

MINUTES OF THE 110TH SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND
September 30 -- October 2, 2010

1ST SITTING, THURSDAY EVENING September 30, 2010 – St John's Cathedral

The 110th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land opened with a service of Holy Communion. During the service Mrs. Heather Birtles, Mr. Jim Warrener, and The Rev. Bill Blackburn were awarded the Order of Rupert's Land for their contributions to the Diocese. The Rev. Donna Joy and The Rev. Barry Bear were licensed and installed as Canons of the Cathedral Chapter.

In his Address, Bishop Phillips spoke on the theme of 'Making Paths in the Desert', but began by giving thanks for those who have left us, remembering especially Bishop Patrick Lee, and mourning the disestablishment of the Parish of St Catherine's, Birds Hill.

The Rev. Canon Rick Condo, Interim Priest at St. John's Cathedral, made announcements. At the conclusion of the service a reception was held in the John West Hall.

2ND SITTING, FRIDAY MORNING October 1, 2010 – North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

CHAIR: The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, Bishop

The Bishop welcomed all delegates and introduced the head table. Mrs. Susan Sprange reported for the Credentials Committee that as of nine o'clock a total of 69 of a possible 85 clergy had registered and 131 of a possible 169 laity had registered and that a quorum was present.

The Bishop declared the 110th Session to be regularly called and ready to proceed in accordance with the Constitution.

MOTION: The Rev. Rod Sprange/Ms Margaret Clarke
RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed as Honorary Secretaries for the 110th Session of Synod:
Dr. Robert Thomas, The Rev. Dr. Tim Perry.

CARRIED

MOTION: The Rev. Rod Sprange/Ms Margaret Clarke
RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 2nd sitting be as follows:
Welcome to new clergy and new lay delegates
Announcements / housekeeping
Announcements of Council Appointees
Announcements of Youth Delegates
Resolution re. Synod Appointees
Report of the Nominating Committee and notice of deadline for nominations
Report of the Resolutions Committee and notice of deadline for resolutions
Worship (prayer, reading, reflection followed by Bible Study)
Reception of the Reports in the Convening Circular
Motion to receive reports
Motion to adopt the Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council
Resolutions from the Bishop's Address

Break
Vitality & Viability Report
Presentation of Draft Budgets for 2011 and 2012
Update from Nominations and Resolutions Committees
Grace & dismissal for lunch

CARRIED

The Bishop welcomed all first-time lay delegates and new clergy:

The Rev. Donald McKenzie
The Rev. Elizabeth Richens
The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison
The Rev. William Blackburn
The Rev. Carol Guilford
The Rev. Dr. Timothy Perry
The Rev. Alice Williams
The Rev. Deacon Mona Blackburn
The Rev. Bryan Rivers
The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington
The Rev. Susan Titterington
The Rev. Paul Johnson

The Chair of the Agenda Committee made a number of announcements.

The Bishop announced Diocesan Council Appointees: Ms Sylvia James, Mr. George Campbell.

The Bishop announced Youth Appointees: Ms Jana Charlo, Mr. Devin Ryner, Mr. Ian Silk, Ms Lauren Thomas and Mr. Matthew Terlinski.

Synod Appointees

MOTION: The Rev. Rod Sprange/Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT Synod appoint, in accordance with the Constitution 2.02 (d) (iii) the following persons to be full members of Synod: Mr. Robert Clarkson, Mr. Bill Kawka, and Ms Sue Punter.

CARRIED

Privileges of the Floor

MOTION: The Rev. Rod Sprange/Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT Synod extends a warm welcome to all visitors and presenters and grants privileges of the floor, without the right to vote to: Mrs. Mary Williams, Ms Charlotte Caron, Mrs. Susan Suppes, Mrs. Cathy Mondor, Ms Bernice Funk, The Rev. Dr. Tim Perry, Mrs. Freda Bear, Mr. Sean Carlson, Ms Ko'ona Cochrane, Mr. Walter Longley The Rev. Mary Lysecki, The Rev. Susan Titterington.

CARRIED

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Chair, The Ven. Norman Collier, announced names of his committee: The Rev. Helen Manfield, The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott, The Rev. Gordon Shields, Mrs. Leslie Pelsler, and Mr. Bud Oliver.

