

**MINUTES OF THE 112TH SESSION  
OF THE SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF RUPERT'S LAND  
October 16 to 18, 2014**

**1ST SITTING, THURSDAY EVENING - October 16, 2014** St John's Cathedral

The 112th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land opened with a service of Holy Eucharist. In the prelude to the service, Diocesan Dean, The Very Rev. Paul N. Johnson extended a welcome to all on behalf of the Cathedral and made several announcements. He was followed by Mr. George Campbell who extended a welcome to the land on behalf of First Nations peoples, and a prayer was offered by Elder Ellen Cook.

During the service the Vice-Chancellor, the Hon. Mr. Justice Robert B. Doyle was installed. Mrs. Donna Cawker and Mrs. Cathy Mondor were awarded the Order of Rupert's Land for their long-standing contributions to the Diocese. In his Address to the Synod, the Bishop began by noting the renovations to Anglican Centre, (now Anglican Lutheran Centre) to enable staff of the Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada to share the office space. He welcomed clergy and lay persons from the southern part of the former Diocese of Keewatin, into our midst as a result of diocesan boundary changes. Four other matters were given attention: the historical burden of the relation of Canada with First Nations, education for ministry and for theology's sake, mental health, a sound basis for religious communication, and mission.

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

**2ND SITTING, FRIDAY MORNING - October 17, 2014** – North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The sitting began with an opening hymn accompanied by Mr. Julian Vanderput.

**Bishop's Welcome**

The Bishop welcomed all delegates and introduced the head table:

Mr. Arthur Braid, Chancellor

Mrs. Diane Ives Lewis, Chair, Synod Agenda Committee

Ms Margaret Clarke, Secretary of Synod

**Report of the Credentials Committee**

Mr. Bob Wedlake, Chair, reported on behalf of the Credentials Committee that as of nine o'clock, of a possible 104 clergy, 69 had registered and, of a possible 170 laity, 113 had registered, constituting a quorum.

**Bishop's Declaration of the Synod**

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

**Honourary Secretaries**

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

RESOLVED THAT the following be appointed as Honourary Secretaries for the 112th Session of Synod: Dr. Robert Thomas and the Rev. Donald McKenzie.

**CARRIED**

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee  
 MOTION: Mrs. D. Ives Lewis/Ms M. Clarke  
 RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the 2nd sitting be as follows:  
 Welcome to new clergy and new lay delegates  
 Announcements / instructions  
 Announcement of Council Appointees  
 Announcement of Youth Delegates  
 Resolution on Synod Appointees  
 Report of the Nominating Committee and notice of deadline for nominations  
 Report of the Resolutions Committee and notice of deadline for resolutions  
 Worship  
 Reception of the Reports in the Convening Circular  
 Motion to receive other reports  
 Motion to adopt the Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council  
 Presentation of motions from the Bishop's Address  
 Break  
 Missional Church Presentation – New Vision (Resolution A-4 of 111th Session, 2012)  
 Announcements  
 Update from Nominations and Resolutions Committees  
 Grace & dismissal for lunch  
**CARRIED**

Bishop's Welcome continued

The Bishop welcomed new clergy:

LCdr the Rev. Jack Barrett	The Rev. David Labdon
The Rev. Jeanne Bryan	The Rev. Mark Loyal
The Rev. Georgina Connor	The Rev. Deacon Lynn Macdonald
The Rev. Allison Chubb	The Rev. Gwen McAllister
The Rev. Deacon Penny Cummine	The Rev. Wayne McIntosh
The Rev. John Doloff	The Rev. Canon Terry McNear
The Rev. Bonnie Dowling	The Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk
The Ven. James Dugan	The Rev. Deacon Bill Morris
The Rev. Brian Flower	The Rev. Robert J. Murray
The Rev. Kevin Frankland	The Rev. Brent Neumann
The Rev. Melissa Frankland	The Rev. Deacon Diane Panting
The Rev. Doug Greig	The Rev. Deacon Jacqueline Rundle
The Rev. Helen Holbrook	The Rev. Steven Scribner
The Rev. Ruth Ivall	The Rev. Sandra Tankard
The Rev. Marion Jackson	LCol the Rev. Marc Torchinsky
The Rev. Richard Kennedy	The Rev. Dr Lissa Wray Beal
The Rev. Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk	The Rev. Deacon Marline Wruck

The Bishop extended a particular welcome to all first-time lay delegates, including those joining from parishes now in the Diocese on account of the recent boundary changes:

Church of the Good Shepherd, Atikokan	St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora
St. Luke, Dryden	St. John, Lac du Bonnet
St. John, Fort Frances	Holy Trinity, Minnitaki
Emmanuel Anglican/United Church, Ignace	St. James, Rainy River

St. Cleopas, Red Lake Shared Ministry  
St. Mary, Sioux Lookout

St. John, Wabigoon  
Pinawa Christian Fellowship, Pinawa

#### Announcements

The Secretary of Synod announced instructions for speaking at the sitting and mentioned a way of dealing with motions too complex to be voted on responsibly, namely by referring to Diocesan Council.  
The Chair of the Agenda Committee made logistical announcements.

