



THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA  
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2018 at St. John The Divine, Victoria

**EX OFFICIO**

Bishop	Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Chancellor	Bob Gill
Vice Chancellor	Vacant
Dean	The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker
Registrar	Nathan Lampard <b>R</b>
Lay Secretary	Canon Judy Trueman
Clerical Secretary	The Rev. Paul Schumacher
Treasurer	Michael Murgatroyd <b>R</b>

**ELECTED BY SYNOD**

The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall	The Venerable Clara Plamondon <b>R</b>
Don Wilson	Michael Wolff
Joan Hoffman	Penny Holt
Ashley Blair <b>R</b>	Aleesha Barkemeier

**ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Rev. Juli Mallet	Walter Stewart
The Rev. Patrick Sibley	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio <b>R</b>
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop	Lynn Schumacher
The Rev. Anthony Divinagracia <b>R</b>	Denise Ropp
The Rev. Heather Cutten	Ed Norman

**APPOINTED**

The Rev. David Chillman **R**  
Boyd Shaw

**STAFF**

Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer  
Peter Daniel, Asset Manager  
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer

**GUESTS (with voice, no vote)**

Amber Santarelli **R**

**1. Welcome**

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and thanked the members of Council and Synod staff for their prayers, support and diligent efforts within the Diocese during his recent absence. He shared that it was good to be back and that he would chair the council meeting today.

**Faith in Foundation:** Asset Management • Financial Resources • Effective Communication • Current Ministries  
• Shared and Remote Ministries

RENEWED **H**EARTS RENEWED **S**PIRITS RENEWED **P**EOPLE

The Bishop touched on the theme of a Season of Discipleship and how his recent experience with members of his immediate family impacted him, following his father's death. In his family, he saw their natural skills and gifts manifested in caring for his ailing parent. But, beyond this, he experienced the varied spiritual gifts with which each member of his family were blessed. Spiritual gifts are given to each member of our Christian family, in varied ways. As Christians, we are to draw on these gifts, sharing them with those in our church family and with the community beyond the doors of our parish home.

The Bishop extolled the members of Diocesan Council and all Christians to remember that in sharing our spiritual gifts, our actions become "greater than the sum of our parts".

### **Vision Reflection on a Season of Discipleship - Dean Ansley Tucker**

The Dean shared a reading from Romans Chapter 12. She asked the council to consider what we are being asked to do during the Season of Discipleship. How do we share our spiritual gifts and relationships? Table groups discussed what we saw as the gifts we hold within our own person and within our own Christian community. She asked the council members what we are doing well and what we could be doing better as disciples?

The Dean indicated that during the next several months this conversation will continue to grow. She asked Council to remember that " Discipleship is about sending out into the community".

## **2. Faith in Foundation #1**

### a) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting and recognized the presence of guests The Rev. Michael Wimmer and Canon Ian Alexander.

### b) Minutes of October 27th, 2018

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Ed Norman

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of October 27, 2018 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

### c) Constitution and Canons

- Canons Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Patrick Sibley

That the minutes of the Canons and Constitutions Committee on November 15, 2018 be received by Diocesan Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- Quorum at Vestry Meetings

Changes and additions to Canon Law

Resolution - Regulation 6.7.01 to Canon 6.7 Subsection e insertion:

MOVED BY: Patrick Sibley

SECONDED BY: Michael Wolff

Resolved by Diocesan Council that Regulation 6.7.01 to Canon 6.7 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended by inserting the following as subsection e:

- e. An elector who is unable to attend a meeting in person may appoint, in writing, another elector to attend and vote on his or her behalf by proxy, provided that no elector may hold more than one proxy at any meeting. A proxy is valid only for the one meeting to which it refers.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Regulation 6.7.01 to Canon 6.7 subsections f, g, and h insertion:

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

Resolved by Diocesan Council that Regulation 6.7.01 to Canon 6.7 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended by inserting the following as subsections f, g, and h:

- f. In a parish with 200 or fewer electors, the quorum for transacting any business at an annual or special meeting of parishioners shall be:
  - i. the incumbent, or, if the incumbency is vacant or the incumbent is absent for any cause, the priest or deacon in charge, if any,
  - ii. at least one churchwarden or deputy warden, and
  - iii. not fewer than ten of the electors of the parish, present in person [or by proxy].
- g. In parishes with over 200 electors, the quorum for transacting any business at an annual or special meeting of parishioners shall be:
  - i. the incumbent, or, if the incumbency is vacant or the incumbent is absent for any cause, the priest or deacon in charge, if any,
  - ii. at least one churchwarden or deputy warden, and
  - iii. not less than ten percent of the electors of the parish, present in person [or by proxy].
- h. If a quorum is present at the start of the transaction of business at a meeting, the meeting is validly constituted and remains so, notwithstanding any reduction in the number of attendees during the course of the meeting.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Regulation 6.7.01 to Canon 6.7 subsections i, j, and k insertion:

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Michael Wolff

Resolved by Diocesan Council that Regulations 6.7.01 to Canon 6.7 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended by inserting the following as subsections i, j, and k:

- i. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes of the time set for the commencement of the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to be resumed at the same time

and place seven days following the date originally set. No further notice of adjournment of the meeting need be given under subsection d.

- j. The electors present at the meeting at which no quorum was present may by simple majority vote choose a different time and place for the adjournment of the meeting, in which case the notice provisions of subsection d. apply.
- k. The incumbent, or, if the incumbency is vacant or the incumbent is absent for any cause, the priest or deacon in charge, if any, at least one churchwarden or deputy warden, the electors in attendance at the time and place fixed for a meeting adjourned under subsection i. or j. shall constitute a quorum.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Bob Gill  
SECONDED BY: Juli Mallet

Resolved by Diocesan Council that the existing subsection e and f of Regulation 6.7.01 be given new designations to follow immediately after such of the foregoing as are adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Bob Gill  
SECONDED BY: Judy Trueman

Resolved by Diocesan Council that Regulation 6.8.01.c to Canon 6.8 of the Canons of the Diocese of British Columbia be amended as follows.

- (10) The following books or records are to be kept by the parochial authorities:
- Register book or books of baptisms, confirmations, banns, marriages and burials;
  - A register of all services that take place in the church, with the names of the officiating ministers;
  - A register of Sunday attendance and attendance at festivals;
  - The minutes and resolutions of the vestry meetings and parish council;
  - The parish accounts;
  - The constitution, canons, and regulations of the Diocese, to be retained permanently in the parish, in addition to any other copies required by the incumbent and other officers;
  - An inventory of all church goods and lands.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

### 3. Living the Vision #1

#### a) Transforming Futures - Michael Wimmer

The Rev. Michael Wimmer shared with Diocesan council that he has begun the process of visiting with the incumbents, wardens and in some cases the parish councils of every parish. From these visits, it has become apparent that parishes are on a broad spectrum of preparedness toward being ready to proceed with a campaign. There is a need for some further work around what is stewardship and how a campaign will impact a parish. Some of the discussions to date have been very revealing. In all, Transforming Futures is being viewed with many questions. Some parishes see themselves as falling short of being

ready. Michael continues to be positive about this program and is striving to identify those parishes which are ready to proceed.

#### 4. Faith in Foundation #2

- a) Minutes of Finance Meeting November 15, 2018

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: Patrick Sibley

That the minutes of the November 15, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- b) Financial Statements to the end of October 2018 and November 2018

MOVED BY: Joan Hoffman

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That the Financial Statements and Reports to the end of October 2018 and November 2018 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- c) The following motions of the Finance Committee were to be ratified:

St. John The Divine, Courtney CTF

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the Diocesan Council approve the withdrawal of \$12,100 from the Comox Glebe Fund CTF for repairs at St. John the Divine, Courtney and St. Andrew, Sandwick.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Parish Grant

**Approved by Diocesan Council e-vote November 19, 2018**

That the Diocesan Council approve a parish grant to St. Mary's, Metchosin, for \$5,000.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

CTF Payout Rate for 2019

**Approved by Diocesan Council e-vote November 19, 2018**

That the Diocesan Council approve a 2019 distribution rate of 3.25% per unit owned. It will equate to \$0.46085 per unit based on the October 31, 2018 fair market value of \$14.18 per unit ( $3.25\% \times \$14.18 = \$0.46085$ ).

