



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

Minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2019 at St. Philip By-the-Sea, Lantzville

EX OFFICIO

Bishop	Rt. Rev. Dr. Logan McMenamie
Chancellor	Bob Gill
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	The Venerable Clara Plamondon
Don Wilson	Michael Wolff
Joan Hoffman	Penny Holt
Ashley Blair R	Aleesha Barkemeier

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

The Rev. Juli Mallet R	Walter Stewart
The Rev. Patrick Sibley R	Canon Dr. Jeanette Muzio R
The Rev. Aneeta Saroop	Lynn Schumacher
The Rev. Heather Cutten	Denise Ropp A
	Ed Norman

APPOINTED

The Rev. David Chillman
Boyd Shaw

STAFF

The Ven. J. Barry Foster, Executive Officer
Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer
Peter Daniel, Asset Manager
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli

1. Welcome

The Bishop opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of Diocesan Council, thanking all council members and staff for taking time to be part of this important work in the Diocese of British Columbia. Bishop Logan thanked the members of St. Philip-by-the-sea for use of their facility for today's meeting.

Faith in Foundation: Asset Management • Financial Resources • Effective Communication • Current Ministries
• Shared and Remote Ministries

RENEWED HEARTS RENEWED SPIRITS RENEWED PEOPLE

Tony Davis, representing the parish, welcomed Diocesan Council to St. Philip-by-the-sea.

The Bishop introduced Barry Foster to Diocesan Council in his role as Executive Officer for the Diocese.

Bishop McMenamie outlined his own activities at the recent House of Bishops. His comments touched on the forthcoming election process for a new Primate. He also described the five (5) options discussed by the House of Bishops for the Marriage Canon to be placed before the General Synod 2019. No statement was issued by the House at the meeting's conclusion.

Vision Reflection on a Season of Discipleship – Bishop Logan McMenamie

Using the passage of scripture, Luke 10:1-9, the Bishop led Diocesan Council in a study of the Marks of Discipleship. Citing author, Parker Palmer, the Bishop spoke about the concept of growing disciples vs. making disciples. He drew the comparison between the western concept of "making a baby" compared to the eastern concept of "growing a baby" and how we speak about our interpretation of the Marks of Discipleship. Table discussion groups were asked to note the traits of discipleship found in Luke 10:1-9. Bishop Logan asked the council to consider what "shapes our membership" within our individual parishes. He shared the following - prayer and sacrament, study, sacred and secular interaction, meeting people and learning, managing the Household of God, simplicity and humility, living and practicing justice, understanding the place of Holy Work, living in harmony with Creation, Anan Cara, conflict as a learning tool, seeing no one from a human point of view, and being an ambassador for Christ, as being things that shape us for discipleship.

Bishop McMenamie concluded his remarks stating that as disciples of Christ, we "journey together and learn from one another and with those [we] meet, enabling [us] to grow disciples."

2. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence

The Secretaries noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting.

b) Minutes of December 13th, 2018

MOVED BY: Aneeta Saroop

SECONDED BY: Boyd Shaw

That the minutes of the meeting of the Diocesan Council of December 13, 2018 be adopted.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) The Chancellor spoke briefly about the work done during the recent National Chancellors' Conference. The Chancellor thanked the council for providing him the opportunity to attend this meeting. A copy of The Chancellor's report is attached to the minutes for January 26, 2019.

3. Living the Vision #1

a) Transforming Futures Facilitator

Bishop McMenamie informed Diocesan Council that Michael Wimmer has stepped down as facilitator for the Transforming Futures initiative. He will stay on in a supporting capacity, as the initiative moves forward.

b) Goals of Transforming Futures

The Bishop indicated to Diocesan Council that Transforming Futures will mean an influx of funds for the congregational development and stewardship for the Diocese of British Columbia. "This is an amazing opportunity for the Diocese ... We are not a dying organization, but I say to you, there is resurrection and we need to live out what that means," said the Bishop.

Executive Officer Barry Foster spoke briefly about a staged roll-out of the program and asked council to consider "what is our local expression of the Diocesan Vision?" He went on to say, "within the parish, talk about the why, the dream and the vision of Transforming Futures." In his past experience, many parishes find that they often will exceed the targets they have set for themselves.

The Bishop asked all members of council to consider pledging to the Transforming Futures appeal. It is his hope that all members of the Clergy and Diocesan Council will take up the pledge to support this initiative financially.

c) Goals of Diocesan Council for the next year

Bishop McMenamie placed three priorities before council.

- 1) Transforming Futures and Stewardship
- 2) Vision Implementation and congregational development
- 3) Understanding conflict as being transformative

The Bishop suggested that Diocesan Council needs to recognize that we need to foster a sense of unity and reconciliation which allows space for learning. He told council that "unity is not uniformity."

Diocesan Council will need to look at its goals for both itself and the Diocese. These goals will need to be:

- a) Specific
- b) Measurable
- c) Achievable
- d) Realistic
- e) Timely

The Diocesan Council broke for lunch at 12:00 and returned at 12:30 pm.

