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The Most Rev. Dr. Lynne E. McNaughton, *Archbishop*

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To: Clergy and Synod Delegates, Chancellor, Diocesan Officers, Special Guests
Re: Special Session of Synod 2023

The Archbishop, in consultation with Diocesan Council, hereby summons **the second Special Session of the 64th** Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay to meet on **Saturday, May 27, 2023 (9:00am-4:00pm PDT; 10:00am-5:00pm MDT)**. As in October 2022, the business proceedings of this Special Session of Synod will be held via Zoom conference. Thus, all delegates must be able to receive documents and to attend Synod virtually.

In this Special Session of the Synod we extend the theme “Behold, I am doing a new thing” (Isaiah 43:18-19) from Synod 2021, to include verses 20 and 21:

*Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
The wild animals will honour me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.*

Following the release of the Structures Working Group report “A Path Forward” and the subsequent Diocesan Town Halls held in January, we have been together in moving through what author Walter Brueggemann refers to as a triad of Orientation-Disorientation-Reorientation. As we gather for this next special session of Synod, we will seek to reflect and to act toward a Reorientation that will include a renewal in values, vision, and mission for the sake of the new things God is inspiring among us. This

entire session of Synod will engage us in this reflection and action. The delivery of our first Synod packet will include questions for engagement with this theme.

Resolution and Nomination Deadlines

Rules of Order 3.1 requires that “All resolutions or notices of motion, with the names of the mover and seconder, shall be submitted to the Resolutions Committee not less than forty-five (45) days before the date set for the Session of the Synod at which they are intended to be presented.” To ensure adequate preparation time, notices of motion must be received at the synod office by **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**. Please note that late resolutions submitted within forty-five (45) days of the session of Synod “shall be presented in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder, to the Resolutions Committee” with an indication of the reason the deadline was not met. To facilitate a smooth electronic Synod, no nominations or resolutions will be received “from the floor” during Synod.

While normally there would be no elections at this Special Session of Synod, we are required to have both a clerical member of General Synod (and an alternate) and a lay member of General Synod (and an alternate). The Ven. Trevor Freeman was the clerical delegate until his resignation. The Rev. Michael Shapcott, as the alternate, has now moved into this position. Arleigh McKenna was elected as an alternate lay member and unfortunately personal circumstances no longer permit the possibility of her attendance. Therefore, a clerical alternate delegate and a lay alternate delegate must be elected. Nominations for said positions will be received by the synod office no later than **Friday, May 12, 2023**.

Nomination forms will be available on the resources webpage for Synod:

<https://www.kootenayanglican.ca/pages/diocesan-synod>

The deadlines for submissions of nominations and resolutions

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| ● April 12, 2023 | Deadline for submission of resolutions and notices of motion |
| ● April 26, 2023 | Distribution of Synod Packet #1 |
| ● May 1-12, 2023 | Regional Meetings to discuss Packet #1 including ideas for any late motions or questions to submit.
Election of Regional Youth Delegates |
| ● May 12, 2023 | Deadline for nominations, late resolutions, and questions |
| ● May 23, 2023 | Distribution of Synod Packet #2 |

All submissions must be submitted electronically by the above deadlines to Kate Dalton at admin@kootenay.info.

Calling all youth! We want to encourage any interested youth in your parish to attend as observers. Please ask them along! While only one (1) youth delegate is permitted from each region to be a voting member of synod, all youth are welcome. Please send their names to Kate Dalton so she may add their name(s) to the guest list and she may pass along the Synod observation website link.

Last but not least, I ask you to pray for the Synod Planning Committee in the weeks leading up to the session. May our God, who makes streams flow in the desert and a way in the wilderness for us, the people of God, bless our preparations so that this second Special Session of the 64th Synod may be a rejuvenating gathering. And may all delegates and guests be blessed as they prepare to attend. I look forward to welcoming you on May 27th.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Lynne McNaughton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a small cross-like mark at the beginning.

The Most Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton
Archbishop of Kootenay

The Rev. Susan Basek
Clerical Secretary of Synod

Ms. Deb Saffin
Lay Secretary of Synod