#### Council Appointees

The Bishop announced Council appointees:

The Rev. Robert Murray (Pinawa Christian Fellowship)

Armed Forces Chaplain LCdr the Rev. Jack Barrett

Armed Forces Chaplain LCol the Rev. Marc Torchinsky

The Rev. Canon Richard Condo (LCM Mentor, St Thomas, Winnipeg)

The Rev. Deacon Maylanne Maybee (Diocesan PWRDF Coordinator, Principal of Centre for Christian Studies)

#### Youth Appointees

The Bishop announced the youth appointees:

Mr. Connor Blaikie (St Saviour, Wpg), Ms Kayla Matheson (St Andrew, St Andrews, Manitoba), Ms Lomalanga Mkhabela (St Luke, Winnipeg), Mr. Ian Silk, (St George, Crescentwood)

#### Synod Appointees

MOTION: Ms M. Clarke/Mr. E.A. Braid

RESOLVED THAT Synod appoint, in accordance with the Constitution 2.02 (d) (iii) the following persons to be full members of Synod: Mr. George Campbell, Mrs. Sylvia James, Ms Pearl Ivall Mason, Mr. Sean Carlson, Mrs. Diane Ives Lewis.

**CARRIED**

#### Privileges of the Floor

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

RESOLVED THAT Synod extends a warm welcome to all visitors and presenters and grants privileges of the floor, without the right to vote to Ms Kirsten Pinto-Gfroerer and Ms Linda Cloutier.

**CARRIED**

#### Report of the Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, the Rev. Brian Ford, announced names of the Committee members: the Rev. Barb Shoomski, the Rev. Dr Brad Elliot, the Rev. Melissa Frankland, the Rev. Canon Tony Harwood-Jones, the Rev. Deacon Mona Blackburn, Ms Tannis Webster, Ms Isla Marsh, Mr. Bernie Beare, Mr. Dan Thagard. The Interim report was to be printed just prior to lunch and posted to the diocesan website: [www.rupertsland.ca](http://www.rupertsland.ca).

#### Scrutineers

MOTION: The Rev. B. Ford/Ms M. Clarke

RESOLVED THAT the following persons be appointed as Scrutineers for the 112th Session of Synod: Ms Faye Allen, Ms Bernice Funk, Mrs. Cathy Mondor, Ms Leslie Pelser, Mrs. Susan Suppes, the Rev. Deacon Karen Terlinski, Mrs. Claudine Thagard.

**CARRIED**

#### Ballots

MOTION: The Rev. B. Ford/Ms M. Clarke

RESOLVED THAT nominations be received until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014; and that ballot boxes be open from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 18, 2014.

**CARRIED**

#### Resolutions Committee

The Rev. Murray Still, Chair of the Resolutions Committee announced the names of the Committee members: Mr. Bob Blanchard, Mrs. Patsy Grant, Mr. Ian Silk, Mr. Karl Purchase, the Rev. Dr Louise Cornell.

Deadline for Resolutions was 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014.

#### Announcement

Delegates were asked to move to deanery groups for worship.

#### Worship

Morning worship, led by the Rev. J. Doloff, consisted of a reading, prayers in four languages, a talk by the Ven. J. Dugan, and a blessing by the Bishop.

#### Reception of Reports in the Convening Circular

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

RESOLVED THAT the reports in the convening circular on pages CC 10 to CC 92, and the numbered hand-outs, with the correction on CC 23 of 'Urban Indigenous Mission Developer' to 'Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer', be received.

**CARRIED**

#### Announcement by the Bishop:

The Diocese received a grant from the National Church from Healing and Reconciliation Funds to cover the costs of the contract Archivist we engaged to complete our Diocesan submission to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. That grant of \$5700 covered the entire costs associated with the hiring of a contract Archivist.

#### Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council

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

RESOLVED THAT Synod receive the Acts & Resolutions of Diocesan Council and Executive Committee found on pages CC 1 to CC 8, and the addendum on pages CC 9a/9b, amended to add Maylanne Maybee's last name to Act #163.

