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Note to Synod Members:

The content of this Convening Circular has been approved by Diocesan Council. Other information of interest to Synod members is available on the Diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca].

This includes:

- List of Synod Members
- Other Reports to the Synod
- Minutes of the previous Meeting
- Diocesan Apportionment Calculations
- Statistical Returns
- Synod Speak

A limited supply of printed materials will be available through the Area Bishops’ Offices for Members of Synod who do not have a computer or access to the internet. It is not essential that Members have a printed copy of all materials; members should use their discretion in deciding what materials are needed in printed format and what materials can simply be viewed online prior to the meeting. Complimentary WiFi will be available in the plenary hall and in the hotel guestrooms.

NOTICE OF MEETING

The Most Rev. Colin R. Johnson, Bishop of Toronto, has signified his intention to assemble the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto.

Friday, November 13, 2015 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
and
Saturday, November 14, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

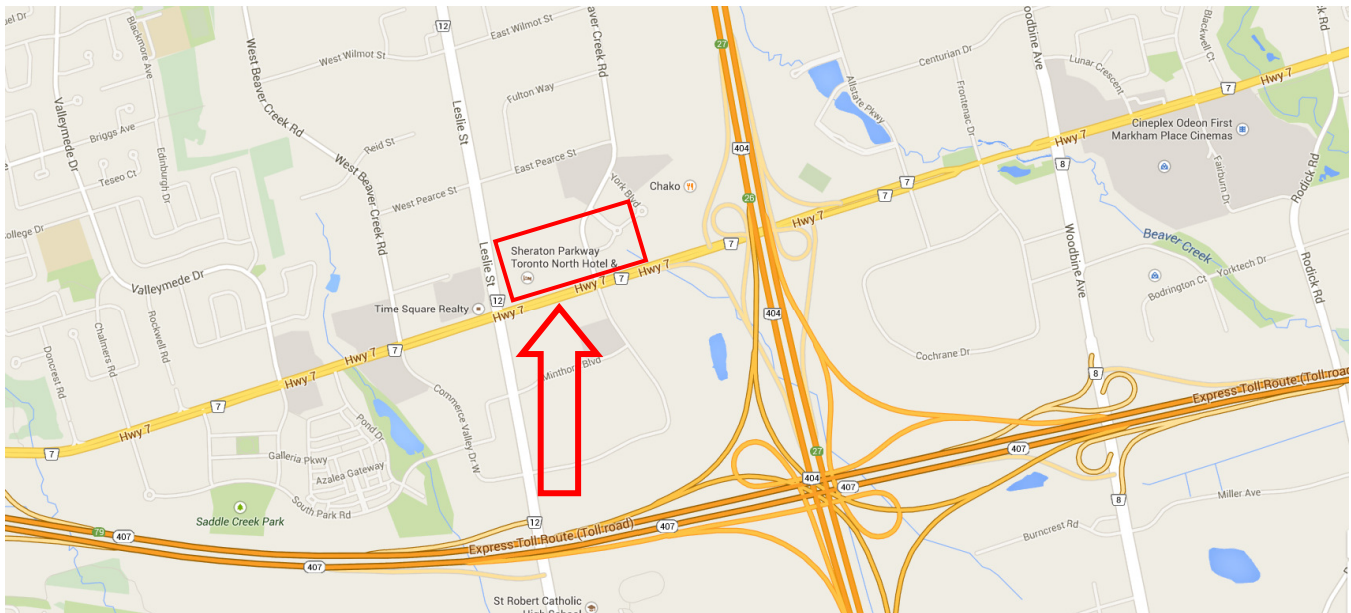
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- Hwy 401 east
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- Hwy 7 west
- The Hotel is 2 lights down on the North side of the road, just past the Esso station

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- Highway 400 South
- Highway 7 east
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From North (Hwy 404):

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- Highway 7 west for 1 block
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PRE-SYNOD MEETINGS

Episcopal Areas will hold Pre-Synod meetings to prepare for the Synod. Agenda items will include: Orientation for new Synod Members, Priorities and Plans 2015-2017 including the Assessment Rate, and elections for Diocesan Council. Attendance at Pre-Synod meetings is extremely important as this is the forum for Synod Members to engage in discussion and debate on items being brought before Synod for approval.

Pre-Synod meetings have been scheduled over two dates, covering the entire Diocese with one session in the morning and one session in the afternoon on each day. The dates and locations are as follows:

Saturday, October 3, 2015

St. Thomas, Brooklin

101 Winchester Rd E, Brooklin
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Registration starting at 8:45 a.m.

St. Andrew, Scarborough

2333 Victoria Park Ave, Toronto
2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Registration starting at 1:45 p.m.

Saturday, October 24, 2015

St. George, Allandale

9 Granville St, Barrie
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Registration starting at 8:45 a.m.

St. Stephen, Downsview

2259 Jane St, Toronto
1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Registration starting at 1:15 p.m.

For maps and directions to these locations, please visit our website at:

www.toronto.anglican.ca/find-a-churchclergy

Who is eligible to attend?

In addition to clerical and lay members of Synod, treasurers and one churchwarden from each parish may attend the area meeting.

Area Elections

Prior to the area Pre-Synod meeting, the Area Bishop will constitute a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of nominees for election to Diocesan Council at the area Pre-Synod meeting. Each Episcopal Area will elect one (1) clerical and two (2) lay members to Diocesan Council. Only voting members of Synod may be nominated and only members of Synod may vote.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Registration for Synod

Registration will be held in the Grand York Ballroom Foyer between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. on Friday, November 13, 2015. You are urged to register as early as possible. All voting members of Synod must register in order to be eligible to vote. Once registration closes, those who have not notified the Synod Office of late arrival will not be allowed to enter Synod until permitted by the Court on Contested Seats.

If late registration is required, please indicate so when you register online or contact Pamela Boisvert by email at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca before noon on Tuesday, November 10, 2015.

