



**International Episcopal Synod
of
The Communion of Evangelical Churches**

**October 21st – 24th, 2009
Atlanta, Georgia U.S.A.**

This Synod is a mandatory gathering of all Bishops in the CEECE. The Synod is for the purpose of solidifying our unity and mission as we move into the future together.

A synod (also known as a council) is a council of a church, (communion), convened to decide major issues, administration or application.

Originally, synods were meetings of bishops and the word is still used in that sense in Anglicanism, Catholicism and Eastern Orthodoxy.

Our English word Synod comes from two Greek words, *syn* + *hodos* that literally means "a way together". In this synod, we desire to understand and reaffirm our history, ethos and place in the church catholic as well as to firmly set our sites on the future as faithful stewards and overseers so that we can walk together into the unfolding plan of God for this portion of Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

The Synod will be presided over by Archbishop Durasingh James, our current Presiding Bishop.

Synod Schedule:

Wednesday, 10/21/09

7:00 p.m. – The Synod will open with a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, which will include the welcome and introductions of all the Bishops, letters of blessings and prayers from other apostolic bodies and leaders, as well as the opening address.

The Holy Eucharist will be offered up for the Synod. The theme is rooted in Colossians 3:12-17; Philippians 2: 1-11; 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13.

Thursday, 10/22/09

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Devotional
9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session I
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Session II
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Session III
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Q & A
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Session IV
8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist will be offered up for the Renewal and Refreshing of the Holy Spirit in our lives as Bishops. The theme is rooted in Romans 5:5; 8:11.

Friday, 10/23/09

9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer and Devotional
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Session V
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Session VI
12:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Lunch
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Session VII
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Q & A
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Provincial meetings and Dinner

8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist will include the Renewal of Vows for all the Bishops. The theme is rooted in Psalm 116:1-19; Galatians 2: 19-20.

Saturday, 10/24/09

9:00 a.m. -	Morning Prayer and Devotional
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Session VIII
10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Session IX
11:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.	Session X
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Q&A
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Closing Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist will be offered up for the Spread of the Gospel. The theme is rooted in Psalm 66:1-4; Matthew 28:16-20.

***Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel in this Synod for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.***