



# Thames North Synod

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# Paper D

### Proposed change to Standing Orders

#### 1. Meetings of Synod:

- a) The Synod Meeting is a gathering for worship, fellowship, support and inspiration. It is a council of the church receiving reports, considering, and if in agreement, authorising the implementation of strategies and goals. As the body operating between the local church and the General Assembly, it is a vehicle of information and a forum for the raising, and, if agreed, forwarding, of concerns and ideas.

*Current wording:*

The Synod Meeting shall take place two or three times a year, normally on Saturdays within March and November. The third meeting takes place in September in the years when General Assembly takes place, for the purpose of hearing the report of the representatives who attended Assembly. When there is no Assembly, the third Synod Meeting may happen at some other point during the year.

*Proposed wording:*

**The Synod Meeting shall take place two or three times a year, normally on Saturdays in the Spring and Autumn.**

The Synod Moderator will normally preside but, in the absence of the Moderator, Synod will appoint a member of Synod to preside.

In subsequent Standing orders "Moderator" means the person presiding at the time.