



**THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of September 30th, 2017 at All Saints By-the-Sea, Salt Spring Island

EX OFFICIO

The Bishop	The Chancellor
The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Logan McMenamie	Canon Dr. Constance Isherwood
The Dean	The Registrar
The Very Rev'd M. Ansley Tucker R	Mr. Nathan Lampard R
The Lay Secretary	The Vice Chancellor
Canon Judy Trueman	Mr. Bob Gill
The Clerical Secretary	The Treasurer
The Rev. Canon Susanne House	Mr. Michael Murgatroyd R

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall	Canon Ian Alexander
Mr. Bruce Winter R	Mr. David Stewart
Ms. Penny Holt	Ms. Brenda O'Brien
The Reverend Clara Plamondon	Ms. Elizabeth Walker R
Mr. Aidan Cunningham R	

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Reverend Eric Partridge	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio R
The Reverend Craig Hiebert	Mr. David Buckman
The Venerable Lon Towstego	Mr. Tony Davis
Ms. Janice Varga R	Mrs. Andrea Davis

APPOINTED

The Reverend David Chillman	Dr. Don Wilson
The Venerable Alastair McCollum R	

EXECUTIVE STAFF

The Director of Finance	The Asset Manager
Mrs. Gail Gauthier	Mr. Peter Daniel R
Diocesan Executive Officer	Communications Officer
Mr. Stephen Martin	Ms. Catherine Pate
Diocesan Stewardship Officer	
The Venerable Brian Evans	

Bishop McMenamie welcomed the members of council to the Parish of All Saints By-the-Sea, Salt Spring Island. Canon Richard Stetson, the Incumbent of the parish welcomed the members of council to the parish hall, gave a short introduction to the parish. 1892 marked the beginning of St. Mark's and 1894 the beginning of St. Mary's. He told the story of the building of All Saints By-the-Sea in the 1990's. Today is the opening ceremonies of the Star of the Sea Spirituality Centre. It is seen as a home for the community.

1. Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop's written report is on file. He spoke of the Diocesan Year of Reconciliation and has extended the focus until Synod 2018 in April. Bishop Logan spent a little time at this meeting talking about the opportunity he had to travel to the fish farms on the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw

Traditional Territory and the statement he made on behalf of the diocese supporting the Musgamagw to revoke the licenses of the fish farms. He has received support in his statement and his stand from the broader church.

2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

Canon Dawna Wall led the Bible Study on doorways; how do they represent the ways we enter into worship?; have you felt drawn to different styles of worship at various time? A good discussion took place.

The members of council received the news of the death of Canon D. Martin Hendy earlier in the morning. Martin has been very involved in the life of the Diocese of British Columbia as Lay Secretary and a member of many committees and task teams. He was also very involved in the ministries of Christ Church Cathedral which was his home parish. The Bishop offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Canon Martin Hendy. May he rest in peace and rise with Christ in glory.

3. Living the Vison

a) Liturgical Commission report

Canon Dawna Wall gave an overview of the work of the Liturgical Commission. The Commission was put in place in 2009 by Bishop James Cowan with the beginnings of the Cascadia Liturgy. While much work had been done the members of the commission started moving on to other ministries and so in 2013 the commission was reformed under the direction of Bishop McMenamie. By 2016 it was felt by the people of the diocese the information before them was too much, too complicated and too many options. The commission then offered to simplify things and put together a liturgy for Advent. This was accepted well and the commission was asked to do the same for lent and to include collects etc. that focussed on reconciliation. The next projects include:

- Writing a eucharistic prayer for churches in the urban areas of the Islands and Inlets;
- Constructing a template of the Liturgy of the Islands for ease of use and for consistency of use; and
- To find options to distribute liturgical resources in a timely manner.

The National Worship Conference is taking place in Victoria in July 2018. The Dean is the Co-Chair.

4. Faith in Foundation Item #1

a) Regrets for absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting. The Bishop welcomed back the Venerable Brian Evans who retired from parish life in July and has returned to take the responsibility and role of Stewardship Officer. In this role he joins the executive staff on council. It was pointed out that the Chancellor attended the June council meeting.

b) Minutes of June 24, 2017

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Constance Isherwood

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of June 24, 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Ratification of Electronic Voting (Summer 2017)

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That the electronic vote taken in the Summer of 2017 concerning submissions to the Anglican Foundation be ratified.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

d) Educational Trust Board Minutes September 2017

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: Ian Alexander

That the minutes of the Educational Trusts Board meeting of September 12, 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

e) Nominations

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That the following nominations be approved:

- Mr. Glen Ridgeway, Q.C., appointment to Bishop's Assessment Panel
- Sr. Joyce Harris, SSA, re-appointment to Bishop's Assessment Panel
- Dr. Maureen Piercey, re-appointment to Bishop's Assessment Panel

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the appointment of The Reverend Mary Jane Leewis-Kirk to the St. Peter's Crescent Housing Society Board be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

f) Report from Provincial Council and COGS

Clara Plamondon spoke to both committees as she represents the Diocese of British Columbia on both.

