







**ACTS OF THE 113<sup>th</sup> Session of the Synod of the  
Diocese of Rupert's Land  
~ ~ Status as of March 3, 2017 ~ ~**


<b>Resolution</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Status</b>
<p><b>Amended Resolution A-1</b> MOTION The Ven. James Bardsley/The Very Rev. Paul N. Johnson RESOLVED THAT all Diocesan and parish meetings be encouraged to acknowledge that we are meeting on Treaty Land and the homeland of the Metis people. <b>AMENDED MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> Resolution A – 1 be sent to out with a sample text, drawing attention to the different treaties, and the understanding of Métis may be different <b>January 23/17</b> – The Bishop included sample text to parishes in his AGM letter.</p>	<p>COMPLETE </p>
<p><b>Resolution A-2</b> MOTION The Very Rev. Paul N. Johnson/The Ven. James Bardsley RESOLVED THAT every recognized gathering in our Diocese – Vestries, Councils, Bible studies, Mission groups, Deanery Clericus, Diocesan Council, Associates in Episcopal Ministry, etc. – every circle in which we participate - spend time developing a culture of grace – exploring what it means in their context, and taking steps to make it reality, part of our transformation as we embrace the world with Christ. <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> Resolution A – 2 be referred to the Bishop <b>January 23/17</b> – The Bishop included a one page guide to parishes in his AGM letter.</p>	<p>COMPLETE </p>
<p><b>Resolution A-3</b> MOTION The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje/The Ven. James Dugan RESOLVED THAT the foundational themes of discipleship, missional community and stewardship, be used to guide our discernment and decisions for the ministry and mission of our congregations. <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> Resolution A – 3 be referred to the Bishop to work with the Associates in Episcopal Ministry. <b>March 3/17:</b> AEM has not yet met in 2017</p>	<p>Not started</p>
<p><b>Resolution B-1</b> MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order RESOLVED THAT the definition of “Incumbent” as contained in the Constitution be amended by deleting the words “in Holy Orders”. MOTION TO REFER The Ven. Simon Blaikie/The Rev. Canon Tony Harwood-Jones</p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> This resolution is scheduled to be discussed at January 2017 meeting of Diocesan Council when members of the Diocesan Local Collaborative Ministry Team (DLCMG) will be present to help us understand issues around this.</p>	<p>In progress</p>

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<p>THAT this motion be referred to the Diocesan Council.  <b>MOTION TO REFER CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – January 21/17:</b> That the Diocesan Local Collaborative Ministry Group (with others they deem required) undertake a review of the Canons &amp; Constitution to determine what amendments may be required in order to accommodate a Local Collaborative Ministry model in the Diocese and report thereon to Diocesan Council.  <b>March 3/17:</b> LCM group reviewing Canons.</p>	
<p><b>Resolution B-2</b>  MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order  RESOLVED THAT Section 2.02 (b)(i) be amended by deleting the word “five” and insert the words “three regular sessions of”.  <b>CARRIED in house of laity without opposition CARRIED in house of clergy without opposition</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.  <b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>COMPLETE  </p>
<p><b>Resolution B-3</b>  MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order  RESOLVED THAT Section 9.02 (c) appointed members be amended by deleting the words “chairs of”.  <b>CARRIED in house of laity without opposition CARRIED in house of clergy without opposition</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.  <b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>COMPLETE  </p>
<p><b>Resolution B-4</b>  MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order  RESOLVED THAT Section 9.08 (a) be amended by a new sentence at the end, “If the list of elected members has been exhausted, Council may fill the vacancy by appointing any member of the previous Session of Synod who was eligible to be elected to Council.  <b>CARRIED in house of laity without opposition</b>  <b>CARRIED in house of clergy without opposition</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.  <b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>COMPLETE  </p>
<p><b>Resolution B-5</b>  MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order  RESOLVED THAT Canon 10, Section 2 be amended by adding a new sentence at the</p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>