Registration Charge

To help defray the costs of meals, beverages and accommodation during Synod, each member of Synod will be charged a registration fee of \$84. In June, parishes were invoiced through the accounts receivable process for their lay Synod members and main priest.

For all other members of Synod, e.g. clergy who are retired or not appointed to a parish, the registration fee should be paid before November 1, 2015. Cheques should be made payable to “The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto” clearly marked “SYNOD 2015” and mailed to: Accounts Receivable, The Anglican Diocese of Toronto, 135 Adelaide St. E., Toronto, ON M5C 1L8.

Hotel Location (new location)

The Sheraton Parkway Toronto North is located at 600 Highway 7 East (near Hwy 404 and Hwy 7 at Leslie Street) in Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4B 1B2. See page 3 for directions to the Hotel.

The temperature in the Grand York Ballroom will vary. Please be prepared for warm or cool conditions (i.e. wear layers).

Accommodation

Accommodation, at no extra charge, will be provided to all Lay Members and the Main Priest from each congregation within the deaneries of Durham & Northumberland, Holland, Huronia, Nottawasaga, Oshawa, Peterborough, Tecumseth and Victoria & Haliburton. Ex-Officio members, Bishop’s Appointees and Youth and Young Adult Members from the same deaneries will also receive accommodation at no extra charge.

Your eligibility is indicated in the [Registration Report](#) document posted on the 2015 Regular Synod page of the Diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca]. Eligibility is noted under the heading ‘Accommodation’ as either ‘ELIGIBLE’ or ‘NOT ELIGIBLE’. If you believe an error was made, please contact [Pamela Boisvert](#) by telephone at 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 231.

If you are ELIGIBLE for accommodation on Friday evening and wish to also make a reservation for Thursday at your own expense, or if you are NOT ELIGIBLE and would like to reserve a room for Thursday or Friday at your own expense, please contact the

Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites directly by calling 1-800-668-0101. Identify yourself as a member of the Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and quote block code “AN1112” to obtain our preferred rate of \$125 (single or double occupancy) plus applicable taxes at the Sheraton Parkway or \$95 (single or double occupancy) plus applicable taxes at the Best Western. Reservations made after the cut-off date of October 12, 2015 will be subject to availability, and may not be eligible for the negotiated rate. A valid credit card will be required in order to make a room reservation.

Check-in time is after 3:00 p.m. and check-out time is no later than 11:00 a.m.

Parking

There is ample free parking available both inside and outside at the Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites.

Identity Card

Registered members of Synod are identified by a nametag; they may enter the Synod conference area in the Grant York Ballroom and Foyer. Nametags will be issued at registration for Synod.

In Case of Emergency

Urgent messages will be transmitted if they are directed to the switchboard of the Hotel. The telephone number is 905-881-2121.

Help Desk

Staff will be available to answer questions at the Help Desk located in the Grand York Ballroom foyer outside the main conference area when Synod is in Session.

Display Tables

Exhibitors have been invited to showcase their ministries with display tables. Display tables will be located in the foyer outside the main conference area.

Communication Devices

Out of respect for the Synod proceedings, attendees are asked to limit the use of electronic devices to the downloading of documents pertinent to the proceedings. Members are asked to reserve communications to outside parties and browsing to outside the session and to set all devices to silent. Free WiFi will be available in the Grand York Ballroom and Foyer area.

Electronic Voting

Voting will be conducted using an audience response system (“ARS”). Do not be alarmed if this technology is new to you – a demonstration including several test polls will be completed. All voting Members of Synod will receive a response pad when they register.

Social Media

The Diocesan social media channels will be updated on a regular basis. Synod Members and other parish leaders can connect with the Diocese of Toronto through its Facebook, Twitter and YouTube accounts.



<https://www.facebook.com/torontoanglican>

<https://twitter.com/anglicandioto>

<http://www.youtube.com/tordio135>

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THEME

Treasures New and Old

The theme of the 156th Regular Session of Synod is “Treasures New and Old” from Matthew 13:52. “Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

This is a reinforcement of the missional strategy that the Diocese has followed for several years now. It is encouraging both the best of traditional expressions of church and the best of fresh expressions. Through the recent Our Faith-Our Hope Reimagine Church ministry campaign, we are working for both building the church for tomorrow, and revitalizing our inheritance.

Rather than sticking solely with tradition, or moving solely for the new-and-different, each avoiding the other, let us bring to our church treasures new and old. Celebrating and honoring both is a faithful response to God today.

AGENDA

Friday, November 13, 2015

11:00 a.m.	Eucharist
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Opening of the Synod Constitution of the Meeting Archbishop's Charge to the Synod Business Session Announcements Introductions Omnibus Motion Missional Moment #1
2:35 p.m.	Constitution and Canon Changes (part 1 of 2) Missional Moment #2
3:25 p.m.	Constitution and Canon Changes (part 2 of 2) Missional Moment #3 Presentation – Chaplaincy
4:25 p.m.	Members' Time Presentation – Marriage Commission Elections to General Synod Report on Provincial Synod
5:30 p.m.	Synod Adjourns Cash Bar in the Grand York Ballroom Foyer Social/Networking/Free time/Display Tables Dinner 'on your own'

Saturday, November 14, 2015

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast in the Grand York Ballroom Foyer
9:00 a.m.	Synod Resumes Worship
9:15 a.m.	Business Session Priorities and Plans 2013-2015 "Report Card" Financial Statements for 2014 Financial Update for 2015 Missional Moment #4
10:35 a.m.	Priorities and Plans 2015-2017 Assessment Rate for 2016 and 2017 Missional Moment #5
11:50 a.m.	Members' Time "Companions" Programme Election Results Archbishop Johnson's Wrap-up
1:00 p.m.	Closing Prayers Termination of Synod

MEMBERS OF SYNOD

Lists of Members of Synod

The names of Synod members, both clerical and lay, are listed on the diocesan website [www.toronto.anglican.ca]. If you are a member of Synod and your name is not on either of the two lists, please contact Pamela Boisvert at pboisvert@toronto.anglican.ca or 416-363-6021 (1-800-668-8932) ext. 231 as soon as possible.

