

**MINUTES OF THE 116TH SESSION  
OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND  
October 11-13, 2018**

**1ST SITTING, THURSDAY EVENING October 11, 2018 - St. John's Cathedral**

The 116th 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 warm welcome to all on behalf of the Cathedral. This was followed by a welcome to the land and acknowledgement by an Elder of the Diocese.

During the Eucharist, the Bishop, Donald Phillips, addressed Synod members, first remembering those members of Synod that had died since the last session. This session is to be confronted by and respond to the call to be "together in a Jesus-shaped life". He summarized with three points.

- We are being called to "let go of the Church as being for us" -- and rather to realize that we will actually be fulfilled as disciples of Jesus Christ by allowing God to shape and send us into the daily life of the world, so the Church can be an agent of God's loving purposes for our world;
- We are being called to look not to our own interests but to the interests of others -- trusting that God knows our needs and that we, too, will be looked after;
- And most deeply and fundamentally, we are called to love one another -- always and in all things.

The Ven. Jennifer Sisson was installed as a Canon of the Cathedral Chapter of St. John. The Rev. Valerie From was installed as Archdeacon of Winnipeg - St. John. Ms Joan Spencer of the Parish of St. Mark, presented by the Rev. Linda Parsons and Dr. Lynn Webster, and Dr. Chris Trott, Warden of St. John's College, presented by Mr. Bernie Beare, were awarded the Order of Rupert's Land for their significant ministries in the Diocese.

After the presentations, the Very Rev. Paul Johnson, Dean of Rupert's Land, made housekeeping announcements relating to the next sittings of Synod and then invited those present to a reception in John West Hall.

**2ND SITTING, FRIDAY MORNING October 12, 2018**

Douglas Mennonite Church, 1571 Rothesay Street

The Right Rev. Donald Phillips was in the Chair. Delegates were seated at their Gospel-based discipleship tables.

Following an opening hymn, the Bishop welcomed all delegates and introduced the head table: Mr. Arthur Braid, Chancellor; The Very Rev. Paul Johnson (replacing Mrs. Mary Williams), Chair, Synod Agenda Committee; and Mr. Bob Wedlake, Secretary of Synod.

The Bishop read a letter from Bishop Michael Lubowa of the Central Buganda Diocese who offered his blessing on our Synod.

Report of the Credentials Committee

The Chair of the Credentials Committee, Mrs. Claudine Thagard, reported that as of nine o'clock, a

total of 56 of a possible 85 clergy had registered and 117 of a possible 156 laity had registered, constituting a quorum.

#### Bishop's Declaration of the Synod

The Bishop declared the 116th Session of Synod to be regularly called and ready to proceed in accordance with the Constitution.

#### Honorary Secretaries

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed as Honorary Secretaries for the 116th Session of Synod:

Ms Rachel Twigg Boyce and Mrs. Susan Suppes.

**CARRIED**

#### Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

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

Welcome to new clergy and new lay delegates

Announcement of Council Appointees

Announcement of Youth Appointees

Report of the Nominating Committee

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Worship with Gospel-based Discipleship.

Motion to receive the reports in the Convening Circular

Motion to adopt Acts of Diocesan Council

Notices of motions from the Bishop's Address

Stretch Break

Presentations:

- Missional Church Update – ALIGN Update
- Missional Group Report (South West Wpg)
- Stewardship & Generous Living

#### Report from Task Force B-15 (2016)

("RESOLVED THAT a committee be formed, half of whose membership shall consist of Indigenous persons, for the following purposes:

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;
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.
3. To circulate a report of their findings for discussion and response throughout the Diocese in advance of the Session of Diocesan Synod 2018.
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.”)

Announcements

Update from Nominations and Resolutions Committees

Grace & dismissal for lunch

**CARRIED**

The Bishop welcomed new clergy:

The Rev. Enid Pow

The Ven. Val From

Bishop Elaine Sauer

The Rev. Andrew Rampton

The Rev. Deacon Michelle Barr

The Rev. Naboth Manzongo

The Rev. Melissa Frankland

The Rev. Dr. Heather McCance

The Bishop welcomed all first-time lay delegates.

Diocesan Council Appointees

The Bishop announced Council Appointees:

The Rev. Deacon Marline Wruck

Pastor Robert Murray

Mr. Sean Carlson

Youth Appointees

The Bishop announced Youth Appointees:

Kaylene Blackwood (St. Paul, Fort Garry)

Brynne Blaikie (St. George, Crescentwood)

Connor Blaikie (St. George, Crescentwood)

Tereza Mawejje, (St. Clement, Mapleton)

Brittany Perkins (St. Francis)

Privileges of the Floor

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/The Very Rev. Paul Johnson

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

Ms Beverley Eert

Ms Bernice Funk

Ms Suzanne Rumsey

Mr. Michael Shapcott

Ms Susan Suppes

The Rev. Susan Graham-Walker

Bishop Jason Zinko

**CARRIED**

### Report of the Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy, announced the names of other committee members: The Rev. Paul Lampman, The Rev. Brian Ford, the Ven. Simon Blaikie, Mr. Theo Robinson, Mr. Matt Terlinski, Ms Lynne Doyle, and Mr. Mike Gervais

### Scrutineers

MOTION The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed as scrutineers for the 116th Session of Synod: Mrs. Susan Suppes, Ms Judy McIvor, Ms Bernice Funk, Mr. Dan Fardoe, Ms Candace Fardoe, Ms Joan Merton, Ms Gloria Romaniuk, Ms Cara Robinson, Mr. Dave Robinson, and Mr. Rick Scherger.

