishop in all matters of discipline or cases of difficulty or doubt.

**Clericus:** A monthly meeting where the clergy of a deanery come together to discuss matters of common concern.

**Convening Circular:** A publication containing reports, notices of motion, memorials and petitions related to the business of the diocesan synod and circulated to its members before the convening of the synod.

**Credentials Committee:** A committee constituted to report to the Synod the standing of all persons who claim membership, and advises the chairperson as to a quorum of each Order.

**Deanery Council:** A forum of all licensed members of the clergy, all licensed lay incumbents, and the churchwardens and lay delegates to synod of all congregations within a regional deanery.

**Diocesan Council:** Diocesan Council is comprised of elected members who meet 3 to 4 times per year; its duty is to manage and administer the funds and property of the Synod, exercising all powers and functions of the Synod between sessions of the Synod, except enacting, amending or repealing the Canons or the Constitution. The Council is chaired by the Diocesan Bishop.

**Diocese:** The area or district under the jurisdiction and pastoral care of a bishop. There are 30 dioceses in the Anglican Church of Canada.

**Ecclesiastical Province:** A group of dioceses under the jurisdiction of a provincial synod. In Canada there are four ecclesiastical provinces: British Columbia and Yukon, Canada, Ontario and Rupert's Land.

**Ex –Officio:** A position that is granted to a person by virtue of their office rather than by election.

**Incumbent:** A priest or deacon appointed by the bishop to a parish or other office of the Church.

**Letters Bene Decessit:** A formal document given by a bishop to a bishop, priest, or deacon in good standing upon transfer to another diocese.

**Letters Testimonial:** A formal commendation given by a bishop, priest, or deacon in good standing, who is entering upon leave of absence from the diocese where he or she is registered.

**Metropolitan:** The Primate, or an archbishop having jurisdiction and pastoral oversight of an ecclesiastical province.

**Abandonment of Ministry:** When a deacon, priest, or bishop ceases to exercise the ministry of the Church or openly renounces the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Church.

**Relinquishment Of Ministry:** An act or deed whereby a deacon, priest or bishop surrenders or renounces his or her exercise of the ministry of the Church.

**Notice of Motion:** A formal notice (generally written, but sometimes oral) by a member that he or she intends to present a resolution. The notice of motion includes the substance of the resolution. The wording of a resolution usually, but not necessarily, is included in the notice. Orders Refers to the membership of the Diocesan Synod: the Order of Clergy, and the Order of Laity.

**Petition:** A formal written request for action submitted in writing to the Diocesan Synod by an individual or organization.

**Point of Order:** An appeal to the chair that the procedures of the meeting are at variance with rules of order or canons.

**Primate:** The President of the General Synod, chairperson of the House of Bishops and senior metropolitan of the Church; with the title of Archbishop.

**Putting/Calling the Question:** Calling for a vote on a formally moved and seconded motion before the Synod.

**Regional Dean:** A priest in a deanery, appointed by the bishop.

**Resolution:** A formal written proposal for action to be considered by the Synod.

**Session:** The term used for the entire time the Synod meets.

**Sitting:** The time, during a session of the Diocesan Synod, when members meet to consider the business of Synod.