



Diocese of New Westminster

ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA

The Right Reverend John Stephens

Bishop

April 2023

122nd Session of Synod

To all Clergy and Lay Delegates to Synod 2023

The 122nd Session of the Synod of the Diocese of New Westminster will be held on Friday, May 12 and Saturday, May 13, 2023. Synod will be in person only.

The Synod registration will open on Friday May 12 at 8am at the Italian Cultural Centre. The formal Synod will convene at 8:45am and will continue until approx. 5:30pm, Synod will then reconvene on Saturday May 13 at 9am at the Italian Cultural Centre and will be in session until approximately 4:30pm

Paperwork!

Several years ago, Diocesan Synod passed a motion that directed Synod material be distributed electronically as much as possible. Accordingly, the primary distribution of the Synod Circular and all related materials will be electronic, via e-mail and available for download from the Diocesan website at <http://www.vancouver.anglican.ca/about/synod> in early May. Wi-Fi access may be available at the Italian Cultural Centre – but we strongly encourage delegates to download all information onto their electronic devices ahead of time.

Delegates requiring a printed version of the Circular should print one before arriving at Synod, either at home or at their parish. Updates on nominations and resolutions will be provided on paper during the Synod.

If you are not able to access this material electronically or have other questions about Synod documentation, please contact Elias Neto at 604-684-6306 ext. 210 at the Synod Office.

Synod 2023 Location

We will be returning to the Italian Cultural Centre (ICC) which is located at:
3075 Slocan Street (at Grandview Highway)

Vancouver, BC V5M 3E4

There is ample parking on site and the building is wheelchair accessible.
The nearest Skytrain station is Renfrew Station on the Millennium Line.

Comfort

It is always a challenge to find the perfect temperature for a large number of people; you may need a light sweater or wrap if the air conditioning is too cool for you.

Schedule and Agenda

Friday's schedule begins with registration at 8am with Welcome and Holy Eucharist commencing at 8:45am. We will conclude on Friday around 5:30pm. Late registration will open at 8am on Saturday morning with Morning Prayer at 9am. Saturday will finish by 4:30pm. A basic agenda outline will be found in the Synod Circular and on the diocesan website.

Regrets – Active Clergy

All active clergy licensed by the Bishop in parish ministry or chaplaincy are reminded that attendance at Synod is required. Exceptions can only be made by the bishop.

Please contact him immediately to request permission to be absent.

His email address is jstephens@vancouver.anglican.ca

Meals

Lunch will be provided on both days, and this year we are pleased to announce that there will be baked goods and tea/coffee served Friday and Saturday morning on arrival. Please note there will not be an evening reception or bar this year.

If you have a special dietary need or requirement, please contact Elias Neto at 604-684-6306 ext. 210 or by email at eneto@vancouver.anglican.ca by **May 1, 2023**, to discuss special arrangements.

Childcare

We are once again offering on-site childcare for children aged 0-12 years whose parents are delegates to Diocesan Synod. Childcare is available while Synod is in session, and meals are spent with delegate parents. This care will be coordinated by the Reverend Jessica Schaap, Missioner for Christian Formation and provided by experienced caregivers. If you will need childcare for Friday or Saturday or both, please send Jessica an email by **May 1, 2023**, with the names and ages of your children and when you would require care for them during Synod. Jessica's email address is jschaap@vancouver.anglican.ca

Events for Young Delegates

The Diocesan Youth Movement (DYM) will once again be organizing a lunch with the bishop for young delegates (aged 15-26). The lunch will be on Saturday, May 13. The DYM will email all youth delegates with further details before we meet.

Offering

An offering will be received during the Eucharist. It will be directed toward support of the Street Outreach Initiative (SOI) based in Downtown Eastside Vancouver.

Resolutions

All Resolutions must be submitted by the mover and seconder, and given to Ms Jennifer Dezell, Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee via the Synod Office. The Resolutions Committee will review and determine whether or not the Resolution is in Order according to the Rules of Order of the Synod.

The best way to submit resolutions is by email to Jennifer Dezell, Chair of Resolutions at resolutions@vancouver.anglican.ca

Nominations

At Synod we will be holding several elections for diocesan positions. Please see the letter from the Nominations Committee for further details. This has already been distributed. Further information can be found on the Diocesan website. For any questions or clarification contact Kerry Baisley, Chair of Nominations Committee at nominations@vancouver.anglican.ca