

**MINUTES OF THE 111TH SESSION
OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND
October 18 -- 20, 2012**

1ST SITTING, THURSDAY EVENING - October 18, 2012, St. John's Cathedral

The 111th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land opened with a service of Holy Eucharist. In the prelude to the service, Diocesan Dean, The Very Rev. Paul N. Johnson extended a welcome to all on behalf of the Cathedral and made several announcements. He was followed by Mr. George Campbell who extended a welcome to the land on behalf of First Nations peoples, a Cree Drum Song was sung by The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft and a prayer and collect from The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples was offered by Elder Ellen Cook.

Bishop Phillips also extended a welcome to Bishop Elaine Sauer of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod, The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin, Bishop Ordinary to the Canadian Armed Forces, and The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, who presided at the Eucharist. The Bishop also noted previous members of Synod who have since died and expressed his thanks to the Diocesan staff and clergy who have assisted him in carrying out his episcopal ministry and all those who have prayed for and supported him.

During the service Mr. Bernie Beare and Mrs. Susan Roe-Finlay were awarded the Order of Rupert's Land for their long-standing contributions to the Diocese. The Rev. Dr Cathy Campbell, The Rev. Norman Collier and The Rev. Geoff Woodcroft were licensed and installed as Canons of the Cathedral Chapter of St. John.

The Bishop addressed the Synod members and congregation on the theme for this Synod, "From the Wellspring -- Living Water, Refresh . . .Renew . . . Rebirth", challenging the people of the Diocese to take the next step in "breaking camp" to move forward and become carriers of living water into the world rather than remaining in the comfortable shelter of our parishes.

Following the Eucharist, Bishop Phillips made a few housekeeping announcements relating to the next sittings of Synod, then invited those present to a reception in John West Hall.

2ND SITTING, FRIDAY MORNING - October 19, 2012 - North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

Chair: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The second sitting began with an opening hymn followed by the Bishop's welcome to the delegates and introduction of the head table.

Mrs. Diane Bradshaw, on behalf of the Credentials Committee, reported that as of nine o'clock a total of 57 of a possible 87 clergy and a total of 112 of a possible 149 laity had registered, constituting a quorum.

The Bishop declared the 111th Session to be regularly called and ready to proceed in accordance with the Constitution.

Appointment of Honorary Secretaries

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed as Honorary Secretaries for the 111th Session of Synod:
Dr. Robert Thomas and The Rev. Brian Ford.

CARRIED

Agenda for the morning

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 2nd sitting be as follows:

Welcome to new clergy and new lay delegates

Announcements / instructions

Announcement of Council Appointees

Announcement 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

Reception of the Reports in the Convening Circular

Motion to receive other reports

Motion to adopt the Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council

Resolutions from the Bishop's Address

Break

Vitality & Viability Report

Announcements

Update from Nominations and Resolutions Committees

Grace & dismissal for lunch

CARRIED

The Bishop welcomed new clergy:

The Rev. Jonathan Blanchard

The Rev. Michael Bruce

The Rev. Will Drake

The Rev. Lenise Francis

The Rev. Brian Flower

The Rev. Deacon Maylanne Maybee

The Rev. Edmund Laldin

The Rev. Karen Laldin

The Rev. Deacon Elaine Pinto

The Rev. Vincent Solomon

The Ven. Grahme Spear

and extended a general welcome to all first-time lay delegates.

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

The Bishop announced the Diocesan Council Appointees: The Rev. Dr Jane Barter Moulaison, Mr. George Campbell, Mr. Bill Kawka, and Mrs. Sylvia James.

The Bishop announced Youth Appointees: Ms Jana Charlo and Mr. Ian Silk.

Synod Appointees

Moved by: Ms Margaret Clarke

Seconded by: Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT Synod appoint, in accordance with the Constitution 2.02 (d) (iii) the following person to be a full member of Synod: Capt. The Rev. Gordon Mintz, Chaplain, Armed Forces

CARRIED

Privileges of the Floor

Moved by: Ms Margaret Clarke

Seconded by: Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT Synod extends a warm welcome to all visitors and presenters and grants privileges of the floor, without the right to vote to:

The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate

Mr. Sam Carriere, Director, Communication and Information Resources, Anglican Church of Canada

The Rt. Rev. Peter Coffin, Bishop Ordinary to the Armed Forces.

CARRIED

Nominating Committee

The Ven. Jennifer Sisson, Chair, announced the names of the committee:

The Rev. Donald McKenzie, The Rev. Barbara Shoomski, The Rev. Dr Brad Elliott, The Rev. Deacon Mona Blackburn, Mrs. Claudine Thagard, Mr. Bob Wedlake, Mr. Bud Oliver, Mrs. Donna Cawker. A new interim report was printed for circulation at lunchtime.

