



Anglican Diocese of  
Rupert's Land

## Responses to "A" Resolutions of the 2024 Synod

At the 119<sup>th</sup> Session of Synod held October 17, 18 & 19, 2024 the Resolutions arising from the Bishop's Charge ('A' Resolutions) asked for ideas and feedback from the parishes. The Resolutions are as follows:

### Resolution A-1

Moved by: Mr. Ian Hope

Seconded by: The Rev. Liz Richens

RESOLVED THAT each Parish of this Diocese, with a mind towards prayerful reconciliation, discern and implement three actionable ways for their parish to improve its stewardship of Creation during 2025. These actions shall be reported back to Diocesan Center by Dec. 31st, 2025 for posting on the Diocesan website for the purposes of accountability, and inspiration to others.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A-2

Moved by: Ms. Rachel Mawejje

Seconded by: The Rev. Bonnie Dowling

RESOLVED THAT each parish take time to consider the forms of worship and ministries of the church in the global Anglican Communion with a view to learning new ways our own worship and ministries can reflect the diversity of our surrounding culture.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A-3

Moved by: The Rev. Liz Richens

Seconded by: Ms. Cassandra Golondrina

RESOLVED THAT the Board on Canons and Rules of Order work to find actual and expedient ways in which the Diocesan Canons can be updated to be both relevant and inclusive, but also more permissive to the changes that are taking place in the Church.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A-4

Moved by: The Rev. Andrew Colman

Seconded by: Mr. Ian Hope

RESOLVED THAT each parish set aside time in 2025 to explore how we can be more creative and express the joy of the Christian faith, using each parish's unique gifts and talents to address needs in our wider communities and/or geographic parish.

**CARRIED**

### Resolution A-5

Moved by: The Rev. Liz Richens

Seconded by: The Rev. Bonnie Dowling

RESOLVED THAT there be additional emphasis and communication from the Diocese of the current pastoral care options available, ie: EAP, Anglican Fellowship of Prayer et al. As well as additional supports be made available to all leadership in the diocese in an effort to prevent burn out and support good mental and spiritual health.

**CARRIED**

By January 28, 2026 the Bishop's office has received responses from the following Congregations:

-Cathedral of Saint John, Winnipeg

-St. Luke, Dryden

-Christ Church, Selkirk

-St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg

-Church of the Good Shepherd, Winnipeg

-St. Mary la Prairie, Portage la Prairie

-Grace St. John, Carmen

-St. Mary, Sioux Lookout

-Holy Trinity, Winnipeg

-St. Matthew, Winnipeg

-St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora

-St. Paul, Fort Garry

-St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg

-St. Thomas, Morden

-St. George, Transcona

-St. Thomas, Weston

## **Common Threads among Parish responses to Synod resolutions**

### **Creation care**

Greening the church – reducing paper use, eliminating Styrofoam, energy efficiency, composting,

Participatory focus – youth events, Earth Day, Grow Hope

Land focus – treaty awareness, care for gardens and cemeteries, discovery of local green spaces, cleanup, tree planting

Advocacy – presence at municipal events, sponsoring public events

Creation-centered spirituality – Season of Creation, Messy Church, prayers for Creation

### **Cultural diversity**

Celebrating being a multi-cultural church – language, food, music, dress, visual art, all present in liturgy reflecting the diversity of membership

Discovery/education – lectures, book studies, conference, peer learning, Black History Month, partnership with non-Anglo churches

Communicating welcome – signage, messaging, action, attitudes

Diversity in age and physical ability – access, outreach, age-specific programs

Being a global church in Canada – respecting and reflecting Indigenous ways of worship, prayer for reconciliation, drawing on Anglican resources from many places and styles, uplifting diverse membership

Getting out of the building – prayer, worship and theology presented in the context of the surrounding culture

New ways of worship – lay-led services, Gospel Based Discipleship, Pray Without Ceasing, contemporary music, use of online resources, digital worship

### **Joy in our faith**

Community context – use of building, getting to know neighbourhood, identifying and meeting needs, special events relevant to the community, local advocacy

Generosity – funding initiatives, volunteering together, putting on programs, working together as a team, celebrating everyone's gifts

Creativity – sharing music, writing, visual art, symbols of faith, new uses of communications technology, taking joy in the beauty of liturgy and architecture

Discovery – study and discussion groups keep faith fresh and well-informed; partnership with other agencies and churches promotes on-going learning

Meeting people where they are – grief support, addressing isolation, feeding and clothing, healing prayer

Desire for leadership that empowers and encourages the sharing of joy in our faith

Practice of corporate reflection – baptismal covenant, discernment of call

Being part of something bigger than ourselves – partnerships, support for local/national/global programs

## **The Parish Cathedral of Saint John, Winnipeg** - Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

- Plant Trees – in the Healing Forest and elsewhere.
- Reduce paper use – starting from the bulletin but ensure accessibility remains.
- Speak truth to power – we should be on the side of Christian love, righteousness and human rights.
- Support work of Cemetery Committee
- Neighbourhood clean-up exercise – may be a fundraising opportunity
- Invite speakers on stewardship of creation
- Community collaboration e.g. with local community shared gardens – St John's could be a drop off site for weekly boxes.
- Organize field trips to areas focused on creation e.g. the Leaf, Brokenhead Bog Boardwalk etc.