Motion on Scrutineers

MOTION: The Ven. Norman Collier/Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed as Scrutineers for the 110th Session of Synod: Mrs. Susan Sprange, Mrs. Susan Suppes, Mrs. Cathy Mondor, The Rev. Mary Lysecki, Ms Marilyn Jackson, The Rev. Susan Titterington, Mr. Ross Steer, Mrs. Joan Steer and The Ven. Norman Collier.

CARRIED

MOTION: The Ven. Norman Collier/Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT nominations be received until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1, 2010; and that ballot boxes be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 2, 2010.

CARRIED

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, The Rev. Canon Dr. Brett Cane, announced the membership: Mr. John Deacon, Q.C., Mr. Bruce Duggan, Mrs. Jane Human, Ms Sylvia James, Mr. E. Arthur Braid, Q.C., and Mr. Ian Silk.

Announcements were followed by worship and reflection on scripture. At the end of worship and study time a moment of silent prayer was observed to coincide with the time the memorial service for Bishop Patrick Lee was being held in Perth, Ontario.

Reception of Reports in the Convening Circular

MOTION: Ms Margaret Clarke / The Rev. Rod Sprange

RESOLVED THAT the reports in the Convening Circular on pages CC 17 to CC 66, and the numbered hand-outs, be received. (*Mr. Daniel Draper's name should be included in the report of General Synod as a youth delegate.*)

CARRIED

Resolutions of Diocesan Council

Motion: Ms Margaret Clarke / The Rev. Rod Sprange

RESOLVED THAT Synod receive the Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council found in the Convening Circular on pages CC 1 – CC 14, and the addendum to the Acts & Resolutions on page CC-15.

CARRIED

Resolutions from the Bishop's Address

The Ven. Jennifer Sisson, Chair of the response group, announced her committee: The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott, Dr. June James, and Mr. Bob Wedlake. Archdeacon Jennifer Sisson thanked the Bishop for his Address.

Resolution A-1 The Ven. Jennifer Sisson/The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott

RESOLVED THAT this 110th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land offer thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Bishop Patrick Lee, and extend prayerful condolences to Mrs. Mary Lee and family on Patrick's death, September 26, 2010.

CARRIED.

Resolution A-2 Dr. June James/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT this 110th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land acknowledges the 'fragile organisms'

in our midst, so that we give them the nurture and care they urgently need, and together, explore future paths.

- a. Ministry with youth
- b. Ministry with Aboriginal persons
- c. Ministry with the Faculty of Theology at St. John's College

CARRIED

Resolution A-3 Dr. June James/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land urges every parish to carefully and prayerfully discern the path it is called to make, engaging in conversations stemming from Phase One of the Vitality and Viability study and walking with the Phase Two Team.

CARRIED

Resolution A-4 The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT this 110th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land encourages each parish to explore ways to engage in the five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion as a means of guiding and governing conversations about increasing vitality and viability.

CARRIED

Resolution A-5 The Ven. Jennifer Sisson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT this 110th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land recommends that the structures and processes of the governance and leadership of the Diocese of Rupert's Land undergo an assessment of vitality and viability.

CARRIED

Resolution A-6 Mr. Bob Wedlake/Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT this 110th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be attentive to the attitudes and norms which are vital to making paths in the desert together: namely,

- a. Being conscious of the assumptions we make about one another,
- b. Making the healing of divisions and misunderstanding, prejudice and fear a priority,
- c. Challenging ourselves to let go of old hurts and suspicions, and trusting that God really is leading and guiding this Church,
- d. Redefining the vocabulary of parish and diocese - focusing on 'us' locally and collectively.

CARRIED

Resolution A-7 The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT this 110th Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land takes to heart Jesus' words as expressed in John's Gospel - 'Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father' [John: 14:12] – leading us to focus on God's paths of ministry and mission.

CARRIED

Report from the Vitality & Viability Team: The Rev. Simon Blaikie, as spokesman, The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft, The Rev. Preston Parsons, Mr. Bruce Duggan, Ms Debbie McCuaig, Mrs. Mary Williams, Mrs. Patsy Grant, with support from Mrs. Cathy Mondor. The report was distributed to all members and Simon presented the report and entertained questions.

The Bishop thanked Team One. Team Two will be anchored by the Archdeacons: The Ven. Jennifer Sisson, The Ven. Norman Collier, The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, along with The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft from Team One, and the Bishop. Team Two is to encourage conversation related to the first assessment and to promote what parishes decide to do.

