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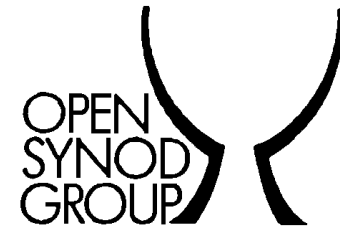
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We offer you a warm invitation to join the

OPEN SYNOD GROUP

We hold briefing meetings before each session of General Synod

We publish a Newsletter

We encourage participation in synodical government at **all levels**

We hold social events

We arrange the occasional conference

Website

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Statement of Faith
Based on the five marks of mission

1 We proclaim a faith in Jesus as Lord. This faith is both firmly rooted in the Bible and open to new insights and understandings. We hold fast to our inheritance of faith, convinced that tradition develops under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2 We believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ is for the whole of life. It equips us for mission and witness, and strengthens us to confront evil.

3 We rejoice at the goodness of God's creation but are saddened and ashamed at injustice, violence and pollution. We are committed to working for economic, social and political solutions.

4 We long for the unity of all Christians. We are grateful for progress already made; we welcome new initiatives; we commit ourselves to working ecumenically.

5 We believe that the gifts of men and women should be fully affirmed and equally used, in the church and in the world.

6 We value and rejoice in Anglican diversity; we believe that the Church is enriched by both tolerance and tension between our different traditions.

7 We affirm our hope in the future, living out our faith in a positive spirit which is both liberal and critical. We seek to overcome inertia, apathy and bigotry in the church and in the world. We look for the coming of God's kingdom.

**Reflections on the Open Synod Group
From an article in the current Newsletter**

I went to my first OSG meeting encouraged by Carole Cull and Anna Thomas Betts but I'd heard of it before my arrival at Synod and even been to a local meeting when I was a curate!

It seemed to me that I was finding a 'home' - I had been infuriated by the divisions within the Church of England from the moment I became aware of them - and someone who grows up in a 'high' Church and wants to go to Guide Church Parade that's held regularly in a 'low' church learns them quite young!! I'd also stood for Synod partly as a result of the sense that the increasing 'party' nature of our church was going to make it into somewhere I didn't want to minister before I retired -

The Revd. Sue Boys

We are not here only for General Synod members but for all who are looking for a base from which to have their thoughts expressed without fear or favour and to listen to all points of view. We welcome those from each of the churchmanship groups or from none. The church needs YOU to be there, open to the prompting of the Holy Spirit and willing to sail in often uncharted waters.



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Application for membership

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