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COMMISSIONERS AND CORRESPONDING MEMBERS:

As soon as possible, please respond even if you cannot attend the Oct. 27 Synod meeting.

- Answer the three questions on the reverse side.
- Use the questions to interview two people in your presbytery.
- Email all three sets of responses to Valerie Knox (vknox@synodsun.com)

Ideally, you will take a few notes when interviewing others. The interactive process may stimulate helpful dialogue and ideas to send to Synod. The instructions and review questions are also online if you need to refer others to it. Click “Synod Review” near the top of our homepage: synodsun.com. All Presbyterians are welcome to participate, but we specifically need your response and two other people you choose. Thank you!

Background:

About five years ago the Synod of the Sun went through an extensive review and planning process which resulted in articulating three mission priorities for the work of the Synod. They are Resourcing Presbyteries, Ministries in Higher Education, and Multicultural Ministries. These are three of the divisions of Synod with the Operations and Communications divisions being responsible for undergirding and enabling these priorities.

The Synod has voted to begin another process to review and plan for the future direction of this Synod. The *Next Right Answer* gets its name from a video by photographer DeWitt Jones in which he teaches that each situation has multiple possibilities and many right answers. It is the feeling of this Synod that its previous work was a good right answer and that the work of Synod has improved under these mission priorities. Now it is time to learn if there are other right answers for the mission of this Synod, and, if so, what are they and how might they be implemented.

Process Steps:

Oct. 2006: Interviews prior to Synod meeting and discussion at the meeting

Jan. – March 2007: Further data gathering

April 2007: More work at Synod meeting and assign writing team

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May – Aug. 2007: Write summary and proposal for Next Right Answer and distribute to commissioners and corresponding members for review

Oct. 2007: Synod action on Next Right Answer

Questions for interviews and commissioner response:

1. Describe a time when Synod was being effective and responsive, a time when you appreciated Synod or were energized by its work.
2. What do you value in the Synod of the Sun?
3. What would an effective Synod look like for the future (be and do)?

Answer for your self, interview two others in your presbytery. Please email responses to vknox@synodsun.com Thank you!

Before the Oct. 27 meeting, we will post responses on the “Synod Review” page of synodsun.com.

These instructions are very important. Please help us off to a good beginning as we discover the *Next Right Answer* for this Synod.

JRF, September 22, 2006
File: Next Right Answer Process