



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

Minutes of the meeting of October 28th, 2017 at St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak

EX OFFICIO

The Bishop	The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Logan McMenamie	The Chancellor	Canon Dr. Constance Isherwood
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

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Rev. Canon Dr. Dawna Wall	Canon Ian Alexander
Mr. Bruce Winter	Mr. David Stewart R
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
The Reverend Craig Hiebert	Mr. David Buckman
The Venerable Lon Towstego	Mr. Tony Davis
Ms. Janice Varga	Mrs. Andrea Davis

APPOINTED

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

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 R	

Bishop McMenamie welcomed the members of council to the Parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak and opened with a prayer.

1. Bishop's Remarks

The Bishop's written report is on file. Bishop McMenamie welcomed Brian Rendell, Sandra Scarth and Rebecca Seibert representing the Diocesan Refugee Committee. In this past month the Bishop has travelled to Kingcome Inlet at the invitation of the Elders. He travelled with Alex Nelson and The Reverend Lincoln McKoen to discuss and stand in solidarity with the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw people in their opposition to the Fish Farms on their Lands. He has spoken with Lana Popham, MLA, the Minister of Agriculture as well as Carole James, MLA, Finance Minister and Deputy Premier to voice his opposition to the Fish Farms and his request that this injustice be reviewed by the standing

Government. There will be a protest held on Thursday, November 2nd at the Legislature. The Venerable Alastair McCollum will represent the Bishop at this event and all are encouraged to participate.

2. Vision Reflection/Bible Study

The Venerable Lon Towstego led the council through a conversation about the print "The House of God" by Canon Frank Nelson. The conversation was lively, and much was learned about the print and some of the customs of our Indigenous brothers and sisters.

3. Living the Vison

a) Financial Campaign

Dean Ansley Tucker and Tony Davis led the Council through this portion of the agenda. We were given a handout and the Dean spoke to the work of the Financial Campaign Committee thus far. The aim of the campaign is to eliminate the structural deficit, support new initiatives as well as support initiatives within the life of the parish. The value of the Diocesan family needs to be articulated clearly and concrete ideas of what the diocese wants to do with the funds raised needs to be established. There will be more information and discussion at following council meetings.

b) Refugee Committee

Brian Rendell, Sandra Scarth and Rebecca Seibert, Refugee Program Co-ordinator, offered a PowerPoint presentation of the Refugee Sponsorship Program, its work and its future. It was

MOVED BY: Penny Holt

SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That this Council support the Diocesan Refugee Sponsorship Program and

- a) that we endorse Option 2 (Refugee Program – 5-year expansion) of the report and
- b) that the Refugee Program be core funded to a minimum of one full time employee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

This motion will be taken back to the Finance Committee to investigate the financial implications.

4. Faith in Foundation Item #1

a) Regrets for absence.

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from the meeting

b) Minutes of September 30th, 2017

MOVED BY: Bruce Winter

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of September 30, 2017 be received as amended.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) DC Workplan Update

Canon Ian Alexander spoke to the timeline for the 2018 Synod which was included in the package.

Stephen Martin spoke to the process now underway for Synod 2018

- A letter from the secretaries will go to the chairs of committees by mid-month. This letter will request the report for the synod convening circular to be written by January 13th, 2018.
- A letter will go soon to the clergy and current delegates to synod regarding elections in parishes and at regional meetings
- The dates of the spring Regional meetings will be shared as soon as they are confirmed.
- The Synod Delegate Manual will be released as soon as it is proofed and edited.

d) Review of Regional Meetings

Overall the meetings went well. Some lacked energy and enthusiasm. The request was made that there be more time for asking questions even if that means adding time to the meetings. The other request that was made was to have an approximate number of attendees prior to the meeting to prepare an appropriate number of chairs and tea and coffee.

Canon Dawna Wall asked the blessing for the food as we broke for lunch at 12.30pm. We will return at 1pm. Bruce Winter offered the thanks of the council members to the women of St. Michael and All Angels who prepared a wonderful lunch.