Appointment of Scrutineers

Moved by: The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed as Scrutineers for the 111th Session of Synod:

Ms Lissa Wray Beal, Mrs. Helen Holbrook, Ms Marilyn Jackson, Ms Kara Mandryk, Ms Gwen McAllister, Ms Debbie McCuaig, Mrs. Cathy Mondor, Mrs. Susan Suppes, Mrs. Joan Steer, and Mr Ross Steer.

CARRIED

Moved by: The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT nominations be received until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2012 and that ballot boxes be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 20, 2012.

CARRIED

Resolutions Committee

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, the Ven. James Bardsley, announced the membership of the Resolutions Committee: The Rev. Vincent Solomon, Mrs Vicky Major, The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still, The Rev. Dr. Louise Cornell and The Ven. James Bardsley.

The Chair announced the deadline for Resolutions as 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 19, 2012.

Announcements were followed by opening worship with reflection by the Primate and time for table discussion. Following the allotted time for the Bible study, the Bishop issued a call to order.

The Secretary of Synod read out a paragraph omitted from Refugee Report in the Convening Circular:

"St. Luke's Anglican Church, Crescent Fort Rouge, Christian Science, and Holy Rosary (as the churches of

Nassau Street) and with others, are supporting a family who began arriving in late 2011. We as a group had committed to help a young man bring his family in 1999. Suddenly, over the past year 3 younger siblings arrived in November 2011, another sibling and two children came in May 2012, and in August the Matriarch, another sibling, wife and son arrived. Since then a baby girl has been born. The struggle to support these families is huge".

Reception of Reports in the Convening Circular

Moved by: Ms Margaret Clarke

Seconded by: Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT the reports in the convening circular on pages CC 13 to CC 104, the numbered hand-outs, and the paragraph read out, be received.

CARRIED

Acts and Resolutions of Diocesan Council

Moved by: Ms Margaret Clarke

Seconded by: Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT Synod receive the Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council found on pages CC 1 to CC 12, and the addendum to the Acts & Resolutions on page CC-12 a.

CARRIED

Resolutions Arising from the Bishop's Address

The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, Chair of the response group, reported on its membership:

The Ven. James Bardsley, Mrs. Lorraine West, and Dr. June James, and presented Resolutions A1 to A4.

Resolution A-1

Moved by: Mrs. Lorraine West

Seconded by: Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT members of the Diocese of Rupert's Land recommit ourselves to work in collaboration with each other in parishes, deaneries, archdeaconries, and together as the whole diocese, following Christ and seeking to allow 'rivers of living water' to flow through us to all who are 'thirsty'.

CARRIED

Resolution A-2

Moved by: The Ven. James Bardsley

Seconded by: The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje

RESOLVED THAT members of the Diocese of Rupert's Land 'pull the tent pegs and set out from camp', to embrace and focus on the discovery of disciples, development of disciples, and deployment of disciples in fulfillment of our mission.

CARRIED

Resolution A-3

Moved by: The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje

Seconded by: Dr. June James

RESOLVED THAT all lay and ordained members within the Diocese of Rupert's Land actively engage in discovering God's mission in the Word and in the world today.

With the agreement of the mover and seconder of Resolution A-3, a substitute motion was moved by The Rev. Canon Donna Joy, seconded by The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart.

Substitute Motion A-3:

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Donna Joy

Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart

RESOLVED THAT the leadership, lay and ordained, within the Diocese of Rupert's Land guide all members into active engagement in discovering God's mission in the Word and in the world today.

Substitute motion **CARRIED**

Resolution A-4

Moved by: The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje

Seconded by: The Ven. James Bardsley

RESOLVED THAT the Dean, the Archdeacons and District Deans along with the Bishop and lay leadership of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, consult throughout the Diocese in order to formulate a Ministry and Mission Plan in which some short-term objectives can be shared and acted upon; and that those short term goal results, together with other short-term and long-term objectives, be reported to the 2014 Synod.

CARRIED

Vitality & Viability Report (in parts)

Report V 1.1 (pp. CC-16, CC-17) was presented by The Rev. Simon Blaikie.

Report V2 (pp. CC-17, CC-18) was presented by The Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft, moving seamlessly to the Planning Feasibility Study (pp. CC-99--CC-104), supported by Mr. Sam Carriere.

Stewardship Council

The report of the Stewardship Council (pp. CC-42--CC-45) was presented by Mr. Bill Kawka.