COGS

Clara is still learning the ropes on this committee. For more information on any of the work of the Anglican Church of Canada you can go to Anglican.ca. The working group on the Marriage Canon has forwarded the work done to the Provincial Groups for consideration.

The members of COGS have come to the considered opinion after much conversation and input that it is not practical to translate the information on the Marriage Canon into local indigenous languages. Translations of other information necessary for the life and ministry of our indigenous brothers and sisters is much more important.

There was a discussion about a living wage for clergy and lay workers in Toronto but the reality is that there needs to be a conversation about a living wage in the church across the country.

There is slow and steady momentum toward self-determination within ACIP.

There was a big discussion about the trafficking of persons. A video can be found at Anglican.ca. Slavery/trafficking in Canada is very real and there is a lot of education that needs to take place.

The conversation continues to take place at the National Church with regards to Ethical Investing.

Clara spoke very briefly about the task force on the provincial newspaper which comes under the direction of the National Communications Committee. There have been conversations and discussion regarding the future of the Anglican Journal and the diocesan newspapers in their current printed form. The first course of action is to survey the members of the House of Bishops and then to hear from the editors and the readership of the newspapers. The process for this is in the early days of preparation.

Provincial Council

The Provincial Council met with the Provincial House of Bishops. The conversations regarding the changing or elimination of diocesan boundaries is now off the table. The more important conversation was about the collaboration with regards to some of the work done in dioceses around finances, youth, locally trained clergy, safe church. etc.

5. Living the Vision #2

a) Thetis Island Task Team Report

Gail Gauthier spoke briefly to the minutes of the Thetis Island task team minutes. The minutes are very detailed to give the members of council a flavor of the discussions that took place at the meeting. The motion put forward will be discussed with the motions from the Finance Committee minutes.

b) We Together Conference Review

Catherine Pate spoke to the conference and to the information gleaned from the evaluation forms. Overall the conference was a great success. As with any event there are areas that could use a little more attention but these will be addressed in the preparation for We Together 2018 which will take place September 28th and 29th. This conference will be held mid-island with the location to be determined. Brenda O'Brien and David Stewart spoke to their experience of the conference. Both enjoyed the conference and meeting new people. The opportunity to hear the theme speakers and gain insight and learnings was a joy.

Some of the information that came out of the conference was the introduction of the Cowichan Camino Walk. This is an opportunity to walk the trail from Duncan to Cowichan Station. This will take place on Saturday October 7th, 2017.

The Salish Centre of Learning is an opportunity for education on the issues that surround us, i.e. dismantling racism, cultural awareness. This will take place in the parish of St. Christopher and St. Aidan, Lake Cowichan, sometime in 2018. This falls under the mandate of Lay Ministry and Leadership Formation.

Back to Jesus Sunday is a time for all parishes to close the physical doors of their church building and gather in the public square in their community. It addresses the often-asked question of "what is God calling you to do and be outside your church buildings"? There is work to be done and more information will follow. This falls under the mandate of Engaging God's World.

Thank you to Catherine Pate for her leadership of the We Together Conference and all the other work she does within the diocese.

c) Canon Committee

Bob Gill spoke to this item. The Canon for the Election of a Bishop needs to be examined and modified. The first draft of that work has been done but has just come into the hands of the members of council. There is a report with the suggested changes to the Canon. This will be discussed further at a meeting either in November or December.

d) Stewardship

Brian Evans and Archdeacon Lon Towstego spoke to their recent trip to Saskatoon to the National Stewardship Conference. They both appreciated the opportunity to affirm what they knew and learned new things in the area of stewardship. These learnings will be shared with the council and the diocese over the next months.

Council broke for lunch at noon and David Chillman said Grace.

The council resumed the meeting at 12.30 and Andrea Davis thanked those who provided us with a wonderful lunch.

6. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Diocesan Council Manual

Tony Davis spoke to this item. The Diocesan Council Manual has been published to provide council members and those considering a place on council with the information they will need to do their job well. With this information individuals can discern whether they are called to sit on the councils of the diocese, and once on council, gives them information to be involved and participate more fully. The suggestion was made that this manual be given to all those who are considering letting their name

stand in nomination for the council which will be elected at the Synod in 2018. There are still some minor additions to the information that needs to be included.

b) Finance Minutes of September 21, 2017

it was

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: Tony Davis

That the minutes of the September 21st, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of September 21, 2017.

