

RESPONSIBILITIES OF A MEMBER OF SYNOD

Lay Delegates to Diocesan Synod elected by parishes have responsibilities to the Diocese and to the parish until they are replaced at a subsequent annual meeting of parishioners according to [the Constitution](#), s. 4. All Clergy licensed in the Diocese are members of Synod.

- (1) Lay delegates, although elected by the parish, are “members” of Diocesan Synod and responsible to it when in session.
- (2) Synod members, when Synod is in session, act and vote as members according to their conscience and Christian understanding.
- (3) Synod members have the responsibility of reporting and explaining the action of Synod in a positive way at the parish level.
- (4) Synod members need to be familiar with the life of the Church at the parish level to guide their discussion at Synod and on committees at Synod, and be familiar with the structures of the Diocese so as to facilitate understanding at the local level.
- (5) Prior to any meeting of Synod, synod delegates will familiarize themselves with the agenda and any material pertaining to the said Synod.
- (6) Synod members should give leadership and accept election and/or appointment to Diocesan committees.
- (7) Synod members shall attend Archdeaconry Greater Chapter meetings when called by the Archdeacon.
- (8) Synod members are expected to promote the work of the Church at the parish, diocesan, and national level, as well as overseas.
- (9) Synod members ought to promote the actions of Synod, once decided upon, whether or not they voted in favour.

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