

## Resolutions of the 2014 Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land

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

#### **Resolution A-1**

MOTION: The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft/The Rev. S. Blaikie

RESOLVED THAT Lay Synod Delegates ensure that the following question is discussed at all meetings of their parish vestry, from now until Synod 2016: "How is our physical plant (buildings and land) being used as a staging area for mission and ministry?"

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution A-2**

MOTION: The Rev. S. Blaikie/The Rev. H. Kennedy

RESOLVED THAT the Associates in Episcopal Ministry, together with three lay people appointed by Diocesan Council, who may or may not be members of Diocesan Council, prepare a theological reflection on the nature of reconciliation with God within the context of, but not limited to, our responsibilities in Indian Residential Schools.

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution A-3**

MOTION: The Rev. S. Blaikie/The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft

RESOLVED THAT the Associates in Episcopal Ministry, together with three lay people appointed by Diocesan Council, who may or may not be members of Diocesan Council, be tasked with designing an event(s) that addresses the church's need to reconcile with God in the context of Indian Residential Schools, reflecting on Resolution A-2.

*MOTION: The Rev. J. Howison/The Rev. E. Laldin*

*RESOLVED THAT motion A-3 be tabled.*

**CARRIED**

*MOTION: The Rev. J. Howison/Mr. D. Thagard*

*RESOLVED THAT Resolution A-3 be lifted from the table.*

**CARRIED**

A friendly amendment resulted in a slight rewording of Resolution A-3.

#### **Revised Resolution A-3**

MOTION: The Rev. S. Blaikie/The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft

RESOLVED THAT the Associates in Episcopal Ministry, together with three lay people appointed by Diocesan Council, who may or may not be members of Diocesan Council, be tasked with designing an appropriate public response to the theological work mandated by Resolution A-2.

**CARRIED**

#### **Resolution A-4**

MOTION: The Rev. H. Kennedy/The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft

RESOLVED THAT Synod request the Board on Canons and Rules of Order to draft an amendment to section 9.02(c) of the Constitution to remove the criterion that appointed members must be chairs of groups established by Council.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution A-5**

MOTION: The Rev. H. Kennedy/The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft

RESOLVED THAT the Associates in Episcopal Ministry, together with three lay people appointed by Diocesan Council, who may or may not be members of Diocesan Council, assemble a group of people for the purpose of discerning what structures of governance need to be created and/or dissolved to best serve the Diocese now and into the future; and that this group report to Diocesan Council in sufficient time to allow a report with recommendations to be presented to Synod 2016.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution A-6**

MOTION: The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft/The Rev. S. Blaikie

RESOLVED THAT the Chair of the Diocesan Council ensure that the key messages of Diocesan Council and the Executive Committee continue to be made available to lay delegates; and that lay delegates be responsible for providing this information to their respective Vestries.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution A-7**

MOTION: The Rev. S. Blaikie/ The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft

RESOLVED THAT this Synod recognize that a growing number of disciples are engaged in a new conversation loosely described as 'missional', and that this conversation is vital to the future of our Diocese; and this growing number of disciples give consideration to drafting new methods of evaluating parish vitality. These new methods, if available, are to be presented to Synod 2016.

**CARRIED**

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B)**Section 9 (2) of the Constitution****Resolution B-1**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT Section 9.02 b i) and ii) which currently reads,

b) "Elected members:

(i) Ten clerical members, elected by Synod, of whom at least two shall be licensed by the Bishop for ecclesiastical duties within the City of Winnipeg, and at least two shall be licensed by the Bishop for ecclesiastical duties in the Diocese outside the City of Winnipeg.

(ii) Twelve lay members, elected by Synod, of whom at least three shall be delegates of a parish or mission within the City of Winnipeg, and at least three shall be delegates of a parish or mission in the Diocese outside the City of Winnipeg."

be amended to increase the number of clergy from within the City of Winnipeg and outside the City of Winnipeg to three (from two); and to increase the number of laity from within the City of Winnipeg and outside the City of Winnipeg to four(from three).

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS WITHOUT DISSENT**

**Canon 16 – Delegates to General and Provincial Synods****Resolution B-2**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT Section 1 (b) and (c) be repealed and replaced with the following:

1. (b) A person must be a communicant and shall be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod to be elected as a delegate to General Synod or as a substitute therefor. A person elected to General Synod as a youth delegate shall be at least sixteen years of age upon the opening of General Synod and under the age of twenty-six upon the prorogation of General Synod.
- (c) A person must be a communicant to be elected as a lay delegate to Provincial Synod or as a substitute therefor. One of the lay delegates to Provincial Synod shall be a person between the ages of sixteen and twenty-five inclusive as of the first day of May of the year of the regular sessions of the Provincial Synod for which the delegate is chosen.

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS WITHOUT DISSENT**

### **Canon 17 Board on Canons and Rules of Order**

#### **Resolution B-3**

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

RESOLVED THAT Section 3(a) of Canon 17 be amended by adding the Vice-Chancellor as a member of the Board on Canons and Rules of Order.

