



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

Minutes of the meeting of July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at St. Peter, Quamichan

**EX OFFICIO**

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

**ELECTED BY SYNOD**

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall	The Rev. Clara Plamondon
Canon Ian Alexander	Aidan Cunningham <b>R</b>
Bruce Winter	Elizabeth Walker
David Stewart	Catherine Yeo <b>R</b>
Penny Holt	Amber Santarelli
Brenda O'Brien	

**ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES**

The Rev. Craig Hiebert	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
The Ven. Lon Towstego <b>R</b>	David Buckman
Janice Varga	Andrea Davis

**APPOINTED**

The Rev. David Chillman **R**  
 The Ven. Alastair McCollum **R**  
 Don Wilson

**STAFF**

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

**GUESTS (with voice and vote)—REGIONAL NOMINEES**

The Rev. Aneeta Saroop, Selkirk	The Rev. Juli Mallett, Haro <b>R</b>
Lynn Schumacher, Selkirk	The Rev. Patrick Sibley, Tolmie <b>R</b>
Walter Stewart, Haro	The Rev. Anthony Divinagracia, Nimpkish
The Rev. Heather Cutten, Cowichan/Malaspina	Boyd Shaw, Cowichan/Malaspina
Denise Ropp, Nimpkish <b>R</b>	

## OTHER GUESTS

Julie Poskitt

Esther Jang

### 1. Welcome

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and shared his remarks (on file). He stated that as we prepare for the upcoming synod in September we need to clarify our language when talking about Transforming Futures, stewardship and the budget so all understand what each topic is and how it makes its own unique contribution to the life of the Diocese.

The Bishop informed the members of Council that he had appointed three new Archdeacons: The Venerable Clara Plamondon is Archdeacon of Cowichan/Malaspina, the Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall is Archdeacon of Selkirk and the Venerable Lincoln McKoen is Archdeacon of Nimpkish.

### 2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

Lynn Schumacher based the reflection on the passage from Psalm 100 and offered an image of 'waiting in the hallway'. After some table discussion she ended the reflection with the Doxology.

### 3. Faith in Foundation #1

#### a) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting.

#### b) Minutes of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

MOVED BY: Bruce Winter

SECONDED BY: Janis Varga

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be adopted as corrected. *The Bishop was present for the May meeting but David Buckman was not.*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

#### c) Business Arising

Bob Gill, the Vice Chancellor is reviewing the Privacy Policy. It is on his desk.

#### d) Finance Committee minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Gail Gauthier, the Diocesan Finance Officer, spoke to the minutes of July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and to the Finance Report. She spoke about requests to draw funds from the CTF which will be discussed in more detail later in the meeting.

Gail has received the draft investment policy for the National Church as presented at the last meeting of the Council of General Synod. This will be shared with the Diocesan Investment Committee.

e) Dawson Heights

Peter Daniel spoke to this topic. Dawson Heights is a housing provider for seniors in the Diocese. The Board of Dawson Heights wants to redevelop on a portion of the complex called 'The Cottages'. This project needs financing and are looking for the funding from BC Housing but BC Housing will not provide financing unless it is a society. The board of Dawson Heights is requesting that Diocesan Council allow them to form a new society. It was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill  
SECONDED BY: Anthony Divinigracia

That the Diocesan Council authorize the Board of Dawson Heights to form a new society so that it can submit to BC Housing, subject to a review of the Societies Constitutions and By-Laws.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander  
SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That the Diocesan Council communicate to the Dawson Heights Board that the application to BC Housing does not imply the ability of the Diocese to guarantee and support any financial undertakings for the project at this time.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon  
SECONDED BY: Aneeta Saroop

That the Diocesan Council be informed of the plans for housing stability of the residents of the Cottages of Dawson Heights during construction.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

f) 930 Mason Street

Peter Daniel presented a request from the Church of St. John the Divine, Quadra Street, to demolish a structure they own at 930 Mason Street. It was

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio  
SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That the Diocesan Council approve the demolition of the vacant building at 930 Mason Street by a professional hazmat contractor and demolition contractor after the parish council confirms liability insurance and Worksafe BC coverage is carried by the contractors.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

g) Canons Committee

It was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill  
SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the minutes of the Canons Committee meeting of July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018 be received and that the Constitution of the Order of the Diocese of British Columbia (Canon 10) be forwarded to the Synod in September 2018.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Lynn Schumacher

That a new Regulation 3.10 be enacted, to provide that no member of Diocesan Council (elected or appointed) may sit for more than 3 consecutive terms (except for those whose specific role dictates ongoing membership).