**CARRIED**

### Nominations and Balloting

MOTION The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT nominations be received until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 12, 2018; and that ballot boxes be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2018.

**CARRIED**

### Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, The Rev. John Dolloff, announced the names of the other members: The Rev. Raymond Knight and Dr. Alan Macklem, Chancellor Art Braid.

### Worship and Gospel-based Discipleship (see CC 17)

The sitting was called to worship by the Very Rev. Paul Johnson, who read from the Gospel of John 13:12-15.

The Discussion Groups reflected on the Gospel based on the question: "What word or words, or phrase, stood out for?"

The Very Rev. Paul Johnson read the Gospel again followed by discussion on the question: "What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you?"

The Very Rev. Paul Johnson read the Gospel a third time followed by discussion on the question: "What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?"

The Gospel was then placed on a lectern where it could be re-read at any point.

### Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/The Very Rev. Paul Johnson

RESOLVED THAT the Acts and Resolutions of Diocesan Council found on pages CC 18-28, and the Addendum to the Acts and Resolutions be received. *(There is a correction to the \$0.45 on CC 22, making it \$0.47).*

**CARRIED**

### Reception of Reports in the Convening Circular

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/The Very Rev. Paul Johnson

RESOLVED THAT the reports in the convening circular, on pages CC 29 through 115 and the numbered hand-outs, be received.

**CARRIED**

## Committee on the Bishop's Address

The Chair of the Committee on the Bishop's Address, the Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, read the motions formulated by the Committee, Resolutions numbered A-1 through A - 5.

## Stretch Break

As not everyone had attended the opening sitting of the session at the Cathedral, the Chair repeated its land acknowledgement.

## Presentation- Missional Church Update – ALIGN Update CC pages 33-34

The Ven. Simon Blaikie presented an interim report on the work of the group "Anglicans and Lutherans in God's Neighbourhoods". Around the time of the last session, four teams based in different neighbourhoods in Winnipeg had been formed for two years. One continues to meet.

## Presentation - Missional Group Report (South West Wpg)

The Ven. Simon Blaikie reported that the group has been meeting every two weeks and intends to continue to meet for at least another year. Meetings are purposely held in public spaces using a process called "Dwelling in the Word", which is similar to Gospel-based Discipleship.

## Presentation - Stewardship & Generous Living

The Rev. Susan Graham-Walker asked delegates to reflect on whether or not we take the time to listen to one another's stories of why we give, and what generosity accomplishes as opposed to just focusing on where the money goes. How are we cultivating cultures of generosity? She provided copies of key resources and also noted that all these resources are available online ([anglican.ca/gtp](http://anglican.ca/gtp) and [stewardshiptoolkit.ca](http://stewardshiptoolkit.ca)).

## Report from Task Force B-15 (Synod 2016) CC pages 43-45

The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter, joined by Task Force members Elder Ellen Cook, the Rev. Brian Ford, the Rev. Canon Tony Harwood-Jones, and the Rev. Dr. Canon Murray Still, presented an interim report on the work of the Task Force. It has reviewed diocesan policies and procedures and how they could be made more hospitable. Legislation must follow relationships. The mandate needed to be extended two more years. Canon Murray Still spoke about the history of relations with Indigenous peoples and Elder Ellen Cook about the role of elders.

Table groups discussed the questions on CC 45, introduced by the Rev. Brian Ford. Following those discussions there were questions of the Task Force and comments. More than one person inquired about intergenerational reconciliation.

## Resolution B - 11 Re: Continuation of the B-15 Committee established in 2016

MOTION The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter/Elder Ellen Cook

RESOLVED THAT the B-15 Committee established at Synod 2016 be enabled to continue its work to examine the structures and processes of the Diocese of Rupert's Land in order to facilitate reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous members of the Church;

AND THAT the B-15 Committee be composed of the same membership and be given the specific task of bringing further resolutions to Synod 2020 that might enhance Indigenous and non-Indigenous relations.

**CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT**

#### Announcements:

The Chair acknowledged the Rev. Naboth Manzongo's gift of a menorah from the Holy Land. The Secretary of Synod made announcements preliminary to lunch. The Chair of the Nominating Committee reported that those nominated since the printing of the Convening Circular would be listed and available after lunch.

#### Grace & lunch:

The Rev. Dr. Lissa Wray Beal and the team from St. Peter's led a sung grace, and the Bishop recessed the sitting for lunch.

