

I HAVE CALLED *You* BY NAME



GENERAL SYNOD 2019 • VANCOUVER, B.C.

General Synod FAQ

This July 10-16, 2019, the Anglican Church of Canada will host the 42nd session of General Synod in Vancouver British Columbia. What issues or business matters will the church be prayerfully considering this General Synod?, and just what is General Synod anyway? Read on to find out more.

What is the General Synod?

The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada is the main governing and legislative body of the Anglican Church of Canada. It meets triennially at locations across Canada and is called into session by the Primate.

Where will it take place this year?

The 42nd session of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada takes place in Vancouver from July 10-16. The theme, “I have called you by name”, is drawn from the prophet Isaiah as a reminder of God’s promise to us in our longing for home, justice, peace, reconciliation and renewal.

What decisions will be made this year at General Synod?

All of the issues to be considered are worthy of attention, prayer and thought, but there are three of particular emphasis this year: the election of a new Primate [in which our own Bishop Michael Oulton is a nominee]; the next steps in the formation of the self-determining Indigenous church within the Anglican Church of Canada; and the second reading on proposed changes to the canon (Canon XXI) governing marriage.

There is more information about General Synod on its website gs2019.anglican.ca.

Who from the Diocese of Ontario will attend General Synod?

The Diocese of Ontario’s members of General Synod will be Bishop Michael Oulton, Mrs Haroldine Neil-Burchert, Archdeacon Nancy MacLeod, Mrs Anne Patterson and Canon Blair Peever.

Collect for General Synod to be used in the weeks leading up to July 10.

*God of our ancestors, God of our future,
who was and is and is to come,
you have named us in baptism,
and called us into friendship with you and one another.
In this General Synod,
give all participants grace to listen well,
to speak with respect,
to deliberate with wisdom,
and to honour this gathering of your beloved Church;
through Jesus Christ, before whose name we bow in adoration and praise,
now and for ever. Amen.*