**CARRIED**

#### Committee on the Bishop's Address

The membership of the Committee was announced: the Rev. Simon Blaikie, the Rev. Helen Kennedy, the Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft. The resolutions A-1 to A-7 were presented as notices of motion.

#### Honorary Secretaries and Agenda

MOTION: Ms M. Clarke/Mr. E.A. Braid

RESOLVED THAT motions appointing the honorary secretaries and setting the agenda for the second sitting, irregularly moved, be ratified.

**CARRIED**

#### Missional Church Presentation – New Vision

The Rev. Simon Blaikie, the Rev. Helen Kennedy, and the Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft made a presentation

arising from Resolution A-4 of 111th Session in 2012. It explained the term 'missional church'.

#### Announcements and Grace

The Secretary of Synod made announcements pertaining to lunch, organizations' displays, and reconvening at parish tables. The Bishop said grace and dismissed the sitting.

### **3RD SITTING, FRIDAY AFTERNOON - October 17, 2014, North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church**

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

Worship, after the sitting was called to order by the Chair, began and ended with a hymn. Prayers were led by the Rev. Deacon Maylanne Maybee, a reading was read in several languages, and the Ven. J. Dugan gave a second talk.

#### Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

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

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 3rd Sitting of the 112th Session of the Synod be as follows:

#### Announcements

Discovering Who We Are (as a result of the boundary changes)

Rupert's Land Media Presentation

Stretch Break

Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer

Diocesan Finance Reports

Audited Statements 2013

Current Diocesan Finances (to date 2014)

Draft Budget 2015 / 2016

Resolutions (A – from the Bishop's Address and B – From the Circular)

Final Report of the Resolutions Committee

Final Report of the Nominations Committee

Free Time

Dinner

Presentation by the Bishop with guided table conversations

Closing prayer / hymn

**CARRIED**

#### Announcements

The Chair of the Agenda Committee made logistical announcements.

#### Resolutions Committee

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee gave notice of motions C-1 to C-4.

#### Nominations Committee

The Chair of the Nominations Committee gave an update on nominations since the printing before lunch.

Discovering Who We Are - (as a result of the boundary changes)

Presentation by Rupert's Land prior to boundary changes

(Participating in the presentation: the Rev. Brian Ford as guest bishop - Bishop Venerabilis, The Rt. Rev. Donald Phillips, the Rev. M. Bruce, Ms M. Boyd, the Rev. J. Howison, the Rev. E. Laldin, the Very Rev. P. Johnson, the Rev. V. Solomon, the Rev. Deacon K. Terlinski, the Rev. C. Guilford, the Ven. G. Mawejje, and Ms M. Clarke)

Presentation of the new Archdeaconry of Kenora – St. Alban (The Ven. James Dugan and choir of the Archdeaconry)

Rupert's Land Media presentation

The Rev. Allison Chubb explained the process of renovating the Rupert's Land News, its online presence, the monthly print magazine, and the weekly e-mail bulletin.

Bishop Elaine Sauer of the Manitoba and Northern Ontario Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada arrived, was welcomed, and brought greetings.

Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer

The Very Rev. Paul Johnson reported on the process leading to the approval, by Diocesan Council in March, of the position of Urban Indigenous Ministry Developer in Winnipeg for five years.

Diocesan Financial Report

The Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Pawling, reported on the diocesan finances, presenting the Audited Financial Statements 2013, an oral update on current finances, and Budgets 2015/2016.

MOTION: Mr. G. Pawling on behalf of Diocesan Council

RESOLVED THAT the Audited Statements for the Diocese of Rupert's Land for the year ended December 31, 2013 be received.

**CARRIED**

MOTION: Mr. G. Pawling on behalf of Diocesan Council

RESOLVED THAT Operating Budget for 2015 and 2016 be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

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 TO TABLE

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

That Resolution A-3 be tabled.

**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**

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**

Resolutions from Convening Circular (B)

**Constitution re Diocesan Council**

**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 3 (from 2); and to increase the number of laity from within the City of Winnipeg and outside the City of Winnipeg to 4 (from 3).

**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 delegates 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 and 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 and 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. Mowejje

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 and Rules of Order

RESOLVED THAT section 4 of Canon 23 that section 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 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 and Rules of Order

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**

It was noted that much of the point of Resolutions B-5 and B-7 will be achieved only if they are publicized.

Final Report of the Nominations Committee

The Chair of the Nominations Committee reported on final nominations received after lunch.