### **3RD SITTING, FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

October 12, 2018 – Douglas Mennonite Church

The Bishop remained in the chair. Following a hymn and prayer, the Bishop called the sitting to order. Members were seated initially in their Gospel-based discipleship tables. The sitting began with the Secretary of Synod offering thanks to the kitchen staff on behalf of the Synod.

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/The Very Rev. Paul Johnson

RESOLVED THAT the privileges of the floor be extended to The Rev. Canon Alvin Jacobs and Ms Ginette Caillier.

**CARRIED**

#### Agenda Committee Report

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 3rd Sitting of the 116th Session of the Synod be as follows:

- Report of the Nominations Committee
- Report of the Resolutions Committee
- Presentation on PWRDF – Suzanne Rumsey
- Marriage Canon Conversation
- Stretch Break
- Resolutions from the Bishop's Address
- Finance Report
- Diocesan Local Collaborative Ministry Group Presentation
- Resolutions re. above
- Greetings from MNO Synod Lutheran Bishop
- Nominations
- Resolutions
- Recess for the day.

**CARRIED**

#### Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, The Rev. John Dolloff, announced one resolution received so far from the floor.

#### Presentation - PWRDF CC 66

People. Partnerships. Progress. Ms Suzanne Rumsey presented information about the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund and its 60th anniversary in 2019. The stories of two volunteers were shared by video.

## Report of the Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy, announced new nominations.

## Marriage Canon Conversation

Each diocese was asked to consider the proposed amendment to the marriage canon in preparation for General Synod in 2019. Our diocesan planning group thought it was important to focus on unity in this discussion.

It was explained by Ms Ann Timonin that each Gospel-based discipleship table was to discuss the question, "What can we do to ensure that we continue to live together as a faith community in the Diocese of Rupert's Land beyond General Synod 2019 regardless of what decision is made on the Marriage Canon?" Any number of responses to the question could be submitted in writing by the table. All of the answers would be tabulated overnight and the result presented early in the fourth sitting. Some time was allowed for the conversation.

Stretch Break, after which delegates assembled at their parish tables.

## Resolutions arising from the Bishop's Address (A Resolutions)

For the first resolution the Bishop stepped out of the chair, handing it to the Dean and resuming it after consideration of the resolution.

### Resolution A - 1

MOTION The Ven. Godfrey Maweje/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT we offer our thanks to Bishop Don Phillips for over 18 years of dedicated commitment to the work of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, "for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for [God's] good pleasure".

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A - 2

MOTION The Ven. Godfrey Maweje/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT primary intentions of the Bishop include getting to know the diocese, learning the episcopal role, and prioritizing the most critical matters in the life of the Diocese, not the least of which is the enabling and supporting of the Church to do, and be, that to which it is called.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A - 3

MOTION The Ven. Godfrey Maweje/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT all leadership continue and endeavour to better equip, enable and support disciples in the ministry that they do best, and within ministry yet to be experienced.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A - 4

MOTION The Ven. Godfrey Maweje/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT the Bishop and all leadership endeavour to ensure that parishes are empowered to be courageous, creative, imaginative and hopeful in (re)defining:

- our abundant worth, especially in parishes,

- generous hospitality,
- our new and rekindled relationships for growing the Church to further God's reign,
- how we approach mission in the neighbourhood.

**CARRIED**

Resolution A - 5 "Together in a Jesus shaped life"

MOTION The Ven. Godfrey Maweje/The Ven. Jennifer Sisson

RESOLVED THAT we endeavour to live with understanding in and through the following:

- our participation in a culture of abundance,
- our continuous call to live lives of reconciliation with self, neighbour and God,
- our call as the Body to dwell in the public places,
- that we faithfully live out our promise from the Baptismal Covenant: "Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their live in Christ?"

**CARRIED**

Diocesan Financial Report

The Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Pawling, reported on the diocesan finances, presenting the Audited Financial Statements 2017 (CC 85-97), gave a verbal update on current finances, and presented draft budgets for 2019/2020 (CC 112-115). A significant change in policy in 2017 was to move 15% of the balanced mutual fund into a mortgage fund on account of its better returns.

MOTION Mr. G. Pawling/Ms Sharon Routley

RESOLVED THAT the audited statements for the Diocese of Rupert's Land for the year ended Dec. 31, 2017 be received.

**CARRIED**

Ms Bernice Funk, in reply to a question, stated that the Diocese banks with CIBC. Ms Beverley Eert requested that the presence of fossil-fuel investments in the mutual fund be investigated.

MOTION Mr. G. Pawling/Ms Sharon Routley

RESOLVED THAT the draft Operating Budgets for 2019 and 2020 be approved.

**CARRIED**

Presentation - Diocesan Local Collaborative Ministry Group CC 52-53

The Rev. Wayne McIntosh and the Rev. Canon Norman Collier explained local collaborative ministry for those unfamiliar with the concept, in particular some ways in which the administration of such a ministry does not align well with the canons. The canons assume a traditional model of incumbency not shared responsibility. Sharers do not, for example, have a signature. A resolution would be put forward in the B motions. Guidelines that supplement the canons were mentioned.

