

The Diocese of Rupert's Land
Diocesan Council

Minutes

(revised) May 28, 2016
St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora, ON

Present = Y Regrets = R Absent = A (*) = *ex officio* (a) = *appointed*

R	Bardsley, The Ven. James*	R	MacDonald, The Rev. Deacon Lynn
Y	Blanchard, The Rev. Jonathan	Y	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey*
R	Braid, Mr. E. Arthur*	Y	Norman, Mrs. Patricia
A	Carlson, Mr. Sean (a)	Y	Pawling, Mr. Gordon*
R	Cook, Mrs. Ellen V.	Y	Phillips, The Rt. Rev. Donald*
R	Dolloff, The Rev. John (a)	A	Relf, Mrs. Donna Lee
Y	Dugan, The Ven. James*	A	Silk, Mr. Ian
Y	Elliott, The Rev. Dr. Brad	A	Sisson, The Ven. Jennifer*
Y	Fortier, Ms Roselyn	R	Slipetz, Ms Willie
Y	Hunter, The Rev. Deacon Helen	Y	Solomon, The Rev. Vince
A	Ingram, Mrs. Barbara	Y	Trott, Dr. Christopher* (Warden St. John's College)
A	Jackson, Mr. Gary	Y	Webster, Ms Tannis
R	James, Dr. June	R	Wedlake, Mr. Bob* (Secretary of Synod)
R	Johnson, The Very Rev. Paul*	R	Whitmore, The Rev. Judith
Y	Kennedy, The Rev. Helen		
Y	Kennedy, The Rev. Dick		Staff:
A	Laldin, The Rev. Edmund	Y	Funk, Ms Bernice – Director of Finance
Y	Lysecki, The Rev. Mary	R	Suppes, Mrs. Susan - Secretary

The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, Bishop of Rupert's Land welcomed Council members to St. Alban's (Kenora) and called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. The Ven. James Dugan, Archdeacon of Kenora/St. Alban's was invited to lead the worship. Following worship the regrets were read. A quorum was declared. The Ven. Simon Blaikie was welcomed as a guest and invited to take part in discussions.

Diocesan Council Minutes of March 19, 2016

The minutes were presented for approval and found to be in order.

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the Diocesan Council of March 19, 2016 be approved.
H.Kennedy/R.Fortier
Carried.

Executive Committee Minutes of April 12, 2016

The minutes were presented for reception and there were no errors or omissions.

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee of April 12, 2016 be received.
H. Kennedy/T.Webster
Carried

Executive Committee Minutes of May 10, 2016

The minutes were presented for reception and the following errors were noted:

Corrections: Page 1--Attendance--The Rev. Vince Solomon should be listed as [Staff](#)
Page 2--Second Last Paragraph should read ...some young folks [to go...](#)
Page 3--Report of Finance Committee should read ...Ms. Bernice [Funk...](#)

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the Executive Committee of May 10, 2016 be received as corrected.
J.Dugan/V. Solomon
Carried.

Business Arising from the Minutes

(a) Frequency of Criminal Record Checks (Diocesan Council March 19, 2016). At the Executive Council April 12, 2016 a motion was carried to revise the date from June 30, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

(b) Anglican Foundation Memberships (Executive Committee April 12, 2016). The following motion was carried at the by the Executive Committee and brought forward to the Diocesan Council by Helen Kennedy:

“THAT the Executive Committee recommend to Council, the Council establish a policy that the Diocese will only consider applications for grant funding from the Anglican Foundation from parishes who have a record of holding membership in the Anglican Foundation.”

The number of Anglican Foundation memberships in the Diocese of Rupert's Land are very few, yet the grants/loans to various projects in the Diocese has been substantial (2014 Membership less than \$1,000 and grant/loans for that same period \$50,000). We are limited to three grants/loans per year. (Applications from St. John's College are not included in the Diocesan quota.)

How can we make Parishes/Parishioners want to be a member?

