

MINUTES OF THE 113TH SESSION
OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND
October 20-22, 2016

1ST SITTING, THURSDAY EVENING October 20, 2016 - St John's Cathedral

The 113th 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. Mr. Bill Shead, extended a welcome to Treaty One land on behalf of First Nations peoples, and a prayer was offered by Ms Sylvia James.

The Rev. Dr. Bradley Elliott (in absentia), The Rev. Mary Lysecki, and The Rev. Dr David Widdicombe were installed as canons of the Cathedral Chapter of St. John. The Rev. Canon Dr. Cathy Campbell (in absentia), the Rev. Canon Dr. Peter Flynn, and Mrs. Gail Schnabl were awarded the Order of Rupert's Land for their significant ministries in the Diocese.

The Bishop addressed Synod members, first remembering those members of Synod that had died since the last session. The visitors from Uganda were recognized. The ALIGN initiative, 'Anglicans and Lutherans in God's Neighbourhoods' was mentioned. "A strategic cycle of discipleship, missional communities, and stewardship of God's grace was introduced as a way of explaining the present and future path we are on as a diocese. What kind of church enables it to embrace the world with Christ? – An Intentional community of grace. Every diocesan entity needs to consider how to be such a community in its place and function.

Following the Eucharist, the Very Rev. Paul Johnson, Dean of Rupert's Land, offered 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 21, 2016 – Douglas Mennonite Church

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

Bishop's Welcome

The Bishop welcomed all delegates and introduced the head table:

Mr. Arthur Braid, Chancellor (in absentia)

Mrs. Mary Williams, Chair, Synod Agenda Committee

Mr. Bob Wedlake, Secretary of 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 58 of a possible 86 clergy had registered and 110 of a possible 160 laity had registered, constituting a quorum.

Bishop's Declaration of the Synod

The Bishop declared this 113th Session of Synod to be regularly called and ready to proceed in accordance with the Constitution.

Honorary Secretaries

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed as Honorary Secretaries for the 113th Session of Synod:
Dr. Robert Thomas and Mrs. Armelle Evoy.

CARRIED

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/Mr. Bob Wedlake

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

Presentation by the Ven. Simon Blaikie, Archdeacon for Missional Development

Break

Introduction and report of the new Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer and Indigenous Ministries update.

Adoption of the Acts of Diocesan Council and Executive Committee

Reading of Resolutions from the Bishop's Address

Greetings by ELCIC Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Synod Bishop

Announcements

Update from Nominations and Resolutions Committees

Grace & dismissal for lunch

CARRIED

The Bishop welcomed new clergy:

The Rev. Raymond Knight

The Rev. Karine Snowden

The Rev. Deacon Lorna Howell

The Rev. Deacon Dan Thagard

The Rev. Al Thorliefson

The Rev. Martin Allen

The Rev. Chris Lea

The Rev. M.J. Leewis-Kirk

A welcoming song was sung by the Rev. Vincent Solomon and a hymn was sung by the Rev. Deacon Bill Morris. Announcements were made by the Chair of the Agenda Committee and by the Secretary of Synod.

Diocesan Council Appointees

The Bishop announced Council Appointees:

Mrs. Mary Williams

Mr. Sean Carlson

Youth Appointees

The Bishop announced Youth Appointees:

Mr. Connor Blaikie (St. George, Crescentwood)
Ms Brittany Perkins (St. Francis).

Synod Appointees

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/Mrs. Mary Williams

RESOLVED THAT Synod appoint, in accordance with the Constitution 2.02 (d) (iii), the following person to be full a member of Synod: Ms Sylvia James

CARRIED

Privileges of the Floor

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/Mrs. Mary Williams

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

The Rev. Eileen Bragg
Mr. George Campbell
Ms Bernice Funk
The Rev. Canon Michael Lubowa
Mrs. Janepher Lubowa
The Rt. Rev. Jackson Matovu
Mrs. Perusi Matovu
The Ven. Jason Musoke
Mrs. Faith Musoke
The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois

CARRIED

The Bishop welcomed the Chancellor, Mr. Art Braid, and introduced him to the Synod.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Rev. Brian Ford, announced the names of committee members: The Rev. Deacon Mona Blackburn, Ms Roxy Barrett, Mrs. Willy Slipetz, The Rev. Canon Mary Lysecki, Mrs. Margaret Jones, The Ven. Patricia Cleghorn and Mrs. Patricia Norman

Scrutineers

MOTION The Rev. Brian Ford/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed as scrutineers for the 113th Session of Synod: Ms Rachel Twigg Boyce, Ms Elaine Keinlen, Mrs. Judy McIvor, Mrs. Susan Suppes, Mrs. Cathy Mondor, the Rev. Melissa Frankland, the Rev. Deacon Karen Terlinski, Ms Rene Jamieson.