Greetings from MNO Synod Lutheran Bishop

Bishop Jason Zinko brought greetings from the Manitoba and Northern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, observing that they work more closely with us than anywhere else in Canada.

Report of the Nomination Committee

The Chair of the Nomination Committee announced that only registered delegates were eligible to



appear on the ballot and indicated that no further nominations would be accepted as the time for nominations ran out.

The Secretary of Synod made announcements concerning dinner to be served to those that had ordered it.

The sitting was recessed for the day to allow for delegates to attend the Consecration of Geoffrey Woodcroft as a bishop in the Church of God. The service of Consecration was to take place at St. John's Cathedral at 7:00 pm.

**4TH SITTING, SATURDAY MORNING,**  
October 13, 2018 – Douglas Mennonite Church

The Chair explained that a difficulty with the ballots required voting with new ballots. After allowing some time for that, he called the sitting to order. The sitting began with a hymn. The Chair welcomed the Primate, the Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, and his Principal Secretary, the Ven. Paul Feheley.

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake  
RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 4th Sitting of the 116th  
Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Worship

Presentations

- Indigenous Self-determination/Sacred Circle
- Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer
- Diocesan Ministry Developer
- The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate

Stretch Break

Presentations

- Creation Matters Working Group
- Companion Diocese

Resolutions

Words from the Chair

Announcements

Grace & Lunch

**CARRIED**

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/The Very Rev. Paul Johnson  
RESOLVED THAT ballot boxes remain open until following the coffee break.

**CARRIED**

Gospel-based discipleship – John 15:12-14

Report of Nominations Committee

The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy announced that Thomas Reimer had been omitted from the lay nominees for the Board on Canons and Rules of Order. He could be written in, and a vote for

someone else could be cancelled in any legible way.

#### Presentation - Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer CC 73-80

The Rev. Vince Solomon reported on his work and in particular on Epiphany Indigenous Church. Epiphany has outgrown the facilities at St. Francis and so they are looking for a new space to worship and to continue to do healing work.

#### Presentation - Indigenous Self-determination/Sacred Circle

The Rev. Vince Solomon, the Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still spoke about the Sacred Circle, having attended with the Rev. Barbara Shoomski and Elder Ellen Cook. Shared communication and healing are important parts of this process. Receiving an apology from the church was also a very important step in that healing journey. This process also led to the creation of the National Native Covenant. Sacred Circles resulted in Canon 22 as adopted by General Synod. They are currently looking toward a fifth province in Canada, operating like other provinces with the ability to raise up bishops, draft legislation, etc.

The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy commended the First Look Series from the national church to people who want to learn more. Ms Sylvia James asked the whole room "How many of you people have seen the videos from national sacred circle?" <https://www.anglican.ca/im/sacredcircles/sacred-circle-videos>

#### Stretch break

#### Marriage Canon Conversation (continued)

Ms Ann Timonen presented the collated list of responses from the 30 tables at the third sitting, in order by popularity, as follows:

1. Love, accept and respect one another as Jesus commanded us -- this includes agreeing to disagree, opening our hearts to each other, hearing each other's stories, mourning together whatever the outcome, listening to both sides, valuing one another's gifts, stopping using labels.

*This is the combination of submissions from 27 tables.*

2. Stop talking about this, trying to change other people's minds, and find other issues to discuss. We need a clear-cut decision in order to move on even if that decision is divisive. We must get off the fence, even if that means we lose some people from our congregations or even some parishes from our Diocese.

*This is the combination of submissions from 18 tables.*

3. Leave marriage to the Province and focus on the relationship that goes beyond the wedding day. This includes the possibility of removing marriage from the list of sacraments since Jesus only ordained Baptism and the Eucharist. This would include the blessing of unions if asked. Perhaps the church is too slow to change the "rules".

*This is the combination of submissions from 12 tables. Later numbers of tables were not stated.*

4. Recognize our place as a Christian family, emphasizing the value of relationships in God's love the way we celebrate the peace and the Eucharist. Work on relationships. Look at our history and how we have worked through hard issues before, and how other confessions (like the ECLIC) have resolved the question.

5. Respect the fact that not everyone is at the same place in understanding this issue; so encourage education and greater understanding, including more congregational meetings.
6. Provide more pastoral care for angry, disappointed or discouraged congregants and more support for clergy especially from meetings between clergy.
7. Allow parishes to opt in/out according to conscience.
8. Stop "cherry-picking" Scripture and focus on not hating. Jesus says much more about love than about marriage.
9. Should the church reflect or influence society? Where do our opinions come from?

Presentation - Diocesan Ministry Developer CC 63-65

The Rev. Dr. Heather McCance outlined how she relates to various persons involved in a variety of kinds of ministry (priests, wardens, lay readers etc.). There is no normal way to do anything. The Diocesan Discernment Group on Ordained Ministry (CC 48-49) now has three distinct streams (Priestly Ministry Team, Diaconal Ministry Team, Local Collaborative Ministry Team). She is exploring distance education and not losing sight of established relations with universities.

