



Anglican Diocese of Ottawa
Members of Synod Guide

**As a member of Synod,
you have two major responsibilities.**

First, along with all other members of Synod, you are entrusted with the task of faithfully discerning, implementing, monitoring and adjusting the priorities and plans for our shared mission and ministry within the Diocese.

Second, you serve as an active, contributing member of your Parish Council and provide a vital link between your congregation and the Diocese and between the Diocese and your congregation.

Before Synod, you are expected to

- participate in Great Chapter meetings to learn about issues that will come before Synod and provide comment and input as appropriate;
- read the Synod circular and carefully review the reports and motions;
- consider prayerfully the issues coming before Synod and develop a sense of what you think; and
- share the themes, motions and matters coming to Synod with your Parish Council and other members of your parish. The information you share and the feedback and opinions you receive will help you to prepare.

During Synod, your role is to

- attend the Opening Eucharist on Thursday evening, listen carefully to the Bishop's Charge and make sure you get a copy;
- attend the Friday morning orientation if you are a new member;
- listen carefully to the presentations, motions and debates;
- take time to meet and network with other members of Synod;
- participate fully in the worship and any learning opportunities (e.g. seminars) that may be offered; and
- vote as you see appropriate, based on your study before Synod and what you have learned at Synod.

After Synod, you should

- be a positive ambassador for Synod in your parish community;
- report accurately on the events and decisions taken at Synod;
- support Synod decisions even when you may personally disagree; and
- provide regular reports and updates on activities within the Diocese to both your Parish Council and the congregation as a whole.

Mission of the Diocese of Ottawa

With God's grace, the mission of our ministries and parishes is to enable people
to know Jesus Christ,
to live and share the Good News,
to grow in faith
and to serve God's world.

Vision of the Diocese of Ottawa

We are a vibrant body of faithful Christians
working to fulfill the mission
that God has given us.



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