4. Faith in Foundation #2

a) Minutes of Finance Meeting December 13, 2018

MOVED BY: Bob Gill
SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

That the minutes of the December 15, 2018 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Minutes of Finance Meeting January 17, 2018

MOVED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Finance Committee be received.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

c) Financial Statements to the end of December 2018

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That the Financial Statements and Reports to the end of December 2018.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

d) The following motions of the Finance Committee were ratified:

Sheltered Housing Fund

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Dawna Wall

That Diocesan Council approves that the 2019 income (approximately \$4,670) earned from the Sheltered Housing Fund be given to Threshold Housing.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Grant Applications on Behalf of the Diocese

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That Diocesan Council approves that the Finance Officer be given general authority to apply for grants on behalf of the diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

2019 Diocesan Budget

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff

SECONDED BY: Boyd Shaw

That Diocesan Council approves the receiving of the budget for 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Vision Funds Grants for 2019

MOVED BY: Clara Plamondon

SECONDED BY: Heather Cutten

That Diocesan Council approves that a minimum \$75,000 budget (to a maximum of \$100,000) be available for Vision Fund grants in 2019.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Vision - Future Initiatives

MOVED BY: Michael Wolff

SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That Diocesan Council approves that the unspent, undesignated balance of \$1.5 Million earmarked for Vision work be carried forward for initiatives in keeping with the original purpose of the funds.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

St. Barnabas, Victoria

MOVED BY: Joan Hoffman

SECONDED BY: Michael Murgatroyd

That Diocesan Council approves a \$5,000 grant be provided to St. Barnabas, Victoria for the River Preschool.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

Trinity, Port Alberni

MOVED BY: Dawna Wall

SECONDED BY: Aneeta Saroop

That Diocesan Council agrees that conditional approval be given to Trinity Port Alberni for their project to upgrade access to the church and parish hall to cost up to \$150,000.

The breakout of the project approval is as follows:

Payment to come from the Diocese Consolidated Trust Fund		\$70,000
Rick Hansen Foundation Grant		\$20,000
Parish funds raised through Transforming Futures campaign	Up to	<u>\$60,000</u>
Total project costs -	Up to	\$150,000

Conditions applied:

Total pre-development cost	(est. \$20,000)	\$20,000 - funded from CTF
Rick Hansen Fund Grant	(\$20,000)	\$20,000 - Grant
Balance of funding from Diocese Consolidated Trust		\$50,000 - available on RH Foundation Grant approval
Bridge Financing from Diocese - Transforming Futures	Up to	\$60,000 - available on Campaign report success

Note: Asset Manager to report and request approval of bridge financing to Finance Committee and Diocesan Council.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

e) Signing Authority

Gail Gauthier, Financial Officer for the Diocese of British Columbia, with the approval of the Finance Committee, requests Diocesan Council amend the signing authority for the Diocese as follows: add J. Barry Foster.

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: David Chillman

That signing authority for the Diocese be amended to add J. Barry Foster - Executive Officer for the Diocese of British Columbia.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

5. Faith in Foundation #3

a) Asset Management - Peter Daniel

- Heritage Alteration Process: St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt
Final rezoning has been achieved and all stakeholders are onboard. Heritage Committee acceptance of the project is nearing completion. The project should be able to proceed in the near future.
- Trinity Church, Port Alberni Upgrades
The Asset Manager briefly outlined the project financial breakdown, as noted above.
- Mount Douglas Housing Society
This project is very near completion. Completion of construction is anticipated for April 2019. To date, the project is below budget. The asset Manager can provide details regarding the financing for this project.

6. Faith in Foundation #4

a) Privacy and Information Security Policy - Bob Gill

The Chancellor noted that on page 8, paragraph #17, it is anticipated that communications will only be monitored for appropriate reasons.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That Diocesan Council adopt the Privacy and Information Security Policy.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Social Media Policy - Bob Gill

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Ed Norman

That Diocesan Council adopt the Social Media Policy.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

7. Other Business

a) None

8. Closing Reflections – Archdeacon Dawna Wall

Wrap up of Bishop Logan's Bible Study

You have heard it said that Diocesan Council rubber stamps the work of other groups
But I say to you we are transforming futures and there is meaningful work for us to do.
As Disciples of Christ, called and appointed to serve on Diocesan Council
We will work together to be unencumbered,

To clarify our focus by looking at and seeing
The light of Christ in each other.
We will conduct self audits and seek to listen and respond to one another
With openness and respect.
We will be drawn into and reflect the energy and love of God
Who continually surprises us with more than we can ask or imagine.

Blessing: Bishop McMenamie asked Diocesan Council to remember that when someone says to you, we have done [stewardship] before, remember that you have not done Transforming Futures. Transforming Futures is something new. When you have good ideas, follow through with them. Develop for yourself your thirty (30) second elevator speech to support the work of Transforming Futures in this season of discipleship.

The Bishop then offered the blessing.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm with **The Grace**.

Next Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, February 28, 2019, St. Mary, Saanichton at 10:00 am