Report on Draft Budgets 2011 and 2012

Mr. Bob Clarkson, on behalf of the Diocesan Budget Committee, presented this report. Three amounts in the first paragraph of the narrative report under Revenue were changed: Figure in the submission \$833,168. Correct figure \$723,262. Figure in the submission \$245,868. Correct figure \$134,762. Figure in the submission \$269,868. Correct figure \$159,962.

After announcements grace was sung, and the Chair dismissed the session to lunch.

3RD SITTING, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 1, 2010

CHAIR: The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, Bishop

The sitting opened with worship led by The Rev. Barry and Mrs. Freda Bear.

Synod Agenda Committee Report

Motion: The Rev. Rod Sprange / Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 3rd Sitting of the 110th Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Report of the Nominations Committee

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Audited Financial Statements for 2009

Stewardship Council report

Diocesan Discernment Group report

Centre for Christian Studies report

Break

Rupert's Land Aboriginal Circle report

Resolutions from the Convening Circular and the Floor

Announcements

Final Report of the Resolutions Committee

Final Report of the Nominations Committee

Break

Dinner and Evening Worship

CARRIED

Report from the Nominations Committee

Archdeacon Norman Collier reported on additions to pages 73 - 74 of the convening circular: The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison, St Mary Magdalene; and The Rev. Karen Terlinski, St Thomas, Weston to Diocesan Council, and Mr. Dan Draper of saint benedict's table to the Board on Canons and Rules of Order.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Resolutions Committee presented and distributed new notices of motions.

Audited Financial Statements

Moved and Seconded by: Mr. Gordon Pawling, C.A., (on behalf of the Finance Committee)/Mr. Bill Kawka

RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the year 2009 be received.

CARRIED

Mr. Bill Kawka, co-chair of Diocesan Stewardship Council, reported on the work of the Council.

The Ven. Jennifer Sisson reported on the work of the Diocesan Discernment Group on Ministry emphasizing the variety of ministries and hence training needs.

Ms. Charlotte Caron reported on the Centre for Christian Studies (incorporating the former Anglican Women's Training College and Covenant College of the United Church of Canada both of Toronto).

Mr. George Campbell, chair of Rupert's Land Aboriginal Circle, reported on the Rupert's Land Aboriginal Circle [RLAC]. Rupert's Land Wechetowin Inc., chaired by Sylvia James, has continued its work as a stand-alone charitable organization after the departure of the Aboriginal Mission Developer.

The way forward for RLAC is unclear. A video message from the National Indigenous Bishop was shown. The Rev. Barbara Shoomski introduced a 'blanket exercise', a graphic illustration of First Nations-European history. Gifts of moccasins were presented to Bishop Phillips, The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, Ms Diane Skalenda, and The Rev. Canon Henry Falconer for the Rev. Canon J. Ronald McCullough.

Resolutions from the convening circular (B) and the floor (C)

Resolution B-1

Subject: Common Ministry and Mission

Moved by: Mr. Bob Clarkson on behalf of the Common Ministry and Mission Committee (*This motion is commended by the Executive Committee.*)

RESOLVED THAT the Common Ministry and Mission program be continued (to be reviewed at Synod in 2012) with greater emphasis placed on meeting with individual parishes to discuss their level of, and ability to, support the Common Ministry and Mission program that is delivered through the Diocesan Budget.

CARRIED

Resolution B-2

Subject: Use of Funds from the Property Capital Fund

Moved and Seconded by: Mr. E. Arthur Braid *on behalf of the Executive Committee*/The Rev. Simon Blaikie

RESOLVED THAT Synod permit the use of up to \$40,000 from the Property Capital Fund to repay the Rupert's Land Capital Fund Inc. for the loan made by the Rupert's Land Capital Fund Inc. to the Diocese for the replacement of the roof at 935 Nesbitt Bay.

CARRIED

Resolution C-8

Subject: Diocesan Budgets 2011 and 2012

Moved and Seconded by: Mr. Bob Clarkson/Mr. Gord Pawling

RESOLVED THAT the Synod commend to Diocesan Council the Diocesan Budgets for 2011 and 2012 including the recommendations and discussions held today for consideration when determining their final form.

