



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

Minutes of the meeting of November 23rd, 2017 at St. John, South Cowichan

EX OFFICIO

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

APPOINTED

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

EXECUTIVE STAFF

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

Dean Ansley Tucker welcomed the members of council to the Parish of St John, South Cowichan and opened with prayer.

1. Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop was on holiday.

2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

The Reverend Eric Partridge led the Council through a reflection focusing on entering the hope of Synod 2018 and Advent using Psalm 100 and a prayer from Ted Loder.

Sandy McCammon provided the council with a brief introduction to the parish.

3. Living the Vision

a) Engaging God's World

The Reverend Eric Partridge, and Penny Holt presented a power point presentation (on file) on Engaging God's World. They highlighted four areas.

Back to Jesus Sunday which will take place on Sunday, September 9th, 2018. It is meant to lower the barriers of entering a church building by taking the service to a public place and it is meant to engage others in the proclamation of God's word.

The Cowichan Camino Walk which took place in October 2017. It was part of the Bishop's sacred journey and included anyone who wanted to take part in this leg of the journey.

Story telling which is meant to engage others by telling their stories of their lives and experiences.

Mission Exchange Exchanging pulpits and worship leadership amongst parishes.

The hope is to gather the stories of the people of the diocese, who we are and what we are doing, and to share them at synod (interspersed throughout the weekend of Synod 2018).

The hope is to have video clips as well.

b) Financial Campaign

Dean Ansley Tucker, Archdeacon Brian Evans and Tony Davis led the Council through this portion of the agenda. They led the Council through the information we received in our Council packages (on file). It was

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That this Diocesan Council:

- Recommend the report entitled "Funding our Vision" for ratification by Synod 2018; and
- Urge that supporting documents and materials be developed and shared with Diocesan Council and Regional Gatherings in preparation for Synod.

It was

MOVED BY: Janice Varga

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

That this motion be tabled.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

4. Faith in Foundation Item #1

a) Regrets for absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting.

b) Minutes of October 28th, 2017

MOVED BY: David Buckman

SECONDED BY: Craig Hiebert

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of October 28th, 2017 be received as amended.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Delete from the motion concerning Episcopal Elections, the phrase 'age of retirement'.

c) Business Arising

• Episcopal Election

The Canon for Episcopal Election falls under the Provincial Canons and Constitutions and thus so does the 'age of retirement' of a bishop. At another Council meeting there will be a conversation about whether we, as the Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia, wish to memorialize the Provincial Synod regarding this provincial canon.

d) Educational Trusts Board Minutes November 14, 2017

It was

MOVED BY: Lon Towstego

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That the minutes of the Educational Trust Board meeting of November 14, 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

e) DC Workplan Update

Canon Ian Alexander spoke to the timeline for the 2018 Synod which was included in the package. At the December meeting Rob Crosby-Shearer and Craig Hiebert will lead the conversation on Emerging Communities. At a future meeting Peter Daniel will lead the conversation on Housing.

Stephen Martin spoke to the process now underway for Synod 2018

- A letter from the secretaries has gone to the chairs of committees. This letter requested the report for the synod convening circular be submitted by January 13th, 2018.
- The Synod Delegate Manual will be released soon.
- The Synod will take place in the Songhees Wellness Centre in Esquimalt.

d) Video of Star of the Sea Spirituality Centre

Catherine Pate showed the video of the opening of the Star of the Sea Spirituality Centre. This is the first of the videos of the success stories of the Vision Fund. A link can be found on the Diocesan Website.

Archdeacon Brian Evans asked the blessing for the food as we broke for lunch at 12.15pm. We will return at 12.45pm. The Dean offered the thanks of the council members to the women of St. John's who prepared a wonderful lunch.

The motion regarding the Financial Campaign which had been tabled before lunch was again brought to the floor. It was

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the motion regarding the Financial Campaign be lifted from the table.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

It was

MOVED BY: Tony Davis

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

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5. Living the Vision #2

a) Lay ministry Survey

David Buckman, The Reverend David Chillman, Canon Judy Trueman and Brenda O'Brien spoke to the information we received in our council package. It is hoped that the information can be shared in the regions but the question the Task Team had of the Diocesan Council was "What next?" more discussions to follow.