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

This motion will be sent to the Diocesan Synod for ratification.

#### 4. Living the Vision #1

##### a) Overview Report on Vision Fund

Canon Ian Alexander and Julie Poskitt offered a PowerPoint presentation to show the projects and outcomes of the Vision Fund. This presentation will also be made at the Synod in September.

Clara Plamondon offered a prayer in thanksgiving for the lunch we were about to enjoy. After lunch, David Stewart offered thanks to the kitchen crew on behalf of the meeting.

#### 5. Living the Vision #2

##### Transforming Futures Presentation and Discussion

Esther Jang, senior consultant with Global Philanthropic, offered some observations based on her interviews with parishioners and some staff. This is a diocese with people of deep faith, who feel the church needs to be involved in this program, needs to move forward, but isn't sure how. Esther recommended that fundraising resources be created for the diocese, that work should be done in close relationship with parishes, that a part-time stewardship officer be hired to be Synod's fundraising contact and to work with the Bishop, and that a culture of philanthropy and growth in fundraising be cultivated.

The case for support of the fundraising program varies from parish to parish.

Table group conversations were held around the questions

- a. What inspires you?
- b. What challenges you?
- c. What further questions do you have?

A sampling of the responses is as follows:

- a. The broad consensus of love for the church  
The Vision Team report  
Receptiveness to creativity  
The broad range of finance strategies  
This new model of philanthropy – not a classic campaign
- b. The "why" is still not catching people – do we need a campaign?  
The campaign needs to begin soon

We need to dream again  
Volunteer burn-out  
Aging population  
Communication of this being a “modest ask” when described as a weekly donation for each participant over 5 years.  
We do not yet have a strong culture of giving

- c. What will the diocese do with the 40%?  
How does one understand the relationship between parish and diocese (trust)?

The conversations were still continuing when the time ran out. Esther made notes of the responses and commented on some. She stressed that **together** we will succeed.

## 7. Living the Vision #3

### Five-Year Financial Plan Presentation and Discussion

Ian Alexander gave a PowerPoint presentation of the Five-Year plan (on file) including an introduction and background (How did we get here?).

The Recommended Plan is a balanced one over 5 years, including stopping the running of deficits. The Diocesan portion of the fund would be used to fund Vision priorities. The Fund supports the Diocesan Vision.

Its current target is about \$ 7 million over 5 years (7-8 years for all pledges to be received). There would be no diocesan assessment on the parish portion of the campaign.

What happens if we don't move forward with the plan? The Status Quo is NOT a Plan B. There could be a report on a mid-course correction, but it is hoped that would never be used.

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That Diocesan Council recommend to Synod the recommendation of the Transforming Futures joint fund-raising initiative (with further adjustments to be made) and the recommended Five-Year Financial Plan as presented.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

**We need to use theological / scriptural language behind all our decisions.**

## 8. Faith in Foundation #2

A proposed agenda for Synod was presented, beginning Friday evening September 28 and ending Sunday late afternoon September 30.

## 9. Other business

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Don Wilson

That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting of July 20, 2018 be accepted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Bruce Winter

That in the light of the Council of General Synod investment policy, a further meeting between St. Barnabas and delegates from the Finance Committee be held before a decision is made about the request from St. Barnabas to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Trust Fund.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

## 10. Asset Management

- a. Peter Daniel gave a report on St. Peter and St. Paul where Esquimalt Council passed approval on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> reading, before negative comments were received from heritage proponents. Over \$200,000 has been spent on predevelopment.
- b. Peter reported on the Bethlehem Retreat Centre mortgage refinancing which has been approved by three of the four shareholders, and requires approval from the fourth: The Anglican Synod of the Diocese of BC

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That Diocesan Council approves Bethlehem Investors Group Ltd. to refinance under the terms of the Vancity Commitment letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> July 2018 providing that the negative covenants restricting change of ownership and repayment of shareholder loans are deleted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

## 11. Closing Reflections

Lynn Schumacher offered closing reflections and prayer for the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm with The Grace.

Next Diocesan Council meeting  
Thursday, August 23, 2018, at St. Peter, Lakehill - Victoria, 10:00 am