Presentation - The Most Rev. Fred Hiltz, Primate

The Primate began with the "Heartbeat of the Church". The theme of General Synod 2019 will be "I have called you by name" from Isaiah. There will be difficult conversation about the marriage canon, and it will also deal with the findings and recommendations from the Sacred Circle. There will also be the TRC recommendations, human trafficking, the 60th anniversary of the PWRDF, and the election of a new primate. He concluded by thanking the Bishop for his years of faithful service, diligence, enthusiasm, and good cheer and the Coadjutor Bishop for the privilege of attending his consecration the previous evening, welcoming him to the national church and House of Bishops. He presented the Rt. Rev. Geoff Woodcroft with a prayer of St. Anselm asking always to know the joy of the Lord.

Presentation - Creation Matters Working Group

Ms Beverley Eert is a member of a General Synod committee concerned with the fifth mark of mission, "To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth". She stressed the urgency of improving our relationship to the rest of creation, in particular of stopping our addiction to fossil fuels.

Presentation - Companion Diocese CC 46-47

Mr. Sean Carlson outlined the relationship with the Diocese of Central Buganda and encouraged the spread of involvement.

The Bishop compared the move of the Coadjutor Bishop from St. Paul's, Fort Garry, with the move of the Primate from his parish when he became a bishop. He then prompted a standing ovation for the Primate, who then pronounced grace before lunch.

**5TH SITTING, SATURDAY AFTERNOON,**  
October 13, 2018 – Douglas Mennonite Church

The sitting opened with a hymn and a prayer.

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

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

Announcements

Presentation – Sorrento Centre

Resolutions

Stretch Break

Resolutions

Words from the Bishop Coadjutor Geoffrey Woodcroft

Announcements

Closing procedures

- Report of the Scrutineers
- Closing procedural motions
- Bishop's Appointments
- Vote of thanks
- Bishop's concurrence

Closing worship

**CARRIED**

Announcements

The Chair of the Agenda Committee made some announcements.

Presentation – Sorrento Centre

Mr. Michael Shapcott outlined what the Sorrento Centre does, showing some pictures and telling a story.

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B Resolutions) CC 29-31

Resolution B - 1 Re-naming of the New Church Development Fund

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of Diocesan Council

RESOLVED THAT the name of the New Church Development Fund be changed to New Church and Diocesan Ministry Development Fund; and direct Diocesan Council to establish criteria for the use of the Fund.

**CARRIED**

Constitutional Amendment

Resolution B - 2 Definition of Incumbent

MOTION The Rev. Canon Norman Collier/The Rev. Wayne McIntosh on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT the current definition of incumbent be repealed and be replaced by: "incumbent" – a person who holds a valid and subsisting licence from the Bishop and who has been appointed by the Bishop to exercise authority in and to perform ecclesiastical duties in a parish, mission, or special

ministry; and such terms as “rector”, “vicar”, “curate” and “chaplain” denote specific kinds of incumbents.

**VOTING BY ORDERS**

Clergy 26 for, 16 against (62% for)

Laity - 74 for, 29 against (72% for)

**DEFEATED**, *having too little support in the house of clergy.*

Canonical Amendments

Resolution B - 3 Canon 10, Appointment and Maintenance of Incumbents

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT a new section 2 be added to Canon 10 as follows:

“2. In a parish operating under a formal mandate from the Bishop as a Local Collaborative Ministry, it is understood that the concept of Incumbency lies with the entire Local Collaborative Ministry Team. The Bishop shall appoint a person to fulfill the role of Incumbent from the members of the Local Collaborative Ministry Team according to the Creation of Local Collaborative Ministry Parishes and Discernment and Maintenance of Local Collaborative Ministry Support Teams contained in the Diocesan Guidelines. The Bishop may consult with any one or more of the Local Ministry Support Team members, the wardens, and the mentor prior to making the appointment. Sections 3 through 16 of this Canon do not apply to incumbents appointed under the Local Collaborative Ministry Guidelines.”

and that the current sections 2 to 15 be renumbered as 3 to 16.

**CARRIED in both orders**

Resolution B - 4 Canon 12, Removal of Incumbents

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT a new section 2 be added to Canon 12 as follows:

“2. In a parish operating under a formal mandate from the Bishop as a Local Collaborative Ministry, the incumbent appointed serves at the Bishop’s pleasure for a renewable term, as appointed by the Bishop. Section 3 through 12 of this Canon do not apply to incumbents appointed under the Local Collaborative Ministry Guidelines.”

and that the current sections 2 to 11 shall be renumbered as 3 through 12.

**CARRIED in both orders**

Resolution B - 5 Canon 14, Lay Readers

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT section 7 of Canon 14 be amended to read as follows:

“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, except in the case of a parish operating under a formal mandate from the Bishop as a Local Collaborative Ministry in which case they shall be under the direction of the Local Collaborative Ministry.”