CARRIED

Nominations and Balloting

MOTION The Rev. Brian Ford/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT nominations be received until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2016; and that ballot boxes be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 22, 2016.

CARRIED

Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee, the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington, announced the names of the members: The Rev. Dr. Susan Titterington and Dr. June James

Announcement - Delegates were asked to move to their assigned discussion tables.

Worship and Missional Moment

The sitting was called to worship by the Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter, who read from the Gospel. The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft spoke of his encounters in the vinyl-record shop. The Rev. Liz Richens gave an assignment to the delegates to engage in theological reflection.

Missional Development

A presentation by the Archdeacon of Missional Development, the Ven. Simon Blaikie, began with two readings of Luke Chapter 10, 1-12, first by himself and next by the Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter. He explained the project called 'Anglicans and Lutherans in God's Neighbourhoods' (ALIGN) was beginning to take place in Selkirk and three areas of Winnipeg. He invited laypersons from the Kildonans, Wolseley, or the south-west of Winnipeg and Selkirk and the surrounding area, to volunteer to be involved.

Following a break, the Indigenous Ministry Presentation took place.

Indigenous Ministries Presentation (CC 45-50)

Ms Sylvia James shared an addition to the report of the Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle from Mr. George Campbell, who was absent. The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still spoke about the monument at the Forks and the way forward for reconciliation. The Rev. Vince Solomon spoke about the new Urban Indigenous Ministry and the three tasks:

1. Raising up an urban indigenous congregation in space donated by the Parish of St Francis. This includes deciding what worship should look like.
2. Working on reconciliation in the light of the TRC report and treaties.
3. Healing: healing circles, pastoral care.

Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/Mrs. Mary Williams

RESOLVED THAT the Acts and Resolutions of Diocesan Council found on pages CC 19-29, and the Addendum to the Acts and Resolutions be received.

CARRIED

Reception of Reports in the Convening Circular

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/Mrs. Mary Williams

RESOLVED THAT the reports in the convening circular, on pages CC 29 through 143 and the numbered hand-outs, be received.

CARRIED

Additional motion on privileges of the floor

MOTION Mr. Bob Wedlake/Mrs. Mary Williams

RESOLVED THAT Synod grants privileges of the floor, without the right to vote to Mrs. Susan Sprange.

CARRIED

Committee on the Bishop's Address

The Chair of the Committee on the Bishop's Address, the Very Rev. Paul N Johnson, read the motions formulated by the Committee, A 1-3.

Lutheran Greetings

Bishop Elaine Sauer (Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Synod of the ELCIC) brought friendly greetings and advertised the celebration in 2017 of the 500th anniversary of Luther's beginning the Reformation.

Announcements - The Secretary of Synod made announcements preliminary to lunch.

The Chair of the Nominating Committee reported on those nominated since the printing of the Convening Circular.

Grace & lunch - The Rev. Bill Blackburn offered grace, and the Bishop recessed the sitting for lunch.

3RD SITTING, FRIDAY AFTERNOON, October 21, 2016 – Douglas Mennonite Church

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The Bishop called the sitting to order.

Worship and Missional Moment

Dr. W. Terence Hidichuk read a lesson. The Rev. Canon Donna Joy and Mrs. Susan Sprange spoke about their study and action in the Parish of St Peter's.

Agenda Committee Report

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 3rd Sitting of the 113th Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

General Synod 2016

Theological Education Commission Report Update from the Implementation Team

Break

Missional Moment #4

Companion Diocese Presentation

Refugee Committee Presentation

Anglican Foundation Presentaton

Resolutions from the Bishop's Address

Resolutions from the Convening Circular

Announcements

Notices of Motion

Update on Nominations

Grace

Dinner

Missional Moment #5

Ugandan presentation

Announcements

Evening Worship

Recess for the day.

CARRIED

Announcements - The Chair of the Synod Agenda Committee made announcements.

