

CONGRATULATIONS on being elected a Deputy to Province VII Synod from your diocese

Synod is the governing body of Province VII, and meets in the fall prior to General Convention. Synod sets the budget for the Province, elects officers and provides an opportunity to offer resolutions for consideration at General Convention.

Province VII is a very strong province and is one of the leaders in the formation networks (Christian Formation, Youth, College) as well as Seniors Ministry (the newest Network in our Province). The President of our Province is Mr. Max Patterson from the Diocese of Texas; and the Vice President is The Rt. Rev. Larry Benfield, Bishop of Arkansas. The Bishop serves on the Presiding Bishop's Council of Advice.

I have attached a short "talking points" page about our Province. You can also get more information by visiting our website at www.province7.org.

Below you will find the information on this year's Synod, which will be held in San Antonio at the St. Anthony Hotel September 30 and October 1. Specific information regarding room reservations, etc. will be coming to you soon.

If you would like to be considered for an office during the next triennium please let me know. We are always excited to have new faces and new ideas. The Rt. Rev. Michael Milliken, Western Kansas (bishop.wks@sbcglobal.net), is serving as chair of the Nominations Committee and will be happy to have your names. In addition to electing Council officers we will elect three members-at-large. In addition, one bishop, three presbyters and three lay members, two of whom must be "learned in the law," will be elected to serve on the Court of Review. We will also elect one clergy member to serve a 6-year term on the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church.

Here is the Synod schedule. You will be receiving more detailed information soon, however, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me, sallyruss@sbcglobal.net or 620-694-9145.

Province VII Synod

Thursday, September 29

2:00 p.m. Province Council meeting

Friday, September 30

9:00 a.m. Province Council meeting

10:30 a.m. Registration opens

12:00 p.m. Opening luncheon, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

1:00 p.m. Opening Eucharist, St. Mark's Episcopal Church

2:30 p.m. Meeting of Synod, St. Anthony Hotel

6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own

Saturday, October 1

7:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast, St. Anthony Hotel

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Synod continues with voting:

Election of Officers

Budget

Ordinances

Resolutions

12:00 p.m. Synod Closes (lunch on your own and/or return travel)