**CARRIED in both orders**

Resolution B - 6 Canon 19, Parishes

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT that the heading, "Definition" be changed to, "Definitions", that existing paragraph 1 be renumbered as paragraph 1(a) and new paragraph 1(b) be added as follows:

"1 (b) Whenever the word "incumbent" is used in this Canon it does not apply to the person appointed by the Bishop as incumbent in a parish operating under a formal mandate from the Bishop as a Local Collaborative Ministry."

**CARRIED in both orders**

Resolution B - 7 Canon 21, Churchwardens

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT Canon 21 be amended by adding the following at end of section 1:

"In a parish operating under a formal mandate from the Bishop as a Local Collaborative Ministry, the incumbent shall consult with the Local Ministry Support Team prior to appointing the churchwarden."

**CARRIED in both orders**

Constitutional Amendment

Resolution B - 8 Re Section 2.01

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT current clause 2.01 (d) (iv) "the Warden and Dean of the Faculty of Theology of St. John's College, if not a priest or a deacon." be removed from its current position in the Constitution and inserted as new Clause 2.01 (c) (v)."

**VOTING BY ORDERS**

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS without dissent.**

Canonical Amendments

Resolution B - 9 Canon 23, Lay Delegates

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT section 5 of Canon 23 be deleted, and the balance of the Canon be renumbered accordingly.

**CARRIED in both orders**

Resolution B - 10 Canon 20, Parish and Vestry Meetings

MOTION Mr. E. Arthur Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT section 13 of Canon 20 be deleted and replaced by the following:

"13. At all meetings of the parishioners or vestry, the chair shall be the incumbent or a person designated as chair by the incumbent; or if no designation has been made, or the person designated is absent, then the members present at the meeting shall elect a chair for that meeting from amongst those present."

**CARRIED in both orders**

Stretch Break

Resolutions from the Floor (C Resolutions)

Resolution C - 1 Focus on Intentional Discipleship

MOTION The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy/The Rev. Brian Ford

RESOLVED THAT the Diocese of Rupert's Land affirm the Provincial Synod motion to encourage our diocese and parishes therein to work toward a focus on intentional discipleship in whichever way is deemed most appropriate for their particular context.

**CARRIED**

Resolution C - 2 Diocesan Council of Elders

MOTION Ms Elizabeth Bonnett/Mr. Leslie Kovacs

RESOLVED THAT the B-15 Task Force include in its terms of reference the creation and constitution of a Diocesan Council of Elders, to act as advisor to the Diocese on issues of reconciliation.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION The Rev. Dr. Jane Barter/The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still

RESOLVED THAT the B-15 Committee include in its terms of reference the consultation with the Circle of Elders and the Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer to consider the role of elders in the Diocese.

**SUBSTITUTION CARRIED**

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION CARRIED**

Resolution C - 3 Elder Presence at Sessions of Diocesan Synod

MOTION The Rev. Deacon Eric Parsons/Ms Krista Waring

RESOLVED THAT the B-15 Committee be commissioned with the task of discerning a structure and process for the appointment of two Indigenous elders-in-residence for the next Synod. The role would include advising, offering opinions, and providing consultation.

**CARRIED**

Resolution C - 4 Waiving Election of Provincial Synod Delegates

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT Synod dispense with the election of delegates and substitutes for Provincial Synod, as per Canon 16.3, and that the delegates and substitutes shall be those who were most recently elected by Synod.

**CARRIED**

Resolution C - 5 Parish Membership in the Anglican Foundation of Canada

MOTION The Rt. Rev. Geoffrey Woodcroft/Ms Lynette Miller

RESOLVED THAT this 116th Session of Synod re-affirm the resolution of the 113th Synod as follows:

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, or more, annually, according to the parish's prosperity.

**CARRIED**

Words from the Bishop Coadjutor

Bishop Geoff spoke of the importance of names, naming, and being known by name. Development of respect and relationships as a priority needs to be worked on between sessions of Synod. Sunday

attendance is not the standard. Recognizing the face of Christ in each one is and working together in the work that God calls us to – to love and to love even if it hurts.

## Reporting

The Chair urged 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.

## Closing procedures

### Bishop's Thanks

The Bishop thanked the Secretary of Synod, the Chair of the Agenda Committee, and the Chancellor.

## Report of the Scrutineers

The Chair presented the Results of the Balloting as follows:

### Diocesan Council

#### ***CLERGY - Outside Winnipeg Elected***

Bardsley, James,	Church of the Ascension, Stonewall
Barter, Jane,	St. Peter, Dynevor
Dolloff, John,	St. Mary la Prairie, Portage la Prairie
MacDonald, (Elda) Lynn,	St. Luke, Dryden

#### ***CLERGY – Inside Winnipeg Elected***

Hunter, Helen,	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Kennedy, Helen,	St. George, Transcona
Lampman, Paul,	St. Luke, Winnipeg
McIntosh, Wayne,	St. Francis, Winnipeg
Rampton, Andrew,	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Terlinski, Karen,	St. Thomas, Weston

***Clergy alternate:*** Thagard, Dan

#### ***LAITY - Outside Winnipeg Elected***

Gervais, Michael	St. John the Baptist, Fort Frances
Horrocks, Norma,	St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
Larson, Barbara	St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
Lomas, Louise	St. John, Wabigoon

#### ***LAITY – Inside Winnipeg Elected***

Akinwale, Wilson,	Church of the Good Shepherd, Winnipeg
Blaikie, Connor,	Youth Appointees
Roe-Finlay, Susan,	St. Luke, Winnipeg
Russell, Gary,	Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church
Terlinski, Matthew	St. Thomas, Weston
Thagard, Claudine,	St. George, Transcona
Webster, Tannis,	St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg
Wood, Stephanie,	St. Francis, Wpg.