Report on General Synod 2016

Ms Tannis Webster reported on the participation from Rupert's Land in the 2016 General Synod. The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft asked how to deal with the failure of the motion on the prayer for the conversion of the Jews (1962 BCP p. 41) related to the third Good Friday collect (1962 BCP p. 174). (reply later: 'Prayer for the conversion of the Jews')

Theological Education Commission Report and Update from the Implementation Team

The Bishop explained that the Implementation Team that is intended to devise the implementation of the Report has not yet met. Members present were asked to make themselves available to answer questions: Mr. Geoff Dean, The Rev. Vince Solomon, Dr. Chris Trott, The Ven. Godfrey Mawejje, and The Rev. Helen Kennedy. He drew attention to the additional report of the Working Group on Formation of Priests, Deacons, and Local Collaborative Ministry Teams in the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Missional Moment

Mrs. Gail Schnabl told of the sponsorship and arrival in June of the last members of an extended family from Syria. The family was sponsored by several parishes at the instigation of a family member already in Winnipeg through the Crossed Hands Refugee Committee.

Companion Diocese Committee and the Diocesan Visit to Uganda in January 2016

Mr. Sean Carlson discussed the nearly twenty-year-old partnership between our Diocese and the Diocese of Central Buganda. The Rev. Paul Lampman drew attention to the absence from the group of its women members and talked of his time in Central Buganda. Mr. Wayne Williams thanked the Ven. Jason Musoke. Mr. Dorian Sherman expressed his gratitude for the trip. Ms Wendy Henderson spoke of how much their coming had meant to the Ugandans; she was involved in providing shoes. The Very Rev. Paul Johnson spoke of invitations to preach and preside at the Eucharist as indications of our unity in Christ despite our interchurch differences. The presentation closed with an informative slide show.

Anglican Foundation Presentation

The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois, Executive Director of the Anglican Foundation, explained the work of the Anglican Foundation across the country. Only 14 parishes in Rupert's Land contribute to the Foundation, www.anglicanfoundation.org and grants and bursaries greatly exceed contributions. Diocesan Council has decided that applications from parishes will not be forwarded to the Foundation unless the parish has a record of membership. She encouraged both parishes and individuals to take out annual membership.

Diocesan Refugee Committee

Mrs. Gail Schnabl, Diocesan Refugee Co-ordinator, spoke on how refugees are defined, distinguishing them from migrants. Private sponsorship began with the Vietnamese refugees in 1979, and the Diocese has been involved since then with private sponsorship as a Sponsorship Agreement Holder through Constituent Groups, of which the Diocese contains eleven, some including more than one parish.

Prayer for the conversion of the Jews - In response to a question earlier in the sitting (Report on

General Synod 2016), the Bishop strongly urges that the prayer 'For the conversion of the Jews' (1962 BCP p. 41) not be used in Rupert's Land.

Nomination Committee

The Chair of the Nomination Committee announced that only registered delegates were eligible to appear on the ballot and indicated where more nominations are required.

Resolutions from the Bishop's Address (A Resolutions)

Resolution A-1

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.

AMENDMENT MOVED The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft/Dr. Chris Trott

THAT the following be added: 'and the homeland of the Metis people' after 'Treaty Land'.

AMENDMENT **CARRIED**

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

Resolution A-2

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.

CARRIED

Resolution A-3

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.

CARRIED

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B 1-4)

The Chancellor explained that changes to the Constitution would be effective immediately only if they were passed with no dissenting vote, otherwise we would require passage at two (2) successive Synods by the requisite majority of both orders.

Resolution B-1

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & 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

RESOLVED THAT the motion be referred to the Diocesan Council.

MOTION TO REFER CARRIED

Resolution B-2

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & 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”.

VOTING BY ORDERS, CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT IN BOTH ORDERS

Resolution B-3

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order
RESOLVED THAT Section 9.02 (c) appointed members be amended by deleting the words “chairs of”.

VOTING BY ORDERS, CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT IN BOTH ORDERS

Resolution B-4

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & 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.

VOTING BY ORDERS, CARRIED WITHOUT DISSENT IN BOTH ORDERS

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee read notices of motions received. The Chair of the Nominations Committee reported on additional nominations, and invited all nominated candidates to stand to be acknowledged. Grace prior to dinner was offered by the Ven. Godfrey Mawejje.

Missional Moment

After dinner, a missional moment was led by the Rev. Dr. Susan Titterington. She explained how St. Chad's sharing a building with the United Church has led to joint worship and a wide range of ministries undertaken together.