After announcements by Dr. June James and the Bishop, the Bishop said grace and dismissed the sitting to lunch.

3RD SITTING, FRIDAY AFTERNOON - October 19, 2012 - North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

Chair: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The sitting began with a hymn, prayer, and reflections by the Primate.

Synod Agenda Committee Report

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 3rd Sitting of the 111th Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Report of the Nominations Committee

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Rupert's Land News

Financial Report

Vision 2019

Anglican Covenant

Stretch Break

Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle

Update on discussions on Manitoba Indigenous Anglican Bishop

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B category)

Final Report of the Resolutions Committee

Final Report of the Nominations Committee
Free Time
Dinner and Evening Worship
CARRIED

Announcements were made by Dr. June James.

Nominations Committee
The printed interim report of the Nominations Committee was commented on by the Chair, The Ven. Jennifer Sisson.

Resolutions Committee
The Resolutions Committee's work was reported on by the Chair, The Ven. James Bardsley.

Rupert's Land News
The report on the Rupert's Land News was made by the Editor, Mr. Terrence Moore and Mrs. Lorraine West. The Rev. Jamie Howison, Mr. Len Carlson and Bishop Phillips are other members of the Advisory Board.

Finance Committee
The Audited Financial Statements for 2011 (CC-63--CC-92) were presented by the Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Pawling. Mr. Pawling corrected an error on page CC-40 (under March 3 and 31) the deficit figure should be \$14,062, not \$414,062.

Resolution B-11

Moved by: Mr. Gordon Pawling on behalf of Diocesan Council.
RESOLVED THAT the Synod receive the Audited Financial Statements for 2011.
CARRIED

The Treasurer continued with an update on current finances up to Sept. 30 (CC-105) and budgets 2013, 2014.

Resolution B-12

Moved by: Mr. Gordon Pawling on behalf of Diocesan Council.
RESOLVED THAT the Synod accept the budgets included in the report.
CARRIED

Vision 2019

A report on Vision 2019 (CC-14--CC-15) was given by the Vision 2019 Implementation Team member The Rev. Susan Titterington.

Anglican Covenant

Mr. Bruce Duggan presented the report of the Anglican Covenant Task Force to Synod, as presented to the Diocesan Council. (CC-13--CC-14)

Synod then considered Resolutions B-1 and B-2 from the Convening Circular as submitted by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Diocesan Council. (pp. CC-53--CC-54)

Resolution B-1

Moved by: The Rev. Simon Blaikie

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land forward to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada the following memorials, stating that this Synod:

- a) Does not recommend to General Synod the adoption of "The Covenant for the Anglican Communion".
- b) Has determined that the matters this Covenant was intended to address --- diversity of belief, doctrine and practice in the Anglican Communion; the desire of Anglican Provinces to be both autonomous and interdependent; and the difficulties of establishing processes to support and preserve autonomy and interdependence across the Communion --- remain crucial issues that need further attention.
- c) Urges the Anglican Church of Canada and the wider Anglican Communion to address, as a matter of highest priority, all matters outstanding with regard to the relationship between the four Instruments of Communion. In particular, this Synod urges that:
 - i) The Anglican Consultative Council clarify and communicate its role in promoting autonomy and interdependence among the Member Churches of the Anglican Communion;
 - ii) The Anglican Consultative Council, in consultation with the other Instruments of Communion, clarify that being a Member Church of the Anglican Consultative Council means that as such, the said Church is also a Member of the Anglican Communion.

MOTION TO SEPARATE BY PARAGRAPHS

Moved by: The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Peter Flynn

RESOLVED THAT the motion be separated and considered by paragraphs.

CARRIED

The question was put on each section of the motion:

Paragraph (a) **CARRIED**

Paragraph (b) **CARRIED**

Paragraph (c) **CARRIED**

The motion as a whole was then put and **CARRIED**

Resolution B-2

Moved by: The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT Synod:

- a) Ask the Bishop and other appropriate diocesan leadership to provide educational resources to be used throughout the diocese to help our members become more aware of the doctrinal foundations of our Church and their implications for our Church's life and ministry;
- b) Make its commitment to the wider Anglican Communion more tangible, using the Marks of Mission as a guideline, by:
 - i) Finding ways to strengthen our diocesan partnership with the Diocese of Central Buganda;

ii) Building respectful relationships with Indigenous Anglicans and parishes throughout Canada;

iii) Building new relationships with dioceses in other parts of the Anglican Communion, and in particular, establishing a system to facilitate and encourage parish to parish linkages between parishes in our Diocese and parishes throughout the Anglican Communion --- especially with areas that are represented by congregations within our Diocese.