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<p>end, "After meeting with the churchwardens and at their request, the Bishop may appoint an incumbent without calling into being the committee referred to in section 3."</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>Diocesan Website.</p> <p><b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>✓</p>
<p><b>Resolution B-6</b></p> <p>MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order RESOLVED THAT Canon 10, Section 2 be further amended by adding a sentence at the end of section 2, "If the Bishop makes an interim or term appointment, the person so appointed shall, for the purposes of the Anglican Church of Canada Temporality Act, be deemed to be the incumbent of the parish."</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.</p> <p><b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>✓</p>
<p><b>Resolution B-7</b></p> <p>MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order RESOLVED THAT Canon 10, Section 3 be amended by deleting the last sentence: "Notwithstanding the foregoing, the churchwardens may request the Bishop to make an appointment without meeting with a committee."</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.</p> <p><b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>✓</p>
<p><b>Resolution B-8</b></p> <p>MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order RESOLVED THAT the remainder of section 3 of Canon 10 be deleted and in its place the following be substituted: "In the case of the appointment of an incumbent, the Bishop shall call into being, at a time determined by the Bishop, a committee consisting of the two churchwardens and the lay delegates to Synod who, in accordance with the diocesan Appointment Process, have the privilege of presenting to the Bishop the name of the person for appointment as incumbent of the parish."</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.</p> <p><b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p> <p>✓</p>
<p><b>Resolution B-9</b></p> <p>MOTION Mr Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons &amp; Rules of Order RESOLVED THAT a new sentence be added at the end of section 3, Canon 10 as follows:</p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> Diocesan Staff will update the Canons as appropriate. Copies of the Updated canons will be circulated to parishes, and posted on the Diocesan Website.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>

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<p>"If at the time the Bishop calls the committee into being a churchwarden is also a lay delegate to Synod, the vestry shall elect a lay member of vestry to serve on the committee."</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>December 7/16:</b> Canons were updated and sent out to parishes.</p>	
(Resolutions B-10 and B-11 were withdrawn)		
<p><b>Amended Resolution B-12</b>  Education for all postulants, clergy and staff on Indigenous spirituality, history and legacy of residential schools and the legacy of conflict and suffering in Indigenous communities perpetrated by colonization.  MOTION The Rev. Vincent Solomon/Dr. Chris Trott  RESOLVED THAT in concert with Call to Action # 60 of the Truth and Reconciliation Report, leaders of the Diocese, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres; advocate for, help develop and teach curriculum for all postulants, and all clergy and staff on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right. This includes the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Indigenous families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.  <b>AMENDED MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT B-12 be referred to the Theological Education Implementation Group for consideration and comment in the context of the work on which they are about to embark.  <b>March 3/17:</b> Has been referred to the Theo. Ed. Imp. Group and they have had one meeting and begun to discuss it there.</p>	In progress
<p><b>Resolution B-13</b>  Permanent funding to Indigenous Peoples for community-controlled culture- and language-revitalization projects.  MOTION Dr Chris Trott/The Rev. Vincent Solomon  RESOLVED THAT in concert with Call to Action # 61.2 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Diocese, in collaboration with Survivors and representatives of Indigenous organizations, establish permanent funding to Indigenous people for community-controlled culture and language revitalization projects.  <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT B – 13 be referred to the Bishop and the Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer to take this resolution to the ‘newly re-constituted diocesan indigenous body when re-established’ and request that this becomes part of its mandate.  <b>March 3/17:</b> The “indigenous body” referred to has not yet been formed.</p>	Not started
<p><b>Resolution B-14</b>  Call to intentional acts of corporate repentance in the year 2017</p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT resolution B-14 be referred to the Bishop, the Urban Indigenous Ministry</p>	In progress

