

THE ANGLICAN SYNOD OF THE DIOCESE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
DIOCESAN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of July 6, 2019 at Church of The Advent, Colwood/Langford

EX OFFICIO

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

ELECTED BY SYNOD

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

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet	Walter Stewart
The Rev. Patrick Sibley	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop	Lynn Schumacher
The Rev. Heather Cutten	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 **A**

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli

1. Welcome

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of Diocesan Council. Bishop Logan thanked the members of The Church of The Advent for use of their parish hall for today's meeting.

He acknowledged that we are on the lands of the Coast Salish peoples.

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 are drawn from the ex-official officers, the staff, those elected by Synod and those regional representatives from the five regions of the diocese.

Bishop Logan then asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda for today. He then added the following items to the agenda for council's consideration:

1. Naming Task Team – Recommendation, after consultation with First Nations elders, to rename regions using the names of indigenous trees.
2. Process of re-naming the diocese – The chancellor has agreed to begin this process in consultation with the bishop.
3. Thetis Island Task Team recommendation
4. Report from the finance officer – "Re-imagining the Church"
5. Diocesan Housing Society:

After consultation with the Dawson Heights Housing Society, it has become clear that there will not be any available funding to the diocese for at least the next three to five years. The bishop then indicated that the diocesan efforts to form a single housing society for all projects currently built, planned or deemed for this diocese, is now on hold. The diocesan asset manager has left his position with the diocese and will remain in a consultancy position with three projects currently under development within the diocese until the end of this year.

The bishop has met with M'akola, several developers, and has undertaken to meet with any parishes who were considering housing development in the future. The bishop has asked each parish to step back and to re-evaluate their involvement. A diocesan Asset Management Team has been assembled by the bishop, to examine our relationship in the development of housing. Zena McCreary, at the synod office, will act as staff liaison for asset management issues. Bob Brandle has been contracted by the synod office to work with Zena.

Vision Reflection on a Season of Discipleship – Boyd Shaw

What is the difference between discipleship and being a Christian? They are related but are not the same. Being a disciple, engaged in discipleship, was the cost of following Jesus. A Christian is one who believes in the doctrine and divinity of Jesus Christ. The term "Christian" does not appear in the New Testament until the book we know as the Acts of the Apostles, chapter eleven.

Discipleship in this day and time, requires us to have thick skins, be generous, hospitable of heart, willing to serve others, and to develop the ability to listen. To listen long and hard before one even considers speaking.

In summary, Boyd offered a poem which has spoken to him: A JOURNEY WITH MY FRIEND.

2. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence - The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting.

b) Consent Agenda approval:

It was requested that item #7 be removed from the Consent Agenda, for further discussion.

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Clara Plamondon

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- 1) Minutes of Diocesan Council meeting April 27, 2019.
- 2) Minutes of Finance Meeting May 23, 2019.
- 3) Minutes of the Finance Meeting June 20, 2019.
- 4) Ratification of motions arising from the Finance Committee Meeting June 20, 2019
- 5) Receiving of the results of the e-vote for ratification of motions arising from the Finance Committee Meeting May 23, 2019.
- 6) Receiving of the Education Trust Board meeting minutes from May 7, 2019 and June 11, 2019.

c) Appointments:

1) New member for Finance Committee to replace the Rev David Chillman.

MOVED BY: David Chillman

SECONDED BY: Lynn Schumacher

That Diocesan Council appoints the Rev. Sandra Hounsell-Drover to the Finance Committee, effective immediately. The appointment will run con-current with the term of the Diocesan Council ending in September 2020.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2) The Summer Property Committee:

The Summer Property Committee is to be composed of the chancellor, treasurer, executive officer, dean, finance officer, and the Archdeacon of Cowichan/Malaspina.

