

Diocese of Algoma Synod 2019



***"Heaven and Earth
Have Been Gathered"***

TO: Diocesan Clergy and Lay Delegates to Synod

FROM: Arrangements Committee

DATE: February 19, 2019

Further to the Diocesan Treasurer's memorandum of January 2019 we are now able to provide delegates with additional information regarding arrangements for Synod.

REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 8th, 3:30 – 5:30 pm at the Synod Office.

Thursday, May 9th, 7:30 – 8:30 am at The Water Tower Inn (The Pavilion)

ORIENTATION

Wednesday, May 8th at St. Luke's Cathedral

4:30 pm – All Delegates

SYNOD

Synod opens with a service at St. Luke's Cathedral at 7:00 pm on Wednesday May 8th followed by a reception at St. Andrew's United Church hall, 712 Wellington Street East. Delegates attending the opening service are requested to park at St. Andrew's and walk to St. Luke's to avoid parking congestion at the Cathedral. The open offering at this service will go towards our support of theological education.

Synod will come into session at The Water Tower Inn at **8:30 am on Thursday, May 9th**.

ROOMS

A block of rooms has been reserved at:

THE WATER TOWER INN (host hotel)

360 Great Northern Road, Sault Ste. Marie

T-705-949-8111 Toll-Free-1-800-461-7077

\$109 single or double plus applicable taxes.

Quote: Diocese of Algoma Synod BOOKING DEADLINE - APRIL 1st

NOTE: THE ABOVE RATE WILL ONLY BE HONOURED WITH TELEPHONE BOOKINGS!

MEALS

Delegates will be on their own for breakfast on all days, dinner on all days, and lunch on Thursday, May 9th. Guests of The Water Tower Inn will receive breakfast vouchers for a hot breakfast.

The mandatory \$50 site registration fee per delegate provides all delegates with lunch on Friday, May 10th at The Water Tower Inn and all refreshments at breaks (5 in total). We will be pleased to accommodate those with special dietary needs. Please make these known to Marilyn Schmidt as soon as possible.

BISHOPHURST RECEPTION

There will be a reception at Bishophurst on Friday, May 10th, from 7:30 to 9:30 pm. in honor of our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, as he prepares to retire in July; the newly installed Canons of St. Luke's Cathedral, and our new ordinand. There is handicapped accessibility.

PRAYER VIGIL

We have an assigned room at The Water Tower Inn (The Library) for the use of the Synod prayer vigil that Carol Knox is arranging. Further information is available by contacting Carol at 807-476-0715 or by e-mail at carolknox3@gmail.com Please be in touch with her if you are available to volunteer!

PRESENTATIONS

There will be a number of presentations at Synod and we are asking presenters to advise Marilyn Schmidt of any equipment requirements **before April 10th**. For technical support purposes we request that all presentations requiring computer support for viewing on the screen be in **PowerPoint** for pcs or in **Keynote** for macs and that memory sticks be provided for our support company.

KAIROS BLANKET EXERCISE

On Thursday evening, May 9th, we will participate in the Blanket Exercise at St. Mary's College. The college is a brief walk (10 minutes) or a short drive from The Water Tower Inn and is located at 868 Second Line East. Details will be made available during Synod.

Youth delegates will provide a hospitality suite in the Governor General Suite at The Water Tower following the blanket exercise.

SPECIAL GUESTS

We have several special guests joining us this year.

Our Primate, Archbishop Fred Hiltz, will be our keynote speaker. Representatives from Primate's World Relief and Development Fund as well as the Anglican Foundation of Canada will provide information tables and deliver brief plenary addresses. Sperlings Church Supply will be with us throughout Synod and will be bringing in several books suggested by Archbishop Anne and others.

DISPLAYS

Again at this Synod there will be a number of displays. If your group wishes to have a display table at Synod, please contact Marilyn Schmidt **before April 10th**. Tables will be assigned on a first come – first served basis as space is limited.

SMOKING

Algoma's Water Tower Inn & Suites is smoke-free. There are designated areas for smokers. Please look for the green signs indicating their smoking areas.

PERFUME

We are asking delegates to refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes and after shave lotions in order to allow all delegates to fully participate in all sessions. This includes antibacterial lotions that are scented.

THEOLOGICAL DISCUSSIONS

These are an essential part of every Synod and they are to be encouraged. We are, however, asking that they be held at some distance from the ballroom so that they cannot be overheard in the ballroom, to the distraction of those participating in the plenary sessions.

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