Ugandan presentation

The Ugandans shared a song, brought greetings from Uganda, and offered heartfelt thanks for the fourteen years association and ongoing support from the Bishop and members of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

The sitting closed with evensong led by the Rev. Liz Richens.

4TH SITTING, SATURDAY MORNING, October 22, 2016 – Douglas Mennonite Church

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The Chair called the sitting to order.

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 4th Sitting of the 113th

Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Worship

Financial Reports

Resolutions from the Convening Circular

Break
Mission Moment #7
Resolutions from the Convening Circular and the Floor

CARRIED

Worship and Missional Moment

Worship began with a reading from 1 Corinthians (12: 14-26) by the Rev. Deacon Lynn MacDonald. The missional moment was led by the Rev. Dr. Lee Titterington. He talked about his volunteer work at West Broadway Community Ministry, and how some of its clients initiated a group with which he now meets. Following his presentation, delegates considered questions in their discussion groups on responses to mental ill-health and the promotion/preservation of mental health.

Diocesan Financial Report

The Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Pawling, reported on the diocesan finances, presenting the Audited Financial Statements 2015, gave a verbal update on current finances, and presented draft budgets for 2017/2018.

MOTION Mr. G. Pawling/Mr. Brian Crow

THAT the audited statements for the Diocese of Rupert's Land for the year ended Dec. 31, 2015 be received.

CARRIED

A question was raised regarding the direction of funds realized from the sale of the Bird's Hill Church (Diocesan Council, Sept. 2015, item #61): \$10,000 to Archives, remainder (\$280,026) to the Property Capital Fund, rather than to the New Church Development Fund. The rationale for Council's decision was then provided: need at the Archives and one-time projects at Anglican Lutheran Centre to be paid from the Property Capital Fund. The minutes of that meeting of Diocesan Council record the discussion and rationale behind this decision. The Council's decision was in accordance with Canon 19 which provides for the distribution of assets from the sale of disestablished parishes.

MOTION Mr. G. Pawling/The Rev. Deacon Eric Parsons

THAT the draft Operating Budgets for 2017 and 2018 be approved.

CARRIED

Missional Moment

Mrs. Stephanie Kennedy of St Alban's of Kenora reported on their children's programme including Messy Church, no-parent discussions, and a video recording that they made on one of their Friday-night dinners of parish children interviewing clients.

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B Resolutions continued)

Resolution B-5

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT Canon 10, Section 2 be amended by adding a new sentence at the 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."

MOTION TO REFER The Rev. Canon Mary Holmen/Ms Shelagh Balfour

THAT B-5 be referred to the Board on Canons & Rules of Order for its consideration.

REFERRAL MOTION DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

Resolution B-6

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & 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."

CARRIED

Resolution B-7

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & 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."

CARRIED

Resolution B-8

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & 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."

CARRIED

Resolution B-9

MOTION Mr. Art Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT a new sentence be added at the end of section 3, Canon 10 as follows:

"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."

CARRIED

Resolution B-10 Withdrawn

MOTION

RESOLVED THAT in section 5 of Canon 10, the sentence: "The member of the clergy selected shall be approached by the Bishop only." be amended to "The person selected shall be approached by the Bishop only."

Resolution B-11 Withdrawn

MOTION

RESOLVED THAT section 6 be amended at the beginning to read: "A person may be appointed..."

Resolution B-12 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 who work in Indigenous communities, 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.

AMENDMENT The Ven. Simon Blaikie/Mr. Ted Henderson

THAT the words and comma “who work in Indigenous communities,” be deleted.

AMENDMENT **CARRIED**

AMENDED MOTION **CARRIED**

Announcements

The Secretary of Synod made announcements about lunch. Grace was offered by the Ven. James Bardsley.

5TH SITTING, SATURDAY AFTERNOON, October 22, 2016 – Douglas Mennonite Church

A period of silent prayer was accompanied on the guitar by Mr Connor Blaikie.

The sitting opened with the Secretary of Synod offering thanks to the kitchen on behalf of the Synod.

The Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS)

The Ven. Geoff Woodcroft presented an advertisement for the joint TENS <<http://www.tens.org/>> conference (sermon and three speeches) in November.

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/Mr. Bob Wedlake

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

Announcements

Resolutions (remaining)

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.

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B Resolutions continued)

Resolution B-13 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.

CARRIED

Resolution B-14 Call to intentional acts of corporate repentance in the coming year

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.