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

- Incorporate Anglican music, dance, drumming and chanting practices from the multi-cultural backgrounds of the congregation.
- Incorporate multi-culturalism into the liturgy e.g. Pentecost readings in global languages.
- Organize multi-cultural potlucks to share diverse foods.
- Organize book studies with the 'Moseley Report' by Rev. Dr. Robert Moseley, Barbadian Anglican priest, former professor at Trinity College, University of Toronto and founder of the No Longer Strangers group. AND 'A Perspective on Cultural Diversity in an Anglican Setting' by Rev. Dr. Sonia Hinds, Rector of the Church of St. Leonard and the Rural Dean of St. Michael Deanery in the Anglican Diocese of Barbados.
- Conduct a Deanery Conference at St John's welcoming input on this resolution.
- Celebrate diverse cultures e.g. through encouraging cultural dress.

### **Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith**

- St John's can minister as a bridge between West (poverty) and East Main Street (relatively well to do)
- John West Hall as a venue for regular town hall meetings to connect local community members and their elected representatives.
- Host community events e.g. the North End Christmas Party, summer community picnic.
- Hold door-to-door Christmas carol singing.
- Host annual open house for local community with refreshments served.
- St John's as a site of a bi-monthly food bank collaborating with Harvest MB.
- Encourage music learning e.g. Organize congregational hymn singing sessions to encourage interaction amongst parishioners with non-parishioners welcome.

### **ALSO:**

- Organize music camp for children and/or adults.
- Sponsor a local student via bursary.



## **Christ Church, Selkirk** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

December 16, 2025

Resolution A-1/Resolution A-2/Resolution A-4



When looking for a definition of “Stewardship” in google it stated ‘Stewardship is a holistic Christian practice of being grateful caretakers of God's gifts (time, talent, treasure, and creation), using them responsibly to grow in faith, serve others, and spread God's love, moving beyond just giving money to a complete lifestyle of discipleship. It's about acknowledging that everything belongs to God and faithfully managing these resources for His glory and the betterment of the world.

Monies from our stewardship is sent to the Diocese as part of our apportionment obligation, the amount we send is often debated at our AGM- the question that often arises is why are we sending this money to the Diocese and what benefits do we receive in return, in other words are we as a parish getting a bang for our apportionment buck? This leads us to discuss leadership.

Leadership is the action of leading a group of people or an organization. It is important for providing vision, direction, motivation and for unifying people toward a common goal. The common goal of our ‘organization’ being to share the good word and walk in the ways of Christ. Leadership begins at the top of the organization; in the Diocese this responsibility falls on the Bishop and Diocesan Council, to create unity, a clear vision and consistency of direction we, as a parish would like more visible and interactive diocesan leadership with clarity of function, not just contact when there is occasional news to share or when we are reminded that we must pay our apportionment and if not we will be penalized, we need positive feedback.

Leadership is important for parishes to improve Stewardship within a Parish. Leaders in a Parish are the incumbent, wardens, and vestry, they are accountable to all those who participate in coming to church each Sunday, they share the business of Christ Church, Selkirk through the announcements each Sunday, weekly bulletins, weekly coffee sessions and monthly Vestry meetings. Everyone plays a part in making Stewardship work, there must however be some incentive to work toward improving Stewardship.

The parish of Christ Church, Selkirk has struggled, over the last several years, to find strong, compassionate leadership in our incumbent, making it difficult for the people ‘to express the joy of Christian faith’. We feel that the incumbent needs to be an effective leader, willing to be part of the parish life and that his/her presence will motivate the people who are part of the parish to share their time, talents and treasures. The leadership among various parishes have inconsistencies on what is acceptable in terms of ministry to those outside the parish, the role a parish plays in a community, what is acceptable to be done within a parish in terms of music, fundraising etc, this creates confusion and has negatively impacted how we, at Christ Church, support stewardship in our parish. Consistency of function, clarity of vision and direction must prevail throughout the Diocese, there cannot be multiple sets of rules.

