

**The Diocese of Rupert's Land
Diocesan Council**

MINUTES

May 27, 2017
St. John's Cathedral

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

R	Bardsley, The Ven. James*	Y	McIntosh, The Rev. Wayne
Y	Braid, Mr. E. Arthur*	Y	Norman, Mrs. Patricia
Y	Cooke, Mr. David	Y	Pawling, Mr. Gordon*
Y	Dolloff, The Rev. John	Y	Phillips, The Rt. Rev. Donald*
Y	Dugan, The Ven. James*	Y	Robinson, Theresa
R	Falconer, The Rev. Canon Henry	Y	Russell, Mr. Gary
A	Fardoe, Mr. Don	R	Sherman, Mr. Dorian
Y	Horrocks, Mrs. Norma	Y	Sisson, The Ven. Jennifer*
Y	Hunter, The Rev. Deacon Helen	R	Still, The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray
Y	Johnson, The Very Rev. Paul*	Y	Thagard, Mrs. Claudine
Y	Kennedy, The Rev. Helen	Y	Thagard, The Rev. Deacon Dan
A	Kwajok, Mr. Kwajok Jada	R	Trott, Dr. Christopher* (Warden St. John's College)
Y	Laldin, The Rev. Karen	Y	Webster, Ms Tannis
Y	Lampman, The Rev. Paul	R	Wedlake, Mr. Bob* (Secretary of Synod)
Y	Larson, Mrs. Barbara		Staff:
Y	Lomas, Mrs. Louise	Y	Funk, Ms Bernice – Director of Finance
Y	MacDonald, The Rev. Deacon Lynn	Y	Solomon, The Rev. Vincent – UIMD
Y	Mawejje, The Ven. Godfrey*	R	Suppes, Mrs. Susan - Secretary

The Bishop Donald Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The Very Rev. Paul Johnson led the worship which included sharing Gospel-based discipleship. Mrs. Patricia Norman served as recording secretary for the meeting in the absence of Susan Suppes. Council members were welcomed and regrets from those unable to attend were received.

Minutes of Diocesan Council and Executive Committee

Diocesan Council Minutes of March 25, 2017

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the Diocesan Council of March 25, 2017 be approved.

P. Johnson/L. MacDonald

Carried.

Executive Committee Minutes of April 4, 2017

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the April 4, 2017 meeting of the Executive Committee be

G. Mawejje/ received.

J. Dugan

Carried.

Executive Committee Minutes of May 9, 2017

MOTION: THAT the minutes of the meeting of the Executive Committee of May 9, 2017 be

C. Thagard/ received.

T. Webster

Carried.

Business Arising from Executive Committee

- **Terms of Reference for the National Church Settlement Agreement Refund.**

A refund of approximately \$50,000 has been received by the Diocese of Rupert's Land and is presently deposited in short-term investments.

The Diocese of Keewatin has received a reimbursement of approximately \$6,000 which has been deposited in their account. That Diocese of Keewatin is in the process of a class-action and the Bishop and Chancellor Braid gave some information on how this matter would proceed. The future of their assets will depend on the results of this litigation. Any funds remaining with the Diocese of Keewatin, once it is officially dissolved (2033?) will be distributed as follows: two thirds to the Diocese of Mismamigweesh and one third to the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

- **Spirit Path**

Archdeacon Jennifer Sisson gave a brief update on Spirit Path. The group continues to function well, with some progress.

The focus of the last meeting was the subject of paid personnel. The United Church will support a half time person and Jennifer will remain at one quarter time based out of Good Shepherd.

A profile is being prepared to assist in choosing the person representing the United Church. This person does not have to be ordained or a member of the United Church. There will be an interim/transition period of working with Jennifer.

The Lutheran Church will continue with its financial support (\$20,000). As of the end of June, the Diocese of Rupert's Land will consider Jennifer's time as their financial contribution.

- **Winnipeg Indigenous Accord**

An invitation from the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg for the Diocese to join the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord has been accepted and Bishop Phillips has notified the City of our wish to participate. The official signing ceremony will take place at the Forks on June 20th.

- **Giving with Grace**

A letter was received from the Primate thanking Rupert's Land for their continued support of this program which promotes healing and reconciliation. Although it is supported throughout the year, he has asked that Parishes place extra focus during the '22 days' between May 31st to June 21st.