Amendment:

Moved by: Mr. Bruce Duggan

Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft

THAT section (a) of Resolution B-2 be removed.

CARRIED

The **amended motion** was put and **CARRIED**

Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle

The report of the Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle (CC-97--CC-98) was presented by Mr. George Campbell and Mrs. Sylvia James. A play was acted by Ms Velma Orvis, Mrs. Sylvia James, Ms Carolyn Moore, and The Rev. Simon Blaikie illustrating the weight of oppression placed on Indigenous people. Gifts were presented to the Primate and, upon recognizing him as an Elder, to Mr. Roger Stagg.

Manitoba Indigenous Anglican Bishop

An update on the notion of a Manitoba Indigenous Anglican Bishop was presented by The Rev. Vincent Solomon. A report, which was read out, has been made to the Metropolitan for presentation to the next Provincial Executive Council.

Board on Canons and Rules of Order

The report of the Board (CC-93 - CC-96) was presented by the Chancellor, who moved the following motions.

Canon 10 - Appointment and Maintenance of Incumbents

Resolution B-4

Moved by: Mr. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board

RESOLVED THAT Canon 10, Sections 2, 3 and 4 be repealed and new sections 2, 3 and 4 be enacted as follows:

2. (to be repealed) When a vacancy occurs or when the Bishop has accepted the resignation of an incumbent, the Bishop or a person appointed by the Bishop shall confer with a committee consisting of the churchwardens of the parish and the lay delegates to Synod who represent it, who shall have the privilege of presenting names to the Bishop for consideration. The meeting shall be called by the Bishop as soon as convenient after the vacancy occurs or the resignation is accepted, as the case may be.

2. (to be enacted) When a vacancy occurs or when the Bishop has accepted the resignation of an incumbent, the Bishop or a person appointed by the Bishop shall meet with the churchwardens concerning the immediate and future needs of the parish for ordained ministry. This may include an interim, term or incumbency appointment. The meeting shall be called by the Bishop as soon as convenient after the vacancy occurs or the resignation is accepted, as the case may be.

3. (to be repealed) Notwithstanding section 2, the churchwardens may request the Bishop to make an

appointment without conferring with a committee.

3. (to be enacted) In the case of an appointment of an incumbent, a committee consisting of the churchwardens of the parish and the lay delegates to Synod shall have the privilege of presenting the name for appointment in accordance with the Appointment Process of the Diocese.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the churchwardens may request the Bishop to make an appointment without meeting with a committee.

4. (to be repealed) If within three months after the vacancy occurs the committee and the Bishop have not agreed upon a member of the clergy to be appointed, the Bishop may proceed to make the appointment.

4. (to be enacted) If within three months after the closing date for the receipt of applications, the committee has not presented a name for appointment, the Bishop may proceed to make the appointment.

CARRIED

Canon 14 - Lay Readers

Resolution B-5

Moved by: Mr. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board

RESOLVED THAT Canon 14 be repealed and new Canon 14 be enacted as follows:

LAY READERS

1. A candidate for the office of lay reader shall either

(a) (to be replaced) Be recommended to the Bishop by the incumbent and the churchwardens of the parish to which the candidate belongs, or

(a) (to be enacted) Be recommended in writing to the Bishop by the incumbent and the churchwardens of the parish of which the candidate is a member, or

(b) Be appointed on the initiative of the Bishop for special work.

2. The qualifications of a lay reader shall be determined by the Bishop.

3. Admission to the office shall be in such form as the Bishop may from time to time direct.

4. (to be replaced) The licence of a lay reader shall terminate on the thirty-first of December of each year, and application must be made for a renewal if a renewal is desired. The Bishop may revoke the licence of a lay reader at any time or on the written request of the incumbent.

4. (to be enacted) In January of each year the incumbent, or in the absence of the incumbent, a churchwarden, shall, in a form supplied by the Diocese, send to the Bishop a correct list of all the active licensed lay readers in the parish. If the name of a lay reader licensed the previous year is omitted from the list, then the licence of such lay reader shall be deemed to have expired. The Bishop may revoke the licence of a lay reader at any time or on the written request of the incumbent.

5. (to be replaced) In the absence or at the request of an officiating member of the clergy, a lay reader may:

(a) Read any portion of Morning or Evening Prayer and the Litany except the Absolution.

(b) Read the Old Testament lesson or the Epistle or both in the Order for Holy Communion.

5. (to be enacted) In the absence or at the request of an officiating member of the clergy, a lay reader may:

(a) Lead any portion of Morning or Evening Prayer and the Litany except the Absolution.

(b) Lead any portion of the Holy Eucharist except those parts reserved for the priest or Bishop.