In summary the specific action that we see required for all resolutions, points to Diocesan leadership that is visible, and consistent, shows openness to change and inclusivity, and are accountable & accessible, for stewardship to be successful in parishes. That parish ordained leadership is consistent with the core guiding principles of the diocese and the wider church.

Christ Church, Selkirk is currently focusing on the hiring of a new incumbent and looks forward to a positive future, at which time we can consider different forms of worship and ministry which will reflect our surrounding community.

## **Church of the Good Shepherd** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

December 3, 2025

To the Executive Archdeacon, Diocese of Rupert's Land

As requested in Bishop Naboth's December 2, 2025 letter, our responses to the identified 2024 Diocesan Synod Motions are:

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

- all worship services are prepared and delivered using power point - no printed bulletins .
- individual communion vessels are used - they are glass and washed; not disposed of .
- many of our group programs and offerings are provided via Zoom reducing carbon footprints
- intentionally recycle and reuse. Provide congregation with recycle/reuse resources and information.
- encompass creation care in our decision making and actions

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

- intentionally consider and reflect diversity in our hymns, worship services and in the composition of ministries . encourage sharing of insights and experiences for those from other cultures .
- ongoing messaging of all are welcome.

### **Resolution A-4: Joy of the Christian Faith**

- we smile a lot and use of appropriate humour and hugs . reflected in our preaching and worship - words, voice, and actions - and interactions
- we are an intentional encouraging faith community supporting an experience of belonging, love, care, fellowship, and hope

Respectfully provided by Church of the Good Shepherd, Winnipeg  
Di+, Lauren, and Peter on behalf of our faith community  
December 2025



## **Grace / St. John (GSJ) Anglican United Church** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

December 11, 2025

Dear Ven. Simon Blaikie,

Grace St. John's from Carman has endeavoured to complete some of the actions outlined in the three resolutions. Please read our notes:

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

-GSJ has moved to using a PowerPoint for congregational services (hymns, readings, prayers, etc), this allows us to use minimal paper for our Sunday bulletins. (We have cut our paper use in half).

-GSJ switched to LED lights in our former building when replacements were needed. (Our present church has burned down).

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

-GSJ created and built a 4' outdoor sign with our church information. The sign states ALL ARE WELCOME at the bottom in large lettering. Our mission is to be inclusive and welcoming.

-GSJ presently worships in three locations. Two locations are in "The Boyne Lodge" or "The Boyne Towers" where we are able to host a number of "shut-in" residents in our services. We are able to share our ministry during services, share the peace, and interact with residents and assist taking some back to their rooms. When communion is offered, it is carried right to each person and even held for those residents that need assistance.

### **Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith**

-GSJ is involved with many other community efforts. Some of our members (including the pastor) attend/lead a grief group. Our organist plays for the Boyne Lodge at other occasions. GSJ holds activities at the hospital a few times each month, organizing such activities as crafts, cards, games and puzzles.

-A card group meets with seniors at the Towers. Our pastor will be involved in workshops to train laity within the MNO Synod. Two couples from GSJ travel to Luther Village to assist with the work weekend before camp begins. GSJ holds a Spaghetti Supper as an outreach project. GSJ participates in a pulpit exchange with another pastor at the United Church, exchanging services and location when the host pastor is to be away.



Former Church Building – Destroyed by fire in March of 2025  
The plans for the new building are being worked on.



## **Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Winnipeg** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

HOLY TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH, WINNIPEG

Vestry, January 25th, 2026

Parish update on Synod 2024 – Status of Motions passed: A-1, A-2, A-4

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

- Holy Trinity delivers food waste to a Compost Winnipeg location.
- Holy Trinity recycles when and wherever possible.
- Work-in-Progress: Holy Trinity continues to use paper products.

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

- Pride month was celebrated liturgically.
- Indigenous Gospel Music is incorporated into Sunday morning worship when possible.
- Holy Trinity, Black History Month, February 8th – Worship planning includes forms of worship that honour the global Anglican communion with a view to learning new ways our own worship and ministries can reflect the diversity of our surrounding culture.

### **Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith**

- Holy Trinity serves a hot soup lunch to 400 people each week.
- Clothing and other essential items are also made available when needed.

*Please note: The current Incumbent has been in place at Holy Trinity since November 30th, 2025 and has discovered that due to significant demands over the past year it was not possible to reflect on these resolutions as mandated at Synod. Responses are primarily identifying what is currently happening with a view to recognizing that there is room for further consideration and planning.*



## **St. Alban's Cathedral, Kenora** – Parish Response to Synod Motions

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

-Weekly hosting of "Friday Food for Friends (FFF)- a community outreach program providing a nutritious hot meals (in the winter) and lighter meals in the summer, plus an opportunity to find a warming space in the winter and cooling area in the summer for food insecure folks.