***Lay alternates*** (in order of votes received): Roger Mussard, Theo Robinson, Dorian Sherman



## Board on Canons and Rules of Order

### **CLERGY Elected**

Harwood-Jones, Tony, St. Margaret, Winnipeg  
Lea, Chris, Pembina Hills Parishes

**Clergy Alternate:** Thagard, Dan

### **LAITY Elected**

Thagard, Claudine St. George, Transcona  
Thomas, Robert St. George, Crescentwood

**Lay alternates** (in order of votes received): Theo Robinson, Thomas Reimer

## Diocesan Court

### **CLERGY Acclaimed**

Kennedy, Helen St. George, Transcona  
Thagard, Dan St. George, Transcona

### **LAITY Acclaimed**

James, June St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg  
Thagard, Claudine St. George, Transcona

## General Synod

### **CLERGY Elected** (listed in order of votes received)

Kennedy, Helen, St. George, Transcona  
Still, Murray, St. James, Winnipeg  
Johnson, Paul N., St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg

### **Clergy alternates** (listed in order of votes received; \* = tie):

Collier, Norman Special Ministries  
McCance, Heather Special Ministries  
\*Ford, Brian St. John's Cathedral, Winnipeg  
\*McIntosh, Wayne St. Francis, Winnipeg  
Parsons, Eric St. Margaret, Winnipeg  
Labdon, Dave St. Aidan, Wpg.  
Thagard, Dan St. George, Transcona  
Pow, Enid Holy Trinity, Winnipeg

### **LAITY Elected** (listed order of votes received)

Wedlake, Robert Ex-officio Members  
Blaikie, Connor Youth Appointees  
^Blaikie, Brynne Youth Appointees^  
Tannis Webster St. Mary Magdalene

**^YOUTH Delegate:** Brynne Blaikie was designated as the Youth delegate.

**Lay alternates** (listed in order of votes received; \* = tie):

Roe-Finlay, Susan	St. Luke, Winnipeg
Russell, Gary	Epiphany Indigenous Anglican Church
Thagard, Claudine	St. George, Transcona
Terlinski, Matthew,	St. Thomas, Weston
*Larson, Barbara	St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
*Robinson, Theo	St. George, Transcona
Vezenia, Marcella	St. Philip, Scantebury
Pilbeam, Richard	St. Paul, Fort Garry
Juras, Brayden	St. Paul, Fort Garry

**Bishop's Appointments**

The Bishop announced the following Appointments

Secretary of Synod: Mr. Bob Wedlake

Agenda Committee Chair: The Rev. Karen Laldin

Nominations Committee Chair: The Rev. Deacon Karen Terlinski

Resolutions Committee Chair: The Rev. John Dolloff

Credentials Committee Chair: The Rev. Andrew Rampton

**Appointment of Auditors, Printing of Minutes, Destruction of Ballots**

MOTION The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

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**

MOTION Mrs. Karen Watson/Mrs. Donna Cawker

RESOLVED THAT this 116<sup>th</sup> 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, Ms Sam Tidd; Kitchen Coordinator, Mrs. Mavis Ford, and Cathedral volunteers.
- Mrs. Patsy Norman, Kitchen Coordinator for snacks and beverages and the many volunteers who assisted in the kitchen.
- The Daily Worship Team, The Rev. Canon Donna Joy and the members of the Worship Team from St. Peter's, Winnipeg
- The Pastor, The Rev. Don Reimer, and Staff of Douglas Mennonite Church; in particular Mr. Darryl Neustadter-Barg, AV Person, and the Caretaker, Ms Herta Doerksen
- Those that set up the AV equipment and, served as our AV Technician, Mr. Rick Scherger
- For all those who took time to prepare and staff displays at the Synod for all our benefit
- Guests of Synod who informed us with a variety of significant presentations:
- Mrs. Suzanne Rumsey; the Rev. Susan Graham-Walker, Mrs. Beverley Eert, Mr. Michael Shapcott
- For all who made presentations for our learning and benefit; Vincent Solomon, Heather McCance, The Rev. Wayne McIntosh and the LCM Team, The Ven. Simon Blaikie, and various other diocesan leaders.
  
- To the Archdeacons for their work on helping us to consider our response to the General

Synod Marriage Canon as we work “together in a Jesus-shaped life”.