(c) Preach, catechise and perform other duties specified by the Bishop or the incumbent.

6. (to be replaced) A lay reader may assist at the Holy Communion if specially licensed thereto by the Bishop following a request by the incumbent and churchwardens of the parish in which the lay reader is serving.

6. (to be enacted) A lay reader may also assist at Holy Communion if licensed thereto by the Bishop.

7. (to be removed) If so licensed by the Bishop, a lay reader may preach, catechize and perform any other specified duties.

8. (to be replaced) Lay readers shall be under the direction and control of the Bishop when engaged in Diocesan service, and under the direction and control of the incumbent when engaged in a parish.

8. (to be enacted and renumbered as 7) Lay readers shall be under the direction of the Bishop when engaged in diocesan service, and under the direction of the incumbent when engaged in a parish.

9. (to be renumbered as 8) Lay readers are members of the Deanery and entitled to attend meetings of the Deanery.

CARRIED

Canon 16 - Delegates to General and Provincial Synods

Resolution B-6

Moved by: Mr. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board

RESOLVED THAT Canon 16 be amended by adding to section 1 new subsections (d) and (e) as follows:

(d) A person who has served as a delegate to three consecutive General Synods is not eligible to be elected as a delegate or as a substitute delegate to the next ensuing General Synod.

(e) A person who has served as a delegate to three consecutive Provincial Synods is not eligible to be elected as a delegate or as a substitute delegate to the next ensuing Provincial Synod.

CARRIED

Canon 18 - Synod Proceedings re: Nominating Committee

Resolution B-7

Moved by: Mr. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board

RESOLVED THAT subsection 9 (a) of Canon 18 be repealed and be replaced by the following:

(a) At each session of Synod the Bishop shall appoint a member of the Order of Clergy as Chair of the Committee to act as such in respect of the ensuing session of Synod.

CARRIED

Canon 20 - Parish and Vestry Meetings

Resolution B-8

Moved by: Mr. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board

RESOLVED THAT Canon 20 4 (d) be repealed and be replaced by the following:

4 (d) "To appoint a person who is independent of the parish treasurer and envelope secretary, and who is not otherwise involved in the administration of the financial affairs of the parish, to conduct an annual review of the parish accounts. The person so appointed shall sign a Review Engagement Report dealing with the state of the parish accounts that sets out whether or not anything has come to the attention of the person conducting the annual review that indicates that the financial statements are not, in all material respects, in accordance with Canadian Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Nothing herein is intended to restrict a parish from appointing a person to conduct an audit of the parish

accounts. If a parish appoints a person to conduct an audit that person shall be called "Auditor". In such a case, references in these Canons to the person appointed to conduct an annual review of the parish accounts shall mean the Auditor so appointed, the term "annual review" shall mean "Annual Audit" and the term Review Engagement Report shall mean "Auditor's Report".

CARRIED

Canon 23 - Lay Delegates

Resolution B-9

Moved by: Mr. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board

RESOLVED THAT section 3 of Canon 23 be amended by changing the word "five" in line three to "six".

CARRIED

Resolutions Committee

Final report of the Resolutions Committee was presented by The Ven. James Bardsley.

Nominations Committee

The final report of the Nominations Committee was presented by The Ven. Jennifer Sisson. Candidates standing for election were introduced. It was noted that all positions on Diocesan Council and clerical positions on the Diocesan Court and the Board on Canons and Rules of Order were filled by acclamation.

Announcements were made by Dr. June James. After a break, grace was said before dinner. After dinner the Primate addressed the sitting, which ended with night prayers.

4TH SITTING, SATURDAY MORNING - October 20, 2012 - North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

Chair: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The sitting opened with a hymn.

Synod Agenda Committee

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 4th Sitting of the 111th Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Worship

Companion Diocese Committee

Resolutions

Stretch Break

Resolutions

Announcements

Grace and Lunch

CARRIED

Announcements were made by Dr. June James.

Worship included a reading, reflection by the Primate, and group discussion.

Companion Diocese Committee

The report of the Companion Diocese Committee (CC-24, CC-25) was presented by its Chair, Mr. Bud Oliver, and Mr. Sean Carlson.

Further Resolutions (category B) from the Convening Circular

The Blessing of Same-Sex Relationships

Resolution B-3

Moved by: The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell

Seconded by: Mr. David Cooke

RESOLVED THAT the motion entitled "Resolution B-9" adopted by Synod 2008 requesting permission for blessing of civil marriage of same-sex couples which states,

"Resolved that this Synod request the Bishop, upon the passage by General Synod of an enabling doctrinal resolution, to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples, where at least one party is baptized, in parish churches whose members have, by resolution, authorized such ceremonies to take place; and to authorize rites for such blessings."

be amended by:

- 1) deleting the words ", upon the passage by General Synod of an enabling doctrinal resolution," and by
- 2) replacing the words "to bless the duly solemnized and registered civil marriages between same-sex couples" with "to bless the relationship between same-sex couples whose union has been duly solemnized and civilly registered."