-Providing food donations to the Minto Child and Family Resource Centre - a mental health and support program for low income families in Kenora.

#### **In 2026, proposed initiatives include:**

- Pride Service - open to all community members
- Mapping Exercise - to acknowledge aboriginal roots
- Discussion with Kenora city council on possible shelters and portable washrooms to help address precariously housed street folk

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

St. Alban's actions included:

- "Ashes to go "-a street ministry by Rector Lee to offer an Easter blessing and ashes while standing at a street corner to any passerby interested
- Public Lenten bible study at a local restaurant (Casey's)

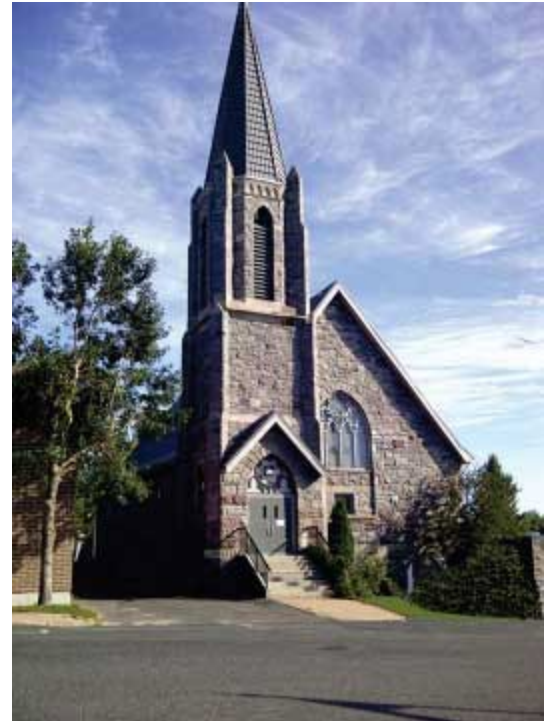
Future plans include:

- "Theology on Tap" or "Pub Theology" - a evening bible study and community building event monthly at a local restaurant. There would be a day component to this program as well offered at the church.

### **Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith**

St. Alban's actions include:

- Putting up the Pentecostal cross outside the church
- Nativity scene outside the church at Christmas
- "Ashes to go "at Easter
- Church choir has joined other choirs for community presentations
- Hosted a Special Olympics dinner/dance
- Hosted a meal for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra at Canada Day Celebration
- Hosting of 3 scouting groups through out the week
- Providing community meals weekly and offering space /equipment for meals at other two times weekly sponsored by another community group
- Mitten/scarf tree for Minto residents (a low income community) at Christmas
- Christmas hampers to Minto residents





## **St. Bartholomew, Winnipeg** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

- In 2025 St. Bartholomew replaced the outdated cooling system to a more energy efficient solution. We found a significant savings in our energy bills while continuing to enjoy the benefits of comfortable air temperatures throughout our worship and fellowship spaces.
- In 2025 St. Bartholomew replaced much of the indoor lighting and have completed the outdoors new energy efficient fixtures and bulbs.
- Our Parish youth cleaned up our Church yard, the flower beds and planted flowers.
- Applied for and received a grant from the Winnipeg Foundation that was used to replace the door entry to the Community Centre/Day Care area and the portico over the side door.

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

- St. Bartholomew Church has added diversity to our service the following ways to enhance our worship:
- The Lords Prayer spoken in the language of choice with diversity of our congregation.
- We have added African Praise and Worship once every quarter in our worship being engaged/led by Gospel Faith Mission (an ecumenical partner using our rental sanctuary space for worship)
- We celebrate Black History Month annually by integrating different performers and music into the service.
- In 2026, we will ask our parishioners to wear traditional clothing from their respective home countries and have a display of Black Historic Artifacts and host a luncheon of Afro-Caribbean multicultural foods.
- Youth have taken an active role in our worship with intergenerational participation.

### **Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith**

- The Rev. Wilson Akinwale and The Rev. Deacon Helen Hunter are helping to bring the Multifaith Leadership Council to the Southdale area, by working with our MLA to bring our community's needs and desires to local government's attention.
- We have added the Rectors weekly article/ prayers to our weekly Barts Buzz with positive results.
- We have added Morning Prayer and reserved sacrament services to meet the spiritual needs of all when our Incumbent alternates between parishes.
- Our Food Bank is supporting local community needs. We have a group of parishioners and local members that work bi-weekly at our upper-hall and community centre for collection and distribution.
- We post our service videos on YouTube channel weekly on our website.
- We support some personal care home in our community by offering quarterly Holy Communion services with anointing. Members were also visited at their personal care homes for pastoral visits, Holy Communion, anointing and prayers offered.
- Our bi-weekly Bible Study where faith expressions are reflected is led by Deacon Helen Hunter, who works with lay members to assign faith topics of interest to meet our congregational needs & context.
- In our outreach program, Girl Guides and Scouts meet on a weekly basis using our community hall.
- Our Parish has a good relationship with Frontenac School, the elementary school across the street (we are their emergency fire location); and we have a parishioner in charge of this ministry outreach.
- St. Bart's rents space to Time-to-Play Daycare, a non-profit organization who is part of our community outreach mission in support of the mission of our parish that adds value to the community.