- Anglican Foundation send application forms to all Parishes and not just those due for renewal;
- Diocese make Parishes aware of the benefits of the Foundation and the need for financial support;
- The Rev. Canon Judy Rois, Executive Director of the Foundation will attend the Diocesan Synod to inform us on the work and importance of the Foundation. (Website www.anglicanfoundation.org/)
- Prepare a list of projects that have received financial assistance from the Foundation.

MOTION: THAT the Diocese only consider applications for funding from the Anglican
C.Trott/ Foundation from parishes who have a record of holding membership in the
G. Mawejje Anglican Foundation.
Carried.

(c) Article for Parishes re: Anglican Foundation was prepared by Dr. June James and Mrs. Susan Suppes and presented to the Executive Committee on May 10th to be brought forwarded to Diocesan Council for approval and action. The article will be published in the Rupert's Land News and brought to the attention of all Parishioners.

MOTION: THAT the Diocese Council approve the article, “The Anglican Foundation of Canada – Is
R.Fortier/ your Parish on Board?” and recommend that it be published in the Rupert's Land News.
J. Dugan
Carried.

Anglican/Lutheran Missional Initiatives

The May 10th Executive Committee minutes report on an extensive discussion regarding Anglican / Lutheran Missional Initiatives. The Ven. Simon Blaikie was invited to attend the Diocesan Council meeting to share what was discussed at a meeting of a small group of Anglican and Lutheran Clergy (The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, The Ven. Simon Blaikie, Pastor Larry Ulrich, and Bishop Elaine Sauer) with Alan J. Roxburgh who will guide us through the pilot project. This group will prepare a proposal to be brought to Diocesan Council.

Alan Roxburgh is the author of “*Joining God, Remaking the Church, Changing the World: The new shape of the Church in our time*”. The following excerpt from his book lists the Five Practices for the Journey:

- 1) Listening: Attending to God, one another and our neighbourhoods.

- 2) Discerning: Discovery where the Spirit is inviting us to join with God in our neighbourhood.
- 3) Testing: Engaging simple actions to join with God in the neighbourhood.
- 4) Reflection: Gathering to ask, what did we do? What are we learning? Where did we see God at work?
- 5) Deciding: Determining what are the new ways we will now join with God in the neighbourhood.

Archdeacon Blaikie Simon and Bishop Don pointed out the following:

- This will mean a whole paradigm shift!
- What does it mean to be a Christian Disciple?
- Who are your Christian 'tribes'? (hockey parent, workplace colleagues, club members, family)
- How are Christians engaged in the physical church?
- Many Christians no longer worship at a church in their immediate area, but choose to venture to a Parish with which they have a special connection.
- The Missional Church will bring together churches and groups in the neighbourhood to develop and share in programs which are beneficial to the needs of that neighbourhood. Actual worship may not even take place in a church.
- There will be a new understanding of what it is to be a Church. It will consist of 'clusters' not just a building.
- Is there going to be a component that will re-identify ministry (baptismal ministry as part of Ministry)?

The Missional Church is in progress in the B.C. Synod (3 years) and the Alberta Synod (2nd year), and has been working very well.

First Steps to a Missional Church:

- Start with existing 'clusters' and invite the creation of new ones.
- Invite people who have an interest to join in conversations. Do not put pressure on those who are satisfied with the way things are at this time.
- There will be two streams--a six month ramp-up for clergy then one year of meetings with laity (without the influence of clergy). At the end of this time the clergy and laity come together.
- Meetings will be held in a neutral space (the focus is not on a building).
- Many churches already have ministerial groups in existence which fit in with the goals. These become a part of the conversation; sharing of experiences and learning.
- The Colonial/Imperial Church practices will be more understanding and engaged in partnership with the Aboriginal people.
- Most people live missional lives, now we will learn to practice these skills as a group ('tribe').
- Interim ministry will be welcome if interested.
- Discern how this fits in with the theology of ordained ministers. It can be part of post-ordination education.
- This will be a way to involve youth in a positive manner.

Financing:

The Diocese of Rupert's Land share of funding for the Missional Church is approximately \$100,000. The disbursement would be for part-time staff person (i.e. 1/3 time), consultant, coaching, committees, clergy/lay training. There was concern that a request for funding should be put to the Synod when it meets this fall. The Synod has already designated funding to the Church Development Fund which could be used for implementation. How have the Lutherans handled their portion of the funding; have they gone to their Synod for approval? The consensus was to request a formal written proposal and budget before we commit to any amount of funding. If possible this information is to be available for the Executive Committee meeting on June 14th; the latest date would be the end of June.