Final Report of the Resolutions Committee

The Chair of the Resolutions Committee reported on the one additional notice of motion received before the deadline.

Announcements and Grace

Free time until 5:30 was announced and that reconvening at 5:30 should be in deanery groups. The Secretary of Synod also gave instructions for voting and reconvening on Saturday morning. At 5:30 the Secretary of Synod gave instructions for dinner, and the Bishop said grace.

Presentation by the Bishop with guided table conversations

The subject was Rowan Williams' book, *On Being Christian*. Discussion was followed by prayer and a hymn. The Bishop then dismissed the sitting.

**4TH SITTING, SATURDAY MORNING - October 19, 2014**, North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The sitting began with a hymn accompanied by the Rev. Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

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

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the 4th Sitting of the 112th Session of the Synod be as follows:

Announcements

Worship & Bible Study

Report of the Commission on Theological Education

Resolutions from the Convening Circular (B) and floor (C)

Stretch Break

Resolutions (continued)

Report of the Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle

Announcements

Grace and Lunch

**CARRIED**

Announcements

The Chair of the Agenda Committee made logistical and election-related announcements.

## Worship & Bible Study

The Chair voiced prayer requests for the middle-eastern victims and potential victims of ISIL and for the Christian victims of violence in South Sudan.

Worship was led by the Rev. K. Laldin. It began and ended with a hymn accompanied by the Rev. Deacon T. Kolisnyk. The reader was Mr. Ian Hope. The Ven. J. Dugan spoke.

## Report of the Commission on Theological Education

The Warden of St John's College, Dr Chris Trott listed the members of the Commission: Convenor, Ms K. Pinto-Gfroerer, the Rev. J. Howison, the Rev. Canon Dr. C. Campbell, the Rev. A. Chubb, Dr P. Dyck, Ms S. Fisher. He outlined the background of the suspension of the theology programme at St John's College and the establishment of the Commission. Ms Pinto-Gfroerer reported on the work of the Commission from the beginning.

## Resolutions from the Convening Circular (B) continued, and Floor (C)

### **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**

Report of the Rupert's Land Indigenous Circle

Elder George Campbell, Chair of the Circle, began a presentation on the work of interest to the Synod under the umbrella of the Circle. Mrs. Sylvia James spoke on the Anglican Council of Indigenous People and Wechetowin Inc. Mr. Campbell concluded with thanks to Ms F. Bear, Mr. J. Keeper, Elder Ellen Cook, the Rev. M. Still, the Rev. B. Shoomski, the Rev. H. Falconer, the Rev. R. McCullough, Ms M. Thomas, and Mr. Roger Stagg.

Scrutineers' Report

The Chair of the Nominations Committee announced that on account of a tie in the election of lay delegates to Provincial Synod, a run-off election would be held over the lunch hour.

Announcements and Grace

The Secretary of Synod made announcements about lunch, and the Bishop said grace and dismissed the sitting.

**5TH SITTING, Saturday afternoon - October 19, 2014, North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church**

CHAIR: The Right Rev. Donald Phillips

The Rev. Karen Laldin introduced a period of silent prayer, with piano accompaniment by the Rev. Deacon Tanis Kolisnyk.

Report of the Synod Agenda Committee

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

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

Announcements

Council of the North Video

Companion Diocese Committee

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 Rev. V. Solomon announced an information night hosted by the Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba and the Interchurch Council on Hydropower (ICH) to inform interested church and community members about the work of the ICH.

The Secretary of Synod announced the AGM of Kairos, the Annual Bishop's Dinner, and the need for parish representatives for PWRDF.

Council of the North Video was presented.

Companion Diocese

Mr. Sean Carlson, Chair of the Companion Diocese Committee, spoke respecting the report of the Committee in the convening circular.

Resolutions C (continued)

**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**

Closing Procedures

Report of the Scrutineers

(See Appendix for results of the balloting)

The Bishop expressed his thanks to:

Retiring Secretary of Synod, Ms Margaret Clarke

Retiring Diocesan Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Cathy Mondor

Bishop's Appointments

Bishop announced the following appointments:

Secretary of Synod: Mr. Bob Wedlake

Agenda Committee Chair: Mrs. Diane Ives Lewis

Nominations Committee Chair: The Rev. Brian Ford

Resolutions Committee Chair: The Rev. Dr Lee Titterington

Credentials Committee Chair: Mrs. Claudine Thagard

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

RESOLVED THAT the Auditors for 2014-15 be Price Waterhouse Coopers LLP.