- **Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church**

Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer, The Rev. Vincent Solomon, gave an update on the happenings at Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church. This Church provides a gathering place for urban Indigenous people who have knowledge of, wish to explore, their traditional culture as Christian and Traditional Anglicans through the scriptures. People have been gathering for the past four months and the congregation consists of seven committed attendees and five people who attend occasionally along with other frequent visitors. Everyone is always welcome. People share their gifts and learn how the treaty(s) should be honoured. Music is a very important part of the service and is presented in Native and English languages, with drumming and other accompaniment. A goal is to develop their own songs in their own way (Cree music and translate into English.) Clergy are encouraged to attend to further their knowledge of healing and reconciliation (as requested in the Acts of Synod 2016). The service is held on Sunday evenings at 7 pm at 730 McPhillipsStreet. Future plans include a co-operative workshop with other Churches on working toward reconciliation. Fundraising is slow but steady and they hope to be self-sufficient at the end of five years.

Upon reconvening after a short coffee break, the Bishop relinquished the 'Chair' to Art Braid at 10:45 a.m. so that the Annual General Meeting of the Rupert's Land Capital Fund could be held.

Annual General Meeting of the Rupert's Land Capital Fund Inc.

Art Braid called the meeting to order. Business was conducted and the meeting was adjourned. The minutes of this meeting are printed separately from this Council meeting.

The Bishop resumed the 'Chair' at 11:00 a.m. and proceeded with the agenda.

Finance Committee

Gordon Pawling and Bernice Funk gave updates on the Diocesan finances.

- **Audited Financial Statement for the Year 2016**

There are no changes to the 'draft' Financial Statement as presented at the March 25th meeting. This represents a consolidated financial statement for the Diocese of Rupert's Land. Price Waterhouse Coopers have given a clear audit opinion. **The year ended with an Operating Fund deficit of \$41,871. The total consolidated deficit for the year was \$14,868.**

Investments are held with Integra in the Balanced Fund. 10% of the investments have been converted into TREZ (a short term mortgage fund within Integra). The investment return for 2016 was 6.9%.

MOTION: THAT the Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 be approved.
G. Pawling/
D. Thagard
Carried.

Bernice was thanked for her exceptional work with the Diocesan finances.

- **Appointment of Auditors for 2017**

MOTION: THAT the firm of Price/Waterhouse be appointed as auditors of the Diocese of Rupert's Land for 2017.
G. Pawling/
T. Webster
Carried.

- **April 30, 2017 Financial Statements**

Investment earnings at April 30 were at 5.5%. The Investment Committee continues to look towards the future re. interest rate possibilities. The statements are prepared with a 4% investment distribution. The surplus to April 30, 2017 is \$5,511. Note 1 of the statements break down the investment in the balanced fund and TREZ. Note 2 indicates amounts available in the Shared Ministry for Parish Support, Parish and Diocese Contingency and Youth and the Healing and Reconciliation fund. Note 3 indicates the amounts spent for cost associated with the UIMD.

MOTION: THAT the financial statements for March and April, 2017 be received.
L. Lomas/C. Thagard
Carried.

Faith Horizons 2017

The Planning Committee will be selected and begin meeting in June.

Theme: "Stewardship of God's Grace"

Date: Friday, October 20th and Saturday, October 21st, 2017

Place: Douglas Mennonite Church, Winnipeg

Guest Speaker: The Rev. Canon David Harrison

Other Business:

- **Theological Education Mentor/Ministry Developer Position**
The Search Committee has met and interviews are underway. The goal is to have the successful candidate in place by September 1st.
- **Pastor Larry Ulrich** (Lutheran Synod Office) will retire on May 31st and his 'Farwell' reception will be held at the Synod Office on Wednesday, May 31st from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Pastor Larry will continue with ALIGN.
- **Susan Suppes**, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, is currently on sabbatical (until early August). Judy McIvor, Office Administrative Assistant, is covering for Susan.
- Please submit '**Travel Expense Claims**' to Bernice as soon as possible after attending a meeting.

Next Diocesan Council Meeting

Location: St. Alban's Cathedral (Kenora)
Date: Saturday, September 30th, 2017
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Note: St. Alban's Ladies will host a Luncheon for the Council Members.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 11:45 a.m. was moved by Dan Thagard. The meeting concluded with the grace. The Bishop thanked Dean Paul Johnson and members of the parish of St. John's for hosting the meeting.

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