



Bishop's Letter to Congregations, Lay and Rostered Leaders of the Saskatchewan Synod gathered at Annual General Meetings

December 1, 2025

Dear sisters, brothers, siblings in Christ,

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As you prepare for your Annual General Meetings, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to every congregation, every pastor and deacon, every council chair, and all members of our Saskatchewan Synod family. Thank you for your dedication, your commitment, and the deep faith and faithfulness you continue to show in these challenging and ever-changing times. Your ministry in your communities, your care for one another, and your steadfast witness to the Gospel are gifts to the whole church.

As we look ahead to a new year of ministry, I encourage each congregation to make intentional room in your budget for strong synodical benevolence. Your benevolence contributions support the mission we share together across the province and beyond. Benevolence contributions by each congregation are part of our expectations of each other, that we would support the work of the church at the synodical level. They strengthen our capacity to equip leaders, accompany congregations, resource ministries, and participate in the work of our wider church. Your generosity truly makes a difference.

I am also pleased to share that starting January 1, 2026 we will be launching a new synod-wide strategy for children's ministry, youth ministry, and young adult ministry. This initiative has been shaped by the many conversations and longings expressed across our synod. Its purpose is simple: to support you, as you nurture the faith of young people, create spaces of belonging, and form the next generation of disciples. Resources, training opportunities, and ongoing accompaniment will be made available to congregations throughout the year.

As we step into this season with hope, I encourage each congregation to continue growing in a life of worship, prayer, discipleship, and stewardship. Rooted in prayer, we listen for God's leading. Through discipleship, we deepen our walk with Christ. Through stewardship, we respond with gratitude, giving generously so that ministry may flourish in the congregation and in every corner of our synod.

Thank you for the many ways you embody the Gospel. Thank you for your partnership, your leadership, and your trust. May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the work ahead and fill your congregation with renewed vision and joy.

Abundant blessings in Christ,

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