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That Diocesan Council appoints the chancellor, the treasurer, the executive officer, the dean, the finance officer and the Archdeacon of Cowichan/Malaspina as members of the Summer Properties Committee for the Diocese of British Columbia.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

3. Living the Vision #1

a) Transforming Futures – Update - Walter Stewart

Walter Stewart's PowerPoint presentation to Diocesan Council is attached in digital form to these minutes. *see note

Walter outlined the recent regional meetings held in the diocese to present the Transforming Futures Initiative. At this moment, there are six parishes in process, with Trinity, Port Alberni being almost 85% subscribed to reach their goal of \$90,000. Walter briefly made reference to the pledges from Diocesan Council members. The total pledged to date is \$54,000. A number of pledges from council members are yet to come. From this point forward, Walter will provide quarterly reports on Diocesan Council pledge status. Gail Gauthier, financial officer for the diocese, indicated that we are utilizing an app called Tithely which appears to work well with our platform. One issue has been raised by St. Paul, Nanaimo, who have been using the same app, and have discovered an issue around personal identification requirements. Gail is looking into this issue.

Walter Stewart spoke about the need to develop your parish case for Transforming Futures. The vision is paramount. Development of the case for "what and why" are key to the case. The "how" of raising the money is secondary. Concentrating on the "how" too early in the case development will only cause the dream to be diminished. Walter indicated that one should ask yourself these questions:

- 1) What are the community's needs?
- 2) Are we a congregational church, or are we a church seeking a connection with a much greater whole, the community beyond our doors?
- 3) Are we missing the point by thinking that we are about "saving the church" instead of "being the church," in this time and place?

There was much discussion from the members of Diocesan Council about these issues. Walter concluded his remarks by stating that the case for development for Transforming Futures must include everyone in the parish. One comment was made suggesting that youth must be included in the process, as they will be the ones who will be living our vision in the future.

4. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Financial Statements to the end of May 2019

MOVED BY: Joan Hoffman

SECONDED BY: Boyd Shaw

That the Financial Statements and Reports to the end of May 2019 be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5. Faith in Foundation #3

a) Vision Fund Jury Report

1) To receive the Vision Jury Report

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That Diocesan Council receive the Vision Jury Report for June 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2) Recommendations to Diocesan Council arising from the Vision Jury Report

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

That Diocesan Council approves the five Vision Fund Jury recommendations for funding to the groups outlined in the Finance Minutes June 20, 2019.

1) *St. Barnabas choir loft expansion (up to \$7,500)*

2) *St. John the Divine Victoria crypt improvements (\$7,500)*

3) *Church of the Wild (up to \$7,500)*

4) *Anglican Fellowship of St. Gregory of Nyssa, Salt Spring Island (\$7,500)*

5) *Pet Memorial Garden plots, St. Mary Nanoose, St Stephen Central Saanich (\$2,000 each)*

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Christ Church Cathedral - "Greater Works Than These" –

Ansley Tucker/ Walter Stewart

A Vision for Our Cathedral – Questions for Diocesan Council (document attached).

Dean Ansley Tucker introduced the proposal from Christ Church Cathedral. She spoke briefly about the change in demographics, the proposed future development of the properties surrounding the cathedral, and by posing the question, "What does CCC want to do and be in the middle years of this century?" Within the parish, there has been much discussion. Focus groups have joined into the conversation and many have been challenged to consider how the Christ Church Cathedral will engage the community in the coming years.

Walter Stewart and the dean presented a series of questions, which are attached to these minutes. The dean recorded the answers offered by the members of Diocesan Council. Much discussion ensued.

The bishop stated that the dean, while being rector at the Cathedral, is also Dean of Columbia for the diocese. The diocese supports the cathedral as a result of the dean's work with the diocese, work which draws her away from her work at Christ Church Cathedral. The bishop thanked the dean for the leadership given by the cathedral in the recent information sessions on addiction and the Community of the Cross of Nails.

- c) Governance Task Team and Diocesan Council Agenda Planning Committee joint meeting:

The executive officer, Barry Foster, began his remarks by stating that we are both a spiritual and an institutional body. The content of the joint report is attached to these minutes. Barry indicated that the Governance Task Team will be making a presentation to Diocesan Council in September or October 2019. Two comments were made regarding the materials presented to Diocesan Council:

- a) We should not assume that everyone knows what the short-form acronyms used by any committees or Diocesan Council stand for.
- b) There was concern expressed about the length of time given for materials, made available in the drop box, to Diocesan Council members prior to the date set for the next DC meeting.

Barry Foster suggested that major items before Diocesan Council will be left on the agenda for upcoming Diocesan Council meetings as required.

The council broke for lunch at 12:30 PM.