The amended 2008 Resolution B-9 would read:

"Resolved that this Synod request the Bishop to allow clergy, whose conscience permits, to bless the relationship between same-sex couples whose union has been duly solemnized and civilly registered, where at least one party is baptized, in parish churches whose members have, by resolution, authorized such ceremonies to take place; and to authorize rites for such blessings."

The Chancellor indicated that the Synod would vote on each of the two amendments separately then consider the motion as a whole.

Voting took place on amendment 1 (116 in favour 55 against) The amendment was **CARRIED**.
Voting took place on amendment 2 The amendment was **CARRIED**.
The motion as a whole was put (133 in favour 37 against) and **CARRIED**.

The Bishop announced that he would not concur with the resolution at this time, 'putting the resolution into suspension' for the present to allow time for consultation.

Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle

Resolution B-10

Moved by: Mr. Roger Stagg

Seconded by: Mrs. Sylvia James

RESOLVED THAT this Synod recommends and encourages the Bishop to consider the appointment of an Indigenous Archdeacon for the Diocese.

MOTION TO REFER

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart

Seconded by: The Rev. William Blackburn

RESOLVED THAT Resolution B-10 be referred to Diocesan Council for consideration.

CARRIED

The Secretary of Synod made announcements and grace was sung before lunch.

5TH SITTING, SATURDAY AFTERNOON - October 20, 2012 - North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

Chair: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The sitting began with a call to order by the Bishop and silent prayer with soft musical accompaniment by Ms Nancy Aasland.

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 5th Sitting be as follows:

Announcements

Resolutions

Announcements

Closing procedures

Report of the Scrutineers

Closing procedural motions

Bishop's Appointments

Vote of thanks

Bishop's concurrence

Closing worship

CARRIED

The Chair of the Agenda Committee asked that the evaluation forms in the Convening Circular be completed at the end of sitting.

As a further announcement, the Bishop explained in more detail his decision to withhold concurrence to Resolution B – 3 at this time.

Note: *The Bishop subsequently gave his Concurrence to B-3 on November 1, 2012.*

C - Resolutions (from the Floor)

Concerning the Diocese of Keewatin

The Diocesan Council commended the following resolution for consideration by Synod.

Resolution C-1

Moved by: The Rev. Simon Blaikie on behalf of Diocesan Council

RESOLVED THAT the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, in response to a letter from the Archbishop of Keewatin, communicate to the Diocese of Keewatin its interest and encouragement in exploring together ways in which we might cooperate with the proposed realignments of the various regions of the Diocese of Keewatin, should such a request be made by the Archbishop and Synod of the Diocese of Keewatin.

CARRIED

Use of funds from sale of disestablished churches

Resolution C-2

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still

Seconded by: The Rev. Liz Richens

RESOLVED THAT the motion entitled "Revised Resolution C-2" adopted by Synod 2010 relating to the use of funds received from the sale of disestablished churches namely:

Revised Resolution C-2 of 2010

Resolved that capital income realized from the sale of properties of disestablished churches, and investment income beginning in Budget year 2011, be directed towards new church development, unless otherwise directed by the Synod of the diocese.

be amended by replacing the words "unless otherwise directed by the Synod of the diocese" with the words "or new diocesan or parish ministries as directed by Diocesan Council".

If passed, the amended 2010 Resolution C-2 would read as follows:

"Resolved that capital income realized from the sale of properties of disestablished churches, and investment income beginning in Budget year 2011, be directed towards new church development, or new diocesan or parish ministries as directed by Diocesan Council."

The Chancellor clarified that because of Canon 19 on disestablished churches, the 2010 resolution, while strongly advisory to Diocesan Council, is not binding on it.

The motion was put and DEFEATED.

Attendance at Sacred Circle

Resolution C-3

Moved by: Ms Rene Jamieson

Seconded by: Mr. Roger Stagg

RESOLVED THAT each parish in the diocese appoint one or more lay persons and one or more ordained persons to attend and participate fully at Diocesan Sacred Circles.

Amendment:

Moved by: Ms Heulwen Jones

Seconded by: Mr. Roland Headley

RESOLVED THAT the word "appoint" be replaced with "be urged to appoint".

