



Memorandum

TO: Chairs of Standing Committees and Councils; Leadership team

FROM: Archdeacon Michael Pollesel, General Secretary

DATE: September 17, 2009

RE: General Synod 2010

I write on behalf of the General Synod Planning Committee, specifically about committee and council time at General Synod.

In keeping with the nautical themes of this Synod, taking place in Halifax, we want to include in our agenda planning, a program which we are naming 'Ports of Call'. This will provide opportunities for committees, councils, and related groups of the General Synod to present their work and their plans to the Synod and to engage in conversation with members of Synod.

While the agenda is being designed in such a way to provide some plenary time for some of this program, we are also looking at a variety of ways to make this important part of our work together come alive.

As is always the case, we are dealing with a number of factors: meeting spaces, times available, and numbers of possible Synod members attending various sessions. As your committee and council meet this fall, we would appreciate your feedback on wishes and hopes for General Synod so that we can most appropriately plan for 'Ports of Call'.

The Planning committee is meeting immediately following the Council of General Synod meeting in November and we hope to finalize our plans and communicate these to you by year's end.

Please don't hesitate to speak with me or with Margaret Shawyer, the General Synod Coordinator if you need more details.

I sincerely hope and pray that your fall meetings are productive and life-giving.

Wishing you every blessing.

Cc: Ms. Barbara Burrows, Chair, General Synod Planning Committee