- d) Sexual Misconduct Policy

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That the Sexual Misconduct Policy for the Diocese of British Columbia be approved as presented and posted to the diocesan website on July 6, 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- e) Thetis Island Task Team Recommendation and motion regarding the monies from the sale of the Thetis Island property.

MOVED BY: Jeanette Muzio

SECONDED BY: Denise Ropp

That the money from the sale of the Thetis Island property be moved into the Transforming Futures Fund for use in the following ministries:

- 1) Youth and Families
- 2) Emerging ministries
- 3) Lay Leadership

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Faith in Foundation #4

- a) Discussion of New Ways of Being Church – How does Diocesan Council wish to proceed?

The finance officer, Gail Gauthier, led a discussion about questions and ideas regarding new expressions of ways of being church. The discussion generated a number of ideas for new initiatives and possible emerging ministries. This topic will remain on the Diocesan council agenda for the foreseeable future.

7. Other Business

- a) What we need to remember for the 2020 Synod:
 - 1) Christ Church Cathedral vision - "Greater Works Than These"
 - 2) Governance Task Team work with Diocesan Council Agenda planning
 - 3) The ongoing conversation around the Transforming Futures Initiative
 - 4) New Ways of Being Church

- b) Emmaus Community - "From Temple to Table" discussion paper

Rob Crosby-Shearer

MOVED BY: Penny Holt

SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That Diocesan Council consents to the Emmaus Community, in consultation with the bishop, beginning a process of conversation and consultation with parishes and diocesan staff about integrated, intentional housing on diocesan property.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

- c) The Executive officer, Barry Foster, reminded all members of Diocesan Council to register for the We Together Conference, September 27 and 28, 2019 at St. Paul's Church, Nanaimo.

Closing Reflection

Boyd Shaw reminded the members of Diocesan Council that we have all been party to some very good discussion today. There are both positive and negative points which have been raised during our meeting. It is all food for thought.

The bishop offered the blessing, reminding us all that reconciliation means living well together, despite our differences.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 PM.

Next Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, St. Mary, Nanoose Bay at 10:00 am

Bishop's Remarks

July 06, 2019

Task Team on Naming

I give thanks for the Naming Task Team and their work. I concur with the team's recommendations around the renaming of deaneries. When we came as a colonial church, part of the process was to name places, rivers and mountains from our culture and the places from which we traveled. We attempted to shape the land to look like us, including our buildings, our language, plants and trees. As an example, we introduced plants such as holly and broom. As part of the continuing journey of reconciliation, we re-enter these islands and inlet to reshape and reform us by allowing the land to shape us. It is my intention to contact local elders to discuss renaming the regions to the names of indigenous trees to the islands and inlets. I hope to have these new names established by the September Diocesan Council.

I have also asked the chancellor to make the necessary investigation into the feasibility of changing the name of the diocese. We will need to speak to the Provincial Government and have an MLA take our request on our behalf. He has agreed to take on this piece of work.

Task Team on Thetis Island Property

Thank you to this task team for their work and recommendations. I concur with these recommendations and ask diocesan council to make a motion that will move all the money from the sale of Thetis Island into Transforming Futures. This will allow us to say that we are now \$1.5 million towards the goal of the \$7 million we are hoping to raise, and I encourage diocesan council to support this recommendation.

Community of the Cross of Nails

On our journey of reconciliation, a historic event took place at Christ Church Cathedral on June 16th. Our cathedral has taken an important step on this journey and I thank the dean and the cathedral community for this work. I will be working with the dean and the cathedral as we explore how this leadership step can inspire others in our diocese.

Building for the Future - Christ Church Cathedral

The Cathedral parish has begun a visioning process for its future. This vision is not about the building, but about the ministry that happens in the building as the largest parish within the diocese. I am inviting diocesan council to begin a similar process. As well as being our largest parish, it is the "Cathedral Church" of the diocese, and there are questions around what the ministry of the diocesan cathedral looks like and what diocesan council wants to happen out of the precinct between Quadra and Vancouver. Also, there are questions about the role and responsibility of the dean in relationship to the life of the diocese. We are in a very good place within the diocese because of Christ Church Cathedral Buildings Ltd., the company that looks

after the cathedral and memorial hall. At this moment in time, there are finances in place to maintain these two buildings.