Amendment CARRIED

Amendment:

Moved by: Ms Heulwen Jones

Seconded by: The Rev. Aubrey Hemminger

RESOLVED THAT the words "and participate fully at" be removed.

Amendment CARRIED

Motion as Amended:

RESOLVED THAT each parish in the diocese be urged to appoint one or more lay persons and one or more ordained persons to attend Diocesan Sacred Circles.

Amended CARRIED

Interfaith Prison Chaplaincies

Resolution C-4

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart

Seconded by: The Very Rev. Paul Johnson

RESOLVED THAT this Synod direct Diocesan Council to investigate and respond to recent changes to Interfaith Chaplaincies positions in Federal correctional institutions and potential implications at the Provincial level.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Moved by: The Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft

Seconded by: The Rev. Helen Kennedy

RESOLVED THAT the following motion be substituted for Resolution C – 4:

THAT this Synod express its disfavour to the relevant authorities about recent changes to part-time chaplaincy positions in Federal correctional institutions and their potential implications at the Provincial level for multi-faith services for people in correctional institutions in our country. We strongly urge the necessary officials to reverse these changes.

Substitution CARRIED

Amendment:

Moved by: The Very Rev. Paul Johnson

Seconded by: The Rev. Canon Fletcher Stewart

RESOLVED THAT the words "and their potential implications at the Provincial level" be removed.

Amendment CARRIED

The Substitute Motion as amended was put and CARRIED

Closing Procedures

The Rev. Capt. Gordon Mintz expressed his thanks for being welcomed to be part of the Diocesan Synod.

Report of the Scrutineers

The Bishop announced the results of the elections to General Synod, Board on Canons and Rules of Order - Laity, and Diocesan Court - Laity. (See appendix)

Bishop's Appointments

The Bishop announced the following appointments:

Agenda Committee Chair: Mrs. Lorraine West

Nominations Committee Chair: The Rev. Brian Ford

Resolutions Committee Chair: The Rev. Canon Dr Murray Still

Credentials Committee Chair: Mr. Bob Wedlake

Appointment of Auditors, distribution of Minutes and destruction of ballots

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the Auditors be PriceWaterhouseCoopers, the minutes be printed, subject to the approval of the Bishop and the Chancellor, and the ballots be destroyed by the Scrutineers.

CARRIED

Vote of Thanks

Moved by: The Rev. Aubrey Hemminger

Seconded by: Mrs. Rhonda Jolicoeur

RESOLVED THAT this 111th Session of Synod express its deep thanks to:

- The Cathedral Parish of St. John; The Very Rev. Paul Johnson, and members of the Cathedral staff, the members of the Diocesan Choir and Choir Director, Mr. Tom Packham, Kitchen Coordinator, Mrs. Mavis Ford, and Cathedral Volunteers;
- The students of Tec Voc High School under the direction of Mr. Terry Willerton who provided the dainties for the reception following the Opening Service;
- The students of South Winnipeg Technical College under the direction of Chef Louis Rodriguez, who provided muffins and biscuits for the coffee breaks / snacks for Synod, our lunches and Friday's dinner;
- Mrs. Linda Robbins, Kitchen Coordinator and her volunteers from St. Bartholomew's Wpg., St. Peter's and St. Philip's, for providing coffee and replenishing our breaks;
- The Worship Chair, The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, and The Rev. Deacon Dayle Michaud, The Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter, The Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft, Mr. Andrew Rampton, Ms Nancy Aasland;
- The Pastors and Staff of North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, particularly Ms Anne Friesen, Parish Administrator and the Caretaker, Hanna;
- Those who assisted with the Audio Visual for Synod: Audio Visual Setup – Mr. Evan Milejszo; AV Coordinator – Mr. David Plewes; AV technician – Mr. Chris Chypyha. Thanks 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;
- Dr. June James, 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;
- Mrs. Diane Bradshaw, Chair of the Credentials Committee, and the volunteers from our parishes who assisted with the registration process;
- The Ven. James Bardsley, Chair of the Resolutions Committee, and members of his committee for their careful work in ensuring the resolutions were concise and succinct;
- The Ven. Jennifer Sisson, Chair of the Nominations Committee, and members of her Committee, for seeking out and organizing the nominations and balloting;
- The Scrutineers for their careful tallying of the ballots;
- The Recording Secretaries: The Rev. Brian Ford and Dr. Robert Thomas, for their attentive recording of the proceedings of the Synod;
- 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, particularly Mrs. Cathy Mondor and Mrs. Susan Suppes;
- Mrs. Cathy Mondor for her beautiful pictures of the artesian well near Oak Hammock Marsh;
- The Secretary of Synod, Ms Margaret Clarke, for her careful attention to detail in preparing all the arrangements and organization required for this Synod;
- To our Primate, The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, for taking time from his busy schedule to be with us for four days; and for providing us with inspirational sharing of stories, insightful reflections and encouragement;

- And to Donald, our Bishop, for the vision and challenges outlined in his Address to Synod inviting us to "break camp" and to set out on a journey of Discipleship: the Discovery, Development and Deployment of disciples in our church and into the world.
- 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 drink from the Wellspring, to be refreshed, renewed and reborn.