St. Columba, Port Hardy CTF draw

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That Finance Committee approves the St. Columba, Port Hardy Consolidated Trust Funds draw of \$3,119.90 from the Rectory Trust Fund for capital improvements to flooring in the building.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: Constance Isherwood

That Finance Committee approves St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus withdrawing \$18,000 from its General Funds for security locks, roofing and new carpet in the church.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Peter, Quamichan

MOVED BY: Craig Hiebert

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That Finance Committee approves St. Peter, Quamichan withdrawing \$12,500 from the Cowichan Trust for a portion of the new rector's moving expenses and work done to the rectory for her occupancy.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Eugene Dowling Bequest

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation from Finance Committee that monies from the bequest from the estate of Eugene Arthur Dowling be used for salaries to support the Anglican Chaplaincy at the University of Victoria, as suggested in the Will.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Church Sites and Parsonages Fund

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of Finance Committee that a Church Sites and Parsonages Loan to the Reverend Brenda Nestegaard Paul to install a stairlift to their home to accommodate her husband's physical needs. This would be prepared as a 3-year, 3% Church Sites and Parsonages loan for \$13,000.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Investment Policy Terms of Reference

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That Diocesan Council approves the recommendation of Finance Committee to accept the revised Investment Policy and revised Terms of Reference for the Investment Committee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Thetis Island Property

MOVED BY: Constance Isherwood

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That Diocesan Council approved the recommendation of Finance Committee that \$883,115 of the net proceeds from the sale of the Thetis Island Property be returned to the diocese to offset the deficit that was incurred from camp operations. This figure excludes any grants previously provided to the camp.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Thetis Island Property Funds- Principal

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of the Finance Committee that \$1,498,510 from the sale of the Thetis Island property be invested in the Consolidated Trust Fund and the income earned from the CTF be used towards providing Youth and Family ministry within the diocese. The CTF distribution rate for income earned by the investment would be equal to the same distribution rate as other investors in the CTF. In addition to the distribution of the investment income, a portion of the principal could be accessed after recommendation by the Finance Committee. This recommendation would be considered by the Finance Committee if further monies were required to launch in initiative that required an amount greater than the annual investment earned.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. David by the Sea

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That the lease agreement with Freedom Mobile Inc. at St. David by the Sea, Cordova Bay be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Vision Fund

Vision Fund Jury met on September 14, 2017 to consider eight submissions. One was deferred pending further discussions with the proponent, and another was referred to the Executive Officer for action outside the Vision Fund process. The table below summarizes the jury's recommendations with regard to the other six submissions.

<i>Proponent</i>	<i>Project</i>	<i>Request</i>	<i>Recommendation</i>
1. Holy Trinity, North Saanich	Indigenous Perspectives Training	Budget \$9,600	\$7,500 from Vision Fund. Balance from parish (in addition to ~\$2,500 spent earlier in year) – total parish spending of ~\$5,000.
2. CCC / Aboriginal Neighbours	Revitalization of Living Indigenous Languages	\$10,000 (Asked for 3-year commitment)	\$10,000 from Vision Fund to support one mentorship for one year. Future years would have to be applied for separately. Funds flow through AN to RILL.

3. Street Hope (Threshold Ministries)	Completion of funding of motor home purchase and refit	\$10,000 (Total project cost ~\$20,000)	\$10,000 from Vision Fund. Will also explore possible assistance with strategic planning for organizational renewal.
4. St. John the Divine, Courtenay	Monthly Inter-Faith Forum New audio and video systems	\$10,000 (~\$5,000 each)	\$5,000 from Vision Fund. Balance to be funded by parish (matching).
5. St. Mary, Oak Bay	St. Mary's Centre for Community	\$10,000	Up to \$8,000 from Vision Fund. Project budget is \$22,785. (Roughly 50% each infrastructure and programming.) Application for \$15,000 submitted to Anglican Foundation. Vision Fund offering to fund up to 1/3 of project, or 1/2 of remainder after AF results known.
6. Diocese-wide (The Rev'd Patrick Sibley)	Dismantling Racism Train-the-Trainers Workshop	\$10,000	Up to \$10,000 more from Vision Fund. Pending final budget to be approved by EO. There is ~\$4,000 left from prior VF commitment.
TOTAL AMOUNT OF TODAY'S RECOMMENDATIONS:			Up to \$50,500.00

MOVED BY: Eric Partridge

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation of Finance Committee to grant \$50,500 among the six recommendations of the Vision Fund Jury.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

(Craig Hiebert abstained due to conflict of interest)

The Bishop reminded the members of council of the importance of this motion in the life of the diocese.

c) Financial Statements

Gail Gauthier spoke to the financial statements. It was

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Andrea Davis

That the Financial Statements to the end of August 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

d) Asset Management

Stephen Martin spoke briefly on the projects taking place now. Work has begun at Mount Douglas Court. The footings have been poured and CMHC has submitted a statement of interest. The full building permit will be submitted this week.

The rezoning process for the building at St. Peter and St. Paul is to begin.

7. Any other business

a) Regional meetings

The dates and places for the Regional meeting have been set. The agenda was handed out to members of the council and Canon Ian Alexander reminded members that the good news stories of the Vision Fund disbursements will be shared at the regional meetings.

8. Closing Reflections

Canon Dawna Wall led the members of council in the closing reflections taking what we heard in the opening reflections and throughout the meeting and using the poem to remind us of our conversations about doorways.

The meeting adjourned at 1.30 p.m. with The Grace. The Bishop and some of the members of diocesan council joined the people of Salt Spring Island and the Parish of All Saints By-the-Sea at the dedication of the Star of the Sea Spirituality Centre. Others left for the ferry.