## St. George, Transcona – Parish response to Synod Motions

### Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation

- St. George's Transcona replaced the entire heating and cooling system in 2023. This was a planned update to move to a more energy efficient solution and to address the challenges we were facing with our dated systems. We found a significant savings in our energy bills and are continuing to enjoy the benefits of improved heating and cooling temperatures throughout our worship space and our fellowship hall.

- St. George's Transcona replaced all the lighting- indoors and outdoors with new energy efficient fixtures and bulbs which again are from the energy efficient area. This improvement occurred in 2024.

- St. Georges Transcona replaced the roof, fascia and eavestroughs this year with newer energy efficient materials.



### Resolution A-2: Diversity

St. George's Transcona has integrated diversity into our worship services with the following changes:

- Lord's Prayer spoken in the language of choice to acknowledge and support the diversity of our congregation.

- We have added African Praise hymns led by lay members of our congregation monthly

- In March 2026, we are hosting World Day of Prayer for our community. The hosting country is Nigeria.

- We have celebrated Black History Month each year by integrating different pieces (music and videos) into the service, having many of our parishioners wearing traditional clothing from their respective home countries and having a display of Artifacts and hosting a luncheon of favorite Nigeria and Jamaican multicultural foods.

### Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith

- St. Georges Transcona will host World Day of Prayer in March 2026.

- Our Rector, the Rev. Wilson Akinwale, is helping to establish the Multifaith leadership Council of Transcona working with our MLA on a regular basis to bring community needs and desires to government institutions' attention.

- We participate in the Annual Ecumenical Service that is part of the "Transcona Hi Neighbour Festival."

- We have a lot of contemporary music in our services.

- We have a full guitar service weekly.

- We have added the Rectors weekly article/ prayers to our newsletter with positive feedback.

- We have added Morning Prayer and reserved sacrament services to meet the spiritual need of all when our Incumbent alternates between the two parishes.

- We have a group of parishioners that work weekly at the local resource center preparing meals for the 50+ children who are supported there.

- We support our local Food Bank

- We have a member of our congregation represent our parish at the Transcona Food Security Network.

- We post our service video on our YouTube channel weekly.

- We support several personal care homes in our community by offering monthly communion services with anointing, as well as a summer event with collaboration with a local elementary school and Christmas sing along/ Hymn Sing events.

- Our weekly Bible Study tagged: "Fresh Faith Expressions" is led by one of our Deacons and lay members as assigned with interactions on faith topics of interest to meet our congregational context.

## St. Luke, Dryden – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

St. Luke's created a questionnaire and shared it with parishioners asking for replies. Three individual responses were submitted and were organized by the resolution they seemed to pertain to below.

### Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation

- To be better stewards of creation, we need to centre our lives completely, physically, on upgrading our buildings and homes to save on energy (government programs will help) on lifestyle, recycling and choices of materials used in our daily lives (fuel, food, packaging) and taking care of nature (planting, using natural resources to grow food, caring for forests and animals).
- The largest part of the environmental footprint is caused by buildings. My recommendation is that all church (and other, if any) buildings in the Diocese be assessed for environmental impact (heat loss, energy usage etc.). The worst among them should be sold off, and the money raised should be used to bring the others up to standard – preferably the LEED standard

### Resolution A-2: Diversity

- Surrounding worship, we need a new hymn book that will reflect various cultures and ages, (more contemporary music) room in the service for inclusive rituals reflecting different nationalities, we need to include the territorial acclimation at the beginning of every service.
- We need to include ways of churches without a priest to be able to receive the Holy meal or Eucharist weekly as it is the centre of the service.

### Resolution A-3

- Unlike the Canons of the Anglican province of Ontario, the Canon's of Rupert's Land make no mention of Deacons, either by role or by type. This should be rectified.

### Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith

- This is a very difficult time socially and economically for many people as rising levels of inequality threaten the well-being of families, especially children. The church should be operating on several levels to confront this. First, on the institutional level, it should be advocating for several things, including: a revised tax system that taxes extreme wealth and removes the burden from lower income people; improved access to health care for the poor; the re-establishment of school nutrition programs for children, and the re-establishment of social housing programs to build houses for lower income people. Second, at the local level other programs should be assisted or developed such as meal programs, soup kitchens, food banks, etc. This would require the members of congregation to demonstrate their faith in and by action.
- Ways to bring joys and service to community, we need as a church, to participate and volunteer in local programs and find ways to meet the communities needs, (work at food banks, community meals, clothing depots provided) We could raise money weekly through coffee time, where a different organization is designated each week, offer our church space to special organizations to use for worship or programs. Reach out to those who are in need of companionship by bring song and service, work and volunteer collaboratively with other church denominations to make the world a better place to live in.
- I ask that we open our Church to perform baptisms and marriages to anyone who comes to us for those reasons. It shouldn't matter that their parents are baptized or the frequency you attend church. If they come to the church for these sacraments they must have some inner reason for wanting this. If we keep turning people away, our congregations will keep depleting. A child who is baptized may come back to the church when older. A married couple may return to the church when they have their own children. Over the years we have lost people to other churches because of our denial.

**St. Mary la Prairie, Portage la Prairie** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

**Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

- We had a clean up day around the property in the Spring to pick up the trash accumulated over the winter season
- We began collecting our used coffee grounds for use on the community gardens
- We continue to discourage the use of plastic and paper products for coffee hours and other catering events.
- We continue to celebrate the Season of Creation during the month of September.



**Resolution A-2: Diversity**

- We encourage our congregation to express their diversity - at our confirmation in the Spring we had some confirmands and family members wearing ribbon skirts and Metis sashes.
- We use hymns and music from a variety of styles and sources.
- We often use bulletin art from a variety of cultures.
- We have experimented with using collects, prayers and confessions from throughout the Anglican Communion.

**Resolution A-4: Joy of the Christian Faith**

We continually strive in all our activities to communicate the joy of the Christian Faith. We offer Spirit inspired joyful worship. We decorate the Church to reflect the joy of the Incarnation and Resurrection. In all that we do we attempt to centre ourselves around Jesus.



**St. Mary Magdalene, Winnipeg** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

To the Synod of the Diocese of Rupert's Land  
From the Parish of St. Mary Magdalene Anglican



In response to the letter from Bishop Naboth and Synod reporting back on the Motions of Synod.

- We held some sessions over potluck lunches to discuss “where we came from” and what were the perspectives of their religious experiences in order for us to understand one another better.
- Since St. Mary Magdalene has been without a parish Priest for the last six months, the laity are doing their best to hold the parish together.
- Our music director has tried some new and different worship music.
- We talked about planting trees, but it did not happen before deciding to put the building up for sale. -
- We have developed a prayer for reconciliation.
- We are a friendly, strong parish who welcome all into our midst.

Submitted by  
Rector's warden.





## **St. Mary, Sioux Lookout** – Parish response to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

- Our parish has intentionally ensured that all items that can be recycled are.
- Messy church had 'Creation and care of our surroundings' as the theme for one event in 2025
- Members participated in the Earth Day events planned by the municipality.

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

- Online resources are accessed and incorporated into our Sunday worship.
- Our congregation has many indigenous people, and therefore parts of the service are sometimes spoken in Cree or Ojicree.
- Youtube is used for Sunday services.
- Hymns with guitar accompaniment are chosen often.
- Praying without Ceasing provides some good alternatives.

### **Resolution A-4: The Joy of the Christian faith**

- St. Mary's is led by a team of five, two being ordained non-stipendiary priests, and three commissioned for service. (since commissioning in 2022 two team members have died and one has left the team for personal reasons)
- All five have different skill sets. Pastoral care is one of the talents. Weekly visits to the hospital as well as on-call visits involve a lot of time. Hospitality is an important talent shared by two team members.
- Providing support for all those in need is a team goal.
- In the fall warm clothing, new and gently used, was collected for the local shelters.
- A basket was placed at the church entrance to collect non-perishable food items for the food bank. These items are delivered to the food bank once a month. One team member volunteers for the food bank phone once a month.



