



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

Minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2020 at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Nanaimo

EX OFFICIO

Bishop	The 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 R
Don Wilson R	Michael Wolff
Joan Hoffman	Penny Holt
Ashley Blair	Aleesha Barkemeier R

ELECTED REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

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

APPOINTED

The Rev. David Chillman
Boyd Shaw

STAFF

The Ven. J. Barry Foster, Executive Officer
Gail Gauthier, Finance Officer R
Catherine Pate, Communications Officer
Brendon Neilson, Vision Animator

GUESTS (with voice, no vote)

Amber Santarelli
Tony Davis
Kevin Arndt

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

RENEWED HEARTS RENEWED SPIRITS RENEWED PEOPLE

1. Welcome

The bishop opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed the members of Diocesan Council. Bishop Logan thanked the members of St. Paul's, Nanaimo for use of their parish hall for today's meeting. Bishop Logan welcomed Kevin Arndt and Tony Davis, as guests presenting at this meeting.

Bishop Logan acknowledged that we are on the lands of the Kwakwaka'waka, Nuu-chah-nulth, and the Coast Salish peoples. He made reference to the upcoming meeting with the Indigenous Council, which will be a time of listening, conversation and a consultation regarding the regional naming process in the diocese.

The bishop then offered a prayer.

The bishop 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 spoke about our need to develop more team ministry and to work together to build community, in the light of the Gospel. He thanked the people of the diocese for their response to his call for a season of prayer and the Lenten study of the book *Watershed Discipleship*.

The bishop asked if there were any changes to the agenda:

The clerical secretary requested that correspondence be add to the agenda.

Vision Reflection on a Season of Discipleship

The Rev. Canon Kevin Arndt thanked Diocesan Council for the opportunity to speak about the important ministry being lived out at the two correctional facilities located within the Greater Victoria Region. His own ministry is located at the Wilkinson Jail on Wilkinson Road in Victoria. As chaplain, his ministry is for all inmates and staff, no matter where their spiritual home may be. Kevin noted that his role is one of "trust and confidentiality." He shared that 25% of the inmates self-identify as Indigenous and have lived their lives while experiencing abuse, trauma and neglect. Most have lived with mental health issues and addiction.

Much of Kevin's ministry exists in a framework of mixed Indigenous and Christian spiritualities. He works closely with the Indigenous liaison worker at Wilkinson Jail, sharing compassion, peace and love, while always trusting that God will bring healing into their midst.

Using Luke 8: 26-39 as a Bible study text, Kevin drew parallels between the scripture passage and the life experience of the inmates to whom he ministers. He assisted the members of Diocesan Council to find the connections he himself has experienced, between the lives of the inmates, the struggle they face on leaving the jail system and the lack of structure in their lives, which has caused much fear and anxiety for their own futures. Kevin asked the council to consider what cost society is willing to bear so we all may be healed? We are all, those living at Wilkinson Jail and those of us outside the correctional system, looking for a path to a better life and a compassionate response for the struggles which identify us.

Bob Gill thanked Canon Kevin Arndt for his words and thoughts.

2. Faith in Action #1

a) Wild Church

Brendon Neilson briefly outlined the content of the report submitted by The Rev. Matt Humphrey. Brendon stated that the Wild Church is moving from being a pilot project into a growing community within a number of areas in the diocese.

b) Naming Process for the Diocese

Chancellor Bob Gill gave a brief report on the work being done around the name change for the diocese. He presented two options: a legal name change with the Province of British Columbia versus a name change registered as a business name with the Province of British Columbia.

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Boyd Shaw

That the chancellor be instructed to file with the Registrar of Companies for British Columbia a declaration that the Diocese of British Columbia adopts the business name "Diocese of the Islands and Inlets," and henceforth all diocesan business and communications shall be carried on in that name. Provided that all formal episcopal acts shall continue to be done or made in the name of the Anglican Synod of the Diocese of British Columbia.

A discussion followed regarding the feasibility of the scope of the meaning of the words regarding the name and the protection of the wording in legality, should the diocese proceed with the change.

Amendment to the Motion

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Ansley Tucker

That the wording "and henceforth all diocesan business and communications shall be carried on in that name" be struck from the resolution.

THE AMENDMENT IS CARRIED.

The amended motion then reads:

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THE MOTION IS CARRIED AS AMENDED.

c) Watershed Discipleship

Barry Foster outlined for the council that we are finding new insight and understanding through the book. It is allowing us to see our relationship with the land more clearly and is informing us as to who we are and what we are about.