5. Living the Vision #2

a) We Together Youth debrief and next steps

The We Together Youth Conference was held at St. John's, Duncan on October 15th, 2017. There were 46 people in attendance (34 youth and 12 adults) with 8 parishes being represented. Catherine Pate's report of this event is posted in Dropbox. Two of the insights that came out of this weekend were the place of sanctuary and silence in the church and pastoral support for youth. The next steps are handing this report over to the Diocesan Council and the Clergy of the diocese for further work. The Bishop is planning for a gathering of youth and leaders in the New Year.

b) Committee on Episcopal Elections

Bob Gill spoke to the report from the Episcopal Election Committee. It was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Eric Partridge

That the Report of the Episcopal Elections Committee be referred to the Canon Committee for the purpose of drafting a formal motion to memorialize General Synod regarding the age of retirement of a Bishop.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

This motion will be taken to the Diocesan Synod in April 2018.

6. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Finance Minutes of October 19, 2017

it was

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: Andrea Davis

That the minutes of the October 19, 2017 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

Ratifications of motions passed at the meeting of October 19, 2017.

Investment of monies from sale of Thetis Island property

MOVED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

SECONDED BY: Alastair McCollum

That Diocesan Council approve the recommendation that \$800,000 of the Diocese's portion of the proceeds from the sale of the Thetis Island property be invested in the Consolidated Trust Fund. 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 to the diocese, a portion of the principal could be accessed after recommendation by the Finance Committee.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: David Buckman

That Diocesan Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee that St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island, accesses its CTF Reserve Fund (unrestricted) in the amount of \$45,000 to

be applied to its existing bank overdraft, the new incumbent's moving costs, operating deficit and the balance in the bank account for emergencies.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

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MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Penny Holt

That Diocesan Council approved the recommendation of the Finance Committee a 1.8% Cost of Living increase to all lay and clergy staff effective January 1, 2018. Statistic Canada's Consumer Price Index for the period July 2016 to July 2017 was 1.8% (previous year it was 2.0%)

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Mount Douglas Senior Housing

MOVED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

SECONDED BY: Jeanette Muzio

That, if required by Mount Douglas Senior Housing Society (MDSHS), the Diocese provide up to \$250,000 bridge financing on the following terms

- MDSHS has executed and accepted the Commitment Letter and provide the \$75,000 fee to Van City.
- That full repayment of this loan is made from the first construction loan draw.
- That interest on this loan at the rate of 3.2% (Linked Banking rate) be paid to the Diocese from the first construction loan draw.
- That a note in a form satisfactory to the Diocese be executed by the signing officers of the Society to confirm these arrangements.
- That the loan be secured against funds on deposit in the CTF to the credit of Mount Douglas Senior Housing Society.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Peter's, Comox

MOVED BY: Craig Hiebert

SECONDED BY: Janice Varga

That Diocesan Council approves the recommendation of the Finance Committee that the report of the Vision Fund Jury be received and the grant of \$8000 be made to St. Peter, Comox.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Financial Statements

Gail Gauthier spoke to the financial statements. It was

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Andrea Davis

That the Financial Statements and reports to the end of September 2017 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Asset Management

Peter Daniel shared the PowerPoint presentation of the plans for the St. Peter and St. Paul Ministry Centre.

d) Diocesan Council Manual

MOVED BY: Bruce Winter

SECONDED BY: Brenda O'Brien

That the Diocesan Council Manual be approved and that it be put on the Diocesan Website.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

7. Other Business

a) Bill C51

Bob Gill brought to the attention of the council the disturbing fact that if Bill C51 is passed it will no longer be an offence to actively disrupt worship or interfere with a clergy person carrying out their responsibilities by someone who opposes the work and worship of the church. Bob brought this to our attention, so we could be aware.

8. Closing Reflections

Archdeacon Lon Towstego led the members of council in the closing reflections taking what we heard in the opening reflections and throughout the meeting.

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