Clerical Members

Clerical members are those who qualify under Section 2 of *The Constitution and Canons* of the Diocese of Toronto.

Retired Clergy

Retired clergy [*The Constitution*, Section 2, (4)] are clergy on the retired list who regularly attend Synod, until such time as they miss two consecutive meetings of Synod, without showing cause, or a total of four meetings of Synod, whatever the cause. Retired clergy (voting and non-voting) are listed on the diocesan website.

Lay Members

Lay members are those who are:

- a) Elected by parish vestry,
- b) Ex-officio [*The Constitution*, Section 3 (16)],
- c) Bishop's Appointees [*The Constitution*, Section 3 (4)],
- d) Youth and Young Adult Members [*The Constitution*, Section 3 (17)] or
- e) Substitute lay members, elected by parish vestry, who attend in lieu of an elected member who is unable to attend.

From *The Constitution*

Substitute Lay Members [*The Constitution* Section 3 (8)]

- a) Substitute Lay Members may be elected by a Vestry, and such Substitutes shall, in the order of their election, take the place of regular members who from any cause are unable to attend the session or sessions of the Synod during the period for which they are elected.
- b) A substitute Lay Member shall serve only during the Session of Synod for which such lay Member is reported to the Synod to act and shall not be eligible for election to any Standing Committee of the Synod.
- c) It shall be the duty of the Incumbent to notify the Secretary of the Synod of the appointment of the substitute to act as a member not later than the day preceding the first day of the Session of Synod for which such Lay Member is appointed, giving the name and address of the substitute and also the name and address of the member in whose place the substitute is acting. The Incumbent shall certify also that such substitute was elected at a meeting of the Vestry in the regular way, and fulfills the requirements of a lay member.

ELECTIONS FOR GENERAL SYNOD

Under *The Constitution* of the Diocese of Toronto and *The Constitution of the General Synod*, Synod is required to elect eight Clerical Members and eight Lay Members to serve as members of General Synod. The next General Synod will be held from July 7-12, 2016, in Toronto, Ontario.

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is the church's chief governing and legislative body. It is made up of members from every diocese and all three orders (lay people, priests, and bishops) from across the country. It meets every three years, during which members exchange information, set policy for the Church and pass resolutions and canons. In years when the General Synod does not meet, the Church is governed by the Council of General Synod (CoGS), effectively a smaller subcommittee with a similar mandate and similar powers.

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Clerical Members to be elected

The Rev. Jenny Andison, St. Clement, Eglinton
The Rev. Canon Susan Bell, St. Martin in-the-Fields/Canon Missioner
The Rev. David Giffen, Transfiguration
The Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon, St. John, West Toronto
The Rev. Canon David Harrison, St. Mary Magdalene
The Rev. Timothy Haughton, Trinity East
The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, Holy Trinity, Trinity Square
The Rev. Keith Joyce, St. Paul Brighton
The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, St. George on Yonge
The Rev. Canon Heather McCance, St. Andrew, Scarborough
The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker, St. Paul, Bloor Street
The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson, Christ Church, Deer Park
The Rev. Susan Spicer – Parish of Fenelon Falls
The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw – Christ Church, Bolton
The Rev. Jordan Wellington – St. John, Willowdale

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Lay Members to be elected

Mr. Chris Ambidge, Redeemer, Bloor Street
Mr. Peter Bennett, Redeemer, Bloor Street
Mr. Lawrence (Larry) Barker, St. Luke, Burnt River
Mr. Matt Koovisk, St. Mary, Richmond Hill
Mr. Israel Newell, ODT - Trinity East
Mr. Kennedy Marshall, Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale
Mr. Ryan Ramsden, Grace Church in Scarborough
Ms. Marion Thompson, St. Peter, Oshawa
Ms. Laura Walton, Christ Church, Batteau

Please note:

Nominees for General Synod were asked to submit approximately fifty words about their involvement at the diocesan, parish, and community level. These biographies follow.

Biographical Information

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Clerical Members to be elected

The Rev. Jenny Andison, St. Clement, Eglinton – Jenny was ordained in 1997 and first served in a multi-point parish in the Diocese of Ontario. She then spent a year at St. Alban's Church in Tokyo and two years at St. Timothy, Agincourt. She then moved, with her husband Tim, to London, England for five years, where she served as Associate Vicar at St. James, Clerkenwell, a church reboot in the heart of the city. She then joined the staff team at St. Paul, Bloor Street, where she co-led the Bridge community for eight years. She also served as the first Archbishop's Officer for Mission for two years and was responsible for promoting missional ministry, church planting and fresh expressions of church. She has sat on the Doctrine and Worship Committee, is currently a member of the Postulancy Committee, and sat on the Board of Governors of Havergal College for six years. Jenny chaired a working group that produced the report, "The Future of Ordained Ministry in the Diocese of Toronto." She wrote one of the Wycliffe Booklets on Evangelism, "Doors into Faith," and co-authored a five week Bible study, "Mission Possible." Jenny represented the Diocese of Toronto at General Synod in 2013, and is currently the Incumbent at St. Clement, Eglinton, which she is thoroughly enjoying. Jenny and Tim have three daughters.

The Rev. Canon Susan Bell, St. Martin in-the-Fields/Canon Missioner – Susan is the Canon Missioner for the Diocese of Toronto. In this role she works as a catalyst and encourager of mission throughout the Diocese - planting churches and supporting parish missional communities. Since 2007, Susan has served as the Chaplain of Havergal College, a large Anglican girls' school in north Toronto. There, she directs the Religious Education program, leads worship and provides pastoral care for the school community. She has also served the parish of St. Martin-in-the-Fields since 1997, first as Assistant Curate, then as Associate Priest. Susan's Diocesan activities include membership in the Diocesan Postulancy committee; Chair of the organizing committee for the Vital Church Planting Conference, and the Reach Grant disbursement committee; and member of the Project Enabling and Management group which administrates Ministry Allocation Fund grants. She has co-led the Inter-Diocesan Learning Community for Mission here in the Diocese of Toronto and represented the Diocese in the UK. Susan is also a doctoral candidate at the University of Toronto in the faculty of Church History. She co-authored the six-part written resource exploring Christian invitation titled "Invited" and is the author of historical articles including one published in the Toronto School of Theology Journal in 2010. Susan was ordained in the Diocese in 1997. She is married to Tom and they have four children. Susan is deeply committed to the very positive future of the Anglican Church in Canada and would be honoured to represent the Diocese of Toronto at General Synod.