As Bishop Logan has requested, all parishes in the diocese are asked to use the book, *Watershed Discipleship*, as the basis for a Lenten study series.

d) Episcopal Transition

Chancellor Bob Gill detailed for the council the process, timeline and the duties and responsibilities of Diocesan Council during the episcopal election into which we are now progressing. After some discussion, Barry Foster recommended to Diocesan Council that a small working group be formed to determine the mechanics of the electoral process and to bring forward report to Diocesan Council as required from time to time. He recommended that the Planning and Agenda Committee be given this responsibility. It was deemed that a motion was not required at this time. Barry thanked the chancellor for his guidance.

e) Lay Secretary's retirement from Diocesan Council

Bishop Logan offered Diocesan Council's sincere gratitude to the Lay Secretary, Canon Judy Trueman, for her years (10+) of service to the Diocese and Diocesan Council. The motion presented reads:

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: All the members of Diocesan Council

That Diocesan Council thanks Canon Judy Trueman for her years of service to the Diocese.

THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE.

Diocesan Council broke for lunch at 12:15pm. Ansley Tucker offered the blessing for the food.

Following the lunch break, Heather Cutten thanked the ladies of St. Paul, Nanaimo for serving lunch.

3. Faith in Foundation #1

a) Regrets for Absence – The secretaries noted the regrets for absence from this council meeting. There were 6 voting members, plus one youth member of council absent.

b) Consent Agenda approval – Walter Stewart reviewed the background for using consent agenda to streamline the work of council. He summarized the items included in the consent agenda for today.

1. November 28, 2019 Diocesan Council Minutes.

2. From Finance Committee meetings held in December 12, 2019 and January 19, 2020; ratifications by Diocesan Council for:

- Minutes of December 12, 2019.
- Minutes of January 16, 2020.
- Financial statements and reports for November and December 2019.

MOVED BY: Ansley Tucker

SECONDED BY: Ashley Blair

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

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED.

4. Living the Vision #1

a) Transforming Futures – Update

Walter Stewart provided an update on the progress of Transforming Futures. Momentum is beginning to build in the diocese. By the end of March 2020, Walter, co-chair of the Transforming Futures Initiative Team, believes that five parishes anticipate having their case for development completed. The case for development is time consuming yet is good work to determine what God is calling us to be. Transforming Futures is “a major act for congregational change.”

Bishop Logan added that Transforming Futures is the antidote within our diocese for the gloom and despair found in the January 2020 articles in the *Anglican Journal*. We are heading into an era of being the Church, “right-sized and not down-sized.”

5. Faith in Foundation #2

a. Budget 2020

Michael Murgatroyd, Treasurer for the Diocese of British Columbia, reviewed the areas of the 2020 Budget which needed further explanation.

MOVED BY: Bob Gill

SECONDED BY: Walter Stewart

That Diocesan Council approves the 2020 Budget for the Diocese of British Columbia, as circulated by the Finance Officer of the Diocese.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

6. Faith in Foundation #3

a) Asset Management Team Report

Michael Murgatroyd reviewed the report from the asset manager, Bob Brandle.

MOVED BY: Walter Stewart

SECONDED BY: Joan Hoffman

That the report from the asset manager be received and that Diocesan Council recommends that Bob Brandle continue in the role of asset manager till at least the end of 2020.

THE MOTION WAS CARRIED

b) Refugee Sponsorship Program

A copy of Tony Davis' digital presentation is attached to the minutes of this Diocesan Council meeting.

Walter Stewart suggested that council be aware that the funding for the Refugee Sponsorship Program partly comes out of monies from the diocese. In future, the funding for the program will come out of the 40% apportioned to the diocese from the Transforming Futures Initiative, funding being returned to the parishes for program development

The bishop thanked Tony Davis.

c) Greater Works Than These

The bishop asked the dean, Ansley Tucker, to outline where the process has moved to date. Updates may be presented as required at future Diocesan Council meetings.

7. Other Business – None

8. Closing Reflection

The bishop asked Denise Ropp to reflect on the work of Diocesan Council for today. Denise thanked Tony Davis and Kevin Arndt for their presentations and offered several comments about today's meeting.

The bishop offered a blessing and thanked all in attendance for their commitment to the life of the diocese. He asked that we each be safe as we travel by land and water to our homes and communities.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45PM.

Next Diocesan Council meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020 at 10:00 am
St. Mary's Church, The Parish of Central Saanich, Saanichton, BC