



THE DIOCESAN SYNOD OF FREDERICTON

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Pre-Synod Memo

To: Parish incumbents and chairs of annual meetings
From: The Secretary of Synod
Date: 26 January 2007
Re: Initial Information about Diocesan Synod 2007

Parishes may wish to note some of the details of the upcoming 129th session of Diocesan Synod scheduled to begin on the evening of 07 June to the afternoon of Saturday 09 June 2007. The location will be the Aitken Centre on the Campus of UNB, Fredericton.

It is of **UTMOST IMPORTANCE** that parish returns are submitted (preferably by way of online access to the Diocesan Information Management System (DIMS) but alternatively by paper form) by the due date **15 March 2007**. Please remember that each complete submission includes five parts:

- 1) Listing of elected parish officers and synod delegates/substitutes
- 2) Statistical return
- 3) Financial return
- 4) Report of baptisms during the year
- 5) Copy of the parish annual report

Synod meeting information can be found as it becomes available at the 2007 Synod page on the Diocesan website. We'll be doing as much communication by e-mail and by way of the web site as possible. Complete contact information for synod delegates / substitutes in DIMS is important.

Please note the following dates in our Synod planning time line:

Today	Initial information for delegates
30 March 2007	Mailing to Synod delegates
01 - 25 April 2007	Greater Chapter meetings for election of members of Diocesan Council
26 April 2007	Deadline for motions and/or reports to be included in the Journal (convening circular), Greater Chapter election results
10 - 15 May 2007	Journal distribution to delegates
15 - 30 May 2007	Encouraged pre-synod meetings of Archdeaconry Greater Chapter

It is intended that each Archdeaconry Greater Chapter meet prior to 26 April for the purpose of nomination and elections with a feature of locally appropriate programme or prayer and that a pre-Synod meeting be held during the last part of May to prepare for the meeting of Synod itself with the convening circular in hand.

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