CARRIED

Bishop's Concurrence

The Bishop declared his concurrence with the Acts and Resolutions of the 111th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land except Substitute Resolution B-3.

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.

The Chair of the Agenda Committee made a number of announcements prior to the Closing and Adjournment of Synod.

Moved by: Dr. June James

Seconded by: Ms Margaret Clarke

RESOLVED THAT following the closing worship, this 111th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be adjourned.

CARRIED

Closing worship included a reading, comments by the Primate, comments by the Bishop, prayers and a hymn.

Diocesan Council

Diocesan Council – Clergy

The Rev. Dr. Brad Elliott	Christ Church, Selkirk
The Rev. Brian Ford	St. Peter, Dynevor
The Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell	St. George, Crescentwood
The Rev. Helen Kennedy	St. George, Transcona
The Rev. Edmund Laldin	All Saints, Winnipeg
The Rev. Mary Lysecki	St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg
The Rev. Donald McKenzie	Holy Trinity, Winnipeg
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Eric Parsons	St. Margaret, Winnipeg
The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg

Diocesan Council – Laity

Mr. Martin Allen	St. Paul, Clearwater
Mrs. Cathy Clow	St. Helen, Fairford
Ms Roselyn Fortier	St. Chad, Winnipeg
Dr. June James	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Mrs. Leslie Pelser	St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Mrs. Valerie Ross	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Ms Sharon Routley	St. Martin-in-the-Fields
Mr. Ian Silk	St. George, Crescentwood
Mrs. Claudine Thagard	St. George, Transcona
Ms. Tannis Webster	St. Mary Magdalene
Mrs. Lorraine West	St. Clements, Mapleton

General Synod

(to be held in July 3 – 7, 2013, Ottawa, Ontario)

ELECTED CLERGY

The Rev. Simon Blaikie	St. Saviour, Winnipeg
The Very Rev. Paul Johnson	St. John's Cathedral
The Rev. Mary Lysecki	St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg
The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still	St. James, Winnipeg

Alternate Clergy

The Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
The Rev. Helen Kennedy	St. George, Transcona
The Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
The Rev. Lyndon Hutchison-Hounsell	St. George, Crescentwood
The Rev. Deacon Dr. Eric Parsons	St. Margaret, Winnipeg
The Rev. Edmund Laldin	All Saints, Winnipeg
The Rev. Justin Laki	St. Andrew's Mission

General Synod (continued)

ELECTED LAITY

Mr. Bernie Beare	St. Paul, Fort Garry
Dr. June James	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Mr. Chris Trott	St. John's College
Ms. Tannis Webster	St. Mary Magdalene

Alternate Laity

Ms Ellen Cook	St. Matthew, Winnipeg
Ms Roselyn Fortier	St. Chad, Winnipeg
Mrs. Claudine Thagard	St. George, Transcona
Dr. Paul Hazelton	St. James, Winnipeg
Mr. David Cooke	St. George, Crescentwood
Ms Arleen Hall	St. James, Beausejour

ELECTED YOUTH

Mr. Ian Silk	St. George, Crescentwood
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Alternate Youth

Mr. Matthew Terlinski	St. Thomas, Weston
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Board on Canons and Rules of Order

CLERGY - ACCLAIMED

The Rev. Canon Bryan Bjerring
The Rev. Canon Tony Harwood-Jones

LAITY ELECTED

Ms Lynn Galbraith	St. John, Pilot Mound
Mr. Robert Thomas	St. George, Crescentwood

Alternate

Ms. Gail Mildren	St. John's Cathedral
Mr. Dan Thagard	St. George, Transcona

Diocesan Court

DIOCESAN COURT CLERGY – ACCLAIMED

The Rev. Helen Kennedy	St. George, Transcona
The Rev. Justin Laki	St. Andrew's Mission

LAITY ELECTED

Joan Kristjansson	St. Paul, Winnipeg
Kwajok Kwajok	St. Andrew's Mission, Winnipeg
Bud Oliver	St. Peter, Dynevor

Alternate

Claudine Thagard	St. George, Transcona
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