



## The Ontario Provincial Synod The Anglican Church of Canada

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### **A Note on the upcoming Provincial Synod session**

August 10, 2021

Our Constitution requires that the Provincial Synod meet every three years and that certain required business be carried out during this session. The present COVID situation complicates how we can do so in a way that best ensures the health and safety of those participating while having the Synod session also function in the most effective way in carrying out our mission within our Church.

The Provincial Council has decided that this October meeting will be held remotely (by Zoom). It will deal only with required business. Consideration is also being given to holding a second part to this Synod session in October of 2022 as originally planned before the COVID situation arose. This would be a full '*in person*' meeting of our Synod to deal with all of the matters not already considered in the previous first part.

The Synod session this coming October will be held from noon to 5 pm on Wednesday, October 13, and from 9 am to 1 pm on Thursday, October 14, 2021. Further information on the Zoom details for this will be made available to you as we draw closer to those dates and the planning for this is finalized.

#### **The Convening Circular:**

The Synod's Convening Circular contains the information that Synod Members need to prepare themselves for this session. It contains material such as the Synod's constitution and canons, the Agenda, and reports on what the Synod has been accomplishing over the three years since it last met.

The Convening Circular will be posted on the Provincial website at < <https://www.province-ontario.anglican.ca/> > and emailed to Synod delegates at the end of August. The version on the website will be updated with additional information as it becomes available during September in preparation for our October 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **Elections:**

Elections to the offices of Prolocutor, Lay Secretary, and Clerical Secretary would normally be held during a Synod session. The COVID situation makes this difficult and, so, we will hold these elections prior to the opening of the Synod and the results will be announced during the Synod session. A Notice of Elections is posted on the provincial website at and contains additional information including a Nomination Form. A nomination may be made by any member of the Synod and all the members of the Synod may vote in these elections. The Constitution provides that the Prolocutor is nominated and elected by the lay and clerical members of the Synod.

The list of Synod delegates will be part of the Convening Circular. Nominations for these positions are now open and will close on Monday, September 20.

The Youth Members of our Synod will choose, from among themselves, a Youth representative to serve as a member of the Provincial Council. This election will be held by Zoom after our October Synod session closes as the Provincial Council does not meet until next spring and we would like to provide an opportunity for the Synod's Youth Members to get to know each other better, if only from a distance.

**Provincial Council:**

The Provincial Council acts on behalf of the Synod for the next three years until the Synod meets again. It is made up of the Metropolitan as Chair, the Prolocutor, the Chancellor, the Lay and Clerical Secretaries, the Treasurer, a Youth member, and the Executive Officer along with the diocesan Bishops and a lay and a clerical Member from each diocese chosen by that diocese's delegates from among themselves.

We would ask that the delegates from each diocese chose their lay and clerical members of the Provincial Council, from among themselves, before our Synod meets and send these names by email to the Provincial Office at < [provsyn@soonet.ca](mailto:provsyn@soonet.ca) > by September 20. The members of our new Provincial Council will then be announced by the Metropolitan during the Synod session.