

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2019 at St Mary's, Nanoose

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Bishop
Chancellor
Vice Chancellor
Dean
Registrar
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Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Bob Gill
Vacant
The Very Rev. M. Ansley Tucker
Nathan Lampard R
Canon Judy Trueman
The Rev. Paul Schumacher
Michael Murgatroyd

ELECTED BY SYNOD

The Venerable Dr. Dawna Wall
Don Wilson
Joan Hoffman
Ashley Blair R

The Venerable Clara Plamondon
Michael Wolff
Penny Holt
Aleesha Barkemeier R

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet R
The Rev. Patrick Sibley
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop
The Rev. Heather Cutten

Walter Stewart
Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
Lynn Schumacher
Denise Ropp
Ed Norman

APPOINTED

The Rev. David Chillman
Boyd Shaw

STAFF

The Ven. J. Barry Foster, Executive Officer
Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli R
Canon Ian Alexander

1. Welcome

The bishop opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of diocesan council. Bishop Logan thanked the members of St. Mary, Nanoose Bay for use of their parish hall for today's meeting.

Selinde Krayenhoff welcomed diocesan council to the meeting being held in the parish's newly renovated hall. Selinde shared that the parish hall is used extensively for community activities and parish-driven community dinners and other functions.

Bishop Logan acknowledged that we are on the lands of the Nuu-chah-nulth and the Snaw-naw'-as nations.

The bishop then spoke about his written remarks (attached to the minutes of this council meeting), which were provided to diocesan council as part of their meeting package. He reminded council that we are the "synod between diocesan synods" and that our journey of reconciliation has "only just begun."

The bishop thanked all members of the diocese for their support during his family's recent bereavement.

Vision Reflection on a Season of Discipleship

Lynn Schumacher

Lynn shared several observations regarding her own journey toward her expression of her faith. She shared her understanding of how Canon Ian Alexander's material for this meeting reinforced how we, as a diocese, are at an important crossroads and how we are going to move forward as a diocese. She raised several questions which she asked council to consider:

- 1) Would anyone know that I am a follower of Jesus Christ by the way I lead my life?
- 2) How important is it that I attend church services regularly?
- 3) What do I get spiritually and materially through attendance in church?
- 4) Why am I an Anglican?

Lynn then shared three pieces from Peter Millar's book, An Iona Prayer Book:

- a) A poem by George MacLeod
- b) A meditation by the author, Peter Millar.
- c) A piece from South Africa

Time for quiet personal reflection was given.

Doing God's Work Together

Canon Ian Alexander

Through the use of pre-session self-identification charts, directed discussion and plenary sessions, Canon Alexander facilitated diocesan council in examining their perception of how we, as a diocese, can move forward into the next three-year period of discipleship. A copy of Canon Alexander's presentation is attached to these minutes as an addendum.

Diocesan Council broke for lunch following Canon Alexander's presentation and discussion. Following the break, Michael Wolff thanked the parish members from St. Mary's for providing lunch for council.

2. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence - The secretaries noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting. There were 3 voting members of council absent.

b) Consent Agenda approval:

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Denise Ropp

That the items listed as part of the consent agenda be approved.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

- 1) Approval of the minutes of Diocesan Council meeting July 6, 2019.
- 2) Receiving of the minutes of Finance Committee Meeting September 19,2019.
- 3) Receiving of the Financial Statements – June, July and August 2019
- 4) Receiving of the results of the e-vote for ratification of the motion arising from the Finance Committee (August,2019) for approval of the Vision Grant to University of Victoria Chaplaincy Pilgrimage to Jerusalem (2020)

3. Living the Vision #1

a) Transforming Futures – Update

Walter Stewart

Co-chair Walter Stewart provided diocesan council with an update on the progress of Transforming Futures. More parishes have begun the process of forming their teams, developing their case for support and beginning the work of rolling out their parish program. He noted that there has been a gross under-estimation of the time required for case development and that parishes need to do the case development to a much higher level than originally understood. In many parishes, there exists no capacity to dream. Their focus is on survival and this has robbed all opportunity to dream that which they might do. Even if parishes are not prepared to go forward with a Transforming Futures campaign until 2022, it would be wise to get your Transforming Futures team together and to begin the development of your case for support.

Walter Stewart's presentation notes are attached to these minutes.

4. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Finance Committee recommendations (September 19, 2019 meeting) to diocesan council.

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker
SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That diocesan council approve the finance committee recommendation to implement a 2020 cost of living increase of 2.8% for clergy and lay staff, and that the Human Resources and Compensation Committee be asked to undertake a review of current compensation, practices and principles.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Bob Gill
SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That diocesan council approve the finance committee recommendation that starting January 1, 2020 the interest rate on St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt's bank overdraft be reduced to a rate equal to the rate earned on deposits through linked banking.

Lynn Schumacher abstained from the voting on this motion.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker
SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That diocesan council approve the finance committee recommendation to reduce the loan interest rate on the St. Paul, Nanaimo, and St. Peter/St. Paul, Esquimalt Church Sites & Parsonages loans from 3% per annum to 1% per annum retroactive to January 1, 2019.

Lynn Schumacher and Clara Plamondon abstained from voting on this motion.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5. Faith in Foundation #3

- a) Receiving of the Canons Committee minutes for June 7, 2019.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill
SECONDED BY: Lynn Schumacher

That diocesan council receive the Canons Committee minutes for June 7, 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- b) Recommendations to diocesan council arising from the Canons Committee.

The chancellor reported that this item was previously approved in principle by diocesan council before the 2018 synod meetings. However, the motion was never placed before synod for approval at the 2018 session.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill
SECONDED BY: Michael Wolff

That diocesan council approves the Canons Committee recommendations that Canons 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and 1.6 be repealed and in their place be enacted the following Canons 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4 as presented in the attached document to the Canons Committee minutes of June 7, 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

MOVED BY: Judy Trueman

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That diocesan council approves of the Canons Committee recommendation that the regulations enacted by these resolutions shall come into effect upon the adoption by synod of the proposed amendments to Canon 1.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Faith in Foundation #4

a) Diocesan Post

Catherine Pate

MOVED BY: Aneeta Saroop

SECONDED BY: Patrick Sibley

That diocesan council approve the continuation of the production of the print publication of the Diocesan Post through at least June 2022, and that an ambitious transition plan to a fully digital news outlet for the diocese be executed and completed between now and July 1, 2022.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

7. Other Business – None

8. Closing Reflection

Lynn Schumacher and Ian Alexander

Lynn offered a closing prayer for the coming of night. Canon Ian Alexander asked council to reflect on three questions.

- a) How did we do today at:
 - a. Doing the right things?
 - b. Doing things right?
- b) What is the one thing I take forward towards the next council meeting?
- c) Where did we discern the Holy Spirit at work in this gathering?

The bishop offered the blessing and safe journey home.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Next Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, Oct. 26, 2019, Christ Church Cathedral Victoria, at 10:00 am