- The Very Rev. Paul Johnson, Chair of the Agenda Committee and the members of the Synod Agenda Committee for their vision of the theme of “together in a Jesus-shaped life”
- The Dean and Archdeacons for their work in bringing forward resolutions from the Bishop’s Address
- To Bishop Jason Zinko of the ELCIC, for taking time to bring greetings to our Synod
- The Chair of the Credentials Committee, Mrs. Claudine Thagard, and the volunteers from our parishes who assisted with the Registration process.
- The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, The Rev. John Dolloff and members of his committee for their careful work in ensuring the resolutions were clear and succinct.
- The Chair of the Nominations Committee, The Rev. Canon Helen Kennedy 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: Ms Rachel Twigg and Mrs. Susan Suppes, 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 the Session, but on many matters throughout the year
- Anglican Centre Staff who provided administrative and organizational assistance prior to and throughout the Synod, Ms Judy McIvor and Mrs. Susan Suppes
- Thanks to office volunteers, the Rev. Deacon Karen Terlinski, and the Rev. Brian Ford who created the data base for our Synod’s use.
- The Secretary of Synod, Mr. Bob Wedlake, for his careful attention to detail in preparing all the arrangements and organization required for this Synod
- And to Donald, our Bishop, for his perseverance in leading us as Bishop of Rupert’s Land for the past 18 years; for encouraging us on this journey “together in a Jesus-Shaped Life’ as we seek to be transformed as missional faith communities serving God and God’s people in 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.

## **CARRIED**

### Bishop’s Concurrence

The Bishop declared his concurrence with the Acts and Resolutions of the 116th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land.

The Secretary of Synod made some closing announcements.

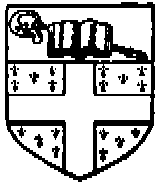
### Adjournment

MOTION        The Very Rev. Paul Johnson/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT following the closing worship, this 116th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert’s Land be adjourned.

## **CARRIED**

Closing worship was led by Bishop Don Phillips and Bishop Co-Adjutor Geoff Woodcroft.



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MEMORANDUM

February 15, 2019

To: The Members of (2018) Diocesan Synod

Re: Election of Delegates to General Synod at October 2018 Diocesan Synod

I am writing to inform you of a change in the number of delegates that the Diocese of Rupert's Land (RL) is entitled to send to General Synod (GS) in June 2019. After submitting the names of the persons elected at the October 2018 Diocesan Synod to the General Synod office, they advised us that Rupert's Land was only entitled to 2 clergy delegates, 2 lay delegates, and 1 youth delegate in addition to the Bishop.

### ***Background:***

In June 2018 a staff member from the Diocesan Office contacted the General Synod Office to inquire about the number of elected Lay & Clergy delegates to which our Diocese was entitled for GS 2019. At that time General Synod staff was not able to provide us with that information, so the plan was to proceed with the previous allowance from GS 2016, namely 3 clergy delegates, 3 lay delegates, and 1 youth delegate, in addition to the Bishop, as we prepared for Diocesan Synod.

Regretfully, our staff did not check back with the General Synod in the fall, prior to our Synod, due to the heavy workload. We regret this oversight. However, General Synod staff did not follow up on our request from June to provide us with the numbers when they became known. Prior to the last General Synod (2016) the Diocese received a letter from the General Secretary advising of the number of lay delegates to which our Diocese was entitled. That did not happen in 2018 and so we proceeded on the assumption the numbers had not changed as we had not been notified.

Consequently, Synod proceeded to elect 3 clergy delegates, 3 lay delegates and 1 youth delegate. The results of the balloting were shared during Synod and the forms submitted to the General Synod. It was only then that the Diocesan office was advised that RL was entitled to only 2 clergy, 2 lay and 1 youth.

In future years when we are electing for General Synod, we will send a letter to the General Synod Secretary requesting that Dioceses be informed by letter the year prior to a General Synod confirming the number of General Synod Delegates to which each diocese is entitled. Additionally, Diocesan staff will confirm this information in writing prior to the Synod at which the election of delegates to General Synod will take place.

As a result of this change in delegate allotment, our 2019 General Synod delegates will now be as follows:

### **General Synod**

***CLERGY Elected*** (listed in order of votes received)

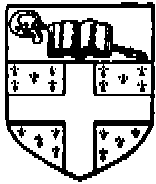
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St. Aidan, Wpg.  
St. George, Transcona  
Holy Trinity, Winnipeg

**LAITY Elected** (listed order of votes received)

**Wedlake, Robert**

**Blaikie, Connor**

**Blaikie, Brynne** ^

^**YOUTH Delegate:** *Brynne Blaikie was designated as the Youth delegate.*

**Ex-officio Members**

**Youth Appointees**

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**Lay alternates** (listed in order of votes received; \* = tie):

Tannis Webster  
Roe-Finlay, Susan  
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Please note that this memo will be appended to the official copy of the Synod minutes to reflect the change in entitlement to 2 clergy and 2 lay, along with the Youth delegate and Bishop. We will also append this memo to the last page of the Synod minutes on the Diocesan website.

Bob Wedlake  
Secretary of Synod