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS WITHOUT DISSENT**

### **Canon 18 Synod Proceedings re Nominating Committee**

#### **Resolution B-4**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT clauses 9(d) ii) and iii) of Canon 18 be amended by replacing the existing clauses which now read,

- ii) four clerical members of Synod, of whom at least one shall be from outside the City of Winnipeg, and
- iii) four lay members of Synod, of whom at least one shall be from outside the City of Winnipeg.

with the following:

- ii) four clerical members of the Anglican Church of Canada residing in the Diocese, of whom at least one shall be from outside the City of Winnipeg, and
- iii) four lay members of the Anglican Church of Canada residing in the Diocese, of whom at least one shall be from outside the City of Winnipeg.

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS WITHOUT DISSENT**

### **Canon 23 Lay Delegates**

#### **Resolution B-5**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT a new sentence be added at the end of Section 2 as follows:

"Churchwardens and members of the vestry are eligible to be elected as Synod delegates or as alternate Synod delegates."

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS**

MOTION: The Rev. B. Dowling/The Ven.G. Mawejje

RESOLVED THAT Resolution B-5 be reconsidered.

**CARRIED**

A corrected Resolution B-5 was put to the Synod for consideration

**Revised Resolution B-5**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order  
RESOLVED THAT a new sentence be added at the end of Section 2 as follows:  
"Churchwardens and members of the vestry are eligible to be elected as Synod delegates or as substitute Synod delegates."

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS**

**Resolution B-6**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT section 4 of Canon 23 that currently reads,

4. "A person shall not vote for a lay delegate or substitute lay delegate of more than one parish or mission."

be replaced with the following:

4. A person may not vote for, nor be, a lay delegate or substitute lay delegate of more than one parish or mission.

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS**

**Resolution B-7**

MOTION: Mr. E.A. Braid on behalf of the Board on Canons & Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT Section 8 (f) of Canon 23 which currently reads,

(f) "As an ex officio member of the vestry, to carry out the duties of a member of the vestry as provided in the Canons."

be replaced with the following:

(f) To be an active member of the Vestry.

**CARRIED IN BOTH ORDERS**

**Resolution B-8**

MOTION: The Rev. Deacon E. Parsons/The Rev. S. Blaikie

RESOLVED THAT this Synod request the Diocesan Council and the Board on Canons and Rules of Order to oversee the development of a Canon on Deacons for inclusion in the Canons of the Diocese of Rupert's Land and that any canonical amendments that may be required be presented to Synod 2016 for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution B-9**

MOTION: The Rev. Deacon H. Hunter/The Rev. Canon F. Stewart

RESOLVED THAT this Synod forward a Memorial to the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land asking that Diaconal Ministry be included in the Provincial Canons.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution B-10**

MOTION: The Rev. Deacon M. Maybee/The Rev. Dr. M.L. Cornell

RESOLVED THAT this Synod forward a Memorial to the Council of General Synod asking that a Canon on Deacons be included in the Canons of General Synod.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution B-11**

MOTION: Ms J. White/The Rev. Canon Dr. C. Campbell

RESOLVED THAT Diocesan Council cause a review of the Canons to be undertaken to ensure that they enable and accommodate Local Collaborative Ministry within the Diocese; and that any Canonical amendments that may be required be presented to Synod 2016 for consideration.

**CARRIED**

Resolutions (C)

**Resolution C-1**

MOTION: The Rev. Dr. L. Titterington/Dr. J. James

RESOLVED THAT this Synod request the Bishop to encourage all parish leadership to become informed and educated regarding:

- Mental health issues in the community,
- Mental health resources for suitable referral,
- Creation of Safe Communities for all.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution C-2**

MOTION: The Rev. Dr. L. Titterington/The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft

RESOLVED THAT a Mental Health First Aid training workshop be provided for parish leaders and especially clergy (including retired, but active, chaplains, honorary assistants, etc.).

**CARRIED**

**Resolution C-3**

MOTION: The Rev. Dr. S. Titterington/Dr. J. James

RESOLVED THAT the 2015 Faith Horizons planning group consider having mental health as its focus.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution C-4**

MOTION: The Rev. Canon G. Woodcroft/The Rev. Dr. L. Titterington

RESOLVED THAT this Synod request the Bishop to form a task group to explore and develop strategies to further equip the Diocese to respond to persons with mental health concerns through such resources as:

- A network and database of professionally trained and certified counselors for parish referral,
- Available Diocese facilities that might be used as a counseling center,
- Development of policies to guide a possible Christian Counseling Program,
- Ongoing prayer support for this ministry;

AND THAT this task group report regularly to Diocesan Council at a frequency to be determined by the Council.

**CARRIED**

**Resolution C-5**

MOTION: Mr. G. Jackson/Ms W. Slipetz

RESOLVED THAT parishes of the Diocese be encouraged in the purchase and placement of AEDs (Automated External Defibrillators) in an accessible place within their buildings.

**CARRIED**

MOTION: Mrs D. Ives Lewis/Ms M. Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the Auditors for 2014 – 15 be PriceWaterhouse Coopers LLP.

**CARRIED**