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Bethlehem Investor Group

**Approved by Diocesan Council e-vote November 19, 2018**

That the Diocesan Council direct the Asset Manager to advise David Walsh the diocese does not wish to acquire his shares.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Andrew's, Sidney

MOVED BY: Juli Mallet  
SECONDED BY: Lynn Schumacher

*That the Diocesan Council approve retroactively the now completed project at St. Andrew, Sidney, for \$34,900.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Dunstan, Victoria

**Approved by Diocesan Council e-vote November 19, 2018**

*That the Diocesan Council approves a church sites and parsonages loan to St. Dunstan, Victoria, at 4.25% for a period of 20 years in an amount up to \$320,000.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

**Ratification of recommendations from Finance Committee Meeting December 13, 2018**

CTF Withdrawal - Mount Douglas Society

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker  
SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

*That Diocesan Council approve the withdrawal of all remaining funds held in the Mount Douglas Seniors Housing CTF account for the purchase of furnishings for the new building's common space.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Bethlehem Investor Group

MOVED BY: Ed Norman  
SECONDED BY: Michael Wolff

*That Wendy Carriere replace Peter Daniel as a director of Bethlehem Investor Group Ltd.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Dunstan, Victoria

MOVED BY: Bob Gill  
SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

*That Diocesan Council approves of the Diocese of British Columbia investing up to \$165,000 for the rectory renovations of the first and second storeys only, at St. Dunstan, subject to the parish agreeing that on the eventual sale of the rectory property, a proportional amount of the sale proceeds, based on the 2018 assessment, will be returned to the Diocese rather than being included in the parish's rectory trust fund.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

**5. Faith in Foundation #3**

a) Asset Management (Peter Daniel)

- Heritage Alteration Process: St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt - Three (3) options have been put forward for the connection to the existing heritage-designated church. BC Housing has approved the project. Future dates for the commencement of construction are pending.
- Trinity Church, Port Alberni Upgrades - The parish is seeking grants from various sources. A qualified general contractor is to oversee the project.

- Sisters of St. Ann - Conditional Offer - The conditional offer was not responded to; the offer has lapsed.
- Rectory Upgrades: St. Dunstan, Victoria - recommendation from Finance Committee dealt with above.
- Bethlehem Investor Group - recommendation from Finance Committee dealt with above.

The Diocesan Council broke for lunch at 12.30 and returned at 1:00 pm.

## 6. Living the Vision #2

- a) Proposal for future of the Vision Fund (Ian Alexander and Joan Hoffman)

Canon Ian Alexander reported to Diocesan Council that new guidelines for the Vision Fund will be presented to Diocesan Council in January or February 2019. Following table group discussions, each group reported how they had perceived their own experience with the Vision Fund during the past three years and what they would like to see happen with the fund in the next several years.

## 7. Faith in Foundation #3

- a) Minutes of Educational Trust Board November 13, 2018

MOVED BY: Heather Cutten

SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

*That the minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting of The Educational Trust Board meeting be received.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- b) Communications

Social Media Policy (Bob Gill/Catherine Pate)

The committee has done some word-smithing and editing, with much of the work being done by Penny Holt and Eric Partridge. Bob Gill pointed out that the age of majority in British Columbia is 19 years and not 18 years as stated in two places in the policy (page #4 paragraph #3 and page #5 bullet point#1). After receiving a document outlining several suggestions pertaining to the policy, Bob Gill recommended that the policy be re-examined by the committee and then presented to Diocesan Council at a future meeting.

## 8. Other Business

- a) 2018 Archive Report

MOVED BY: Juli Mallet

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

*That Diocesan Council receive the Archivist's Report to Diocesan Council with thanks to Archivist Jacquie Nevins*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

## 9. Closing Reflections

Dean Ansley Tucker again shared Romans 12 and offered closing reflections on the Season of Discipleship.

Blessing: Bishop McMenamie offered the closing blessing and asked Deacon Heather Cutten to offer the Dismissal and Commissioning.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm with **The Grace**.

Next Diocesan Council meeting  
Saturday, January 26th, 2019, at St. Philip By-the-Sea, Lantzville at 10:00 am