CARRIED

Resolution C-2

Subject: Repudiation of the Doctrine of Discovery

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell/The Rev. Barbara Shoomski

RESOLVED THAT this Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land:

1. Repudiate and renounce the Doctrine of Discovery as fundamentally opposed to the gospel of Jesus Christ and our understanding of the inherent rights that individuals and peoples have received from God;
2. Request that our diocesan bishop, as requested by our General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada, cause this declaration to be proclaimed in every parish;
3. Commit to undertake a review of our Diocese's policies and programs with a view to exposing the historical reality and impact of the Doctrine of Discovery and eliminating its presence in its contemporary policies, program, and structures;
4. Encourage all members of the Diocese to seek a greater understanding of the Indigenous Peoples within Canada and to support those peoples in their ongoing efforts for their inherent sovereignty and fundamental human rights as peoples to be respected by understanding the reality that we are all Treaty People;
5. Request that our Bishop take the following actions:
 - a) Inform all municipal, provincial and federal representatives within our diocesan boundaries and the Government of Canada of this decision and request that they conduct a similar and equivalent review of historical and contemporary policies that contribute to the continuing colonization of Indigenous Peoples,
 - b) Write to Queen Elizabeth II, requesting that her Majesty disavow, and repudiate publicly, the claimed validity of the Christian Doctrine of Discovery, and
 - c) Share this declaration with the United Nations.

CARRIED

Resolution C-3

Subject: UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell/The Rev. Barbara Shoomski

RESOLVED THAT this Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land:

1. Endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the UN General Assembly on 13 September 2007;
2. Request our Bishop to call on the Government of Canada to endorse the UN Declaration in compliance with the will of the majority of the Members of Parliament which approved the endorsement and implementation of the Declaration in the House of Commons on 8 April 2008;

3. Adopt the Declaration as a standard for our own practice and commits to implementing the values and principles of the Declaration within the work and structures of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land;
4. Encourage our parishes to urge their municipalities, provinces or territories to endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

Motion to Postpone: Ms Ellen Cook/Ms Donna Royer

RESOLVED THAT Synod postpone consideration of this motion until the fourth sitting.

CARRIED

Resolution C-16

Subject: Funds for 935 Nesbitt Bay - General

Moved and Seconded by: Mr. E. Arthur Braid/Mr. Gord Pawling

RESOLVED THAT the capital of the Property Capital Fund may be used by the Diocese, with the permission of Diocesan Council, for capital repair expenses in relation to the Diocesan Office building.

Motion to Postpone: The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart/Mr. Brian Gilchrist

RESOLVED THAT Synod postpone consideration of the motion until the fourth sitting.

DEFEATED

The original motion was put **CARRIED**

The Chair of the Agenda Committee, The Rev. Rod Sprange, made announcements.

Report of the Nominations Committee

Nominations Chair, The Ven. Norman Collier, gave the final report of Nomination Committee and asked each nominee to stand as their name is called and be seated immediately after acknowledgement.

Diocesan Council - Laity - four deletions: Delete Ms Mary Barzey, Mr. Bruce Duggan, Mr. Devan Ryner, and Mrs. Margaret Scott.

Diocesan Council - Clergy - one deletion, four additions: Delete The Rev. Ian Peterson. Add The Rev. Brian Ford, The Rev. Donald Mackenzie, The Rev. Elizabeth Richens, and The Rev. Alice Williams.

Provincial Synod - Laity - two deletions and one addition: Delete Ms Mary Barzey and Mr. Devan Ryner. Add Mr. Matthew Terlinski.

Diocesan Court - Laity - one deletion: Delete Mr. Lorne Penner

Board on Canons and Rules of Order - Laity - one addition: Add Mr. Daniel Draper.

Diocesan Court - Clergy and Board on Canons and Rules of Order – Clergy: **Acclaimed.**

The Secretary of Synod made final announcements and gave instructions for dinner. The 3rd Sitting closed with Evening Prayer led by members of St. Margaret's Parish

4th SITTING, SATURDAY MORNING, October 2, 2010

CHAIR: The Bishop

The session opened with a hymn led by The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft.

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Rod Sprange / Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the fourth sitting of the 110th session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Worship

Resolutions

Break

Companion Diocese Committee report

Resolutions

Announcements

Grace and lunch

CARRIED

The Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee made announcements.

Worship was led by Ms Rene Jamieson, The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison, and The Rev. Canon Donna Joy.