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<p>MOTION The Rev. Vincent Solomon/Dr Chris Trott RESOLVED THAT throughout the liturgical year beginning in Advent 2016, as we confess our sins before God in our corporate prayer, (especially during the penitential seasons of the Church) we, in our individual parishes, and in our diocesan gatherings, find intentional ways to bring forward, in repentance, our participation in the sins of colonization both historically and presently, asking for God's mercy, forgiveness and transformative power to act in all our lives as we seek to be reconciled to one another and to participate in the redemption of this world.</p> <p><b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p>Developer and Warden of St. John's College to draw together some resources and circulate these to parishes for their use.</p> <p><b>March 3/17:</b> Had an initial response. It is being sent out to clergy for consideration for use during Lent. However, the bishop expects more work to follow.</p>	
<p><b>Amended Resolution B-15</b> Study of the Diocese of Rupert's Land's Present Model of Governance, with a view to recognizing the value and sacred process of the Circle</p> <p>MOTION The Rev. Brian B. Ford/The Rev. Canon Mary Lysecki RESOLVED THAT a committee be formed, half of whose membership shall consist of Indigenous persons, for the following purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To review the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese to examine the relative roles of the Diocesan Bishop, Clergy and Laity in the decision-making processes of Diocesan Synod;</li> <li>2. To research alternative methods of decision making in use by Synods in other parts of the Anglican Communion, in other denominations and in Aboriginal bodies, taking into consideration the recommendations made in The Report of the Primate's Commission on the Doctrine of Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice<sup>1</sup> made to General Synod (The report of the Primate's Commission on the Doctrine of Discovery, Reconciliation and Justice: <a href="https://s3.amazonaws.com/v3-app-crowdc/assets/2/25/25b4238d3e24a275/018_Primates_Commission_Report_to_General_Synod.original.1466193677.pdf">https://s3.amazonaws.com/v3-app-crowdc/assets/2/25/25b4238d3e24a275/018_Primates_Commission_Report_to_General_Synod.original.1466193677.pdf</a>) in July 2016.</li> <li>3. To circulate a report of their findings for discussion and response throughout the Diocese in advance of the Session of Synod 2018 Diocesan Synod 2018.</li> <li>4. After consideration of the response of members of the Diocese, to place before the 2018 Diocesan Synod recommendations in the form of motions for changes to the Constitution and/or Canons of the Diocese related to the decision making processes of the Diocese and the relative roles of the diocesan Bishop, Clergy and Laity.</li> </ol> <p><b>AMENDED MOTION CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT B-15 be referred to a Task Force (to be established of approx. 6 persons) comprised of people who are both aware of our current model of governance and have an understanding of the process of the circle.</p> <p><b>March 3/17:</b> The B-15 Working Group has been formed and is having its first meeting next week.</p>	In progress

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<p><b>Resolution C-1</b> TRC #60 and Clergy Education MOTION The Rev. Helen Kennedy/The Rev. Brian Ford RESOLVED THAT each postulant be required to take cultural awareness training as part of their preparation towards ordained ministry. This training would need to include an understanding of Indigenous Spirituality, the history and legacy of residential schools as well as the Church's role in that system. <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT C – 1 be referred to the Theological Education Implementation Group, and a letter be sent to the Acting chair of the Diocesan Discernment Group on Ordained Ministry advising that motion has been passed by Synod as a requirement. <b>March 3/17:</b> This is being dealt with together with B-12.</p>	In progress
<p><b>Resolution C–2</b> Indigenous Awareness Month MOTION The Rev. Canon Murray Still/Ms Phyllis Graham RESOLVED THAT the month of June be declared as Indigenous Awareness month and Anglican parishes be encouraged to learn of matters such as residential schools, missing and murdered women and girls, the 60's scoop, and reconciliation. <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT resolution C-2 be referred to the Bishop to work with others to provide resources for parish use during the month of June, and that information be available by the end of March 2017. <b>March 3/17:</b> Murray Still has had some communication with the Bishop about what he is doing locally and Vincent Solomon and the bishop have had a few discussions.</p>	In progress
<p><b>Resolution C–3</b> Truth and Reconciliation – Freedom Road MOTION The Rev. Canon Mary Holmen/The Rev. Canon Donna Joy RESOLVED THAT this Synod, in the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation and in solidarity with the call of Chief Erwin Redsky, call on the Premier and Government of Manitoba to proceed immediately with the construction of the Freedom Road and bridge to the Shoal Lake 40 Reserve. <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC – November 26/16:</b> This resolution has already been dispatched by a letter from the Bishop to the appropriate parties. It was requested that the Bishop publish the letter or make it available on the website.</p>	COMPLETE 
<p><b>Resolution C–4</b> The Anglican Foundation MOTION The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft/Ms Lynette Miller RESOLVED THAT the Diocese of Rupert's Land strongly encourage all parishes in the Diocese to become members of the Anglican Foundation at the minimum level of \$50.00 or more annually, according to the parish's prosperity. <b>CARRIED</b></p>	<p><b>DC Motion – November 26/16:</b> THAT Diocesan Council refer C – 4 to Executive Committee to develop a strong and intentional process to encourage parishes and individuals to become members of the Foundation. <b>January 23/17 –</b> The Bishop included this request to parishes in his AGM letter.</p>	COMPLETE 