

Message from the General Secretary

Special Session of General Synod - Saturday 26 July 2025

24 April 2025 - Circular 02

To all General Synod Members

Thank you for registering to attend the Special Session of General Synod in 2025.

Session Information

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

Information can be accessed at the General Synod website page for General Synod Sessions: https://anglican.org.au/the-general-synod/general-synod/general-synod/general-synod-sessions/

Legislation Published

Any legislation to be considered at a session of General Synod must be distributed to members three months in advance of the Synod Session. This circular provides notification that the legislation to be considered at the Special Session is now published on the General Synod website for your review.

The *Bill for the General Synod Presence (Amendment) Canon 2025* and *Explanatory Memorandum* can be accessed on the General Synod Session page.

LINK - Bill for the General Synod Presence (Amendment) Canon 2025 and Explanatory memorandum

Also provided is a copy of the Canon showing the proposed amendments in tracked changes.

LINK - General Synod Presence Canon 2022 with proposed amendments tracked

Special Session Business Papers

The Business Paper for the session will be published on 11 July 2025, two weeks prior to the session, along with information on how to access the session online and guidelines to facilitate your active participation in debate and voting.

Amendments to the Bill

A proposal to amend the Bill must be received five days prior to the session – by 9.00am on Monday 21 July. To propose an amendment – please complete and submit an amendment proposal to gsoffice@anglican.org.au by the due date. The amendment proposal form (LINK) can be downloaded from the General Synod Session page on the website.

An amendment sheet, detailing all proposed amendments received will be published on 24 July 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.

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