CARRIED

Resolution B-15 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

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:

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 <http://www.anglican.ca/wp-content/uploads/018-Primates-Commission-Report-to-General-Synod.pdf>
3. To present a report of their findings for discussion by attendees at the 2017 session of Faith Horizons;
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.

AMENDMENT MOVED Mr Art Braid/The Rev. Deacon Dan Thagard

THAT ITEM 3 be replaced with

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

AMENDMENT CARRIED

AMENDED MOTION CARRIED

Resolutions from the Floor (C Resolutions)

Resolution C - 1 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.

CARRIED

Resolution C–2 Indigenous Awareness Month

MOTION The Rev. Canon Dr. 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.

CARRIED

Resolution C–3 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.

AMENDMENT MOVED Ms Barbara Larson/Ms Norma Horrocks

THAT the motion be amended by replacing 'Premier and Government of Manitoba' with 'Premiers and Governments of Manitoba and Ontario'.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

MAIN MOTION CARRIED

Resolution C–4 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.

CARRIED

Missional Moment

The Rev. Canon Mary Lysecki reported on her participation in meetings of the St. Vital Community Action Network, which included many agencies working there. Many of these agencies perform work urged upon us by Jesus. The Network has helped St. Mary Magdalene with refugee sponsorship and to set up a soup kitchen in its uninhabited rectory.

Report of the Scrutineers

The Bishop read the Results of the Balloting as follows:

Diocesan Council

CLERGY - Outside Winnipeg

Acclaimed:

Dolloff, John	St. Mary la Prairie, Portage la Prairie
Laldin, Karen	St. Andrew, St. Andrews
MacDonald, (Elda) Lynn	St. Luke, Dryden

CLERGY – Winnipeg

Acclaimed:

Falconer, Henry	Holy Trinity, Winnipeg
Hunter, Helen	St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Kennedy, Helen	St. George, Transcona
Lampman, Paul	St. Luke, Winnipeg
McIntosh, Wayne	St. Francis, Winnipeg
Still, Murray	St. James, Winnipeg
Thagard, Dan	St. George, Transcona

LAITY - Outside Winnipeg

Acclaimed:

Horrocks, Norma	St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
Larson, Barbara	St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
Lomas, Louise	St. John, Wabigoon
Norman, Pat	St. John, Wabigoon

LAITY – Winnipeg

Acclaimed:

Cooke, David	St. George, Crescentwood
Fardoe, Dan	Holy Trinity, Winnipeg
Gibson, Theresa	St. George, Transcona
Kwajok, Kwajok Jada	St. Andrew Sudanese Mission,
Russell, Gary	St. Margaret, Winnipeg
Sherman, Dorian	St. George, Transcona
Thagard, Claudine	St. George, Transcona
Webster, Tannis	St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg

Board on Canons and Rules of Order

CLERGY Elected

Harwood-Jones, Tony	St. Margaret, Winnipeg
Lea, Chris	St. Mary/St. Alban, Kaleida

Clergy Alternate

Thagard, Dan	St. George, Transcona
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Laity Elected

Reimer, Thom	St. Margaret, Winnipeg
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Gibson, Theresa St. George, Transcona

Lay Alternates

Thomas, Robert St. George, Crescentwood
Cooke, David St. George, Crescentwood
Hazelton, Paul St. James, Winnipeg

Diocesan Court

Clergy Acclaimed

Neumann, Brent All Saints, Winnipeg
Still, Murray St. James, Winnipeg
Thagard, Dan St. George, Transcona

Laity Elected

Norman, Pat St. John, Wabigoon
Miller, Lynette St. Jude, Grand Marais
Hidichuk, W. Terence St. Peter, Winnipeg

Laity Alternate

Vežina, Marcella St. Philip, Scantebury

Provincial Synod

CLERGY Elected (listed in order of votes received)

Mawejje, Godfrey Mapleton/Wakefield
Kennedy, Helen St. George, Transcona
Ford, Brian St. James, Beausejour
Still, Murray St. James, Winnipeg

Clergy Alternates (listed in order of votes received)

Hunter, Helen St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg
Laldin, Karen St. Andrew, St. Andrews
McIntosh, Wayne St. Francis, Winnipeg
Morris, Bill St. Mary, Sioux Lookout
Thagard, Dan St. George, Transcona
Wruck, Marline St. John, Lac du Bonnet
MacDonald, (Elda) Lynn St. Luke, Dryden