**CARRIED**

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

RESOLVED THAT the minutes be printed, subject to the approval of the Bishop and the Chancellor.

**CARRIED**

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

RESOLVED THAT the ballots be destroyed by the Scrutineers.

**CARRIED**

Vote of Thanks

MOTION: Mr. G. Jackson/Ms J. Lloyd

RESOLVED THAT this 112th Session of Synod express its deep thanks to:

- The Cathedral Parish of St John; the Very Rev. Paul Johnson, and members of the Cathedral staff, the members of the Diocesan Choir and Choir Director Mr. Tom Packham, Kitchen Coordinator Mrs. Mavis Ford, and Cathedral Volunteers;
- The students of Tec Voc High School under the direction of Mr. Terry Willerton who provided the dainties for the reception following the Opening Service;
- The Students of Kildonan East Collegiate under Mr. Raymond Czayka, who provided muffins and biscuits for the coffee breaks / snacks for Synod, and our lunches;
- Mr. Vance Schussler, Caterer for our lunches and dinner, and his assistants, and parish volunteers;
- The Worship Chair, the Rev. Karen Laldin, and her committee;
- Those who assisted with the daily worship, as leaders, readers, prayers: Mr. Julian Vanderput, the Rev. Tanis Kolisnyk and the Rev. Canon Norman Collier for their giftedness on the piano; to Mr. Connor Blaikie, and Rev. Dick Kennedy for their guitar accompaniment;
- The Ven. James Dugan for his meaningful and personal reflections during our worship / Bible study times;
- The Pastors and Staff of North Kildonan Mennonite Brethren Church, particularly Ms Anne Friesen, Parish Administrator, and the Caretaker, Ms Hanna Hiebert;
- The Audio Visual Set up: Mr. Evan Milejszo, AV Coordinator, Mr. David Plewes, AV Advisor; thanks for seeing to all our AV needs and requirements,;
- For all those who took time to prepare and staff displays at the Synod for all our benefit and information;
- For all who made presentations for our learning and benefit;
- Mrs. Diane Ives Lewis, Chair of the Agenda Committee and the members of the Synod Agenda Committee for their vision of the theme and the way in which they structured the agenda of Synod for our benefit;
- For those who wrote, and participated in the sharing of Who We Are: Rupert's Land;
- And for all those from the Kenora – St. Alban Archdeaconry for their informative and delightful presentation of who they are: former southern region of Keewatin;
- To the Rev. Canon Geoff Woodcroft, the Rev. Simon Blaikie, and the Rev. Helen Kennedy for their presentation of "missional church – a new vision"; and their work in bringing forward resolutions from the Bishop's Address to help us move towards being missional faith communities;
- To Bishop Elaine Sauer, of the ELCIC, for taking time to bring greetings to our synod;
- The Chair of the Credentials Committee: Mr. Bob Wedlake and the volunteers from our parishes who assisted with the Registration process;
- The Chair of the Resolutions Committee: The Rev. Canon Dr. Murray Still and members of his committee for their careful work in ensuring the resolutions were concise 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: The Rev. Donald McKenzie and Dr. Robert Thomas, for their attentive recording of the proceedings of the Synod;
- Our Treasurer, Mr. Gordon Pawling, for all his advice and guidance throughout the year;
- Our Chancellor, Mr. E. Arthur Braid, for his wisdom and advice, not only during Synod, but on many matters throughout the year;
- Anglican Lutheran Centre Staff who provided administrative and organizational assistance prior to and throughout the Synod: Mrs. Cathy Mondor and Mrs. Susan Suppes; and The Rev. Deacon Karen Terlinski;
- The Secretary of Synod, Ms Margaret Clarke, for her 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 as Disciples...the Discovery and challenging us to become better equipped to be 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**

Bishop's Closing remarks

The Bishop thanked the Rev. Brian Ford for his work on registration software, the Rev. Karen Laldin for the worship supervision, and the Ven. James Dugan for his reflections in Bible study.

Bishop's Concurrence

The Bishop declared his concurrence with the Acts and Resolutions of the 112th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

The Bishop requested all delegates to give a full report to their Parishes of the actions and concerns of the Synod at the main Sunday service, if possible, within the next two weeks.

Announcement

The Chair of the Agenda Committee asked delegates to complete the evaluation form and return it on the way out.

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

RESOLVED THAT, following the closing worship, this 112th Session of the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

Closing worship was led by the Bishop. Reader was Mrs. D. Ives Lewis. The assembly was dismissed by the Rev. Deacon M. Wruck.