

# The Anglican Church of Australia

## Special Session of the General Synod

Saturday 26 July 2025



### Message from the General Secretary

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To all General Synod Members

The General Synod Standing Committee has requested the Primate to convene a special session of General Synod to consider the *Bill for the General Synod Presence (Amendment) Canon 2025*.

This will be the only item of business to be considered during the session. Arrangements for a Special Session of Synod do not provide the opportunity to propose additional legislation and motions as would occur at an ordinary session of synod.

The Bill is in response to the following resolution relating to accessible participation in General Synod sessions which was passed at the Eighteenth Session of General Synod in 2022.

Resolution GS 93/18

*That this Synod requests the Standing Committee to develop the reasonably required measures, including legislation, to enable greater accessible participation, including online and in-person attendance in meetings of the General Synod, particularly by persons unable to attend or participate physically in, such meetings by reasons such as disability, disease or illness, medical condition or injury and that any legislation required be presented to a special session of General Synod, held by video conference, at least one year before the next ordinary session of General Synod.*

The General Synod Standing Committee has received advice that the issues raised in the resolution can be addressed by amendments to the *General Synod Presence Canon 2022*.

### Special Session Meeting Arrangements

**Date:** Saturday 26 July 2025

**Access:** The session will be conducted by video conference

The Special Session will commence at 11.00 am AEST. It is expected to conclude at 3.00 pm AEST or when the business has concluded.

Members will need access to a computer, iPad or similar device to access the meeting. Members will also need access to a mobile phone or device which receives SMS texts to provide access to electronic voting.

More information on how synod processes will be managed online will be provided to those who register to attend.

## Member Registration

The General Synod Office has received confirmation that you are a diocesan or non-diocesan member of the General Synod.

You are requested to advise if you are available to attend the session. If you are not able to attend, your diocese or organisation will be given the opportunity to arrange an alternate member to attend in your place.

**It is important you register either your attendance or apology by Monday 14 April 2025.**

Please register [HERE](#)

or by copying this link into your browser: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BBVDBRD>

## Special Session Business Papers

Full details of the program and resources will be available through the General Synod website.

Registered members will be alerted when business papers for the session have been posted online to be downloaded. Business papers will not be mailed in hard copy to members.

The legislation to be considered must be circulated 3 months in advance of the session by 25 April 2025.

## General Synod Enquiries – General Synod Office

If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact:

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I look forward to seeing you online and working together to ensure a successful Special Session of the General Synod.

**Anne Hywood**

**General Secretary**



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