## **St. Matthew's, Winnipeg** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A1: Stewardship of Creation**

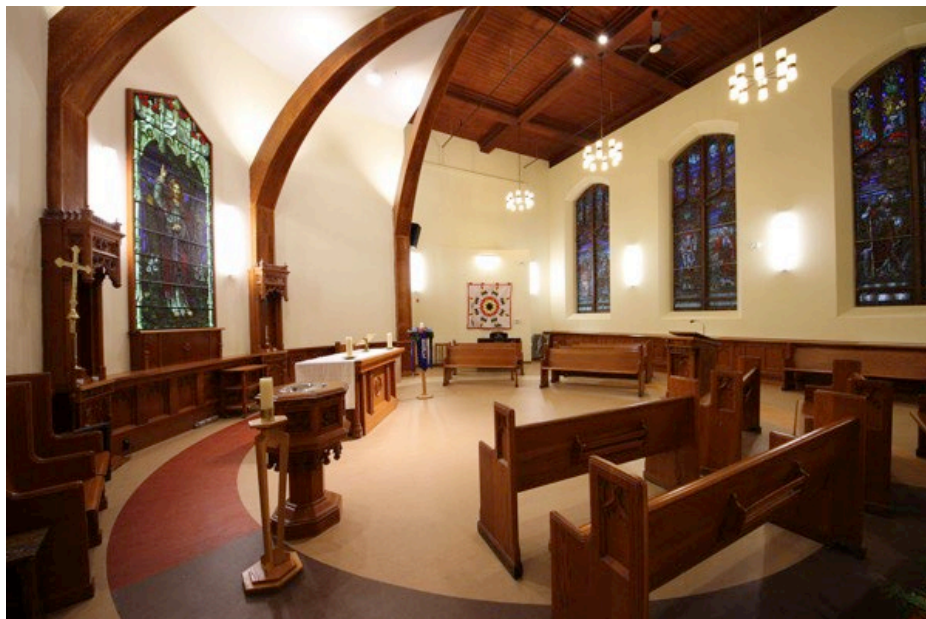
- We have participated in Seasons of Creation worship services and church school activities.
- We have supported and donated to the Grow Hope campaign
- We are a multi-ethnic community with active participation in worship by our Indigenous congregants.
- Parishioners offering the Prayers of the People regularly pray for God's Creation.

### **Resolution A2: Diversity**

- We are a diverse community representing many ethnicities and cultures. We draw on their gifts, incorporating their talents and traditions into our worship.
- We have a wide variety of parishioners reading lessons occasionally in their own language.
- We welcome parishioners to share the Lord's Prayer in the language of their choosing.
- We encourage our members to share the peace using their native language.
- We have a large extended family from Burundi who enliven the Holy Spirit within us when they dance and sing in their own language as part of Sunday worship.

### **Resolution A4: Joy of Christian Faith**

- Having turned our church building into affordable housing a decade ago we continue to work with our sister church Grain of Wheat to support and sustain this ministry of supportive housing for families and have three representatives from each parish serving on the WestEnd Commons Board.
- We offer regular services of healing prayer both for our own congregation and also for 'drop ins', for example Inuit visitors brought to us for prayers from a neighbouring hospital setting.



## **St. Paul, Fort Garry** – Parish Response to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A1:**

#### **Stewardship of Creation**

- The fluorescent tube lighting has been completely upgraded to LED lighting
- Recycling continues and no Styrofoam products are used
- We are as paperless as we can efficiently go by using PowerPoint for worship (so no bulletins), and using email and mailchimp for announcements. We have to make a few printed copies for members that are not on the internet
- In conjunction with Fort Garry United we hosted a Peace concert to highlight the concerns for our world. The concert was free and those who wished to leave a donation were afforded the opportunity to do so and it all went to support Doctors without Borders



### **Resolution A2: Diversity**

- We avail of many resources from the Anglican Communion as well as other resources.
- Our service follows the Anglican formula but we strive to express our current faith expression with contemporary material
- We have had services that have been planned with and by our Canadian-African members
- Please see our YouTube channel to experience our worship services. St. Paul's Anglican Church, Fort Garry, Wpg. - YouTube

### **Resolution A4: Joy of Christian Faith**

- In conjunction with Fort Garry United a Care Fair was held with workshops for healthy senior living
- In March to June 2025, September to November 2025 we invited in our outreach partners to speak to the congregation regarding the ministry that we help support, highlighted that ministry for that month and collected goods for the ministries and we continue to be actively involved in all of the missions

-Here is the calendar that we kept to broaden our knowledge and understanding in the whole community that we strive to support as we live out the gospel mandate. We can only address needs if we learn about the struggles

March: Pimicikamak

April: Wechetowin

May: Alongside Hope

June: Sister MacNamara School, Principal Mrs. Lenhardt Mair

August/September: Biddy's Box school supplies collection for Sister MacNamara School

September: Epiphany Indigenous Church food pantry

October: North Point Douglas Community Advocacy

November: Grands 'n' more Jean A. and Pimicikamak food collection and gift cards

December: Holiday hampers



## **St. Thomas, Morden** – Parish responses to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A1: Stewardship of Creation**

The Parish of St. Thomas is doing the following to improve our stewardship of Creation

- Installed triple pane windows in Church Hall
- Installed LED lights throughout the Hall
- We have an Energy efficient Furnace
- Installed a new programmable thermostat.
- Recycle

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

The Parish of St. Thomas is involved in the following:

- Assisted a Nigerian family with food, securing a job and place to live. Their family of 3 now attend church regularly. Also the man is providing cleaning of the Sanctuary and Hall on a weekly basis.
- We rent our space to the Ukrainian Catholic Church for their Sunday services and fundraising events.
- We provide Bible Study on the 4th Sunday of every month instead of a regular service.
- We provide music with guitar, piano and singing for praise and worship.

