

The Diocese of Rupert's Land

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To: Incumbents & Wardens

Important information regarding the Diocese of Rupert's Land Synod 2020

The times, dates and locations have been set:

Friday October 16, 2020 @ St. John's Cathedral:

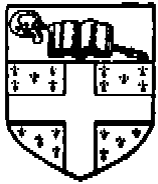
Registration and a pre-synod reception will start at 4:00 p.m. The Opening Eucharist will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will include the Bishop's Charge, procedural motions and resolutions arising from the Bishop's Charge. The evening will conclude by 9:15 p.m.

Saturday October 17, 2020 @ Canad Inn Polo Park

Registration will re-open at 8:00 a.m. The morning sitting will begin at 9:00 a.m., and will include a financial update, resolutions from the Convening circular, balloting and lunch. The afternoon sitting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and include resolutions received after the distribution of the Circular, and conclude with our closing procedures. The Saturday sitting will conclude by 4:00 p.m.

The cost of the Synod is \$85 per delegate as in past Synod years. This has been approved by Diocesan Council. Parishes will be billed according to the number of elected lay delegates and eligible clergy. As you prepare for your Annual Meeting, please ensure this information is well known so that those who may be interested in letting their name stand for a Synod Delegate, are aware of the changes.

Note: *Saturday evening (Oct 17) a Gala Dinner commemorating the 200th anniversary of the Anglican Church in Western Canada, will be held at the Canada Inn Polo Park. Tickets will be required for the Dinner – more information to follow. Synod Delegates are encouraged to purchase tickets for this gala banquet. On Sunday morning, (Oct 18) at the Canad Inn Polo Park, a commemorative Eucharist Service will be held. Parishes in the City of Winnipeg, and neighbouring communities are asked to cancel their morning services, and all members attend this Diocesan-wide Anniversary Service. More information on these events will follow. For parishes whose proximity to Winnipeg makes it difficult for members to attend this diocesan-wide ceremony, we are hoping to offer live-streaming of this ceremony and will provide more information when available.*



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You have spoken ... and we have listened!!

Over the past number of Synods there has been a growing concern relating to a number of topics, expressed through the Synod evaluation forms. We have heard the concerns and are taking action which will impact Synod 2020.

Concerns:	Changes for Synod 2020:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some people who work during the weekday cannot attend which limits who can attend and whose voices are being heard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synod 2020 will be: Friday evening (October 16, 2020) and Saturday during the day (October 17, 2020)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purpose/format of Synod Synod should be doing "the business of the diocese" and Faith Horizons is for education and presentations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Synod will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Eucharist Service with Bishop's Charge Resolutions resulting from the Bishop's Charge Procedural resolutions Short financial update and resulting resolutions Resolutions printed in the Convening Circular (CC) Resolutions received after the printing of the CC
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Too many presentations at Synod Written reports do not need to be spoken to at Synod 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC will contain written reports and/or links to video reports/presentations Reports will not be spoken to at Synod
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Need an opportunity to put faces to names of people we are voting for Need to know some information about late nominees Balloting was very confusing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations will close at least one week prior to Synod Nomination forms will be revamped and have a spot to indicate why the person would like to be part of that which they are being nominated for Nomination forms MUST include a picture All nominations received after the printing of the CC will be emailed out to delegates prior to Synod There will be brief "roll call" (introduction) of nominees prior to balloting

The Synod Agenda Committee has begun the work on Synod 2020 and we are excited to moving forward with these changes to help us be good stewards of our time, energy, space, governance and change.

Blessings to you and your parish, in these Advent and Christmas seasons.

Bob Wedlake
Secretary of Synod