The Rev. David Giffen, Transfiguration - David has a profound love for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and is continually fed by making new and renewed disciples for Jesus. David began his ministry serving at St. Paul's Cathedral (Diocese of Huron) and after serving as Assistant Curate for two years, was appointed Vicar and Priest-in-Charge for the eighteen month interim period before the appointment of their new Cathedral Dean. Since arriving in the Diocese of Toronto (2010), David has led the process of re-booting the ministry at the Church of the Transfiguration. During their five years together, Transfiguration has more

than tripled in size, with the average age of Sunday parishioners having been cut by more than half. This fall, Transfiguration planted a new Sunday evening worshipping community (The Water's Edge), seeking to meet the needs of the local community and draw new people into the life of Christ. David has been a committed member of the Diocesan Council and Executive Board for the last four years, while serving on a number of other diocesan and national committees, and served as a delegate to the 2015 Provincial Synod. As a member to General Synod, David would bring a unique blend of youthfulness, leadership, and a sincere desire to have our governing structures and policies reflect the priorities of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Canon Douglas Graydon, St. John, West Toronto – Douglas obtained his M. Div. at the University of Trinity College in 1982. After completing his curacy as an Associate Priest at St. James Cathedral, Douglas pursued his interest in hospital chaplaincy, becoming the first non-Roman Catholic chaplain hired by St. Michael's Hospital. He would spend the next 20 years developing a career as a palliative care chaplain working at Casey House Hospice, where he specialized in HIV/AIDS spiritual care, and then at Princess Margaret Hospital as part of the health care team for cancer palliative care. In 2002 Archbishop Terence Finlay appointed Douglas as the Coordinator of Chaplaincy Services for the Diocese of Toronto. Besides his duties as Chaplaincy Services Coordinator, Douglas was the half-time Priest-in-Charge of St. Philip-the-Apostle Anglican Church until its closing in May 2010. Since 2010, Douglas served as Associate priest at Christ Church, Deer Park and is currently an Associate Priest at St. John, West Toronto. Douglas also functions as the Diocesan Resource Coordinator for Pandemic Planning and is staff support to the Diocesan HIV/AIDS Network, the Diocesan Parish Nurse Network and the Vocational Deacons community. Douglas also holds a Master's Degree of Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. He is a respected speaker and educator on the subject of end of life care, healing ministries, spiritual and religious care and pastoral counselling.

The Rev. Canon David Harrison, St. Mary Magdalene – David is the Incumbent of the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Toronto, having previously served as the Incumbent of St. Thomas, Brooklin and Assistant Curate of St. John, Port Hope. He is currently a member of Executive Board and the Diocesan Council, as well as the Postulancy Committee and the Doctrine and Worship Committee, and is a member of Provincial Synod. David has served on the Treasury Board and Chaplaincy Committee, as well as being co-coordinator of the Momentum program for training the newly ordained. He is a former chair of Liturgy Canada. Before ordination he worked in a variety of policy development capacities with the Government of Ontario. He has a strong interest in Church governance and in the vital role of synodical government in our polity, and is a member of the Worship Planning Team for General Synod 2016.

The Rev. Timothy Haughton, Trinity East – The joy of seeing people's lives changed by coming to know Jesus drew Tim into ministry at a young age. He worked at Fair Glen youth camp from the age of 15, discipling youth in the transforming work of God in Jesus. That passion for ministry to youth led him to take on the role of Youth and Young Adult Minister at St. Paul, Bloor Street in 2001. While on staff at St. Paul, Bloor Street Tim was ordained and continued in the role for another four years before making the internal shift to Pastor of Discipleship. For the last two years Tim has been the Incumbent at Trinity East in

Toronto. It has been such a joy for Tim to partner with such a gifted and passionate community in prayerfully discerning creative ways to draw the growing Corktown community to encounter God in Christ.

The Rev. Sherman Hesselgrave, Holy Trinity, Trinity Square – Sherman has been the Incumbent of Holy Trinity, Trinity Square, Toronto since June 2008. He is a member of the Executive Board of Diocesan Council, serves on the Doctrine and Worship Committee of the Diocese, and is Regional Dean of St. James. He served two terms as Chair of the Multi-Faith Alliance to End Homelessness and is the National Chaplain to the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Before coming to Toronto he was the chair of a diocesan Liturgy and Music Commission and a deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church. He would bring a passion for social justice and equity to the work of General Synod.

The Rev. Keith Joyce, St. Paul, Brighton - After growing up in the Middle East, a music degree from U of T, seminary at Trinity College, being ordained deacon and priest in Toronto Diocese, Keith served parishes in the dioceses of Toronto, Montreal and Fredericton before becoming Dean at Christ Church Cathedral in Fredericton for 14 years. He's now at St Paul, Brighton. He has served as a delegate to General and Provincial Synods (including Provincial Council) for the dioceses of Montreal and Fredericton, done chaplaincy work (e.g. Mothers' Union – diocesan and national levels), led short-term missions (Nunavut, Belize), chaired diocesan clergy conference committees, been a diocesan liturgical officer including chairing the Faith and Worship Committee, served on Social Action, Mission, and Companion Diocese committees, participated in healing ministries and in Cursillo, taught the adults at family camps, led diocese-wide human sexuality studies, organized worship for diocesan synods, and served on Diocesan Councils of Montreal and Fredericton. Community involvement included membership on the Greater Saint John Domestic Violence Community Action Group, chaplain to the Order of St. John, and of the Legislative Assembly of New Brunswick. Keith desires to see people become mature followers of Jesus Christ, and as church, to live out lives of faith and witness for kingdom mission in the world, while enjoying the riches of our Anglican tradition, both historic and innovative, in corporate worship.

