

## **DIOCESE OF KOOTENAY** *The Anglican Church of Canada*

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The Most Rev. Lynne E. McNaughton, Bishop

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To: Clergy and Synod Delegates, Chancellor, Diocesan Officers

Re: Diocesan Synod 2022

Diocesan Synod historically takes place every 3 years. It was decided at Synod 2021 that Synod will now be an annual event. Synod 2022 will be a one-day meeting focused on the constitutionally mandated business of Synod and the presentation of a budget so as to clear more time for a focus on mission and vision at the triennial in-person Synod.

The 65th session of the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay is called to meet **October 1, 2022** (9:00am-4:00pm Pacific). All the business proceedings of this Synod will be held via Zoom conference. All delegates must be able to receive documents and to attend Synod electronically. On our behalf, please confirm this information is received by elected delegates to Synod in your parish(es), your Regional Chair, and Regional Youth Representative.

The theme "Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Isaiah 43:18-19) will continue from Synod 2021. We look forward to building upon this foundation as we hear from the Structures Working Group (SWG) who will hold up a mirror to the Diocese and spark conversations that will help us prepare us for the future.

Canon 4 requires that "Resolutions or notices of motion, with the names of the mover and seconder, shall be submitted to the Secretaries of Synod not less than forty-five (45) days before the date set for the session of the Synod at which it is intended to present them". To ensure adequate preparation time with summer vacations and other considerations, notices of motion must be received at the Diocesan office by August 1, 2022. To facilitate a smooth electronic Synod, no nominations or resolutions will be received "from the floor" during Synod.

The deadlines for submissions of Synod reports, nominations and resolutions:

• August 1, 2022 Deadline for submission of required reports for the Convening Circular. Please note not every committee or partner is required to submit reports for this interim synod. We will be notifying committees in June if they will be required to submit a report.

- August 1, 2022 Deadline for receipt of resolutions and notices of motion
- September 1, 2022 Distribution of Synod Packet #1
- September 1-14, 2022 Regional Meetings for Packet responses including late motions and questions
- September 17, 2022 Deadline for late resolutions and questions
- September 26, 2022 Distribution of Synod Packet #2

All reports and submissions must be submitted electronically by the above deadlines in Word format to Kate Dalton at <u>admin@kootenay.info</u>.

I invite you to pray for the Synod Planning Committee in the months leading up to Synod as well as for the Synod gathering. May God bless our preparation, that this 65th Synod may be a rejuvenating gathering. May our Synod strengthen each parish and the life of our diocese, and revitalize our mission in this time.

Yours in Christ,

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