### **Resolution A-4: Joy of Christian Faith**

The Parish of St. Thomas is providing the following:

- Provide space to the Ukrainian Catholic Church for fundraising events so they can send money back to families in the Ukraine.
- Lay readers and Lay Ministers provide leadership of services and sermons.
- Several members of the congregation take part in reading scripture and delivering sermons.
- Give to the local Food Bank and School Lunch Program
- Donate to Worldwide Projects through Alongside Hope and Grow Hope.
- Set up a fund in the Morden Area Foundation to provide funds that will sustain local food security.

I trust that these responses will be what you require.

Best regards

Warden for St. Thomas Anglican  
Church, Morden.



## **St. Thomas, Weston** – Parish Responses to Synod Resolutions

### **Resolution A-1: Stewardship of Creation**

We had a lengthy discussion and came to places where we could make a better impact on the environment.

- Take Out Meal Program - we will, wherever possible, seek to use sustainable packaging.
- Service Bulletins - We have changed from printing out unique individual services on Sundays to printing one core service per liturgical season that is reusable and then only printing the lectionary and prayers that change weekly therefore greatly reducing the use of paper throughout the year.

### **Resolution A-2: Diversity**

After much exploration, we have adopted the use of Pray Without Ceasing for our Morning Prayer Services as it is more accessible in many ways to our regular attendees who primarily did not grow up Anglican. We still use the BAS for Eucharist services and BCP from time to time. We also have used Gospel Based Discipleship from the Indigenous Anglican Church for bible study.

### **Resolution A-4: Joy of Christian Faith**

- This concept is at the core of St Thomas Weston, we are continuously engaging with each other and new attendees to seek out their callings and gifts from God and how we can better serve our immediate geographic community as well as our wider community based on our collective gifts.
- We review our baptismal covenants frequently throughout the year as one of our dynamic worship dismissals. In Addition each year, before the AGM we re evaluate based on three questions
  - What do you do here?
  - Why do you do it?
  - What do you want more/less of next year?





## **Common Threads**

### **in Parish Responses to Synod Resolutions**

#### **Creation care**

Greening the church – reducing paper use, eliminating Styrofoam, energy efficiency, composting,  
Participatory focus – youth events, Earth Day, Grow Hope  
Land focus – treaty awareness, care for gardens and cemeteries, discovery of local green spaces,  
cleanup, tree planting  
Advocacy – presence at municipal events, sponsoring public events  
Creation-centred spirituality – Season of Creation, Messy Church, prayers for Creation

#### **Cultural diversity**

Celebrating being a multi-cultural church – language, food, music, dress, visual art, all present in liturgy  
reflecting the diversity of membership  
Discovery/education – lectures, book studies, conference, peer learning, Black History Month,  
partnership with non-Anglo churches  
Communicating welcome – signage, messaging, action, attitudes  
Diversity in age and physical ability – access, outreach, age-specific programs  
Being a global church in Canada – respecting and reflecting Indigenous ways of worship, prayer for  
reconciliation, drawing on Anglican resources from many places and styles, uplifting diverse  
membership  
Getting out of the building – prayer, worship and theology presented in the context of the surrounding  
culture  
New ways of worship – lay-led services, Gospel Based Discipleship, Pray Without Ceasing, contemporary  
music, use of online resources, digital worship

#### **Joy in our faith**

Community context – use of building, getting to know neighbourhood, identifying and meeting needs,  
special events relevant to the community, local advocacy  
Generosity – funding initiatives, volunteering together, putting on programs, working together as a  
team, celebrating everyone's gifts  
Creativity – sharing music, writing, visual art, symbols of faith, new uses of communications technology,  
taking joy in the beauty of liturgy and architecture  
Discovery – study and discussion groups keep faith fresh and well-informed; partnership with other  
agencies and churches promotes on-going learning  
Meeting people where they are – grief support, addressing isolation, feeding and clothing, healing  
prayer  
Desire for leadership that empowers and encourages the sharing of joy in our faith  
Practice of corporate reflection – baptismal covenant, discernment of call  
Being part of something bigger than ourselves – partnerships, support for local/national/global  
programs