The Rev. Canon Mark Kinghan, St. George on Yonge - Mark has an interest in community ministry and connecting the church with the local neighborhood. He has served as clergy representative to Provincial Synod and on the Provincial Synod Executive since 2012. Mark is a facilitator for Fresh Start, serves on the Diaconal Candidates Working Group, and the Bishop's Advisory Committee on Reception of Orders. Mark has served on the Candidates Committee for the Diocese of Toronto and as an ACPO assessor. He enjoys photography and linking his photography with his spirituality.

The Rev. Canon Heather McCance, St. Andrew, Scarborough – Heather served at St. Mary, Richmond Hill as assistant curate and the then-two-point parish of Sharon and Holland Landing prior to becoming the incumbent of the Church of St. Andrew, Scarborough in 2008. She has served on several diocesan boards and committees, including the Youth Ministry Committee, the Postulancy Committee (which she currently co-chairs), and the Community Ministries Board, and has been Regional Dean of Holland and Scarborough deaneries. She co-chaired the national church Task Force on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation from 1993-1996 and was a member of the Diocesan Continuing

Indaba team, an intercultural listening process with the Dioceses of Jamaica and Hong Kong. She recently began work on her Doctor of Ministry degree in leadership. As a volunteer, Heather has served as a Girl Guide leader, a high school cheer coach and layout designer for her sailing club's newsletter and is an avid user of social media. She has represented the Diocese at both Provincial Synod and General Synod in the past.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Barry Parker, St. Paul, Bloor Street - Barry has exercised ministry leadership in the Church with a passion to communicate and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Beginning as the Incumbent in a small rural Alberta parish (1986), then on to the Incumbency of a large suburban parish in Edmonton (1991) and then moving to Toronto to begin his time as Rector of St. Paul, Bloor Street (1998). All three parishes are characterized by transitioning from decline to growth and vitality. Barry has exercised leadership that is consistent in three primary ways—to know God and share the experience with others, to know himself to grow as a disciple of Jesus and finally to hone and express his ministry gifts. The primary theme over the years has been in discerning, mentoring, forming, training and sending the most effective leaders possible into both the wider Church and the marketplace. He teaches at Wycliffe College and Tyndale University College and Seminary, serving in a leadership capacity with other Christian ministries, and serves as a Critical Incident Chaplain for Toronto Fire Services. These allow Barry to build bridges into the lives and communities in which he lives and ministers. As a delegate to General Synod, Barry would bring a wealth of ministry practice, vision and leadership experience to assist with the critical work of Church governance and policy in this post-Christendom age.

The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson, Christ Church, Deer Park - Kevin has been the incumbent of Christ Church, Deer Park since 2011. He leads a large, multi-staff, urban parish that comprises both the inherited Church as well as fresh expressions. Kevin has served in a variety of parishes over 18 years of ordained ministry, and has also been active in the life of the Diocese. He currently serves on the Diocesan Postulancy Committee, the Ontario Provincial Commission on Theological Education, the Our Faith – Our Hope Allocations Committee, and the Mission Strategy Group. Kevin has also represented the Diocese of Toronto at Provincial Synod. He has a passion for serving the Church locally and nationally, and would be honoured to attend General Synod in 2016.

The Rev. Susan Spicer, Parish of Fenelon Falls – Before becoming a priest, Susan was an active Lay Member of St. John the Evangelist in Peterborough, where she was a churchwarden and a lay reader. She also ran a program called The Saturday Lunch, providing meals and building community with people living with poverty. Her working life was spent as a writer, mostly as a columnist for *Today's Parent* magazine, and a theatre professional, working as a director and actor. Her call to ordained ministry came as she began to understand deeply the meaning of the eucharist serving meals to The Saturday Lunch community. She graduated from Trinity College, Toronto, and now leads a two-point rural parish where, with her parishioners, she is learning how to be missional and rural. Susan has two grown children and loves to attend concerts and galleries when she is not exploring the incredible terrain of the land where she now lives.

The Rev. Riscylla Walsh Shaw, Christ Church, Bolton – Riscylla is passionate about the good news of Jesus, social justice and creating space for the voices of the marginalized peoples of our society. Active listener and witness for the Anglican Church at the seven

national events of Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Commission on Indian Residential Schools unfolding over the past six years from coast to coast to coast. Riscylla has Métis and settler heritage and was raised on a farm. Ordained for 14 years, she has engaged in rural, suburban, and urban parish ministries in the Diocese of Toronto, is active in the councils of the church and sits on the Primate's Commission for Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice. In Bolton, Riscylla is working on innovative community ministry, expanding into new ways of engaging as church in our changing social context.

The Rev. Jordan Wellington, St. John, Willowdale – Jordan is the Associate Priest of St. John, Willowdale. His ministry is focused on the development of St. John's English and Mandarin Ministries. During his first year the parish has seen healthy growth and stability. Sunday attendance has increased from an average of 34 to 55 parishioners with a significant growth in youth and young adult fellowships. Jordan currently serves as the Chair of the Archbishops Youth Ministry Committee (AYMC) for the Diocese of Toronto. Over the past year there have been many developments. Under his leadership, AYMC has established a clear Mission Statement, developed five Core Principles, and created a yearly cycle of events and programs intimately connected to a yearly theme. Jordan strongly believes that a faithful church is not static. However, from time to time, we are very good at holding on to what has been entrusted to us, knowing what to do, but hesitating. Perhaps it is fear of the unknown, fear of sacrificing our personal preferences for an image of church that is different from what we are accustomed to. In the end, what we think about God and do in response, are not trivial. We have real choices and power, with genuine consequences resulting from the ways we use our freedom to serve God in the church. As a delegate to Provincial Synod, Jordan would strive to represent the multicultural and multigenerational diversity of the Diocese.