LAITY Elected (listed in order of votes received)

Blaikie, Connor (Y) Youth Appointees
Webster, Tannis St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg
Perkins, Brittany (Y) Youth Appointees
Thagard, Claudine St. George, Transcona

Lay Alternates (listed in order of votes received)

Horrocks, Norma St. Alban Cathedral, Kenora
Knight, Diane St. Stephen, Winnipeg

Hazelton, Paul
Vezina, Marcella

St. James, Winnipeg
St. Philip, Scantebury

Closing Procedures

Bishop's Thanks

The Bishop gave thanks to The Chancellor, Mr. Art Braid, Secretary of Synod, Bob Wedlake and Chair of the Agenda Committee, Mary Williams.

Bishop's Appointments

The Bishop announced the following Appointments

Secretary of Synod: Mr. Bob Wedlake

Agenda Committee Chair: Mrs. Mary Williams

Nominations Committee Chair: The Rev. Helen Kennedy

Resolutions Committee Chair: The Ven. James Dugan

Credentials Committee Chair: Mrs. Claudine Thagard

Appointment of Auditors, Printing of Minutes, Destruction of Ballots

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/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

Missional Church summary statement

The Ven. Simon Blaikie summed up the missional-church element of the Session's proceedings.

Relationships were a consistent focus: relationships with Indigenous persons, with the Ugandan visitors, with arriving refugee families, and the children of St Alban's, Kenora in their interviews with various persons.

Vote of Thanks

MOTION The Rev. Canon Mary Lysecki/The Ven. Simon Blaikie

RESOLVED THAT this 113th 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 Stephanie Tidd, Kitchen Coordinator, Mrs. Mavis Ford, and Cathedral volunteers.
- Mr. Vance Schussler, Caterer for our lunches and dinner, and his assistants.
- Ms Penny Single, Kitchen Coordinator for snacks and beverages and the many volunteers who assisted in the kitchen.
- The Worship Co-chairs, The Rev. Liz Richens and The Rev. Vincent Solomon and members of the Worship Committee: Mr. Connor Blaikie, The Rev. Dick Kennedy
- Thanks to all who led us in various aspects of the worship in leading prayers, music or reading scripture
- For those who shared "missional moments" with us.
- 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 who set up the AV equipment: Mr. Evan Milejszo
- Mr. Rick Scherger of the ELCIC, who assisted Anglican Staff with the Audio Visuals, and video-taped some of the presentations of Synod
- For all those who took time to prepare and staff displays at the Synod for all our benefit and

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- The Rev. Canon Dr. Judy Rois and Mr. Scott Brubaker of the Anglican Foundation who came to be with us and share on the work of the Anglican Foundation
- For all who made presentations for our learning and benefit.
- Mrs. Mary Williams, Chair of the Agenda Committee and the members of the Synod Agenda Committee for their vision of the theme of “Embracing the World with Christ” and the way in which they structured the agenda of Synod for our benefit
- To the Ven. Simon Blaikie, for sharing on missional church
- The Dean and Archdeacons for their work in bringing forward resolutions from the Bishop's Address
- To Bishop Elaine Sauer, 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. Dr. Lee Titterington, 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. Brian Ford, and members of his Committee, for seeking out and organizing the nominations and balloting
- The Scrutineers, for their careful tallying of the ballots
- The Recording Secretaries: Dr. Robert Thomas and Ms Armelle Evoy, 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 'retired' Ms Cathy Mondor, for stepping in to help with Thursday evening registration, and throughout the Synod
- 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 the vision and challenges outlined in his Address to Synod inviting us to continue on this journey being transformed into 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

The Bishop added remarks of gratitude and encouragement to the Ugandan visitors.

Bishop's Concurrence

The Bishop declared his concurrence with the Acts and Resolutions of the 113th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Reporting

The Bishop 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.

The Secretary of Synod made some closing announcements.

Adjournment

MOTION Mrs. Mary Williams/Mr. Bob Wedlake

RESOLVED THAT following the closing worship, this 113th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be adjourned.

CARRIED

Closing worship

Worship began with a prayer by the Rev. Liz Richens. The Rev. Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk read from 1 John 4. A hymn was led by Mr. Connor Blaikie. A 'sending blessing' was offered by the Rev. Barbara Shoomski. The Bishop gave a final blessing after which The Rev. Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk dismissed the assembly.