How do we “Re:imagine Church”

Thank you to Gail Gauthier for her work and report. I believe as we look at transforming our future, Gail has identified for us some very important talking points. For me, the question is how do we travel lightly into the future and focus on our core business? Events over the last month have invited us to stop and re-evaluate our focus. I am pleased that today we will begin a conversation that will help us when we regroup in the fall as Council.

Bishop’s Schedule, May-June

April 30	Christ Church Cathedral Buildings Ltd.
May 2-3	ACPO—Sorrento Centre
May 5	Confirmation and Reception—St. Peter, Campbell River
May 7	Educational Trust Board
May 7	Emmaus Community Covenanting Service
May 8	EFM Graduation—Parksville
May 11	Community of Learning Workshop: Discipleship—St. Luke, Victoria
May 12	Reception and Renewal—Abbey Church
May 13-15	“The Village” Workshop, Clergy Conference—Cheminus
May 16	Consecration and Installation The Rt. Rev Lynne McNaughton—Diocese of Kootenay
May 17	Provincial House of Bishops—Diocese of Kootenay
May 18-19	Parish Visit--Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands
May 23	Finance Committee
May 25	Community of Learning Workshop: Discipleship—St. Philip, Cedar
May 26	Parish Visit—St. Matthias, Victoria
May 27	Men’s Breakfast—Peninsula Parishes.
May 28	Christ Church Cathedral Buildings Ltd.
May 29	Deconsecration of The Little Chapel of the Light—St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt
May 29	General Synod Delegates Preparation Meeting
June 1	Confirmations, Reception and Renewal of Baptismal Vows—St. Mark, Qualicum Beach
June 3-7,10	“Land as Life” Course—Vancouver Island University
June 8	Nimkish and Malaspina/Cowichan Regional Gatherings
June 15	Diocesan Lunch and Listen with the Dean of Coventry, Community of the Cross of Nails—Christ Church Cathedral
June 16	Induction of Diocese and CCC in Community of Cross of Nails—Christ Church Cathedral
June 17	Listening Day for Dean John with representatives of the diocese—Christ Church Cathedral

June 18	DC Planning
June 19	Dawson Heights Board Meeting
June 19	Sandra Scarth Celebration Dinner
June 20	Finance Committee
June 20	Transforming Futures meeting with parishes from Haro, Selkirk and Tolmie
June 21	General Synod Delegates Preparation Meeting
June 22	Parish Housing/Asset Planning Meeting—St. Peter, Quamichan
June 23	Confirmations—St. Philip, Cedar

Appointments and Resignations

Hired Andrea McCoy, Refugee Sponsorship Community Engagement Coordinator

Hired Alvaro Moreno, Refugee Sponsorship Program Coordinator

Appointed the Rev. David Chillman as Regional Dean of Cowichan/Malaspina
(effective June 1, 2019)

Appointed the Rev. Sulin Milne as incumbent to St. Peter, Comox
(effective September 15, 2019)

Accepted the resignation of the Rev. David Chillman from Finance Committee
(effective June 1, 2019)

Accepted the resignation of Peter Daniel, Asset Manager (effective June 30, 2019)



“GREATER WORKS THAN THESE” - A VISION FOR OUR CATHEDRAL

QUESTIONS FOR DIOCESAN COUNCIL

“Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these.” - John 14.12

Christ Church Cathedral Parish and Christ Church Cathedral School are each beginning a process of discernment to ask to what greater works are we called in the middle years of the 21st century. This process will lead to a vision of how we are and can be a Cathedral for the Diocese and for the City.

As part of discernment process, we would like to hear from people in the Diocese about what you expect, want, would like from your Cathedral Church.

1. Currently, I like the following things about our Cathedral ...
2. I wish our Cathedral would...
3. Looking towards 2030 and beyond, I think our Cathedral should focus on...
4. I want to know that our Cathedral (is/does/is active in, etc.)...
5. On average I visit our Cathedral _____ times per year.
6. I would come to the Cathedral more often if...
7. I know about Christ Church Cathedral School:
 - Yes
 - No

Comments:

You may not have answers to all these questions. Please answer those you can.

THE GROUPS TO WHOSE MEMBERS THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED:

- Diocesan Council
- Finance Committee
- Vision Fund Jury
- Archdeacons and Regional Deans
- Synod Delegates
- Youth Council Members
- Members of the Order of British Columbia
- Canons Clerical and Lay of the Diocese