GENERAL SYNOD – Eight Lay Members to be elected
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Mr. Chris Ambidge, ODT, Redeemer, Bloor St – Chris is a member of the Church of the Redeemer in Toronto. He was first a member of Toronto Diocesan Synod in 1973, and has been a synod member on and off in every decade since. Chris was for 10 years a member of Archbishop Finlay's Dialogue Group on questions around homosexuals in the church, and in that capacity developed and staffed the diocese-wide consultations in 2003-04 for all synod members and churchwardens. With Archdeacon Paul Feheley, he was part of over 50 parish discussions on the Dialogue Process, around the diocese and beyond. He has been chair of Integrity/Toronto (gay and lesbian Anglicans and friends) for many years, and has been part of Integrity's team at diocesan and General Synods since 1989. He has served on both the diocesan and national church AIDS task forces and developed curricula for the LOGOS Institute. He is currently serving as the Honorary Lay Secretary of Synod.

Mr. Peter Bennett, Redeemer, Bloor St – Peter Bennett chairs the Stewardship Committee at the Church of the Redeemer, sings in the 9:30 a.m. choir, is a member of Creation Matters working group, and served on the Advisory Board, and Campaign committee for the parish's recent (successful) capital campaign. He has served on the Diocesan Outreach, Planned Giving, Stewardship, Companionship (Diocese of Seoul), Agenda and Executive Committees (as Lay Secretary of Synod for five years). He was a member of General Synod in Montreal and Waterloo, and was for six years a member of the

Information Resources and Communications Committee. Peter grew up in a family that lived across the country and has been a member of 10 parishes in four dioceses. He has spoken at numerous parish, diocesan, provincial, and national groups on the subject of gift planning and bequests. He is a member of the Canadian Association of Gift Planners, and has been a speaker at two of their national conferences. Peter believes he brings previous experience at the diocesan and national level, as well as a strong commitment to lay leadership at the parish level, as a member of General Synod.

Mr. Lawrence (Larry) Barker, St. Luke, Burnt River - Larry has been actively involved in parish work for over 40 years including being a server, choir member, parish advisory board member, parish delegate to Diocesan Synod, as well as a past diocesan delegate to Provincial Synod. He has served on the Trent-Durham Area Lay Readers' Committee, and is past-chair of the FaithWorks Grants Allocations Committee of the Diocese of Toronto. A professed oblate of Elmore Abbey, U.K. (Anglican Benedictine monastic community), he is currently the lay reader for St. Luke's Church, Burnt River in addition to volunteering as the chaplain of RCLegion Branch 519 in Coboconk, and at St. John's Rehab Hospital chapel in Toronto. Professionally, Larry has been involved in the not-for-profit sector for over 30 years, serving in various senior management positions – including chief executive officer – with a national retirees/seniors association, a regional industry trade association, and two provincial-level professional (certifying) associations. He is currently the registrar and corporate secretary of the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC). Having served in an inner-city parish, a suburban GTA parish, and most recently in a multi-point rural parish, Larry has experienced the diversity and richness of parish life. Having worked in private industry, the public service, and the not-for-profit sector, Larry is looking to offer his knowledge, skills and expertise to our church through General Synod and its committees.

Mr. Matt Koovisk, St. Mary, Richmond Hill - Matt holds a bachelor's degree from UBC as well as a master's degree from Western University. He currently attends St Mary, Richmond Hill, is a Master of Theology student at Trinity College, and is a Relief Assistant at L'Arche Daybreak in Richmond Hill. He has been active in several parishes both in British Columbia and Ontario before joining St. Mary's, serving on Parish boards and committees, as an pianist/organist, a member of a Rector Search Committee for a Cathedral, among other positions. He was also fortunate to serve as a youth delegate to the Synod of the Diocese of Kootenay in 2006, at which he was elected to be the youth delegate to General Synod 2007. He was then elected to the Council of General Synod, also serving on the Nominations Committee of that Council. He was an active member within the PWRDF, serving as both a Youth Council member and a member of the Board. It is as a member of the Youth Council that he participated as a delegate to the Mutirao of the World Council of Churches 9th Assembly in Porto Alegre, Brazil in 2006.

Mr. Israel Newell, ODT, Trinity East - Israel has attended Trinity East ("Little Trinity") for going on 43 years. A systems analyst with the Toronto District School Board, Mr. Newell's contribution to the church is not through computers or technology but in dealing with people, often people who have been marginalized by society. A man of deep evangelical faith, he has been involved for years in the Diocese's Social Justice and Advocacy Committee, following Christ's call to minister to all of His people. He was also a lay member

of Synod for eight years in the previous millennium. He hopes to see the Anglican Church of Canada being the voice and hands of Jesus to all the people of this country.

Mr. Kennedy Marshall, Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale – Kennedy has been a member of the Church of the Epiphany and St. Mark, Parkdale for 34 years and has served his parish in many capacities including Treasurer, Advisory Board chair and member, and churchwarden. He continues to serve as a lay assistant and a member of the parish's leadership team. At parochial and diocesan levels, he has served on several commissions, working groups, committees and boards, including being a member of the Steering Committee of Our Faith – Our Hope financial/ministry campaign. He has been a member of Diocesan Council and Executive Board. Kennedy, who also served as member of Provincial Synod from 2009-2012, was made a member in the Order of the Diocese of Toronto in 2014. Presently, he serves on the Board of Management of St. George-the-Martyr, and is a member of General Synod serving on the Financial Management Committee and its Investment sub-Committee. He is a professional accountant and a member of the Chartered Professional Accountants of Ontario.

Mr. Ryan Ramsden, Grace Church in Scarborough - Ryan has been a member of Diocesan Synod for several years – as a youth member, and a parish delegate. Ryan was also an appointed youth member of the 2010 General Synod in Halifax, and an elected lay member of the 2013 General Synod in Ottawa. He has been a member of Diocesan Council, and is a current member of York-Scarborough Area Council. At Grace Church in Scarborough, Ryan was instrumental in the formation of the recently amalgamated parish, and has written successful MDG, OFOH, and MAF grant proposals, totalling \$324,000 in funding. He also serves as the Incumbent's Churchwarden, a lay leader, server, and website/social media manager. Ryan is a graduate of Ryerson University and Centennial College in Business Management, and is actively pursuing a graduate certificate in Social Media Management. He currently works as the General Merchandise Buyer for the Seneca College Bookstore.