MOTION: THAT we have received the verbal presentation on the Anglican/Lutheran Missional Initiatives and request that a formal written proposal be circulated to the members of the R. Fortier/
G. Mawejje Diocesan Council for an electronic vote.
Carried.

Archives Committee Report

Consideration of the Archives committee report was deferred to the next meeting.

Reports on Synod resolutions (A-2; C-1; C-2; C-3; C-4)

A draft of resolution A-2 has been prepared and the committee plans to meet in June to finalize it.

MOTION: THAT we receive the Reports on Synod Resolutions A-2; C-1; C-2; C-3; and C-4 with
J. Blanchard/ thanks.
H. Kennedy
Carried

Finance Committee

March month end financial statements:

Investment earnings are at a rate of 0.8%. An investment meeting was held with Integra and it is believed that our investments will cap at 4% by the end of 2016. The Income Statement indicates a \$2,533 deficit for this reporting period. The increase to the Common Mission and Ministry was fairly well received. There are 10 parishes that have increased their support; 24 parishes that are greater than or equal to the 12.5% assessment; 4 parishes have decreased their ministry support; and 14 parishes have remained the same as the approval of 2015. To date we have received \$6,300 less than budgeted.

There were two requests for Youth Ministry Funds: St. Thomas Kreative Kids (\$2,500) and Emmanuel Mission (\$5,000).

MOTION: THAT the financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2016 be received.
G. Pawling/R. Fortier
Carried.

2015 Year-end Financial Statements--Audit Draft

At the Audit meeting the 2015 Financial Statement was reviewed. The auditors' comments regarding the budget and accounting system were very encouraging. There was a surplus of \$27,237 at year end 2015.

MOTION: THAT the Audited Statements for the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land for the year
G. Pawling/ ending December 31, 2015 be approved with the following change:
H. Kennedy

Under Statement of Operations--Revenue--Designated ~~Trust Fund~~ Receipts.

Carried.

Appointment of Auditors for the 2016 year.

MOTION THAT PriceWaterhouseCoopers be appointed as auditors for the 2016 year.
G. Pawling/H. Kennedy
Carried.

Other Business

- Council & Synod Appointees

MOTION: THAT Diocesan Council appoint the following persons as Council Appointees to Synod:
H. Hunter/ Mr. Sean Carlson, Mrs. Mary Williams, and The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard.
R. Fortier
Carried.

- Assistance to Fort McMurray

MOTION THAT the Diocese of Rupert's Land send \$500, from the Diocesan Council Project Fund,
D. Kennedy/ to the Diocese of Athabasca to be used for assisting Fort McMurray Parishes impacted
G. Maweije by the wildfires.
Carried.

- Spring Meeting location: A request was made to change to location of the spring meeting. Due to the need to approve the Audited Financial Statements, it would be more convenient for members to attend if it were held in Winnipeg. Further discussion will take place at a future meeting.
- Upcoming Events
 - Saturday, June 18th--Meeting re upcoming General Synod
 - Sunday, June 19th--National Aboriginal Day--Presentation to Congregations
 - Tuesday, June 21st--UN Rights of Indigenous People
 - Friday, June 24th--Primate's Visit to Dryden--11:00 a.m.
 - Saturday, June 25th--Primate at St. John's Cathedral--3:30 p.m.
 - Wednesday, June 29th--Companion Diocese Committee--St. John's Cathedral 7:00-9:30 p.m.--evening of storytelling a sharing with the delegation that travelled to Uganda.

Next Meeting:

Date: Saturday, September 17, 2016

Place: Church of the Ascension, Stonewall, Manitoba

Time: 8:45 a.m. Breakfast; 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Council Meeting

Adjournment

Dr. Christopher Trott moved that the meeting adjourn at 12:50 p.m.

The Ladies of St. Alban's provided lunch for the Council.