6. Faith in Foundation #2

Finance Information

Gail Gauthier informed the Council that the Parish of St. Mary, Fulford Island had been successful in its request to the Anglican Foundation for funds but that St. Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay had not been successful.

a) Finance Minutes of November 16th, 2017

it was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the minutes, report and financial statements of the November 16th, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of November 16th, 2017

St. Mark, Qualicum Beach

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That Diocesan Council approves the recommendation that the parish of St. Mark, Qualicum beach be permitted to withdraw \$8,583.75 from the Rectory Trust Fund as requested.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Investment Committee Minutes

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That the Investment Committee minutes be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Diocesan Refugee Programme

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Lon Towstego

That Diocesan Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the Diocese guarantee up to \$50,000 per annum toward any financial shortfall in the Diocesan Refugee Programme costs for the fiscal years 2019, 2020, and 2021.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

CTF distribution rate

MOVED BY: Ian Alexander

SECONDED BY: Tony Davis

That the Diocesan Council approves a Consolidated Trusts rate of distribution for 2018 be set at 3% per unit owned. It will equate to \$0.4485 per unit based on the October 2017 fair market value of \$14.95 per unit ($3\% \times \$14.95 = 0.4485$)

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Lease by CCPA

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That Diocesan Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee of the five-year lease with the Canadian Heritage Arts Society commencing June 1, 2018 and be signed subject to the acceptance of the lease terms of the lessor and lessee at their upcoming meetings.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Craig Hiebert and Bob Gill abstained. Conflict of interest.

b) Asset Management

Peter Daniel told Council that Mt. Douglas Housing Society paid back their loan from the Diocese today. There would be a longer report in December.

d) COGS

Clara Plamondon spoke to the most recent meeting of COGS (Council of General Synod) which was held in November. Canon Ian Alexander was also present at this meeting to speak about the work of the Communications Task Force concerning the Diocesan newspapers. There is still much work to be done.

Also at the meeting were members of CAPA (Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa). The Anglican Council of Indigenous people made presentations to the members of COGS. In September a conference called "The Road to Warm Springs" was held in Pinawa, Manitoba. There were many moments of reflection at COGS about this conference. There is a growing energy and excitement to have the indigenous church included in the ACC and yet self-determined and directed.

Because of the challenges of the past General Synod the members of COGS are now working on strategies that will give the gifts to work through our differences e.g. Intentional listening techniques. The Marriage Canon was discussed, and the members of COGS were encouraged to go back to their dioceses and find ways to have conversations with the diocesan leadership about ways forward on this topic and to report back. Clara told the members of COGS that the Diocese of British Columbia is talking about it and will report back.

7. Other Business

a) Archivist Report

It was

MOVED BY: Penny Holt

SECONDED BY: David Stewart

That the report of the Archivist be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Diocesan Website

Catherine Pate showed the members of Council the updated version of the Diocesan Website and the new resources on the website.

8. Closing Reflections

Dean Ansley Tucker closed the meeting with prayer

The meeting adjourned at 2 p.m. with The Grace

By The Rev. Clara E. Plamondon

Council of General Synod met November 10-12, 2017 at Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

A few highlights of our recent gathering included hearing positive feedback about a recent visit from the Council of Anglican Provinces of Africa (CAPA) who visited several dioceses during a two-week tour of Canada in September. Archbishop Hiltz shared that Canon Grace Kaiso, general secretary of CAPA observed that the Canadian church does not wait for people to come to it, but actively reaches out to communities, challenging a perception of many Anglicans in Africa that “the church in Canada is dying”.

Members of CoGS received a report from the co-chairs of the National Consultation on Anglican Indigenous Self-Determination. A Consultation was held at Pinawa Manitoba this Fall where both Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Anglicans gathered to listen and share their hopes and dreams for Indigenous Anglicans. The Consultation was called the Road to Warm Springs (an Indigenous interpretation of the gospel’s Road to Emmaus). ACIP reported back to CoGS with a excitement and energy as they continue to flesh out and articulate their own hopes for a truly self-determining Indigenous Anglican Church within our Canadian Anglican Church. Members of ACIP presented a significant document containing 5 goals representing Indigenized forms of the Marks of Mission with corresponding goals and immediate steps for achieving those goals.

CoGS spent a considerable amount of time focussing on process and relationship building within the context of their deliberations and decision-making within the confines of our canonical requirements for voting. This has included consensus-building where ever possible and at the most recent gathering looked at a model for respectful listening. A few members of CoGS participated in the exercise to demonstrate. Teams of two people took turns listening quietly to each other for 5 minutes each and then responded back with what they heard. It was a significant experience for both the participants and those observing. It is hoped that methods such as this might be encouraged and offered to the whole church as a model for holy manners, holy listening particularly when we find ourselves at odds on various issues.

One of the concerns named at CoGS was whether Provinces and/or dioceses have been given sufficient tools or resources to consider the motion to amend Canon XXI on Marriage. A resolution was made requesting that the Primate and Prolocutor communicate with the Metropolitans, Provincial Prolocutors, diocesan bishops and synods to encourage full consideration on the matter of the Marriage Canon motion prior to General Synod 2019. It is hoped that the various provinces and diocese would report back to Council of General Synod by Nov 1, 2018 describing what processes or consideration they have undertaken. It was felt that it might help to know what kind of processes and/or considerations have already occurred or are planned throughout the church as we look ahead to GS2019.