Ms. Marion Thompson, St. Peter, Oshawa – Marion is a native Montrealer and a member of St. Peter, Oshawa where she serves as a licensed lay reader and lay pastoral associate, as well as Deputy Warden. Previously, for many years she served the Church of St. Simon-the-Apostle, Toronto, in a wide range of capacities, including churchwarden and licensed lay reader. More recently, she was lay ministry associate at St. George, Pickering Village (Ajax). She spent eight years as an AIDS volunteer at Barrett House, Toronto, volunteered with Toronto Community Chaplaincy, Corrections Canada, and has served on the boards of St. Simon's Shelter, Inc. (a homeless shelter) and The Bridge Ministry, of which she is currently Secretary. She also serves on the Diocesan Chaplaincy Committee. She is a founding member of The Marion Singers, who sing in diocesan churches to benefit not-for-profit or humanitarian causes. As well as a Dip.LM (Wycliffe College), she holds an MDiv degree from Trinity College, where she also served as Co-Head of Divinity. Marion lives in the historic hamlet of Whitevale.

Ms. Laura Walton, Christ Church, Batteau - Laura is a mother of two teenagers and in a private practice as a Family Counsellor with a background in Criminology, Mediation, Bereavement and Addictions. She volunteers with a program called Breaking Down Barriers in support of those with disabilities in her counselling capacity. Currently, Laura is the

treasurer for Christ Church, Batteau, as well as a youth minister and musician. At the diocesan level, she volunteers as Chair for the Local Arrangement Committee for General Synod 2016 and the Review Committee for the Anglican Foundation, as well as being a member of Diocesan Response Team. Her recent past positions were on Executive Board, Diocesan Council, Agenda Committee, General Synod and holding the position of Honorary Lay Secretary to Synod. Laura is currently a member of Provincial Synod, the Provincial Synod executive council and continues in her role as the Children's Ministry Network Coordinator for the Diocese and does consulting with areas and parishes in the area of Children and Youth ministry.

MOTIONS FOR SYNOD

A motion is a formal proposal brought to a voting body for its consideration. Motions require a mover and a seconder and are decided by a vote after a period of debate, the length of which is the pleasure of the Chairperson.

A Notice of Motion is a formal notice (in writing) by a voting member that she/he intends to make a motion.

Procedures in the Diocese of Toronto for Sessions of Synod according to Canon 1(2):

- Notice of Motions can be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices are placed upon the Agenda of the next meeting of Diocesan Council.
- Notice of Motions are printed verbatim in the Convening Circular. The Diocesan Council has the ability to express an opinion or make a recommendation to Synod on any Notice of Motions received.
- Any Notices of Motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of the Diocesan Council are referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee reports its recommendations to Synod. Such Notices are placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod present and voting.
- Motions from the floor and all amendments must be given to the Secretary of Synod, in writing, at the time of their presentation.

All motions are subject to possible amendments, which also require a mover and a seconder. If an amendment is moved and seconded, it must be debated and voted upon before any further debate or consideration of the original motion. If an amendment is successful, then the original motion is changed by the amendment and debated and voted upon as if it were the original motion.

Canon 1, Section 2, concerning Motions, reads as follows:

Notices of Motion

1. Notices of motion for Synod shall be delivered to the Secretary of Synod at any time. Such notices shall be placed upon the agenda of the next meeting of the Diocesan Council.
2. The Diocesan Council shall cause notices to be printed verbatim in the Convening Circular ... with or without expressing any opinion or making any recommendation.
3. Any notices of motion received by the Secretary of Synod after the last regular meeting of Diocesan Council ... shall be referred to the Agenda Committee. The Agenda Committee shall consider such notices and report its recommendation to Synod. Such notices shall be placed on the agenda only with the consent of the majority of the Synod.
4. Each notice of motion for the enactment, amendment, or repeal of any part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law or rule of order, shall be in writing, and shall set out in full the part or provisions affected and the proposed enactment or amendment.
5. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or of any canon, by-law, or rule of order, shall become effective upon:
 - a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
 - b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
 - c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
6. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall not have been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council, shall nevertheless become effective upon:

- a) Receiving the approval of not less than sixty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive Regular Sessions of the Synod; and
 - b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following the second of such approvals.
7. A motion to enact, amend, or repeal a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, which shall have been recommended by the Diocesan Council, but which shall not have received the requisite approval referred to in clause 5(b) hereof, shall nevertheless become effective upon:
- a) Receiving the approval of not less than fifty percent of the members of Synod present and voting at two successive regular sessions of Synod; and
 - b) Receiving the assent of the Bishop following second of such approvals.
8. Any motion to suspend a part or provision of the Constitution or any canon, by-law, or rule of order, if passed, shall only be effective until the next session of Synod, and shall become effective upon:
- a) Having been recommended for adoption by the Diocesan Council; and
 - b) Receiving the approval of not less than seventy-five percent of the members of Synod present and voting at the session at which it is considered; and
 - c) Receiving the assent of the Bishop.
9. Notices of motion dealing with expenditures which will result in an increase in the Diocesan budget must be submitted to the Diocesan Council for its opinion prior to being dealt with by the Synod.

MOTIONS COMING BEFORE SYNOD

Omnibus Motion

It will be MOVED and SECONDED by the Honorary Secretaries that:

1. The Minutes of the 155th Regular Session of Synod

That the reading of the Minutes of 155th Regular Session of Synod of the Diocese of Toronto held on November 29 and 30, 2013 in Toronto, be dispensed with, and the Minutes of the said Regular Session as prepared by the Honorary Secretaries be adopted and confirmed as the Minutes of the said Synod.