Resolutions from the floor (C – category)

Resolution C-1

Subject: Continuing the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Bob Webster/The Rev. Canon Murray Still

RESOLVED THAT the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land continue the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission First National Event by asking Diocesan Council to establish a process which will offer opportunities for de-briefing and a safe environment for all those who have been impacted by the experience of residential schools to continue to share their stories.

Amendment: The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison/The Rev. Preston Parsons

TO ALTER the final words to: a safe environment for survivors of residential schools and their families to continue to share their stories.

DEFEATED

The original motion was put and **CARRIED**.

Resolution C-4

Subject: Process to Create New Structures for Aboriginal Ministries

Motion: Mr. George Campbell/Mr. Roger Stagg

RESOLVED THAT the Diocesan Council be asked to create a Governance Working Group to examine the

structures of the Diocese with a view to determining the desirability and feasibility of creating a new canon to provide canonical recognition of structures through which the Aboriginal ministries of the Diocese may be self determining within the Diocese of Rupert's Land and that this Governance Working Group report back to the next Diocesan Synod in 2012.

CARRIED

The Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee announced that there was a tie in the voting for the Board on Canons and Rules of Order for the Laity. A ballot to break the tie was circulated and voting took place over the coffee break.

Resolution C-5

Subject: Diocesan Sacred Circle in 2011

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Murray Still/Ms Sylvia James

RESOLVED THAT Diocesan Council be asked to form a planning team to prepare for a sixth Diocesan Sacred Circle in 2011.

CARRIED

Resolution C-6

Subject: New Aboriginal Mission in North End

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Jim Wolf/Ms Dorothy Monkman

RESOLVED THAT the Diocese establish a new Aboriginal mission in the North End of Winnipeg that will work in partnership with existing parishes and the North Main working group to continue the work of healing and reconciliation and that initial funding for location and program of up to \$50,000 come from the Property Capital Fund.

AMENDMENT: The Rev. Canon Rick Condo/Mr. Daniel Draper

TO REMOVE the words: and that funding for location and program of up to \$50,000 come from the Property Capital Fund.

MOTION TO REFER: The Rev. Bob Webster/The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington

REFER THE MOTION to the Rupert's Land Aboriginal Circle.

Motion to refer **CARRIED.**

Resolution C-7

Subject: Healing and Reconciliation

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft/The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart

RESOLVED THAT members of this Synod accept responsibility to encourage all members of the Diocese to engage in healing and reconciliation among Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people in our daily life and work; and that Synod ask the leaders of Vitality and Viability to include healing and reconciliation in their continuing conversations with parishes.

CARRIED

Resolution C-3 postponed

Subject: UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell/The Rev. Barbara Shoomski

RESOLVED THAT this Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land:

1. Endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples adopted by the UN General Assembly on 13 September 2007;
2. Request our Bishop to call on the Government of Canada to endorse the UN Declaration in compliance with the will of the majority of the Members of Parliament which approved the endorsement and implementation of the Declaration in the House of Commons on 8 April 2008;
3. Adopt the Declaration as a standard for our own practice and commits to implementing the values and principles of the Declaration within the work and structures of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land;
4. Encourage our parishes to urge their municipalities, provinces or territories to endorse the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

CARRIED

Resolution C-9

Subject: Term Limits For Elected Delegates

Divided motion, PART 1

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Jamie Howison/Mr. Daniel Draper

RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land direct the Board on Canons and Rules of Order to prepare a proposal for Synod 2012 to establish term limits for elected delegates to General and Provincial Synods.

CARRIED

Resolution C-17

Subject: Term Limits For Elected Delegates

Divided motion, PART 2

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Jamie Howison/Mr. Daniel Draper

RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land direct the Diocesan Council to consider establishing term limits for elected lay and clerical members of Diocesan Council and other diocesan bodies.

CARRIED

The Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee announced lunch, preceded by grace.

5TH SITTING – SATURDAY AFTERNOON - October 2, 2010

CHAIR: The Bishop

The Bishop called the sitting to order at one o'clock and thanked the kitchen team, the Ministry of Fun at St George's Crescentwood.

Motion: The Rev. Rod Sprange /Ms Margaret Clarke
RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 5th Sitting be as follows:

Announcements

Companion Diocese Committee

Resolutions

Announcements

Closing procedures:

Report of the Scrutineers

Closing procedural motions

Bishop's Appointments

Vote of thanks

Bishop's concurrence

Closing worship

CARRIED

The Interim Priest at the Cathedral, The Rev. Canon Rick Condo, announced that Bishop Patrick Lee's funeral in Perth would be continued Oct. 18 at St. John's Cathedral at one o'clock with interment to follow.

The chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, Mr. Bud Oliver, reported that the nine visitors intending to come in early October were denied visas. After representations from the Bishop, the Immigration office in Nairobi suggested re-application, but at the time of the report the visas had still not been issued.

Resolution C-10

Subject: Anglican Covenant

Moved and Seconded by: Ms Rene Jamieson/The Rev. Canon Dr. Brett Cane

RESOLVED THAT this Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land direct all parishes to study the proposed Covenant for the Anglican Communion, under the auspices of the Diocesan Task Force on the Covenant, and that such studies be submitted to the Task Force for summation by December 31, 2011, in order that recommendations can be brought to Diocesan Synod in 2012.

CARRIED

Resolution C-11

Subject: Peace in Sudan

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Reuben Garang/The Rev. Justin Laki

RESOLVED THAT the Diocese of Rupert's Land keep its 'eyes on Sudan' and provide prayer support for the peace making / peace keeping efforts in southern Sudan as it prepares for the referendum on independence in 2011.

CARRIED

Resolution C-12

Subject: Impact of Hydro Development in Northern Manitoba

Moved and Seconded by: Ms Ellen Cook/The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart

RESOLVED THAT the parishes of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be asked to receive and review the DVD that is being prepared by the 'Interfaith Task Force on Northern Hydro Development' on the impacts of hydro developments in Northern Manitoba.

CARRIED

Resolution C-13

Subject: Youth Involvement in Diocesan Committee Life

Moved and Seconded by: Mr. Matthew Terlinski/Mr. Evan Young

RESOLVED THAT the Synod direct Diocesan Council to include youth (16-25 years) representation wherever and whenever practicable on all Diocesan committees, especially those engaged in future planning and budget, and to report back to Synod 2012 on the success of this initiative.

CARRIED

Resolution C-15

Subject: Youth Ministry

Moved and Seconded by: The Rev. Helen Manfield/Mr. Matthew Terlinski

RESOLVED THAT parishes be encouraged to seek out and send, in consultation with Diocesan Youth Ministry Leadership Team (DYMLT), youth and youth leaders for professional leadership training; and that the Synod establish a goal of training a minimum of five such youth and leaders annually.

CARRIED

Resolution C-14

Subject: Theological considerations in use of Endowment Fund income

Moved and Seconded by: Mrs. Donna Royer/The Rev. Barbara Shooski

RESOLVED THAT the Synod direct Diocesan Council to require diocesan Stewardship Council to undertake theological conversations concerning the appropriateness of operating budgets being funded through income from discretionary capital funds and to circulate a report of these conversations to Diocesan Synod in 2012.

CARRIED

Report of the Scrutineers

The Bishop read the results of the elections, as appended.

Bishop's Appointments

The Bishop announced the following appointments:

- Agenda Committee Chair: Dr. June James
- Nominations Committee Chair: The Ven. Jennifer Sisson
- Resolutions Committee Chair: The Rev. James Bardsley
- Credentials Committee Chair: Mrs. Diane Bradshaw

Motion: The Rev. Rod Sprange / Ms Margaret Clarke
RESOLVED THAT PriceWaterhouseCoopers be appointed as auditors.

CARRIED

Motion: The Rev. Rod Sprange / Ms Margaret Clarke
RESOLVED THAT the minutes be printed, subject to the approval of the Bishop and the Chancellor, and the ballots be destroyed by the Scrutineers.

CARRIED

The Bishop thanked Rupert's Land Aboriginal Circle for their presentation at the second sitting.

Vote of Thanks

Motion: The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott/The Rev. Deacon Mona Blackburn
RESOLVED THAT this 110th Session of Synod express its deep thanks to:

- The Cathedral Parish of St. John; The Rev. Canon Rick Condo, Interim Priest, and members of the Cathedral staff, the members of the Diocesan Choir and Choir Director, Mr. Tom Packham, Kitchen Coordinator, Mrs. June Rampersad, and Cathedral volunteers
- The Parish of St. Chad, and the The Rev. Gordon Shields, Incumbent, and the staff and people of the Parish for allowing us to hold the Pre-Synod Forum at St. Chad; particularly, Mr. Jose Barrera the caretaker, Ms. Indira Rampersad, Parish Administrator; and Mr. James Golas, Coordinator of refreshments.
- The students of Tec Voc High School under the direction of Mr. Terry Willerton who provided our muffins and biscuits for the coffee breaks / snacks for synod and the dainties for the reception following the Opening Service.
- The students of Kildonan East Regional Secondary School under the direction of Raymond Czayka, who provided our lunch on Friday;
- Mrs. Teresa Johnson and her volunteers from St. George's Crescentwood, for our Friday evening meal and Saturday's lunch;
- The Kitchen volunteers from a variety of parishes of our diocese, specifically from the Parishes of: St. Peter, St. Saviour, St. Bartholomew, St. Barnabas, St. Mark, and St. Mary Magdalene; under the capable coordination and supervision of Ms Betty Currie, Mrs. Frances Tester and Mrs. Anne Harwood;
- The Worship Chair, The Rev. Canon Donna Joy, and the Synod Worship Planning Team: Ms Shelagh Balfour, Ms Ko'ona Cochrane, The Rev. Aubrey Hemminger, Ms Sylvia James, The Rev. Mary Lysecki, and Mrs. Fenella Temmerman
- Special thanks for the desert motif depicted by the hangings
- Banner Logo: Conceptual Vision: Mrs. Susan Suppes; Graphic Artist: Ms Wendy Bain
- Musicians: The Ven. Norman Collier, The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell, The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, Mr. Terry Moore, The Ven. Jennifer Sisson, The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft,
- For those who offered reflections and led us in prayer during the worship: The Rev. Canon Bob Webster, The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter Moulaison, Mrs. Freda Bear
- The Pastors and Staff of North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, particularly Ms Brigitte Penner, Parish Administrator, the Caretaker, Hanna.
- The Audio Visual Coordinator: Mr. David Plewes, and A/V technician Mr. Chris Chypyha both from the Parish of St. Aidan, for seeing to all our AV needs and requirements

- For all those who took time to prepare and staff displays at the Synod for all our benefit and information.
- The Rev. Rod Sprange, Chair of the Agenda Committee and the members of the Synod Agenda Committee for their vision of the theme and the way in which they structured the agenda of Synod for our benefit, including planning and execution of the Pre-Synod forum.
- The Chair of the Credentials Committee: Mrs. Susan Sprange, and the volunteers from the parishes of St. Barnabas, St. Anne, St. Peter, Church of the Good Shepherd, Holy Trinity, St. Chad, St. Paul, St. Saviour, St. Bartholomew, St. Andrew, St. Andrews who carefully and accurately kept track of our registration process.
- The Chair of the Resolutions Committee: The Rev. Canon Dr. Brett Cane and members of his committee for their careful work in ensuring the resolutions were concise and succinct.
- The Chair of the Nominations Committee: The Ven. Norman Collier and members of the Nominations Committee, for seeking out and organizing the nominations and balloting
- The Scrutineers, for their careful tallying of the ballots;
- The Recording Secretaries: The Rev. Dr. Tim Perry and Dr. Robert Thomas, for their attentive recording of the proceedings of the Synod;
- The Rev. Canon Donna Joy for her leadership as facilitator at the Pre-Synod Forum;
- Our Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Pawling, for all his advice and guidance throughout the year
- Our Chancellor, Mr. E. Arthur Braid, for his wisdom and advice, not only during synod, but on many matters throughout the year;
- Anglican Centre Staff who provided administrative and organizational assistance prior to and during the synod: Mrs. Cathy Mondor and Mrs. Susan Suppes;
- The Secretary of Synod, Ms Margaret Clarke, for her careful attention to detail in preparing all the arrangements and organization required for this Synod as well as the Pre-Synod gathering.
- And to Donald, our Bishop, for the vision and challenges outlined in his Address to Synod, for his leadership in our midst;
- To all of you, the members of Synod, who have given so freely of your time and energy in preparation for and during Synod, as together we 'make paths in the desert'.

CARRIED

The Bishop declared his concurrence with the Acts and Resolutions of the 110th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

The Bishop requested all delegates to give a full report to their Parishes of the actions and concerns of the Synod at the main Sunday service, if possible, within the next two weeks.

Motion: The Rev Rod Sprange/Ms Margaret Clarke
RESOLVED THAT following the closing worship this 110th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be adjourned.

CARRIED

The session concluded with worship.