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To the Clergy and Laity of the Parishes in the Diocese of the Western States,

Letter of Call for the Annual Synod of 2018

Greetings to the Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of the Western States as I hereby call for the assembling of the twenty-seventh Synod of the Diocese of the Western States to be held at the Lafayette Park Hotel and Saint Joseph of Arimathea Seminary from April 25th to April 27th of this year.

The membership of Synod consists of: (a) The Bishop, Bishop Coadjutor and Suffragan Bishops, if there be any; (b) All Presbyters of the Diocese. [All Deacons of the Diocese are entitled to seat and voice without vote]; (c) Three lay delegates from each Parish of the Diocese and one lay delegate from each Mission of the Diocese.

Synod is the legislative body of the Diocese subject to its own Canons and the Canons of the Province. Synod may levy assessments on Parishes and Diocesan Missions and adopts a budget each year. Such a budget must be in balance and the projected expenses must be equaled by the projected income. Synod also admits new parishes and missions; hears and receives status reports about various functions of the Diocese; and elects its officers and committees.

I am well aware that attendance at Synod involves personal effort and expense, especially for working clergy and smaller parishes. I hope that (wherever possible) parishes and missions will help their clergy and laity to attend Synod. As I said last year, Bishop Morse led us out of the fleshpots of Egypt and through the desert to freedom and now we are ready to begin the second phase of that pilgrimage. We mustn't look back! We mustn't waver! We must continue!

Yours faithfully in our Blessed Lord,

+ Donald M. Ashman
Bishop Ordinary