



prepare for next week...

Synod - no meeting

Women of Peace,

Next week we won't be meeting due to COPA hosting our diocesan synod. You may wonder, "What's the big deal?" While I've been Anglican for 20 years, I don't think I'd heard of a "synod" until 2021 when my parish was hosting and I was asked to serve as a lay delegate and volunteer. I had no idea what I was in for.

As a lay delegate I got to attend business meetings and vote, and see how "normal" people I knew from church were involved behind the scenes with broader goings-on of the diocese about which I knew nothing. I had taken for granted the vast amount of prayer and work that go into keeping the diocese united in purpose and consistently growing into our identity as Christ's bride without getting sidetracked by the many distractions of daily church life—as well as more existential issues (and there were many in 2021)—while faithfully engaging with the world. What I loved most was getting to hear from each parish. I was inspired and amazed by how each one was doing God's work in a unique way specific to its context (from Washington, DC, to Appalachia—quite a spectrum!), to see new leaders being raised up all across the diocese, and to be reminded that whatever successes or struggles our own church was having, we were a part of Jesus' greater body and He was doing great things. It was both humbling and a joy to feel that connection to God's broader work. As a volunteer, I just got to be a friendly face and meet my extended church family.

In some ways, synod is like a family reunion: taking care of necessary family business, sharing each other's burdens and joys, and ultimately celebrating together. If you have been on the fence about volunteering, I encourage you to take part—even in a seemingly small way—in making this the best family reunion yet.

Peace,
Elisa



If you are able and willing, we still need spots filled for hosting our diocese for Synod. Please sign up!

SHARING THE TABLE

Tuesday Evening

Allergies: gluten & nuts

Dinner Sign Up

Oct 7th - NO MEETING

Oct 14th - Breanna & Elisa

Oct 21st - Jenna & Dee



Thursday Morning

Allergies: cranberries and nuts

Brunch Sign Up

Oct 9th - NO MEETING

Oct 16th - Emily S. & Michelle (Kids)

Oct 23rd - Tina & Leah (Kids)

