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Convening Order One Hundred and Forty-Seven

The Right Reverend Kathryn Otley,
Bishop of the Diocese of Ottawa,
has announced that the
Annual Meeting
of the Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa
will be held on October 22-24, 2026,
at the St. Elias Centre,
750 Ridgewood Ave. Ottawa

**Registration will commence
at 7:30 am on October 23, 2026
at the St. Elias Centre.**

The Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne
Clerical Secretary

Margaret Porter
Lay Secretary

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Anglican Diocese of Ottawa

Synod 2026 Agenda

Revised Oct. 15, 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026

Morning

- 7:30 Registration (Reception Area) until 9:00
- 8:30 New Member Orientation (Lower Hall)
- 9:00 Opening Prayers
- 9:10 Call to Order & Omnibus Motion
- 9:20 Greeting from the Diocese of Jerusalem
- 9:25 Community Ministries
- 9:50 CBR Amendments
- 10:00 Announcements, Refreshment Break & Displays (Lower Hall)
- 10:40 Partnership Committee
- 10:50 Education Committee
- 11:40 Provincial Youth Gathering Report
- 11:50 All My Relations Panel - Report on Action 59
- 12:00 Announcements, Grace, Lunch & Displays (Plenary Hall & Lower Hall)

Afternoon

- 1:15 Nominations Report
- 1:20 Financial Statements & Appointment of Auditors
- 2:00 Notices of Motion
- 2:20 Announcements, Refreshment Break & Displays
- 3:05 Centre for Anglican Studies
- 3:15 National Church Pathways
- 3:25 First Reflection
- 3:45 Announcements and Prayer

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

Morning

- 8:30 Opening Prayer
- 8:40 Stewardship
- 9:00 Operating Budget (2027)
- 9:30 Diocesan Capital Improvement Fund
- 10:10 Announcements, Refreshments & Displays (Lower Hall)
- 10:55 Notices of Motion
- 11:15 Second Reflection
- 11:35 Election Results, Episcopal Concurrence, and Final Announcements
- 11:45 Thanksgiving Hymn and Blessing
- 11:50 Adjournment

MOTION 1: OMNIBUS MOTION

MOVED BY The Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne, Clerical Secretary

SECONDED BY Canon Henry Schultz, Chancellor

That Synod approve an omnibus motion that grants the privileges of the House, appoints Sessional Committees, adopts the Agenda, approves the Minutes of the 145th Session of Synod, approves the Minutes of the 146th Session of Synod, and receives the financial reports as distributed in the Synod package.

MOTION - PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

That Synod grant the following people the privileges of the house:

- Dr. Catherine Clifford
- The Rev. Canon Dr. Sarah Johnson
- John Becvar
- Charlie Scromeda
- Sarah Keeshan
- Ruth Speer
- Resource People Assisting or Making Reports or Presentations at Synod

MOTION – SESSIONAL COMMITTEES

That Synod appoint the following sessional committees for the 147th Session of Synod:

1. Committee to Review the Minutes
 - Laura Pummell
 - The Rev. Susan Smandych
 - Jane Venus
2. Resolutions Committee
 - Marian McGrath
 - Margaret Porter
 - Canon Henry Schultz
 - The Rev. Canon Stephen Silverthorne
3. Scrutineers Committee
 - The Rev. John Holgate (Chair)
 - The Rev. Bob Albert
 - Arlene Armstrong
 - Barbara Dransch
 - The Rev. Tom Hubschmid
 - The Rev. Jonathon Kouri

- Jean Lockett
- The Rev. Christine Muise
- The Rev. Maria Nightingale
- Diana Partridge
- Todd Sandrock
- Norm Villegas

MOTION – AGENDA OF THE 147th SESSION OF SYNOD

That Synod adopts the agenda found in the Synod package as the agenda for this session of Synod.

MOTION – MINUTES OF THE 145th SESSION OF SYNOD

That Synod receive the Minutes of the 145th Session of Synod and approve them for publication in the Synod Circular.

MOTION – MINUTES OF THE 146th SESSION OF SYNOD

That Synod receive the Minutes of the 146th Session of Synod and approve them for publication in the Synod Circular.

MOTION – FINANCIAL REPORTS

That Synod receive the 2025 auditors' reports and the financial statements of The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa, the Consolidated Trust Fund of The Incorporated Synod of the Diocese of Ottawa, and the Cornerstone Housing for Women Foundation and approve them for publication in the Synod Circular.

In Memoriam

CLERGY

The Rev. Ed Kostyk
The Rev. Canon Gary Hauch
The Rev. Canon Jim Stevenson

LAY

Bill Broughton
Eleanor Drover
Barbara Fisher
Sharon Gault
Dr. Alan Preston
Gaye Richardson
Leslie Worden

Dr. Catherine E. Clifford
Synod Responder

Catherine E. Clifford is a Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. Her research interests and publications are focused primarily in the areas of ecclesiology, ecumenism, and the history of the Second Vatican Council, with a particular emphasis on the understanding of conversion and renewal of the churches, the development of doctrines, and the unity and diversity of Christian communions within the world Christian movement.

Catherine served as a North American delegate to the Synod “For A Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission” held in Rome in 2023-2024. She currently serves as a member of the Methodist-Roman Catholic International Dialogue, and as the President of the Catholic Theological Society of America. Her recent work reflects on this experience and the ongoing implementation of the Synod. She is a dynamic teacher who enjoys engaging with students from diverse horizons. Her courses explore the changing role and methodologies of theology as it reflects on contemporary issues in service of church and society.