2. Courtesies of the House

That the following be given Courtesies of the House:

All clergy with 'Informal Permission',
All postulants of the Diocese,
Any lay chairperson, deanery council member, or area council member not a member of Synod,
Ecumenical partners,
Lay Canons of the Diocese,
Lay faculty of theological colleges,
Members of the Threshold Ministries,
Members of the Order of the Holy Cross,
Sisters of St. John the Divine,
Sisters of the Church,
Worker Sisters of the Holy Spirit and
Diocesan Parish Administrators.

3. Court on Contested Seats

Synod is informed that in accordance with Section 7 of the Constitution, the Bishop has appointed the following members of Synod to the Court on Contested Seats:

Canon Clare Burns, Chancellor
Canon Paul Baston
Mr. Bruce Goss
The Rev. Canon Heather McCance
Mr. Israel Newell, ODT
Ms. Anne Oram
The Rev. Canon Stephen Peake

4. Timekeepers

That the following be appointed as timekeepers for this Session of Synod:

Don Beyers
Colin Bowler
Sean Davidson
Vinaya Dumpala
Mr. James Liu
Ken McClure
Jeff Nowers
Jeff Potter
John Sundara
Monique Taylor
Joan Wilson
Phil Hamilton
Richard Webb

5. York Rectory Commissioners and Committee on Etobicoke Glebe

That the report of the First York Rectory Commission be received, and that the following be appointed Commissioners for the distribution of the First York Rectory Fund and the Etobicoke Glebe for 2016 and 2017:

Ms. Clare Burns, Chancellor
The Rev. Canon Stephen Fields
Ms. Joy Packham

6. Advisory Commission on the Termination of Clerical Appointments

That the following be elected by Synod to the Advisory Commission on Termination of Clerical Appointments for 2016 and 2017:

Mr. Kennedy Marshall, ODT
The Rev. Canon Kevin Robertson
Ms. Robyn Ryan Bell

Motions from Diocesan Council

The Diocesan Council forwards the following motions to the Synod with the recommendation that they be adopted.

- 1. Priorities and Plans 2013-2015 – Report Card** (Section B)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *The Anglican Diocese of Toronto: Priorities and Plans 2013-2015 – Report Card*.
- 2. Financial Report for 2014** (Section C)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Financial Report for 2014 from the Treasurer and Director of Finance.
- 3. Audited Financial Statements for 2014** (Section C)
It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto and the Cemetery Fund for the year ended December 31, 2014.

4. Appointment of Auditors

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the firm of Grant Thornton LLP, Chartered Accountants, be appointed to conduct the audit of the Financial Statements of the Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Toronto, the Consolidated Trust Fund and the Cemetery Fund for the year ending December 31, 2015, at a fee to be approved by the Audit Committee.

5. Priorities and Plans 2015-2017 and Financial Budget 2016-2017 (Section D)

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod receive the document entitled *Priorities and Plans 2015-2017* and the *Financial Budget 2016-2017* and approve the priorities and the financial plans contained therein. It will be further moved that Diocesan Council implement and report back to Synod on this plan and take corrective measures from time to time as best serves the needs of this Diocese.

6. Assessment Rate for 2016 and 2017 (Section E)

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that the Parish Assessment Rate, as defined in Canon 4, section 2, be set at 24.85% for 2016, and 24.70% for 2017.

7. Constitution and Canon Changes (Section F)

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to the Constitution and Canons as they apply to retirement for office holders, as approved by Diocesan Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to the Constitution and Canons as they apply to Synod composition, as approved by Diocesan Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to the Constitution and Canons as they apply to Committee composition, as approved by Diocesan Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

It will be MOVED and SECONDED that Synod approve the changes to the Constitution and Canons as they apply to housekeeping and other changes, as approved by Diocesan Council and presented in the Convening Circular.

Motions from Synod Members

The following Notice of Motion was received by the Secretary of Synod on September 17, 2015. Pursuant to Canon 1(2), the Notice of Motion was placed on the Agenda of the September 24, 2015 Diocesan Council meeting. The Diocesan Council forwards the following motion to Synod without expressing any opinion.

Preamble:

Whereas in recognition of the input and unique ministry that vocational deacons offer to their parishes, the Diocese, and the wider church, and
Whereas during the 155th Regular Session of Synod, 23 of 44 Vocational Deacons attended Synod, or more than half of the Community, and
Whereas the level representation to be proposed in this amendment will align with that in other Dioceses.

It will be MOVED by the Rev. Kyn Barker, Coordinator of Deacons and SECONDED by Steve O'Keefe, Lay Member of Synod for the parish of St Matthew the Apostle, Oriole that the Constitution and Canon Changes be amended with respect to Clerical Members of a Session of Synod in *The Constitution*, section 2(a)(3) and 2(b)(3) so that it reads "Up to eight (8) Vocational Deacons, selected by the Community of Deacons;" instead of "Up to four (4) Vocational Deacons, selected by the Community of Deacons;".

The following Notice of Motion was received by the Secretary of Synod on October 27, 2015. Pursuant to Canon 1(2), the Notice of Motion was placed on the Agenda of the October 29, 2015 Diocesan Council meeting. The Diocesan Council forwards the following motion to Synod with the recommendation that it be approved.

Preamble:

Because climate change caused by human-generated greenhouse gas emissions is an undeniable threat to our ecosystem and to life on this planet;
and because we are bound, by our baptismal covenant, to "strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth";
and because we are committed to rebuilding right relationship with Canada's Indigenous peoples, the original stewards of this land, as part of our ongoing work of reconciliation;
and because our theological commitments must be realized in all aspects of our corporate life, including our financial practices.

Motion:

It will be MOVED by the Rev. Maggie Helwig and SECONDED by the Rev. Canon David Harrison that Synod acknowledges and applauds the efforts being made by the Investment Committee to withdraw from the most environmentally damaging of our investments, particularly those in tar sands oil; and Synod encourages the continuation of these efforts, in co-operation with our ecumenical partners and with national church structures.

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