



The Diocese of Algoma

Synod 2025

Elections:

General Synod –1 Youth

The next session of the General (national) Synod will meet in June 2025. Our Synod elects delegates and substitute delegates from among its members. Delegates may ask to be appointed to General Synod committees, or for election to the Council of the General Synod but this is not required of our delegates. Delegates serve a three-year term from Synod to Synod.

One Youth Delegate and one alternate Youth Delegate are elected to represent Algoma at General Synod. The Youth Delegate must be over the age of 16 and under the age of 26. **AT THE TIME OF GENERAL SYNOD.**

The dates of availability is June 22-30, 2025, which is being held in London ON.

Diocesan Court

The Diocesan Court has been established to hear and determine all causes referred to it by the Bishop or Executive Committee for offenses against the provisions of the Constitution or Canons, the Provincial Synod of Ontario, or of the General Synod. The Diocesan Court shall hear and determine all other causes or questions referred to it by the Bishop or the Executive Committee.

The President of the Court is appointed by the Bishop and is a non-voting member. Our Synod elects one clerical and two lay members who then choose two other members to achieve a composition for the Court which is balanced in terms of gender, age, lay and clerical.

It is not anticipated that the Court will meet over the next two years, but its members must be in place in case this should prove necessary.

Diocesan Executive Committee – 1 Youth

The Diocesan Executive Committee meets three times a year from Synod year to Synod year. Currently, **all meetings are held during the week and are a day and a half in length and two meetings are held via the zoom platform in March and November and one in-person meeting is held in Sudbury in June 2026.** The Synod elects one Youth Delegate to represent them on the Executive Committee from nominations received from the youth.

THOSE WHO WISH TO STAND FOR ELECTION TO THESE OFFICES ARE INVITED TO COMPLETE THE FORM ATTACHED.

The following example is given as a sample of what such a completed form could look like.

Name

Joan M. Smith

Office

Youth Member of the Executive Committee

Biographical Information (maximum of 50 words)

A longtime member of St. Cuthbert's in Espanola who has served as a Youth Synod delegate for two years; a Diocesan Synod delegate this year; a member of the Youth Ministry Committee for three years. I have also worked on developing youth ministry within my parish.

Reasons for standing for Election (maximum of 100 words)

I am particularly interested in the increased involvement of youth within the Anglican Church locally and at the Diocesan level and feel I can make an important contribution representing our youth at the Executive Committee table. I am a first year university student residing within the Diocese of Algoma where I intend on finishing my four year program and, therefore, would be in touch with the issues/concerns being experienced within the Diocese of Algoma.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION FORM FOR ELECTIONS AT THE 2025 SYNOD

This form is provided for your convenience and the information does not need to be submitted on it. Candidates are at liberty to use any format they like, but it must include only the following information, be on a single sheet of paper, and not exceed the maximum word limit.

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